
IPv6, Routing: RIP & OSPF

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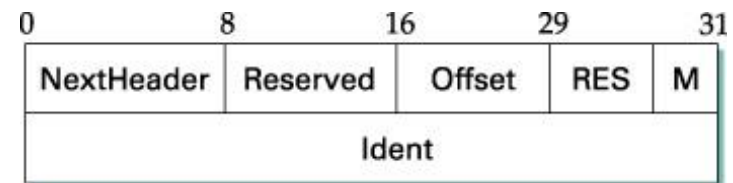
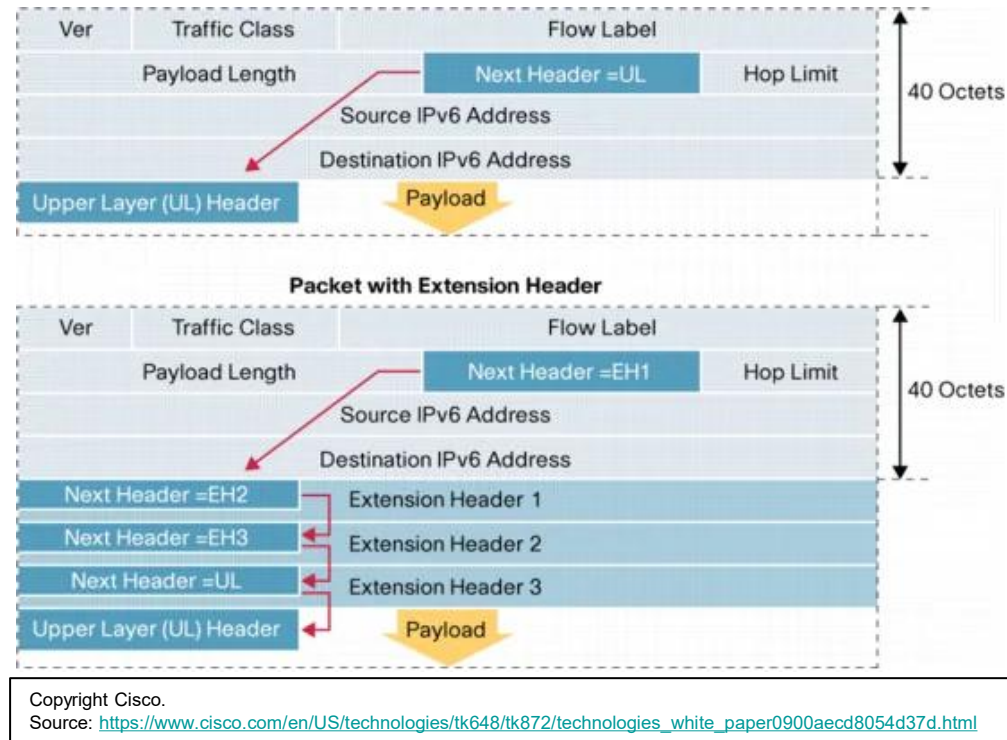
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Topics for Today

- IPv6 Headers
- Routing
 - Introduction and Goals
 - RIP
 - OSPF
- Sources in PD:
 - RIP: 3.4.2
 - OSPF: 3.4.3

IPv6 Next Header

- Additional options and extensions are in headers after the initial 40B
 - Fixed order, multiple of 8 bytes
- If there are extensions → Next Header has the next extension header type
 - 44 for fragmentation
 - 43 mobile routing
 - 51 authentication
 - 50 encrypted data
- If no extensions → it's the inner protocol number
 - 59 if there is nothing inside

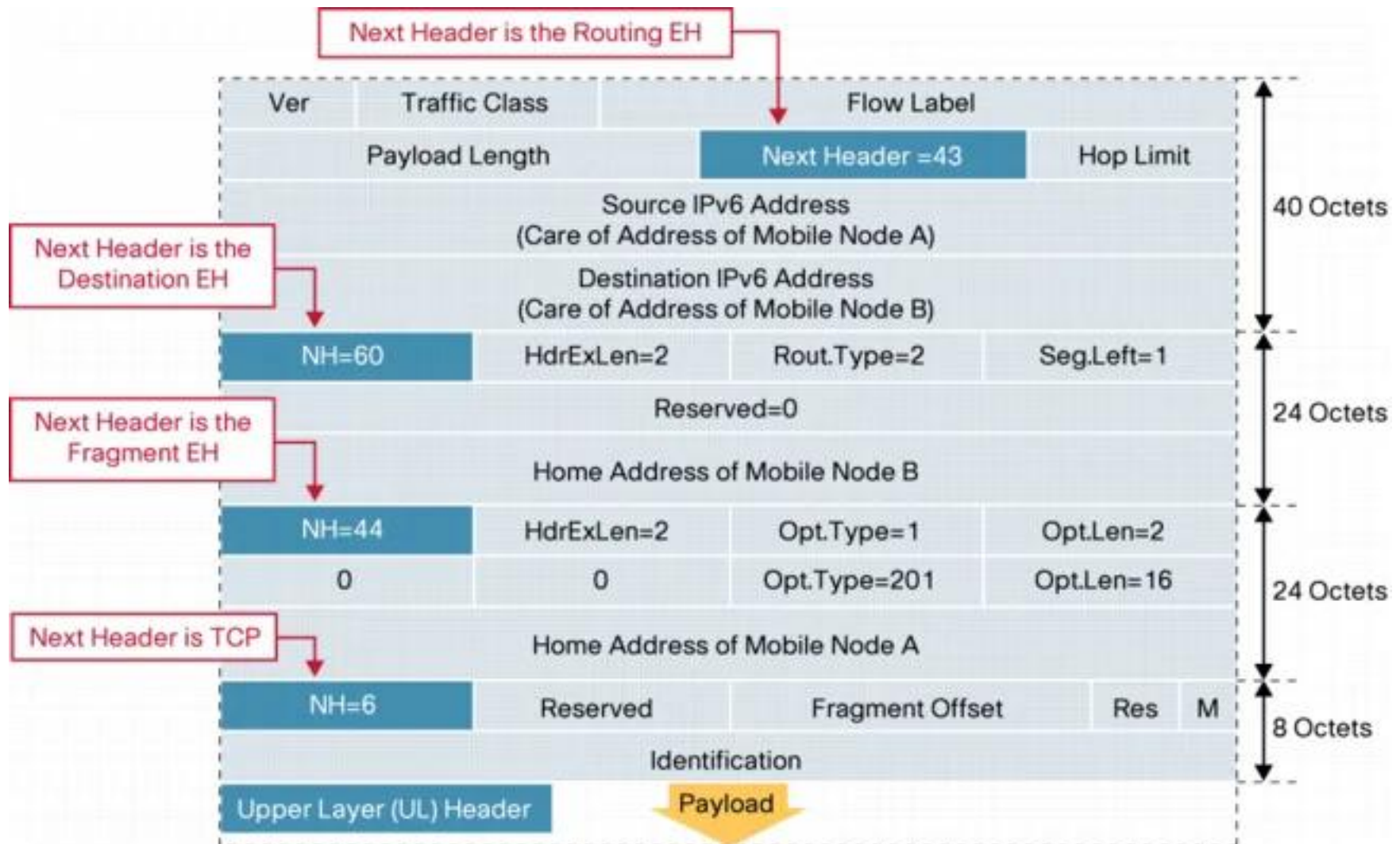


44 fragmentation header

IPv6 Extension Headers List (RFC 2460)

Order	Header Type	Next Header Code
1	Basic IPv6 Header	-
2	Hop-by-Hop Options	0
3	Destination Options (with Routing Options)	60
4	Routing Header	43
5	Fragment Header	44
6	Authentication Header	51
7	Encapsulation Security Payload Header	50
8	Destination Options	60
9	Mobility Header	135
	No next header	59
Upper Layer	TCP	6
Upper Layer	UDP	17
Upper Layer	ICMPv6	58

How Extension Chaining Looks



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Header details: Hop-by-Hop Options

Type, Value pairs that **each router** on the path should examine

Only options defined now are:

- Padding
- For jumbograms (>64KB)

Use is discouraged since it may slow down the internet

Header details: Destination Options

Type, Value pairs that the destination should examine

Only options defined now are:

- Padding
- Limit nesting of tunnels
- Mobile IPv6
- Routing protocol for low power and lossy networks (RPL)

Header details: Routing Header

Original version

- A type of source routing
- List of routers
 $\langle R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n, D \rangle$ to go through on the way to D
- Pointer to where up to on the list – next hop put in the IPv6 Destination field

Deprecated due to security problem

- What if you write
 $\langle R_1, R_2, R_1, R_2, R_1, \dots, D \rangle$?

More limited header defined later

- Original one still use for the RPL low power setting

Header details: Fragmentation Header

Only the sender can fragment

- Routers and middle nodes can't fragment or reassemble
- Avoid if possible

Fragmentation fields

- 32 bit Unique ID
- 13 bit Offset

Each fragment must have a copy of **the IPv6 header and critical extension headers**

IPv6 requires path **MTU of 1280 bytes** after link layer headers

- If smaller, link layer must fragment and reassemble on its own

IPv6 Deployment Map

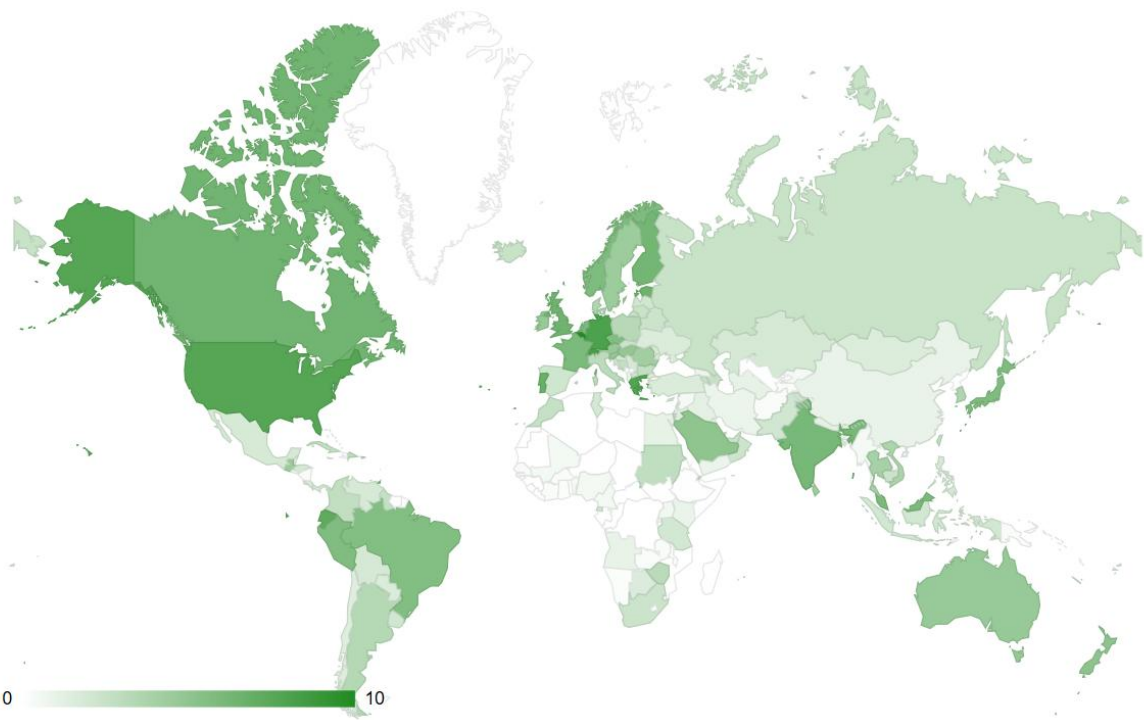
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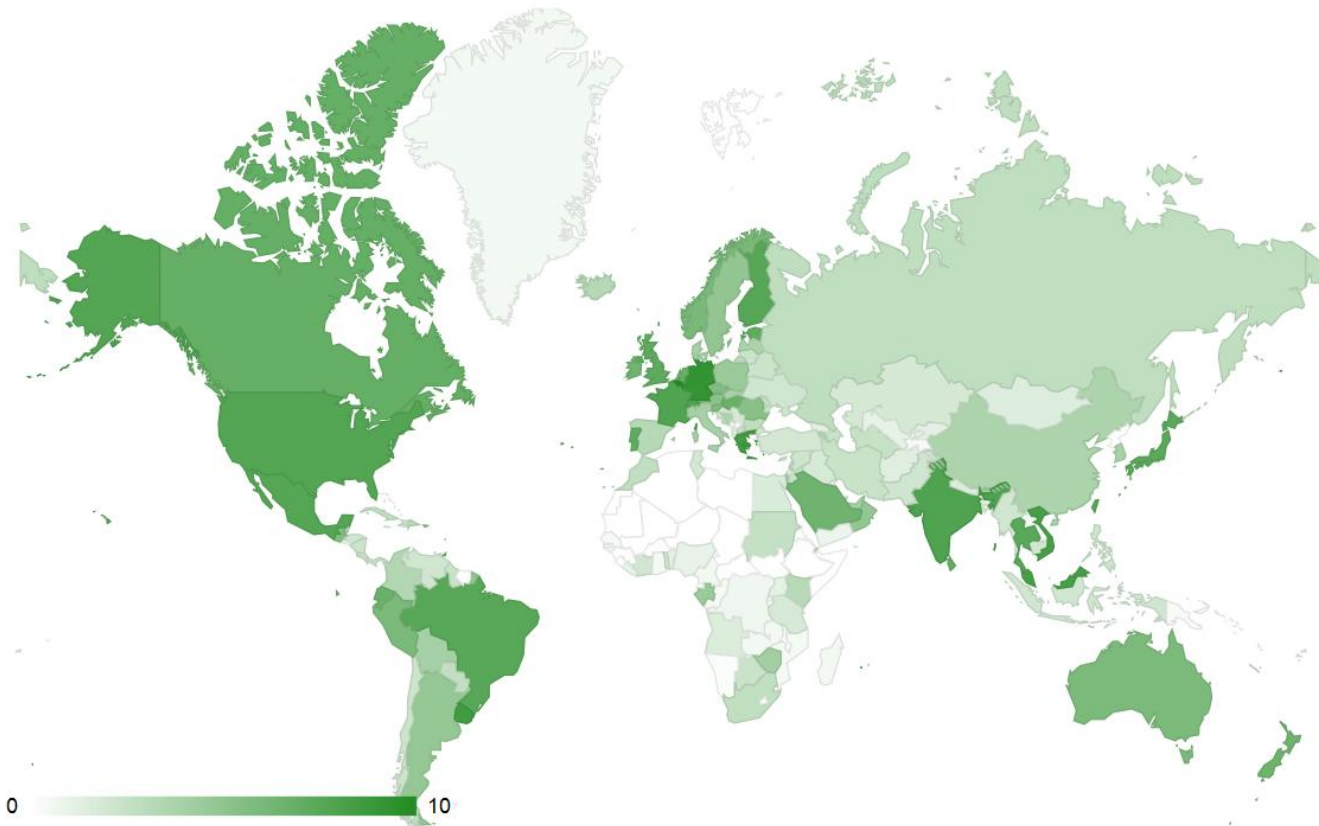
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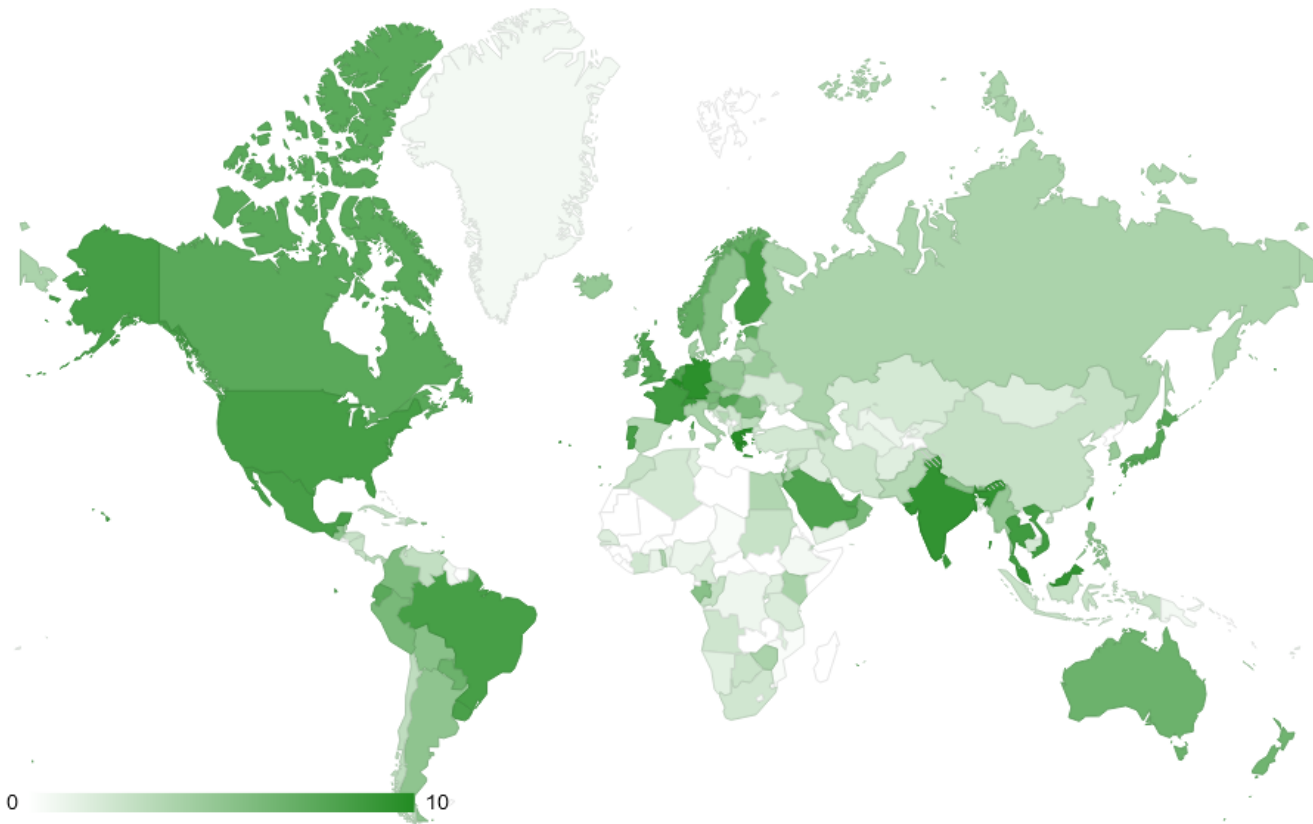
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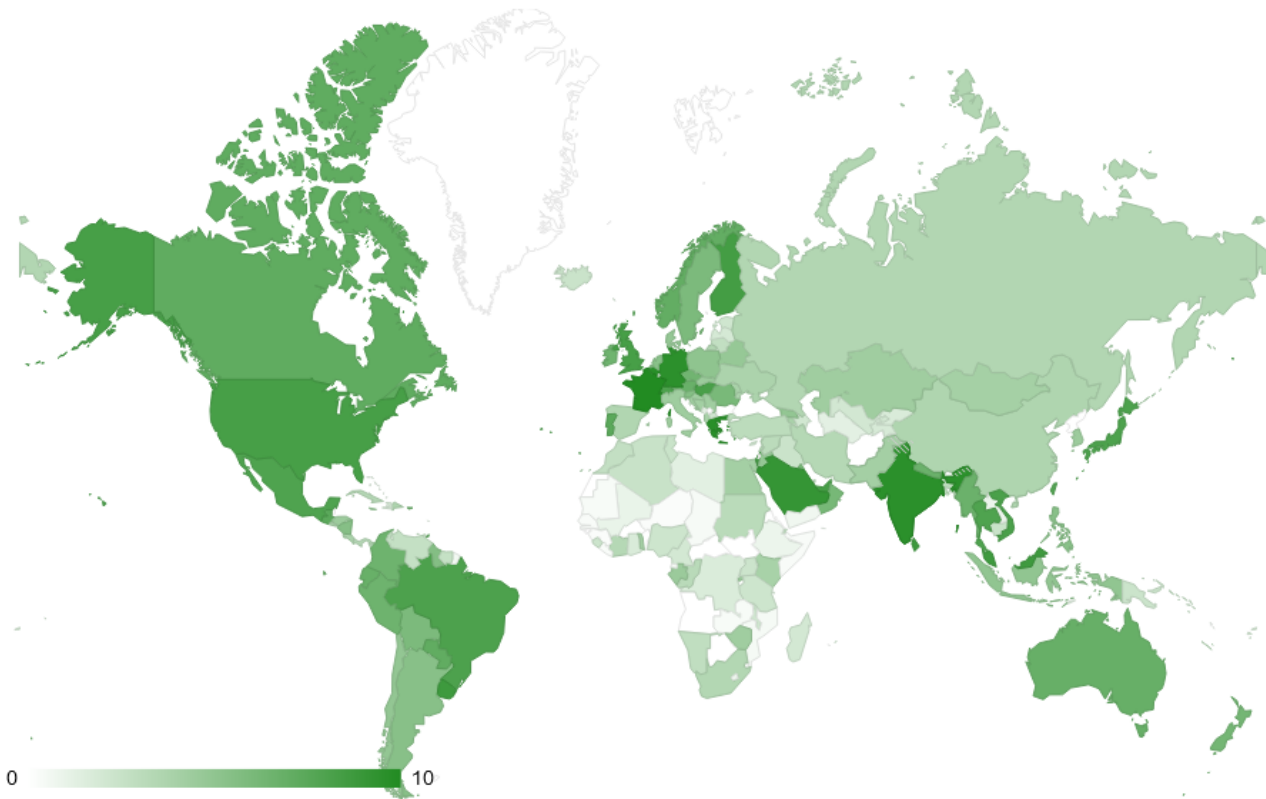
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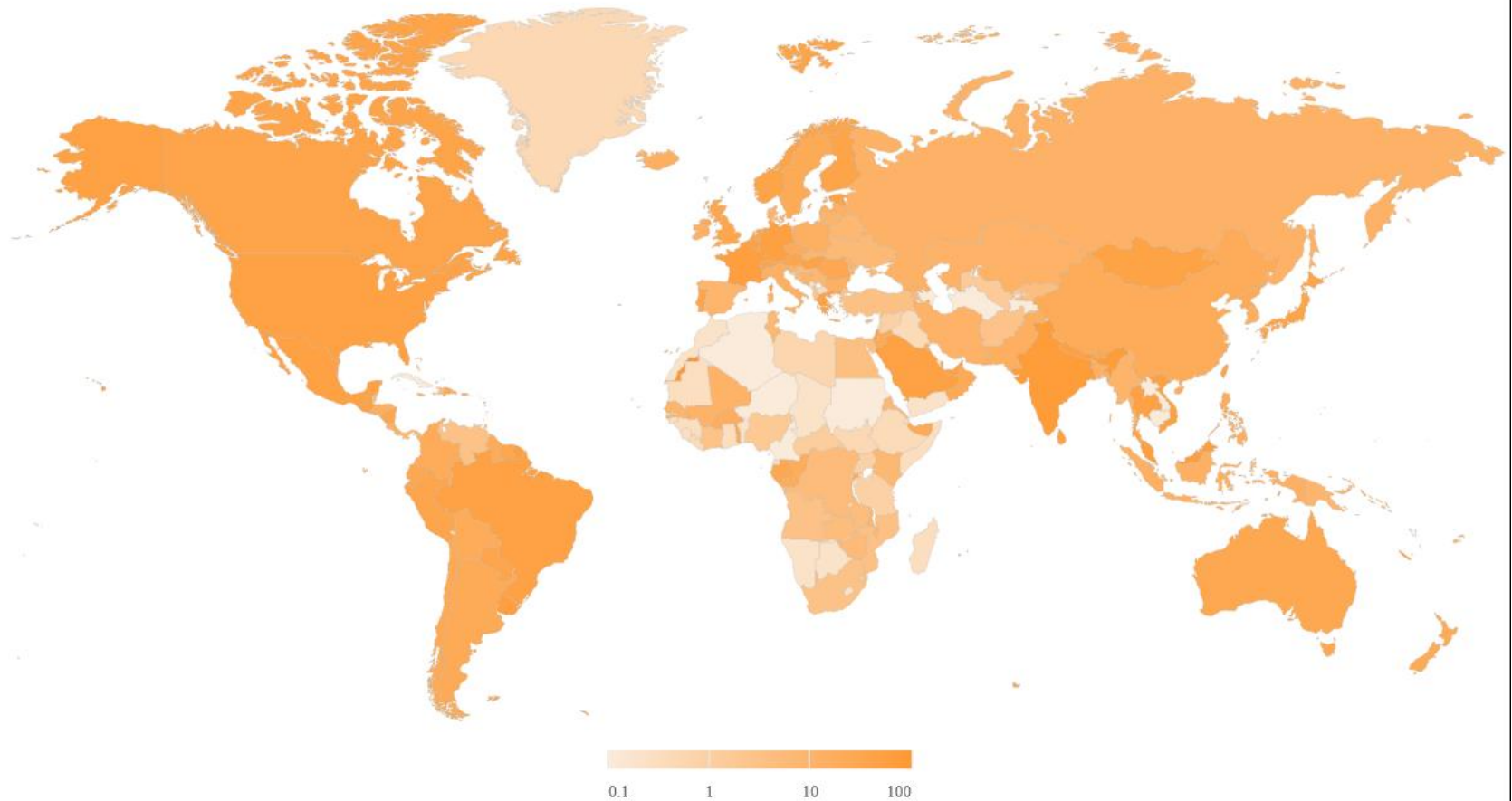
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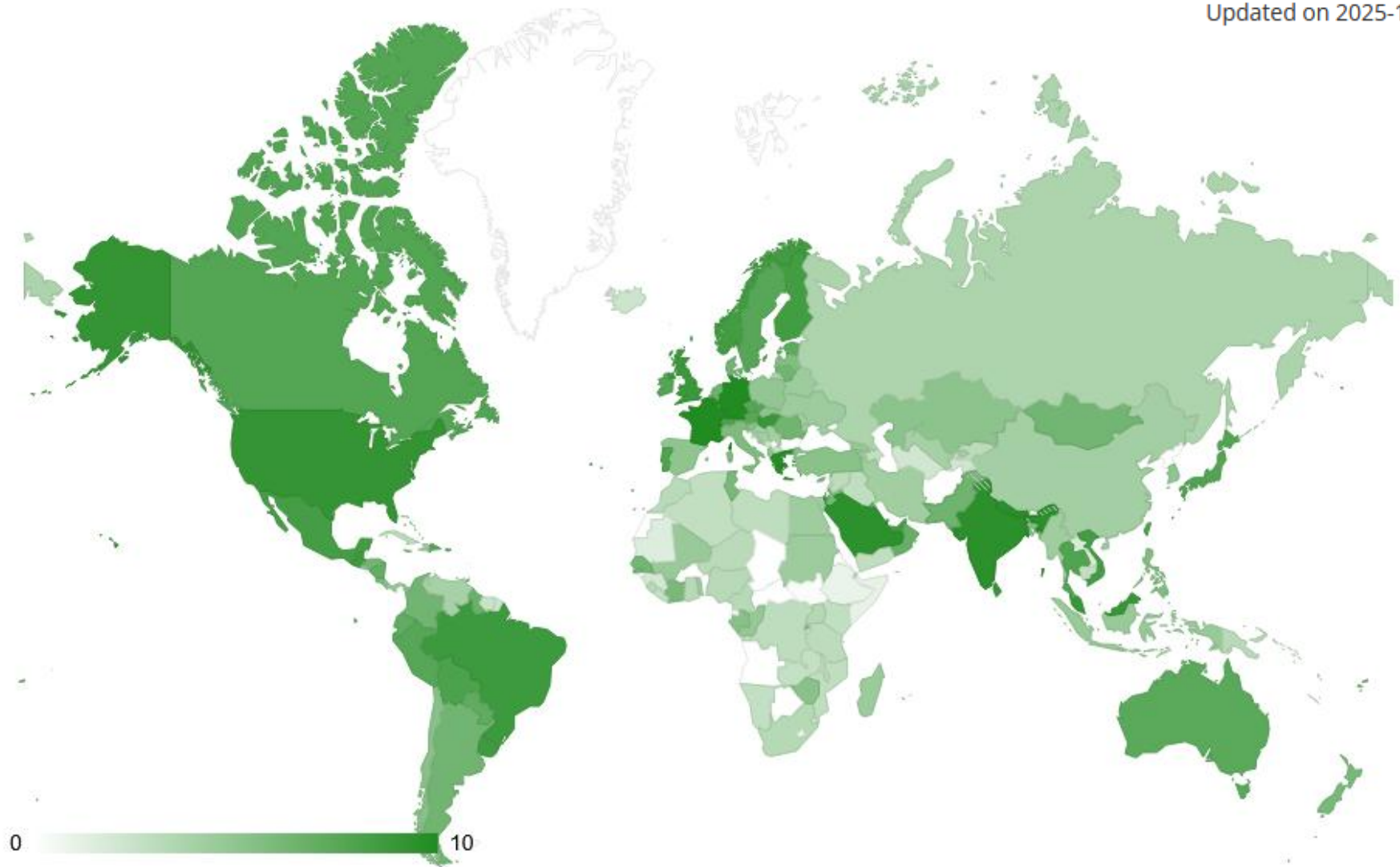
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IPv6 Adoption By Country / Region



IPv6 Deployment Map











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Top 10 Countries

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**Country data ranked by % of IPv6 connections from that country.*

▼ RANK	IPV6%	COUNTRY / REGION	Search: <input type="text"/>
1	100%	Heard Island and McDonald Islands	
2	100%	French Southern Territories	
3	98.6%	USA Minor Outlying Islands	
4	97.5%	Western Sahara	
5	96.3%	Saint Helena	
6	96.3%	Christmas Island	
7	94%	South Georgia/South Sandwich Isl.	
8	90.6%	Pitcairn	
9	86.1%	Bouvet Island	
10	69%	India	

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Routing



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Routing protocols on the internet

Routing information protocol (RIP)

- Distance vector routing
- Uses Bellman-Ford algorithm
- Outdated, suffers from count-to-infinity problem

Open shortest path first (OSPF)

- Link state routing
- Runs over Layer 3 (over IP)
- Uses Dijkstra algorithm to determine shortest paths

Intermediate System to Intermediate System IS-IS

- Link state routing – similar to OSPF
- Runs over Layer 2 (under IP)
- Uses Dijkstra's algorithm

Border gateway protocol (BGP)

- Between networks (administrative domains, Autonomous Systems)
- Path-vector routing
- Consideration of business agreements

Routing criteria

Correctness ✓

Every packet is delivered to its destination

Efficiency ⚙️

Choose paths with small delay and high throughput (network wide)

Complexity ⚙️

Setting up routing tables
Making routing decisions

Robustness 🛡️

Cope with topology changes
No network reboot

Adaptiveness ⚖️

Load balancing and traffic control

Fairness ⚖️

All users get the same degree of service

Path costs, Routing metrics

Minimum hop

Number of channels
traversed

Shortest path

Channels have statically
assigned weights

Cost of a path is the sum of
costs of the edges

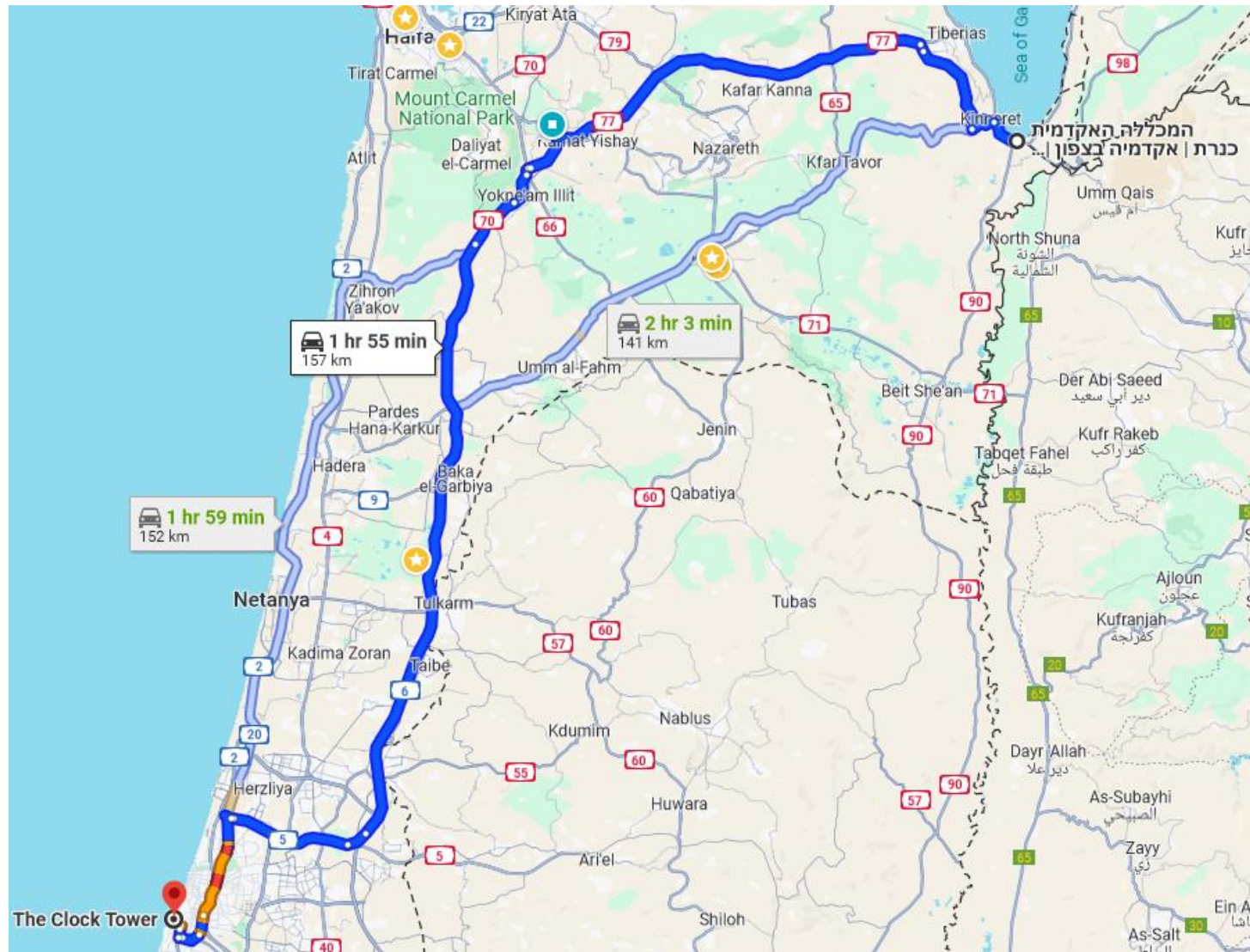
Presumes no negative-cost
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Minimum delay

Channels have dynamically
assigned weights based on the
traffic on the channel

Routing tables are repeatedly
revised such that paths with close
to minimal delays are chosen

Shortest vs Fastest

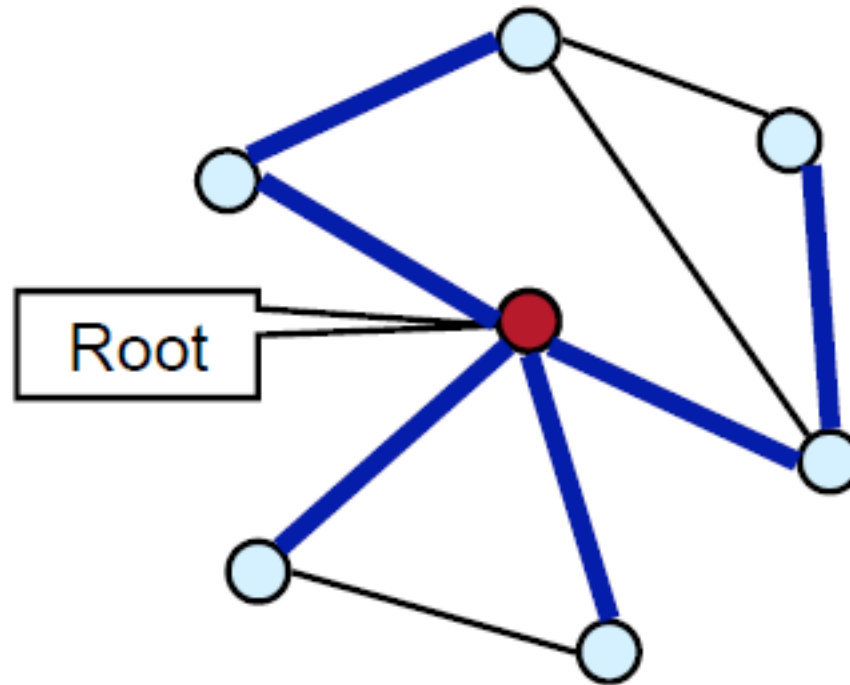


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Spanning Tree Algorithm (Abstractly)

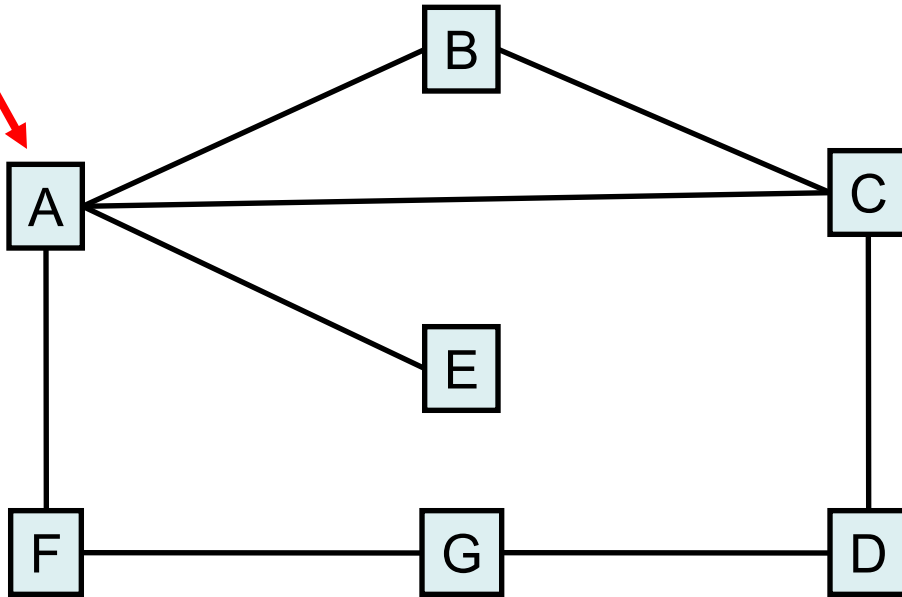
- Pick a root node
 - Compute shortest paths to root
 - Need to break ties



Distance Vector Algorithm (**RIP**)

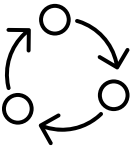
- Similar to the Spanning Tree Algorithm
 - Except that information about distance to ALL nodes is forwarded (not just info. about root.)
 - Sometimes called **Bellman-Ford algorithm**
- Each node constructs a *Distance Vector*
 - Contains distances (costs) to reach all other node
 - Initially:
 - Distance to neighbors (a simplification for now) = 1
 - Distance to others = ∞
 - Routing table reflects node's beliefs

Example Network Graph



A's initial information:

Dest	Cost	NextHop
B	1	B
C	1	C
D	∞	-
E	1	E
F	1	F
G	∞	-



Iteration Steps

Each host
sends its
DV (cost) to
its
neighbors

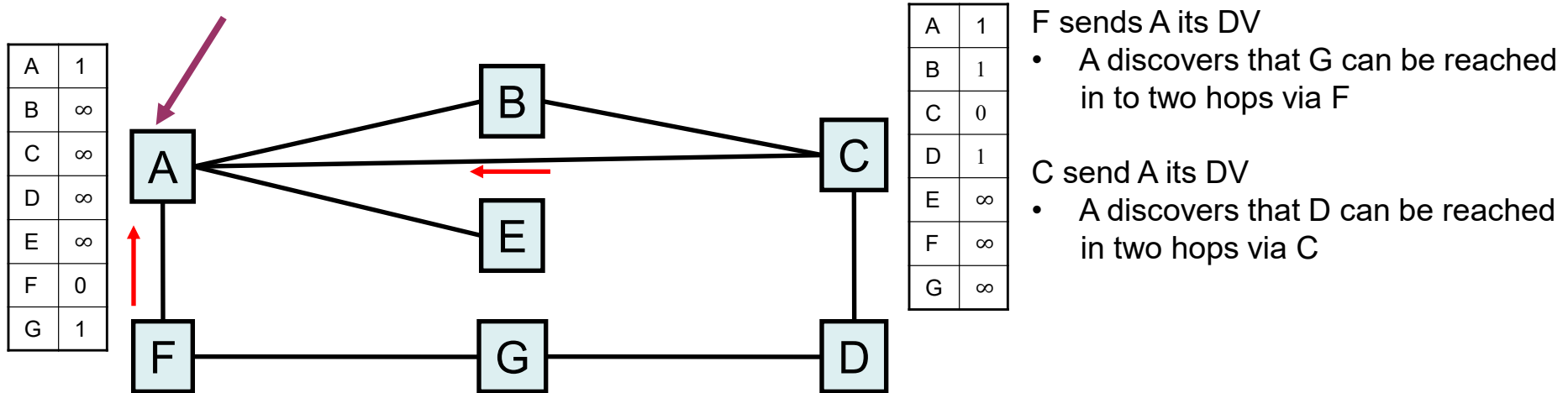
Neighbors
update distance
vectors and
routing
information
accordingly.

- Ignore worse information
- Update any better routes

If host
changed
its tables,
send new
DV to
neighbors

After a few
iterations,
routing
information
converges

Example Iteration Steps



Dest	Cost	NextHop	Dest	Cost	NextHop	Dest	Cost	NextHop
B	1	B	B	1	B	B	1	B
C	1	C	C	1	C	C	1	C
D	∞	-	D	∞	-	D	2	C
E	1	E	E	1	E	E	1	E
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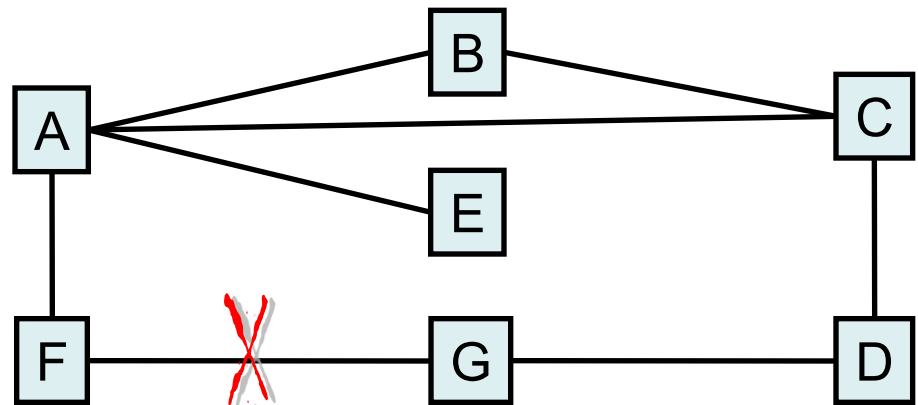
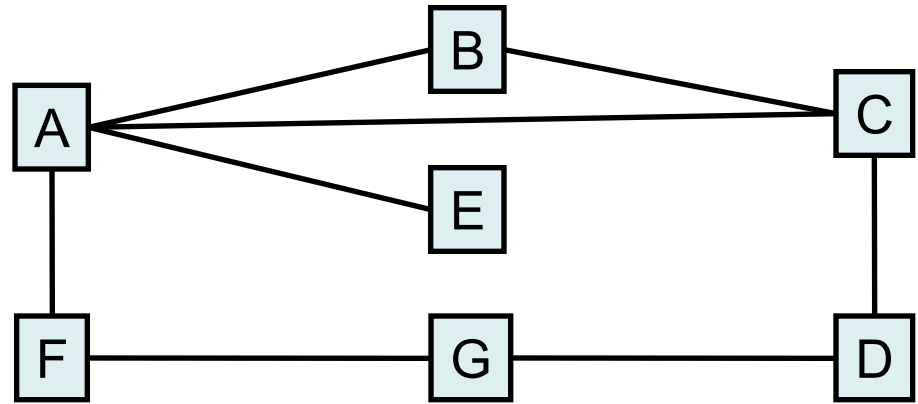
Details

- Note: No single host has all routing information.
- When to send update vectors?
 - When your routing table changes (triggered)
 - Periodically (“I’m alive!”)
- Detecting link/node failure
 - (1) Periodically exchange “I’m alive!” messages.
 - (2) Timeout mechanism
- In a **static network**, if all weights are 1, once A discovers a path to B ($\text{cost} < \infty$), **no subsequent round will ever discover a better path to B**
 - All weights are 1 is called “Hop Count” (Default RIP action)

Dynamic Networks

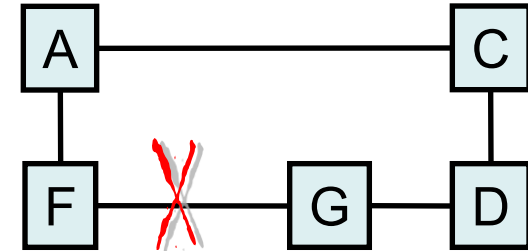
What about a dynamic network?

- A node enters
 - The new neighbors will eventually inform everyone else (easy)
- A node/link fails
 - Is the network partitioned?
 - How do nodes discover that a node/link is gone?



Link Failure Example 1

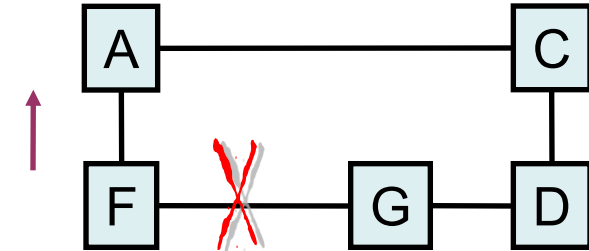
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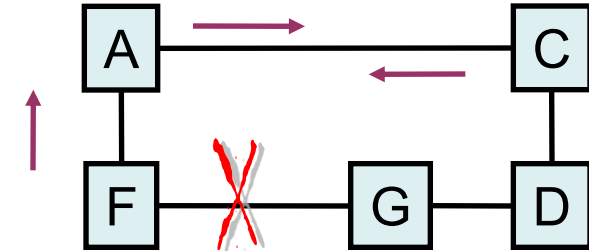


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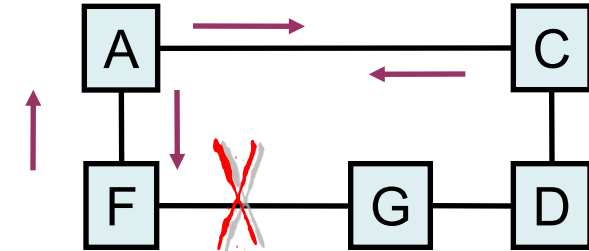
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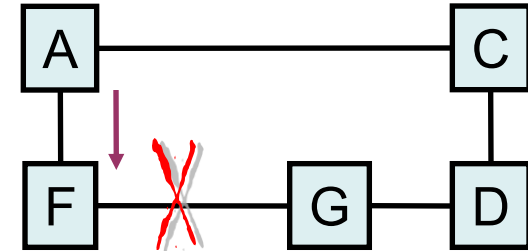


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Link Failure Example 2



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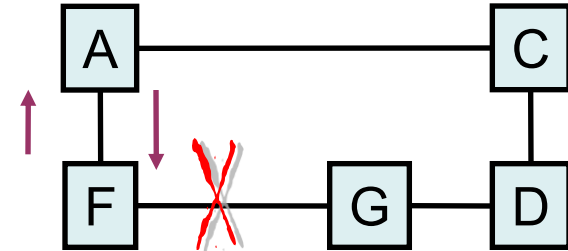
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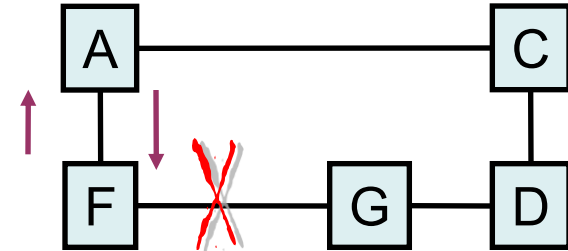
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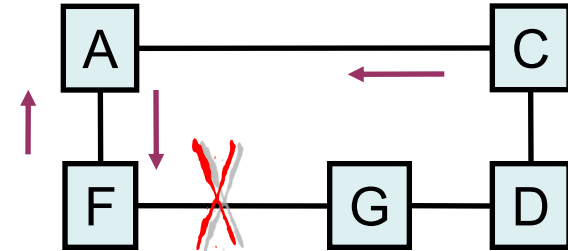
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Case 2:

1. A sends to F
2. F sends to A
3. A sends to F
4. ...
5. C sends to A
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Network Partition

- The loop between A and F is broken only by C's update
 - C has **real information** about another path to G
- What if C's update **never** comes? What if C's information is **false**?
 - The network is partitioned –OR–
 - G is completely offline
- The other nodes will continue counting until infinity (or the distance field reaches its max)

Three RIP Solutions

Option 1: Infinity is small

- Don't let the distance fields go above a predefined maximum
 - Say 15, 20, etc. (15 is the actual value)
 - The max must be greater than the diameter of the network



Option 2: Don't send routes to the one who sent it to you



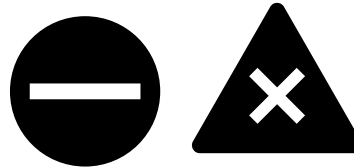
Example: F receives an update from A about a path to G.

- In the example before, F didn't know that's A's "path" went via F
- A doesn't send F an advertisement to get to G since it goes via F
- Called "split horizon"
- "Split horizon with poison reverse"- A sends route for G to F, but with infinite distance

Three RIP Solutions

Option 3: Route Poisoning and Holddowns

- Instead of just stopping to announce a lost destination, a router sends a poison message for the destination
 - E.g. the router announces distance 16 ($\equiv \infty$) for the destination
- For a fixed period of time (say 3 minutes) any new offers for the destination via the sender will be rejected
 - E.g. Wait until everyone has heard the poison and then accept new offers
- Gives a chance for the route to be deleted by everyone.
- Cisco specific



RIP v1 (1986) Details

Classful routing only

- No subnet masks
- Assumes everyone has same mask

Supports multiple address families

Commands

- Request: Ask for someone to send their info
- Response: Respond with routing table

Updates sent

- Timer about 30 seconds between updates
- Due to changes

Split Horizon, Poison Reverse, Small Infinity

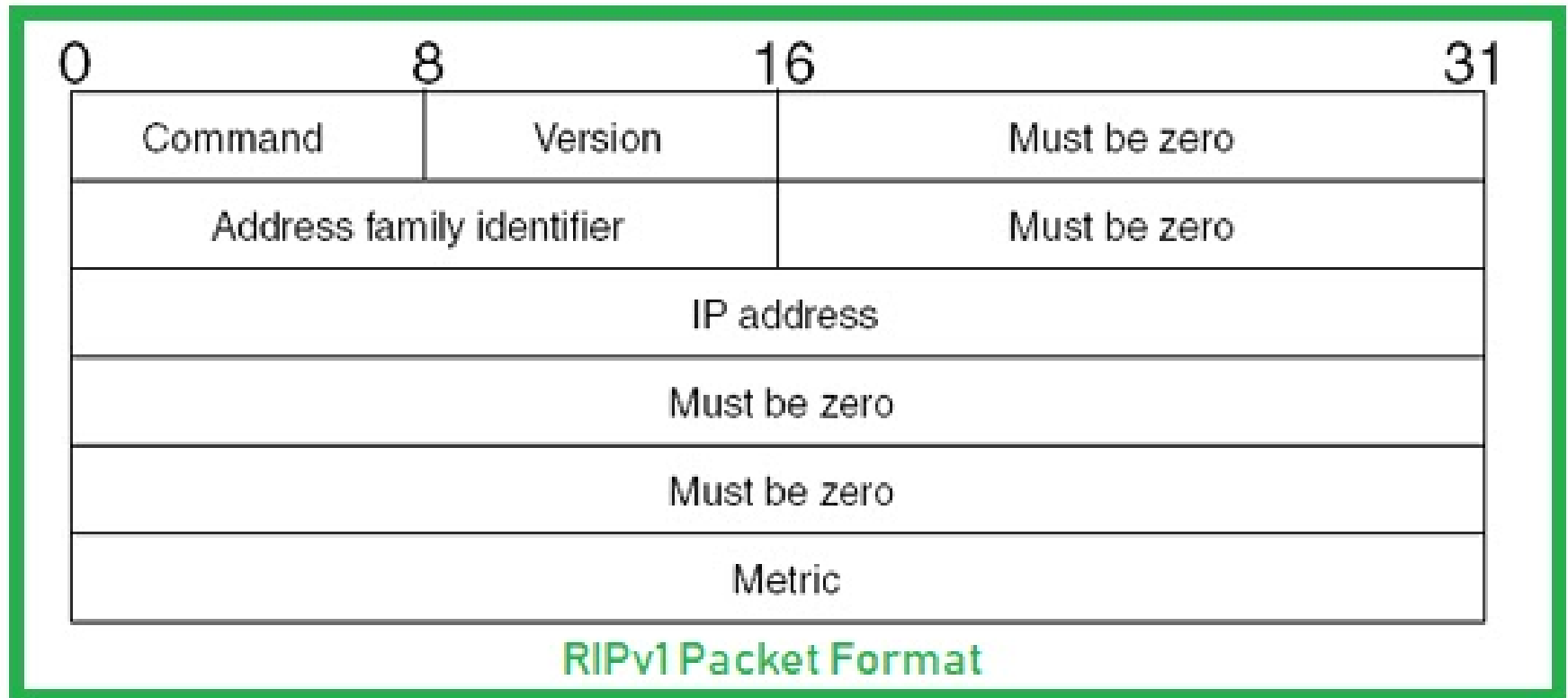
Takes shortest path

- If two are shortest, splits traffic on them equally

Route deletion

- If no update in 180 seconds or reaches infinity
- Marked as deleted
- Lives 120 seconds longer to send to others

RIP v1 (1986) Details



<https://www.networkurge.com/2020/05/ripv1.html>

RIP v2 (1998) Details

Added authentication

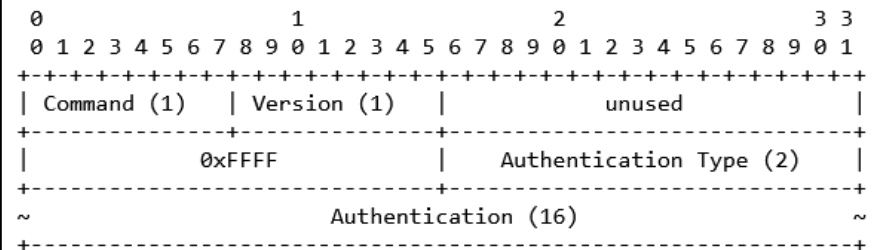
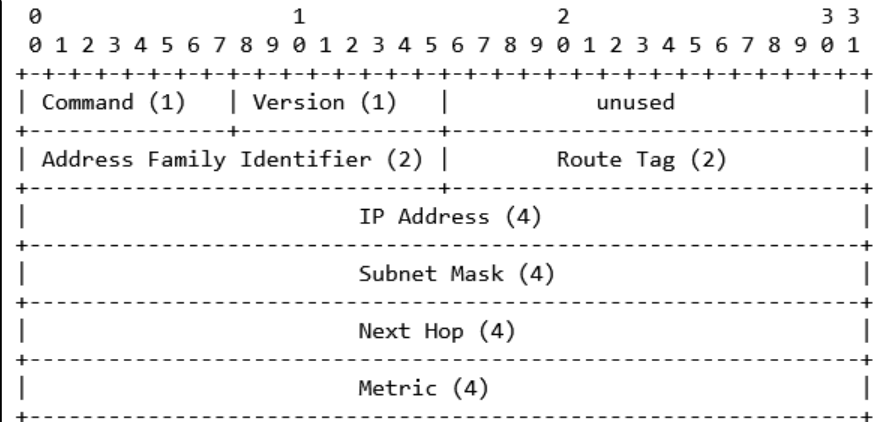
- Simple password
- Address family ID 0xFFFF

Route tag for exterior routing

Next hop

- 0.0.0.0 for the sender
- Another address must be on the subnet, allows just some routers to run RIP

Message sent via Multicast 224.0.0.9



So Far

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Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

OSPFv2 (1998)

- RFC 2328
- IPv4 ✓
- In protocol authentication of routers and completeness of messages
- Atoms are networks and subnets
- Routers identified by Router ID and/or IP address

OSPFv3 (2008)

- RFC 5340
- IPv4 + IPv6 ✓
- Authentication at IP layer (IPSec)
- Completeness at IP layer
- Atoms are links (may have multiple subnets)
- Router IDs and IP addresses are disjoint

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

- Each node sends a *reliable flood* of information to all other nodes
 - In v3, can limit the flooding scope
- **Link-State Packets (LSPs)** contain

ID of the node that created the packet

List of (neighbor, cost) pairs associated with the source node

Sequence Number (64bits—no wrapping)

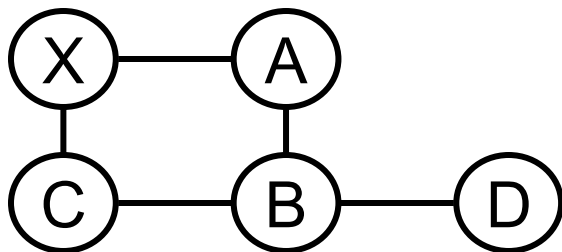
Time To Live (ensure old info is eventually removed)

Authentication (v2)
– password or message authenticity code (MAC)

OSPF Steps

Reliable Flooding

- Adjacent routers reliably send updates (ACKs)
- Source sends to all neighbors
- Recipients
 - Send to all neighbors except the one it got the message from
 - Ignores duplicates



Local Calculations

1. Once all of the link-state info has been flooded each node has complete network topology
2. Compute routing information using Dijkstra's shortest-path algorithm
3. Periodic updates and failure detection are like RIP.

OSPF Features

Authentication of routing messages (v2)

- Misconfigured or malicious host could advertise bad route info (i.e. reach anywhere in 0 hops)
- Prevent routers from accidentally joining a network
- Prevent malicious or accidental changes to route information
- (Eventually added to RIP too.)

Additional Hierarchy

- Partitions domains into *areas*
- Reduces transmission & storage overhead

Load Balancing

- Multiple routes with same cost
- Traffic evenly distributed

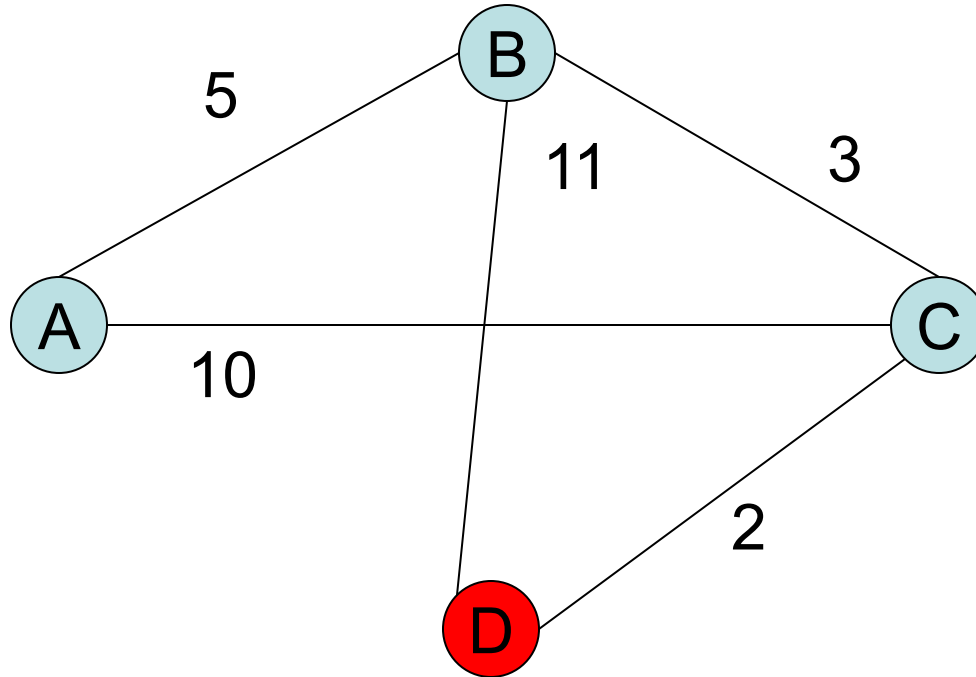
Dijkstra's Algorithm

Node has two lists – Confirmed and Tentative - pairs of (Destination, Cost, Next-Hop)

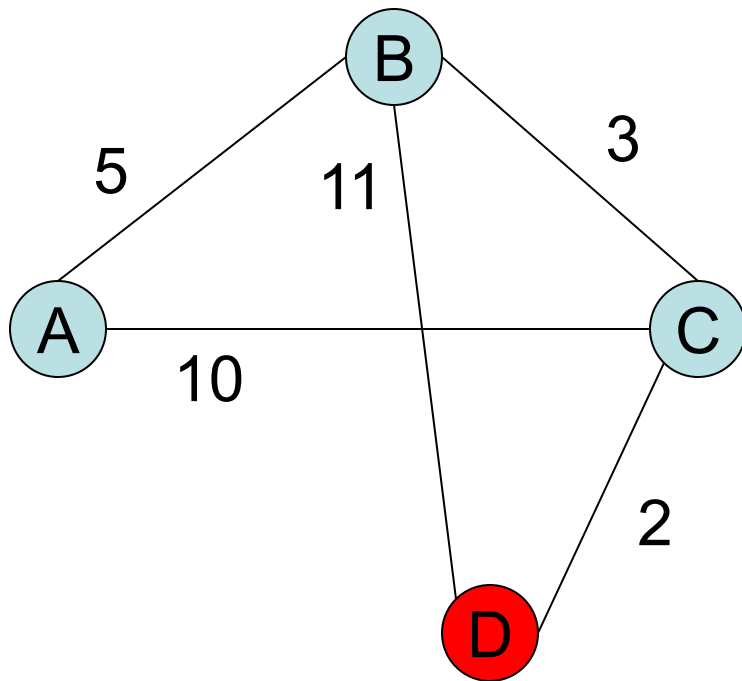
Algorithm:

1. Initialize Confirmed with an entry for self with cost 0.
2. For the node just added to Confirmed in the previous step, (*Next*), examine its Link State Packet (LPS).
 - a) If *Neigh* isn't on Confirmed or Tentative, add (*Neigh*, *cost*, *NH*) to Tentative, where *NH* is the way to reach *Next* in Confirmed.
 - a) If *Neigh* is on Tentative and *cost* is better than the old cost, replace it with (*Neigh*, *cost*, *NH*), where *NH* is the way to reach *Next* in Confirmed.
3. For each *Neigh* of *Next*, calculate the distance to *Neigh* via *Next*
 $cost = (self \rightarrow Next) + (Next \rightarrow Neigh)$
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4. If Tentative is empty, **stop**.
5. Choose the node on Tentative with the lowest cost, move it to Confirmed, and go to step 2.

Dijkstra Example

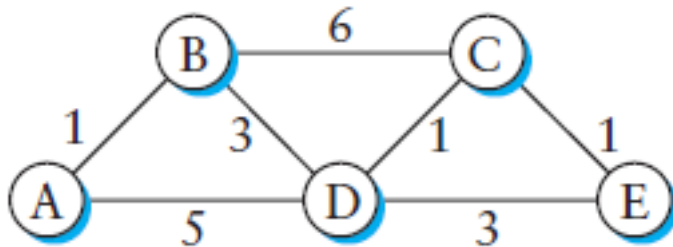


Dijkstra Example



Step	Confirmed	Tentative	Comments
1	(D,0,-)		Since D is the only new member of the confirmed list, look at its LSP.
2	(D,0,-)	(B,11,B) (C,2,C)	D's LSP says we can reach B through B at cost 11, which is better than anything else on either list, so put it on Tentative list; same for C.
3	(D,0,-) (C,2,C)	(B,11,B)	Put lowest-cost member of Tentative (C) onto Confirmed list. Next, examine LSP of newly confirmed member (C).
4	(D,0,-) (C,2,C)	(B,5,C) (A,12,C)	Cost to reach B through C is 5, so replace (B,11,B). C's LSP tells us that we can reach A at cost 12.
5	(D,0,-) (C,2,C) (B,5,C)	(A,12,C)	Move lowest-cost member of Tentative (B) to Confirmed, then look at its LSP.
6	(D,0,-) (C,2,C) (B,5,C)	(A,10,C)	Since we can reach A at cost 5 through B, replace the Tentative entry.
7	(D,0,-) (C,2,C) (B,5,C) (A,10,C)		Move lowest-cost member of Tentative (A) to Confirmed, and we are all done.

Dijkstra Example 2



Step	Confirmed	Tentative
1	(A,0,-)	
2	(A,0,-)	(B,1,B) (D,5,D)
3	(A,0,-) (B,1,B)	(D,4,B) (C,7,B)
4	(A,0,-) (B,1,B) (D,4,B)	(C,5,B) (E,7,B)
5	(A,0,-) (B,1,B) (D,4,B) (C,5,B)	(E,6,B)
6	(A,0,-) (B,1,B) (D,4,B) (C,5,B) (E,6,B)	

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