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# Deployment and Analysis of Link State Protocols

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- OSPF Configuration Examples
- ISIS Configuration Examples



- OSPF and ISIS basic concepts
- Some experience with OSPF and ISIS
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### **Link State Protocols**

- Two popular link state IGPs OSPF and ISIS
- Hierarchical model
- Same topology within an area
- SPF algorithm



# **IS-IS Topology Basics**

# **Level-1 Routing**

- L1-only routers know only topology of their own area (including all ISs and ESs in the area)
- Traffic to other areas is sent via the closest L2 IS
- L1L2 ISs set the "attached-bit" in their L1 LSP



# **Level-2 Routing**

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 L2 routers know about other areas

> L2 area addresses and L2 routers

 When doing OSI routing, the L2 ISs must know their own area; therefore never use L2-only on OSI routers

L2-only is possible when doing just IP



# **Level-2 Routing**

 Transit traffic requires routers inside the area to know about other areas

> Routers in transit paths must be L1L2 routers to have the full L2 LSDB

Similar to pervasive BGP requirement

• L2 routers must be contiguous



### A router can't tell whether it is a transit IS without help of a human

Therefore the Cisco default is to be L1L2; this will make the backbone larger then necessary so always configure L1-only when possible

L1L2 in one area is less scalable
Especially with ISIS for IP

### **Areas and Backbone Routers**

Backbone <u>must be</u> L2 contiguous



# **Areas and Backbone Routers**



Remember, the Backbone Must Be Contiguous ISIS Router Cannot Determine if They Need To Be L1 or L1L2 So All Routers Try To Be an L1L2 IS by Default



# **OSPF Topology Basics**

## **OSPF** Areas

- OSPF uses a 2 level hierarchical model
- Areas defined with 32 bit number

Defined in IP address format

Can also be defined using single decimal value (i.e., Area 0.0.0.0, or Area 0)

• 0.0.0.0 reserved for the backbone area



## **OSPF LSAs**

- Router and network LSA's within an area
- Summary LSA type 3 outside the area
- Summary LSA Type 4 and Type 5 for redistributed routes
- Partial SPF for summary and External LSA's



# **OSPF** Virtual Links

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Can be useful for several purposes
Allow areas to connect to areas other than 0
Repair a discontinuous area 0
Optimal path purpose
Backup purpose



# Scaling OSPF

- Routing is by longest prefix match
- Instead of advertising many more specific prefixes, advertise only one summary prefix

Area-range on ABR to summarize type 3 LSAs

Summary-address on ASBR to sum type 5s

- Not only smaller, but also more stable
- Drawback is possible suboptimal routing

# **Not Summarized: Specific Links**



- Only summary LSA advertised out
- Link-state changes do not propagate

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# Summarization (Cont.)



### **Using Areas**

- The tool to make OSPF scale
- One SPF per area, flooding done per area
- Different types of areas do different flooding
  - **Normal areas**
  - **Stub areas**
  - **Totally stubby (stub no summary)**
  - Not so stubby areas (NSSA)

### **Regular Area**

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### • Regular areas

Summary LSA (summarized/non-summarized) from other areas injected

**External links injected** 

### **Regular Area**

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#### ABRs forward all LSAs from backbone

#### **Stub Area**

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#### Stub area

Summary LSAs from other areas injected

LSA type 5 not injected

Default LSA injected into area as summary LSA

Define all routers in area as stub

External link flaps will not be injected

### **Stub Area**

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#### Consolidates specific external links default 0.0.0.0

# **Totally Stubby Area**

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#### Totally stubby area

**Default LSA injected into area** 

**Represents all external links** 

**Represents all summarized internal links** 

Represents non-summarized internal links

Very stable, small LSDB, fewer routes

## **Totally Stubby Area**

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#### • Use this for stable—scalable internetworks

# Not So Stubby Areas (NSSA)

• Benefits of stub area, but ASBR is allowed

• New type external LSA (type 7)

Type 7 LSAs flooded throughout the area

No type 5 external LSAs in the area

Type 7 LSAs will be converted into type 5 LSAs when flooded into area 0 by ABRs

Filtering and summaries allowed at ABRs

# NSSA

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# **OSPF Media Options**

# **OSPF Media Options**

- Multi-access media
- Point-to-point
- Non-Broadcast Multi-Access (NBMA)
- Demand circuits (11.2)

### **Multi-Access Media**

- Gig/Fast/Ethernet, FDDI, Token Ring
- Multicast
- DR and BDR



### **Designated Routers**

- Reduce OSPF traffic on multiaccess links
- Store and distribute neighbors LSDBs
- Backup DR for redundancy
- OSPF priority used in DR selection
- Range 1–255 default 1, 0 for noncandidate

### **Point-to-Point Media**

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- Serial links
- Multicast used
- No DR or BDR
#### Non-Broadcast Multi-Access Media (NBMA)

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#### • Frame Relay (multipoint), X.25

Several possibilities: point-to-point, broadcast, pointto-multipoint, or nonbroadcast



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#### Point-to-point model

Benefits: individual costs can be configured; can be simple, treated like standard point-topoint links

Drawbacks: complex to configure if the NBMA network is big or redundant; wastes address space

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#### Broadcast model

Benefits: simple to configure; treated like a multi-access network

Drawbacks: must maintain an L2 full-mesh at all times; one one metric for all VCs

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#### • NBMA model:

**Benefits: only one IP subnet used** 

Drawbacks: complex to configure and scale; need to manually configure each neighbor

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#### • Point-to-multipoint model:

Benefits: simple to configure; no neighbor configuration (unless you want individual costs); no requirement for a full mesh at L2

Drawbacks: compared to other choices—none

 This is the recommended method of dealing with NBMA networks

#### **OSPF Demand Circuits**

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OSPF demand circuit

Additional option in LSAs: do not age bit

Suppresses hellos exchange

**Suppresses DB synchronization** 

# • All new LSA still have to be transmitted in the area



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#### **Market Segments**

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## Market Segments

a) Service Providers

**b)** Enterprise

Manufacturing

Retail

#### **Service Providers**

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- SP networks are divided into pops
- Transit routing information is carried via BGP
- IGP is used to carry next hop only
- Optimal path to the next hop is critical



#### **Enterprise Retails**

 IGP scalability requirement on retail side is on Hub and Spoke side

- OSPF and ISIS were designed keeping the Service Provider infrastructure in mind
- Lacks clear vision towards hub and spoke architecture
- Acquisitions brings more topological restrictions
- Distance Vector are better choice for e.g., EIGRP, RIPv2, ODR



• BGP?

#### **Enterprise Manufacturing**

 Closet type infrastructure for host communications

- Large number of end devices connections
- Campus networks





## **Service Providers Deployments**

#### **SP Deployment Characteristics**



- Major routing information is 110K via BGP
- Largest known IGP routing table is ~6–7K
- Total of 117K
- 6K/117K ~ 5% of IGP
  routes in an ISP network
- A very small factor but has a huge impact on network convergence!



- You can reduce the IGP size from 6K to approx the number of routers in your network
- This will bring really fast convergence
- Optimized where you must and summarize where you can
- Stops unnecessary flapping



- The link between PE-CE needs to be known for management purpose
- BGP next-hop-self should be done on all access routers unless PE-CE are on shared media (rare case)
- This will cut down the size of the IGP
- For PE-CE link do redistributed connected in BGP
- These connected subnets should ONLY be sent through RR to NMS for management purpose; this can be done through BGP communities



- Where do we define area boundaries? WAN routers can be L1L2 in ISIS or ABR in case of OSPF
- Hide the pop infrastructure from your core
- Traffic engineering if needed can be done in core from WAN routers



 Physical address between ABR and PE should be in a contiguous blocks

- These physical links should be filtered via Type 3 filtering from area 0 into other areas
- Why? To reduce the size of the routing table within each pop
- Every area will carry only loopback addresses for all routers
- Only NMS station will keep track of those physical links
- PE device will not carry other Pop's PE's physical address in the routing table



Area 0 will contain all the routes

- This is the most intelligent form of routing and also there will not be too many routes in IGP
- If there are 500 pops
  and every pop contains 4
  routers; then instead of having 6K routes you will only have 2K
- This is scalable and hack proof network!

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- Don't do it!
- If you're an SP you shouldn't be carrying external information in your IGP
- Let BGP take care of external reachability
- Use OSPF or ISIS to carry only next-hop information—i.e., loopbacks



## **Enterprise Deployments**

#### **Enterprise Retail**

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- OSPF and ISIS were not very good choice for hub and spokes
- EIGRP, ODR, RIPv2 and BGP are better choice here
- Enterprise BGP is not complicated
- You do not need to play with lot of attributes



#### **Enterprise Retail**

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- The link between 2 hub routes should be equal to the number of areas
- Summarization of areas will require specific routing information between the ABR's
- This is to avoid suboptimal routing
- As you grow the number of areas, you will grow the number of VLAN/PVC's
- This is protocol limitation



Trunk with One VLAN in Each Flooding Domain

#### **Enterprise Retail**

- Spoke router in one area will contains route for the other spoke router since they are in the same area
- Acquisitions and merger will create another sets of problem
- Rearrangement of topology required if the area or the router limitation has been reached
- Very difficult to preserve the protocol's hierarchical design



#### **Enterprise Manufacturing**



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 The number of redistribution boundaries should be kept to a minimum

Why?

Because you have better things in life to do besides; build access lists

 When redistributing try to place the DR as close to the ASBR as possible to minimize flooding

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 Be aware of metric requirements going from one protocol to another

**RIP metric is a value from 1–16** 

**OSPF Metric is from 1–65535** 

- Include a redistribution default metric command as a protection
  - router ospf 1

network 130.93.0.0 0.0.255.255 area 0.0.0.0

redistribute rip metric 1 subnets

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 Redistribute only what is absolutely necessary

Don't redistribute full Internet routes into OSPF

• Default route into BGP core; let the core worry about final destination



## **Design Practices**

### Accidental Redistribution Prevention (OSPF)

- Areas should be defined as stub to prevent accidental redistribution of eBGP into OSPF
- Type 3 LSA filtering should be used at ABR's and only routers' loopbacks should be allowed to leak into other areas
- Loopback should be in private address space to make LSA type 3 filtering easier; for e.g., 10.0.0/8
- iBGP routes can not be redistributed into IGP by default
- NMS resides in area 0 here



## Accidental Redistribution Prevention (ISIS)

- L1 by default can not import more than 30K routes if eBGP is redistributed into ISIS by accident
- To save your backbone use summarization and only allow router's loopback address and physical links
- Route leaking should be done on all L1L2 routers to control all pops' info from leaking into other pops (for e.g., only leak 10/8)
- NMS resides in the L2/backbone here





## **Dialup Design Tips**

## **Dial Backup and OSPF**

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#### • Dial-on-Demand Techniques:

**Use virtual profiles** 

Virtual interface gets assigned to the area associated with the calling router

Area configuration and IP address for virtual interface are dynamic

### **Dial Backup and OPSF**

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#### **Virtual Profiles**



#### **Dialup Design Practices**

- Two kinds of Pools can be defined on NAS: Static Pools and Distributed Pools
- Static Pool: address range remain within a single NAS—easier to manage from routing perspective
- Distributed Pool: address range may be distributed into multiple NAS's—hard to manage from a routing perspective



#### Dialup Design with Static Pool Addresses

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 Three ways to propagate dialup routes from NAS:

> Either Static route to pool address to null 0 with redistribute static on NAS or

Assign the pool add on a loopback on NAS with OSPF p2p network-type including loopback in an OSPF area or

Static route on ABR for the pool address pointing towards NAS (ASBRs)—this is a preferred method because summarization can be done at ABR

• Static pool do not require redistribute connected subnets on NAS


## Dialup Design with Distributed Pool Addresses

- Distributed pool REQUIRES redistribute connect subnets
- If pool is distributed, you can't summarize the pools at ABR because of redistribute connected subnets on NASs' unless its an NSSA, why?
- NSSA can summarize routes at ABR or ASBR



## Dialup Design Practices Scalability Issues

- If an area has too many routes injected by NAS then break it up in more than one area
- Area should be configured as NSSA for controlling type 5 at ABR level
- NSSA ABR can filter type 5 originated by NAS servers
- Configure totally NSSA so one area type 5 will not go into other areas



1000+ Routes Injected by Each NAS



# **Migration Tips**

## **Migration Approaches**

- Technique 1: run only 1 IGP in any given part of the network; redistribute between other IGP and OSPF/ISIS
- Techniques 2: run two IGPs concurrently, giving OSPF/ISIS a higher admin distance and then cutting over

## **Migration via Redistribution**

• Benefits: requires less router resources

- Drawbacks: becomes complex very quickly; requires careful redistribution with potentially lots of filters
- Not really a great choice for migration, but OK for small implementations

## Migration via Ships in the Night

- Benefits: Cleaner process not requiring redistribution points in the network; easier to verify validity before making major change; easier to back out of
- Drawbacks: Requires more router resources, particularly RAM
- The recommended method of migrating to OSPF/ISIS; simpler, cleaner, safer, plus RAM is cheap these days



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## Start by building out the L2/backbone area

Migrate additional areas in incrementally



# **Protocol Validation**

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- Do I have "too many" routers in an area? It varies from network to network
- Are the route ages appropriate?

If the protocol is periodic, routes should never be older than the update time

If the protocol is update based, routes should get old

## **Protocol Validation (Cont.)**

Is the number of routes stable?

 If you have the luxury, fail a link, allow the network to converge then restore the link and let the network converge

Are convergence times appropriate for the protocol

Remember to account for differentials in convergence time

## **Protocol Validation (Cont.)**

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• Do I have all the neighbors I should?

## • Are routes getting old

show ip route

Look at the age of the route

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## Addressing

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## **Design Plan**

- Make Area 2 totally stubby
- Make Area 51 a stub
- Make Area 1 an NSSA
- All other areas are regular areas
- Summarize where possible
- Make router A the DR for the LAN in Area 1



## **Example Configs—Area 1**

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```
Router A
int lo0
 ip address 172.168.1.1 255.255.255.255
int se0
 ip address 192.145.100.235 255.255.255.252
int eth0
 ip address 172.168.6.1 255.255.255.0
 ip ospf priority 20
 ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 mykey
router ospf 1
 network 172.168.6.0 0.0.0.255 area 0.0.0.1
 redistribute rip subnets metric-type 2 metric 100
 area 0.0.0.1 authentication message-digest
 area 0.0.0.1 nssa
router rip
 network 192.145.100.0
 default metric 5
end
```

```
Router B
int lo0
 ip address 172.168.1.2 255.255.255.255
int se0
 ip address 172.168.2.5 255.255.255.252
 ip ospf authentication-key mykey
int se1
 ip address 172.168.2.13 255.255.255.252
 ip ospf authentication-key mykey
int eth0
 ip address 172.168.6.2 255.255.255.0
 ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 mykey
router ospf 1
 network 172.168.6.0 0.0.0.255 area 0.0.0.1
 network 172.168.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 0.0.0.0
 area 0.0.0.1 range 172.168.6.0 255.255.254.0
 area 0.0.0.0 range 172.168.2.0 0.0.0.255
 area 0.0.0.1 authentication message-digest
 area 0.0.0.0 authentication message-digest
 area 0.0.0.1 nssa
end
```

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## Example Configs—Area 2

```
Router H
int lo0
 ip address 172.168.1.8 255.255.255.255
int se0
 ip address 172.168.2.6 255.255.255.252
 ip ospf authentication-key mykey
int se1
 ip address 172.168.2.9 255.255.255.252
 ip ospf authentication-key mykey
int se2
 ip address 172.168.2.17 255.255.255.252
 ip ospf authentication-key mykey
int eth0
 ip address 192.64.60.1 255.255.255.0
 ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 mykey
router ospf 1
 network 172.168.2.0 0.0.0.255 area 0.0.0.0
 network 192.64.60.0 0.0.0.255 area 0.0.0.2
 area 0.0.0.2 range 192.64.48.0 0.0.15.255
```

```
Router H (cont.)
area 0.0.0.2 stub no-summary
 area 0.0.0.0 authentication message-digest
 area 0.0.0.2 authentication message-digest
end
Router K
int lo0
 ip address 172.168.1.11 255.255.255.255
int eth0
 ip address 192.64.60.34 255.255.255.0
 ip ospf priority 20
 ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 mykey
router ospf 1
 network 192.64.60.0 area 0.0.0.2
 area 0.0.0.2 stub no-summary
 area 0.0.0.2 authentication message-digest
end
```



# **Tuning OSPF**

## Available "Nerd-Knobs"

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### Hello/Dead Timers

ip ospf hello-interval 3 (default 10)

ip ospf dead-interval 15 (default is 4x hello)

This allows for faster network awareness of a failure, and can result in faster reconvergence, but requires more router CPU and generates more overhead

## • LSA Pacing

#### timers Isa-group-pacing 300 (default 240)

This is a great feature; allows grouping and pacing of LSA updates at configured interval; reduces overall network and router impact

## Available "Nerd-Knobs"

#### DR/BDR Selection

#### ip ospf priority 100 (default 1)

This feature should be in use in your OSPF network; forcibly set your DR and BDR per segment so that they are known; choose your most powerful, or most idle routers; try to keep the DR/BDR limited to pne segment each

#### OSPF Internal Timers

timers spf 2 8 (default is 5 and 10)

Allows you to adjust SPF characteristics; first number sets wait time from topology change to SPF run; second is holddown between SPF runs; BE CAREFUL WITH THIS COMMAND; if you're not sure when to use it, it means you don't need it; default is 95% effective

## Available "Nerd-Knobs"

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#### • LSA filtering/interface blocking

Per interface:

ip ospf database-filter all out (no options)

Per neighbor:

neighbor 1.1.1.1 database-filter all out (no options)

OSPFs router will flood an LSA out all interfaces except the receiving one; LSA filtering can be useful in cases where such flooding unnecessary (i.e., NBMA networks), where the DR/BDR can handle flooding chores

area <area-id> filter-list <acl>

Filters out specific Type 3 LSAs at ABRs

 Improper use can result in routing loops and black-holes that can be very difficult to troubleshoot

## **Using OSPF Authentication**

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- Use authentication; too many people overlook this basic feature
- When using authentication, use the MD5 feature

area <area-id> authentication message-digest (whole area)

ip ospf message-digest-key 1 md5 <key>

• Authentication can selectively be disabled per interface with:

## ip ospf authentication null

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## **How To Configure ISIS?**

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## **R1** Configuration

```
!
interface Loopback0
ip address 172.16.1.1 255.255.255.255
interface Ethernet0
ip address 172.16.12.1 255.255.255.0
ip router isis
!
router isis
passive-interface Loopback0
net 49.0001.1720.1600.1001.00
!
```



## How To Configure ISIS? (Cont.)

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## **R2** Configuration

```
!
interface Loopback0
ip address 172.16.2.2 255.255.255.255
!
interface Ethernet0
ip address 172.16.12.2 255.255.255.0
ip router isis
!
interface Serial0
ip address 172.16.23.1 255.255.255.252
ip router isis
!
router isis
passive-interface Loopback0
net 49.0001.1720.1600.2002.00
!
```



## Looking at the Show Commands

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#### R1#show clns neighbor

System IdInterfaceSNPAStateHoldtimeTypeProtocolR2Et00000.0c47.b947Up24L1L2IS-IS

#### R1#show clns interface ethernet 0

Ethernet0 is up, line protocol is up Checksums enabled, MTU 1497, Encapsulation SAP Routing Protocol: IS-IS Circuit Type: level-1-2 Interface number 0x0, local circuit ID 0x1 Level-1 Metric: 10, Priority: 64, Circuit ID: R2.01 Number of active level-1 adjacencies: 1 Level-2 Metric: 10, Priority: 64, Circuit ID: R2.01 Number of active level-2 adjacencies: 1 Next IS-IS LAN Level-1 Hello in 5 seconds Next IS-IS LAN Level-2 Hello in 1 seconds

## Looking into the Database

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	ns neighbor Interface Et0 Se0	SNPA 0000.0c0 *HDLC*		State Up Up	Holdtime 24 28	Type Protocol L1L2 IS-IS L1L2 IS-IS
R2#show isis database						
IS-IS Level-1 Link State Database:						
LSPID	LSP Se	q Num L	SP Checks	um LSP	Holdtime	ATT/P/OL
R1.00-00	0x0000	008B 0	x6843	55		0/0/0
R2.00-00	* 0x0000	0083 0	x276E	77		0/0/0
R2.01-00	* 0x0000	0004 0	x34E1	57		0/0/0
R3.00-00	0x0000	0086 0	xF30E	84		0/0/0
IS-IS Level-2 Link State Database:						
LSPID	LSP Se	q Num L	SP Checks	um LSP	Holdtime	ATT/P/OL
R1.00-00	0x0000	0092 0	x34B2	41		0/0/0
R2.00-00	* 0x0000	008A 0	x7A59	115		0/0/0
R2.01-00	* 0x0000	0004 0	xC3DA	50		0/0/0
R3.00-00	0x0000	008F 0	x0766	112		0/0/0

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## Looking into the Database Detail

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R2#show isis database R2.00-00 detail IS-IS Level-1 LSP R2.00-00 LSPID LSP Sea Num LSP Checksum LSP Holdtime ATT/P/OL R2.00-00 \* 0x0000093 0x077E 0/0/0 71 Area Address: 49.0001 NLPID: 0xCC Hostname: R2 172.16.2.2 IP Address: Metric: 10 IP 172.16.12.0 255.255.255.0 Metric: 0 IP 172.16.2.2 255.255.255.255 IP 172.16.23.0 255.255.255.252 Metric: 10 Metric: 10 IS R2.01 IS R3.00 Metric: 10 IS-IS Level-2 LSP R2.00-00 LSPID LSP Seq Num LSP Checksum LSP Holdtime ATT/P/OL 103 R2.00-00 0x5A69 0/0/0 \* 0x0000009A Area Address: 49.0001 NLPID: 0xCC Hostname: R2 **IP Address:** 172.16.2.2 IS R2.01 Metric: 10 Metric: 10 IS R3.00 Metric: 10 IP 172.16.23.0 255.255.255.252 Metric: 10 IP 172.16.1.1 255.255.255.255 IP 172.16.3.3 255.255.255.255 Metric: 10 IP 172.16.2.2 255.255.255.255 Metric: 0 Metric: 10 IP 172.16.12.0 255.255.255.0

## Looking into the Routing-Table

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R1#show ip route isis i L1 172.16.2.2/32 [115/10] via 172.16.12.2, Ethernet0 i L1 172.16.3.3/32 [115/20] via 172.16.12.2, Ethernet0

#### R2#show ip route isis

i L1 172.16.1.1/32 [115/10] via 172.16.12.1, Ethernet0 i L1 172.16.3.3/32 [115/10] via 172.16.23.2, Serial0

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## **Recommended Reading**

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- Large-Scale IP Network Solutions ISBN: 1-57870-084-1
- OSPF Network Design Solutions ISBN: 1-57870-046-9



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