

BGP Routing Security Training Course

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09:00 - 09:30 11:00 - 11:15 13:00 - 14:00 15:30 - 15:45 17:30





Coffee and Tea

Break

Lunch

Break

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Introductions

- Names
- Experiences with BGP and routing security
- Goals



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Overview

- The need for BGP Security
- Analyse BGP Threats and Attacks
- BGP Security Measures:
 - How to mitigate BGP threats
 - Protection of BGP sessions
 - LAB 1 Securing BGP Sessions
 - Implementing Route Filtering
 - LAB 2 Creating BGP Prefix Filters



- LAB 3 Filtering AS-Path/number of prefixes
- Registering in the IRR System
- LAB 4 Creating route(6) objects
- Implementing RPKI
- LAB 5.1 Creating ROAs
- LAB 5.2 BGP Origin Validation
- Next steps for BGP Security
- Best practices



The Need for BGP Security Section 1



In theory:

Only the legitimate resource holder should be announcing the prefix





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In practice:

Any AS can announce any prefix!







AS1 wants to access the server in AS2.

2001:db8:1000::/48









Data is forwarded based on routing table.

2001:db8:1000::/48







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In case of a more specific announcement:



2001:db8:1000::/48



I have a more specific route!

Traffic is diverted to the attacker:

2001:db8:1000::/48









And **blackholed**!

2001:db8:1000::/48



Oops! Something is wrong!

What is happening?







Questions





Analyse BGP Threats and Attacks



Section 2

Vulnerabilities of the BGP Protocol

Section 2.1



BGP Has Some Challenges

- It is only based on **trust**, no built-in security
- No verification of the correctness of prefixes or AS paths



RFC 4272 - "BGP Security Vulnerabilities Analysis"







BGP Has Three Main Vulnerabilities

messages, and no confidentiality



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No internal mechanism to protect the integrity and source authenticity of BGP

No mechanism specified to validate the authority of an AS to announce a prefix

No mechanism to verify the authenticity of the attributes in a BGP update message

No Encryption or Authentication

- BGP **does not** have a built-in authentication mechanism
- BGP provides no integrity or confidentiality
- BGP messages do not use a freshness service and can be replayed





No Origin Validation

- BGP does not have a validity check for propagated routes
 - Any AS can announce any prefix







No Authentication of AS Path

- AS path attribute received in BGP update can not be validated
- Anyone can alter the path and prepend any ASN to the AS path





Due to these vulnerabilities







Fake routing information may disrupt Internet routing









Causes of BGP Incidents

Section 2.2



Causes of BGP incidents can be divided into



Malicious





Accidental

Sometimes, it's Just Human Error

- Typo errors (fat finger)
 - May cause mis-origination
- Configuration errors
 - May cause mis-origination
 - AS path prepending mistake
- Simple mistakes may cause big problems!
 - BGP hijacks or **route leaks**





But Sometimes They're Malicious!

ROUTE MANIPULATION ATTACKS

TCP/IP PROTOCOL ATTACKS

PROTOCOL MANIPULATION ATTACKS







TCP/IP Protocol Attacks

- BGP uses TCP: vulnerable to **TCP/IP based attacks**
 - **IP Spoofing**
 - TCP Session Hijacking
 - SYN flooding attack
- No BGP-specific security solutions available for them







IP Spoofing

- An attacker could spoof an IP address of a BGP peer in order to:
 - Establish an unauthorised BGP session
 - Break an existing BGP session
 - Inject bogus routes or delete routes







TCP Session Hijacking

Involves intrusion into an ongoing session







TCP Session Hijacking

- Requires an attacker to discover the following:
 - src IP, dst IP, src port, dst port
 - sequence number of ongoing session
- In BGP, it could be used to
 - bring down the BGP session between peers (TCP RST)
 - inject false routes into BGP, delete or modify routes







SYN Flooding Attack

- A type of Denial-of-Service (DoS)
- Exploits the **three-way hand shake** process of a TCP connection
- **Goal:** Exhaust resources







BGP Route Manipulation Attacks

- **Goal:** Blackholing, eavesdropping or traffic analysis
- Attacker can:
 - **Inject bogus routes** into BGP tables
 - **Reroute packets** based on their intentions
 - **Prevent traffic** from reaching the intended destination
- Can be classified as:
 - **BGP Origin Hijacks**
 - **BGP Path Hijacks**
 - BGP Route Leaks
- Very common! Our focus on this course



BGP Origin Hijack

- The hijacking AS:
 - Abuses mutual trust between ASes
 - Originates a prefix that it is not authorised to originate!
- Difficult to say whether it is an accident or an attack
- Traffic lost or received by attacker (eavesdrop)









Hijacks of Allocated Addresses

- Allocated address space could be:
 - Currently in use (**announced** prefixes)
 - Or unused IP space (**unannounced** prefixes)
- **Unannounced** prefixes are preferred by spammers
 - No operational impact
 - Potentially harms the reputation of the holder









Hijacks of Unallocated Addresses

- IP blocks not assigned by IANA or RIRs
- Effective if full bogon filters not applied
- No whois entries, no complaints!
- Again, a good choice for spammers







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BGP Path Hijack

- No verification of path attributes in received BGP updates
- Hijacker can modify the AS Path and **redirect traffic**
- Traffic lost or eavesdropped/modified (adds latency)








Protocol Manipulation Attacks

- Relatively new type of attack, no reports yet
- A malicious AS aims to manipulate properties of BGP protocol
- An attacker may:
 - Modify MED attribute
 - Exploit RFD/MRAI timer







Protocol Manipulation Attacks

- Multi-exit-discriminator (MED)
 - A malicious AS may affect ASes' decisions by altering this attribute







Route Flap Damping (RFD) / Minimum Route Advertisement Interval (MRAI) timers

A Malicious AS artificially withdraws and re-announces a route

ASes using RFD timer consider the route unstable and suppress it

ASes using MRAI timer delay the distribution of corresponding update



Denial of Service (DoS) Attacks

- An **attacker** can execute DoS attacks in several ways:
 - BGP session failure due to congestion
 - Deliberate route flapping
 - Explosion of routing table size
 - Blackholing traffic
 - TCP attacks (SYN flooding or TCP Reset)
- DDoS solutions are already available
 - Not specifically for BGP speakers











To Summarise

- BGP is vulnerable to **mistakes** and **attacks**
- Attackers could:
 - Inject bogus routes into the BGP table
 - Hijack a BGP session and break peer-to-peer connections
 - Initiate a DoS attack and exhaust victim's resources
 - Manipulate BGP and reroute packets
 - Intercept and eavesdrop
 - Blackhole the entire network, etc





BGP Incidents in Q1 2025

BGP route leaking ASes

Source: https://blog.qrator.net/en/q1-2025-ddos-bots-and-bgp-incidents-statistics-and_211



Q1 2025

BGP hijacking ASes

8 968

8 0 6 3

8 4 9 0

January February March

April 2020: Akamai, Amazon

- What happened?
 - 8k+ routes hijacked by Rostelecom (AS12389)
 - 200+ CDNs and cloud providers impacted
 - Not known how much data leaked

Why?

- Malicious activity
- Lack of good filtering by upstream providers/peers





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Cisco BGPmon @bgpmon

Earlier this week there was a large scale BGP hijack incident involving AS12389 (Rostelecom) affecting over 8,000 prefixes.

Many examples were just posted on <a>@bgpstream, see for example this example for **@Facebook** bgpstream.com/event/230837







Questions







BGP Security Measures Section 3

How to Mitigate BGP Threats

Section 3.1



How to Mitigate BGP Threats?

- To deal with this, you need to:
 - **Secure message exchange** between BGP speakers
 - Validate the routing information you receive





Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information





Some authentication and verification mechanisms should be in place

How to Mitigate BGP Threats?

It requires the following to be verified:



Is the prefix originated by the legitimate holder or an AS that is authorised to originate it?



Does the AS path reflect the sequence of ASes that the BGP UPDATE packet has traversed?



Are the attributes in a BGP UPDATE message correct and have not been tampered with?











Only BGP peers to send packets to TCP 179: Control Plane Policing (CoPP), or ACLs (if CoPP not supported)

Limit accepted BGP traffic

uRPF to mitigate DoS/DDoS attacks





BGP Security

https://academy.ripe.net/bgp-security/

























































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Protection of BGP Sessions

Section 3.2



BGP Session Protection

- BGP sessions are subject to TCP/IP vulnerabilities
 - IP Spoofing, TCP session hijacking, SYN flooding
- Attacks against message integrity and confidentiality are possible
 - Man-in-the-middle and replay attacks
- We will see three solutions:
 - **TCP MD5** and **TCP-AO**, to protect the BGP TCP session
 - BGP **TTL Security** (GTSM Generalised TTL Security Mechanism)







Limitations of TCP MD5

- Not a strong authentication mechanism
 - Supports only the MD5 algorithm
- Doesn't allow dynamic key rollover
 - Changing pre-shared keys requires TCP session reset
 - Problem for long-lived sessions

MD5 has been deprecated, and TCP-AO is recommended.



TCP-AO

- **Enhances** security and authenticity of TCP segments in BGP and LDP sessions
- Supports multiple stronger authentication algorithms
 - HMAC-SHA-1-96 and AES-128-CMAC-96
- **Better** key management and agility
 - Change keys without resetting TCP session
- Protects long-lived TCP sessions against replay attacks

RFC 5925 - "The TCP Authentication Option" RFC 5926 - "Cryptographic Algorithms for the TCP-AO"



TCP-AO

- Two sets of keys to authenticate incoming and outgoing segments:
 - Master Key Tuples (MKTs) (key-chain) and Traffic keys
- Four traffic keys are derived from each MKT







How Does it Work?

MKTs







How Does it Work?

Sender









TCP AO Configuration



- The master-keys/key chains must be identical on both BGP peers
- Send and receive IDs must match
- Make sure the **same MAC algorithm** is used on both sides



Receiver



key chain **ao_hmac_chain** tcp key 18 send-id 300 recv-id 115 key string **test_key** cryptographic-algorithm **hmac-sha-1**

TCP AO Configuration

Last step is to apply it to BGP neighbour

(config)# router bgp 65530 (config-keychain-tcp)# neighbour <peer-IPv4/IPv6-address> ao <keychain-name> [include-tcp-options]

Configuration examples: https://github.com/TCP-AO/Configuration-examples





GTSM (TTL Security)

- **TTL/Hop limit =1** by default for eBGP sessions
- Remote attacker may adjust TTL and send spoofed packets
 - May execute **CPU utilisation-based attacks** (DoS attacks)







GTSM (TTL Security)

- Should be implemented on **directly connected eBGP peering**
 - Send packets with TTL/Hop-limit 255. Discard packets if it is < 255
 - Configured on both ends of a BGP session
- Could be applied to multi-hop BGP peering, but not so effective





Attacker sends a large number of forged BGP packets

Questions





Lab Activity 1 - Securing BGP Sessions











Lab Activity 1 - Securing BGP Sessions

- **Description**: Implement two techniques to protect BGP sessions
- Goal:
 - Choose suitable and available security measures related to BGP sessions
- **Time:** 15 minutes
- Tasks:
 - 1.1 Configure MD5 authentication between two BGP routers
 - 1.2 Configure GTSM (TTL Security) in addition to MD5





Lab Activity 1 - Securing BGP Sessions

- What have you learned?
 - You have to check which features are available
 - You can combine protection techniques





Implementing Route Filtering Section 3.3



Route Leaks

"The propagation of BGP announcements beyond their intended scope" [RFC7908]

- Illegitimate propagation of legitimate prefixes (not bogus routes)
- Result from human errors or misconfigurations
 - And/or improper or missing BGP route filters between BGP peers
- Leads to incorrect or suboptimal routing





Google Prefix leak - November 2018

- What happened?
- MainOne leaked Google routes to CT and CT leaked them to other transits
 - Google services (G Suite and Google Search) affected by the leak
- Why?
 - Due to misconfigured filters




How to Prevent Route Leaks?

Route filtering is the most powerful mechanism!









Google Prefix leak - November 2018

- What's different with proper filters?
 - Google's prefix wouldn't reach CT
 - Proper outbound filters in MainOne, and/or
 - Proper inbound filters in CT







What is **BGP** route filtering?

- - Prevents **route leaks**
 - Mitigates the impact of **BGP hijacks**
- Technique used to control prefixes on the BGP peering
 - Which prefixes will you **advertise** to your peers?
 - Which prefixes will you **accept** into your network?

Essential for routing security!





• The most basic **protection** mechanism against malicious or accidental BGP incidents:



Other Reasons for Filtering

- Business relationships
 - Customer-provider, peer-peer
- Technical reasons
 - Reduce memory utilisation, scalability
- Traffic engineering
 - Manipulate traffic flows and influence best path selection







BGP Filters (BGP Policies)

- Used to filter prefixes exchanged between BGP peers
- Describe BGP peers and routing relationships with them
- Filters can match on
 - IP prefixes
 - AS paths
 - Or any other BGP attributes (e.g. MED, BGP communities, etc)







BGP Filters (BGP Policies)

- **Inbound policy:**
 - For **incoming** (received) routes
 - Detects configuration mistakes and attacks

- **Outbound policy:**
 - For **outgoing** (advertised) routes
 - Limits propagation of routing information

BGP policies should be applied on <u>each</u> eBGP peer on ingress and egress!











Filtering Principles

- Filter **as close to the edge** as possible
- Filter **as precisely** as possible
- Two filtering approaches:
 - **Explicit Permit** (permit then deny any)
 - **Explicit Deny** (deny then permit any)





Prefix list

AS Path Filter

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Prefix List

- Lists of routes you want to **accept** or **announce**
- You can create them **manually** or **automatically** with data from IRRs
- It can be done using scripts or tools:
 - Filtergen (Level3)
 - bgpq4
 - IRRToolSet
 - **IRR Power Tools**



Easy to use, but not highly scalable

Which Routes Should be Filtered?

- Special-purpose prefixes (IPv4/IPv6) (Martians)
- Unallocated prefixes
- Routes that are too specific
- Prefixes belonging to the local AS
- IXP LAN prefixes
- The default route (0.0.0/0, ::/0)

RFC 7454 - "BGP Operations and Security"



- lists the prefixes to be filtered -

Special-purpose Prefixes

- Also known as **Martians**
 - RFC 1918 Private addresses
 - Reserved space (documentation, multicast, etc.)
- Not globally routable
 - Should be **discarded** on Internet BGP peering

http://www.iana.org/assignments/iana-ipv4-special-registry http://www.iana.org/assignments/iana-ipv6-special-registry





Unallocated Prefixes

- All unallocated prefixes should be filtered
 - Prefixes not yet allocated by IANA to RIRs (only for IPv6)
 - Prefixes allocated to an RIR but have not yet been distributed by an RIR to LIRs/End-users
- Filtering unallocated prefixes requires regular update







Longest Accepted Prefixes

- Smaller prefixes should not be a part of global routing!
 - /24 for IPv4 (*RIPE-399*)
 - /48 for IPv6 (*RIPE-532*)
- Those prefixes are generally neither announced nor accepted on the Internet

ip prefix-list SMALL-V4 permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 24 ipv6 prefix-list SMALL-V6 permit 2000::/3 le 48



Prefixes Belonging to the Local AS

- You should **filter your own prefixes** on all BGP peering
 - Prevents local traffic from leaking over an external peering
- Such filters can also be configured for downstream customers' prefixes
- In case of multi-homed customer, be careful not to break redundancy mechanism





IXP LAN Prefixes

- IXP should originate its LAN prefix
 - Advertise it from its route server to all IXP members

• Do not accept IXP LAN prefix from any of your eBGP peers!

- It may create a blackhole for connectivity to IXP LAN
- IXP prefix announcement should pass IRR-generated filters





Default Route

- 0.0.0/0 (IPv4) and ::/0 (IPv6)
- Advertised or accepted only in specific customer-provider peering relationships
 - E.g.customer with stub network
- Should be **rejected** unless a special peering agreement is in place







Prefix Filtering Recommendations

- In full routing networks, some policies should be applied
 - On each BGP peer
 - For both **received** and **advertised** routes (inbound and outbound)
- Recommendations vary based on type of BGP peering relationships
 - Public and Private Peering
 - Transit Provider (Upstream)
 - Customer









Prefix Filtering Recommendations

	With Public/Private Peers With Transit Provider		With Customers		Leaf Customer Network			
	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound	Inbound	Outbound
	Strict : Allow only IRR declared Loose: see below	Allow only own & customer's prefixes. Additionally: see below	Allow default only, or for Full routing table (FRT): see below	Allow only own & customer's prefixes. Additionally: see below	If known, allow only customer's prefixes. If not: see below	Allow default only, or for Full routing table (FRT): see below	Depends on agreement with upstream. If default only allow that. If FRT : see below	Only announce your own prefixes. Also filter:
Special Purpose Prefixes	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х
Prefixes Not Allocated by IANA	Х		Х		Х			
Too Specific Routes	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Prefixes Belonging to the Local AS	Х		Х		Х		Х	
IXP LAN Prefixes	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х
Default Route	Х	Х	Depends on needs / agreement	Х	Х	Depends on needs / agreement	Depends on needs / agreement	Х





Questions







Lab Activity 2 - Creating BGP Prefix Filters





Lab Activity 2 - Creating BGP Prefix Filters

• **Description**: Configure BGP prefix filters with different types of peers.

• Goals:

- Define BGP filter recommendations based on the routing relationships
- Choose the appropriate methods for implementing BGP filters
- Time: 40 minutes
- Tasks:
 - 2.1 Configure prefix filters with Transit Providers and IXP Peers
 - 2.2 Configure prefix filters with Customers
 - (OPTIONAL) 2.3 Configure filters using communities with a private peer







Lab Activity 2 - Creating BGP Prefix Filters

- What have you learned?
 - Providers, Peers)
 - Inbound and outbound filtering rules are different





Filtering rules are different for different types of peering relationships (Customers, Transit



After the Prefix Filtering, we continue with more filtering...

AS Path Filtering

- Filters routes **based on AS path**
 - Permit or deny prefixes from **certain ASes**

router bgp 65564 network 10.0.0.0 mask 255.255.255.0 neighbor 172.16.1.1 remote-as 65563 neighbor 172.16.1.1 filter-list 1 out neighbor 172.16.1.1 filter-list 2 in ip as-path access-list 1 permit ^65564\$ ip as-path access-list 2 permit ^65563\$

Widely used and highly scalable



AS Path Filtering Recommendations

- From your customers **accept only**:
 - AS paths containing ASNs belonging to (or authorised to transit through) the customer
- Do not accept:
 - Prefixes with private AS numbers in the AS path (unless from customers)
 - Prefixes when the first AS number in the AS path is not the one of the peer's (unless towards a BGP route server)







AS Path Filtering Recommendations

- Do not advertise:
 - Prefixes with a nonempty AS Path (unless you intend to provide transit for these prefixes)
 - Prefixes with upstream AS numbers in the AS Path to your peers (unless you intend to provide transit)
 - Private AS Paths (unless there is a special "private" arrangement with your peers)

Do not override BGP's default behaviour

Do not accept your own AS in the AS-path







BOGON ASN filtering

ASNs	Status	RFC
0	Reserved	RFC7607
23456	AS_TRANS	RFC6793
64496 - 64511	Reserved for use in docs and code	RFC5398
64512 - 65534	Reserved for Private Use	RFC6996
65535	Reserved	RFC 7300
65536 - 65551	Reserved for use in docs and code	RFC5398
65552 - 131071	Reserved	IANA
420000000 - 4294967294	Reserved for Private Use	RFC6996
4294967295	Reserved	RFC 7300





Which Data Sources Can You Use for BGP Filters?



We will talk about IRRs and RPKI in other sections in this course



BOGON Lists

- **BOGONs** are prefixes that should never appear in the Internet routing table
 - Martians (RFC1918 Private addresses + Reserved space)
 - IANA unallocated space
- **Full BOGON** should be filtered as well
 - BOGONs + prefixes unallocated by RIRs
- The BOGON and full BOGON lists are **not static**





How to Get the List of (Full) BOGONs?

- Team Cymru provides lists of **BOGONs** and **full BOGONs**
- Offers variety of formats and methods
 - HTTP
 - BGP Peering (Bogon Route Server Project)
 - Routing Registries (RADB)
 - DNS

Team Cymru provides lists of BOGONs: https://www.team-cymru.com/bogon-networks





PeeringDB

- Web-based public database for BGP peering
- Non-profit, community-driven initiative, run and promoted by volunteers
- First stop when making interconnection decisions
 - Default location for Internet peering data
 - Helps to decide where and whom to peer with
 - Provides contact info
 - Gives information about the peering policy

https://peeringdb.com





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Organization	RIPE NCC
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ASN	3333
IRR as-set/route-set ?	AS-RIPENCC
Route Server URL	
Looking Glass URL	
Network Types	Non-Profit
IPv4 Prefixes 🕐	30
IPv6 Prefixes 🥐	20
Traffic Levels 🕐	1-5Gbps
Traffic Ratios	Balanced
Geographic Scope	Global
Protocols Supported	⊘ Unicast IPv4 ○ Multicast ⊘ IPv6 ○ Never via route servers
Last Updated	2022-07-27T05:33:20Z
Public Peering Info Updated	2023-02-07T11:26:08Z



Legacy Search

English (English)

Filter

Public Peering Exchange Points

Exchange Ą́z ∽ IPv4	ASN IPv6	Speed Port Location	RS Peer	BFD Suppo
<u>AMS-IX</u> 80.249.208.68	3333 2001:7f8:1::a500:3	10G 3333:1	\odot	0
<u>AMS-IX</u> 80.249.208.71	3333 2001:7f8:1::a500:3	10G 3333:2	\odot	0
<u>NL-ix</u> 193.239.117.25	3333 2001:7f8:13::a500	10G :3333:1	\odot	0
<u>NL-ix</u> 193.239.118.84	3333 2001:7f8:13::a500	10G :3333:2	\odot	0

	n Facilities		Filter
Facility Aُz ∽ ASN		Country City	

No filter matches. You may filter by **Facility**, **ASN**, **Country** or **City**.

Other Recommended Filtering

- Other methods to control BGP routes:
 - Max-prefix filtering
 - **BGP** Route Flap Dampening
 - Next-hop Filtering
 - **Optional BGP Community Scrubbing**





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https://academy.ripe.net/bgp-security/



Max-Prefix Filtering

- From peers:
 - **Set limit lower** than the number of Internet routes
 - Different per peer based on expected number of routes
- From upstreams that provide full route:
 - **Set limit higher** than the number of Internet routes
 - Limit should be decided based on router's capacity
- Regularly review the limits







Questions







Lab Activity 3 - Filtering AS-Path and Number of Prefixes



20 min


Lab Activity 3 - Filtering AS Path/Number of Prefixes

Description: Configure AS path filters and limit the number of accepted prefixes

Goals:

- Create a consistent AS path filter to secure a BGP network
- Configure a BGP session with a limit on the number of accepted prefixes
- **Time:** 20 minutes
- Tasks:
 - 3.1 Configure BGP filters based on the AS path information
 - 3.2 Configure a limit on the number of accepted BGP prefixes







Lab Activity 3 - Filtering AS-Path/Number of Prefixes

- What have you learned?
 - You can filter routes based on the ASNs included in the AS-PATH
 - Limiting the number of routes accepted in a BGP peering can avoid resource exhaustion
 - Reaching the limit of accepted routes takes down the peering



Registering in the IRR System

Section 3.4

IRR Support Routing Security

- The Internet Routing Registry (IRR) composed by many databases:
 - RIPE NCC, APNIC, RADB, JPIRR, Level3, NTTCom, etc.
- Their information can be used to:
 - Improve stability and consistency of routing
 - Provide global view of routing policies
 - Automation of creating BGP filters
 - Network Troubleshooting

Source: http://www.irr.net





Why Register Routing Information?

- Document your routing policy
 - Associate network prefixes with an origin AS
- Helps to filter unauthorised announcements
 - Mitigates route hijacks and denial-of-service
- Many transit providers and IXPs **require** it
 - They build their filters based on the Routing Registry





The RIPE Routing Registry

- A subset of the RIPE Database and part of the global IRR
- Used for registering routing policy information
- Includes several objects





Source: <u>https://apps.db.ripe.net/docs/RPSL-Object-Types/</u>



ROUTE(6)

- Contains routing information for IPv4/IPv6 address space
- Specifies from which AS a certain prefix may be originated
- Used for creating BGP filters







Authorisation Rules for ROUTE(6)

- You need permission from:
 - 1. inetnum or inet6num
 - 2. route or route6



* mnt-routes delegates the creation of route(6) objects







Registering IP Routes





inet6num: 2002:ff30::/32

mnt-by:TEST-NCC-HM-MNT

mnt-by:SM30-MNT

	route6:	2002:ff30::/32
	origin:	AS65550
	mnt-by:	SM30-MNT



AUT-NUM

AS64500 aut-num:

YOUR-AS-NAME as-name: ORG-EE2-RIPE org: from AS65550 accept ANY import: to AS65550 announce AS64500 export: import: from AS64496 accept ANY to AS64496 announce AS64500 export: admin-c: DV789-RIPE tech-c: JS123-RIPE ASSIGNED status: mnt-by: **RIPE-NCC-END-MNT** mnt-by: **DEFAULT-LIR-MNT** RIPE source:



Registers who holds that AS Number

Defines the routing policy for an Import - specifies which routes you accept

• Export - specifies which routes you announce





BGP Routing Policy

- Who are your BGP peers? Which ASes do you peer with?
- What is your BGP relationship with them?
 - Customer, Provider, Peer

• Which routing decisions have you made?

- Which prefixes to accept
- Which prefixes to announce
- Which prefixes will be preferred in case of multiple routes







IRRs use RPSL Language

- **RPSL Routing Policy Specification Language**
- Allows network operators to specify their routing policies
 - Generic way to describe BGP configuration in the IRR
 - Not vendor-specific
- Originated from a RIPE Document (RIPE-181)
- Can be translated into router configuration

RFC 2622 - Routing Policy Specification Language RFC 2650 - Using RPSL in Practice







Defining Routing Policy in RPSL



aut-num: AS1 import: from AS2 accept AS2 export: to AS2 announce AS1







Routing Policy Example







TRANSIT

aut-num: AS1								
<pre>import:</pre>	from AS2 accept ANY							
export:	to AS2 announce AS1 AS3							
<pre>import:</pre>	from AS3 accept AS3							
export:	to AS3 announce ANY							
<pre>import:</pre>	from AS4 accept AS4							
export:	to AS4 announce AS1 AS3							



RPSLng

- **RPSL is older** than IPv6, the defaults are IPv4
- IPv6 was added later using a different syntax
- You have to **specify** that it's IPv6

aut-num: AS1
mp-import: afi ipv6.unicast from AS201 accept AS201
mp-export: afi ipv6.unicast to AS201 announce ANY

route-set: rs-customers
members: 192.0.2.0/24
mp-members: 2001:db8:abcd::/48

RFC 4012 - "Routing Policy Specification Language next generation (RPSLng)"

yntax





Tools to check IRR status

RIPEstat

Routing Consistency

11 records found for AS3333

Filter results by

Prefix ↑	in BGP (RIS)	IRRs	RPKIROV	VRPs
193.0.0.0/21	~	RIPE	\odot	✓ maxLength: 21
193.0.10.0/23	\checkmark	RIPE	\odot	waxLength: 23
193.0.12.0/23	~	RIPE	\odot	waxLength: 23
193.0.18.0/23	~	RIPE	(::)	waxLength: 23
193.0.20.0/23	\checkmark	RIPE	\bigcirc	waxLength: 23
193.0.22.0/23	\checkmark	RIPE	\bigcirc	✓ maxLength: 23
193.230.194.0/24				✓ maxLength: 24
2001:610:240::/42				v maxLength: 42
2001:67c:2e8::/48	\checkmark	RIPE	\odot	v maxLergth: 48
2a13:27c0:10::/44				v maxLergth: 44
			Popordo por pago:	10 × 110 of 11

Records per page: 10 \checkmark 1-10 of 11 $\langle \rangle$

https://stat.ripe.net





https://irrexplorer.nlnog.net/



Reality Check

- The IRR system has limitations
 - Conflicting data, no central authority, no holdership checks, not updated
- It is still widely used
- Improving IRR accuracy
 - Keep your IRR information up to date
 - Route filtering using IRRdv4 (validates against RPKI)
 - IRR databases should remove inconsistent records regularly

IRRd https://github.com/irrdnet/irrd/











Questions







Lab Activity 4 - Creating ROUTE(6) Objects



T 15 min





Lab Activity 4 - Creating ROUTE(6) Objects

- **Description:** Create a route(6) object in the TEST Database
- Goals:
 - Register routing information in the RIPE Database
- **Time:** 15 minutes
- Tasks:
 - Create a RIPE NCC Access account (if you don't have one)
 - Search for your IPv6 allocation and AS number
 - Create a **route(6)** object for your allocated IPv6 prefix



Lab Activity 4 - Creating ROUTE(6) Objects

- What have you learned?
 - Which RIPE Database objects contain IPv6 routing information
 - How the RIPE Database protects its objects and the accuracy of data

route(6)	
origin:	AS
mnt-by:	AN



65550 NOTHER-MNT

Implementing RPKI

Section 3.5



BGP Origin Hijacks

- An AS originates a prefix that is not authorised to originate
- Hijacker impersonates the legitimate holder
 - May hijack an **allocated** or **unallocated** address space
- It may announce the exact same prefix or more specifics
 - Prefix Hijack
 - **Sub-prefix Hijack** (De-aggregation hijack or subnet attack)







Prefix Hijack



This is a **local hijack!** Only some networks are affected based on BGP path selection process





Sub-prefix Hijack (Subnet Attack)







This is a **global hijack!** All traffic for more specific prefix will be forwarded to the hijacker's network

April 2018: Amazon MyEtherWallet

- BGP hijack of Amazon DNS
- What happened?
- Why?
 - Attack to steal cryptocurrency





What is **RPKI**?

- A security framework for the Internet
- Verifies the association between resource holders and their resources
 - Attaches digital certificate to IP addresses and AS numbers
- Used to validate the origin of BGP announcements (BGP OV)
 - Is the originating ASN authorised to originate a particular prefix?
 - Helps to mitigate **BGP Origin Hijacks** and **Route leaks**







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How Does RPKI Work?









Trust in RPKI

- RPKI relies on five RIRs as Trust Anchors
- Certificate structure follows the RIR hierarchy
- RIRs issue certificates to resource holders









RPKI Chain of Trust







Elements of RPKI

• The RPKI system consists of two parts:

SIGNING

Create ROAs for your prefixes in the RPKI system







What is in a ROA?





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What is in a ROA?







Max-Length

RIPE NCC (AS3333) has an IP address allocation

RIPE NCC creates this ROA


Max-Length

RIPE NCC (AS3333) has an IP address allocation

RIPE NCC creates this ROA

According to the ROA:

/21 /22



Max-Length





















Case 1: You create a single ROA authorising the entire /22



VALID











Case 2: You create ROAs only for your BGP announcement









Case 2: You create ROAs only for your BGP announcement





Case 2: You create ROAs only for your BGP announcement

Create ROAs only for your BGP announcements!



How can you create a ROA? It's easy!

- Login to the LIR Portal (<u>my.ripe.net</u>)
- Go to the RPKI Dashboard
- Choose the RPKI model you would like to use





I have read and agreed to the RIPE NCC Certification Service Terms and Conditions

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Hosted RPKI

- ROAs are created and published using the **RIR's member portal**
- RIR hosts a CA for LIRs and signs all ROAs
- Automated signing and key rollovers
- Allows LIRs to focus on creating and publishing ROAs



Delegated RPKI

- Each LIR manages its part of the RPKI system:
 - Runs its own CA as a child of the RIR
 - Manages keys/key rollovers
 - Creates, signs and publishes ROAs
- Certificate Authority (CA) Software
 - Krill (NLnet Labs)
 - **rpkid** (Dragon Research Labs)





Hybrid RPKI

- In-between hosted and delegated RPKI
- The LIR:
 - Runs its own CA as a child of the RIR
 - Manages keys/key rollovers and ROAs
 - Maintains key-pairs and objects and send them to RIR
 - RIR publishes ROAs in its repository
- Supported by APNIC, ARIN, RIPE NCC and NIRs
- AKA "Publication in parent" or "Publication as a service"







<u>RIPE NCC Hosted Solution</u>						
×	RPKI					
∷	Overview Overview of your dashboard	Got	to overview			
Ĩ	ROAs Manage your ROA objects		BGP Anno	ouncements and RO		
Û	Alerts Setup your alerts					
L L	History View your CA history	BGP Announcements: 2				
			= Show status: ×	Invalid X Unknown X Valid		
			Origin AS 🚔	Prefix ⇔		
		2	AS2121	193.0.24.0/21		
			AS2121	2001:67c:64::/48		
				3		





RIPE NCC Hosted Solution

ジネ Review and Apply						
Staged ROAs						
Origin AS	Prefix		Max Length			
⁺% AS2121	2001:67c:64::/	48	48			
'∕∕₊ AS2121	193.0.24.0/21		21			
Affected Annou	Incements					
Origin AS	Prefix	Current Status	Future Status			
AS2121	193.0.24.0/21	? Unknown	$\rightarrow \boxdot$ Valid			
AS2121	2001:67c:64::/48	? Unknown	$\rightarrow \boxdot$ Valid			
		Apply not	w Add to pending changes			

☆ Review and Apply					
Staged ROAs					
Origin AS	Prefix		Max Length		
t≱ AS2121	2001:67c:64::/4	8	48		
⁺ ∕∕≁ AS2121	193.0.24.0/21		21		
Affected Announcements					
Origin AS	Prefix	Current Status	Future Status		
AS2121	193.0.24.0/21	? Unknown	$\rightarrow \boxdot$ Valid		
AS2121	2001:67c:64::/48	? Unknown	$\rightarrow \boxdot$ Valid		
		Apply no	W Add to pending changes		





Certifying PI Resources

Requested and managed by PI End User or by Sponsoring LIR

1. Complete the wizard successfully

Start the wizard to set up Resource Certification for PI and Legacy End User resources 2

2. Login to https://my.ripe.net and request a certificate

- Sign in with your RIPE NCC Access account
- 3. Manage your ROAs





Questions







Lab Activity 5 - RPKI 5.1 - Creating ROAs



T 15 min





Lab Activity 5.1 RPKI - Creating ROAs

Description: Create (see demo) ROAs in the test RPKI Dashboard

Goals:

- Identify elements of the RPKI infrastructure
- Register routing information in the RPKI dashboard by creating a ROA
- **Time:** 15 minutes
- Tasks:
 - 5.1.1 Check your BGP announcements
 - 5.1.2 Create (or see a demo) ROAs in the test RPKI Dashboard
 - 5.1.3 Create (or see a demo) a more specific ROA for one of your prefixes





Lab Activity 5.1 RPKI - Creating ROAs

• What have you learned?

• How to create ROAs using the RIPE NCC Hosted RPKI service web interface







Elements of RPKI

• The RPKI system consists of two parts:





VALIDATION

Verify the information provided by others



RPKI Validation

- Verifying the information provided by others
- First, validate the RPKI data
 - Install a validator software locally in your network
 - Verify holdership through a public key and certificate infrastructure
- Second, validate the origin of BGP announcements
 - Known as BGP Origin Validation (**BGP OV**) or Route Origin Validation (**ROV**)
 - This is done in a BGP router in your network





RPKI Validator

- Also known as **Relying Party (RP)** software
- Connects to RPKI repositories via **rsync** or **RRDP** protocol
- Uses information in TALs to connect to the repositories







Validator

RPKI Validator

- Downloads ROAs from RPKI repositories
 - From RIRs and external repos
- Validates the chain of trust for all ROAs and associated CAs
 - Creates a local "validated cache" with all the valid ROAs







Validator

ROA Validation Process









RPKI Validator Options

- Routinator
 - Built by NLNet Labs
- FORT
 - Open source RPKI validator

Links for RPKI Validators:

https://github.com/NLnetLabs/routinator.git https://rpki.readthedocs.io

https://github.com/NICMx/FORT-validator/

https://www.rpki-client.org/



rpki-client

Integrated in OpenBsd

More Information:



Valid ROAs are sent to the router



Router uses this information to make better routing decisions!













BGP Origin Validation (BGP OV)

- RPKI based route filtering
- BGP announcements are compared against the **valid** ROAs
 - **Origin ASN** and **max-length** must match!
- Router decides the validation states of **routes**:
 - Valid, Invalid or Not-Found

BGP Update

2001:db8::/32, AS65536

RFC 6811 - BGP Prefix Origin Validation





ROA		
Prefix	2001:db8::/32	
Max Length	/32	
Origin ASN	AS65536	
	Prefix Max Length	

https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc6811

























No ROA for this prefix!





The General Rule

IF

ELSE IF

ELSE



- ROA exists that validates the prefix
 - The prefix is Valid
 - any ROA invalidates the prefix
 - The prefix is **Invalid**
 - The prefix is **Not found**



After Validating

• You have to make a decision: Accept or Discard



Do not consider dropping prefixes with "Not-Found" RPKI validation state!





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Major Networks and RPKI Invalids

- Major networks are dropping invalids
 - Arelion, AT&T, Cloudflare, Netflix, Swisscom, Cogent and etc.
- They follow a phased approach: First peers, then customers
 - Tag invalids on all peers, then on all customers
 - Drop invalids for all peers, then for all customers

More information: https://isbgpsafeyet.com/

Is BGP safe yet? No. Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is the postal service of the Internet. It's responsible for looking at all of the available paths that data could travel and picking the best route. Unfortunately, it isn't secure, and there have been some major Internet disruptions as a result. But fortunately there is a way to make it secure. ISPs and other major Internet players (Sprint and others) would need to implement a certification system, called RPKI. Test your ISP Read FAQ **SUCCESS** Your ISP (RIPE NCC, AS3333) implements BGP safely. It correctly drops invalid prefixes. Tweet this \rightarrow ► Details







ROV in the RIPE NCC Service Region (IPv4)



Not-Found: 18.01%



Valid:2,158,000











Questions






Lab Activity 5 - RPKI 5.2 - BGP Origin Validation with RPKI







Lab Activity 5.2 RPKI - BGP Origin Validation

- "Invalid" RPKI status
- Goals:
 - Validate BGP announcements by using RPKI information (BGP OV)
 - Use RPKI data to discard BGP Invalids
- **Time:** 20 minutes
- Tasks:
 - 5.2.1 Check valid ROAs on Routinator's GUI
 - 5.2.2 Connect the Validator and the BGP router
 - 5.2.3 Create a BGP Hijack



Description: Implement BGP Origin Validation and discard BGP announcements with







Lab Activity 5.2 RPKI - BGP Origin Validation

- What have you learned?
 - How to use the GUI of Routinator validator software
 - The steps to follow to implement BGP OV in your network
 - How does RPKI OV works in a simple BGP Hijack scenario







Next Steps for BGP Routing Security

Section 4

What's Next for Routing Security?





Dealing with Path Hijacks...

Fake Path with Correct Origin

- The origin of the path does not change!
- The attacker:
 - Creates a forged AS link between two ASes
 - Reroutes the traffic to itself







Modifying an Existing Path

- Neighbours of the attacker receive a false path
- The attacker can do either of these two things:
 - Analyse the traffic and then route to AS1
 - Drop the traffic to AS1









What's Next for Routing Security?

- RPKI today focuses on **Origin Validation!**
- But RPKI OV cannot detect path manipulations!
 - Origin AS remains intact in the altered AS Path
- So what to do?
- The solution is to validate the full BGP path
- Tentative solutions: BGPsec [RFC 8205] and ASPA



RPKI is a stepping stone to **Path validation**!

BGPSec

- Designed to supplement BGP Origin Validation
- Relies on the RPKI certificates
 - Router certificates are issued to routers within an AS
- Introduces a new BGP path attribute, BGPsec_PATH
 - Optional, non-transitive attribute
 - Carries digitally signed AS path information
 - Support is negotiated between BGP speakers





BGP Operations

- Routers sign the AS path in a BGP UPDATE message
- Each BGP UPDATE containing BGPsec_PATH attribute:
 - Can **advertise** a single prefix only
 - Can only be **sent** to one AS at a time
- Routers verify the chain of trust of **all of the signatures** of the AS Path









Network: 192.168.0.0/16 AS Path: NET1, ... BGPSEC: (key1, signature1)

Network: 192.168.0.0/16 AS Path: NET2, NET1, ... BGPSEC: (key1, signature1) (key2, signature2)

Network: 192.168.0.0/16 AS Path: NET3, NET2, NET1, ... BGPSEC: (key1, signature1) (key2, signature2) (key3, signature3)



BGPSec Has Some Limitations...

- Does not offer origin validation
- Does not prevent route leaks
- Expensive to run, requires more powerful routers
 - UPDATE messages are larger because of digital signatures
 - One UPDATE message is required for each prefix
 - BGP speakers need to perform cryptographic functions
- Does not support incremental deployment

That's why progress is very slow and no deployment yet!



ASPA

- Autonomous System Provider Authorisation
- Introduces a new digitally signed object, an **ASPA**
 - ASPA object defines upstreams for a defined AS
- ASPA proposes a lightweight solution for path validation
 - Leverages existing RPKI infrastructure
 - Does not require a new BGP attribute
 - Requires a database where ASPA objects could be queried
 - Verifies the sequence of ASes along the path





How Does ASPA Work?

- Customer AS creates an ASPA object and signs it
 - Authorises a set of **Provider ASes** to propagate its route announcements
- In the Validation process, receiving AS



- Is provider AS authorised to propagate a given customer's route?



- Verifies the AS path

If validation fails, then the route should be rejected!



- Have routes been received from a customer, a provider, or from a route server?



More About ASPA

- ASPA helps to detect route leaks and hijacks
- Incremental deployment is possible
- Still in draft state (about to become an RFC)
- Already supported in a couple of validators
- Support in OpenBGPD and NIST BGP-SRx







Best Practices

Section 5

For Secure Internet Routing

- Do not be the cause!
 - Announce the right **prefixes** to the right **peers**
- Do not distribute others' mistakes or attacks!
 - Validate the routing information you receive
- Do not be the victim!
 - Take all the measures you can to **protect** your network







BGP Security Measures









Only BGP peers to send packets to TCP 179: Control Plane Policing (CoPP) or ACLs (if CoPP not supported)

Limit accepted BGP traffic

uRPF to mitigate DoS/DDoS attacks



	Inbound/outbound filters by type of peer	LAB
Filtering based on prefixes and/or AS Path	Filtering based on prefixes and/or AS Path	LAB

Manual or Automatic (IRRs) configuration



BGP Security Measures











Check Your Routing

- RIPEstat
 - <u>https://stat.ripe.net</u>
- IXP Country Jedi
 - https://jedi.ripe.net/latest/
- Bgpmon
 - https://routeviews.org
 - http://traceroute.org
- IRR Explorer
 - https://irrexplorer.nlnog.net



- RIPE Atlas
 - <u>https://atlas.ripe.net</u>
- NLNOG Ring
 - https://ring.nlnog.net
- HE BGP Toolkit
 - https://bgp.he.net
- BGP.tools
 - https://bgp.tools/



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What's Next in BGP



Webinars

Attend another webinar live wherever you are.

- BGP Filtering (1 hr)
- Deploying RPKI (2 hrs)
- Introduction to RPKI (1 hr)
- Internet Routing Registry (1 hr)



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