Multi-protocol routing

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Nodes run multiple protocols

Different routing protocols

- BGP, OSPF, IS-IS
- Static and connected routes are also "routing" protocols

Multiple processes of the same protocol

Multiple virtual routers (VRFs)

Interaction between protocols

For the most part, each protocols has its own domain

Populates its own routing table (RIB)

Admin distance breaks ties when the same destination is available via multiple protocols

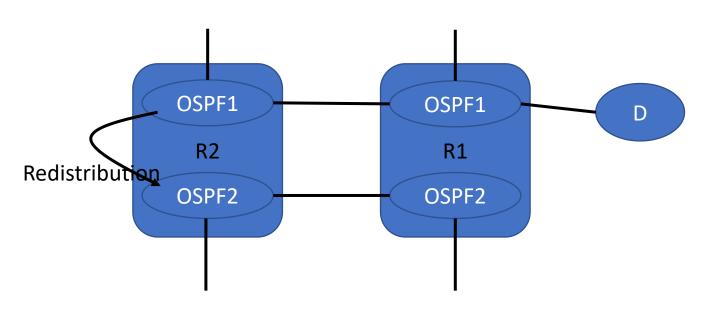
Redistribution leaks destinations from one protocol to another

Additional complexity

Single-protocol networks are a lot simpler

• E.g., never have to worry about loops

All kinds of bad things can happen with multiple protocols



What happens if the admin distance of OSPF2 is lower than OSPF1 at R1?

What happens if we start redistributing OSPF2 into OSPF1 at R1?