

# BGP Policy Control



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# Applying Policy with BGP

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- ❑ Policy-based on AS path, community or the prefix
- ❑ Rejecting/accepting selected routes
- ❑ Set attributes to influence path selection
- ❑ Tools:
  - Prefix-list (filters prefixes)
  - Filter-list (filters ASes)
  - Route-maps and communities

# Policy Control – Prefix List

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- ❑ Per neighbour prefix filter
  - incremental configuration
- ❑ Inbound or Outbound
- ❑ Based upon network numbers (using familiar IPv4 address/mask format)
- ❑ Using access-lists in Cisco IOS for filtering prefixes was deprecated long ago
  - **Strongly discouraged!**

# Prefix-list Command Syntax

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## □ Syntax:

```
[no] ip prefix-list list-name [seq seq-value]  
    permit|deny network/len [ge ge-value] [le le-  
    value]
```

**network/len:** The prefix and its length

**ge ge-value:** "greater than or equal to"

**le le-value:** "less than or equal to"

## □ Both "ge" and "le" are optional

- Used to specify the range of the prefix length to be matched for prefixes that are more specific than network/len

## □ Sequence number is also optional

- `no ip prefix-list sequence-number` to disable display of sequence numbers

# Prefix Lists – Examples

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- ❑ Deny default route

- `ip prefix-list EG deny 0.0.0.0/0`

- ❑ Permit the prefix 35.0.0.0/8

- `ip prefix-list EG permit 35.0.0.0/8`

- ❑ Deny the prefix 172.16.0.0/12

- `ip prefix-list EG deny 172.16.0.0/12`

- ❑ In 192/8 allow up to /24

- `ip prefix-list EG permit 192.0.0.0/8 le 24`

- This allows all prefix sizes in the 192.0.0.0/8 address block, apart from /25, /26, /27, /28, /29, /30, /31 and /32.

# Prefix Lists – Examples

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- ❑ In 192/8 deny /25 and above

```
ip prefix-list EG deny 192.0.0.0/8 ge 25
```

- This denies all prefix sizes /25, /26, /27, /28, /29, /30, /31 and /32 in the address block 192.0.0.0/8.
- It has the same effect as the previous example

- ❑ In 193/8 permit prefixes between /12 and /20

```
ip prefix-list EG permit 193.0.0.0/8 ge 12 le 20
```

- This denies all prefix sizes /8, /9, /10, /11, /21, /22, ... and higher in the address block 193.0.0.0/8.

- ❑ Permit all prefixes

```
ip prefix-list EG permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

- 0.0.0.0 matches all possible addresses, "0 le 32" matches all possible prefix lengths

# Policy Control – Prefix List

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## ❑ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 remote-as 110
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 prefix-list AS110-IN in
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 prefix-list AS110-OUT out
!
ip prefix-list AS110-IN deny 218.10.0.0/16
ip prefix-list AS110-IN permit 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT permit 105.7.0.0/16
ip prefix-list AS110-OUT deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

# Policy Control – Filter List

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- ❑ Filter routes based on AS path
  - Inbound or Outbound
- ❑ Example Configuration:

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 filter-list 5 out
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 filter-list 6 in
!
ip as-path access-list 5 permit ^200$
ip as-path access-list 6 permit ^150$
```



# Policy Control – Regular Expressions

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- ▣ Like Unix regular expressions
  - . Match one character
  - \* Match any number of preceding expression
  - + Match at least one of preceding expression
  - ^ Beginning of line
  - \$ End of line
  - \ Escape a regular expression character
  - \_ Beginning, end, white-space, brace
  - | Or
  - () brackets to contain expression
  - [] brackets to contain number ranges

# Policy Control – Regular Expressions

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## ▣ Simple Examples

.*	match anything
.+	match at least one character
^\$	match routes local to this AS
_1800\$	originated by AS1800
^1800_	received from AS1800
_1800_	via AS1800
_790_1800_	via AS1800 and AS790
_(1800_)+	multiple AS1800 in sequence (used to match AS-PATH prepends)
_\\(65530\\)_	via AS65530 (confederations)

# Policy Control – Regular Expressions

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## ▣ Not so simple Examples

`^[0-9]+$`

Match AS\_PATH length of one

`^[0-9]+_[0-9]+$`

Match AS\_PATH length of two

`^[0-9]*_[0-9]+$`

Match AS\_PATH length of one or two

`^[0-9]*_[0-9]*$`

Match AS\_PATH length of one or two  
(will also match zero)

`^[0-9]+_[0-9]+_[0-9]+$`

Match AS\_PATH length of three

`_(701|1800)_`

Match anything which has gone  
through AS701 or AS1800

`_1849(_.+_)12163$`

Match anything of origin AS12163  
and passed through AS1849

# Policy Control – Route Maps

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- ❑ A route-map is like a “programme” for IOS
- ❑ Has “line” numbers, like programmes
- ❑ Each line is a separate condition/action
- ❑ Concept is basically:
  - if match then do expression and exit
  - else
  - if match then do expression and exit
  - else etc
- ❑ Route-map “continue” lets ISPs apply multiple conditions and actions in one route-map

# Route Maps – Caveats

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- ❑ Lines can have multiple set statements
- ❑ Lines can have multiple match statements
- ❑ Line with only a match statement
  - Only prefixes matching go through, the rest are dropped
- ❑ Line with only a set statement
  - All prefixes are matched and set
  - Any following lines are ignored
- ❑ Line with a match/set statement and no following lines
  - Only prefixes matching are set, the rest are dropped

# Route Maps – Caveats

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## □ Example

- Omitting the third line below means that prefixes not matching list-one or list-two are dropped

```
route-map sample permit 10
```

```
  match ip address prefix-list list-one
```

```
  set local-preference 120
```

```
!
```

```
route-map sample permit 20
```

```
  match ip address prefix-list list-two
```

```
  set local-preference 80
```

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!
```

```
route-map sample permit 30 ! Don't forget this
```

# Route Maps – Matching prefixes

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## □ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 1.1.1.1 route-map infilter in
  !
route-map infilter permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list HIGH-PREF
  set local-preference 120
  !
route-map infilter permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list LOW-PREF
  set local-preference 80
  !
ip prefix-list HIGH-PREF permit 10.0.0.0/8
ip prefix-list LOW-PREF permit 20.0.0.0/8
```

# Route Maps – AS-PATH filtering

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## □ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 route-map filter-on-as-path in
!
route-map filter-on-as-path permit 10
  match as-path 1
  set local-preference 80
!
route-map filter-on-as-path permit 20
  match as-path 2
  set local-preference 200
!
ip as-path access-list 1 permit _150$
ip as-path access-list 2 permit _210_
```



# Route Maps – AS-PATH prepends

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- ❑ Example configuration of AS-PATH prepend

```
router bgp 300
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 2.2.2.2 remote-as 100
  neighbor 2.2.2.2 route-map SETPATH out
!
route-map SETPATH permit 10
  set as-path prepend 300 300
```

- ❑ Use your own AS number when prepending
  - Otherwise BGP loop detection may cause disconnects

# Route Maps – Matching Communities

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## ❑ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.2 route-map filter-on-community in
!
route-map filter-on-community permit 10
  match community 1
  set local-preference 50
!
route-map filter-on-community permit 20
  match community 2 exact-match
  set local-preference 200
!
ip community-list 1 permit 150:3 200:5
ip community-list 2 permit 88:6
```

# Route Maps – Setting Communities

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## □ Example Configuration

```
router bgp 100
  network 105.7.0.0 mask 255.255.0.0
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 remote-as 200
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 send-community
  neighbor 102.10.1.1 route-map set-community out
!
route-map set-community permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list NO-ANNOUNCE
  set community no-export
!
route-map set-community permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list AGGREGATE
!
ip prefix-list NO-ANNOUNCE permit 105.7.0.0/16 ge 1b7
ip prefix-list AGGREGATE permit 105.7.0.0/16
```

# Route Map Continue

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- Handling multiple conditions and actions in one route-map (for BGP neighbour relationships only)

```
route-map peer-filter permit 10
  match ip address prefix-list group-one
  continue 30
  set metric 2000
```

!

```
route-map peer-filter permit 20
  match ip address prefix-list group-two
  set community no-export
```

!

```
route-map peer-filter permit 30
  match ip address prefix-list group-three
  set as-path prepend 100 100
```

!

# Managing Policy Changes

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- ❑ New policies only apply to the updates going through the router **AFTER** the policy has been introduced or changed
- ❑ To facilitate policy changes on the entire BGP table the router handles the BGP peerings need to be “refreshed”
  - This is done by clearing the BGP session either in or out, for example:  
`clear ip bgp <neighbour-addr> in|out`
- ❑ Do NOT forget **in** or **out** — doing so results in a hard reset of the BGP session

# Managing Policy Changes

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- Ability to clear the BGP sessions of groups of neighbours configured according to several criteria

- **clear ip bgp <addr> [in|out]**

**<addr>** may be any of the following

**x.x.x.x**

IP address of a peer

**\***

all peers

**ASN**

all peers in an AS

**external**

all external peers

**peer-group <name>**

all peers in a peer-group

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