





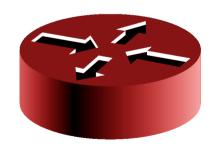
Securing Networks with Mikrotik Router OS

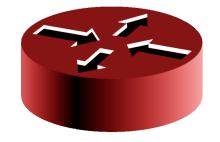


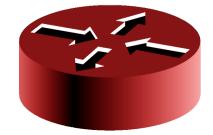
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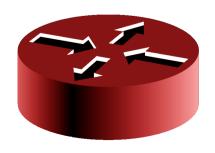
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Wireless Connect Ltd.

- Irish Company Incorporated in 2006
- Operate an ISP in the centre of Ireland.
- Good Infrastructure Expertise.
- Certified MikroTik Partners

 - Certified OEM Integrators
 - √Consultants
 - √Value Added Reseller







Speaker Profile:

- Studied BEng. Mechanical & Electronic Engineering, DCU,Ireland
- Has been working in Industry since 2000
 - Server Infrastructure Engineer
 - Systems / Network Administrator
 - Internet Security Consultant
- √1st MikroTik Certified Trainer in June 2007 in Ireland







Security Information sources

- ∠ENISA –http://www.enisa.europa.eu/
- ∠OWASP http://owasp.org
- √Rits Group http://www.ritsgroup.com/
- 'ISAS http://www.isas.ie/
- √SANS Institute http://sans.org
- CIS Centre for Internet Security http://cisecurity.org/
- √NIST Computer Security http://csrc.nist.gov/
- √Open BSD http://OpenBSD.org/
- Spamhaus.org http://spamhaus.org
- rnmap.org http://nmap.org
- rha.ckers.org http://ha.ckers.org/



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Router OS

- Highly Customisable
- Highly Cost Effective
- Allows one to manage Security Threats in many Ways







What Can MikroTik Router OS Do?

- √It is a Stateful Firewall
- 'It is a Web Proxy
- √It is a Socks Proxy
- √It is a DNS Cache / Proxy
- √It is a Router
- It is an IPSEC Concentrator
- √It is an IDS Intrusion Detection System
- 'It is an IPS Intrusion Prevention System







Previous MUM Presentations

- See my presentations from previous mums for more information
 - ·MUM Dubai 2012 --> Blackhole Routing Techniques
 - ·MUM Poland 2010 --> Web Proxy as a Web application firewall
 - ·MUM Budapest 2011 --> Advanced Firewall Strategies
- Check out My good friend Maia Wardner of MD Brazil's Many Presentations on Network Security lots of examples and brilliant illustrations







Alternatives to Firewall Filtering

If we want to filter traffic going towards a destination for example

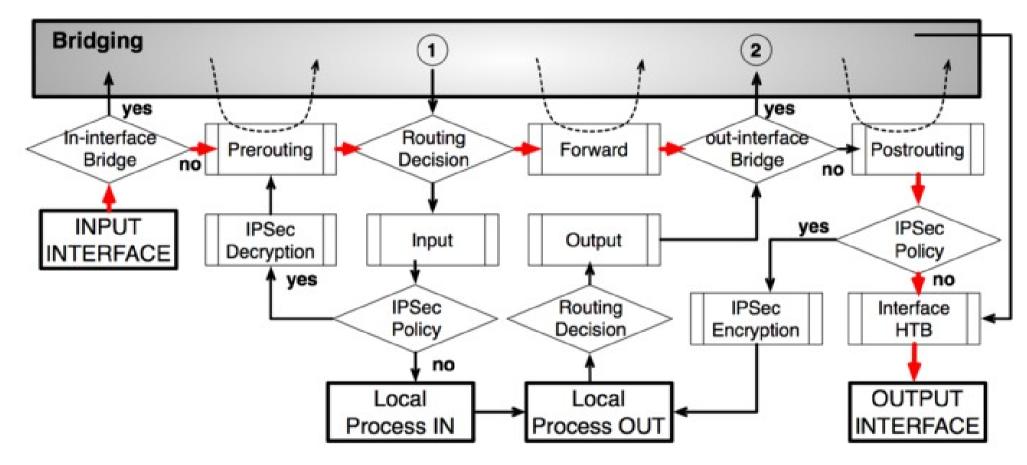
Let us take a look at the Kernel where, MikroTik Router OS Does its Magic







MikroTik Kernel -Packet Flow



It Seems all packets flowing to / through the router are processed using the routing table

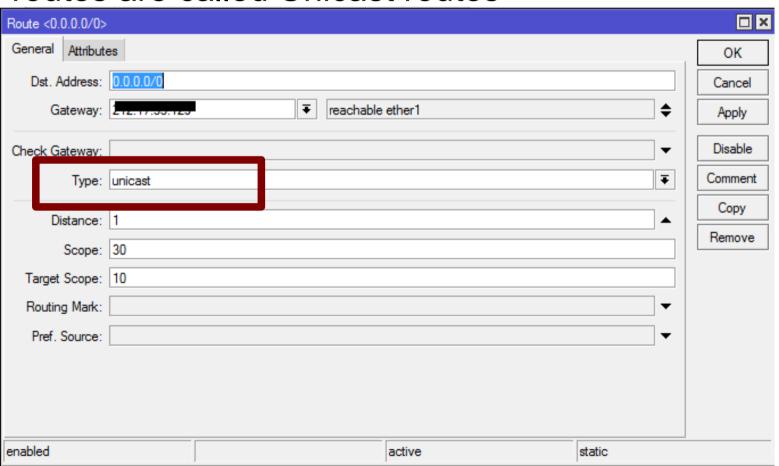






Filtering Using Routes

- Most people are familiar with Routing as a tool to help traffic reach its destination,
- These "Normal" routes are called Unicast routes





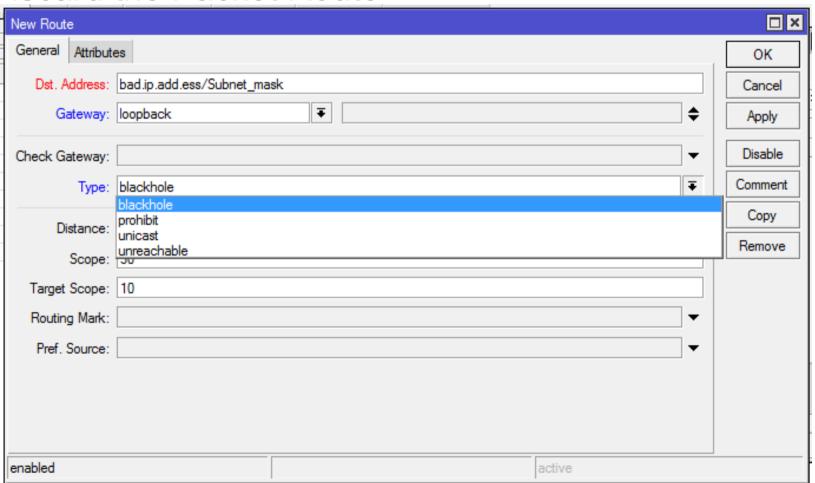




Enter the BlackHole Route

[∠]BlackHole – the name from the astronomical phenomena where any object placed into the BlackHole will never leave.

BlackHole - Discard the Packet Route









Other types of Discard Routes

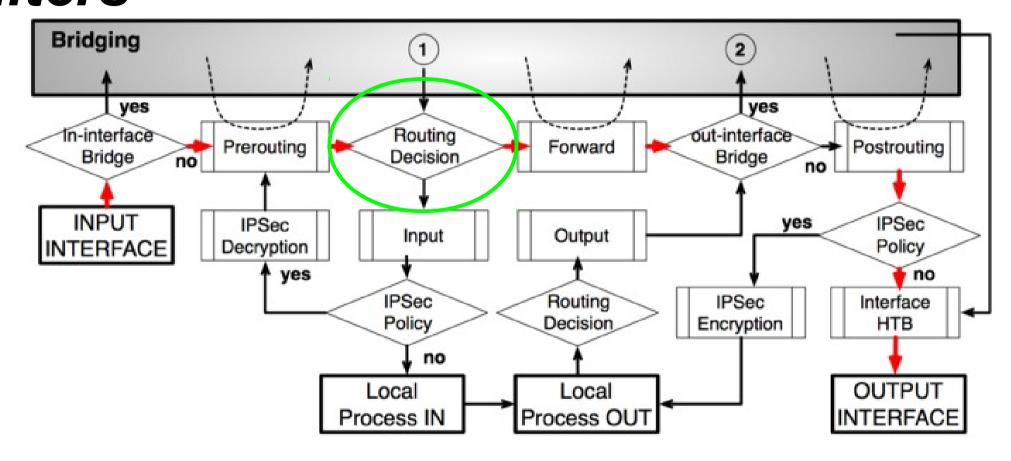
- √Black-Hole Discard packet silently (similar to Drop in firewall)
- Prohibit Discard the packet and Send an ICMP Admin Prohibited msg back to source of the packet (similar to Reject Admin Prohibited)
- Unreachable- Discard Packet and Send an ICMP Host Unreachable message back to the source of the packet
- Black Hole is most secure and incurs the least load on the router







Benefits of Blackholes over Forward filters



Forward Filters more processing must be carried out by CPU







Black Hole Hardware Acceleration

- Routers with accelerated hardware for Routing (Express forwarding / Route once Switch many) will see filtering of-loaded from CPU to ASICs.
- CCR1036 Router will have Fast path hardware accelerated routing capability:)









Automating This Filter Technique

*Routing ... Automating Route Updates?







Dynamic Routing

∨OSPF--

possible to use but OSPF routers need to share at least 1 layer2 segment (either physical or VPN / PPP interface)

·Very limited Route Attributes can be exchanged between routers

√RIP-- Requiescat in pace...

·Not scalable not widely deployed

BGP

·Stable

·Scalable

Extensive features for filtering

Extensive options for exchanging information about routes

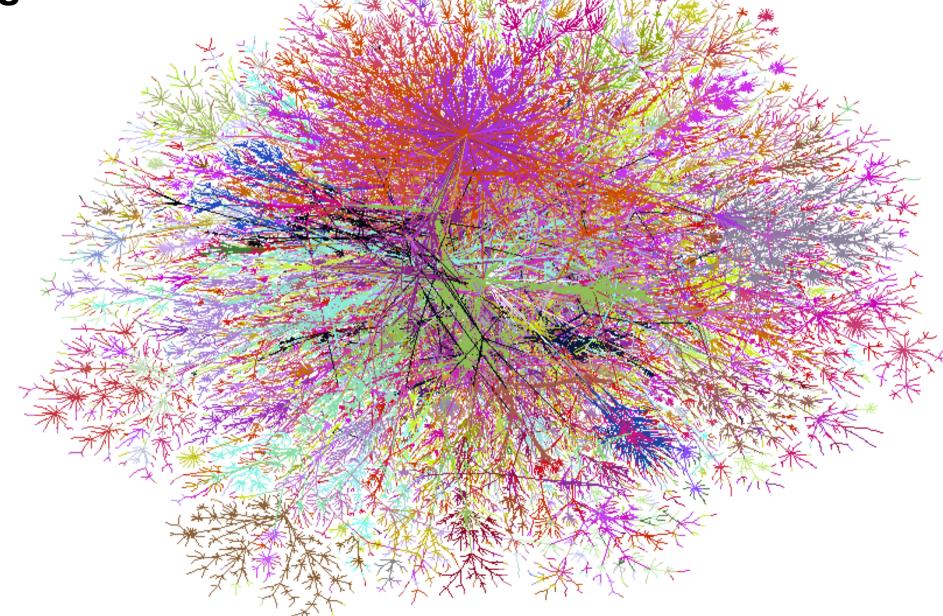






BGP-- Routing the world Along with MikroTik



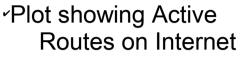






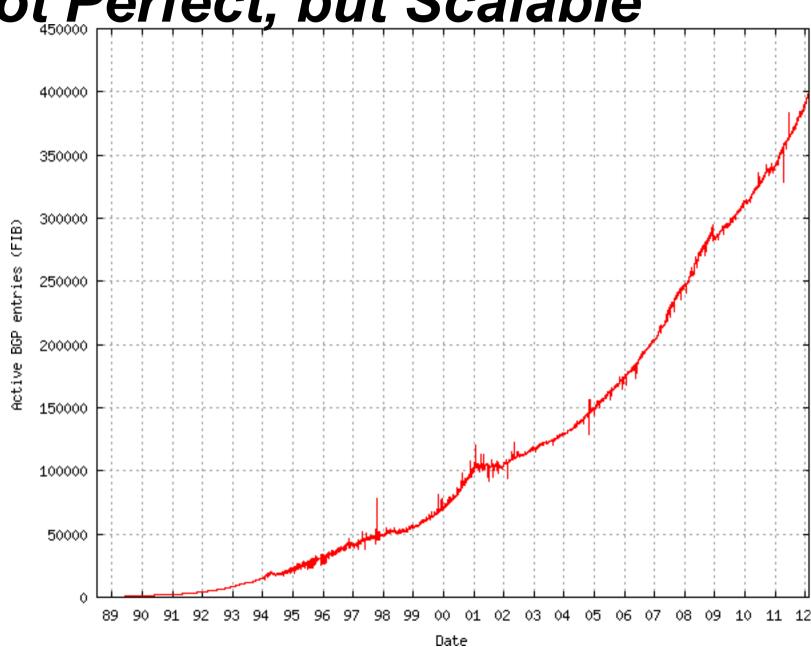


BGP - Not Perfect, but Scalable



√FIB – Active Routes

RIB- 2x Active Routes (Redundant Connections)









BGPv4 – Basics

- Stands for Border Gateway Protocol
- Designed as an Inter-AS routing protocol
 - "This Prefix is reachable through my AS"
 - Only protocol that can handle Internet's size networks
- MikroTik Supports BGPv4 RFC 4271







BGP Transport

- Operates by exchanging NLRI (network layer reachability information).
- VNLRI includes a set of BGP attributes and one or more prefixes with which those attributes are associated
- *Uses TCP as the transport protocol (port 179)
- Peers do not have to be directly connected using Multi Hop Configurations:)
- Initial full routing table exchange between peers
- Incremental updates after initial exchange







BGP Community

- Attribute that groups destinations,
- Filters can be easily applied to all routes within one group
- - ·No-export do not advertise to eBGP peer
 - ·No-advertise do not advertise to any peer
 - ·Internet advertise to Internet community







BGP Community

√32-bit value written in format "xx:yy" Where

- ·xx= AS Number:
- ·yy= Community Option
- Gives customer more policy control
- Simplifies upstream configuration
- [∠]Can be used by ISPs for:
 - ·AS prepending options
 - ·Geographic restrictions
 - ·Blackholing, etc.
- Check Internet Routing Registry (IRR)







Communities In a nutshell

- Provide Advertiser and Route Reciever (ISP Admins) discuss policies and exchange useful information meaning of Policies etc.
- Provide Advertiser (BGP out) sets communities according to some design / policy
- Various Communities are set and sent out with various routes...
- Route Receiver Admin sets Router Receiver to look for set communities in routes and implement policy based on the community.
- Now each ISP is implementing / continuing a policy as agreed with their peer
- √.... BRILLIANT :)







Bogon BGP Feed

- Remember your MTCNA Training? Remember the definition of a Bogon?
- ✓If you haven't a MTCNA you could be missing out on lots of tips and techniques to make your job of running and expanding your network easier
- Contact your Prefered Trainer
- [▶]Bogon List is constantly reducing as unassigned lps get assigned from RIRs to LIRs
- Statically blocking Bogons (with manual Address lists is a very bad Idea)
- We need an automated way of updating our routers bogon filters







Team Cymru --- Cool Internet Security Research Organisation

- Visit http://www.team-cymru.org
- They have lots of services that can be used to increase the security of your network
- They also have a free BGP Feed for IPv4 and IPv6 Bogons
- They are dedicated, helpful, responsive and very innovative
- They even have published examples of BGP Configurations for Mikrotik so that you can peer with them
- Tell your friends about them







Team cymru's Bogon web page

Full Example for Bogon Feed for MikroTik Router OS:)

AUTOMATICALLY FILTERING BOGONS

So how does one use the community 65333:888 or 65332:888 prefixes to generate a bogon filter? There are myriad methods, of course. One possible method is to use a route-map and a route with a next-hop of the null0 (Cisco) interface. We have collected examples below from our own experience and from several helpful contributors, which you may view by following the links below.

Traditional Bogon Examples

- Cisco IOS
- · Cisco IOS with peer-groups
- Juniper JunOS
- Force 10 router
- · OpenBSD bgpd
- Mikrotik RouterOS

Fullbogon Examples

- Cisco IOS IPv4 and IPv6 (IPv4 transport)
- · Cisco IOS IPv4 and IPv6 (IPv6 transport)
- Juniper JunOS IPv4 and IPv6
- Ougges IDu
- Mikrotik RouterOS

If none of these methods will work for you then please contact us for assistance. We are also eager to hear your suggestions on other filtering methods!

HOW DO I OBTAIN A PEERING SESSION?

To peer with the bogon route servers, contact bogonrs@cymru.com. When requesting a peering session, please include the following information in your e-mail:

- 1. Which bogon types you wish to receive (traditional IPv4 bogons, IPv4 fullbogons, and/or IPv6 fullbogons)
- Your AS number
- 3. The IP address(es) you want us to peer with
- 4. Does your equipment support MD5 passwords for BGP sessions?
- 5. Optional: your GPG/PGP public key

We will typically provide multiple peering sessions (at least 2) per remote peer for redundancy. If you would like more or less than 2 sessions please note that in your request. We try to respond to new peering requests within one to two business days, but, again, can provide no guarantees for this **free** service.

Remember that you must be able to accommodate up to **100 prefixes** for *traditional bogons*, and up to **50,000 prefixes** for *fullbogons*, and be capable of multihop peering with a private ASN. If you improperly configure your peering and route all packets destined for bogon addresses to the bogon route-servers, your peering session will be dropped.







Bogon Feed Request

If you dont have a public AS number (not running BGP with your ISP) you can ask for a private AS number

- Just give fill out the request form as shown below

Tom Smyth tom.smyth@wirelessconnect.eu

to bogonrs 🔻

Hello Lads,

Could I get a bogon feed using a private AS on a router that has a public IP (with Default Route no Public AS BGP)...
PS Keep up the Great work

Thanks

Tom Smyth

- 1. Which bogon types you wish to receive
- Your AS number....
 (I just want to get the feed via BGP (i dont have an Public AS BGP Peer connection)
- 3. The IP address(es) you want us to peer with
- 4. Does your equipment support MD5 passwords for BGP sessions?
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IPv4 full bogons

Can you assign me a private AS Number for Peering?

154.50.194.3

Yes You can choose one if you would like I dont have a GPG Key







Cymru response

Dave Ravn via RT

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Hi Tom.

Good to hear from you again. We've got the IPv4 fullbogon sessions ready for 154.50.194.3. Connection details are below. Let us know how it goes.

Regards, Dave

Can't connect? here are some things to look at:

- 1. Clear ip bgp * and verify session details are correct.
- Entry in peer group (source update) statement is present and correct.
- 3. If ping fails verify host route and check ACL's.
- 4. When pinging make sure it is a source ping, we use host routing.
- check routing and packet filtering upstream, port 179.
- 6. Any type of packet shaping that might be corrupting the MD5.
- 7. Verify your equipment supports MD5 and the password is correctly inputted.
- 8. Verify you are using enough hops or set to 255

After you have verified these and you still need help please send ping and traceroute output within correspondence.

Here are your Fullbogon session details:

SESSION #1

Your IP: 154.50.194.3 Your ASN: 64863

Our IP: 38.229.66.20 Our ASN: 65332

MD5 Password: |

SESSION #2

Your IP: 154.50.194.3 Your ASN: 64863

Our IP: 193.231.140.82

Our ASN: 65332

MD5 Password:

Bogon community: 65332:888 + no-export

E-mail contact: noc@cymru.com

Please remember that this is a *FREE* service with absolutely *NO* explicit or implicit guarantees or SLAs. That said, we do hope it is of use to you and we welcome any and all feedback you have!

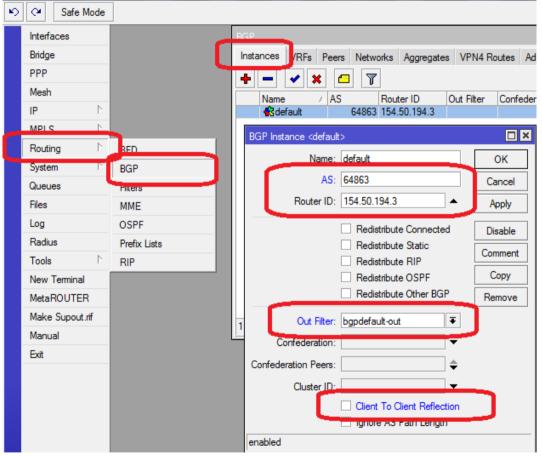
Thanks for using our service!







Set up your BGP instance



- ✓Use the Private AS number that Team Cymru assigns you for your router.
- Set the Router ID to be the same as the IP of your router that you gave when requesting the feed
- √Set an Out-Filter
- Disable Client to Client Reflection







Setting up Route Filters for BGP

- When Configuring BGP one should always use Route Filters to reduce the impact of mistakes in configuration
- Deny all scenarios you dont want to happen explicitly
- Allow only limited scenarios according to design
- Create a Default Deny rule to prevent any unexpected routes hitting your Router







Bogon Route Filter Requirements

- Reject private IP Black hole routes that conflict with our own private networks
- Allow only Routes with the correct bogon community set and add these routes to the routing table as black hole routes
- Discard all other types of Routes comming from the Bogon Feed (Protect our router from misconfiguration of our Peer)
- Discard all advertisements from our Router to the Bogon BGP Peer (Protect our peer from misconfiguration of our router)







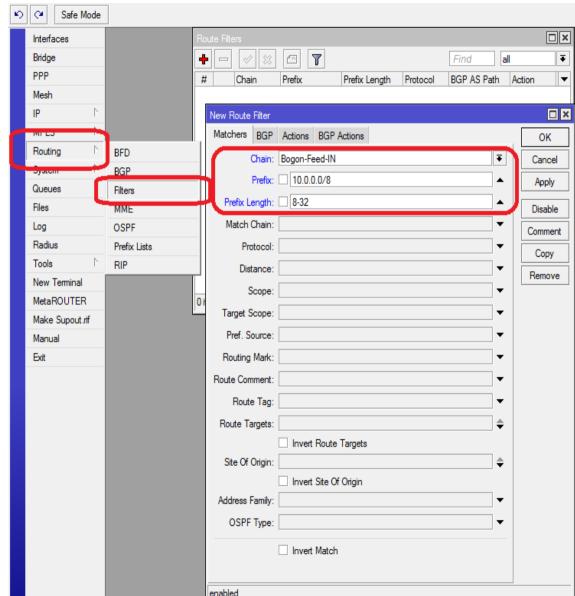
Setting up Route Filters A must for

BGP

Create a new Filter Chain for Bogon Feeds in

Reject any Private RFC1918 Private addresses (in use on your own network)

'We dont want to blackhole our own networks!



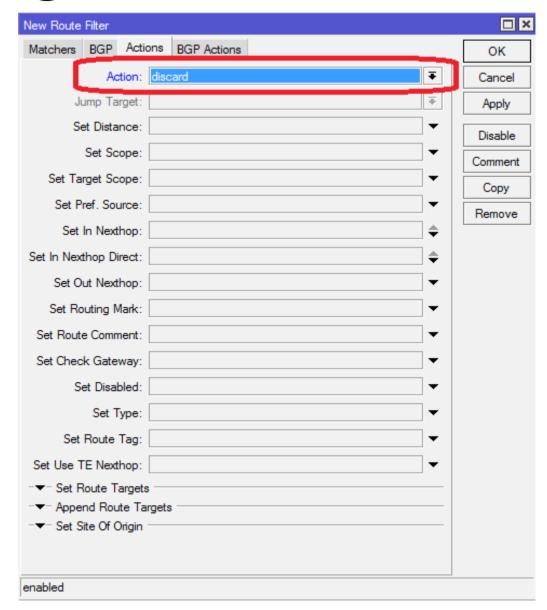






Drop unwanted Bogons

Set Route Filter Action to Discard





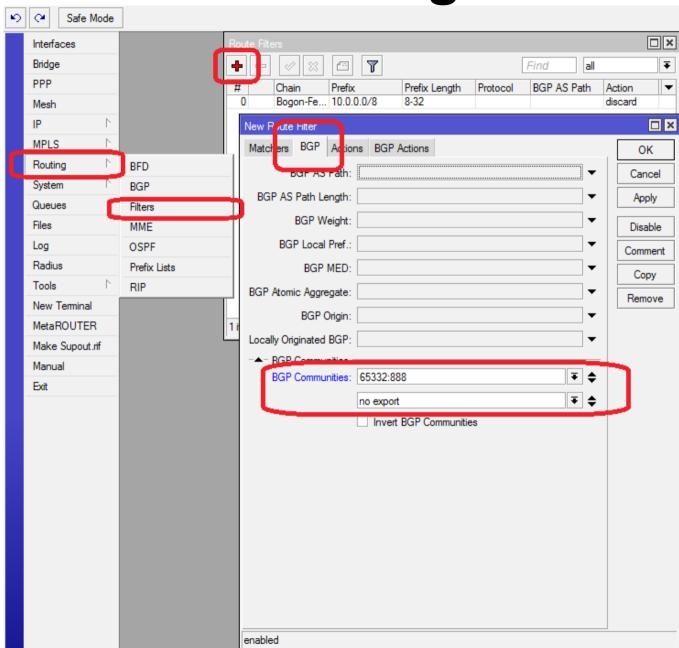
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Filter to Look for Correct Bogon BGP

Community

- 'Use BGP Matcher Tab to search for routes that have the correct community set
- Check email from Team
 Cymru for correct bogon
 communities
- ~655332:888 & No Export





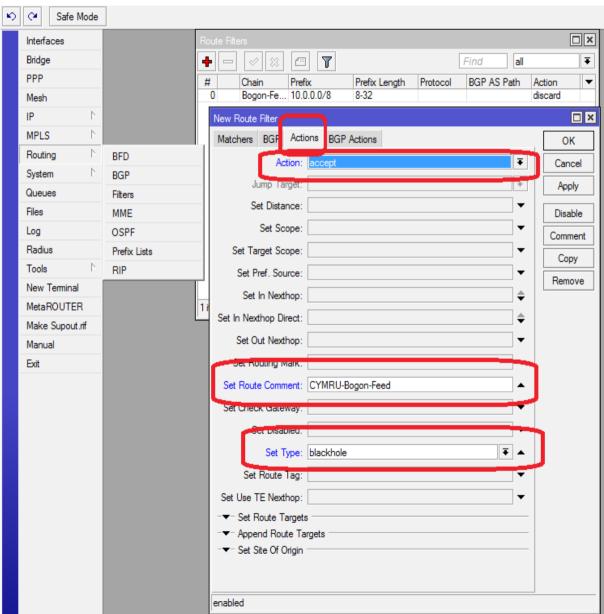




Accept and Black Hole Bogon

prefixes

- √Set Action to Accept
- Add Route Comment so that you understand where the routes are comming from
- Set type to Black hole (very Important)



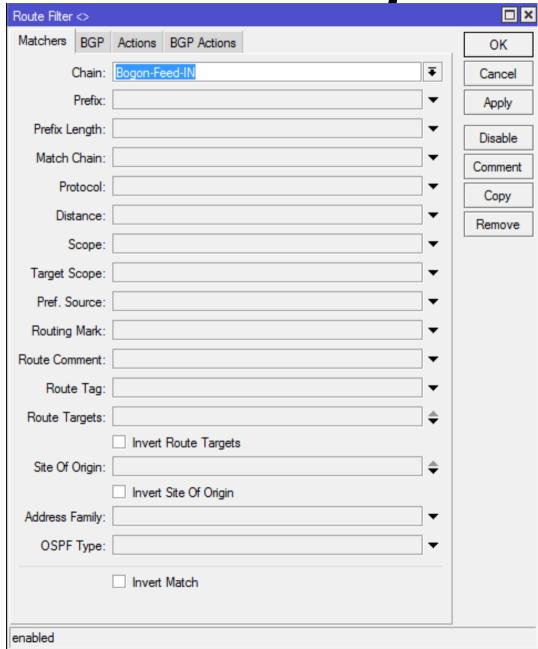






Drop all other Prefixes from our peer

- √Select Bogon-Feed-IN Chain
- Discard all routes by leaving all matcher fields greyed out



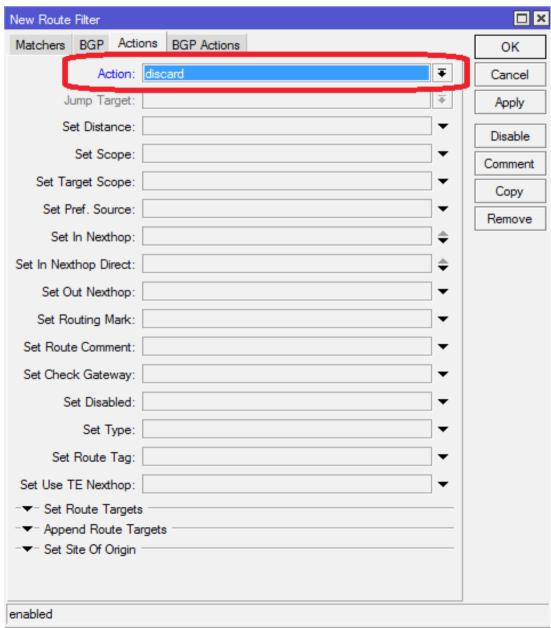






Drop All Route Advertisements In

Discard Routes using the Discard Action in Route Filter Action Tab



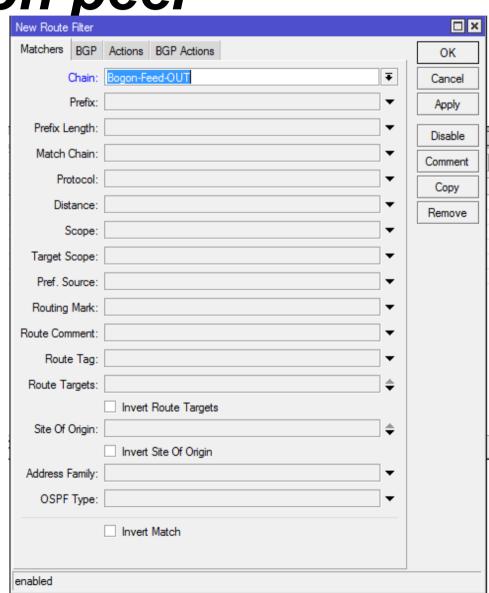






Discard all route advertisements from us to our bogon peer

- Create a Bogon-Feed-Out Chain
- And Configure a rule to drop everything



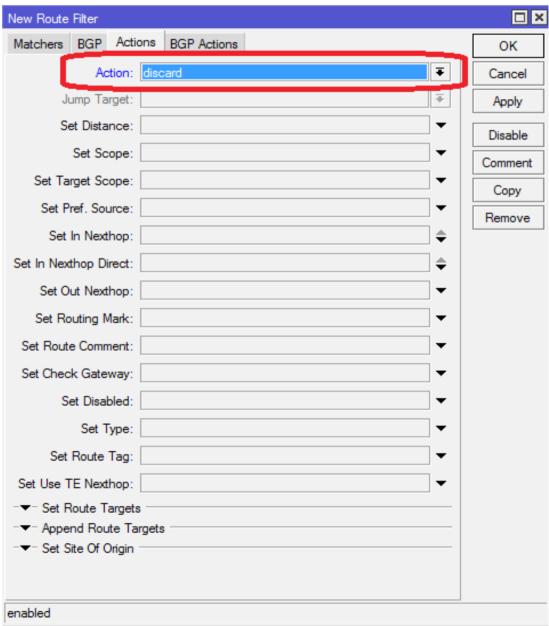






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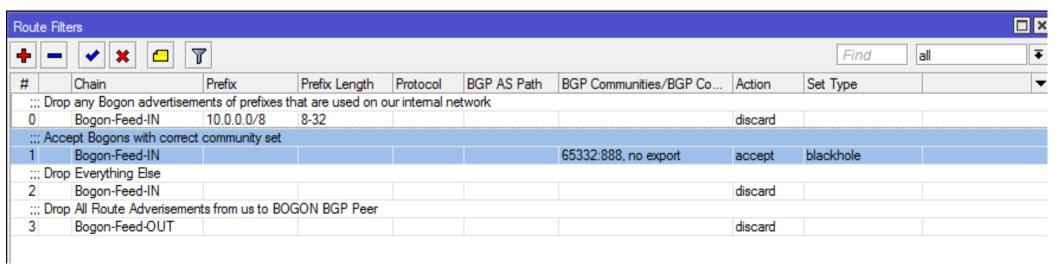






Route Filters Completed

- Order of the Rules are important
- Filter all what you definitely dont want to happen first,
- Allow only what you know you need
- Similar to the Firewall Specific Rules towards the top General Rules towards the bottom





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Configure the Bogon Feed as a BGP

Peer

Configure your Bogon BGP Feed by inserting the values given to you by Team Cymru

Essential Values include

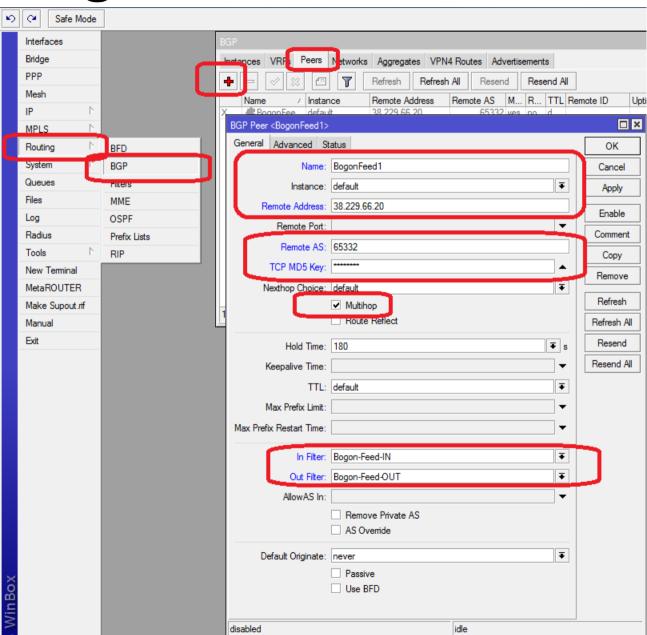
Remote Address

∠Remote AS Number

TCP MD5 Key

Enabling Multi-hop (peer is not directly connected)

Using the In and Out Route Filters that we created earlier







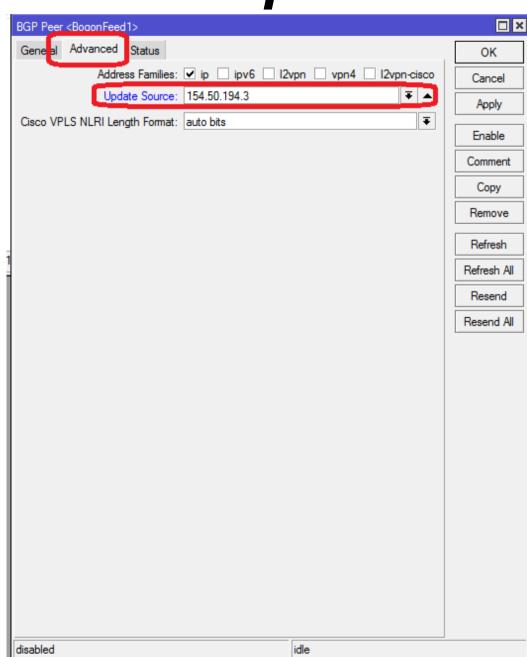


Configuring your Routers Update

source IP

Set the Update source to be the same as the public IP you submitted to TeamCymru

Set the Address Families to IP

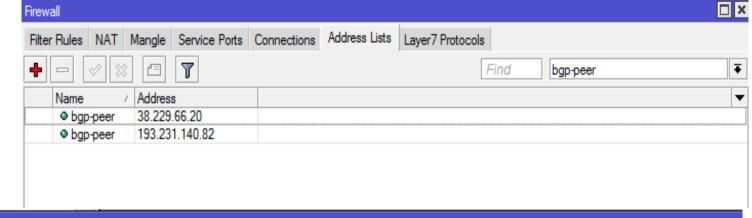


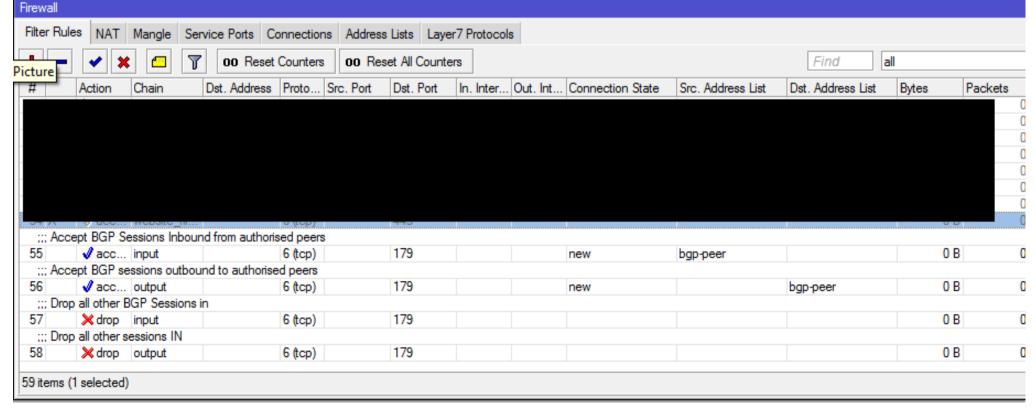


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Securing your BGP Sessions with Firewall Filter Rules NAT Mangle Service Ports Connections Address Lists Laver? Protocols





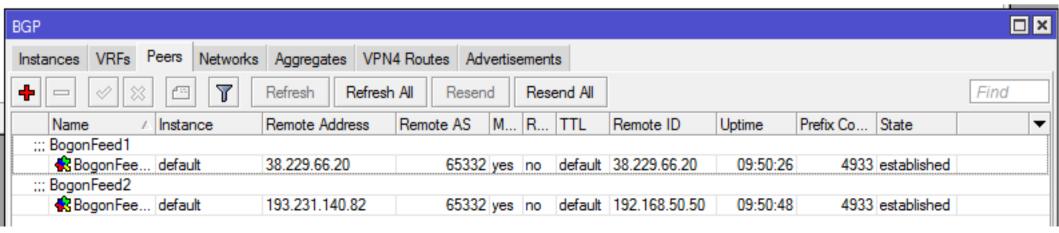






Bogon Feeds from Team Cymru

- Configure the Second Peer in a similar manner to the first peer
- Once the peers are enabled they take a few seconds to converge, and download all the prefixes.
- ✓Over 4933 routes are sent down to your Router through the Bogon BGP Feed





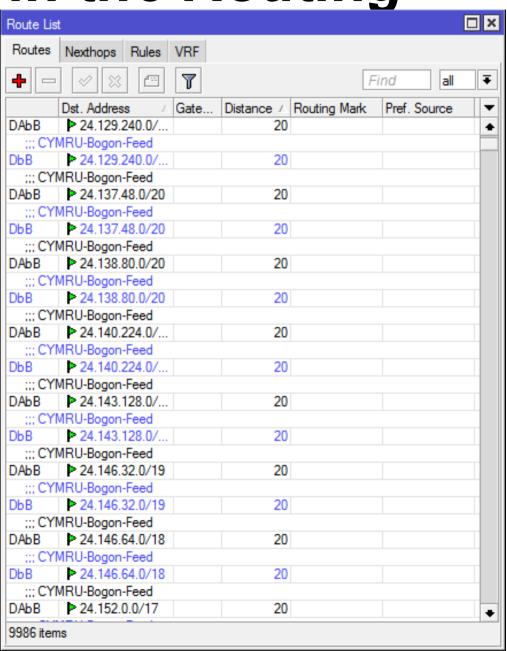




Black Hole Routes in the Routing

Table

- Routes are populated into the Routing table with DabB / DbB Status
 - ·Dynamic
 - ·Active
 - ·bGP
 - ·BlackHole
- Comments are automatically added as per our Peer configuration
- 4933 active blackhole routes
- 4933 standby blackholeroutes



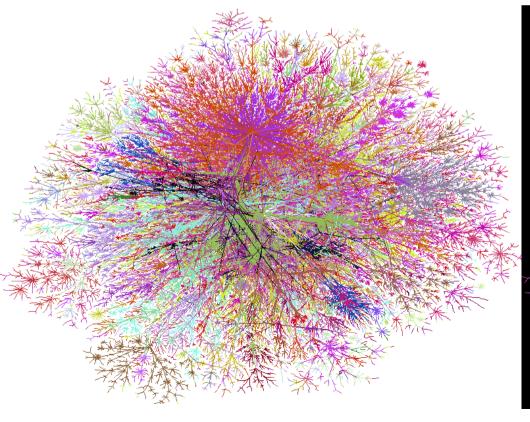


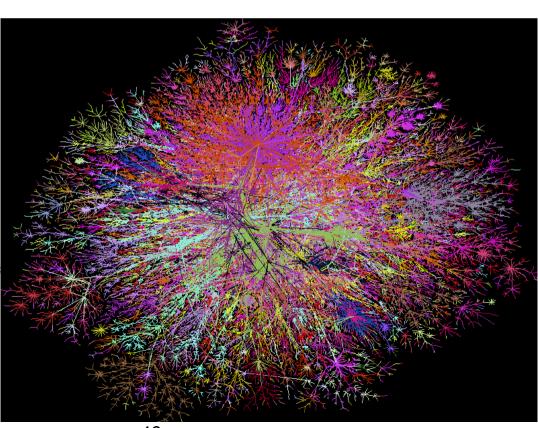




BGP-- Bogon filtering illustrated

- All unallocated areas of IPv4 spaces are masked off with blackhole Routes
- Communication with illegally advertised addresses will not be possible











Taking BGP Filtering to next Level

- Memory is an issue, full internet table is 800k routes (256Mb Ram needed for it alone) how many routes are being downloaded from your peer?
- Cost of Memory going down :)
- Can use iBGP to distribute a policy within your entire network
- 'IBGP routes would overlay blackhole routes on your network in addition to other routes propagated by your IGP such as OSPF







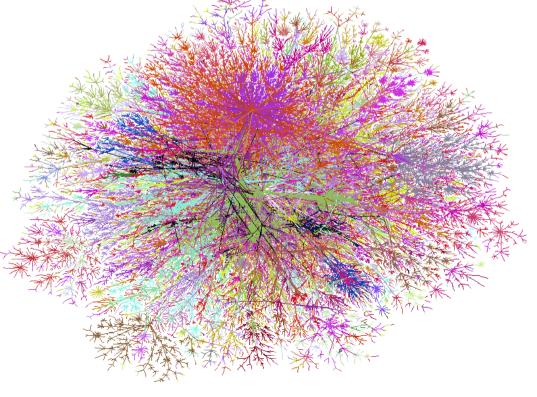
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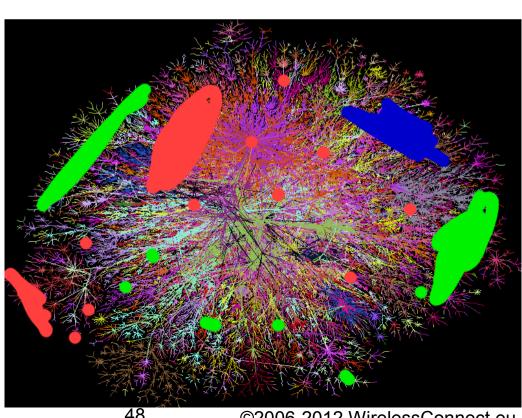
One could use communities to differentiate between different kinds of threats

√Green- Virus Infected machines community 65500:999

√Blue- Spammers community 65500:666

Red-Port Scanners / bots 65500:112











BGP Filtering – protection vs censorship

- The real question is .. how would these threats be assessed and added to the feed.. Transparency & an speedy appeals process would be an absolute requirement
- The Opt in nature model is good so people could opt to be protected if required. Can be useful for sensitive industries or sensitive collaboration networks
- Censorship –Implementing at ISP level
- Protection allowing a consumer or a business to opt into the protection model







Making Router OS even More Secure







Shakespeare on Perfection

Those who Strive for Perfection soon Find it is a moving Target







Kernel Hardening Parameters (Proxies) non Routers

- Allow users to set the following parameters on Router OS Devices that are not Gateway devices (NSA/ CIS)
 - ·Usermanager
 - ·Proxy
 - ·NTP
 - **DNS Servers**
- rnet.ipv4.ip forward = 0
 - Disable the ability of the router to route packets from one interface to another based on IP
- rnet.ipv4.conf.all.send redirects = 0
- rnet.ipv4.conf.default.send redirects = 0







Kernel Hardening for All Routers

Allow to harden Router to NSA / CIS Standards

```
rnet.ipv4.conf.all.accept_source_route = 0
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- rnet.ipv4.conf.all.accept_redirects = 0
- rnet.ipv4.conf.all.secure_redirects = 0
- rnet.ipv4.conf.all.log_martians = 1
- rnet.ipv4.conf.default.accept_source_route = 0
- rnet.ipv4.conf.default.accept_redirects = 0
- rnet.ipv4.conf.default.secure_redirects = 0







Kernel Hardening all routers

```
rnet.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_broadcasts = 1
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```
rnet.ipv4.icmp_ignore_bogus_error_messages = 1
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```
rnet.ipv4.tcp_syncookies = 1
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```
rnet.ipv4.conf.all.rp filter = 1
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rnet.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter = 1







Default Drop Firewall Checkbox

Option to have firewall load initially with all traffic drop until rules are fully loaded







Configurable SSL Parameters

- Supported Ciphers should be configurable
- √NSA/ CIS Standards... Ciphers >>128bits
- Supported Cipher bit Length should be configurable
- Client Side Authentication should be supported







Use SSL for Winbox

- Use SSL so that a user is automatically warned if the SSL certificate on the server is in valid
- Client automatically informed if encryption on the session is not enabled or at a required level
- √Use SSL to enforce Client Side Certification phase in with winboxs or swinbox (running in parallel)
- In windows 7 / Windows Server 2008 RDP encryption was supplemented with TLS / SSL encryption.







Password Protected KeyRing in Winbox Loader

Passwords stored on the computer should be encrypted with a username and password using AES-256 or better encryption







SAPI / APIS

- Secure API Traffic with SSL
- Client and server Authenticated







Disable insecure services by default

- **API**
- **Winbox**
- **∠**Telnet
- √Ftp







Buffer Overflow protection

- kernel.exec-shield = 1
- rkernel.randomize_va_space = 1
- As Mikrotiks Popularity grows so too will desire for people to attempt compromising MikroTik Router OS
- Fuzzing etc







Stunnel Feature

- SSL Wrapper for generic TCP Services running on servers etc
- SSL Accelerator Reverse Proxy etc
- Turn a standard imap server into an Imaps server
- Allow a CCR 1036 to terminate SSL for webservers behind it
- ∠CCR1036 RB1000, RB1100AH & Rb1200 all have Hardware acceleration for SSL
- ×X86 have SSE Extensions for increased SSL Performance







Thank You

- I hope you enjoyed the Presentation as much as I Did:)
- You are welcome to discuss any questions with me over a cup of tea.