

Routing Security Tool

Rose-T

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No suitable tool to automatically verify MANRS compliance!



Operators have to check their configurations and routing policies **manually** or with **minimal aid**



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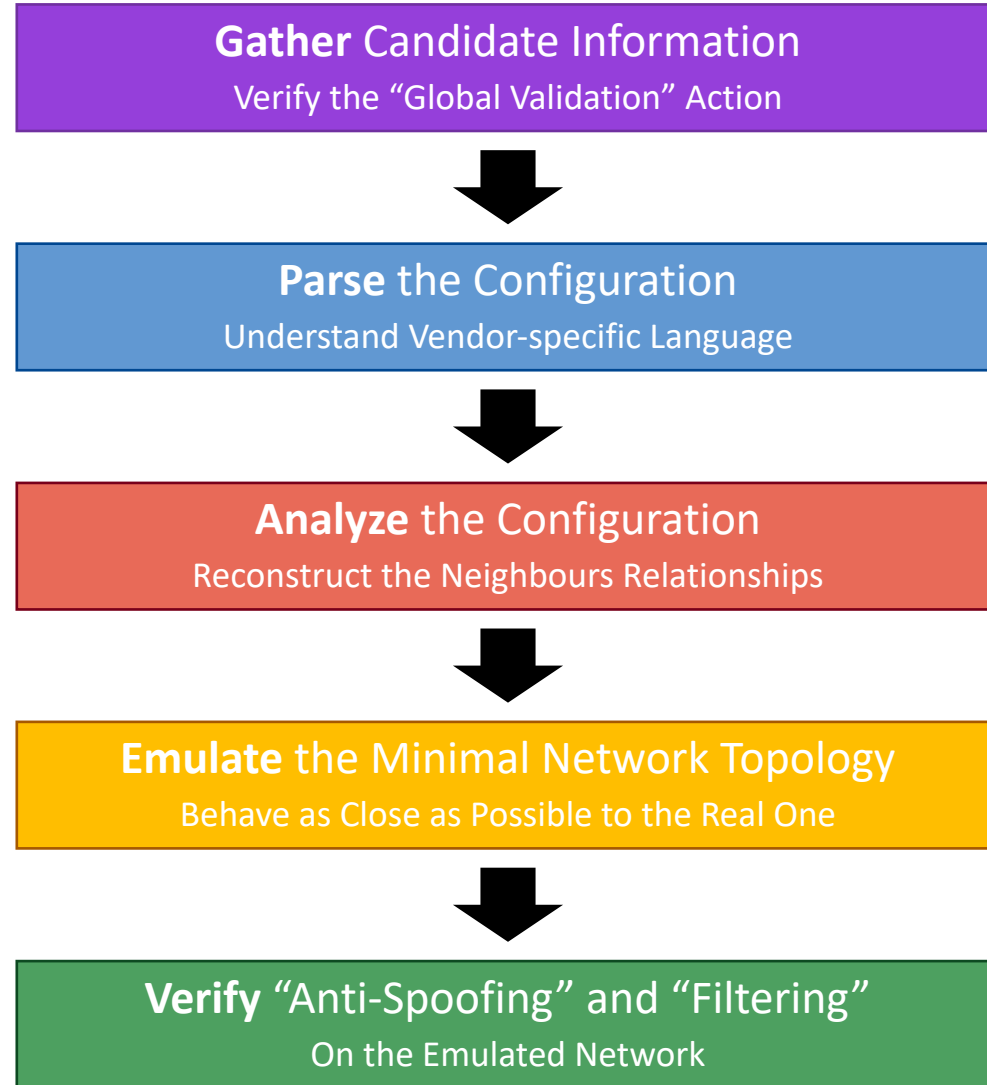
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Emulation!

- ✓ Run real software and configuration
- ✓ No need for creating complex models
- ✓ Operator friendly environment

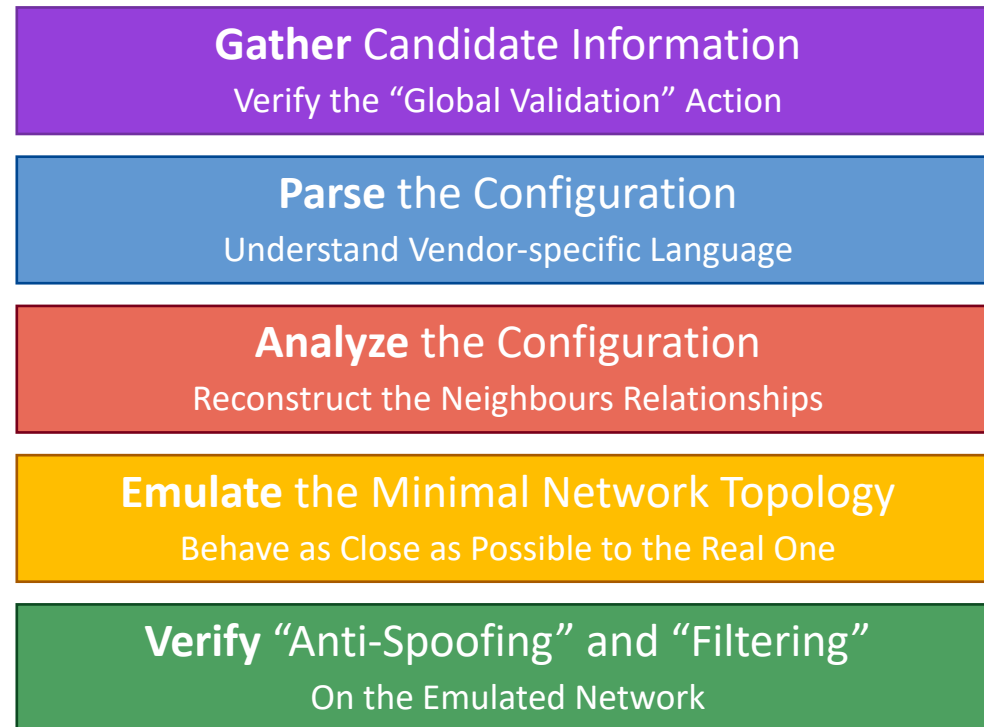
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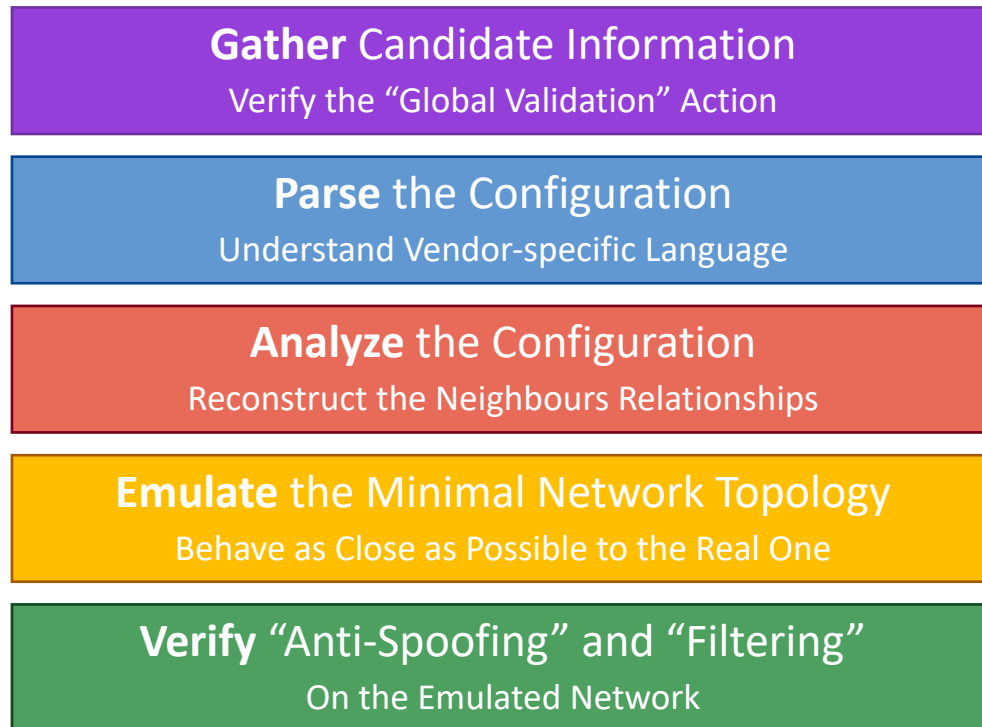
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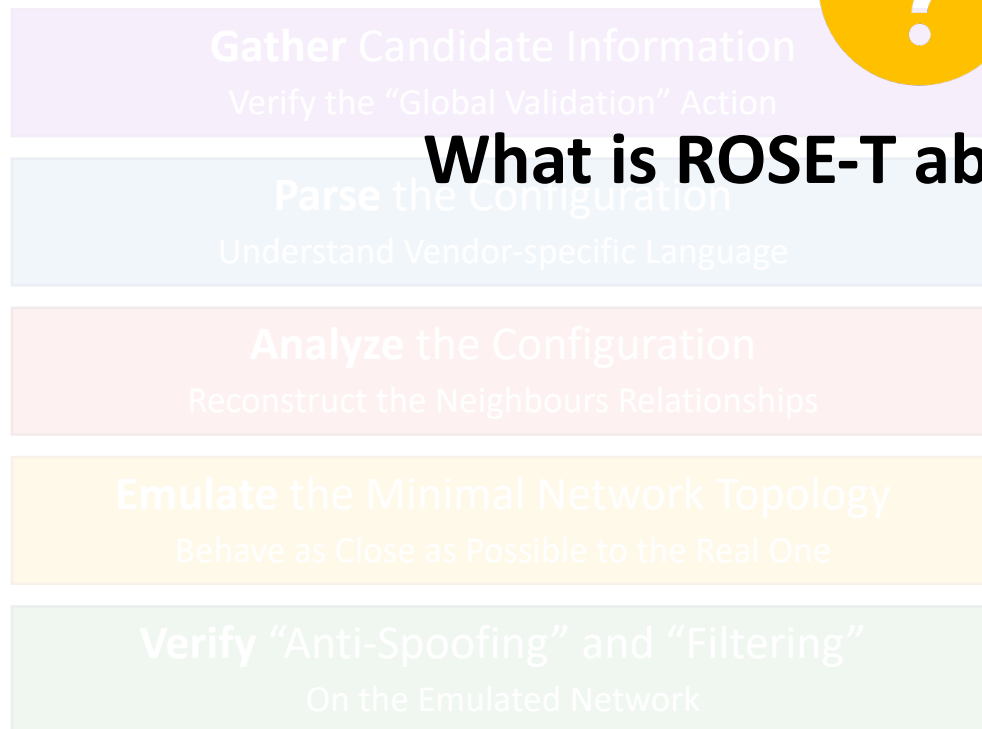
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What is ROSE-T able to do now?

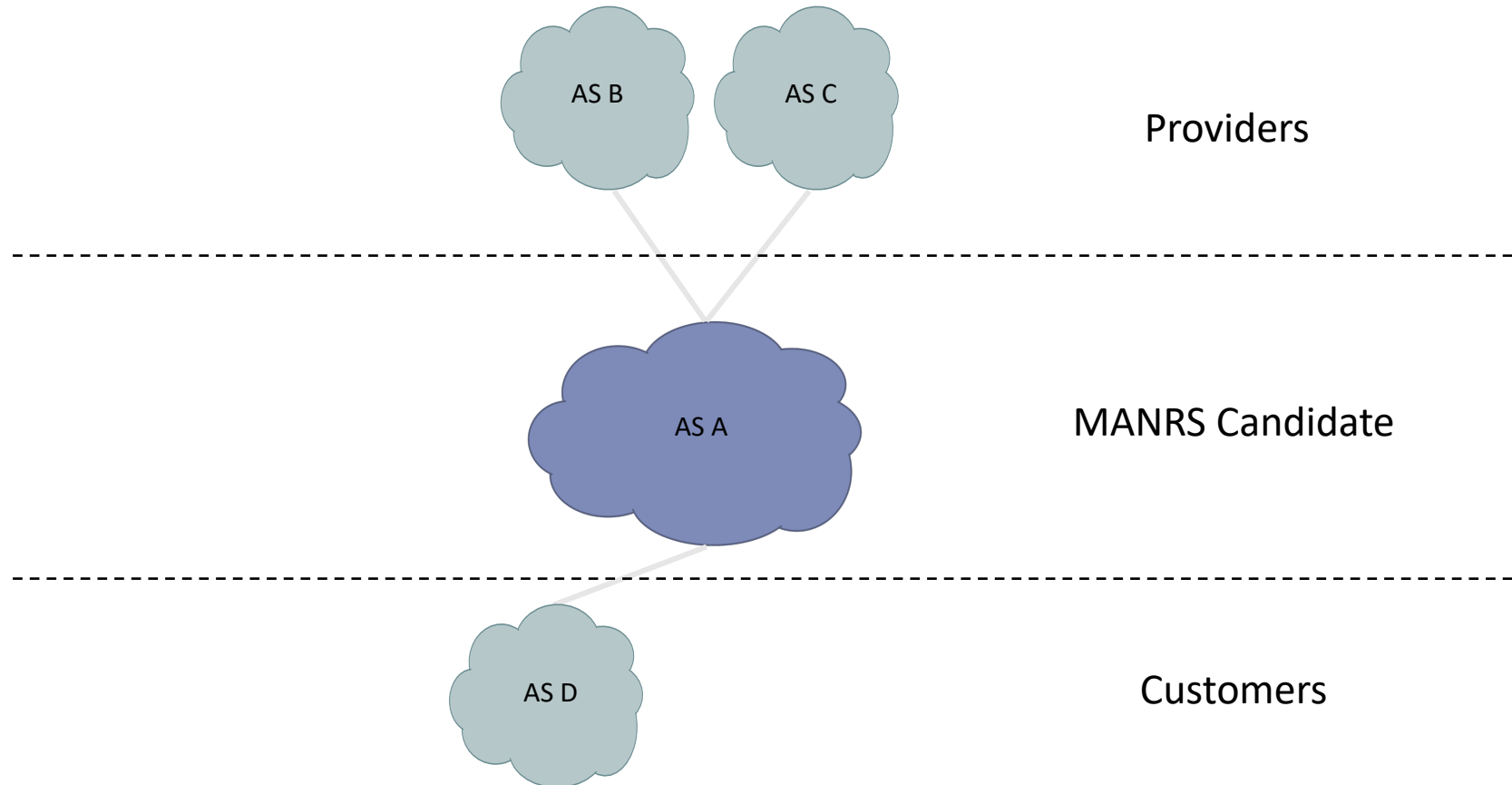


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ROSE-T: An Example Network



ROSE-T – Step-by-Step

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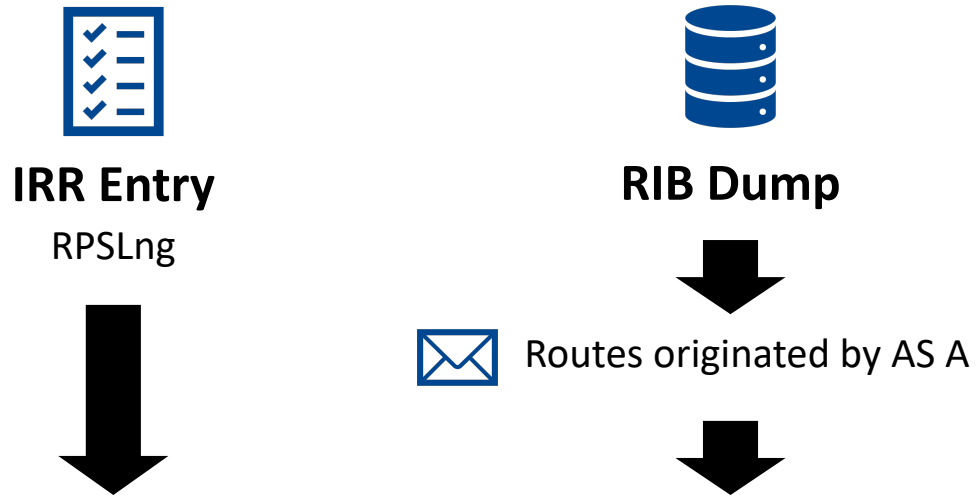
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ROSE-T – Step-by-Step

Gather Candidate Information
Verify the “Global Validation” Action



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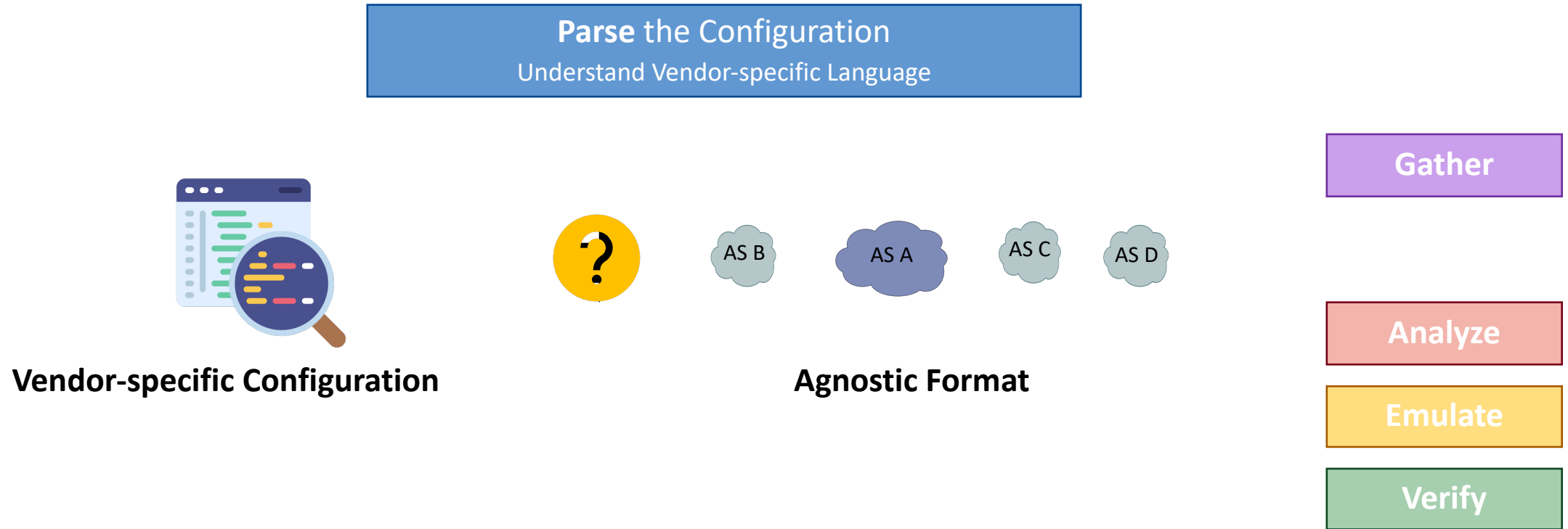
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- ✓ Verify that the networks announced to transits are in the IRR Entry
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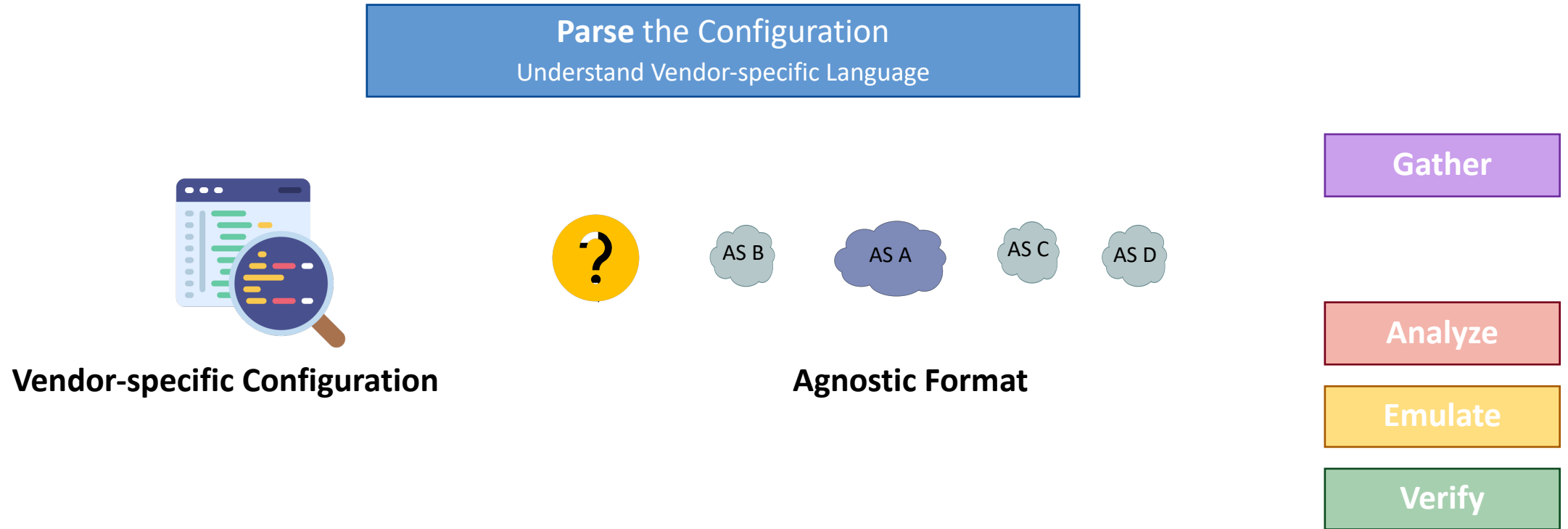
Before: we exploited Batfish for **parsing vendor configurations**

✓ Good for vendors already supported

✗ Difficult to extend for new vendors

✗ Do not support IPv6

ROSE-T – Step-by-Step



Now: we developed a **custom parser** for vendor configurations

✓ We need to extract few information

✓ Facilitate the integration of new vendors

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Analyze the Configuration
Reconstruct the Neighbours Relationships



Agnostic Format

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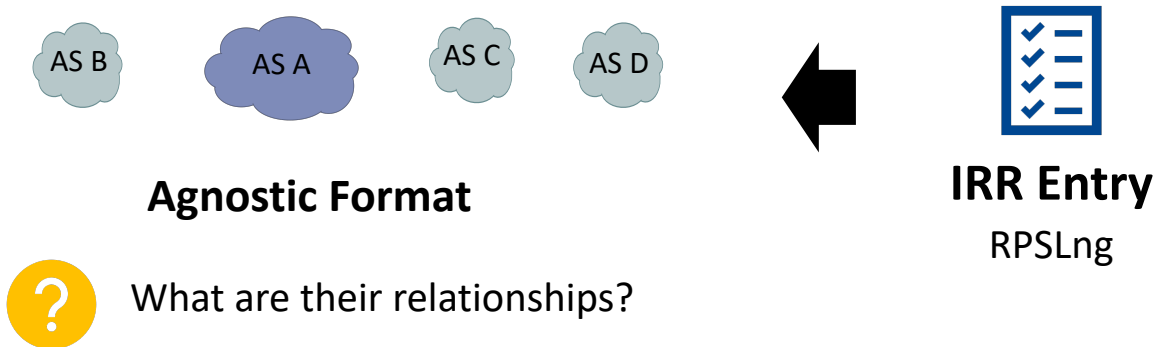
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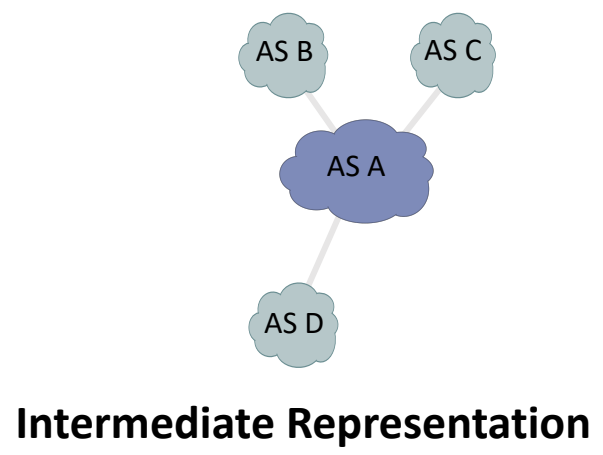
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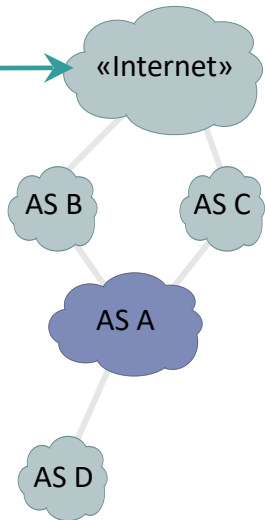
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Dummy OTT connected to all providers



Intermediate Representation



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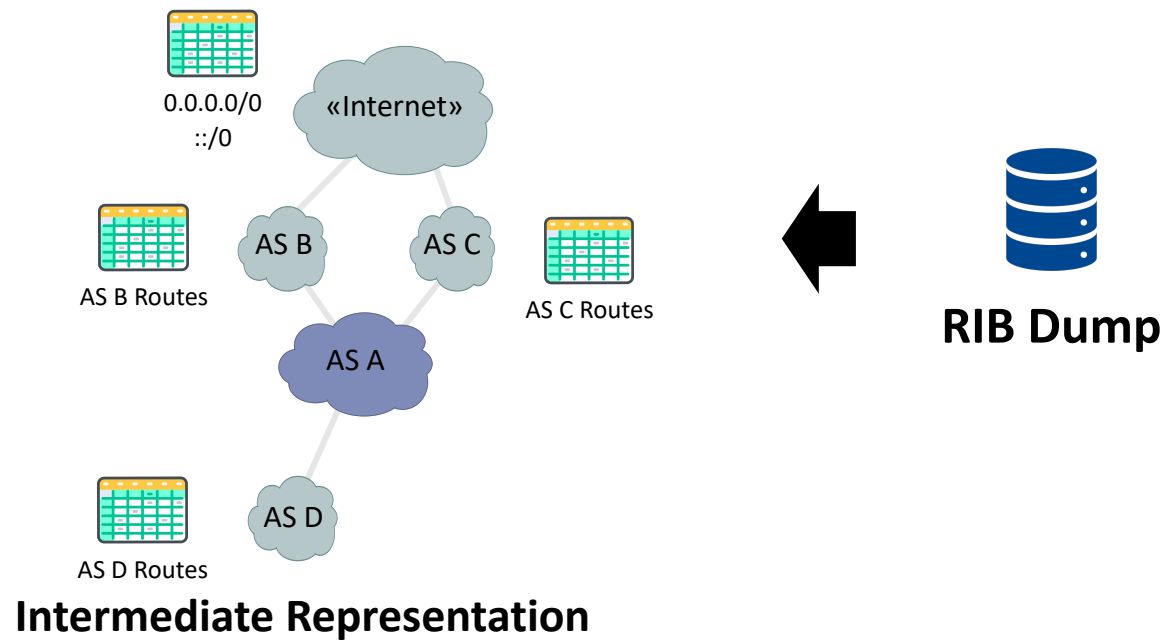
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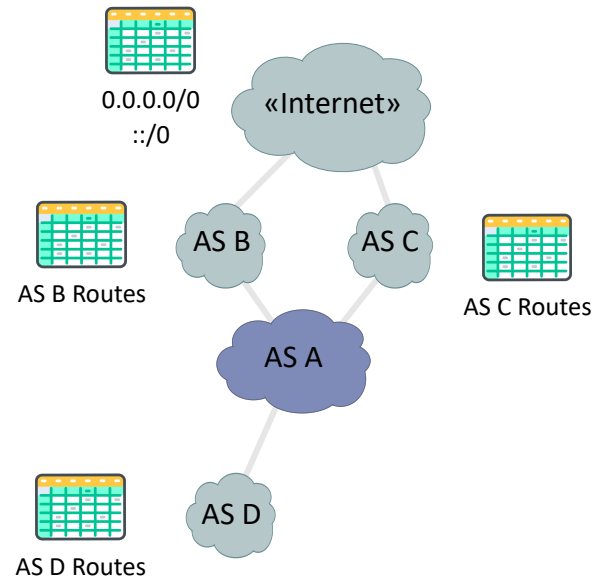
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✓ ROSE-T also supports multi-hop peerings!

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Behave as Close as Possible to the Real One



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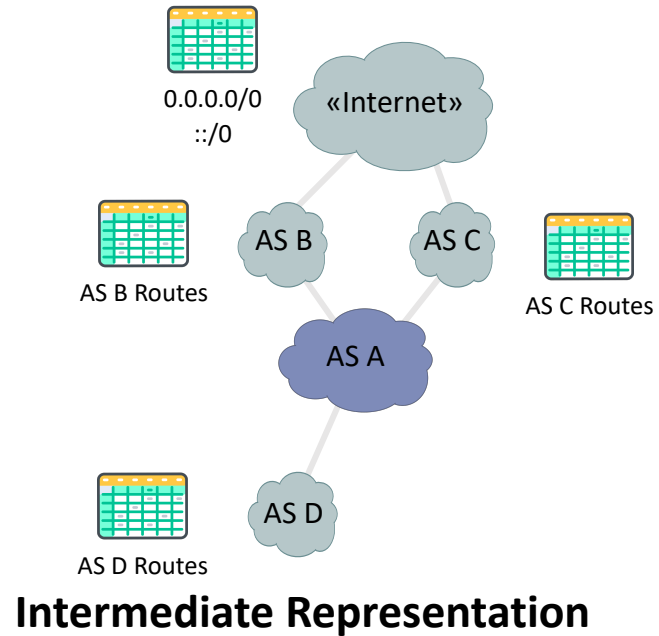
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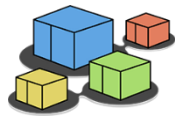


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Kathará - What is it?



A container-based network emulator

Based on Docker containers

Can run on Kubernetes to scale up the emulation in a cluster



Open-source project

Almost 100K downloads

400+ stars on GitHub

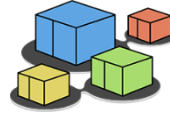


Widely adopted for academic teaching and research

Used in 30 different courses, in more than 20 universities and 12 countries

Several publications and framework based on Kathará

ROSE-T – Why Kathará ?



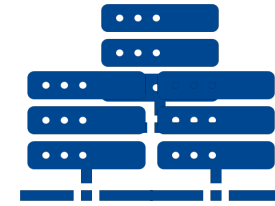
Lightweight

- ✓ Minimal resource usage
- ✓ Fast startup



Python APIs

- ✓ Easy programming interface
- ✓ Easy to extend

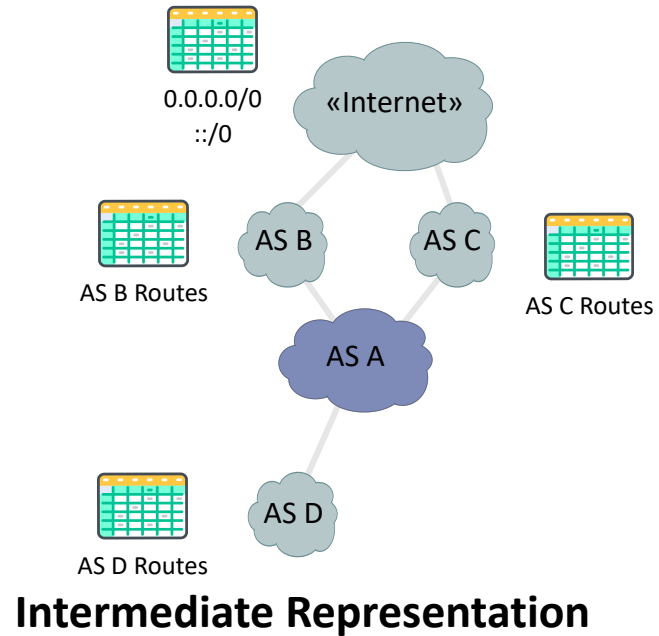


Scalable

- ✓ Docker on single host
- ✓ K8s on a cluster

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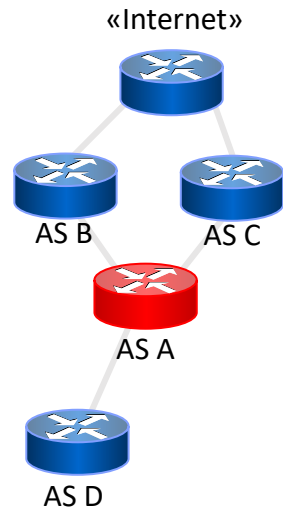
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Runnable Network Scenario

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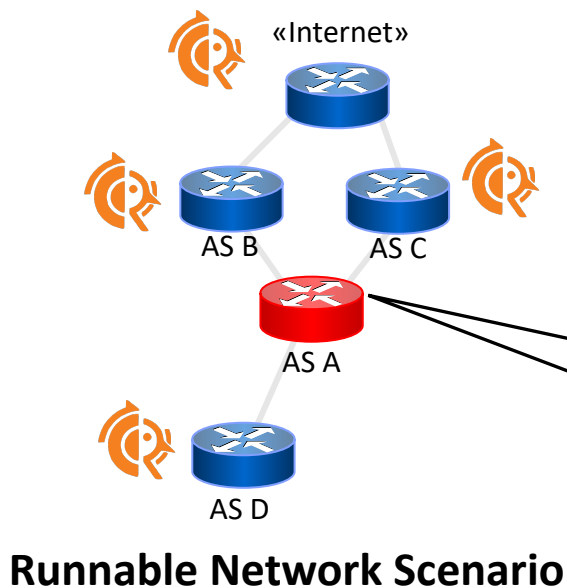
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Kathará

Vendor Container
More to come...

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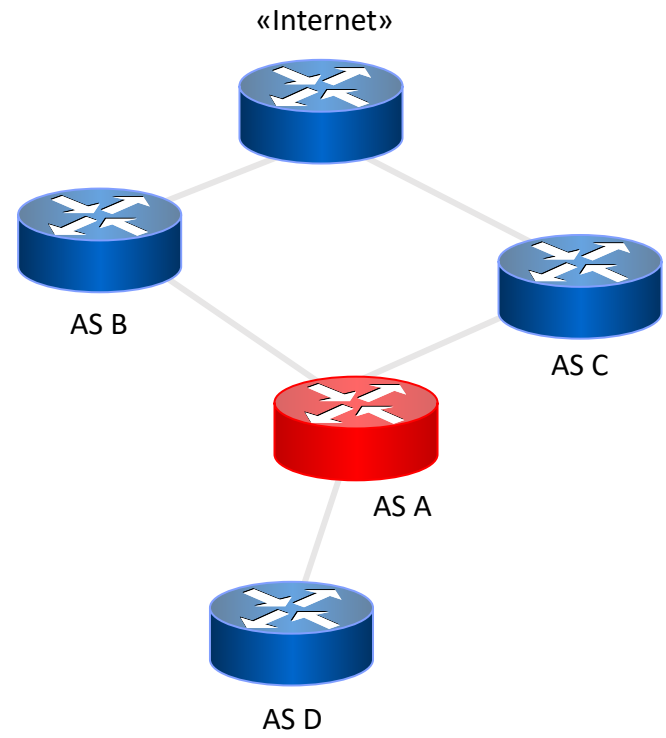
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From the last update we added the support to RouterOS

✓ ROSE-T can easily be extended to support other vendors

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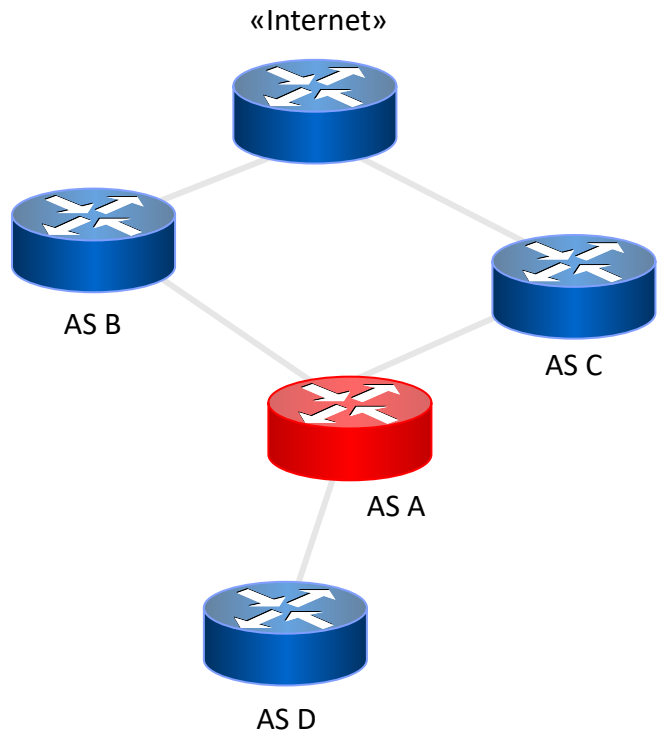
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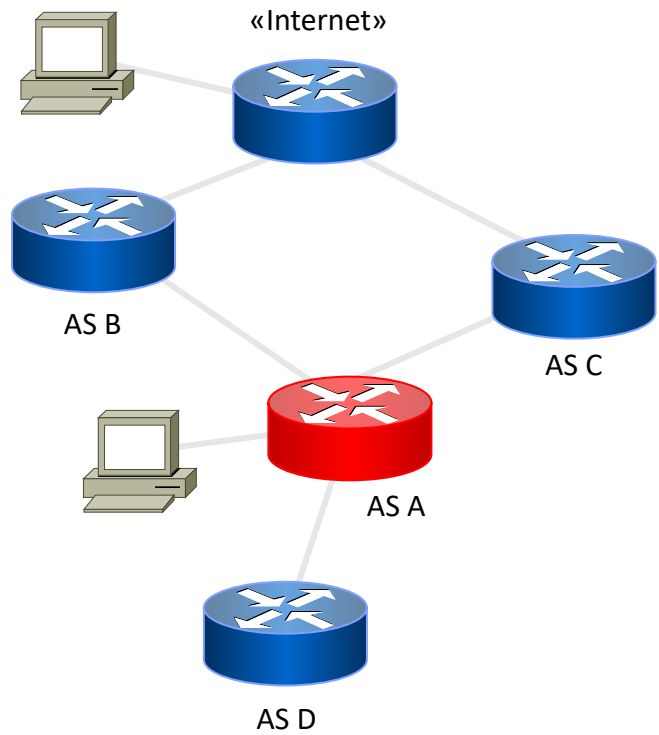
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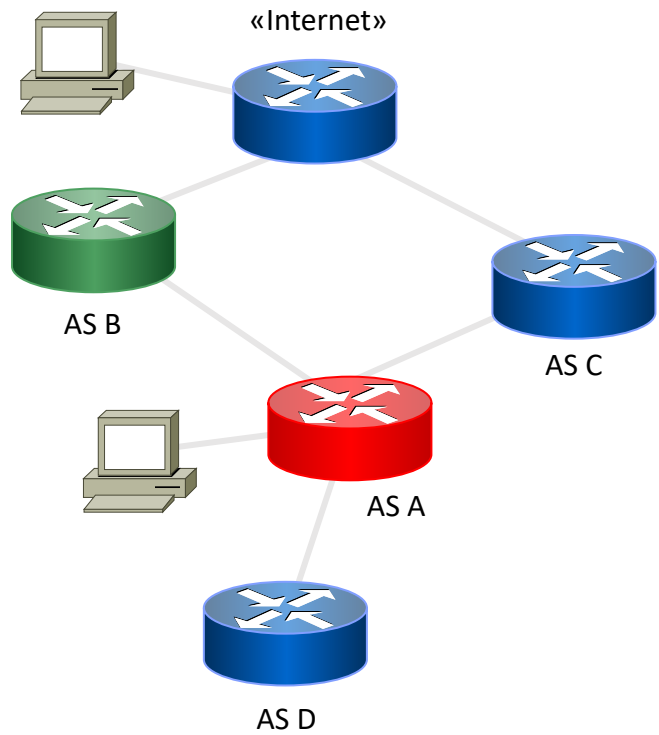
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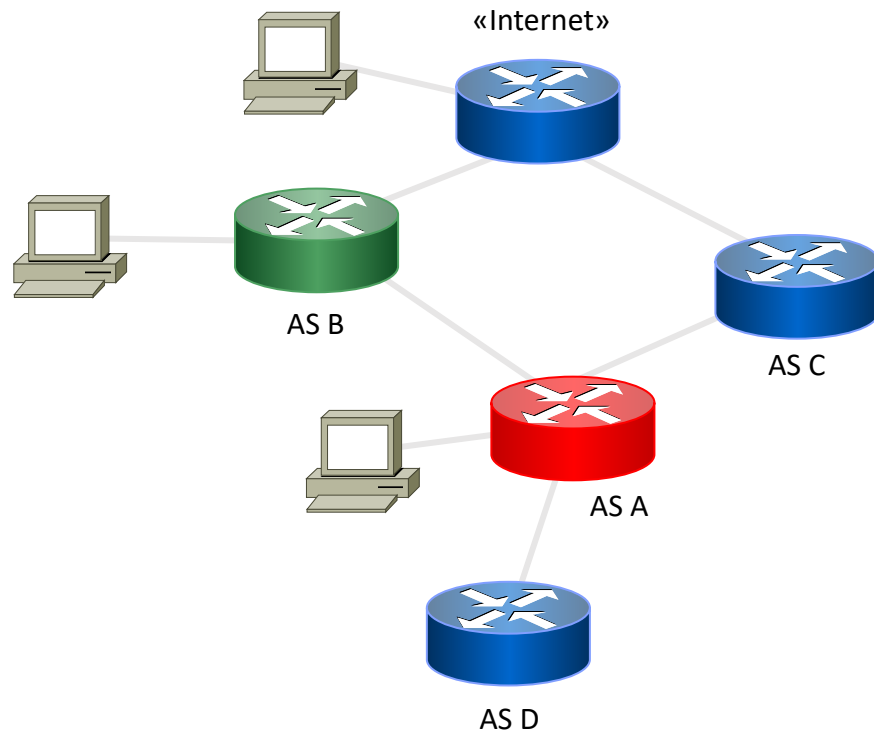
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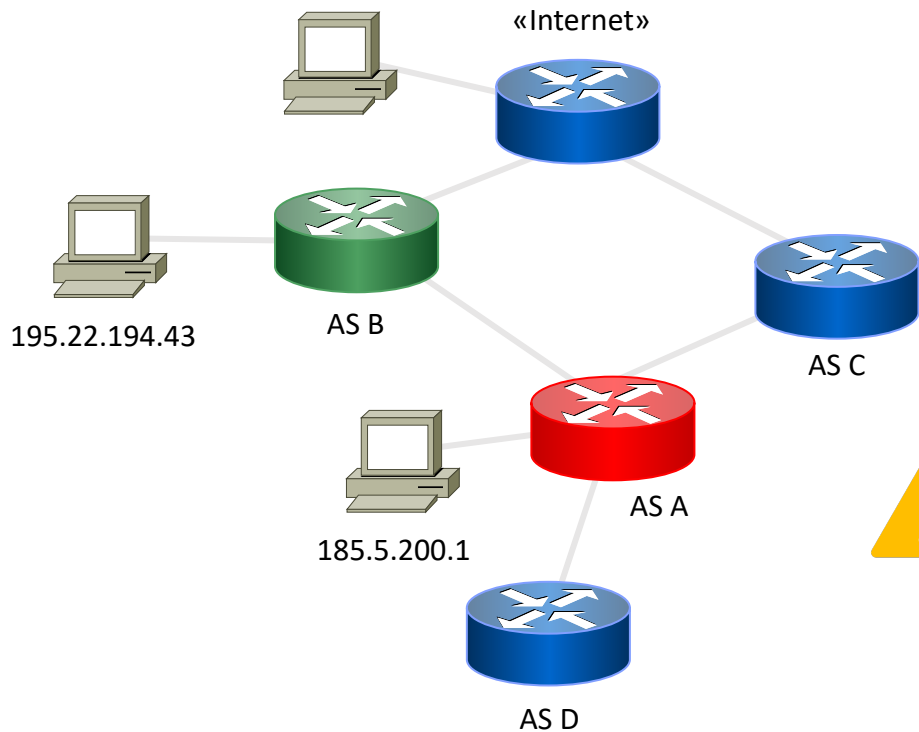
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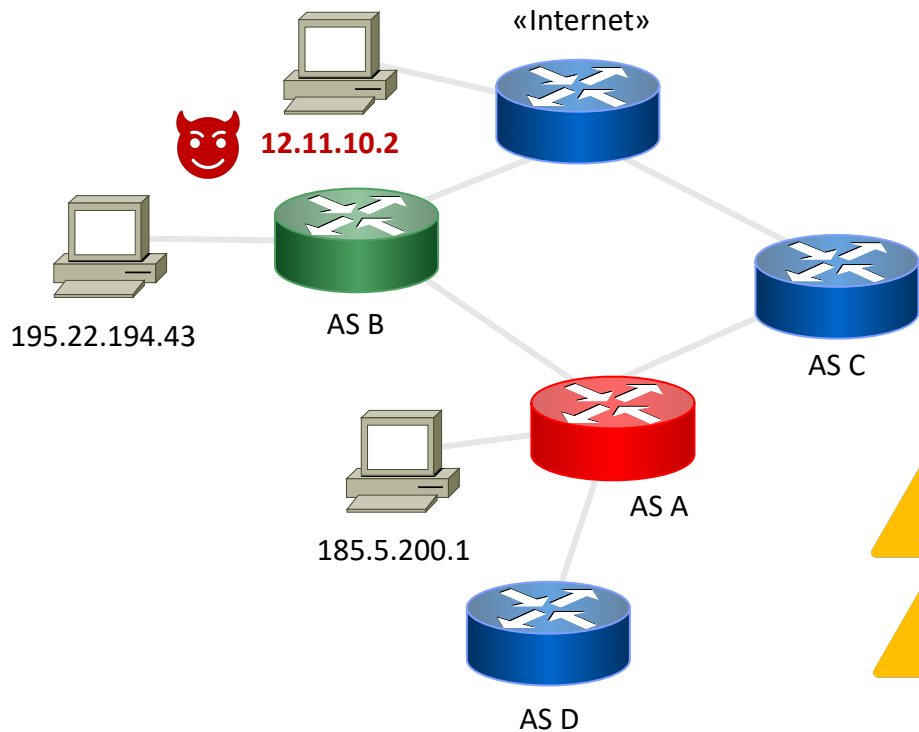
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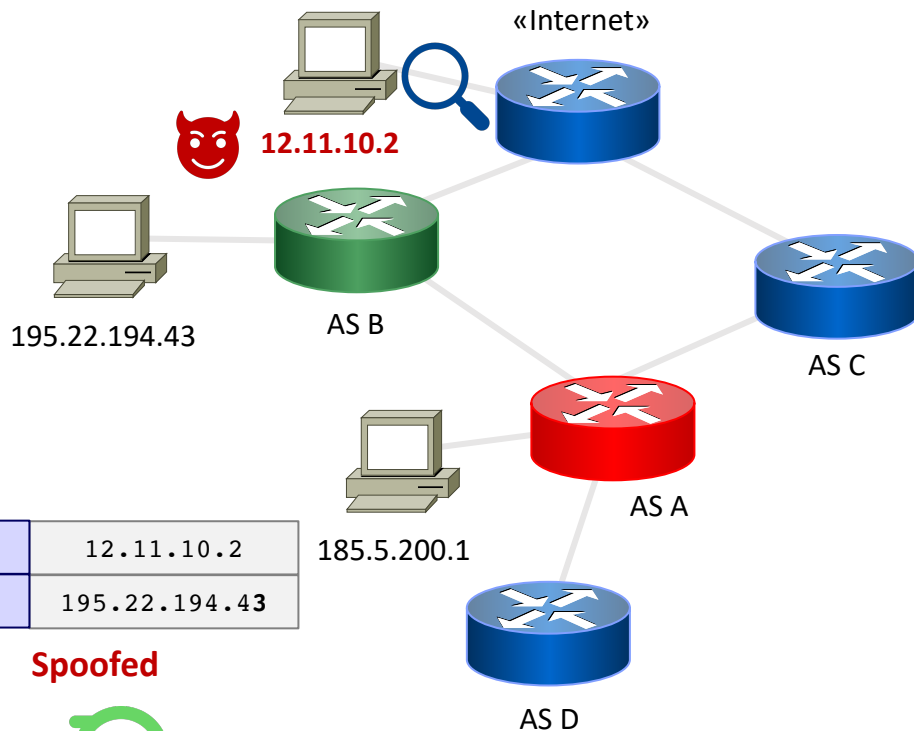
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Select a non-overlapping network for the “Internet” client

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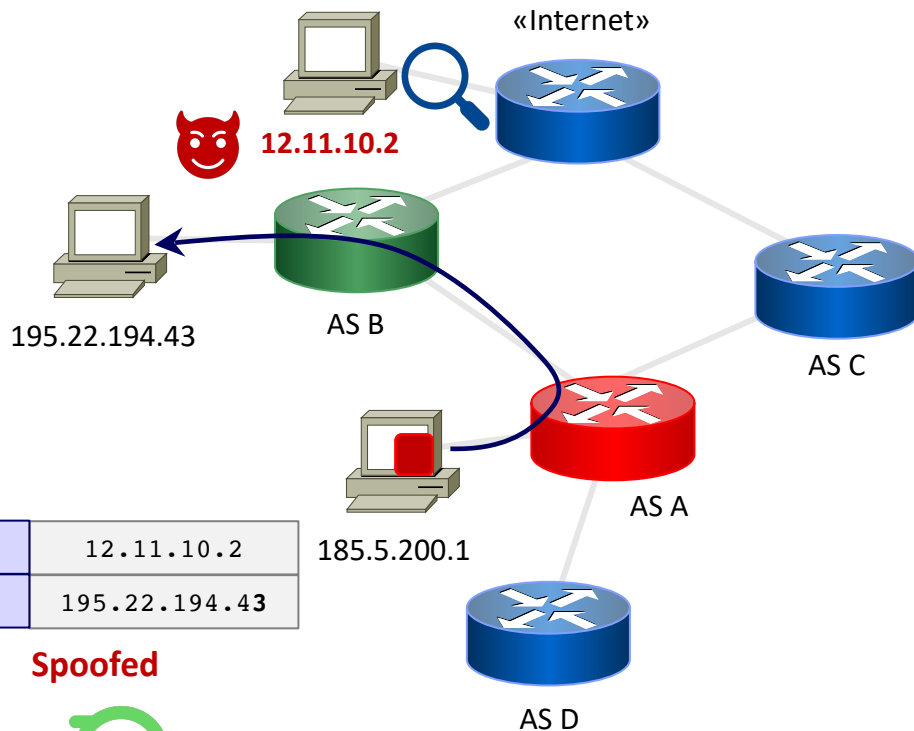
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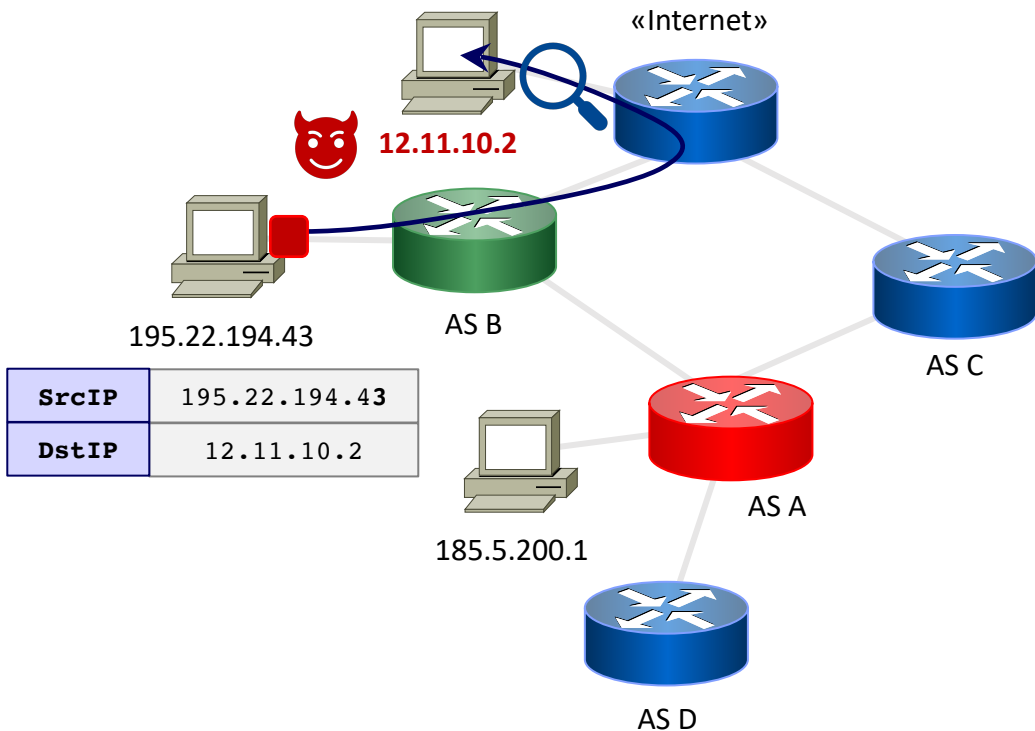
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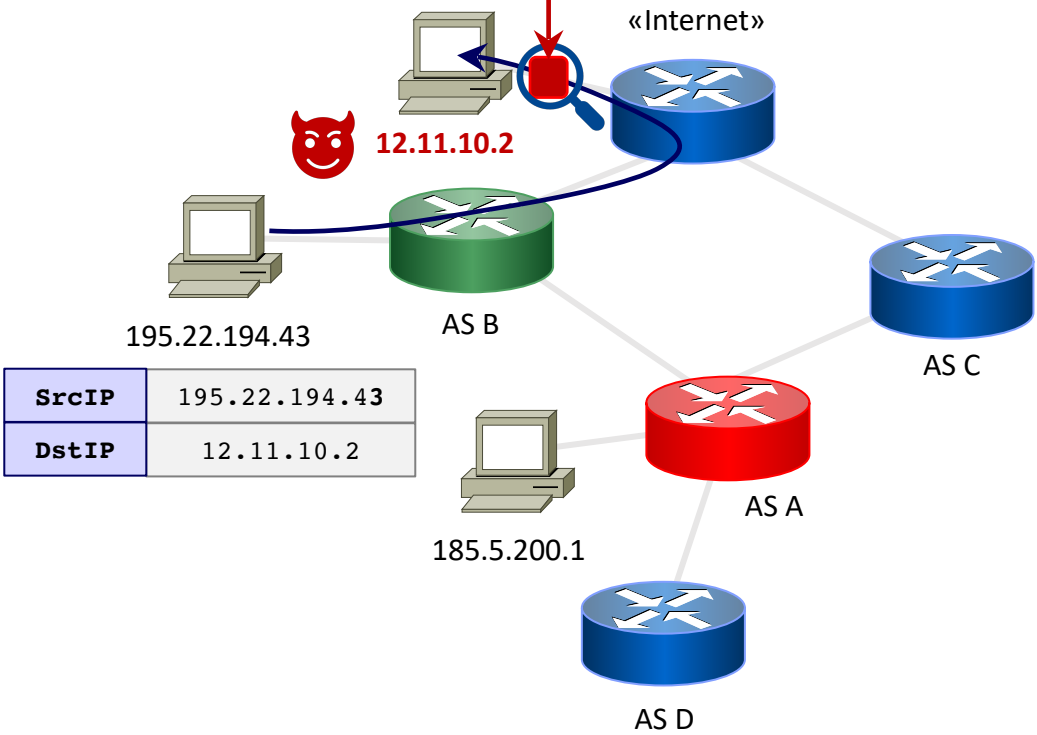
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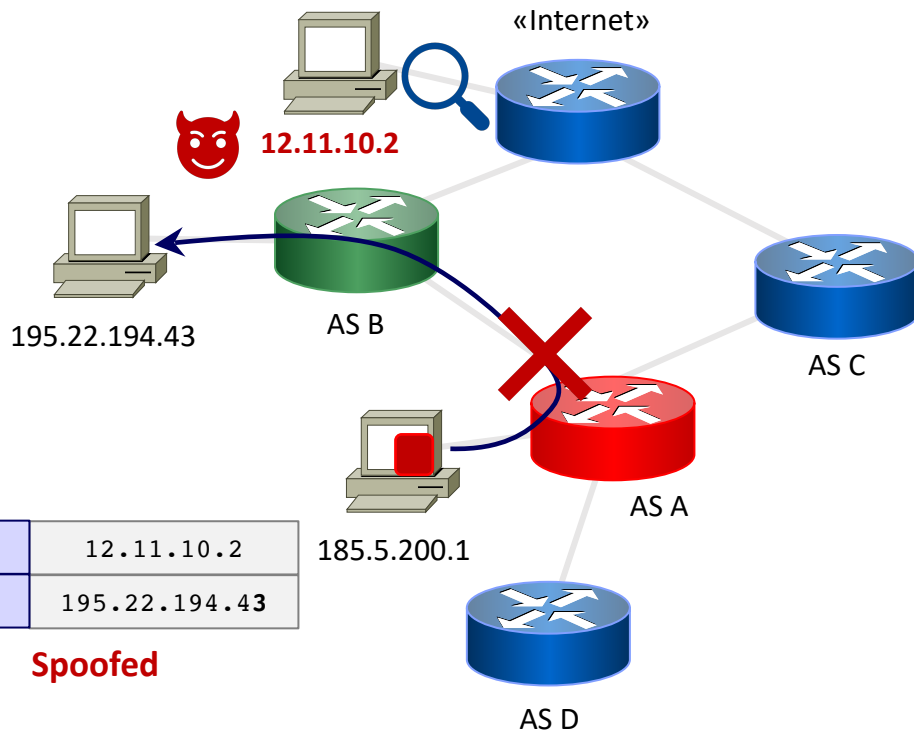
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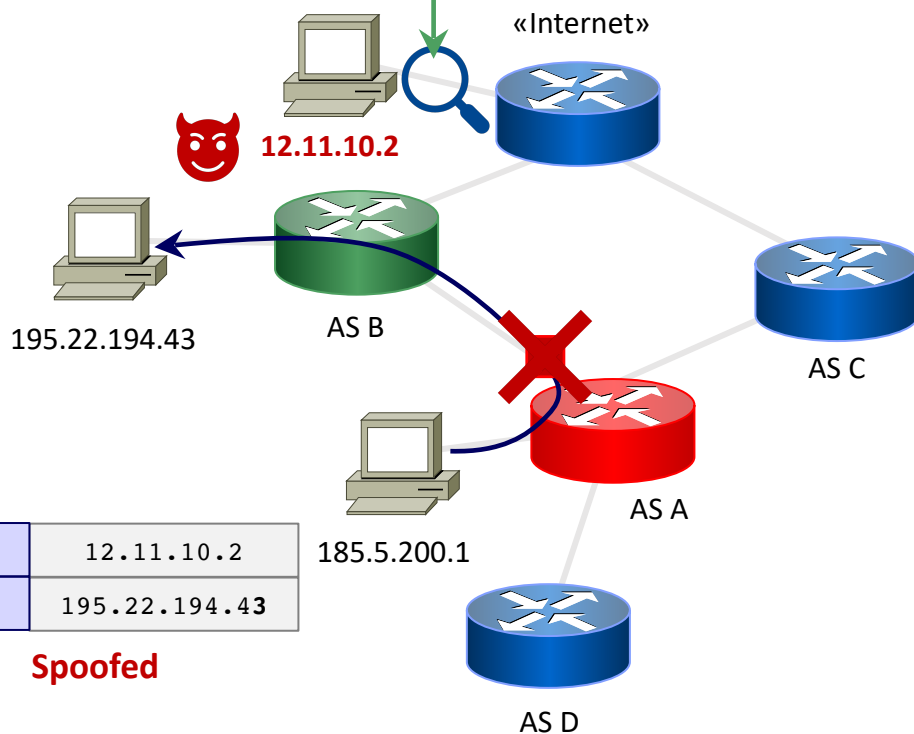
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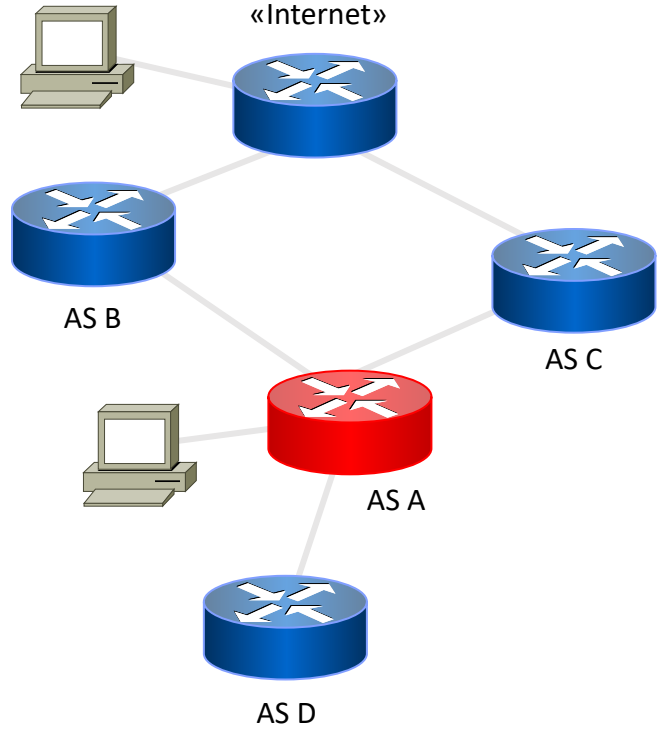
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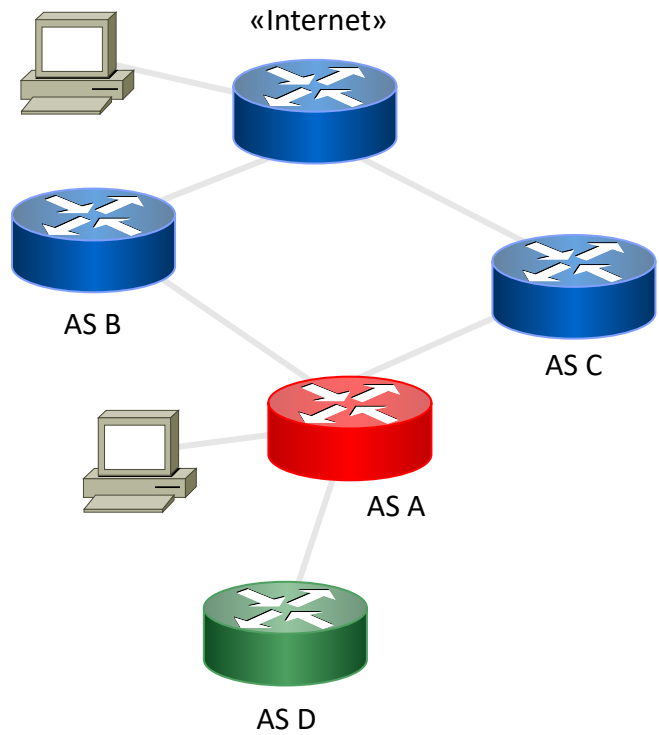
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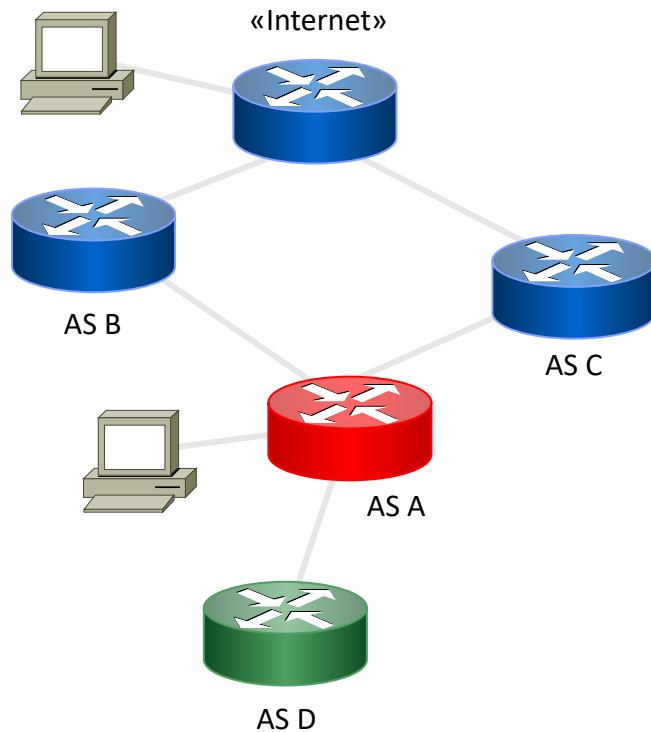
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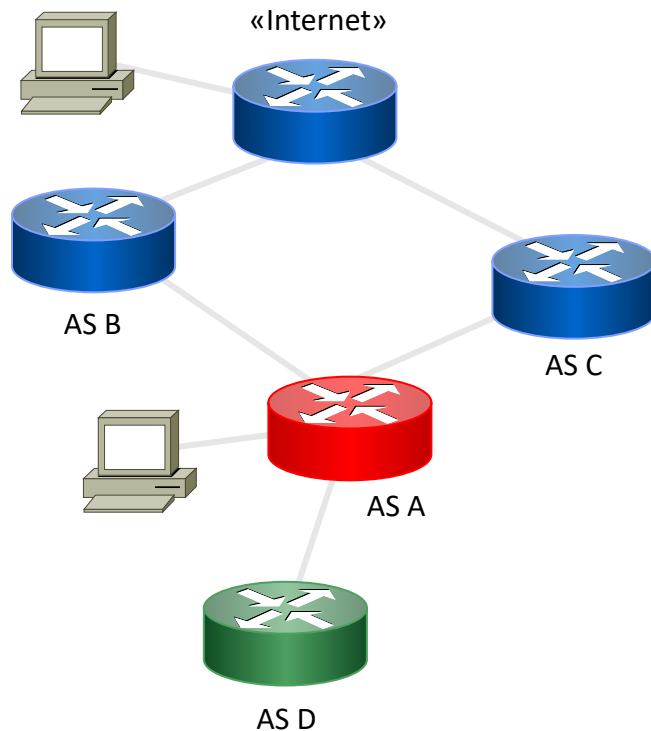
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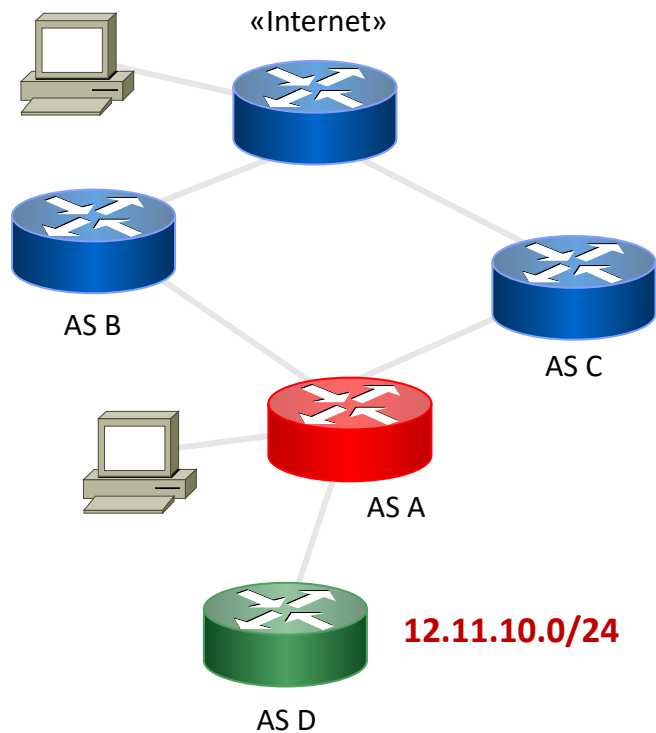
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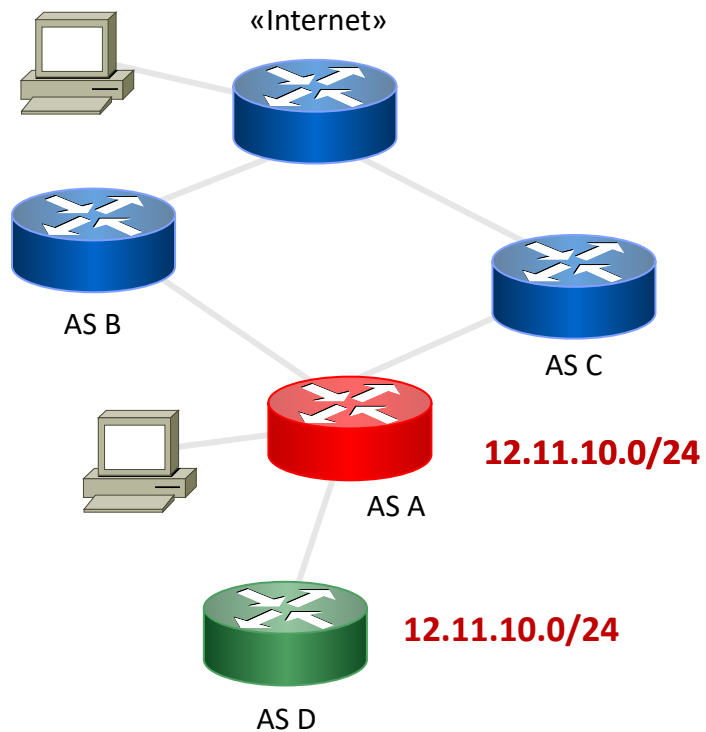
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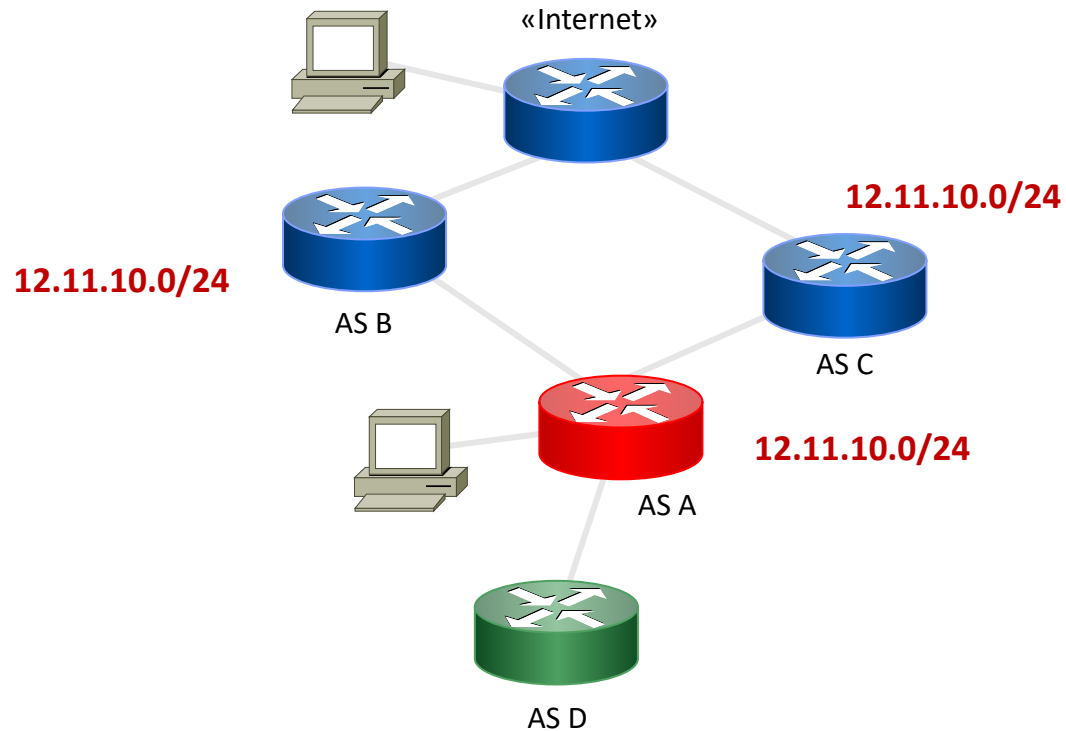
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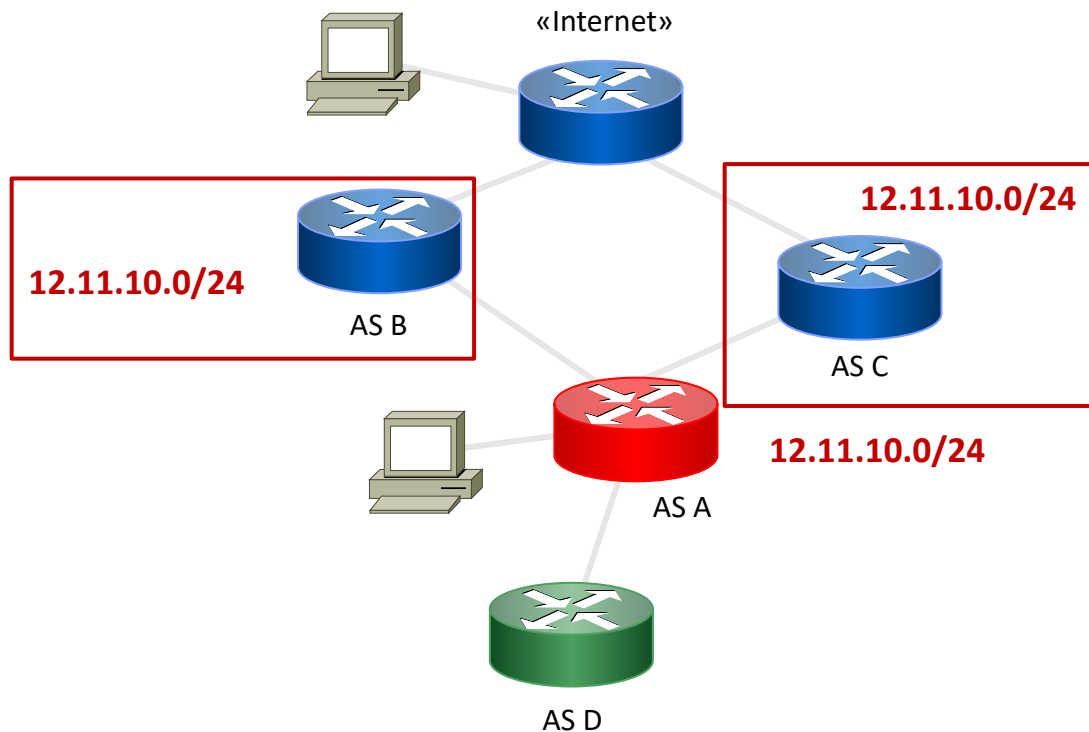
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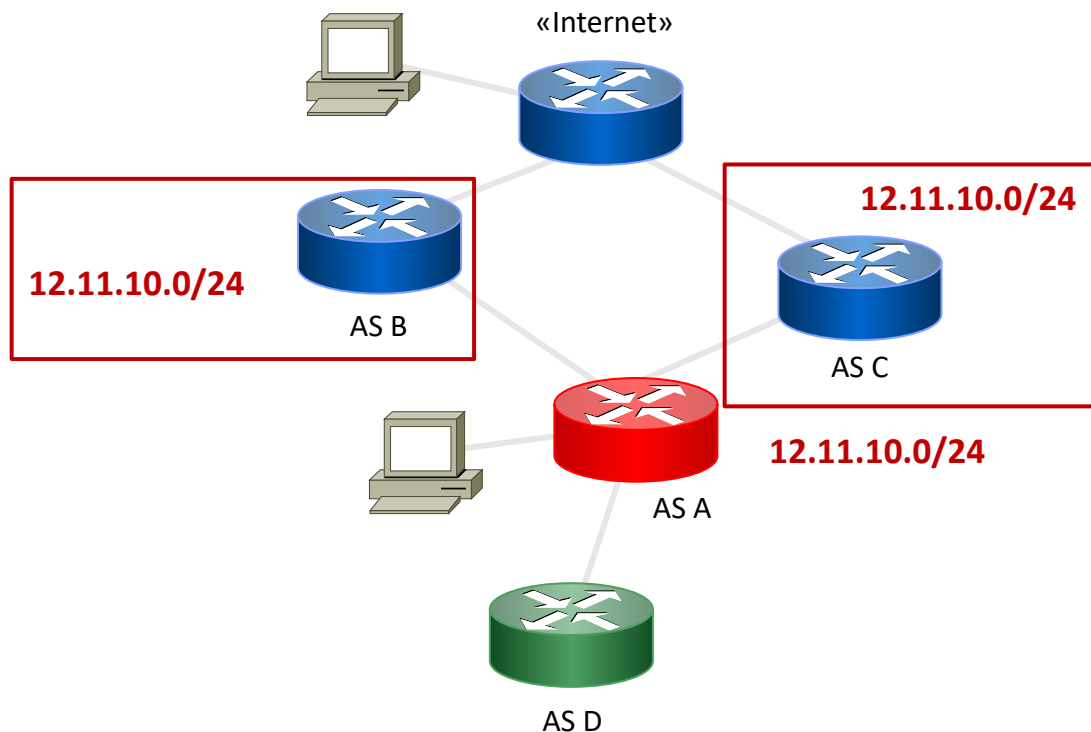
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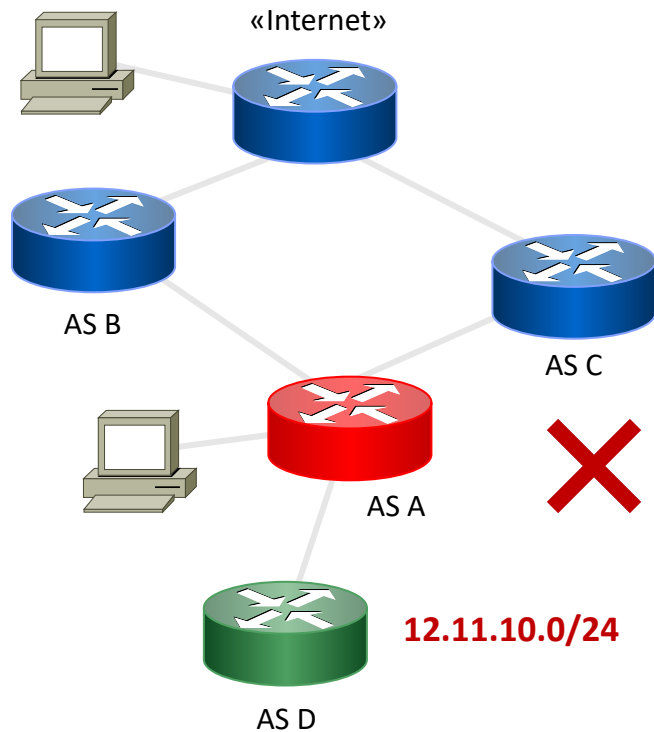
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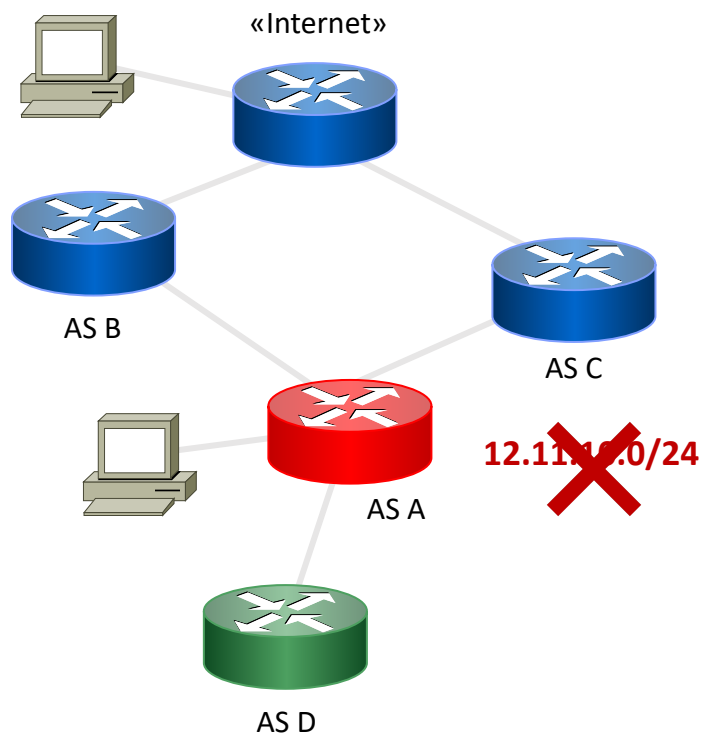
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ROSE-T – Updates

From the last update:

We developed a **custom parser** for configurations to easily integrate new vendors

We added the support for **MikroTik RouterOS**

We unified all the checks in the Python code

Before the **Global Information** action was implemented separately

ROSE-T – Current Limitations

Support only single-router configurations

We are starting to work on multi-routers!

This is the next step!

Consider only actions for network operators

It can be extended to IXPs, CDNs and Cloud Providers

Extend ROSE-T for MANRS+

We already presented a proposal to the MANRS+ WG

Extend the support to other vendors

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**Read more about ROSE-T on our
blog post on MANRS**

<https://manrs.org/2024/03/verify-manrs-compliance-automatically-with-ROSE-T/>



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