

“TO STUDY THE TYPES OF OPEN-SOURCE APPLICATIONS OF ROUTING SOFTWARE”

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ABSTRACT: *Routing protocols are used by routers to dynamically get the knowledge of remote paths to various set of networks and send the data between the networks. These protocols consists of Routing Information Protocol, Enhanced Internal Gateway Routing Protocol, Open Shortest Path First, Border Gateway Protocol. In other words, a routing protocol describes how routers communicate with each other, spreading the information that enables them to select routes between any two nodes on a network. Routing algorithms determine the specific choice of route. Each router has a priori knowledge only of networks attached to it directly. A routing protocol shares this information first among immediate neighbors, and then throughout the network. Many routing software implementations exist for most of the common routing protocols. This open source application software is used for fast developing well designed network. In this paper, we are discussing a various types of open source application of Routing software.*

Keywords: - routing protocol, router, Routing Information Protocol, Enhanced Internal Gateway Routing Protocol, Open Shortest Path First, Border Gateway Protocol., Routing algorithms

1. INTRODUCTION

A generic term that refers to a protocol, used by a router to calculate the appropriate path over which data is transmitted. The routing protocol also specifies how routers in a network share information with each other and report changes. The routing protocol enables a network to make dynamic adjustments to its conditions, so routing decisions do not have to be predetermined and static. Routing protocol is used to dynamically learn routing information so routers know where to send packets. The only other option is to manually define all routers within a network which would be very impractical. What is needed in networking is a stable, feature rich routing platform fostering innovation, fast development and deployment of routing protocol innovations in trial and production networks, without the bottleneck of incumbent equipment vendors. There are some open source application used for establishment of network. This software suit helps and guide to use of routing protocols in network. In this paper, we are discussing a various types of open source application of Routing software.

2. TYPES OF OPEN-SOURCE APPLICATIONS OF ROUTING SOFTWARE

In this section discuss some types of open-source application of Routing software.

[1] BIRD INTERNET ROUTING DAEMON (BIRD): BIRD is an open source implementation of a

Internet protocol suite routing daemon for UNIX like systems. BIRD is Developed as a school project at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University, Prague, with major contributions from developers Martin Mares, Pavel Machek and Ondrej Filip^[1]. BIRD supports IPv4 or IPv6 (as separate daemons), multiple routing tables, and BGP, RIP and OSPF routing protocols, as well as statically defined routes. Its design differs significantly from the better known routing daemons, GNU Zebra and Quagga^[1].

BIRD is included in many Linux distributions like Debian, Ubuntu and Fedora. BIRD implements an internal routing table to which the supported protocols connect. Most of these protocols import network routes to this internal routing table and also export network routes from this internal routing table to the given protocol.^[2] This way information about network routes is exchanged among different routing protocols. BIRD also supports multiple internal routing tables and multiple instances of supported protocol types. Protocols may be connected to different internal routing tables, these internal routing tables may exchange information about network routes they contain (controlled by filters) and each of these internal routing tables may be connected to a different kernel routing table thus allowing for policy routing^[2].

Configuration is done by editing the configuration file and telling BIRD to reconfigure itself. BIRD changes to the new configuration without the

need to restart the daemon itself and restarts reconfigured protocols only if necessary. There is also an option to do a soft reconfiguration, which doesn't restart protocols but may leave some stale information such as changed filters not filtering out already exported network routes.

[2] QUAGGA : Quagga is a network routing software suite providing implementations of Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Routing Information Protocol (RIP), Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) and IS-IS for Unix-like platforms, particularly Linux, Solaris, FreeBSD and NetBSD^[4]. Quagga is distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License (GPL)^[4]. The Quagga architecture consists of a core daemon (zebra) which is an abstraction layer to the underlying Unix kernel and presents the Zserv API over a Unix-domain socket or TCP socket to Quagga clients^[4]. The Zserv clients typically implement a routing protocol and communicate routing updates to the zebra daemon^[3].

[3] GNU ZEBRA : Zebra is a routing software package that provides TCP/IP based routing services with routing protocols support such as RIP, OSPF and BGP^[6]. Zebra also supports special BGP Route Reflector and Route Server behavior^{[5][6]}. In addition to traditional IPv4 routing protocols, Zebra also supports IPv6 routing protocols. With SNMP daemon which supports SMUX protocol, Zebra provides routing protocol management information bases. Zebra uses an advanced software architecture to provide a high quality, multi server routing engine^[5]. Zebra has an interactive user interface for each routing protocol and supports common client commands^[6]. Due to this design, new protocol daemons can be easily added. Zebra library can also be used as a program's client user interface. Zebra is distributed under the GNU General Public License^[5]. The idea for Zebra originally came

from Kunihiro Ishiguro, after he realized the need for quality routing software^[5].

[4] OpenBGPD : OpenBGPD is a server software program that allows general purpose computers to be used as routers. It is a Unix system daemon that provides a free, open-source implementation of the Border Gateway Protocol version 4.^[9] This allows a machine to exchange routes with other systems that speak BGP. OpenBGPD is developed by Henning Brauer and Claudio Jeker as part of the OpenBSD project^[9]. OpenOSPF, developed by Esben Nørby, is a companion daemon of OpenBGPD that implements the Open Shortest Path First protocol^[8]. The suite was developed as an alternative to packages such as Quagga, a Linux-focused routing suite which is licensed under the GPL.^{[8][9]} The design goals of OpenBGPD include being secure, reliable, and lean enough for most users, both in size and memory usage^[8].

[5] OPENOSPF : OpenOSPF is a BSD licensed implementation of the Open Shortest Path First Protocol.^[9] It is a network routing software suite which allows ordinary general purpose computers to be used as routers exchanging routes with other computer systems speaking the OSPF protocol^[9].

[6] XORP : XORP is an open source Internet Protocol routing software suite. The name is derived from eXtensible Open Router Platform^[11]. It supports OSPF, BGP, RIP, PIM, IGMP, OLSR. The product is designed from principles of software modularity and extensibility and aims at exhibiting stability and providing feature requirements for production use while also supporting networking research^{[10][12]}.

3. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TYPES OF OPEN-SOURCE APPLICATIONS OF ROUTING SOFTWARE

In this section to show the comparatively types of open source application Routing Software.

Sr. No.	Name	Developed in	Released in	License Type	Platform	Type	Protocols used	Web sites
1	Bird Internet routing daemon (BIRD)	Charles University in Prague	April 20, 2015G	GNU General Public License	Unix, Linux	Routing	RIP, IPv2, IPv6, OSPFv2, OSPFv3, BGPv4, BGPv6	www.bird.network

2	Quagga	International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley, California	March 7, 2015	GNU General Public License	Unix, Linux, Solaris, FreeBSD	Routing	RIP, RIPv2, RIPng, OSPFv2, OSPFv3, ISIS (v4 only), BGPv4, BGPv6, Babel, SNMP	www.quagga.org
3	GNU Zebra	Kunihiro Ishiguro	September 8, 2005	GNU General Public License	Linux	Routing	IPv4, RIP, OSPF, IPv6, SNMP, SMUX	www.gnu.org/software/zebra
4	OpenBGPD	The OpenBSD Project	4.6 / November 1, 2009	ISC	OpenBSD, FreeBSD	Border Gateway Protocol	BGPv4, BGPv6	www.openbgpd.org
5	OpenSPFD	The OpenBSD Project	4.6/November 1, 2009	ISC	OpenBSD, FreeBSD	Open Shortest Path First	OSPF	www.openbgp.org
6	XORP	International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley, California	July 2004	GNU GPL v2, GNU LGPLv2	Linux, BSD, windows	Routing	RIP, RIPv2, RIPng, OSPFv2, OSPFv3, BGPv4, BGPv6, IGMP, MLD, PIM-SM, OLSR	www.xorp.org

4. CONCLUSION

A protocol, used by a router to determine the appropriate path over which data is transmitted. The routing protocol also specifies how routers in a network share information with each other and report changes. In this paper, we are discuss a various types of open source application of Routing software. With the help of this routing software, we are established a network and it was also help to guide, how the routing protocol used in the network.

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