Network Security Routing and Firewalls

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The coming weeks...

- ▶ Monday, May 21: Whit Monday, **no lecture**
- ▶ Monday, May 28: Security in Times of Surveillance
 - ▶ https://www.win.tue.nl/eipsi/surveillance.html
 - Registration is open (limited places!)
 - No Network Security Lecture!
- Next lecture: June 4

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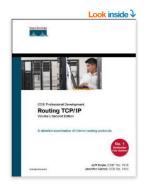
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Routing

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- Routing is the process of finding a path to the destination
- Routers are (specialized) computers that forward packets between networks
- ▶ Routing is a very extensive and complex topic

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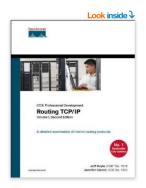


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- Can combine static and dynamic routing
- Example: use dynamic routing, but configure one static default route (as backup)

Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

- ► RIP is the traditional routing protocol of the Internet (RFC 1058 from 1988)
- Uses hop-count as metric (max hop-count: 15)
- ► Control messages on UDP, port 520
- ▶ RIPv2 introduced in 1993, latest RFC from 1998: RFC 2453
- Originally easily vulnerable to attacks (no authentication)
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 - ightharpoonup age field differs by <15 minutes
- ► Duplicate LSAs are simply ignored
- Actual link information is not used for duplicate detection!

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- BGP routing can be political, see "Schengen routing"

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YouTube Offline, Pakistan Telecom Blamed



YouTube was knocked offline for two hours Sunday when Pakistan Telecom claimed its IP addresses, sparking a debate about whether the outage was a botched effort to block Pakistanis' access to the site, or a deliberate political IP hijacking. David Ulevitch of OpenDNS said that YouTube was down "because Pakistan Telecom has decided to (accidentally probably) hijack their IP address space which means that nobody in the world can reach Youtube." Posts

Source: http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2008/02/24/

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Internet-Wide Catastrophe—Last Year

24 DEC, 2005 | 2:21 PM | BY TODD UNDERWOOD

One year ago today TTNet in Turkey (AS9121) pretended to be the entire Internet. And unfortunately for the rest of the Internet, many large network providers believed them (or at least believed them in part). As far as anyone knows, it was a mistake, not a malicious act. But the consequences were far from benign: for several hours a large number of Internet users were unable to reach a large number of Internet sites. Twelve months later we can take a look at what happened, and whether we've learned much in the intervening time.

Source: http://www.renesys.com/2005/12/internetwide-nearcatastrophela/

SCION

- Ongoing research: Replacement for BGP
- Scalability, Control, and Isolation on Next-Generation Networks (SCION)
- Mainly developed at ETH Zurich
- ► Completely clean-slate design
- ► Can switch from BGP to SCION step-by-step
- ► Know more: http://www.scion-architecture.net/

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- ▶ Imagine that cersei wants to IP spoof the address of arya
- cersei can use LSRR and put himself into the route
- Now, the IP spoofing is not blind anymore: cersei gets all the answers

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 - ICMP redirects will only be accepted for a route to a recently contacted host
 - ▶ 10 minutes time frame
 - arya needs to accept ICMP redirect, this is configured in /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/*/accept_redirects

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Rogue DHCP

- ▶ Attacker can answer DHCP requests faster
- Knock clients offline by providing unroutable IP addresses
- More imporantly: communicate himself as default gateway
- ▶ Can become MitM between the requesting client and the outside

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- Most common: packet filtering on the internet and transport layers
- ▶ Often combined with filters on application level
- ► Finally: There are filters on lower level (e.g., MAC filters)

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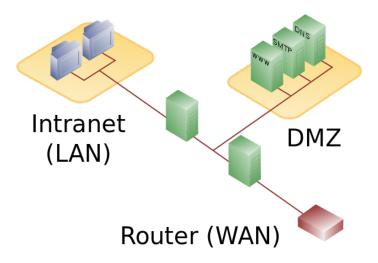
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- Common firewall layout separates three networks
 - ▶ The Internet
 - ► The Local Area Network
 - A de-militarized zone (DMZ)
- ▶ DMZ contains the servers that are accessible from the Internet

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Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DMZ_(computing)

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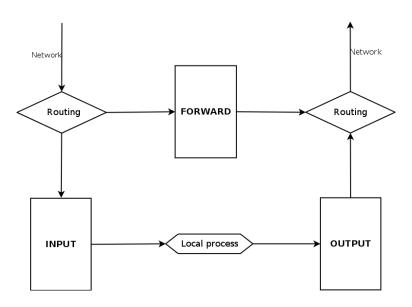
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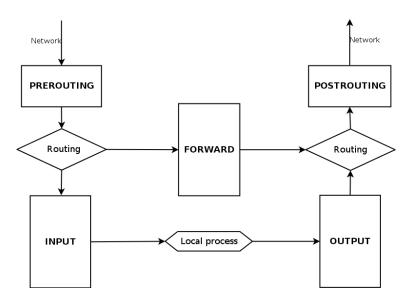
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