




Why Are There so Many Bad Routes on the Internet?

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What is Internet?

- Internet is a network of ASNes
- Main protocol in BGP
- So...

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**No, there were already enough
BGP tutorials**


What is really important?

- Internet is network of trust
 - But we will validate you
 - And filter you out
 - Based on what we decide as bad routes
 - Because actually we don't trust you
- But what are these bad routes?

Bad boys

- Defined by the community
- You can look at [BCP](#)
- You can look at [POV](#)

What to do?

- Find who announce bad routes?
 - And why?
- Find who accepte these routes?
 - Big ones?
 - Or to catch a liar?
- And make them suffer?
 - MANRS?
 -  - RIPE policy in the future?
 - Attacking the wrong ones

Today coverage

- Too specific
 - Because can be easily filtered
 - And should not be globally propagated
- ROA Invalid
 - Because of hype

Love of counting

- Different rankings
- Other people's money
- IP-addresses



(He also like to count)

- Are we worse then the GOAT?

Any report approach

- Take a BGP raw data
 - Find bad routes
 - Origin ASN in AS_PATH —> bad announcer
 - All ASN in AS_PATH —> bad filters
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- We can do that!

Basic assumptions

- Filtration of too specific is already great
 - Especially on TIER-1 level
 - What cannot be say about Invalid ROA
- Number of prefixes has a little meaning
 - So, look at the number of operators
- Problem with /32 (/128)

Blackhole



- Usually not made by operator
- Have low propagation
- But can influence overall statistic
- So, separate case

Exact numbers!

	For /32	Not for /32
ROA Valid	242	120568
ROA Invalid length	1402	18656
ROA Invalid asn	204	5288
Normal length	0	896615
Too specific	26044	43966

- Can start to do realtime update
 - And make charts, build graphics...

Fun Facts



- No «drop Invalid» policy in a wild
- Bad routes have a valid less specific
 - Most of too specific routes
 - Almost all with Invalid ROA length (97+%)
- Pretty big number of creators
 - 350+ operators with invalid length
 - 600+ operators with too specific

Invalid ROA length



- You create a ROA object
 - Make a policy with maxLength
 - Where restricts everyone
 - And start to send bad routes
 - While sending a valid alternative
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- Several hundreds of such operators...

Route analysis

- Based on routes
- In which prefix and AS_PATH can be modified
 - For hijacks with manipulation
 - Or just for casual TE
 - Where is a border between them?
- Let's remember something

Monitoring manipulation

- BGP collector
 - Many different routes
- Neighbor check
 - ASN in AS_PATH
- Become a critical point
 - All roads are lead through the attacker

AS49666

- Telecommunication Infrastructure Company in Iran
 - The critical point for the region
 - Remains the critical also for valid routes too
 - Not our case
 - However, interesting from stability point of view
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- One legs have the same property

PoC

- Take a critical points for ISP invalid routes
- And for valid ones
- Find a difference between them
- If any — marked as suspicious
- Such suspicious for many different ISP?
 - Bingo

Minute of blame



- By Invalid length
 - AS263444, AS266721 and... maybe some Tier-1s
 - -120 conflict operators
- By too specific
 - AS4766, AS131477, AS9002
 - Only they made -150 conflicts gone
 - But there are many-many others

State of problems

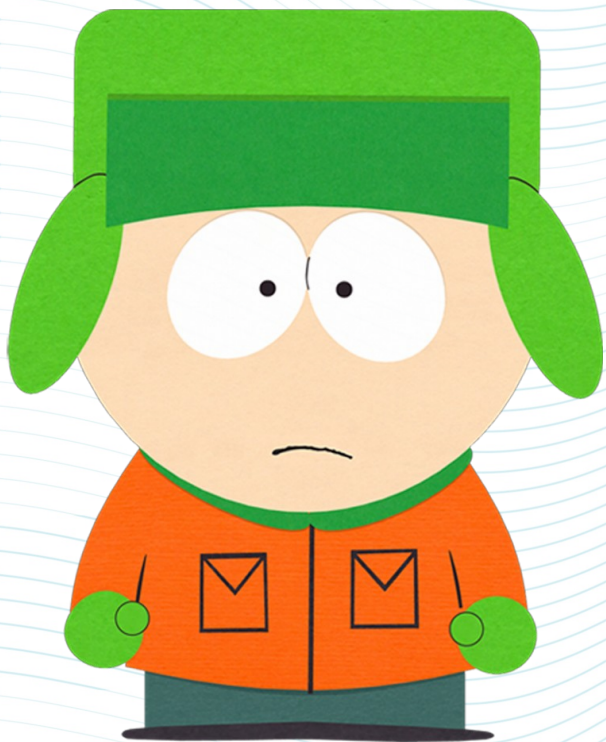
- Normal cases vs illegal ones
 - Announces in one direction
 - Leak of static
- Avoiding critical point status
 - Drop neighbor check
 - Two or more places of attack
- Other road?

Silver bullet?



- Main questions:
 - Which prefix, ASN pairs are real?
 - Who is actually filtering?
 - Where is a guilty party?
- Full-view table from ISP will cover the first two for him
 - Enough region coverage — cover the last one

Moral (or I learned something)



- Garbage in — garbage out
- Breaking things is easy
 - Much harder to create
- Sometimes numbers are meaningless
- Need of transparency in monitoring
- Most of cases made by transit
 - Not by stubs



Questions?

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