Resource Public Key Infrastructure for Secure Border Gateway Protocol

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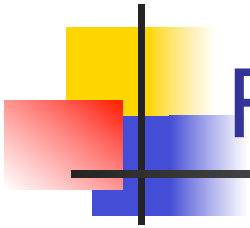


Roadmap

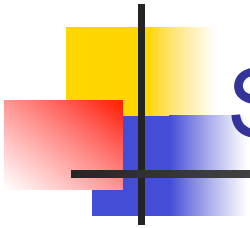
- Introduction
- Securing the Internet
- Testbed: configuration of a router between SFU and BCNET
- Simulation scenario and results
- Conclusion and references

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

- Security issues:
  - message insertion, message deletion, and modification to the routes or packets
- Man-in-the-middle attack
- Denial of Service (DoS)
- Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)
- BGP lacks protection and verification mechanisms for invalid route advertisements

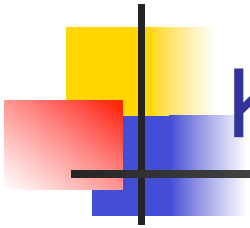
2008 YouTube Incident

- Cause:
  - Pakistan Telecom (AS 17557) re-routed most of YouTube's traffic to itself due to unauthorized advertisement of a more specific route
- Consequence:
  - YouTube network was brought down globally for more than two hours on Feb. 24th 2008



Securing BGP

- Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI):
  - utilizes the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to secure resources (routes) for advertisements
  - uses public and private keys to encrypt the certificate that proves route validity
  - implements guards against unauthorized advertisement of routes and resources to neighbouring peers
  - ensures accurate inter-Autonomous System (AS) route advertisement



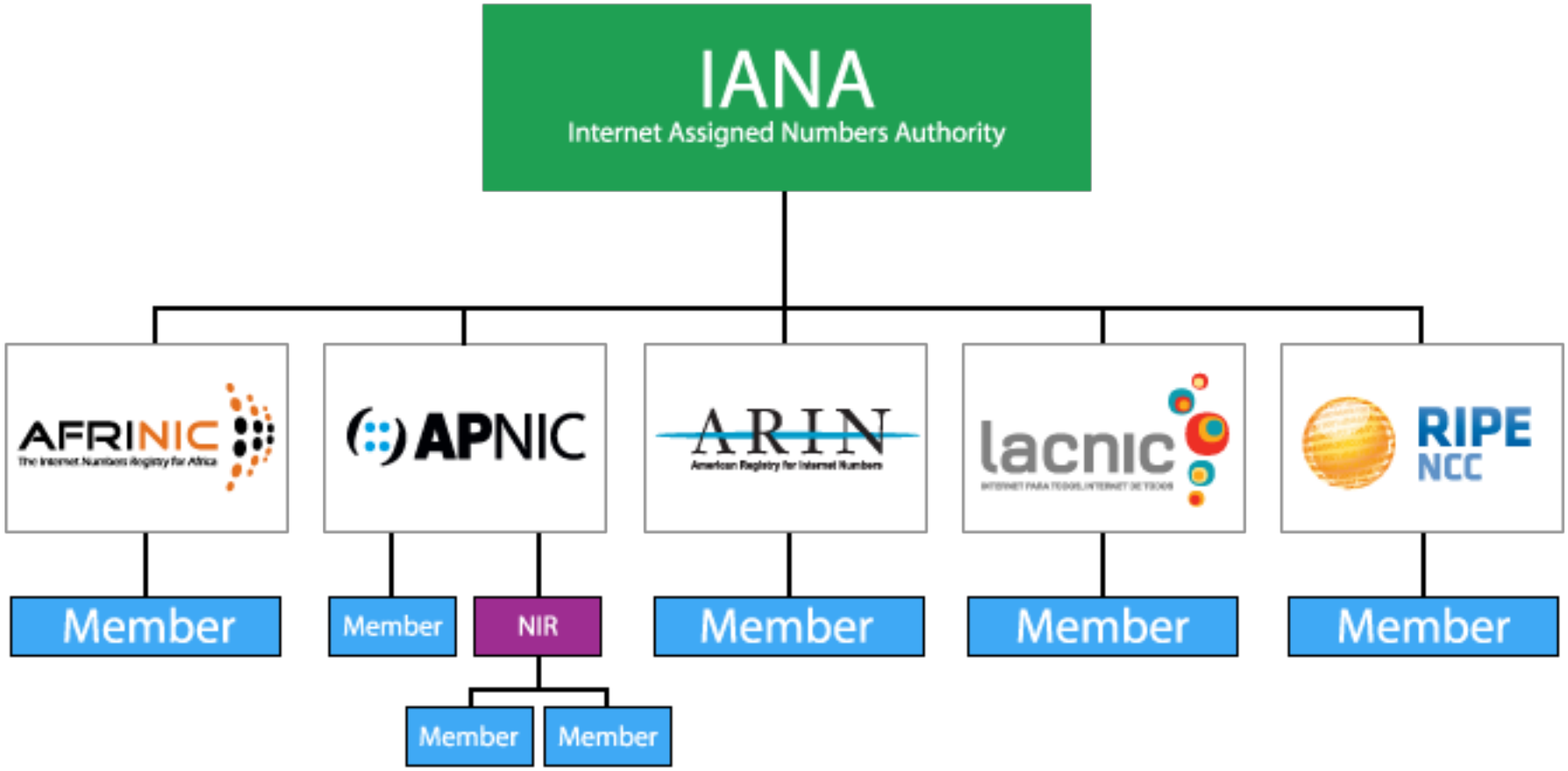
Keys and Certificates

- RPKI uses the well developed public key cryptographic technology
- The public and private keys are generated from the Regional Internet Registry (RIRs) for individual resource holders
- RPKI uses X.509 v3 standard and format specification that is adopted for PKI

RPKI Participants

- Certificate Authorities (CA)
- Authentication built in a hierarchical system:
  - IANA → RIR → ISP → Customers
  - IANA: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
  - RIR: Regional Internet Registry
  - ISP: Internet Service Provider

RPKI Hierarchy Structure



https://www.ripe.net/participate/internet-governance/internet-technical-community/the-rir-system

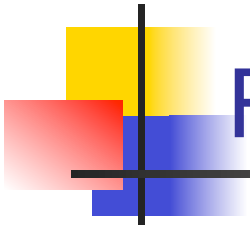
RPKI Tools

- RIPE and ARIN provide validation tools to the RPKI data repository:
  - web interface
  - cache validator
  - verified routes data
  - automatic queuing of validated ROAs or resources

RIPE: Réseaux IP Européens

ARIN: American Registry for Internet Numbers

ROA: Route Origin Authorization



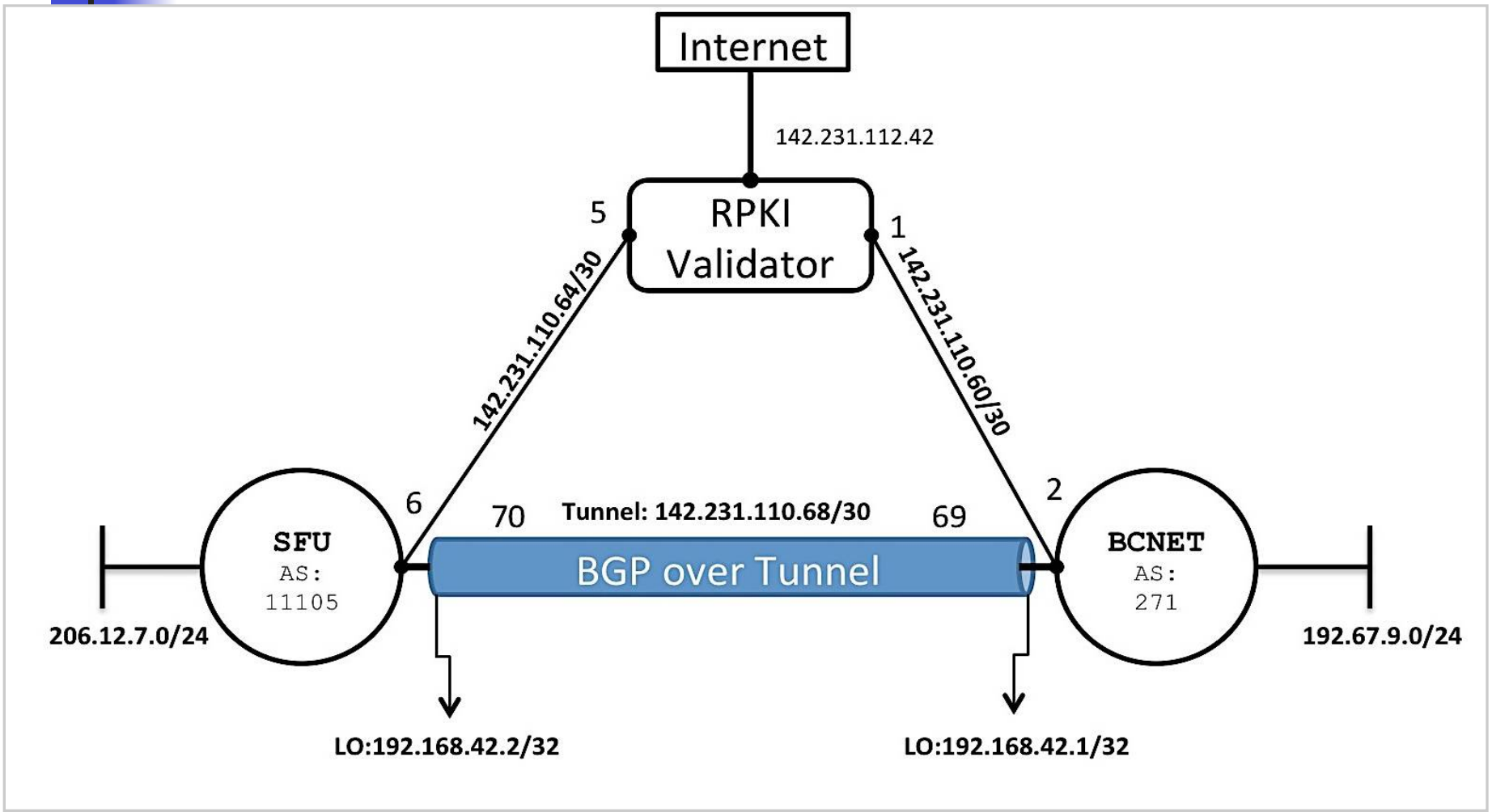
Routing Rules

- Routing decisions are made by the network administrator based on RPKI validity states
- Each route is assigned one of the three validity states:
  - valid: authorized announcement
  - invalid: unauthorized announcement
  - not found: not assigned or not backed by ROA

Testbed Architecture

- Two routers were connected via secure tunneling between two ASes:
  - BCNET (AS 271)
  - SFU (AS 11105)
- Both routers/ASes were connected to the RPKI cache validator obtained from RIPE
- Default RIR was selected as a trust anchor to validate BGP announcements (ARIN)

Testbed Topology



Decision Making via Route Validation

- Verification of the applied routing policy:
  - valid, invalid, and not found statements were set to 110, 90, and 100, respectively
  - decisions are made based on these values chosen by the administrator during router setup
- A rouge test router was introduced to deliberately advertise false information
  - advertising false route to BCNET, if accepted, would reroute traffic from SFU

Route 206.12.7.0 Validity

arianezhad@tr1.vncv1> show route 206.12.7.0

inet.0: 13 destinations, 14 routes (13 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both

206.12.7.0/24 *[BGP/170] 3w6d 05:27:15, localpref 110
AS path: 11105 I, validation-state: valid
> to 142.231.110.70 via lt-0/2/10.69
[BGP/170] 3d 08:03:15, localpref 90
AS path: 4476 I, validation-state: invalid
> to 142.231.110.66 via lt-0/3/10.65

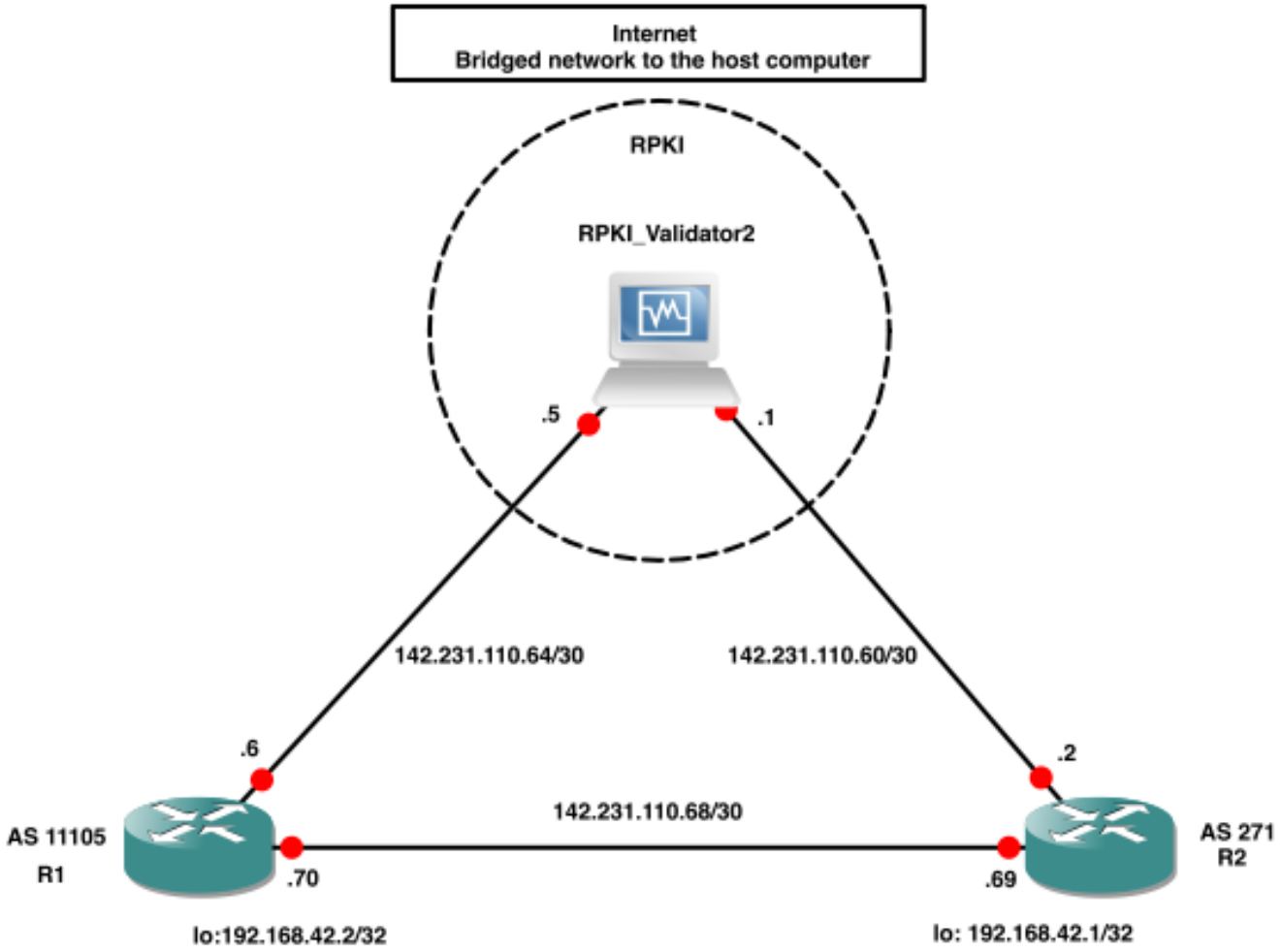
Simulation Goals

- Implement the RIPE RPKI Validator as a network administrator:
  - use the TAL received from the local RIR to fetch route data
  - verify that the validator is reliably stable over long periods and remains online during simulation
- Fetch validated production routes from the validator implemented in the simulator

TAL: Trust Anchor Locator

RAR: Regional Internet Registry

Simulation: Network Configuration



Trust Anchor Locator: TAL

- All the verified routes from ARIN for North America were downloaded by adding the TAL file for ARIN
- ARIN routes as of Aug. 17, 2015:
  - 950 valid routes
  - 1 not found route
  - 0 invalid routes
- In total, 17,432 verified routes were downloaded to the RPKI validator

Validated Production Routes Downloaded to the Router

Network	Maxlen	Origin-AS	Source	Neighbor
2.0.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.0.0.0/12	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.1.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.2.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.3.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.4.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.5.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.6.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.8.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.9.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.10.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.11.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.12.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.13.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.14.0.0/16	16	3215	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.80.0.0/14	14	3243	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.148.0.0/14	14	2119	0	142.231.110.65/8282
2.248.0.0/13	13	3301	0	142.231.110.65/8282
5.1.0.0/19	19	21219	0	142.231.110.65/8282
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Advertisement Results: not found

- A not found route was advertised to R2 (AS 271) from R1 (AS 11105)
- Router R2 identified that the route was not found and a localpref of 100 was set:

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R2#sh ip bgp 6.0.0.0
BGP routing table entry for 6.0.0.0/8, version 5
Paths: (1 available, best #1, table default)
  Not advertised to any peer
  Refresh Epoch 10
  11105
    142.231.110.70 from 142.231.110.70 (142.231.110.70)
      Origin IGP, metric 0, localpref 100, valid, external, best
      path 68DB4424 RPKI State not found
      rx pathid: 0, tx pathid: 0x0
R2#
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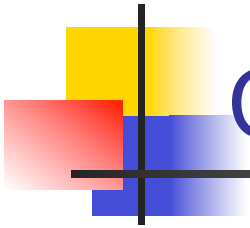

Conclusion

- RPKI is becoming a widely accepted technology
- It calls for additional participants to validate their routes
- The validation tool is user friendly:
  - easy to implement
  - easily maintained
  - limited resources are required to monitor the system, which automatically updates local data
- The experimental results indicate that RPKI may provide protection against route origin hijacks

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