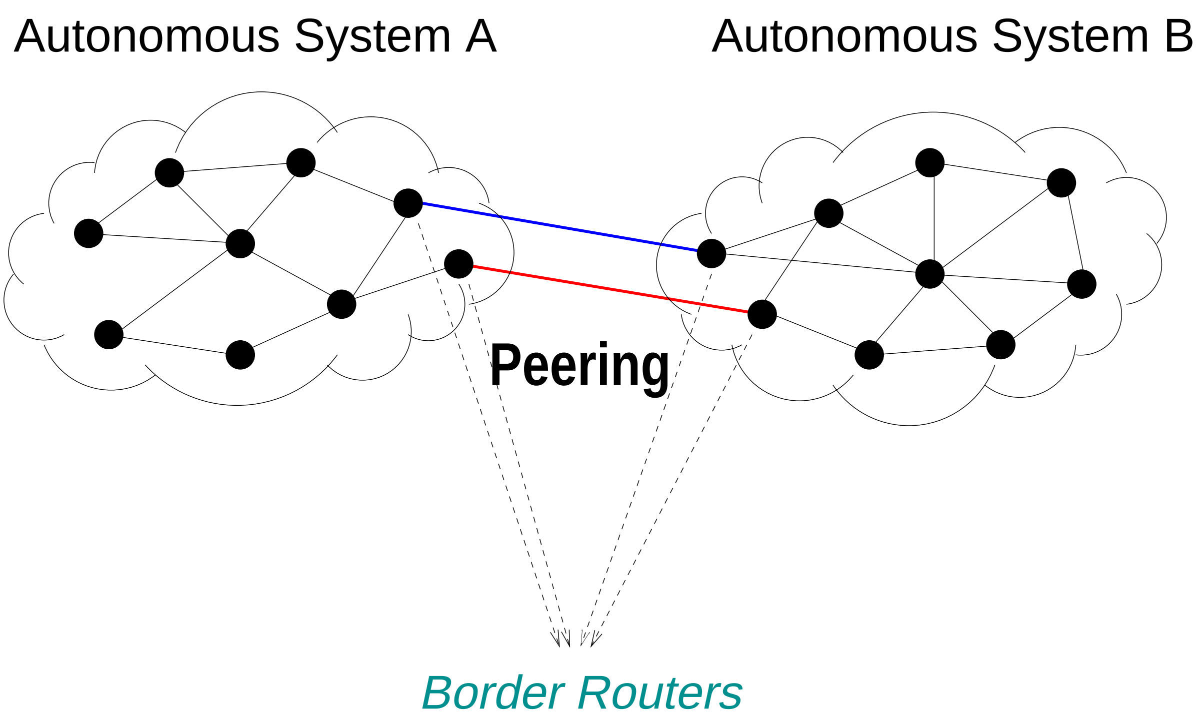
BGP (Border Gateway Protocol):

- Inter-domain routing

  → border routers vs. backbone routers



⟶ "peering" between two AS's

⟶ includes customer-provider relationship

⟶ exchanges: peering between multiple AS's

- CIDR addressing
  - → i.e., $a.b.c.d/x$
  - → Purdue: 128.10.0.0/16, 128.210.0.0/16, 204.52.32.0/20
  - → check at **`www.iana.org`** (e.g., ARIN for US)
- Route table look-up: maximum prefix matching
  - → e.g., entries: 128.10.0.0/16 and 128.10.27.0/24
  - → destination address 128.10.27.20 matches 128.10.27.0/24 best
- Metric: policy
  - → e.g., shortest-path, trust, pricing
  - → meaning of "shortest": delay, router hop, AS hop
  - → route amplification: shortest AS path $\neq$ shortest router path
  - → mechanism: path vector routing
  - → BPG update message

BGP route update:

$\longrightarrow$ BGP update message propagation

BGP update message:

$$\text{ASN}A_k \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \text{ASN}A_2 \rightarrow \text{ASN}A_1; \text{a.b.c.d/x}$$

Meaning: ASN A_1 (with CIDR address a.b.c.d/x) can be reached through indicated path

$\longrightarrow$ "path vector"

$\longrightarrow$ called AS-PATH

Some AS numbers:

- Purdue: 17
- BBN: 1
- UUNET: 701
- Level3: 3356
- Abilene (aka "Internet2"): 11537

Policy:

- if multiple AS-PATHs to target AS are known, choose one based on policy

  → e.g., shortest AS path length, cheapest, least worrisome

- advertise to neighbors target AS's reachability

  → also subject to policy

  → no obligation to advertise

  → specifics depend on bilateral contract (SLA)

SLA (service level agreement):

⟶ bandwidth (e.g., 1 Gbps, OC-3, DS3

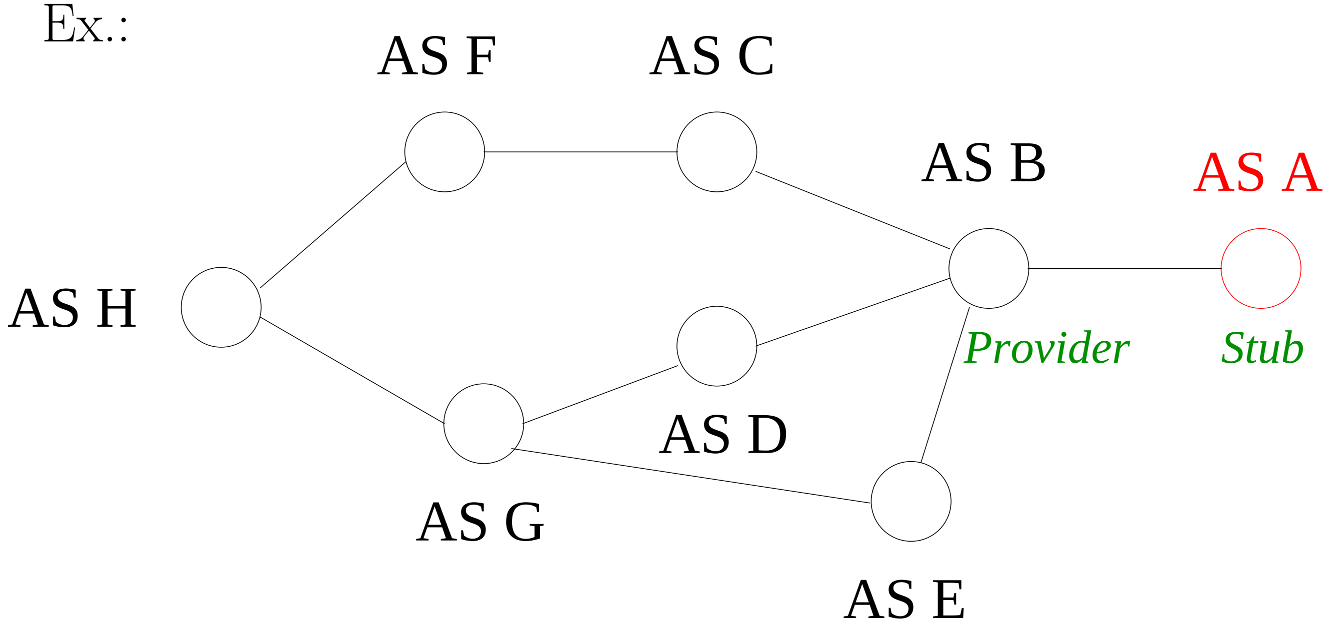
⟶ delay (e.g., avrg. 25ms US), loss (e.g., 0.05%)

⟶ pricing (e.g., 1 Mbps: below $100)

⟶ availability (e.g., 99.999%)

⟶ etc.

Ex.: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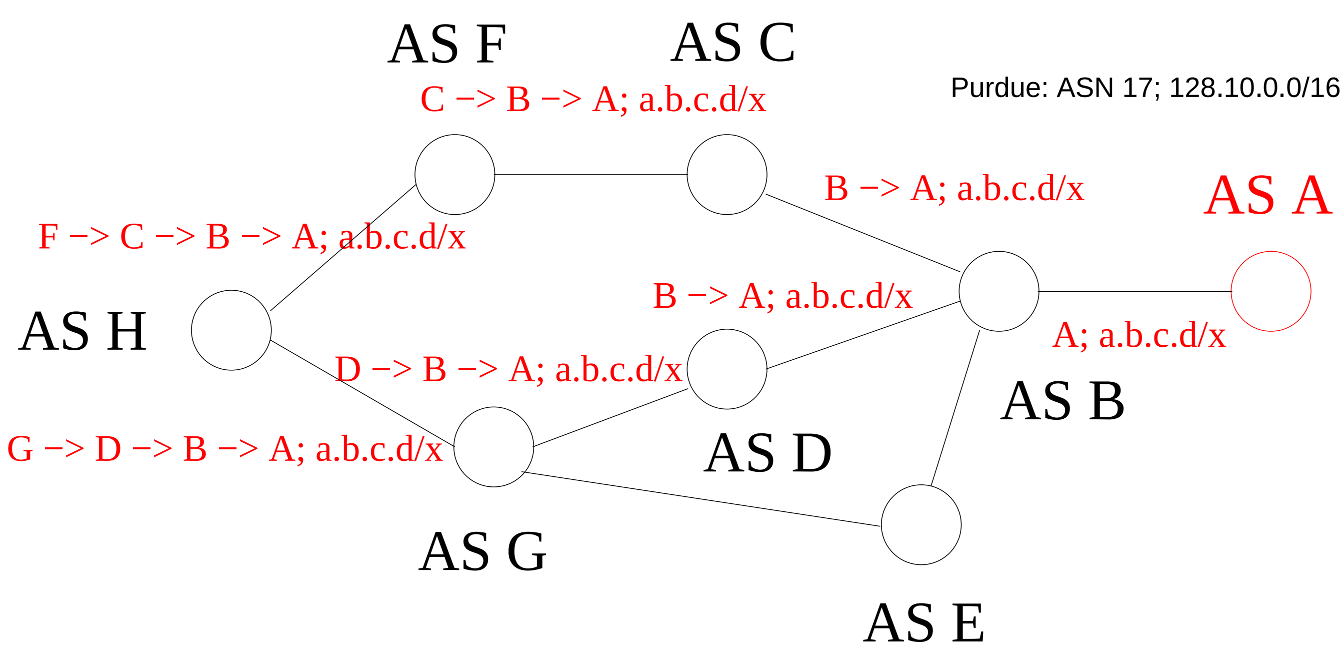
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Performance

Route update frequency:

- ⟶ routing table stability vs. responsiveness
- ⟶ rule: not too frequently
- ⟶ 30 seconds
- ⟶ stability wins
- ⟶ hard lesson learned from the past (sub-second)
- ⟶ legacy: TTL

Other factors for route instability:

- ⟶ selfishness (e.g., fluttering)
- ⟶ BGP's vector path routing: inherently unstable
- ⟶ more common: slow convergence
- ⟶ target of denial-of-service (DoS) attack

Route amplification:

- $\longrightarrow$ shortest AS path $\neq$ shortest router path
- $\longrightarrow$ e.g., may be several router hops longer
- $\longrightarrow$ AS graph vs. router graph
- $\longrightarrow$ inter- vs. intra-domain routing: separate subsystems
- $\longrightarrow$ policy: company in Denmark

Route asymmetry:

- $\longrightarrow$ routes are not symmetric
- $\longrightarrow$ estimate: $> 50\%$
- $\longrightarrow$ mainly artifact of inter-domain policy routing
- $\longrightarrow$ various performance implications
- $\longrightarrow$ source traceback

Black holes:

⟶ persistent unreachable destination prefixes

⟶ BGP routing problems

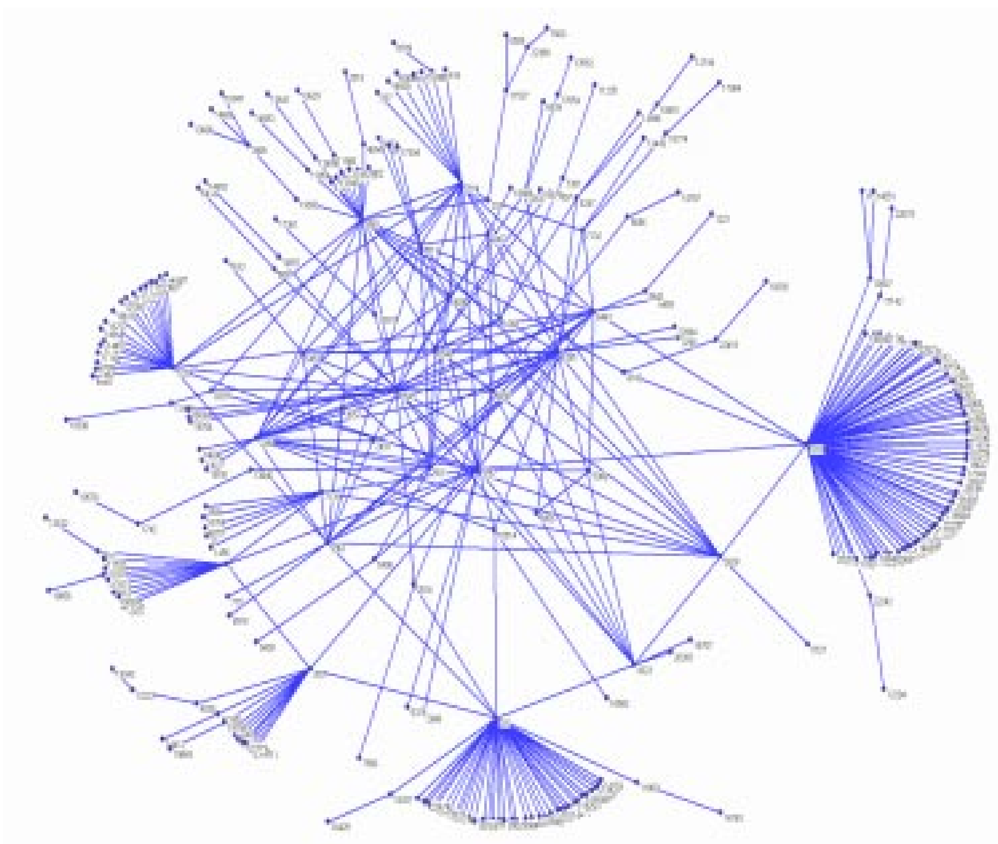
⟶ further aggrevated by DNS

⟶ purely application layer: end system problem

Topology:

⟶ who is connected to whom

⟶ Internet AS graph (segment of Jan. 2002)



Ex.: Delta Airlines route map

- ⟶ by design: hub and backbone architecture
- ⟶ mixture of centralized/decentralized design
- ⟶ small system: centralized is good
- ⟶ large system: decentralization necessary

Small system with centralized design:

⟶ star topology

⟶ e.g., Southwest Airlines

⟶ essentially two conjoined star topologies

⟶ a matter of load balancing

⟶ backbone topology: trivial