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# Conventional IP routing

- Construction of routing tables is responsibility of routing protocols
- Routing protocols can be divided based on their usage (scalability):
  - Interior Gateway Protocols: Running inside one autonomous system
    - OSPF, IS–IS, RIP, IGRP ...
  - Exterior Gateway Protocols: Running between autonomous systems
    - BGP, IDPR
- Routing protocols implement neccesary optimization algorithms to find shortest paths between end points:
  - Distance vector (RIP, IGRP, BGP)
  - Link-state (OSPF, IS-IS)



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## Exterior Gateway Protocol

- Domain characteristics relatively unknown
  - Knowledge is based on agreements and policies
  - Real-time data is rarely distributed
  - Reachability information (distance vector features)
  - Support for QoS ???



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## Interior Gateway Protocols

- · Possibility to full knowledge of domain characterstics
  - Capacities
  - Delays
  - Offered traffic
  - Preferences
- Routing normally based on the shortest path
  - Least amount of hops between two end points





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## OSPF

- Operation goes through four phases:
  - One: Neighbours are aquired and maintained in adjacency by hello packets
    - · Adress and cost information is gathered
    - Heartbeat of particular link (failure detection)
  - Two: <u>Link-state advertisement</u> (LSA) packets are formed based on information gathered by hello packets
  - Three: LSA packets are flooded into the network and received from the network to construct <u>topology database</u>
  - Four: Least cost routes are calculated to every other router in the network





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### Routing

- Conventional IP routing is based on connectionless network philosophy
  - Each packet is independent and complete unit
  - Routing is decoupled from the packet streams
  - Pure optimization problem
- Differentiated Services is based on connectionless network philosophy
  - Routing is decoupled from the packet streams
  - Multi variable constraint and optimization problem

- Integrated Services is based on connection oriented network philosophy
  - Path is coupled into the packet streams through state information in the routers
- Multivariable constraint problem
- Multiprotocol label switching is based on connection oriented philosophy
  - Path is coupled into packet streams through state
  - Multivariable constraint problem

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### QoS Routing problems





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### **Routing Strategies**

### Source routing:

- Centralized routing decission
  - Source computes route
- through the network - Biggest problems:
  - · Knowledge of the global state is only approximate (communication delay)
  - · Size of the state base is huge (all links and nodes and their attributes)

### • Distributed routing:

- Path computation is distributed to all routers between source and destination (distance vectors)
- Biggest problems:
  - · State change in the network may cause loops which can not be easily solved
  - Construction of distributed heuristics for multiple attributes is not straight forward

• Cost

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### **Routing Strategies**

- Hierachical routing:
  - State base is shrinked with clustering and aggregation
    - Network is partitioned to clusters reflecting areas of common policy
    - State of the clusters is aggregated at the boundaries
  - Approximates distributed source routing
    - · Each cluster is individually source routed

- Biggest problems:
  - Aggregation causes imprecision which causes paths to be only semi-optimal
  - Formation of aggregate metrics is not straight forward



Easily NP complete problem...







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# QoS support in OSPF

- Traditional QoS support for OSPF is based on Type of Service paradigm
  - IPv4 TOS makes possible to indicate routing preference
    - Normal service (0000)
    - Minimize monetary cost (0001)
    - Maximize reliability (0010)
    - Maximize throughput (0100)
    - Minimize delay (1000)
  - OSPF TOS has 8 bit numerically encoded QoS support

- IPv4 TOS offers selection of one routing attribute
- OSPF uses separate routing table for every TOS value
- Routing table is calculated from the subset of topology database indicating only links capable of offering service defined by TOS

But nobody uses TOS so there is no actual support for it in the network !!!



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## Extended QoS Support for OSPF

- Middle way:
  - QoS routing is coupled to the DSCP values of the IP packet
  - Metrics are selected to reflect dynamic nature of network
    - <u>Link available bandwidth</u>: Current available bandwidth meaning subtraction of measured average link utilisation from the link capacity
    - <u>Link propagation delay</u>: Makes possible to differentiate between satellite and terrestial links

This is just a thought how to apply previous to the Differentiated Services !!!

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# Extended QoS Support for OSPF

- Generalisation of QoS concept
  - QoS routing is decoupled from the TOS values of the IP packet
    - Routing decission is done in a connection oriented way -> signaling
  - Metrics are selected to reflect dynamic nature of network
    - <u>Link available bandwidth</u>: Current available bandwidth meaning unallocated bandwidth
    - <u>Link propagation delay</u>: Makes possible to differentiate between satellite and terrestial links

This is matters of Integrated Services !!!