# NREN Implementation – Autonomous System & Routing

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## Autonomous System (AS)

 An Autonomous System (AS) is a collection of connected Internet Protocol (IP) routing prefixes under the control of one or more network operators that presents a common, clearly defined routing policy to the Internet, usually under the control of a single entity



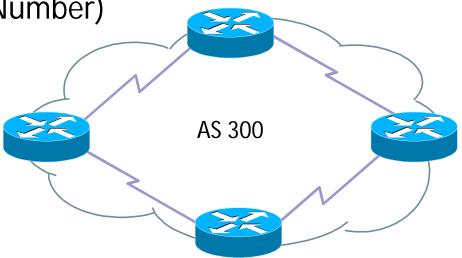
## Autonomous System (AS)

 Group of routers (and networks) under the same administration and with the same routing policies

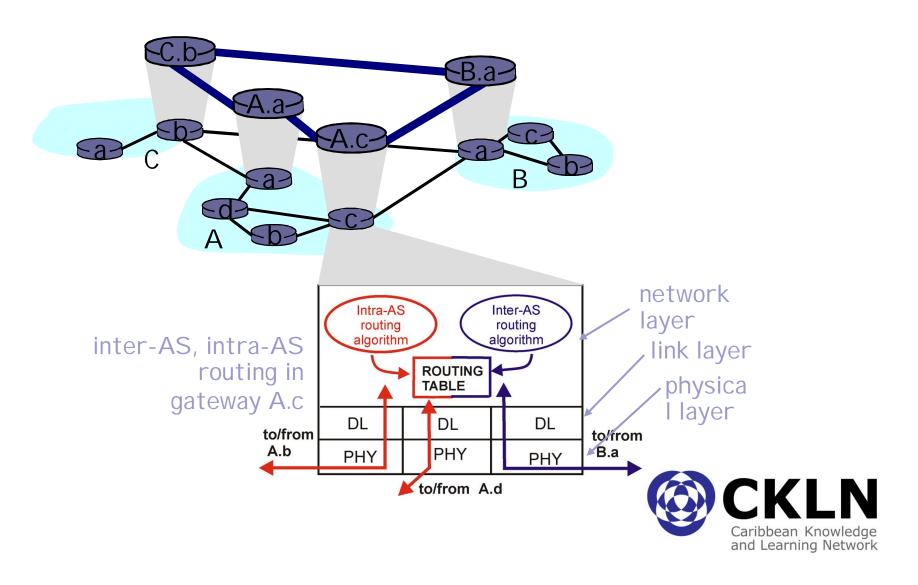
To the exterior the AS is seen as a unique entity

Each AS has its own single identifier – ASN (Autonomous)

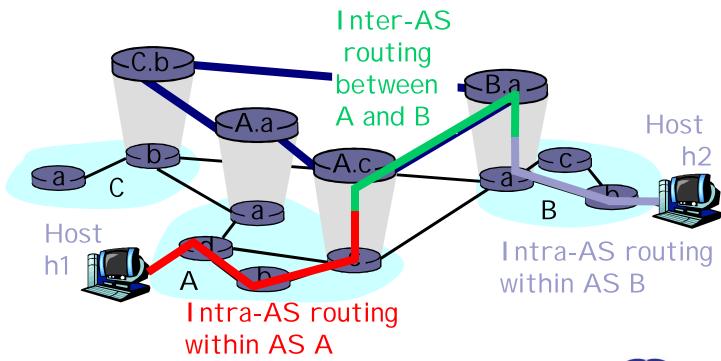








Inter-AS and Intra-AS routing



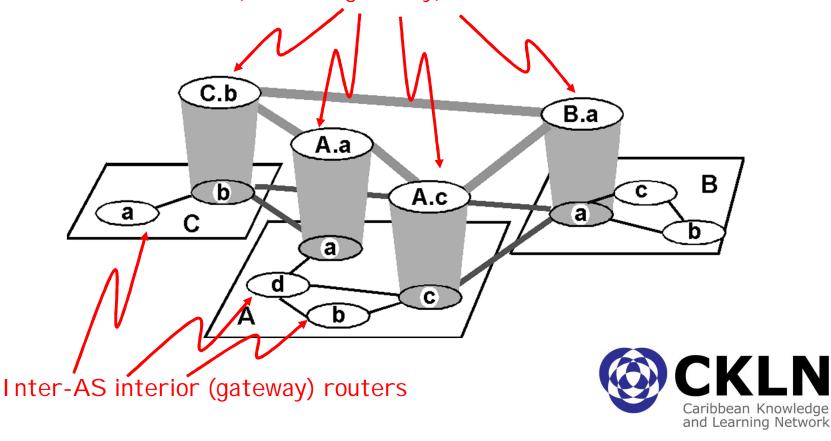


- Internet Commodity Autonomous Systems (ASs) interconnected
  - Stub AS small corporations
  - Multi-homed AS great corporations (without transit)
  - Transit AS provider
- Two level routing
  - Intra-AS locally managed
  - Inter-AS standard



Routing levels

Intra-AS border (exterior gateway) routers



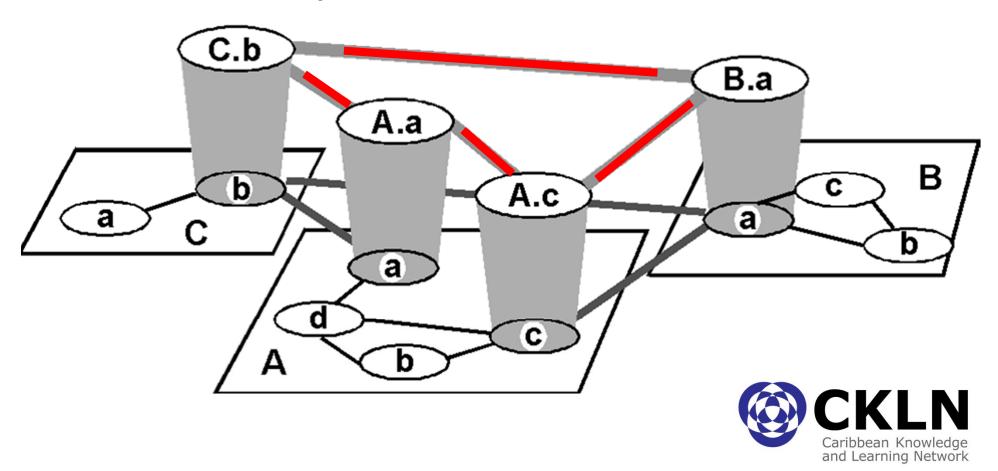
## Intra-AS Routing

- Interior Gateway Protocols (IGPs)
  - RIP Routing Information Protocol
  - OSPF Open Shortest Path First
  - IGRP Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (Cisco)
  - EIGRP Enhanced IGRP (Cisco)
  - IS-IS Intermediate System to Intermediate System



# Inter-AS Routing

Inter-AS Routing



#### **BGP**

- BGP Border Gateway Protocol
  - standard de facto RFC 1771
- Path Vector Protocol
  - similar to Distance Vector Protocol
  - each Border Gateway sends to all the neighbors (peers) the whole path and not only the distance
  - path sequence of ASs until the destiny
  - Example gateway X sends the path until Z

Path 
$$(X,Z) = X,Y1,Y2,Y3,...,Z$$



#### **BGP**

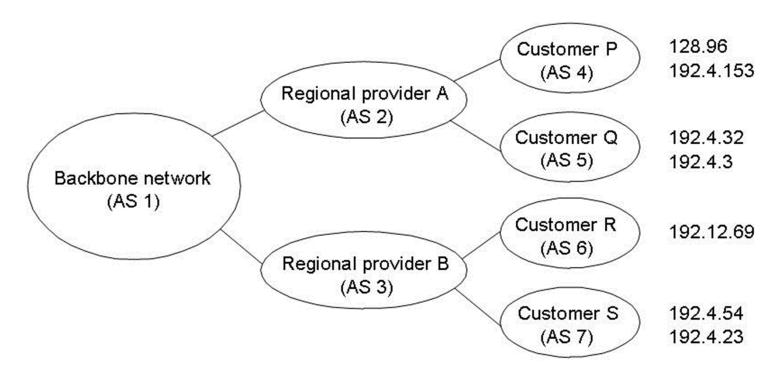
#### Path Vector Protocol

- gateway X sends its path for neighbour gateway W
- W could accept or not the path offered by X
- for cost reasons, political (not route through competitor AS), loops prevention
- if W selects the path announced by X, then Path (W,Z) = w, Path (X,Z)
- it is possible to control the traffic that enters the network, controlling the announcements for the neighbours
- if X it does not want to route traffic from Z it is enough to don't announce the routes of Z



## **BGP** Prefixes

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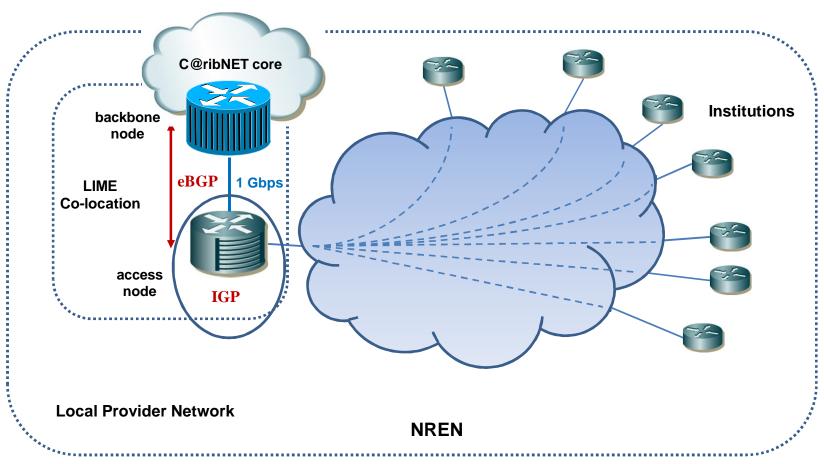


#### **NREN**

- The main requirement to start the NREN is the establishment of an Autonomous System (AS) to begin exchanging traffic with the R&E community
- The implementation of the AS for the NREN will require an AS Number and a range of public IP addresses, to be used partially by the NREN and reassigned to the connected institutions
- Once the AS is established it is necessary to define the routing protocol to be used internally, and the policy for the distribution of the IP addresses range allocated from C@ribNET to the NREN



## **NREN Protocols**





#### NREN ASN

- The NRENs will be using private AS Numbers, from the private ASN space (RFC 1930), assigned by C@ribNET
- The configuration should be addressed carefully to avoid leaking this number to other networks (neighbor x.x.x.x remove-private-as router configuration command)

| NREN    | ASN   |
|---------|-------|
| TTRENT  | 65101 |
| JREN    | 65102 |
| BBREN   | 65103 |
| OECSREN | 65104 |



### NREN IP Addresses

- The public IP address range assigned to the NRENs is a /24 (256 addresses)
- The NREN should develop a policy for utilization of the IP address range, internally and for reallocation to institutions

| IPv4 Space        | size | hosts | nets | usage                      |
|-------------------|------|-------|------|----------------------------|
| 199.58.123.0/24   |      |       |      |                            |
| 199.58.123.0/27   | /27  | 30    | 1    | NREN Central Node          |
| 199.58.123.32/27  | /31  | 2     | 16   | Point-to-point links       |
| 199.58.123.64/26  | /28  | 14    | 4    | Allocation to universities |
| 199.58.123.128/25 | /28  | 14    | 8    | Allocation to universities |

