

WORKSHOP MPLS





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- MPLS Concepts
- Label Structure
- Label assignment and distribution
- ATM LSRs
- Loop prevention
- RD, RT and VRF instances
- Service Models
- MPLS/VPN Configuration

- MPLS: Multi Protocol Label Switching
- Packet forwarding is done based on Labels Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) is a
- Labels may correspond to IP destination
- Labels can also correspond to other parameters (QoS, source address, ...).
- MPLS was designed to support forwarding of other protocols as well.

- Provider Network (P-network)
 backbone under the control of the Service Provider
- Customer Network (C-network)
 network under VPN customer control
- CE Router
 part of the C-network and interfaces to a PE router
- PE Router
 part of the P-network and interfaces to CE routers

- P Router
 provider (core) router without knowledge of VPN
- Site

set of (sub)networks which are part of the Customer network and co-located

connected to the MPLS/VPN backbone through one of more PE/CE links

 Unlike IP, classification/label can be based on:

Destination Unicast address

Traffic Engineering

VPN

QoS

- FEC: Forwarding Equivalence Class
- A FEC can represent a: Destination address prefix, VPN, Traffic Engineering tunnel, Class of Service.

Control Component

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Several protocols for label exchange:

Control Component is responsible for binding between labels and routes

LDP (646)/ TDP (711)

Maps unicast IP destinations into labels

- RSVP, CR-LDP
 Used in traffic engineering
- BGP/M-BGP
 External labels (VPN)
- PIM

For multicast states label mapping

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Each LSR will use a LIB

Label Information Base

Contains all label/prefix mappings from all TDP/LDP neighbours

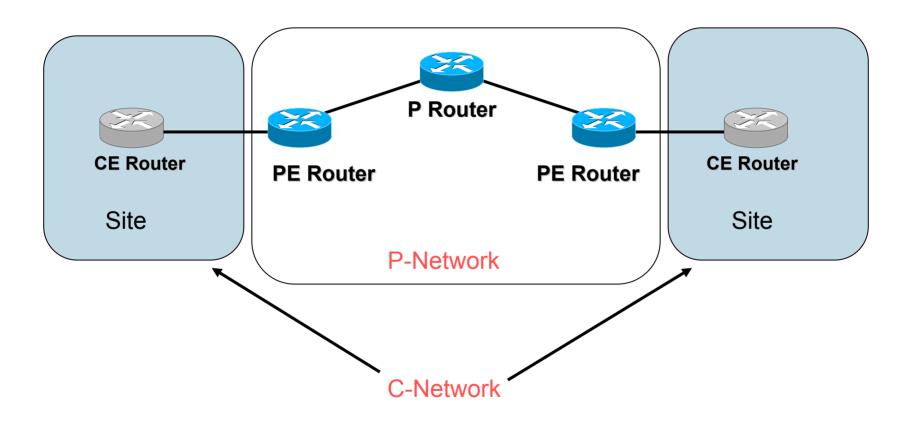
Each LSR will also use an LFIB

Label Forwarding Information Base

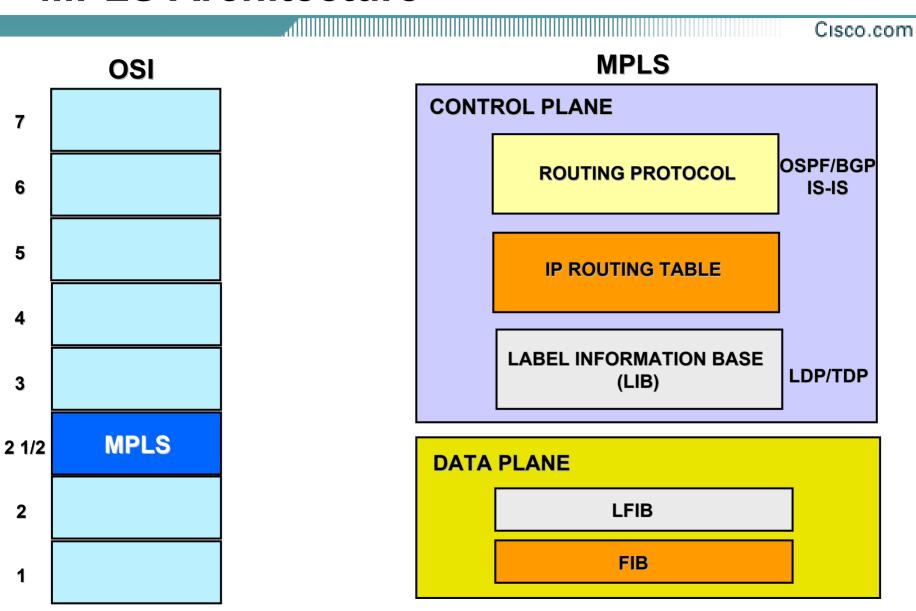
Contains only label/prefix mappings that are currently in use for label forwarding

MPLS/VPN Model

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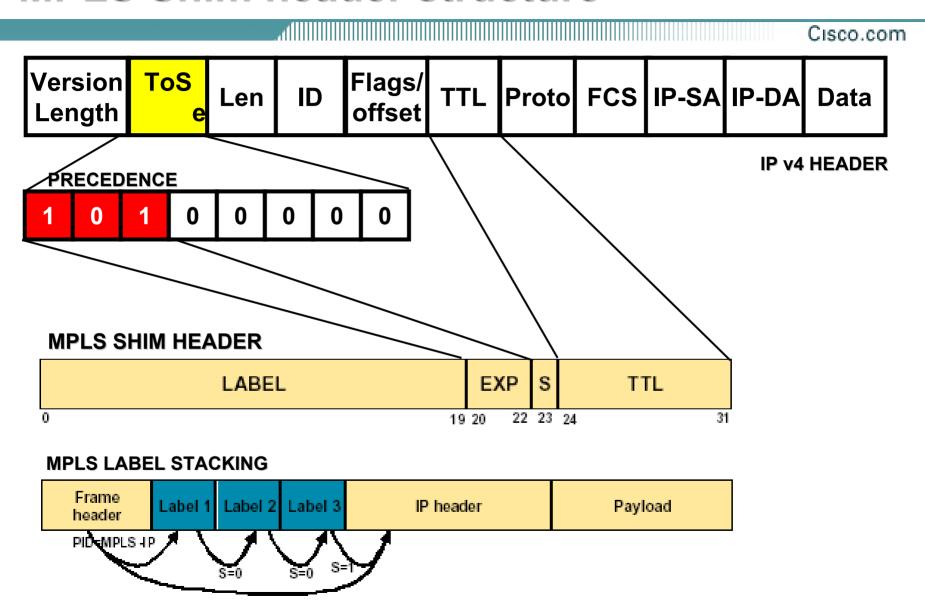


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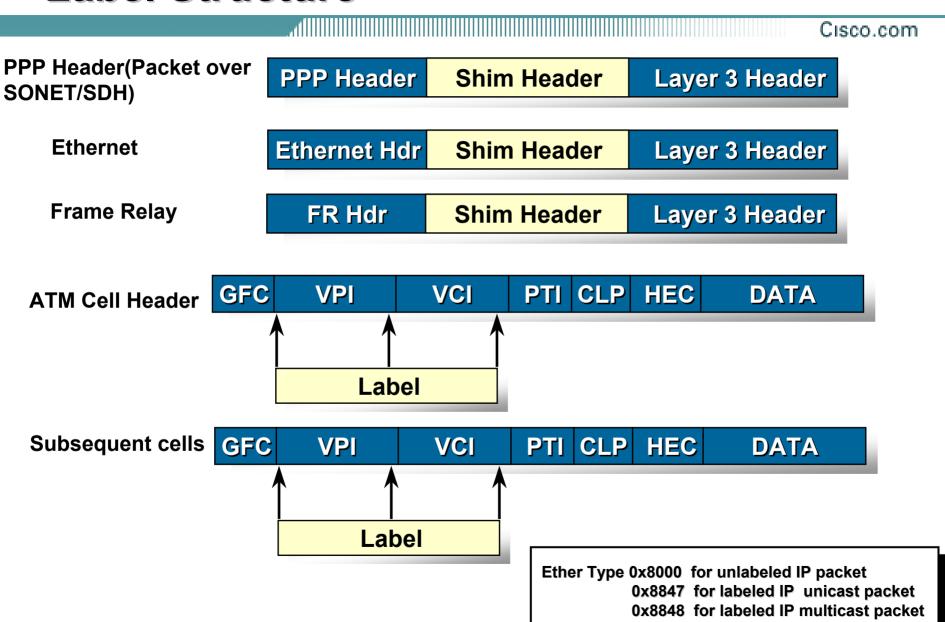


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MPLS Shim header structure



Label Structure



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- CEF must be enabled on the interface where labels are first 'imposed'. This is because the CEF mechanisms queries the LFIB in order to find which labels to apply.
- If an interface is purely passing MPLS frames,
 CEF can be disabled.
- Default label selection is based on the unicast destination IP address

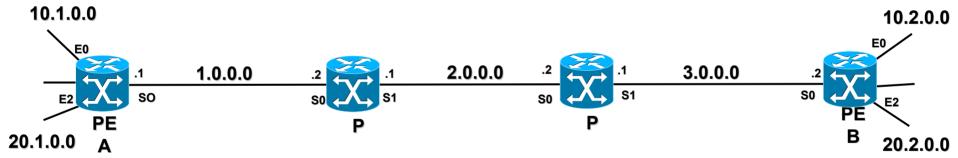
Label Imposition

Address	Prefix	Local Label
10.1.0.0	/16	1
10.2.0.0	/16	2
20.1.0.0	/16	3
20.2.0.0	/16	4
1.0.0.0	/16	5
2.0.0.0	/16	6
3.0.0.0	/16	7

Address	Prefix	Local Label
10.1.0.0	/16	8
10.2.0.0	/16	9
20.1.0.0	/16	10
20.2.0.0	/16	11
1.0.0.0	/16	12
2.0.0.0	/16	13
3.0.0.0	/16	14

Address	Prefix	Local label
10.1.0.0	/16	15
10.2.0.0	/16	16
20.1.0.0	/16	17
20.2.0.0	/16	18
1.0.0.0	/16	19
2.0.0.0	/16	20
3.0.0.0	/16	21

Address	Prefix	Local Label
10.1.0.0	/16	22
10.2.0.0	/16	23
20.1.0.0	/16	24
20.2.0.0	/16	25
1.0.0.0	/16	26
2.0.0.0	/16	27
3.0.0.0	/16	28



Address	Prefix	Next Hop
10.1.0.0	/16	Connected
10.2.0.0	/16	1.0.0.2
20.1.0.0	/16	Connected
20.2.0.0	/16	1.0.0.2
1.0.0.0	/16	Connected
2.0.0.0	/16	1.0.0.2
3.0.0.0	/16	1.0.0.2

Address	Prefix	Next Hop
10.1.0.0	/16	1.0.0.1
10.2.0.0	/16	2.0.0.2
20.1.0.0	/16	1.0.0.1
20.2.0.0	/16	2.0.0.2
1.0.0.0	/16	Connected
2.0.0.0	/16	Connected
3.0.0.0	/16	2.0.0.2

Address	Prefix	Next Hop
10.1.0.0	/16	2.0.0.1
10.2.0.0	/16	3.0.0.2
20.1.0.0	/16	2.0.0.1
20.2.0.0	/16	3.0.0.2
1.0.0.0	/16	2.0.0.1
2.0.0.0	/16	Connected
3.0.0.0	/16	Connected

Address Prefix Next Hop 10.1.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 10.2.0.0 /16 Connected 20.1.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 20.2.0.0 /16 Connected 1.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 2.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 3.0.0.1 Connected			
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20.2.0.0 /16 Connected 1.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 2.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1	10.2.0.0	/16	Connected
1.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1 2.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1	20.1.0.0	/16	3.0.0.1
2.0.0.0 /16 3.0.0.1	20.2.0.0	/16	Connected
2101010	1.0.0.0	/16	3.0.0.1
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	3.0.0.0	/16	Connected

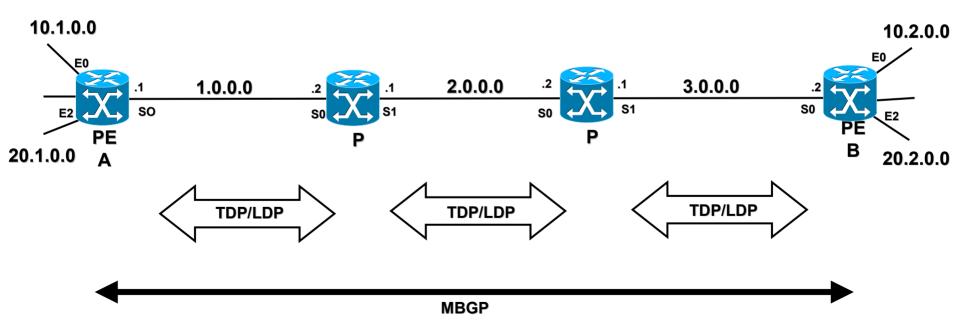
LIB Content

	LIB		
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbI
10.1.0.0	/16	1	Null
10.2.0.0	/16	2	2
20.1.0.0	/16	3	Null
20.2.0.0	/16	4	4
1.0.0.0	/16	5	Null
2.0.0.0	/16	6	POP
3.0.0.0	/16	7	7

LIB			
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbl
10.1.0.0	/16	8,15	POP
10.2.0.0	/16	9,2	9
20.1.0.0	/16	10,17	POP
20.2.0.0	/16	11,4	11
1.0.0.0	/16	12,19	Null
2.0.0.0	/16	13,6	Null
3.0.0.0	/16	14,7	POP

	LIB		
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbl
10.1.0.0	/16	15,22	15
10.2.0.0	/16	9,16	POP
20.1.0.0	/16	17,24	17
20.2.0.0	/16	11,18	POP
1.0.0.0	/16	19,26	POP
2.0.0.0	/16	20,27	Null
3.0.0.0	/16	14,21	Null

LIB			
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbI
10.1.0.0	/16	22	22
10.2.0.0	/16	23	Null
20.1.0.0	/16	24	24
20.2.0.0	/16	25	Null
1.0.0.0	/16	26	26
2.0.0.0	/16	27	POP
3.0.0.0	/16	28	Null



LFIB Creation

	LIB		
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbI
10.1.0.0	/16	1	Null
10.2.0.0	/16	23	2
20.1.0.0	/16	3	Null
20.2.0.0	/16	4	4
1.0.0.0	/16	5	Null
2.0.0.0	/16	6	POP
3.0.0.0	/16	7	7

LIB				
Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbI	
10.1.0.0	/16	8,15	POP	
10.2.0.0	/16	9,2	9	
20.1.0.0	/16	10,17	POP	
20.2.0.0	/16	11,4	11	
1.0.0.0	/16	12,19	Null	
2.0.0.0	/16	13,6	Null	
3.0.0.0	/16	14,7	POP	

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20.2.0.0	/16	11,18	POP
1.0.0.0	/16	19,26	POP
2.0.0.0	/16	20,27	Null
3.0.0.0	/16	14,21	Null

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Address	Prefix	LocLbl	NHLbI
10.1.0.0	/16	22	22
10.2.0.0	/16	23	Null
20.1.0.0	/16	24	24
20.2.0.0	/16	25	Null
1.0.0.0	/16	26	26
2.0.0.0	/16	27	POP
3.0.0.0	/16	28	Null



LFIB			
Lbi in	LbIOUT	O/IF	MAC Hdr
2	2	S0	ABCD
4	4	S0	ABCD
6	POP	S0	ABCD
7	7	S0	ABCD

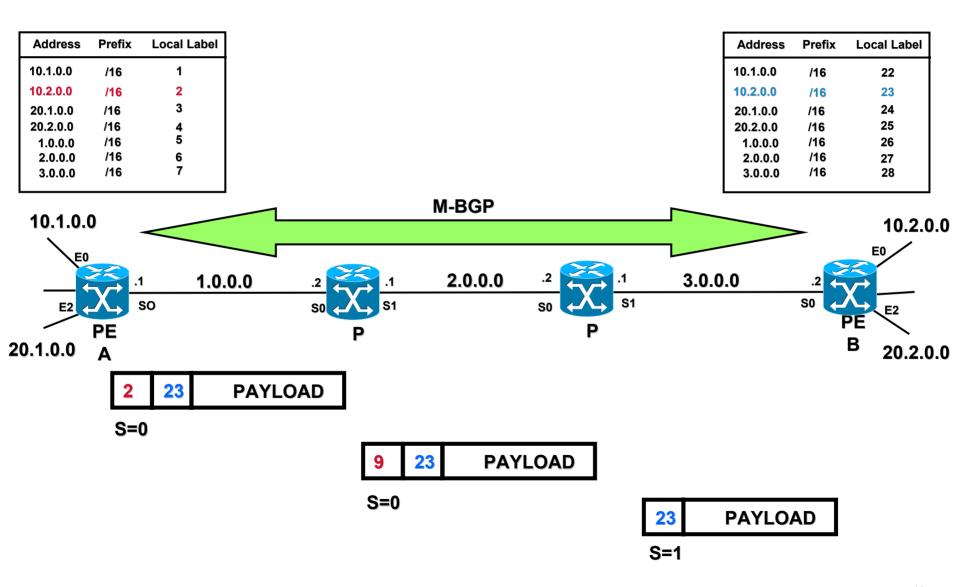
LFIB				
Lbi iN	LbIOUT	O/IF	MAC Hdr	
8,10,15,17	POP	S0	AD8F	
9,2	9	S1	DCBA	
11,4	11	S1	DCBA	
14,7	POP	S1	DCBA	

LFIB					
Lbl IN	LbIOUT	O/IF	MAC Hdr		
9,16,11,18	POP	S1	1A2B		
15,22	15	S0	2B3C		
17,24	17	S0	2B3C		
19,26	POP	S0	2B3C		

LFIB					
Lbi in	LbIOUT	O/IF	MAC Hdr		
22	22	S0	3C4D		
24	24	S0	3C4D		
26	26	S0	3C4D		
27	POP	S0	3C4D		

Using 2nd Label for VPN service

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- ATM switches forward cells, not packets
- Label Dist is Downstream on-demand, Ordered
- IGP label is carried in the VPI/VCI field
- Merging LSR:

Ability to use the same label for different FECs if outgoing interface is the same

Save label space on ATM-LSRs

Cell interleave problem

Non Merging LSR:

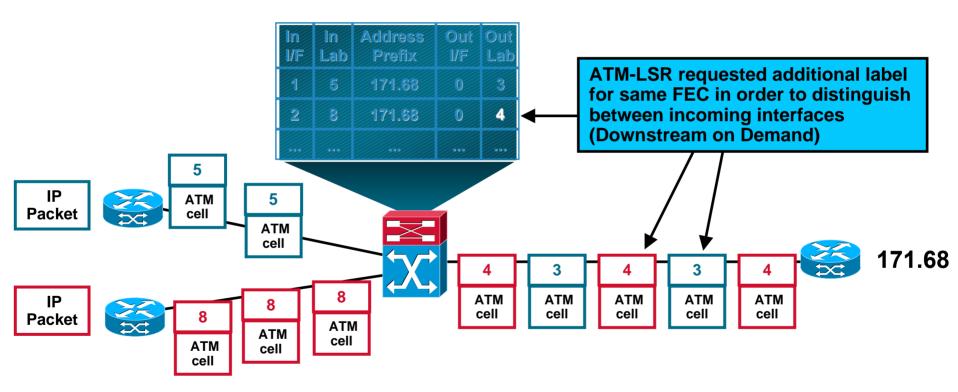
ATM-LSR requests one label per FEC and per incoming interface (upstream neighbors)

Downstream LSR may request itself new label to its downstream neighbors

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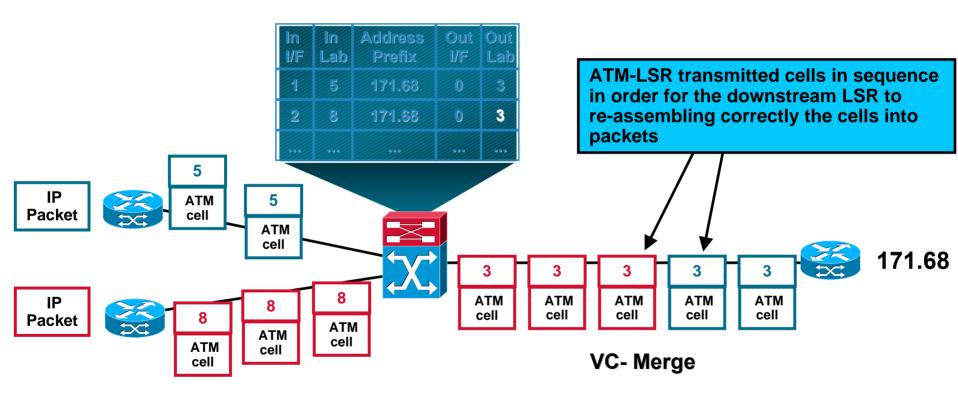
ATM LSRs Non-Merging Downstream on Demand

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ATM LSRs VC-Merging Downstream on Demand

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- In IP networks TTL is used to prevent packets to travel indefinitely in the network
- MPLS <u>may</u> use same mechanism as IP, but not on all encapsulations
 - TTL is present in the label header for PPP and LAN headers (shim headers)
 - ATM cell header does not have TTL. It relies on IGP, and LDP mechanisms to do the job (Hop Count TLV,Path Vector max # hops), TDP (Hop Count)

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New address family: VPN-IP addresses

VPN-IP address = Route Distinguisher (RD) + IP address
RDs are assigned by a service provider to each PE
RDs should be unique AS-wide (by virtue of assignment)
convert non-unique IP addresses into unique VPN-IP
addresses

Route Distinguisher:

Used to create a unique IP address, e.g.

2586:10:192.168.23.0

An RD is needed per VRF signifying the route originator - therefore a single router may have multiple RDs

The RD is NOT USED for filtering of routing information

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BGP Extended Community:

Used to filter routing information

Identifies VRFs that may receive set of routes tagged with given Route Target

Example - 2856:101

Same format as RDs - NOT the same function!

VPN-IPV4 address

Route Distinguisher (64 bits)

Makes the IPv4 route globally unique

RD is configured in the PE for each VRF

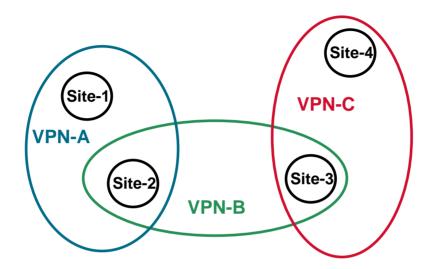
RD may or may not be related to a site or a VPN

IPv4 address (32bits)

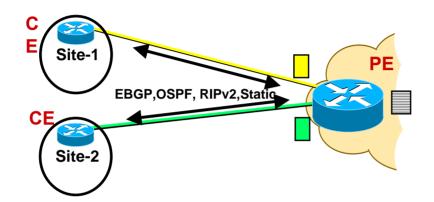
Extended Community attribute (64 bits)

Site of Origin (SOO): identifies the originating site

Route-target (RT): identifies the set of sites the route has to be advertised to

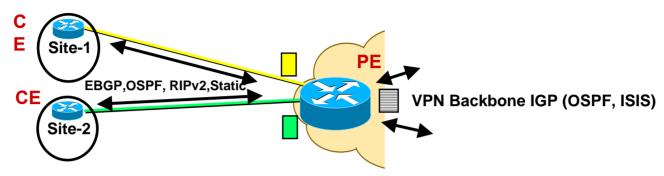


- A site belonging to different VPNs may or MAY NOT be used as a transit point between VPNs
- If two or more VPNs have a common site, address space must be unique among these VPNs



- PE and CE routers exchange routing information through:
 - EBGP, OSPF, RIPv2, Static routing
- CE router run standard routing software

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PE routers maintain separate routing tables

The global routing table

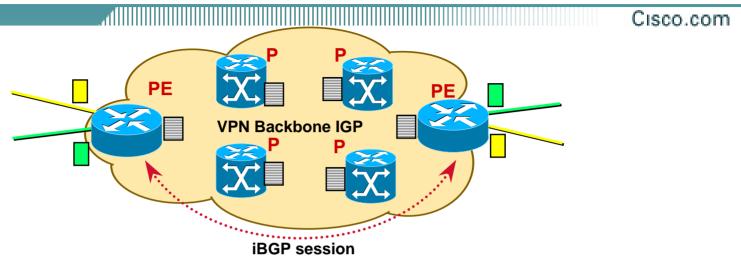
With all PE and P routes
Populated by the VPN backbone IGP (ISIS or OSPF)

VRF (VPN Routing and Forwarding)

Routing and Forwarding table associated with one or more directly connected sites (CEs)

VRF are associated to (sub/virtual/tunnel)interfaces

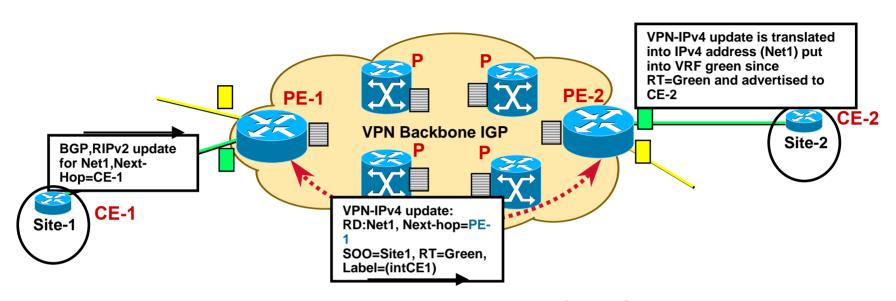
Interfaces may share the same VRF if the connected sites may share the same routing information



- PE and P routers share a common IGP (ISIS or OSPF)
- PEs establish MP-iBGP sessions between them
- PEs use MP-BGP to exchange routing information related to the connected sites and VPNs

VPN-IPv4 addresses, Extended Community, Label

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PE routers receive IPv4 updates (EBGP, RIPv2, Static)

PE routers translate into VPN-IPv4

Assign a SOO and RT based on configuration Re-write Next-Hop attribute

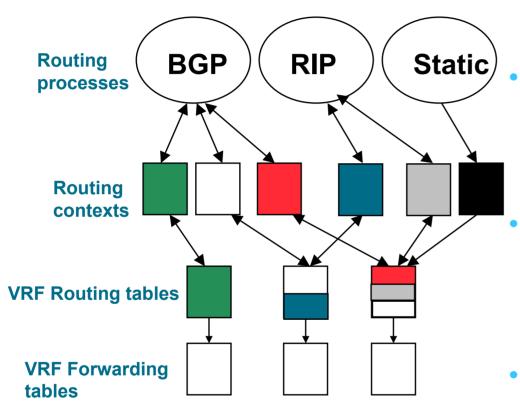
Assign a label based on VRF and/or interface Send MP-iBGP update to all PE neighbors

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VRF and Multiple Routing Instances

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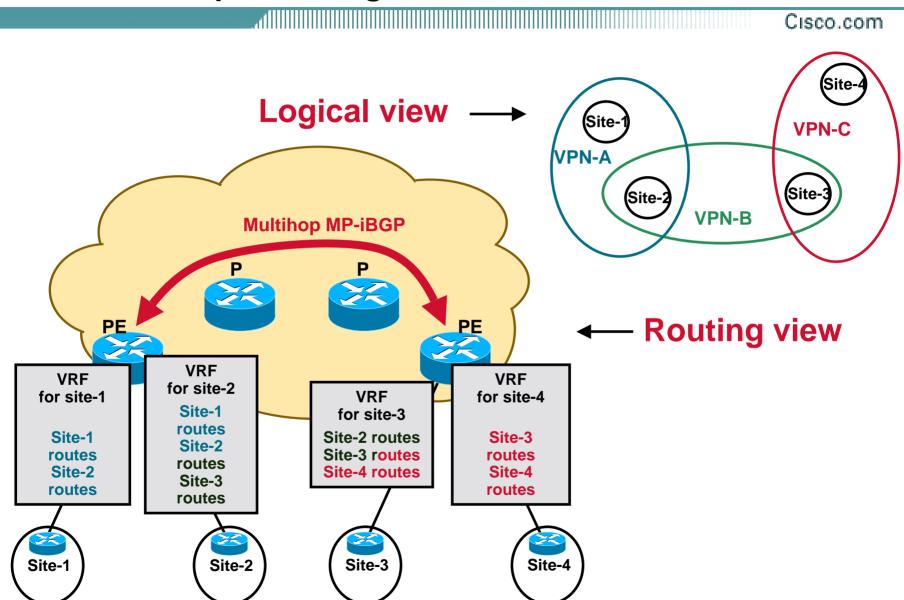
Routing processes run within specific routing contexts

Populate specific VPN routing table and FIBs (VRF)

 Interfaces are assigned to VRFs

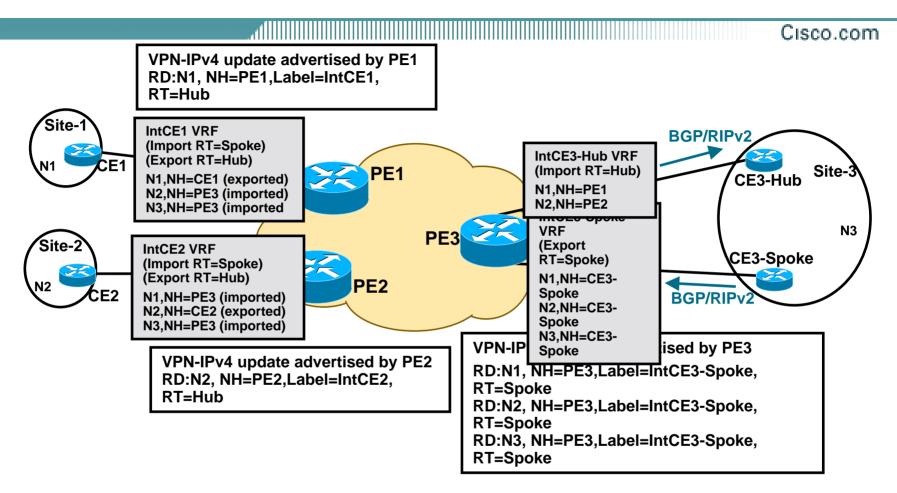
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VPN sites with Hub & Spoke routing

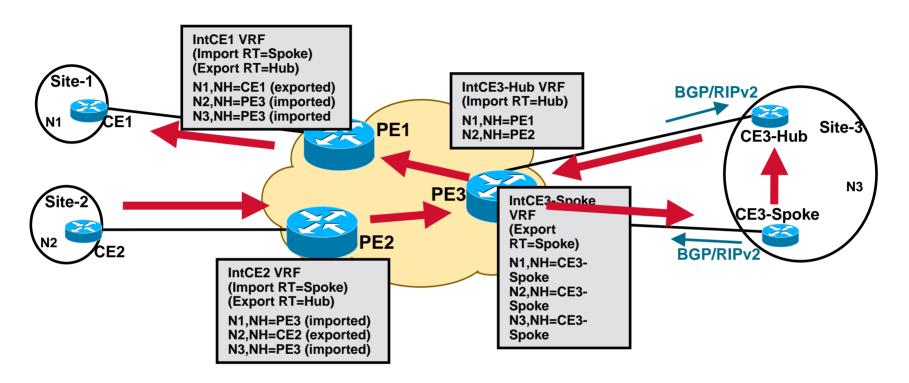


- Routes are imported/exported into VRFs based on RT value of the VPN-IPv4 updates
- PE3 uses 2 (sub) interfaces with two different VRFs

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MPLS VPN Topologies VPN sites with Hub & Spoke routing

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- Traffic from one spoke to another will travel across the hub site
- Hub site may host central services
 Security, NAT, centralised Internet access

- The Internet routing table is treated separately
- In the VPN backbone the Internet routes are in the Global routing table of PE routers
- Labels are not assigned to external (BGP) routes
- P routers need not (and will not) run BGP

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- A default route is installed into the site VRF and pointing to a Internet Gateway
- The default route is NOT part of any VPN

A single label is used for packets forwarded according to the default route

The label is the IGP label corresponding to the IP address of the Internet gateway

Known in the IGP

 PE router originates CE routes for the Internet Customer (site) routes are known in the site VRF Not in the global table

The PE/CE interface is NOT known in the global table. However:

A static route for customer routes and pointing to the PE/CE interface is installed in the global table

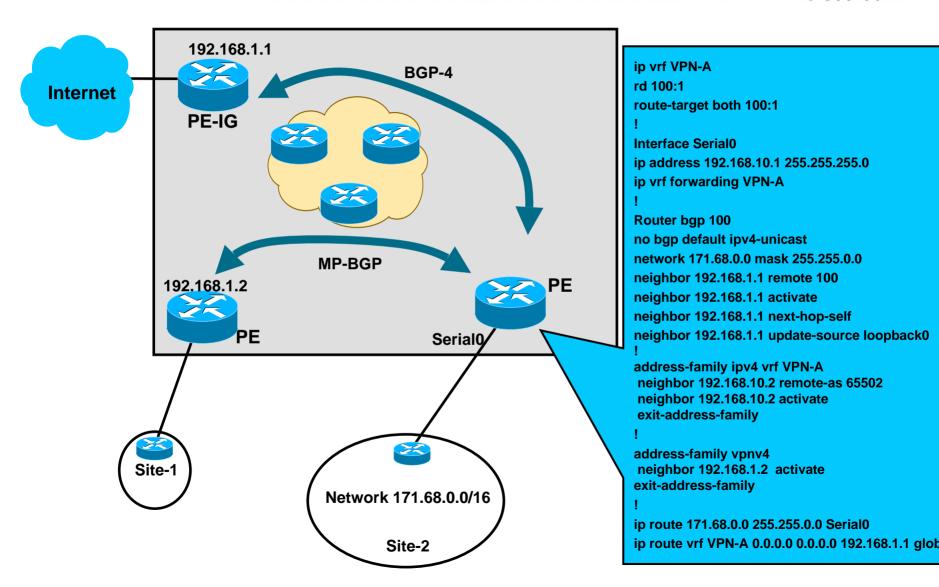
This static route is redistributed into BGP-4 global table and advertised to the Internet Gateway

 The Internet gateway knows customer routes and with the PE address as next-hop

MPLS VPN Internet routing

VRF specific default route

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MPLS VPN Internet Routing Separated (sub) interfaces

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 If CE wishes to receive and announce routes from/to the Internet

A dedicated BGP session is used over a separate (sub) interface

The PE imports CE routes into the global routing table and advertise them to the Internet

The interface is not part of any VPN and does not use any VRF

Default route or Internet routes are exported to the CE

PE needs to have Internet routing table

MPLS VPN Internet Routing Separated (sub) interfaces

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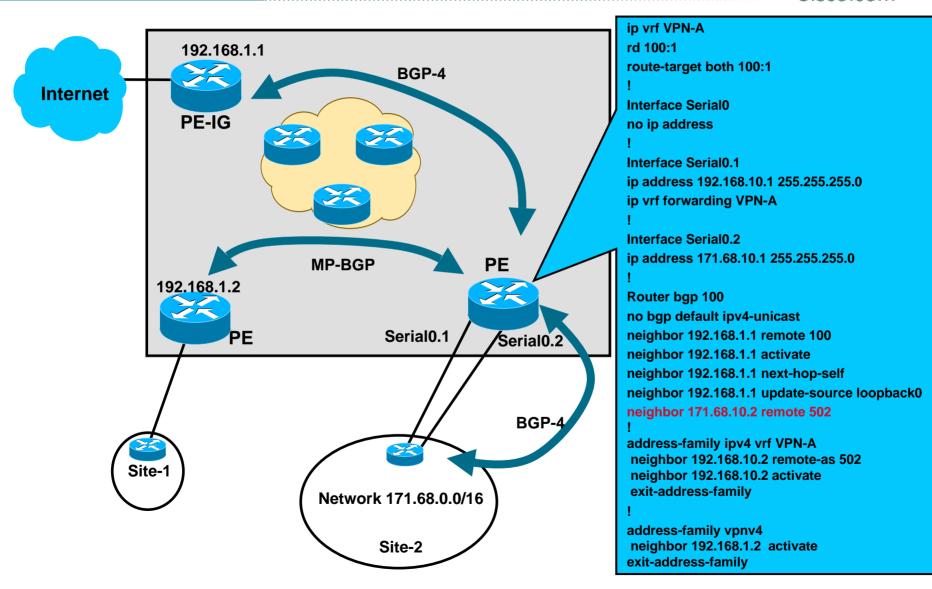
The PE uses separate (sub) interfaces with the CE
 One (sub) interface for VPN routing
 associated to a VRF
 Can be a tunnel interface
 One (sub) interface for Internet routing

Associated to the global routing table

MPLS VPN Internet Routing

Separated (sub) interfaces

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MPLS VPN - Configuration

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- VPN knowledge is on PE routers
- PE router have to be configured for

VRF and Route Distinguisher

VRF import/export policies (based on Route-target)

Routing protocol used with CEs

MP-BGP between PE routers

BGP for Internet routers

With other PE routers

With CE routers

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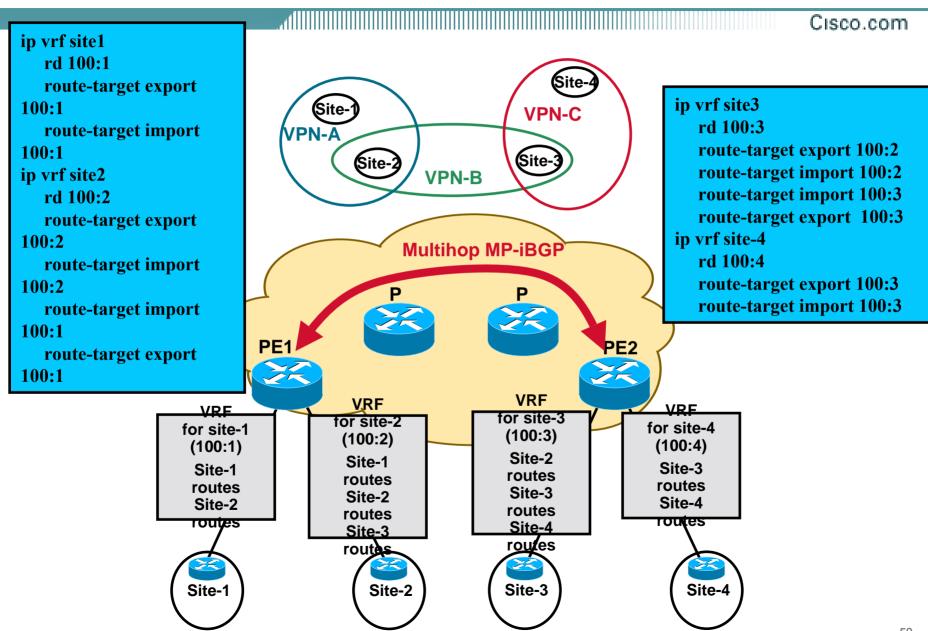
- RD is configured on PE routers (for each VRF)
- VRFs are associated to RDs in each PE
- Common (good) practice is to use the same RD for the same VPN in all PEs

But not mandatory

VRF configuration command

```
ip vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
  rd <route-distinguisher-value>
  route-target import <community>
  route-target export <community>
```

CLI - VRF configuration



MPLS VPN - Configuration PE/CE routing protocols

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- PE/CE may use BGP, RIPv2 or Static routes
- A routing context is used for each VRF
- Routing contexts are defined within the routing protocol instance

Address-family router sub-command

```
Router rip
version 2
address-family ipv4 vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
...
any common router sub-command
...
```

MPLS VPN - Configuration PE/CE routing protocols

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BGP uses same "address-family" command
 Router BGP <asn>
 address-family ipv4 vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
 any common router BGP subcommand

Static routes are configured per VRF
 ip route vrf <vrf-symbolic-name> ...

MPLS VPN - Configuration PE router commands

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All show commands are VRF based

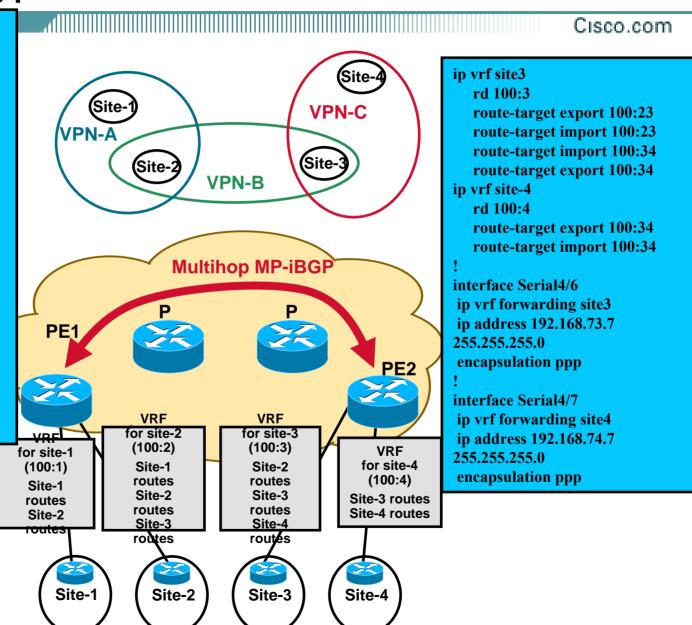
```
Show ip route vrf <vrf-symbolic-name> ...
Show ip protocol vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
Show ip cef <vrf-symbolic-name>
```

PING and Telnet commands are VRF based

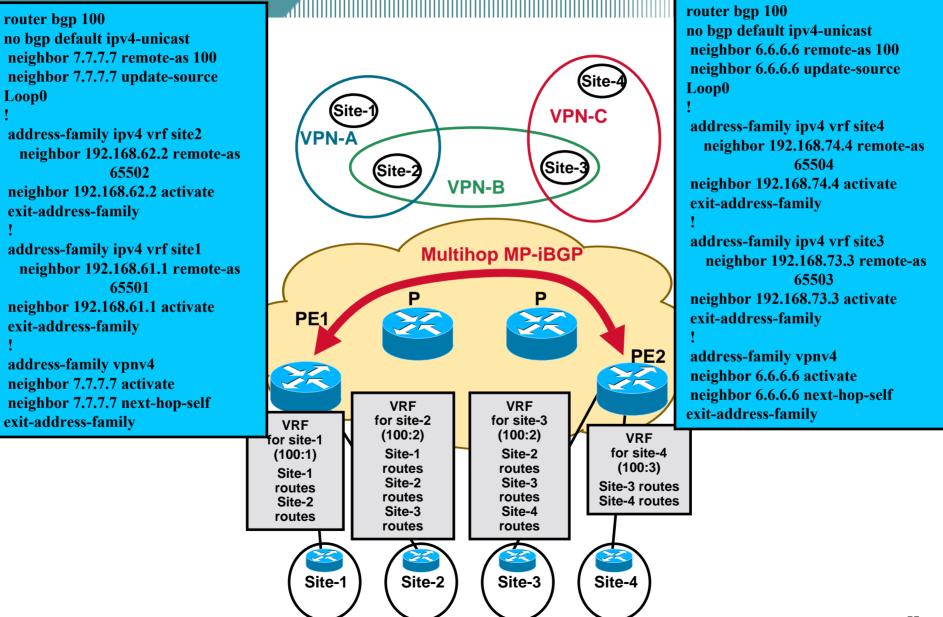
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telnet /vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
ping vrf <vrf-symbolic-name>
```

MPLS VPN - Configuration PE/CE routing protocols

ip vrf site1 rd 100:1 route-target export 100:12 route-target import 100:12 ip vrf site2 rd 100:2 route-target export 100:12 route-target import 100:12 route-target import 100:23 route-target export 100:23 interface Serial3/6 ip vrf forwarding site1 ip address 192.168.61.6 255,255,255,0 encapsulation ppp interface Serial3/7 ip vrf forwarding site2 ip address 192.168.62.6 255.255.255.0 encapsulation ppp



MPLS VPN - Configuration PE/CE routing protocols



 If PE and Hub-site use BGP the PE should not check the received AS_PATH

The update the Hub-site advertise contains the VPN backbone AS number

By configuration the AS_PATH check is disabled

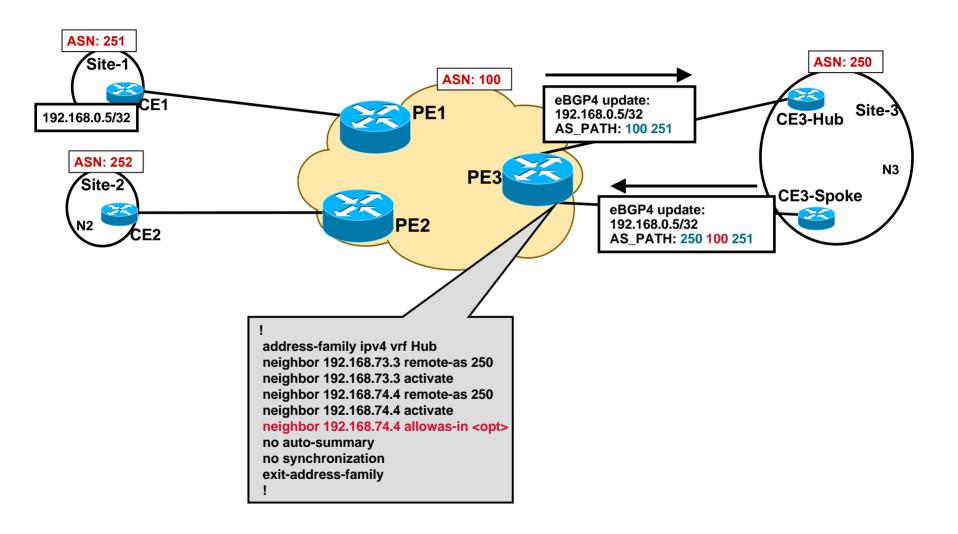
Allow AS

Routing loops are suppressed by the limit of occurrence of provider ASN in the AS_PATH

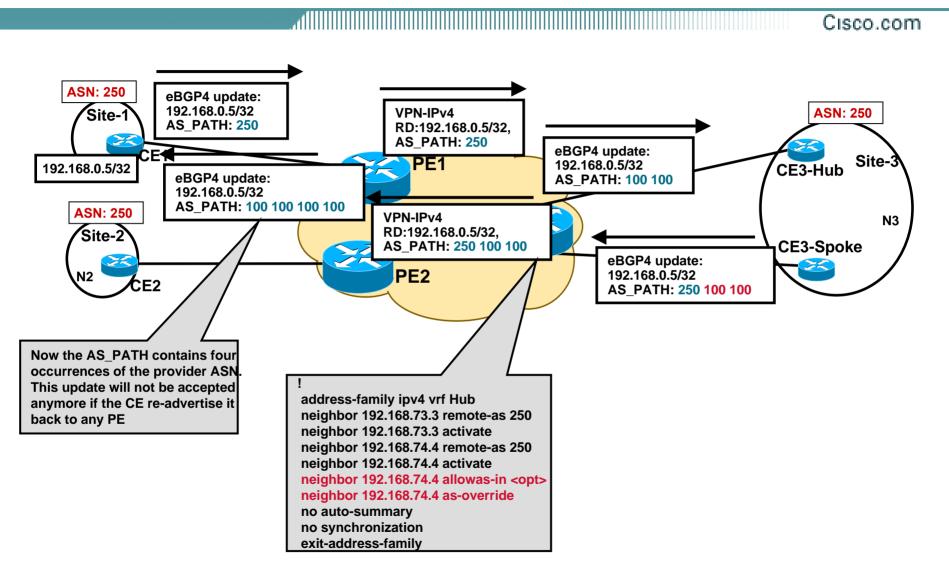
Therefore, PE will REJECT the update if its ASN appears more than <u>3 times</u> in the AS_PATH 3 is the default and can be overwritten with <opt>

Allow AS

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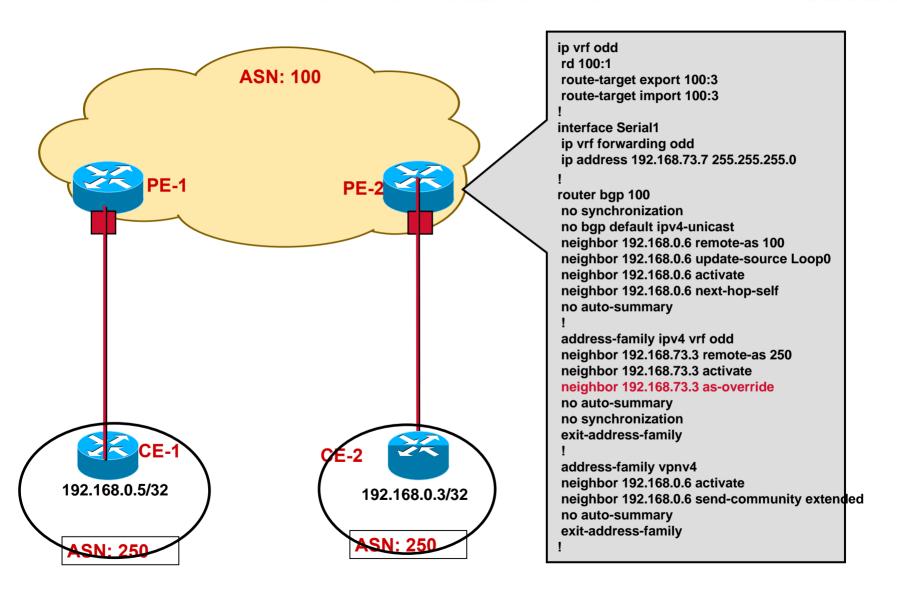
Allow AS with ASN override



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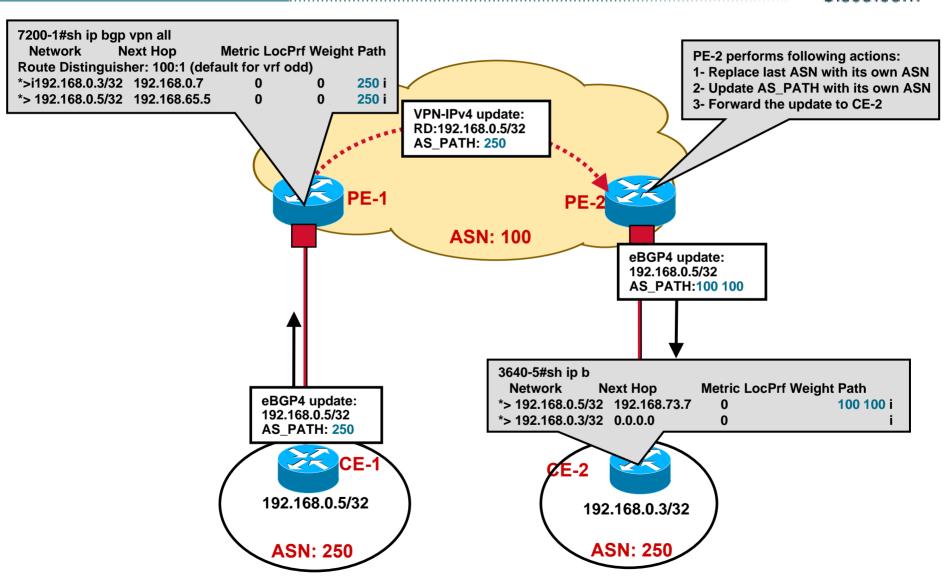
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- Used to identify the site
- Extended Community type
- Used to prevent loops when AS_PATH cannot be used When BGP is used between PE and multihomed sites A BGP route is NOT advertised back to the same site Even through different PE/CE connections

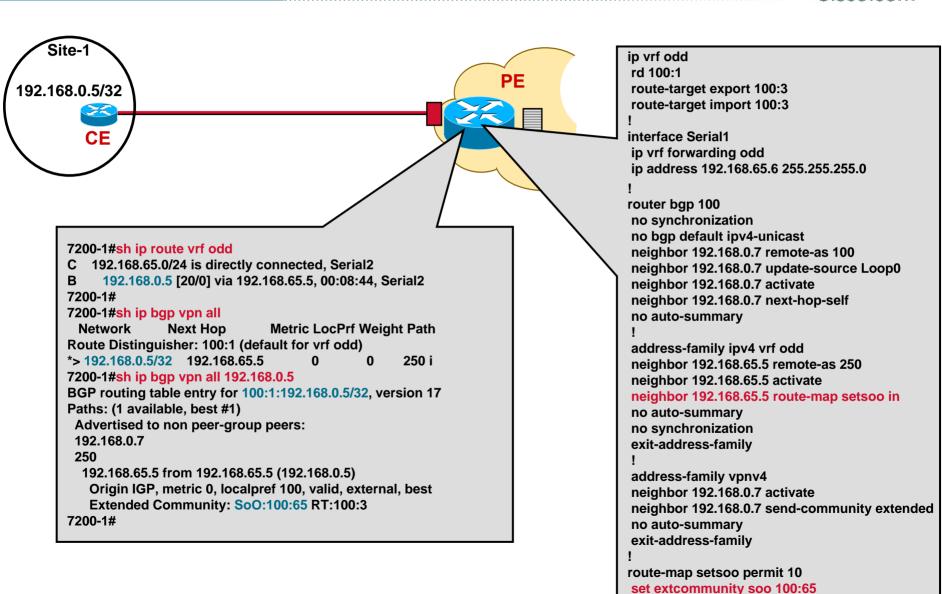
- SOO for eBGP learned routes
 SOO is configured through a route-map command
- SOO can be applied to routes learned through a particular VRF interface (without the use of BGP between PE and CE)

SOO is then configured on the interface

SOO is propagated into BGP during redistribution

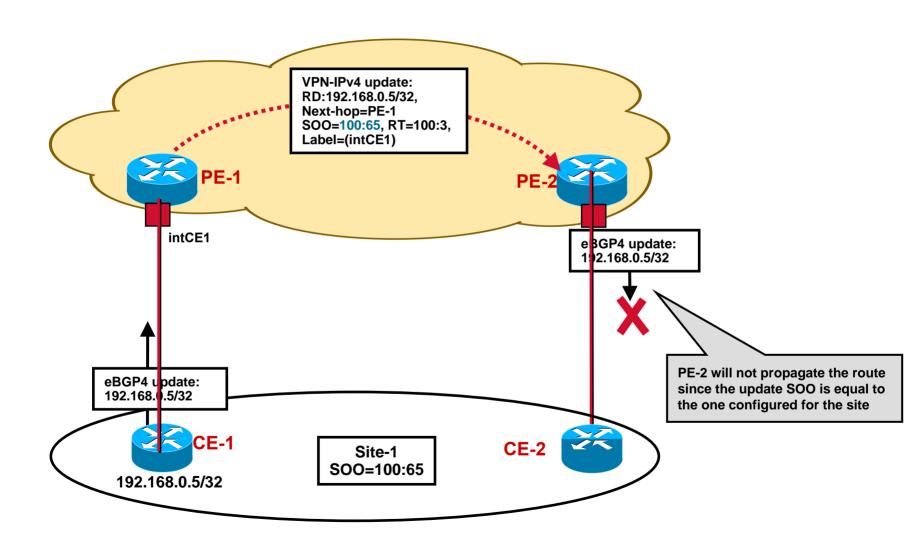
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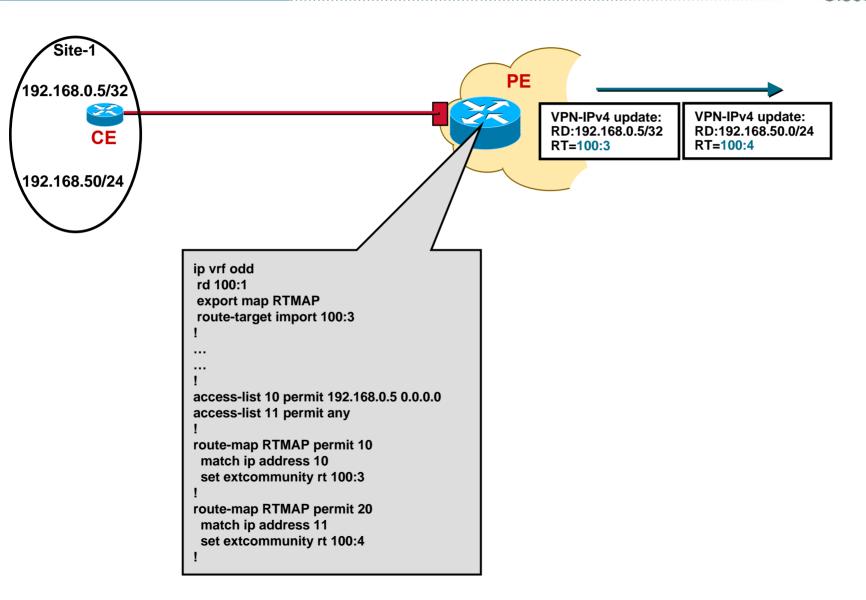
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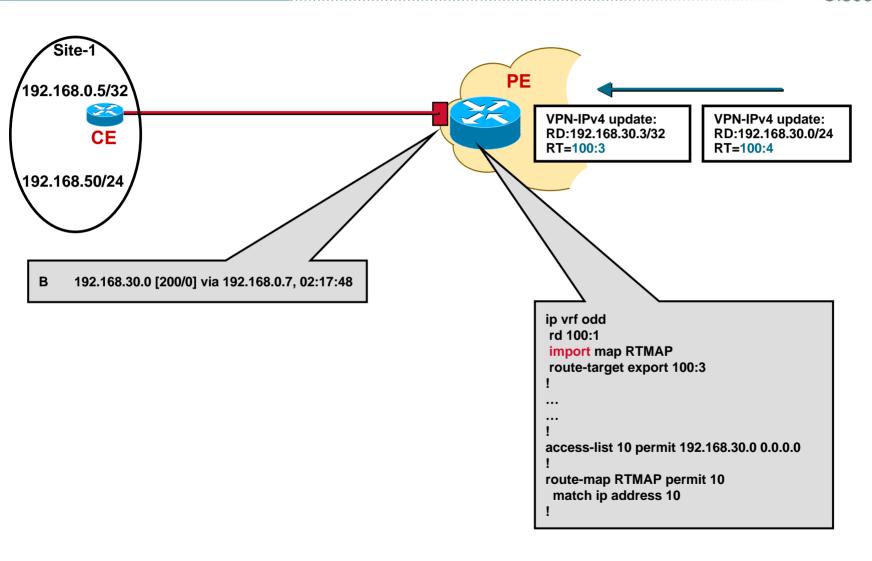
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