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- Suppose multicast transmission from Berkelev to ND, the receiver is not receiving it. How do you debug it?
- Unicast tools link ping and traceroute do not work because we want to get the whole multicast topology; not if one host can get multicast
 - Just because Stanford is receiving this stream is no help to debug why it is not working for ND



Approaches

- Receiver to Source direction
 - Multicast routing information is used to discover the tree
 - Need to know session identities
- Source to receiver
 - Don't need the identities of receivers
 - Multicast forwarding information is used to get the tree
- SNMP based approach
 - Simple Network Management Protocol
 - Each router maintains information. Query all routers to get routing info.



Approaches (cont.)

- Use other mechanisms (such as RTCP Real time Transport Control Protocol – part of RTP Realtime Transport Protocol)
- RTCP sends announcements periodically and use that to discover topology
 - RTCP is unreliable



Peering and Transits

- · Thousands of ISPs. ISPs connect using transit providers and backbone providers to route packets
- Decisions are made on business goals and \$\$\$
- · Peering does not give access to other peering points, I.e. peering is non-transitive
- · No explicit service level agreement (SLA)
- Peering can be cheaper
 - For example, Notre Dame can peer with Ameritech and ATT to transfer mutual traffic (from DSL and Cable customers)
 - Lower latency to preferred ISPs



Notre Dame to Saint Marys

- · traceroute www.saintmarys.edu
 - traceroute to www.saintmarys.edu (147.53.8.10), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 - 1 eafs-e06.gw.nd.edu (129.74.250.1) 0.664 ms 0.469 ms 0.450 ms
 - 2 c245-e01.gw.nd.edu (129.74.245.14) 0.301 ms 0.574 ms 0.345 ms
 - 3 monk-fe00.gw.nd.edu (129.74.45.4) 1.046 ms 0.918 ms 0.823 ms
 - 4 klimek-i00.gw.nd.edu (129.74.248.102) 4.784 ms 4.569 ms 4.688 ms 5 mren-m10-lsd6509 startap net (206.220.240.86) 4.863 ms 5.884 ms 6.659 ms
 - 6 chin-mren-ge.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.97) 5.234 ms 4.512 ms 4.879 ms
 - 7 iplsng-chinng.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.77) 15.137 ms 22.735 ms 8.524 ms

 - 8 ul-abilene.indiana.gigapop.net (192.12.206.250) 8.584 ms 9.009 ms 8.814 ms 9 ihets-gw-1-ge15-0.ind.net (157.91.6.37) 8.458 ms 8.581 ms 8.823 ms
 - 10 sbn-fa0-0.ind.net (199.8.76.73) 9.256 ms 8.826 ms 8.638 ms
 - 11 stmarys-edu-T1.ind.net (199.8.73.110) 30.135 ms 26.131 ms 25.682 ms
 12 ** smcswitch.saintmarys.edu (147.53.1.1) 31.876 ms IX



Reasons why you don't peer

- · No explicit SLA
- Use cold-potato algorithm to offset traffic costs
 - Carry traffic in your local network as much as possible rather than use an optimal (possibly more expensive transit route)
 - Transit points use hot potato algorithm, dumping the packets as soon as possible to the back bone (even if it was not optimal)
- · Don't want to help potential competitors
 - Ameritech would want your friends to move to Ameritech so that you all can get faster traffic, not peer with AT&T so that you can enjoy the benefit

