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IP Multicast – Concepts, Design and Troubleshooting

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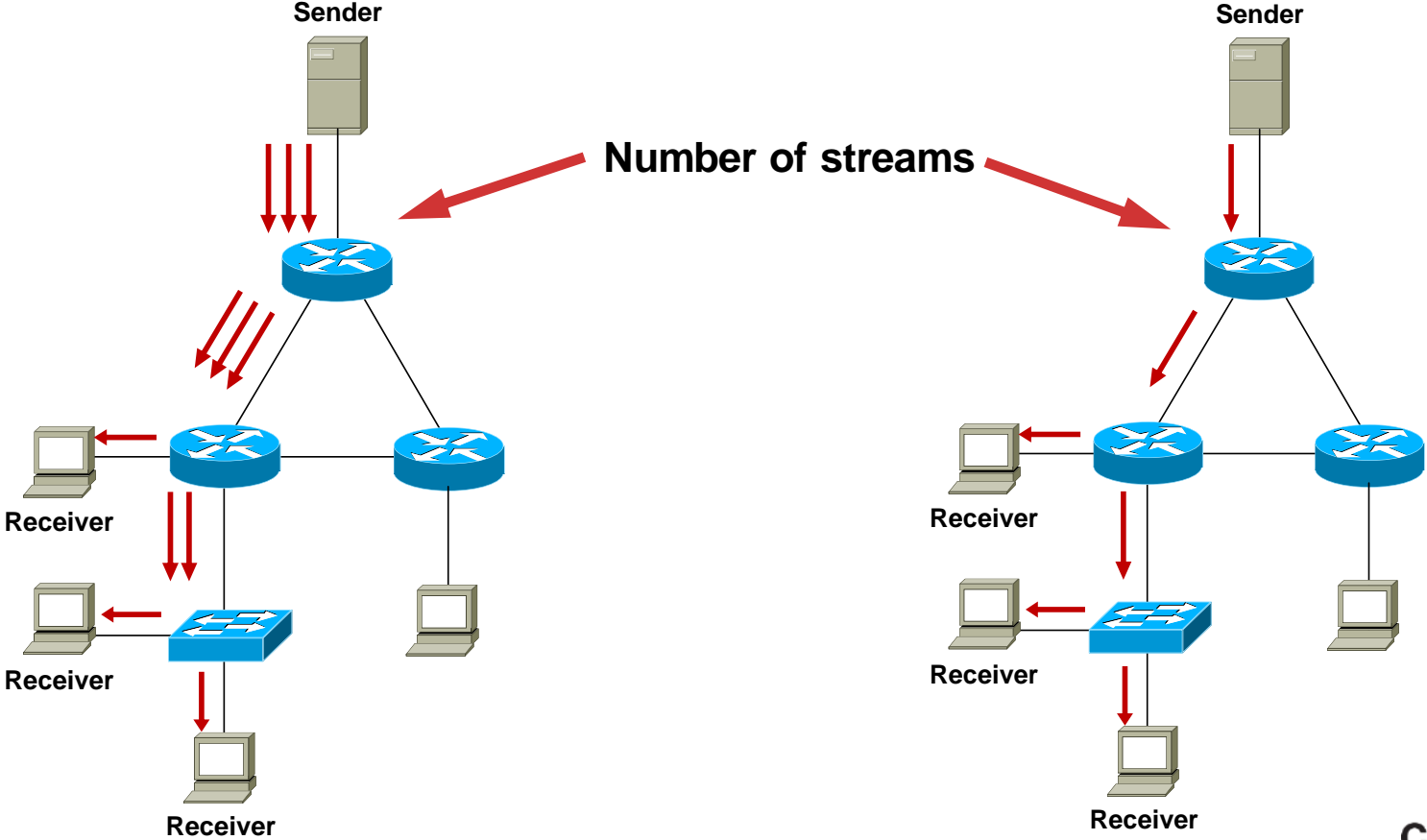
Agenda

- Multicast overview
 - What is it and when would we use it ?
- Multicast fundamentals
 - Technical concepts and protocols
- Multicast Design and Configuration
 - 1 case study, 3 solutions
- Troubleshooting common multicast issues

A long-exposure photograph of a city street at night. The foreground is dominated by vibrant, multi-colored light trails from moving vehicles, creating a sense of motion and energy. In the background, a modern pedestrian bridge with blue lighting spans across the street. Tall buildings with illuminated windows and balconies line the street, and traffic lights are visible in the distance. The overall scene is a dynamic urban environment.

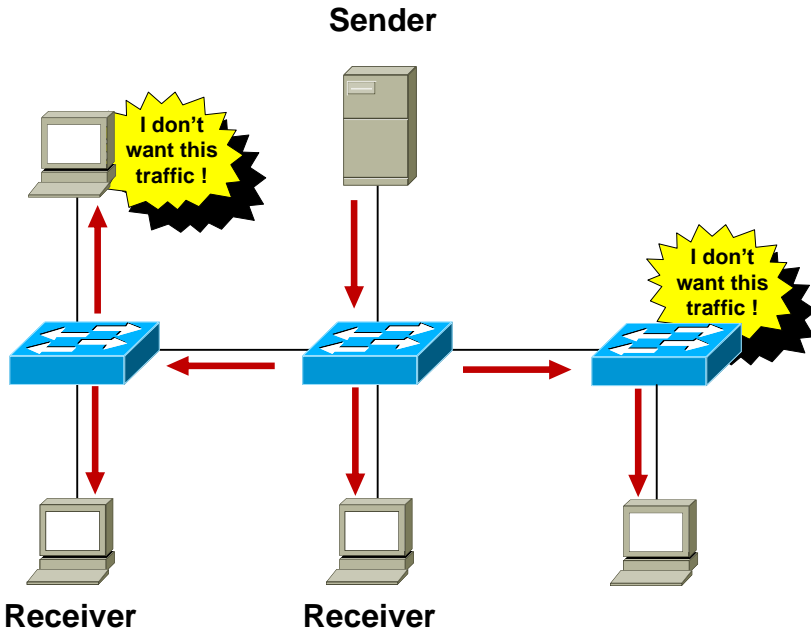
Multicast Overview

Unicast Vs Multicast

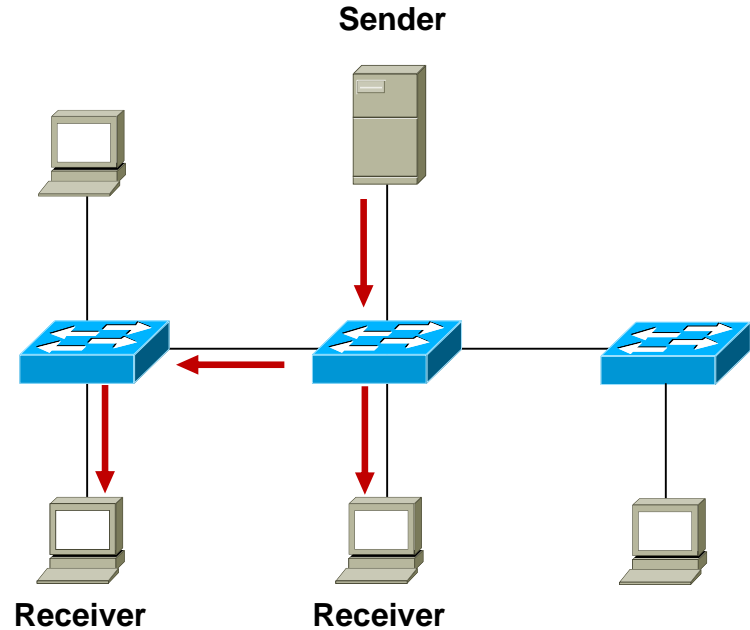


Broadcast Vs Multicast

Broadcast



Multicast



Multicast Uses

- Any situation where multiple endpoints need to receive identical information at the same time
 - Streaming video, IPTV
 - Music on hold
 - Data replication
 - Periodic data delivery - stock quotes, sports scores, news reports
- Most commonly used for one-to-many or some-to-many data flows

Multicast Advantages

- **Enhanced scalability:** Network utilisation is independent of the number of receivers
- **Reduced resource utilisation:** Controls network bandwidth and reduces server and router loads
- **Deterministic performance:** subscriber number 1 and subscriber number 10000 have identical experience

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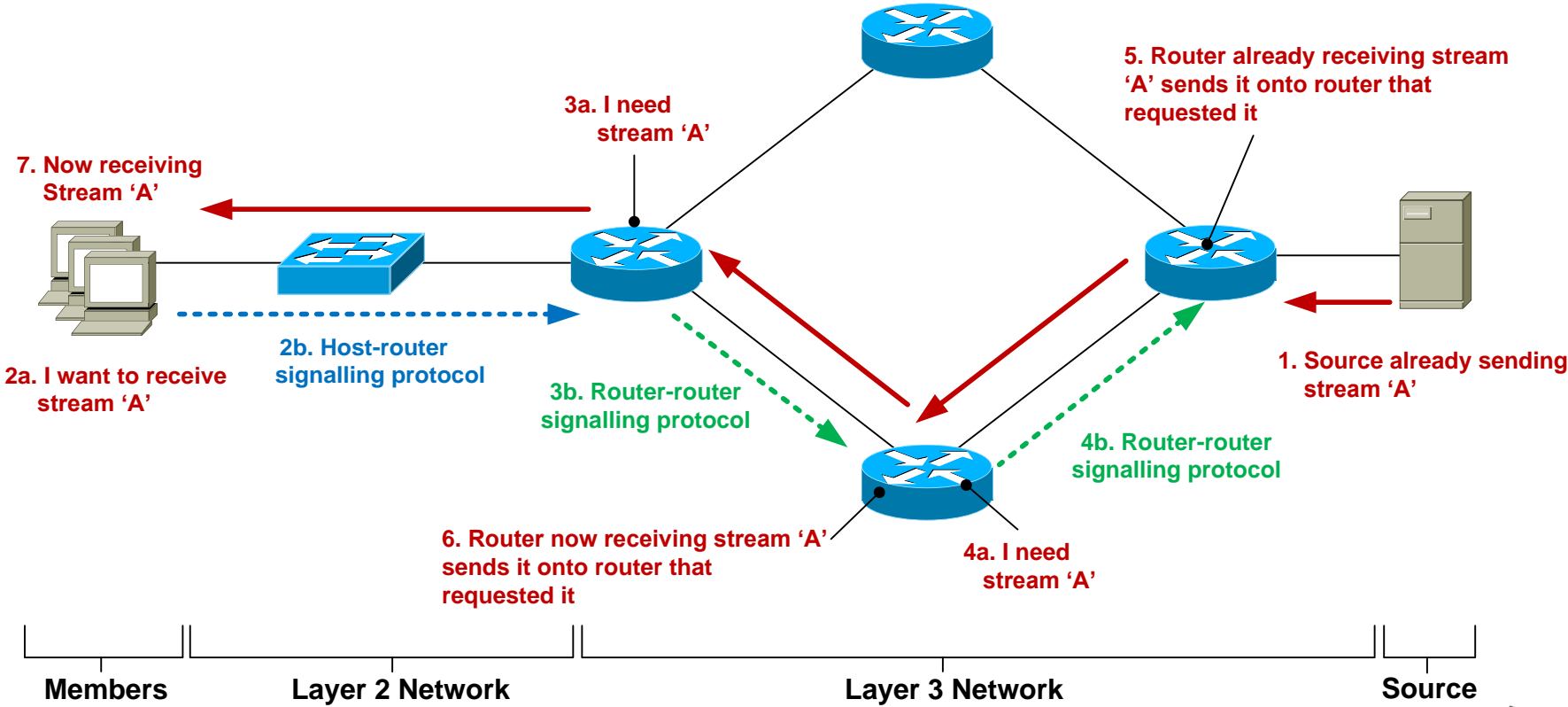
Multicast Considerations

- **Multicast is UDP-based:** No flow control, sequencing, error-correction, retransmissions.
- **“Best effort” delivery:** Sender has no idea if all subscribers have received the data. Subscribers don’t know if they have missed a packet. Applications should be handling missed packets.
- **No congestion avoidance:** Lack of TCP windowing and “slow-start” mechanisms may result in network congestions.
- **Added Complexity:** If you have the bandwidth available then unicast delivery model may be a simpler option.



Multicast Fundamentals

Multicast Service Model Overview



IP Multicast Source

- Any device that sends an IP packet with a destination address between 224.0.0.0 – 239.255.255.255
- A device can be a multicast sender and a multicast receiver at the same time
- There is no multicast control traffic between the sender and the network, or between the sender and receiver.

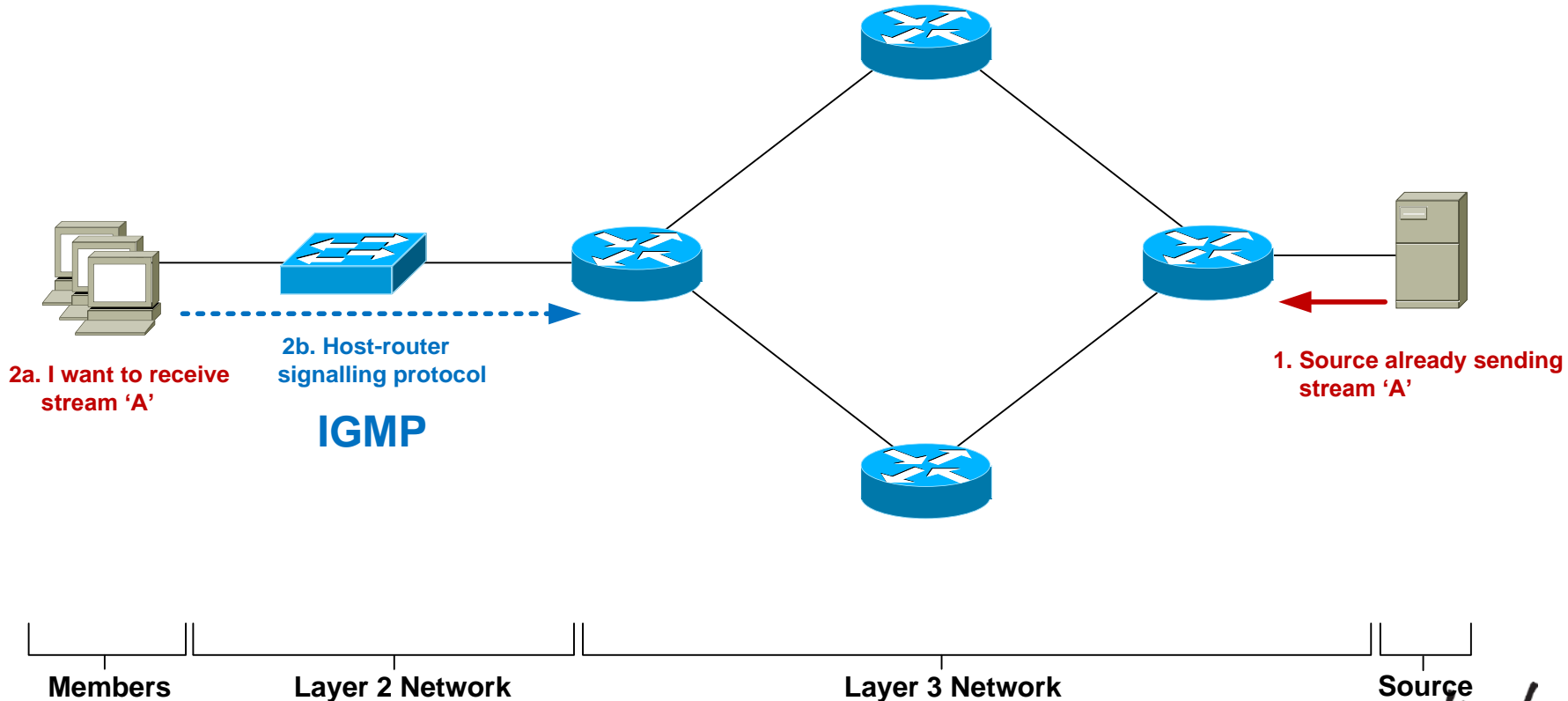
Q: So how does the source know when to send traffic ?

A: An application tells the source to start transmitting

Multicast Addressing—224/4

- IANA Reserved addresses (never use these !)
 - 224.0.0.0 – 224.0.0.255 Local network control block
 - 224.0.1.0 – 224.0.1.255 Internetwork control block
- Other IANA allocated address ranges
 - 232.0.0.0 – 232.255.255.255 Source Specific Multicast
 - 233.0.0.0 – 234.255.255.255 GLOP/UBM Addressing
 - 239.0.0.0 – 239.255.255.255 ‘Private’ multicast range
- Check <http://www.iana.org/assignments/multicast-addresses/multicast-addresses.xml>

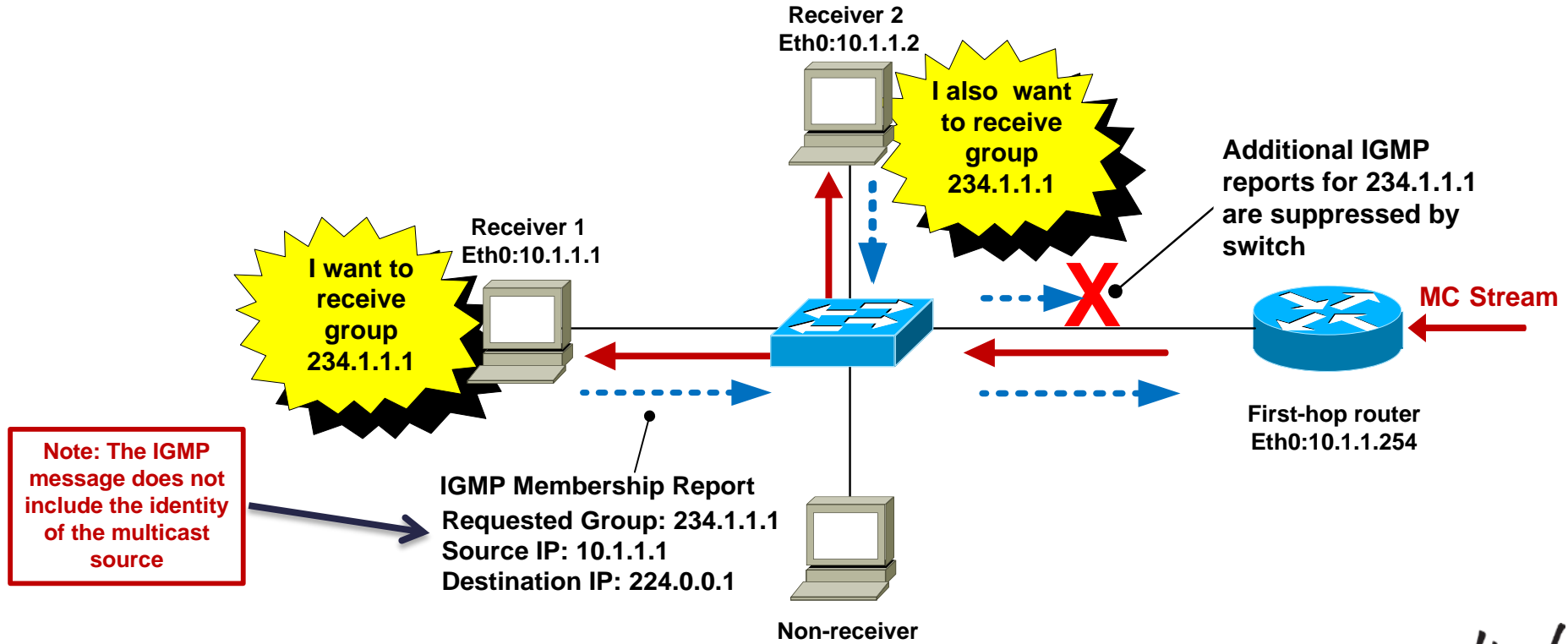
Multicast Service Model Overview – Layer 2



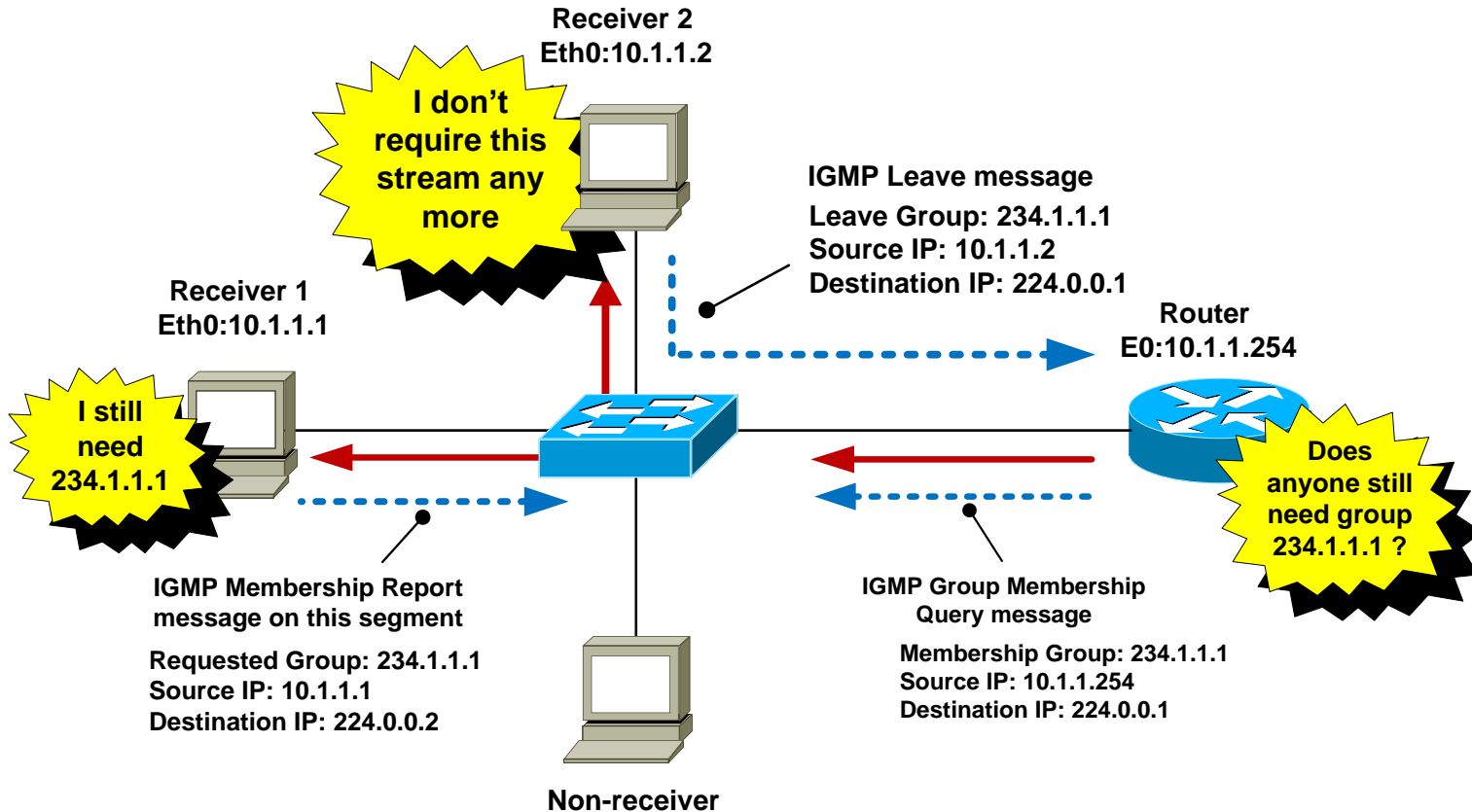
Host-Router Signalling: IGMP

- Internet **G**roup **M**anagement **P**rotocol
- Used by a **host** to notify the local **router** that it wishes to receive (or stop receiving) multicast traffic for a given destination address or “group”.
- RFC 2236 specifies version 2 of IGMP
Most widely deployed and supported
- RFC 3376 specifies version 3 of IGMP
Good network support but host implementations still patchy

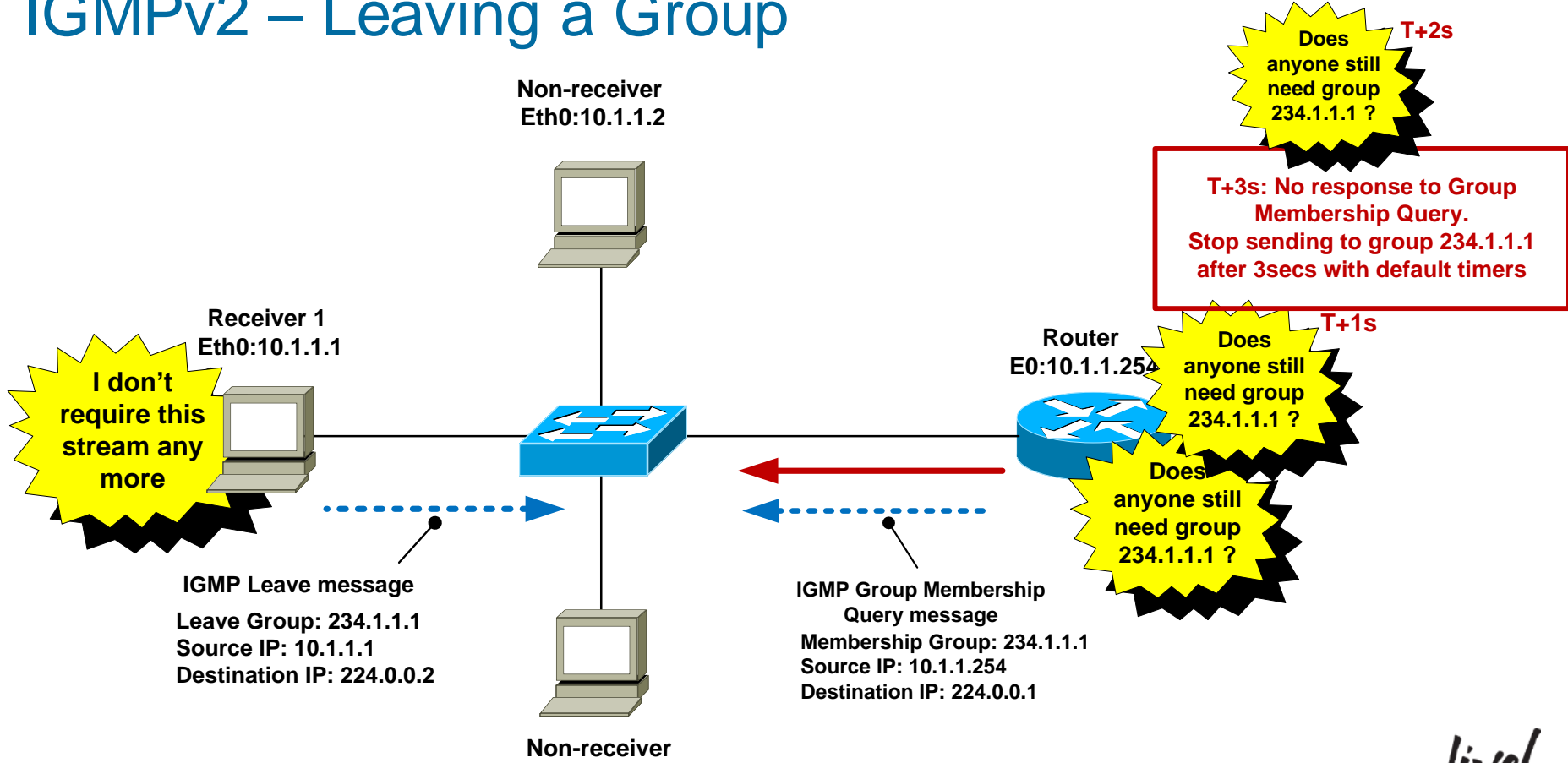
IGMPv2 – Joining a Group



IGMPv2 – Maintaining a Group



IGMPv2 – Leaving a Group



IGMP Snooping

- By default, switches forward all layer 2 multicast frames to all ports (except the originating port)
- IGMP snooping eavesdrops on IGMP messaging
- Switch constrains MC to *only* ports that want it (key point)
- IGMP snooping is on by default in IOS-based switches
- Replaced Cisco Group Management Protocol (CGMP).

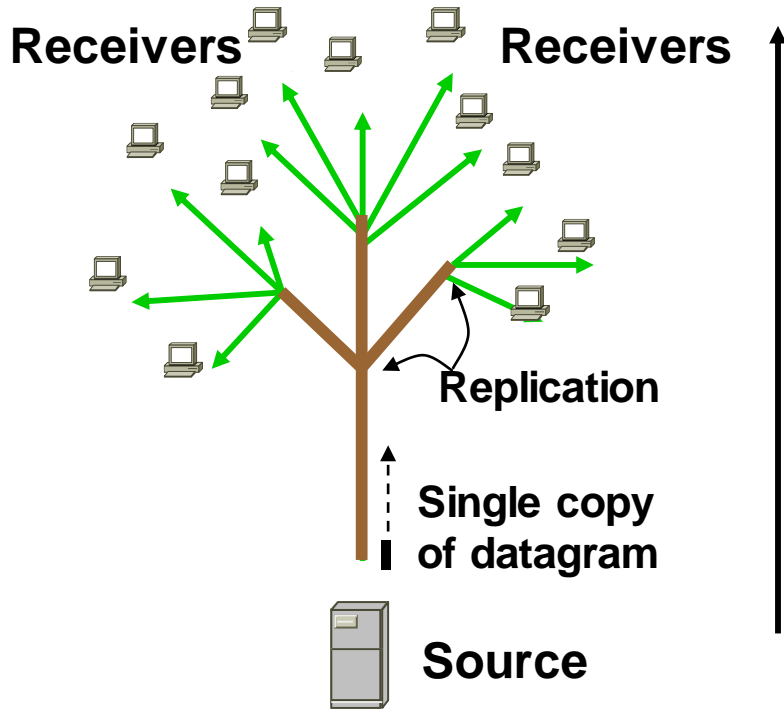
Advantages of IGMP Snooping

- Hosts only receive MC traffic that they request
- Report suppression – switch acts as a IGMP middleman, prevents first-hop router from being flooded with IGMP reports for the same group
- “Fast-leave” functionality – stop sending MC group as soon as switch hears a “leave” on an interface

Q. When would IGMP snooping fast-leave be a bad idea ?

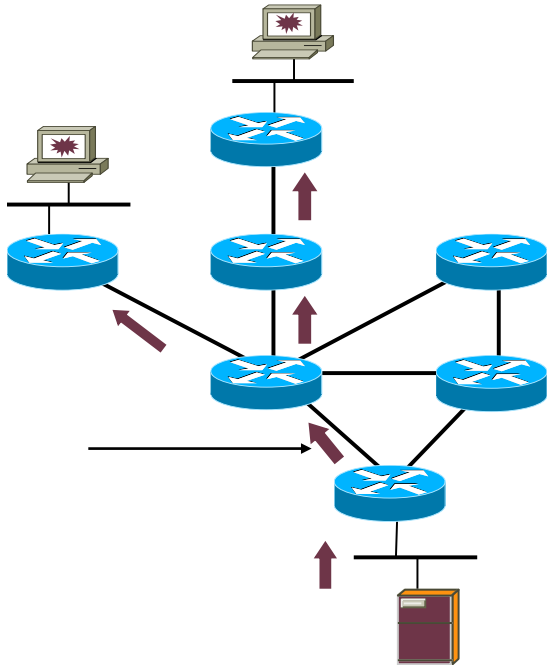
A. When there is more than 1 receiver attached to an interface

Its all about Trees!



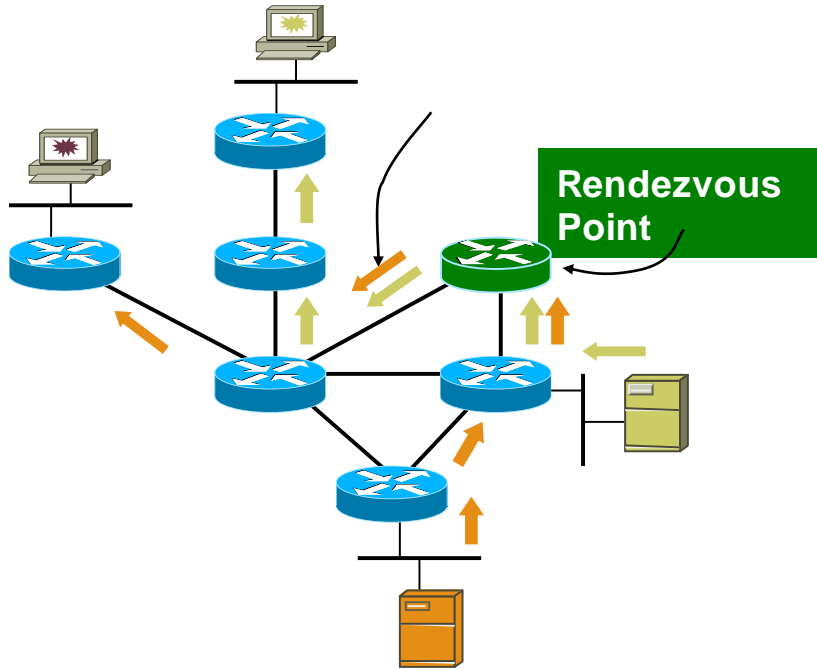
- Mechanism for transmitting information from a single source (root) to many receivers (leaves)
- Single copy of a datagram is sent from the source and replicated through the tree to receivers
- Two Tree Types: Source and Shared

Source Tree



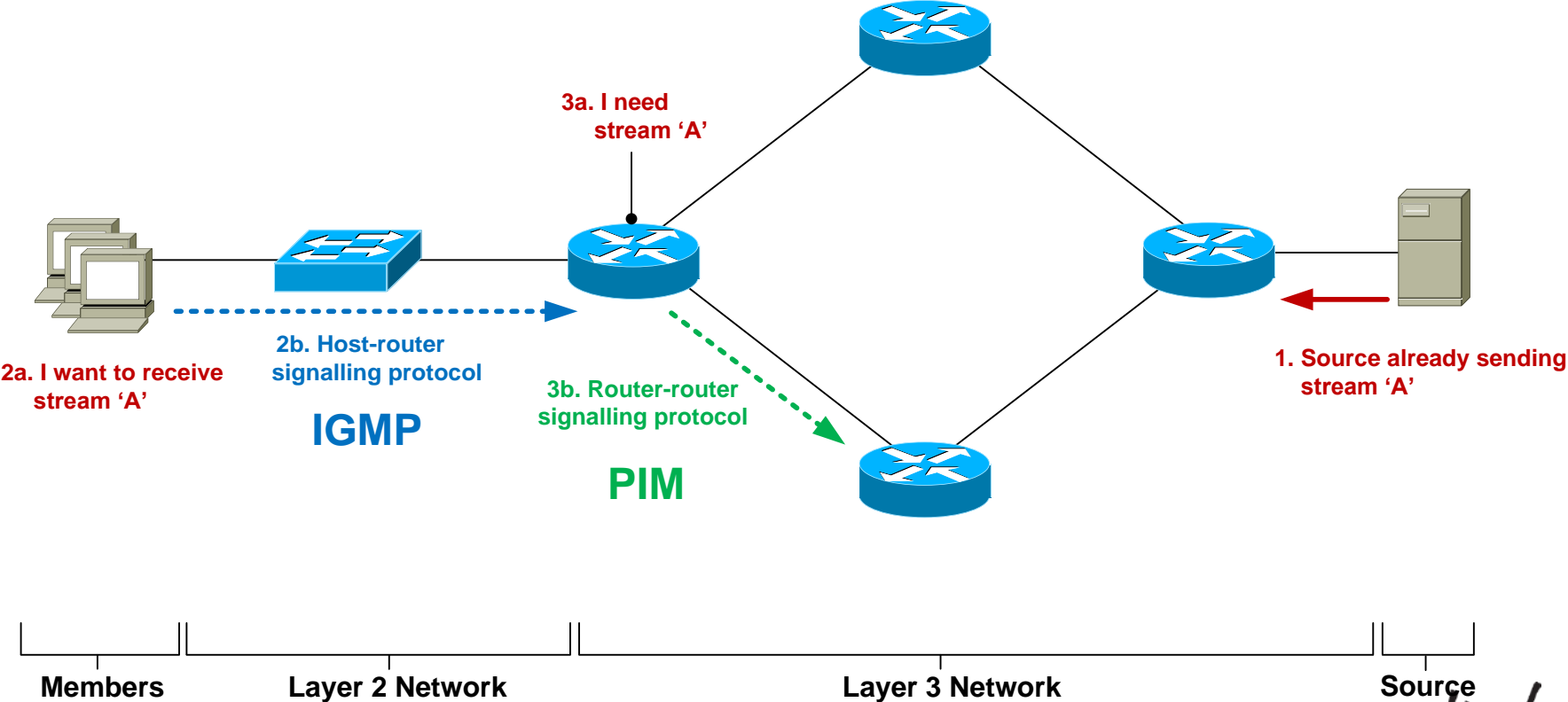
- Simplest form of tree
 - Receiver requires knowledge of source
- Traffic travels from source (root) to receivers (leaves), shortest path taken
- Packets replicated at branch point
- Fwding entry states represented as (S, G) in mroute table
- Provides Optimal routing
 - At the expense of more state (S, G)

Shared Tree



- Root is a common point
 - Rendezvous Point
 - Many multicast groups at RP
- Receivers join RP
 - To learn of sources
- Sources only transmit to RP
 - RP forward to receivers
- Forwarding represented as $(*, G)$ in mroute table
- Less state required
 - At expense of optimal routing

Multicast Service Model Overview – Layer 3



Router-Router Signalling: PIM

- **P**rotocol **I**ndependent **M**ulticast
- Used by a **router** to notify an upstream **router** that it wishes to receive (or stop receiving) multicast traffic for a given group (G).
- 3 main classifications of PIM

Any Source Multicast (asm-pim) – 3 “submodes”

~~Legacy – Dense, sparse, sparse-dense~~ – **Cisco Specific**

Source-Specific Multicast (pim-ssm)

~~Bidirectional (pim-bidir)~~ – **Only for specific-use cases (many senders)**

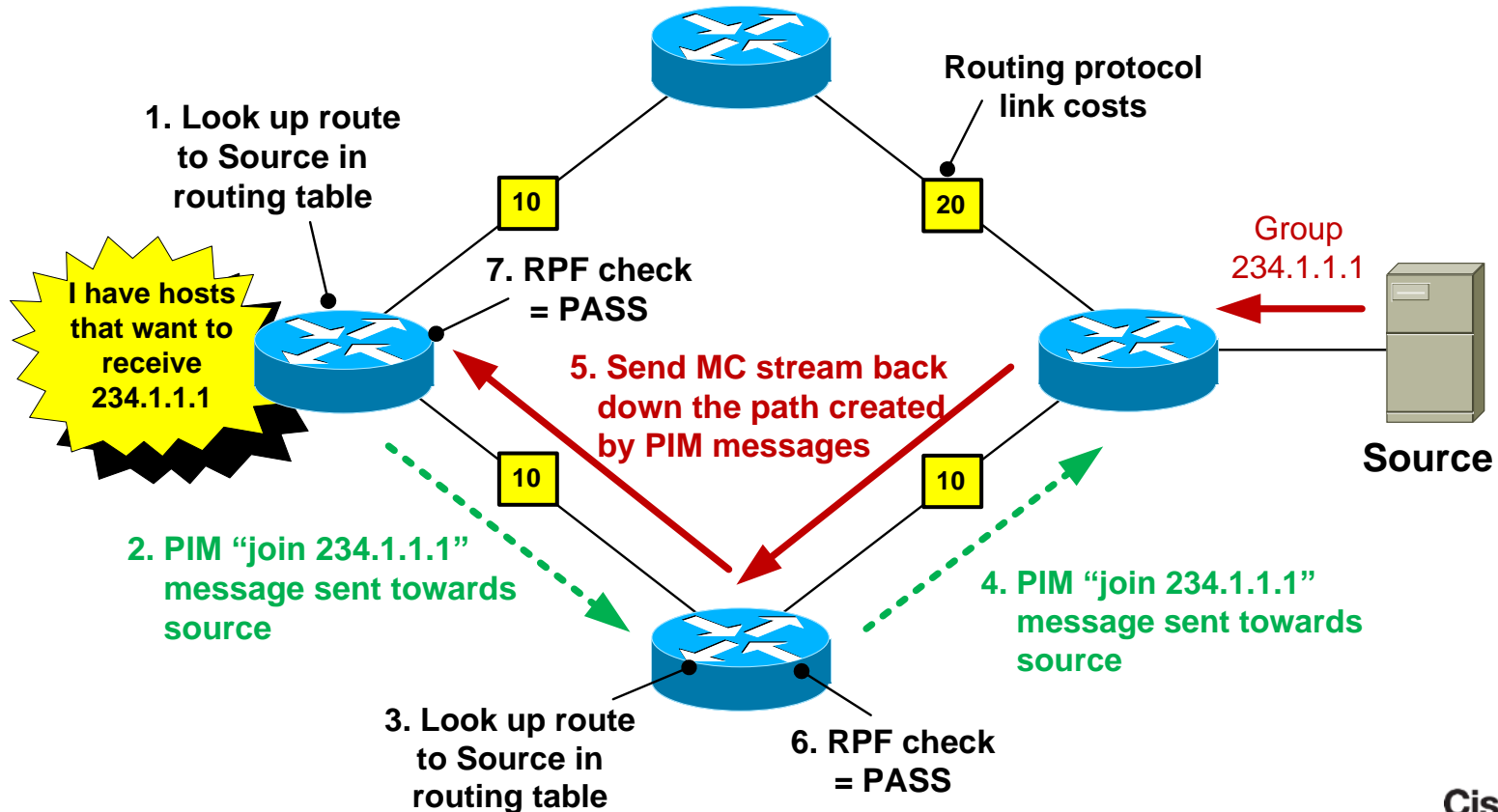
Router-Router Signalling: PIM-SM

- Each PIM router forms neighbour relationship with adjacent PIM routers using PIM “hello” messages every 30 seconds.
- When a PIM router wants to receive a multicast stream, it sends a PIM “join” message towards the IP address of the multicast source.
- When a PIM router wants to stop receiving a multicast stream, it sends a PIM “prune” message towards the IP address of the multicast source.

RPF Mechanism

- Multicast traffic flows are checked from the sender back down the path created by the PIM messages. This is known as **Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF)**.
- All received multicast traffic is subject to an **RPF check**
Is the incoming MC traffic being received via the interface on which I have a route to the source?
RPF check **PASS** = accept MC traffic and send it on
RPF check **FAIL** = drop traffic on floor
- Prevents loops and duplicate packets

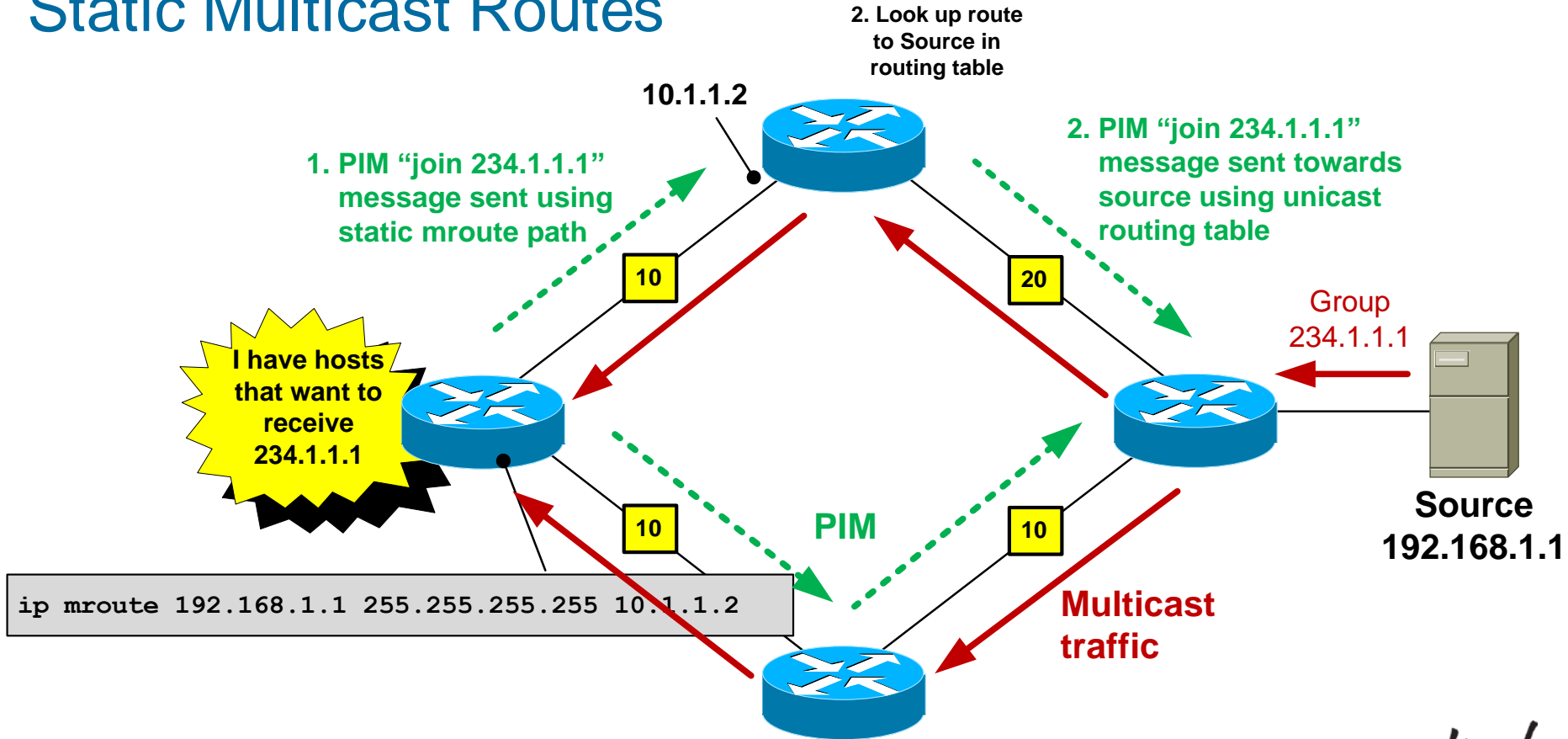
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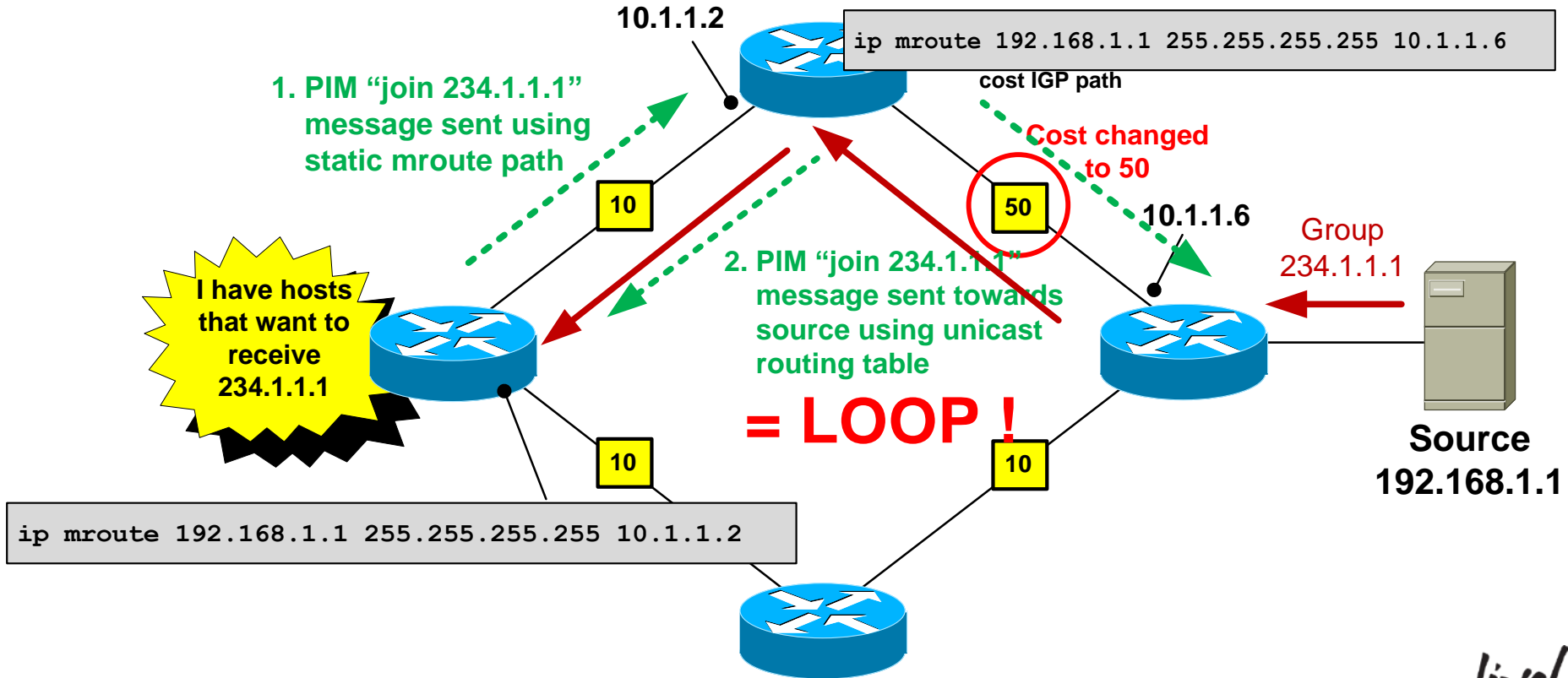
Static Multicast Routes

- Static multicast routes can be used to send PIM messages down a different path than would be selected from the unicast routing table.
- Useful if you want MC traffic to travel over different links to unicast traffic
- Best suited for small networks due to scalability issues managing many static routes.
- Be careful of creating PIM routing loops !

Static Multicast Routes

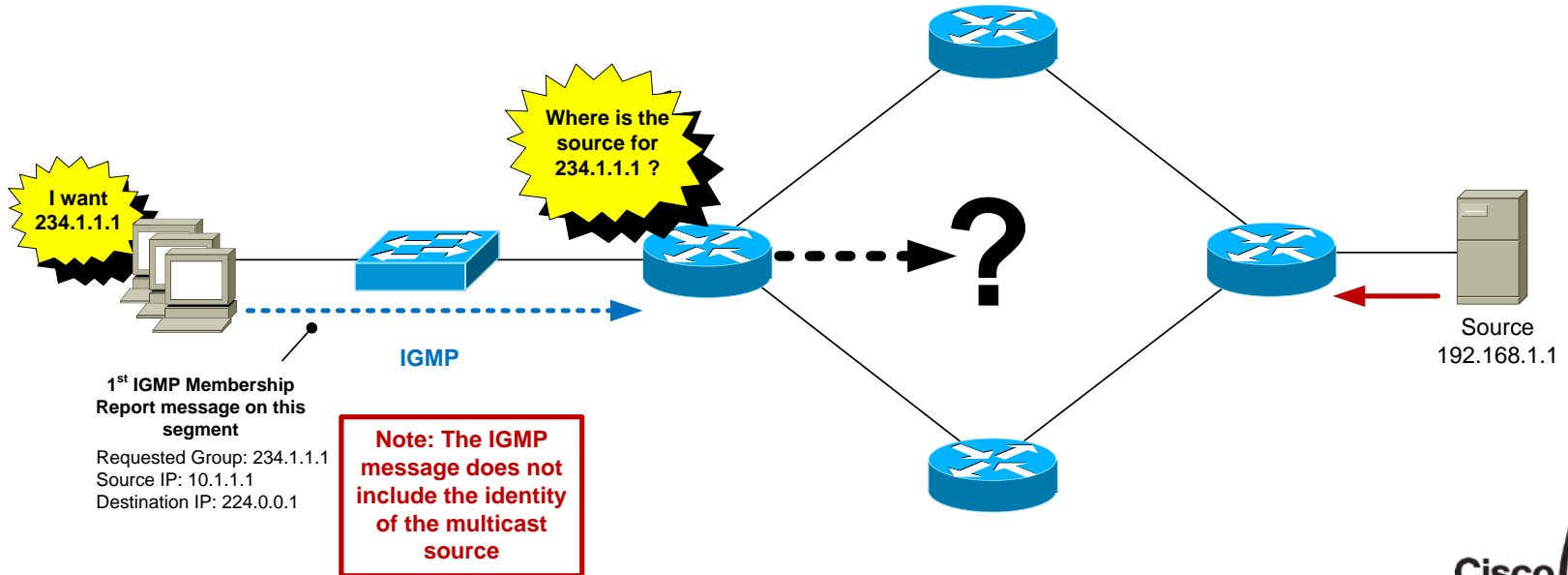


Static Multicast Routing Loop



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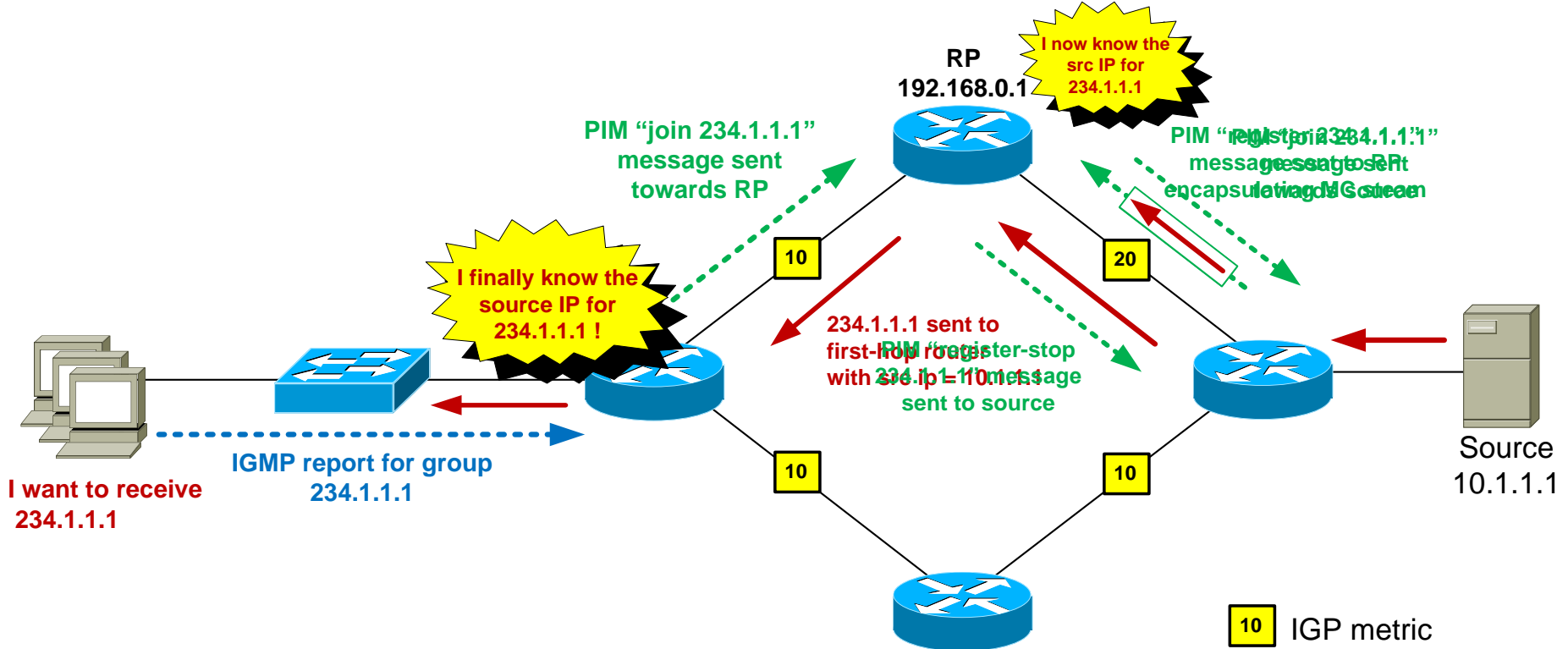
- But.....we have a problem. The receiver just told me the group it wants to join but didn't identify the source! So in which direction is the "upstream" router ?



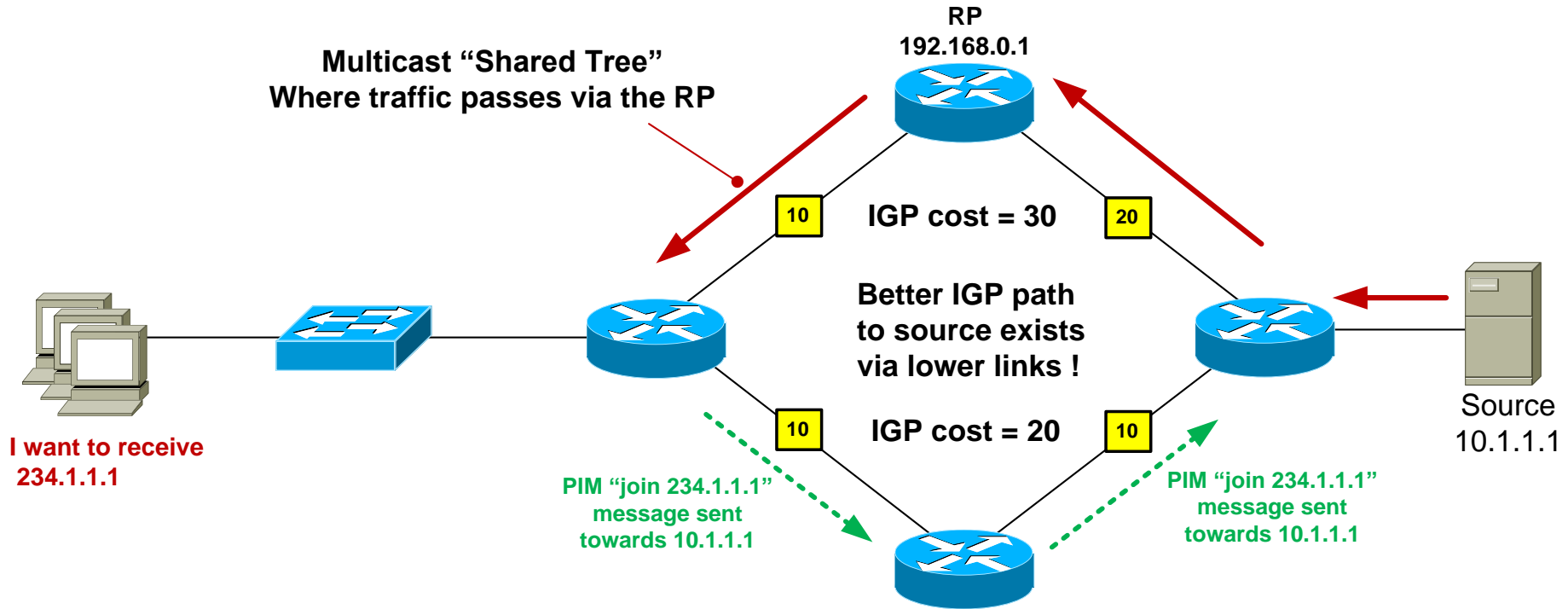
PIM-SM: Rendezvous Point (RP)

- PIM-SM uses a router called a Rendezvous Point (RP).
- The sole purpose of the RP is to allow the first-hop router to find out the IP address of the source for a particular group.
- The receivers don't know the source address and don't care - hence the term "Any Source Multicast".
- An RP is **mandatory** for PIM sparse-mode networks.

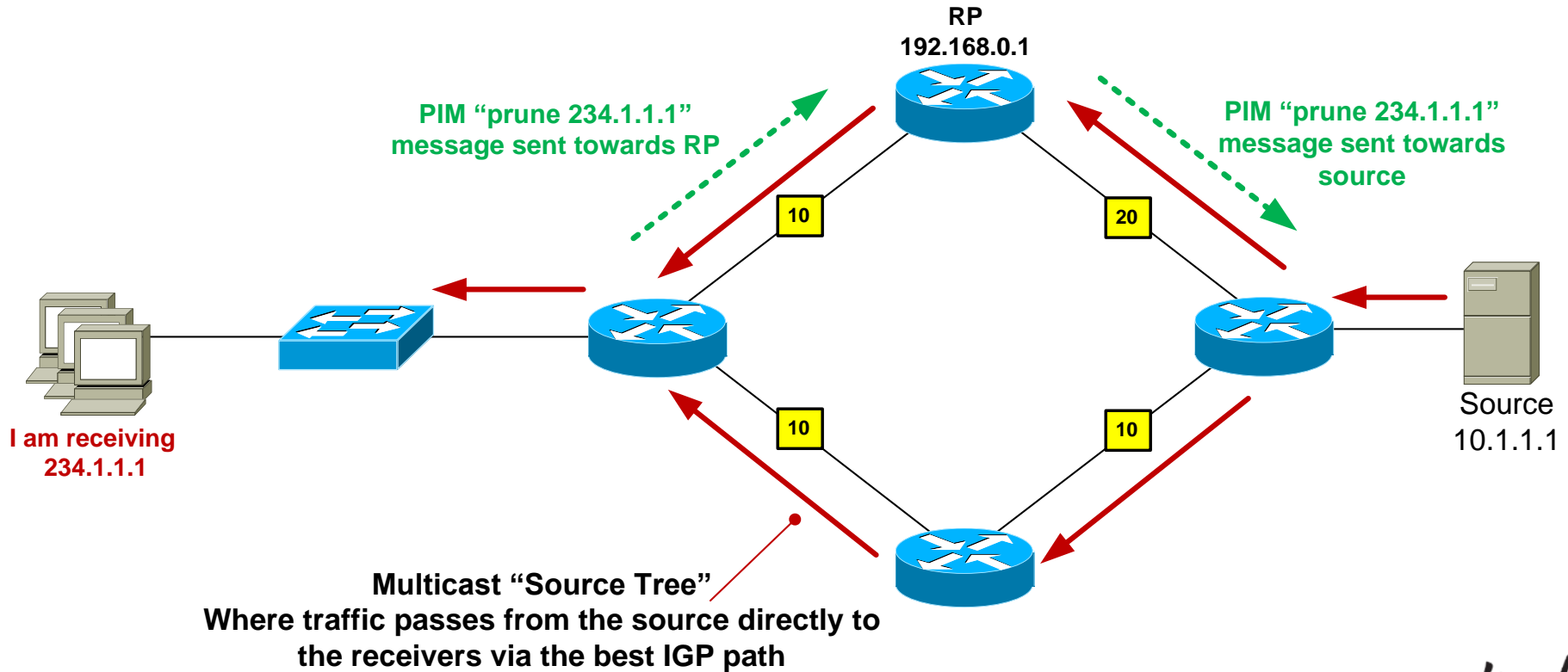
PIM-SM: Rendezvous Point (RP)



PIM-SM: Shortest Path Tree Switchover



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PIM-SM: Rendezvous Point Discovery

So how does the network know where the RP is ?

- **Option 1:** Static RP configuration

Configure **all** routers in the network with the IP address of the RP

```
ip pim rp-address 192.168.0.1
```

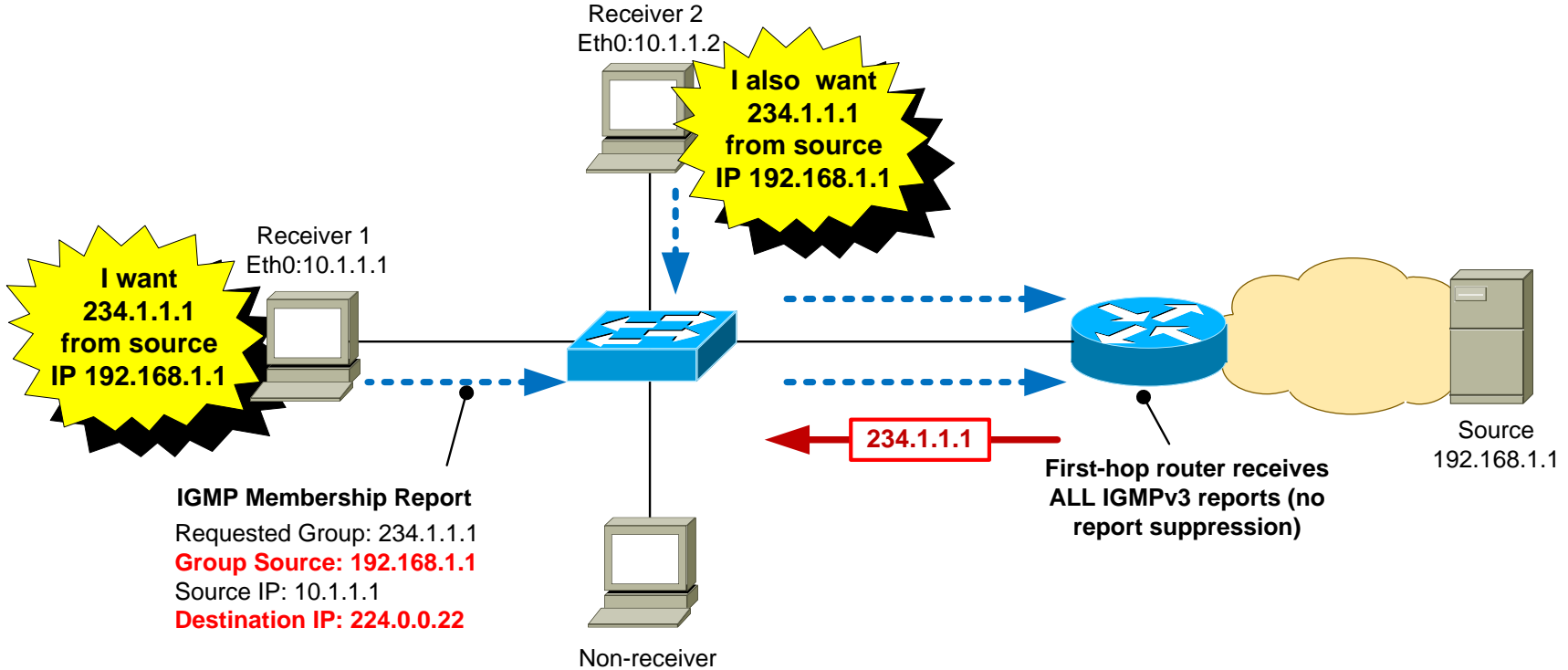
- **Option 2:** Dynamic RP configuration

Configure the RP to tell all other routers that it is the RP

- Cisco proprietary mechanism is called “Auto-RP”
- IETF standard is known as Bootstrap Router (BSR) – RFC 5059

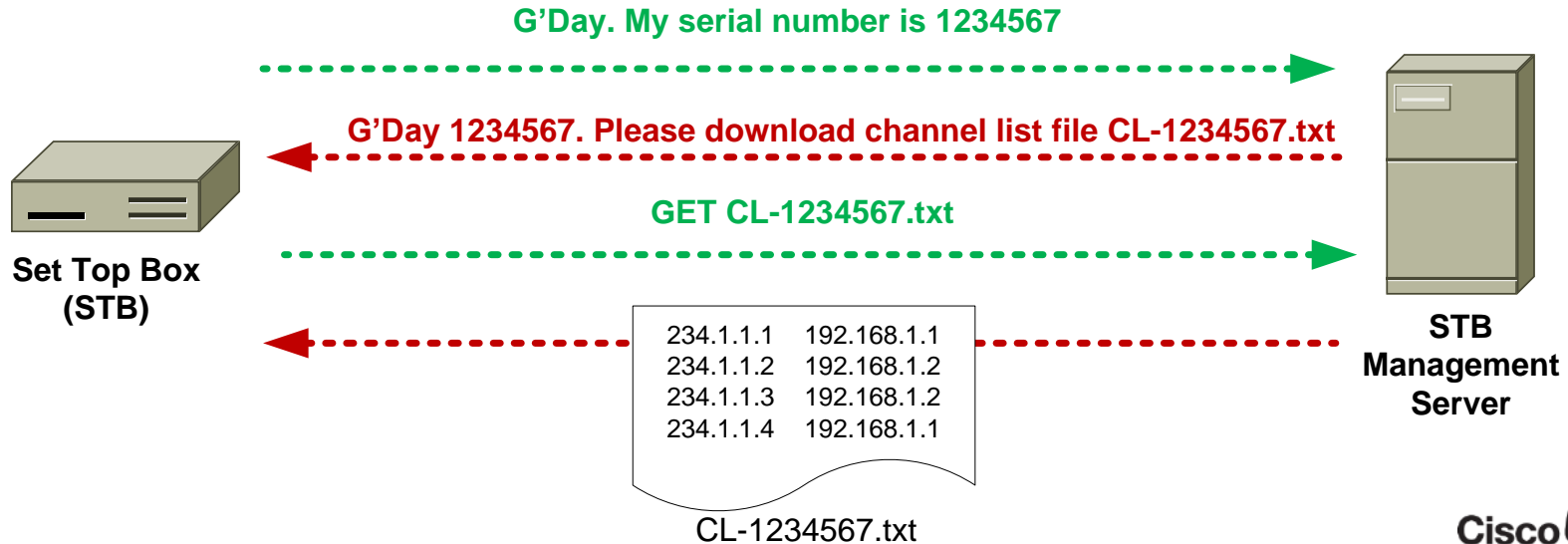
Q: What if receivers router knew the source from the start?....

IGMPv3 – Joining a Group

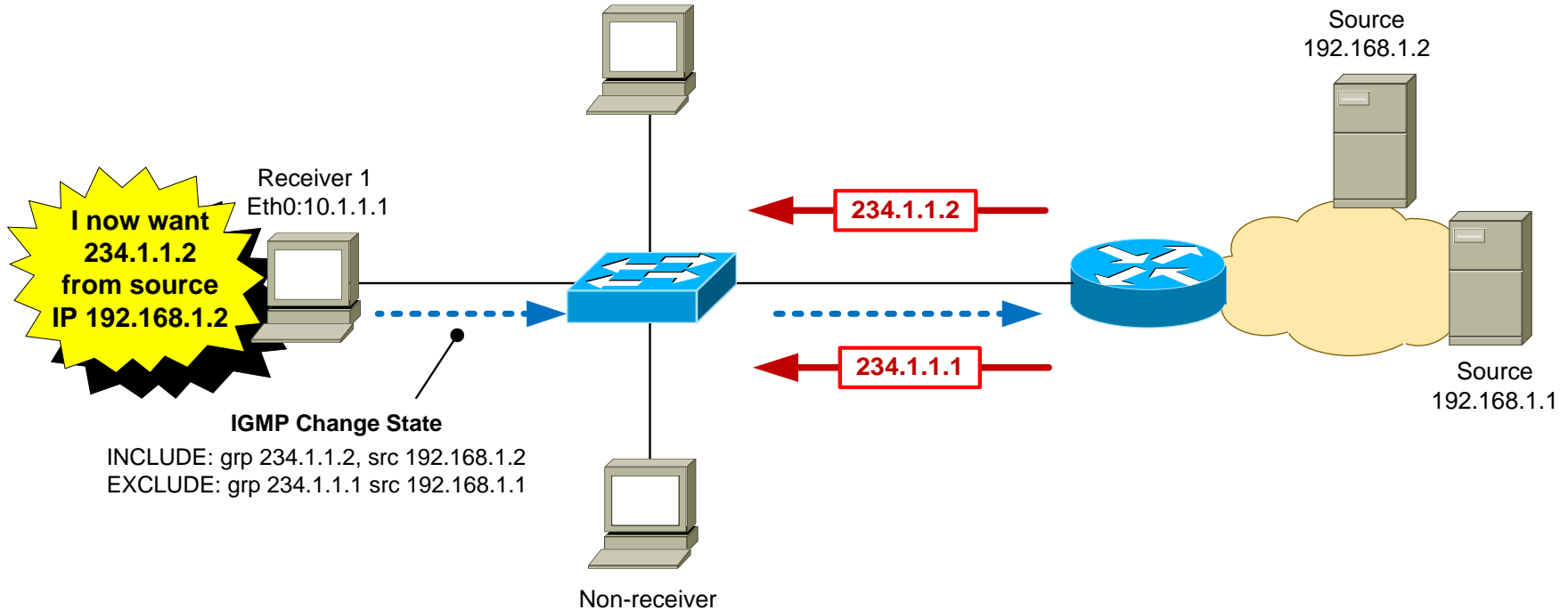


IGMPv3 Source Discovery

- Q: How does the receiver know the source address for each group ?
- A: The receiver app is pre-populated with this information.



IGMPv3 – Changing a Group



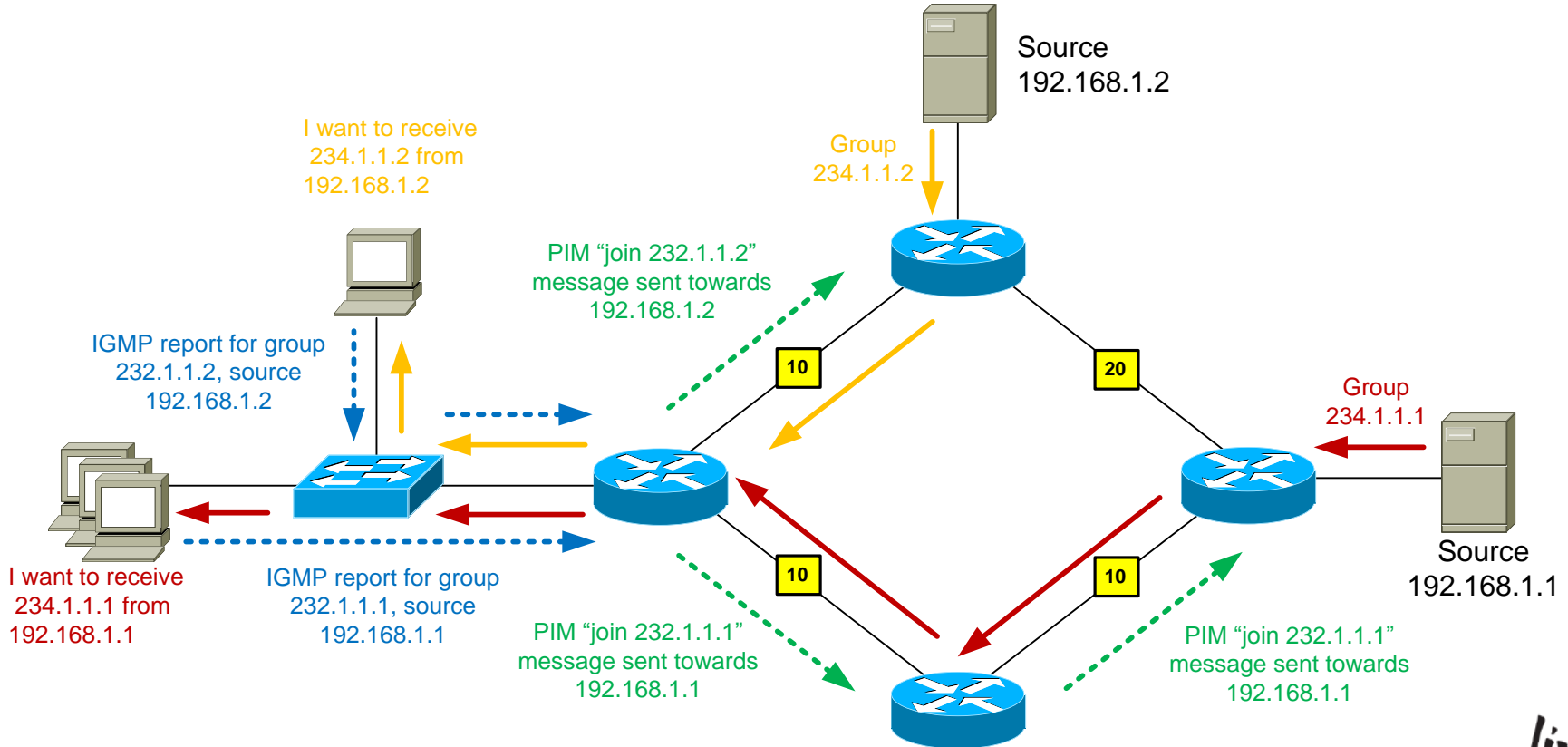
Advantages of IGMPv3

- Hosts can join one group and leave another in the same transaction. IGMPv2 requires separate report/leave messages.
- Reduces the likelihood of multicast group being spoofed by a rogue source.
- Eliminates overlapping multicast addresses.
- First-hop router immediately knows the source address, so no need for Rendezvous Point – can use PIM-SSM.

Router-Router Signalling: PIM-SSM

- **SSM = Source Specific Multicast**
- PIM-SSM requires the first-hop router to know the address of the MC source for each group
- PIM-SSM is usually deployed in conjunction with IGMPv3, where the receiver indicates the source address in the IGMPv3 report packet
- The first-hop router sends a PIM join **directly** towards the sender using the unicast routing table. There is no “Shared Tree” via an RP as in PIM-SM.

PIM-SSM: Operation



PIM-SSM Advantages

- Easy to configure and maintain
 - No RPs
 - No Multicast Source Discovery Protocol (MSDP) between redundant RPs
- Efficient network usage
 - Traffic is not routed temporarily via the RP
 - Most direct path from source to receiver is always used
- Enhanced security
 - Spoofing of MC stream is more difficult

PIM-SSM Mapping

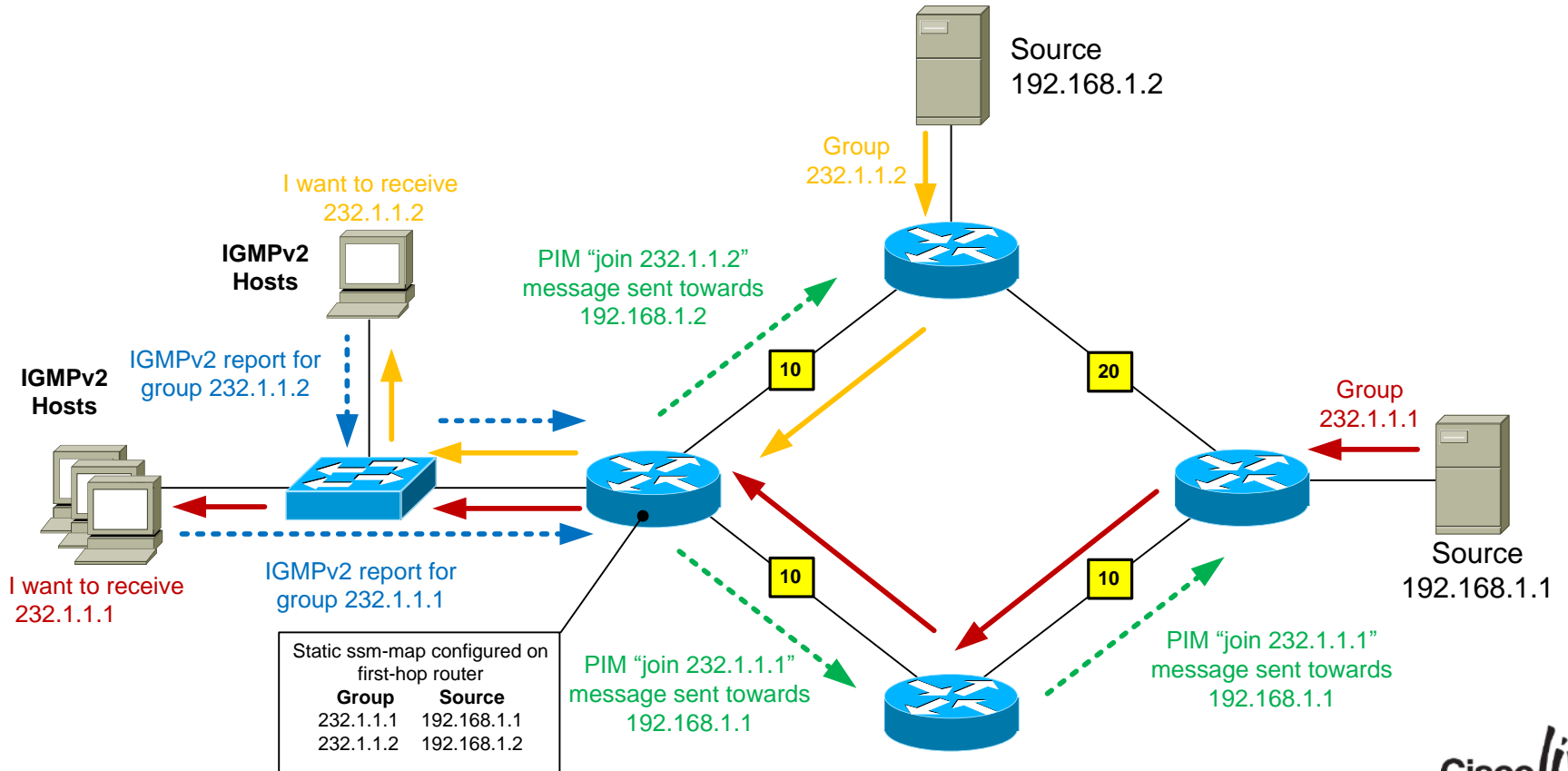
- The ideal SSM architecture uses IGMPv3 for host-router signalling and PIM-SSM for router-router signalling
- But...IGMPv3 host support is patchy, whereas IGMPv2 is ubiquitous

Q: Is there a way to use PIM-SSM in the network when I have hosts that only support IGMPv2 ?

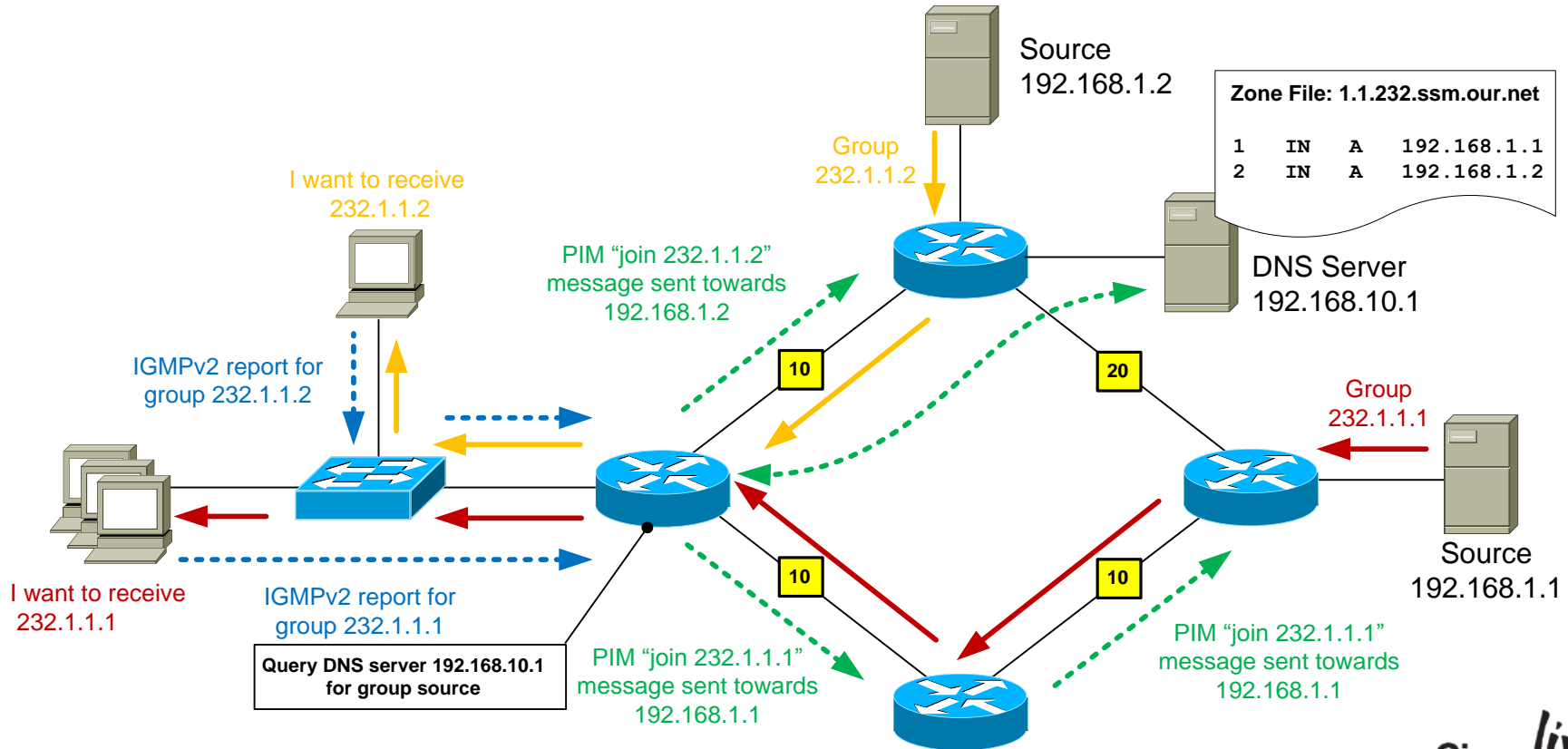
A: Yes – its called PIM-SSM mapping

- PIM-SSM mapping can be used as an interim measure until IGMPv3 is supported on all hosts

PIM-SSM Static Mapping



PIM-SSM Dynamic (DNS) Mapping



IPv4 vs. IPv6 Multicast

A quick glimpse

IP Service	IPv4 Solution	IPv6 Solution
Address Range	32-Bit, Class D	128-Bit (112-Bit Group)
Routing	Protocol-Independent All IGPs and BGPv4+	Protocol-Independent All IGPs and BGPv4+ with IPv6 Mcast SAFI
Forwarding	PIM-DM, PIM-SM: ASM, SSM, BiDir	PIM-SM: ASM, SSM, BiDir
Group Management	IGMPv1, v2, v3	Multicast Listener Discovery MLDv1, v2
Domain Control	Boundary/Border	Scope Identifier
Interdomain Source Discovery	MSDP Across Independent PIM Domains	Single RP Within Globally Shared Domains

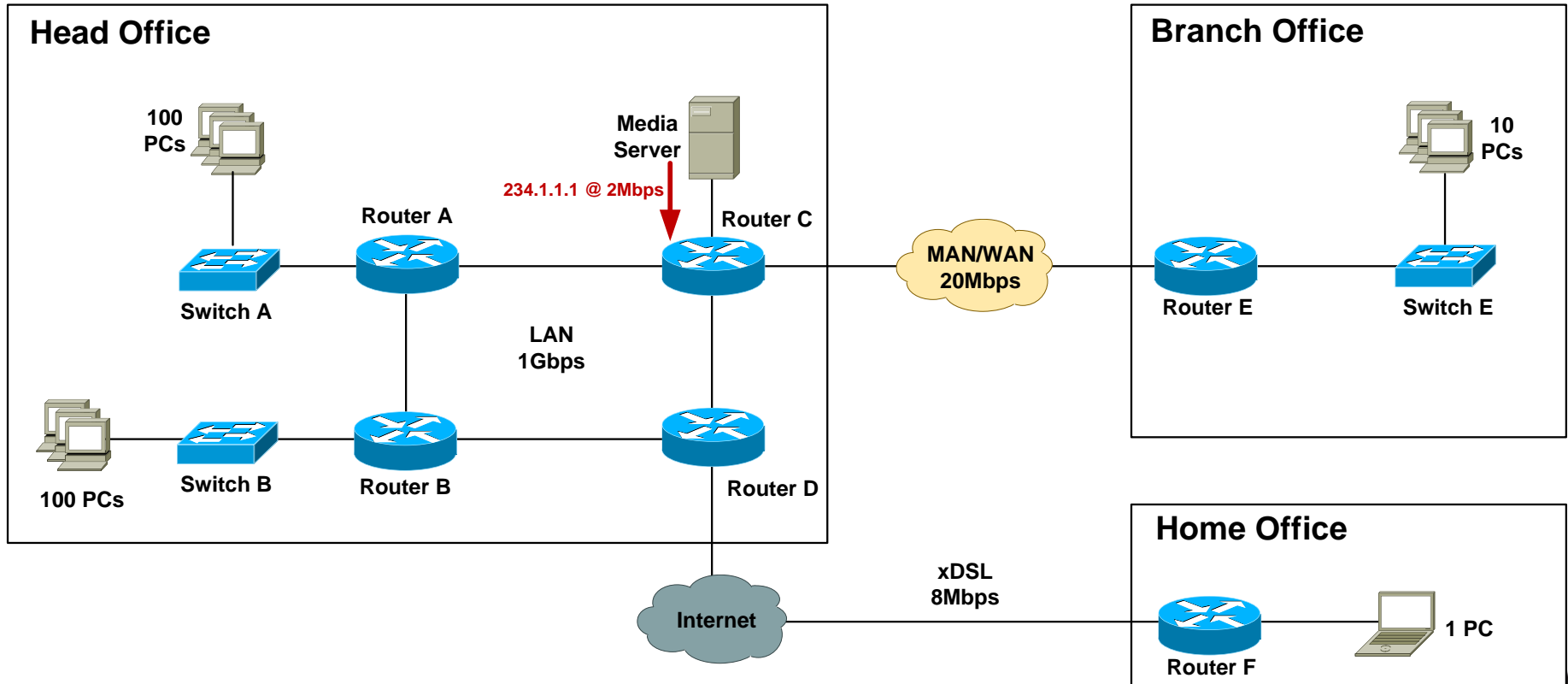


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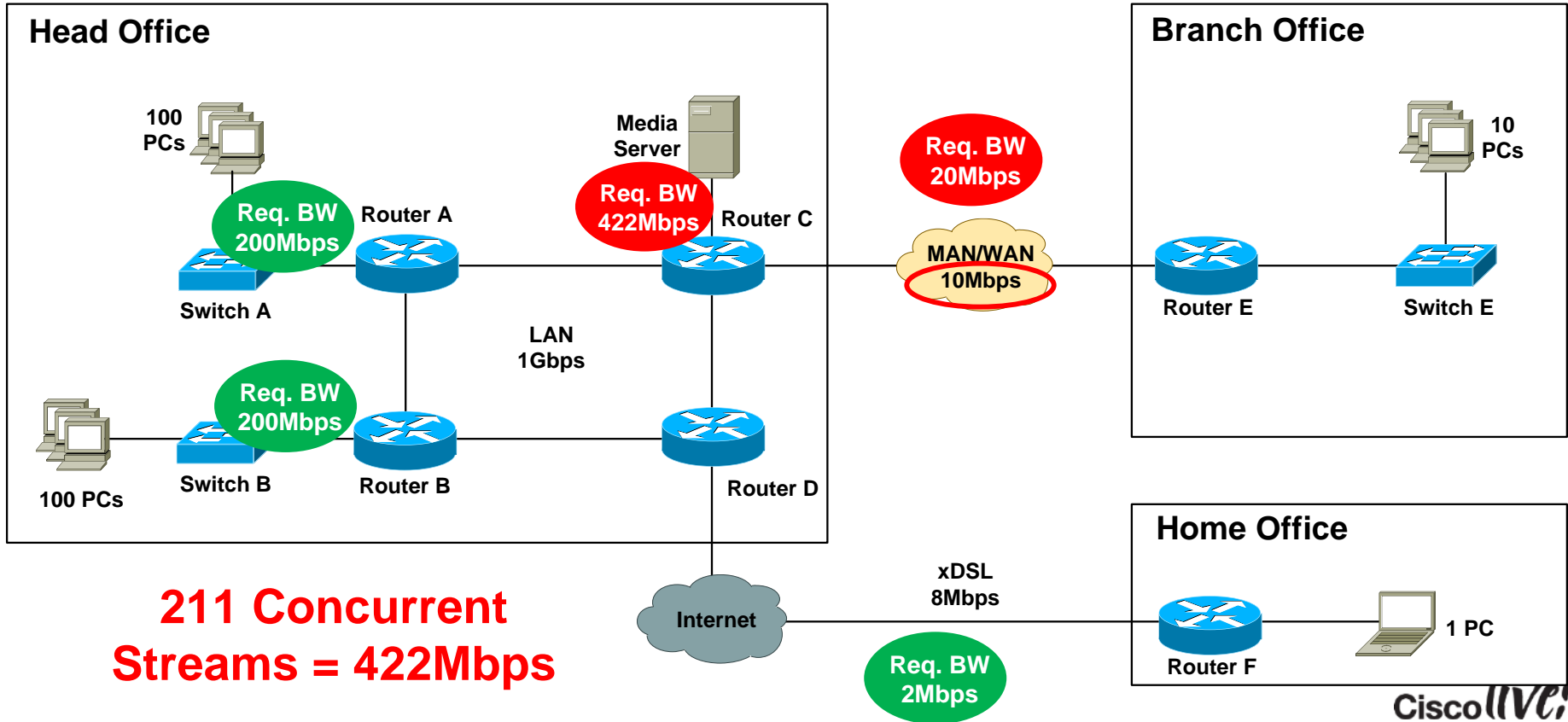
Case Study - Background

- Company has 1 head office with 200 staff, 1 branch office with 10 staff and occasional home users
- Management wants to deploy an in-house, always-on video channel that staff may watch at any time for the latest product releases and Company news
- Important events will require all users to watch the channel at the same time
- The video bitrate is 2 Mbps

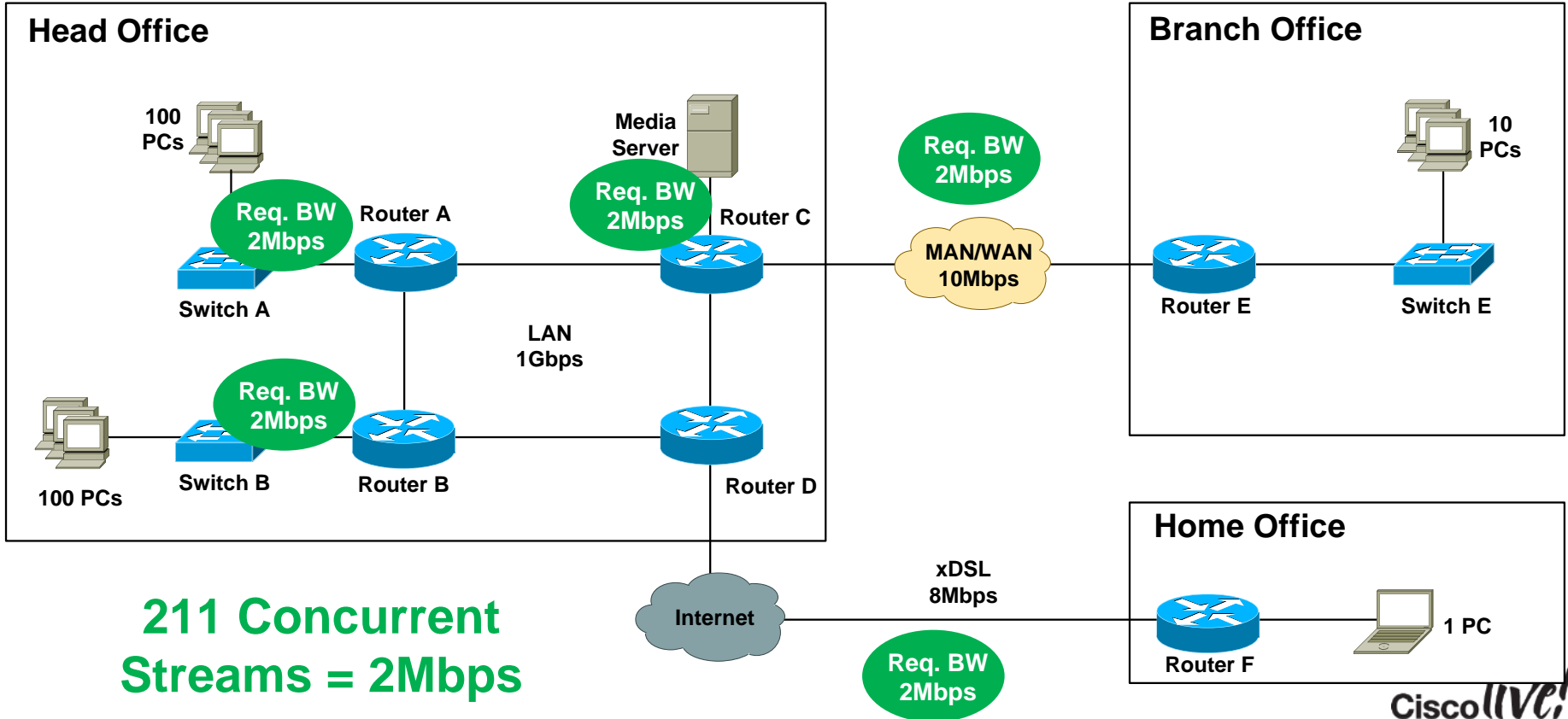
Case Study – Network Topology



Case Study – Unicast Bandwidth Scenario



Case Study – Multicast Bandwidth Scenario



Case Study – Network Support for MC

- Cisco IOS provides broad platform support for PIM (all variants) and IGMPv1/2/3
- Check with WAN provider for MC support
 - Dark fibre, EoSDH, EoMPLS, Frame relay, ATM, SDH/SONET, leased-line services – usually no issues
 - Managed Ethernet, L3VPN, VPLS – **check with provider.**
 - SP network generally needs to be configured for MC support
- **No native support for multicast across the Internet**
- **No native IPsec support for multicast**

Case Study – Design Options

- **Option 1: Any Source Multicast (ASM) design**
Hosts run IGMPv2
Network runs PIM-SM with RP
- Option 2: Source Specific Multicast (SSM) design
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- Option 3: SSM design with IGMP mapping
Hosts run IGMPv2
Network runs PIM-SSM with source address mapping

Case Study – ASM

■ Step 1: Configure IGMP snooping on access switches

- IGMP snooping enabled by default on Cisco devices
- Configure “ip igmp snooping vlan <x> immediate-leave” for vlans with directly attached hosts only.

```
Switch_A#sh ip igmp snooping vlan 10
Vlan 10:
-----
IGMP snooping                : Enabled
IGMPv2 immediate leave       : Enabled
Multicast router learning mode : pim-dvmrp
CGMP interoperability mode    : IGMP_ONLY
Robustness variable          : 2
Last member query count      : 2
Last member query interval   : 1000

Switch_A#
```


Case Study – ASM

▪ Step 2: Configure all routers for multicast

- Globally enable multicast routing:

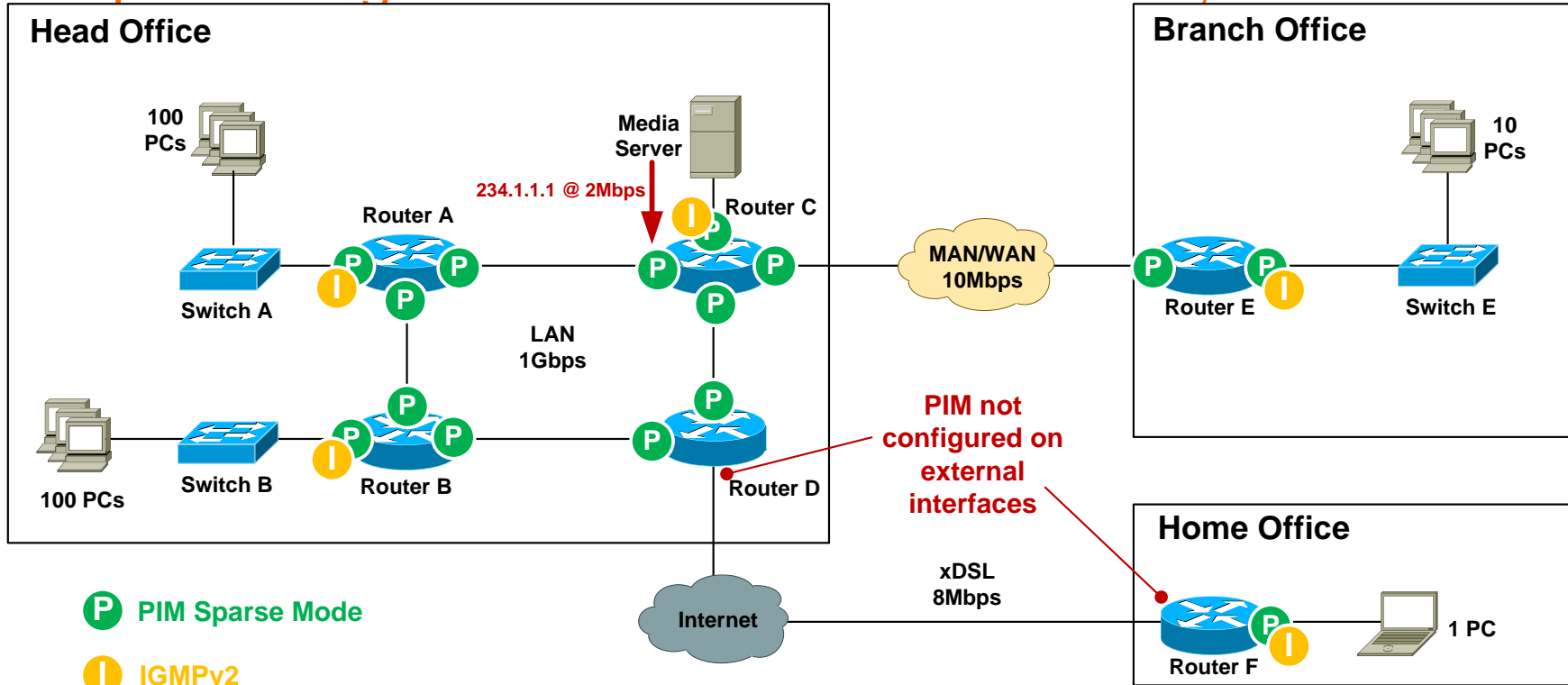
```
Router_A(config)#ip multicast-routing
Router_A(config)#do show ip multicast global
    Multicast Routing: enabled
    Multicast Multipath: disabled
    Multicast Route limit: No limit
    Multicast Triggered RPF check: enabled
    Multicast Fallback group mode: Sparse
Router_A(config)#
```

- Configure PIM on all internal router interfaces:

```
Router_A(config-if)#int fast 0/3
Router_A(config-if)#ip pim sparse-mode
Router_A(config-if)#
```

Case Study – ASM

- Step 3: Configure all internal links for PIM-SM, IGMPv2



Case Study – ASM

▪ Step 4: Verify PIM neighbours

```
Router_A#sh ip pim neighbor
PIM Neighbor Table
Neighbor          Interface                Uptime/Expires    Ver    DR
Address                                     Prio/Mode
10.0.0.5          FastEthernet0/3          1d02h/00:01:17    v2     1 / DR S
10.0.0.3          FastEthernet0/2          1d01h/00:01:31    v2     1 / DR
Router_A#
```

- Note: when PIM is enabled on an interface, IGMPv2 is also automatically enabled on that interface.

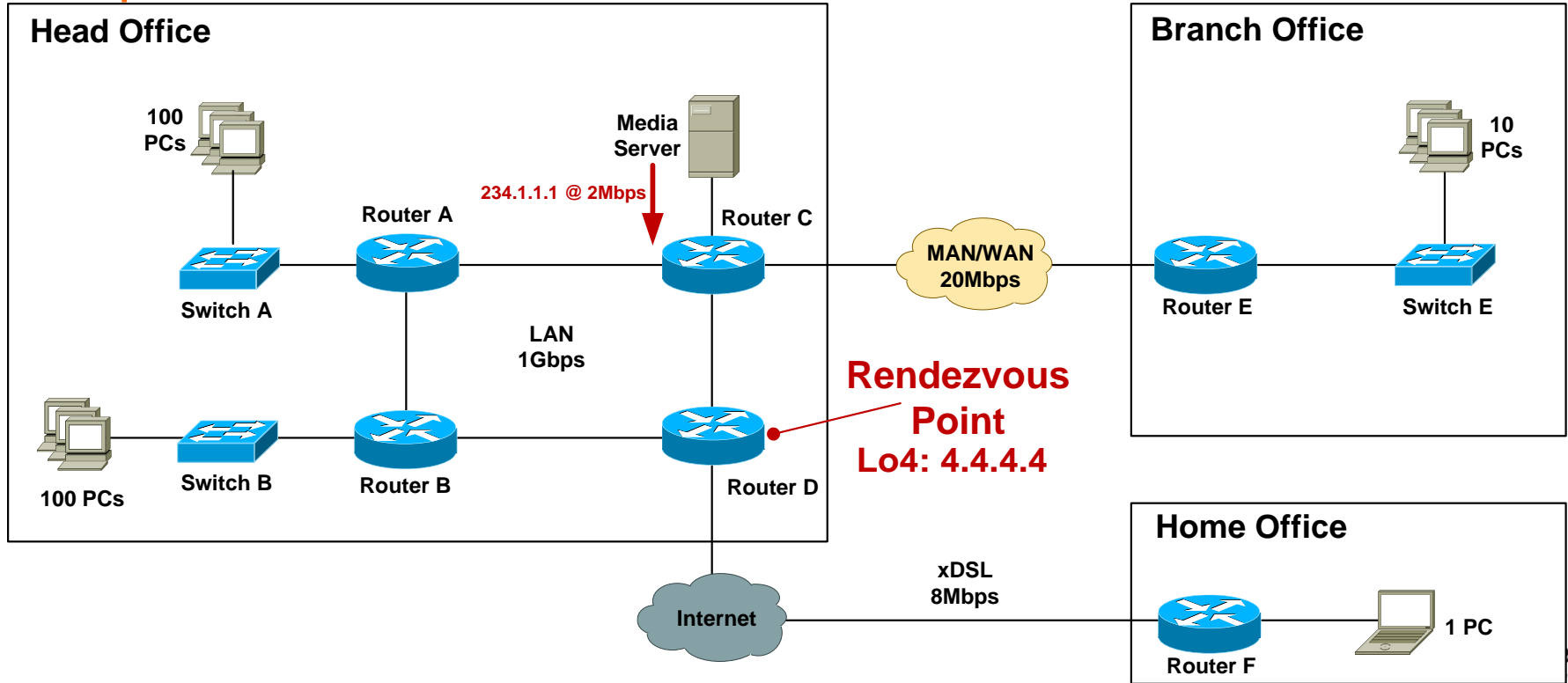
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▪ Step 5: Select RP router

- RP should be in a central location between sender and receivers.
- CPU grunt not critical as RP processing overhead is low.
- Select a router that has high network availability.
- Ensure the RP has a /32 loopback address as the source.
- Recommended to assign loopback address dedicated for RP use only (not used for router ID etc).

Case Study - ASM

Step 5: Select RP router



Case Study – ASM

- Step 6: Configure static RP on all routers (including the RP)

```
ip access-list standard MC_Group_1
  permit 234.1.1.0 0.0.0.255

Router_C#conf t
Enter configuration commands, one per line.  End with CNTL/Z.

Router_C(config)#ip pim rp-address 4.4.4.4 MC_Group_1
```

- Step 7: Verify RP to Group mappings

```
Router_C#sh ip pim rp mapping

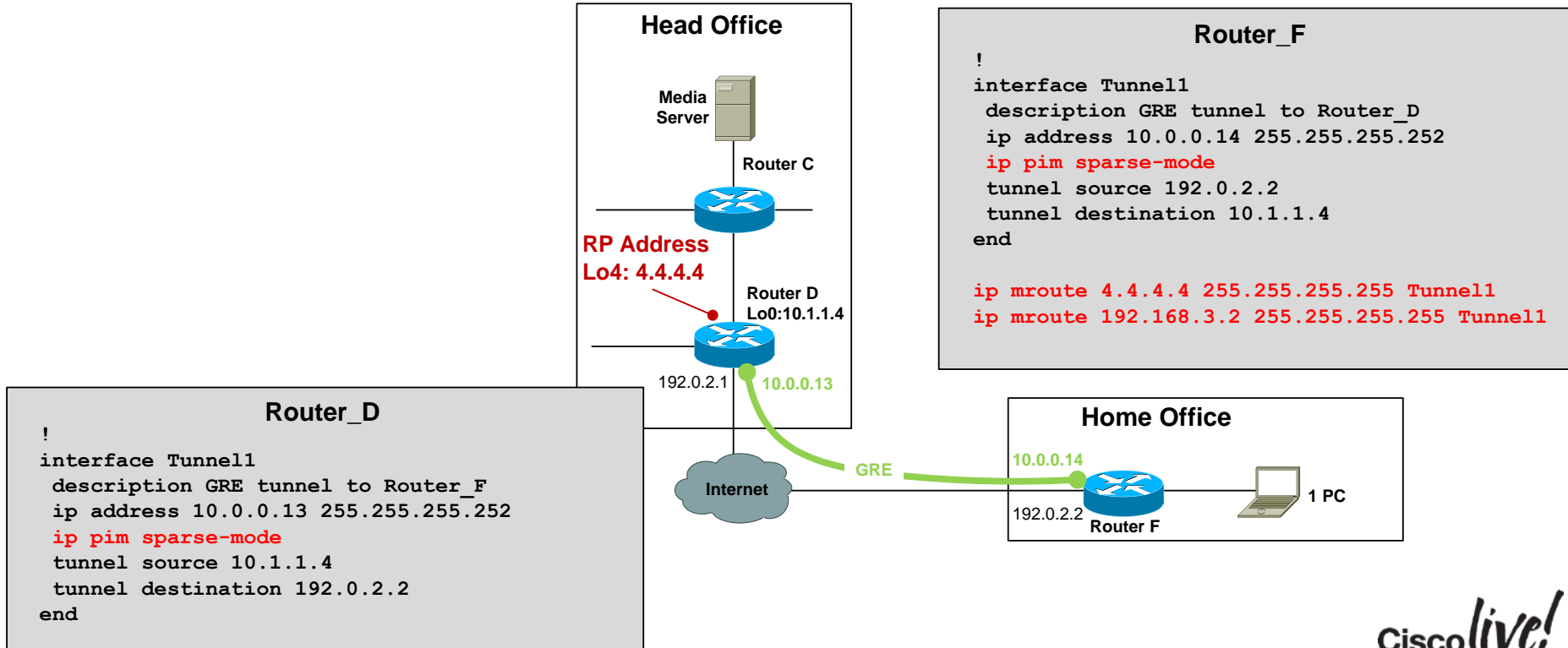
PIM Group-to-RP Mappings
Acl: MC_Group_1, Static
  RP: 4.4.4.4 (Router_D)
Router_C#
```

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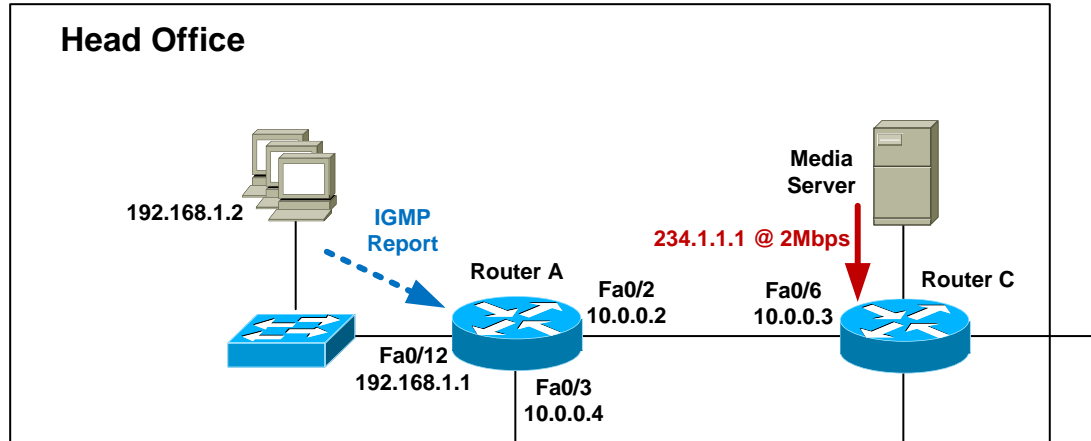
- **Step 8: Enable multicast over non-multicast networks**
 - Use GRE, L2TPv3 to tunnel MC over non-MC networks
 - Need a static mroute for **both** the RP address and the MC source address for RPF check to pass.
 - <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/ip/ip-multicast/43584-mcast-over-gre.html>

Case Study – ASM

■ Step 8: Enable multicast over non-multicast networks



Case Study – ASM – IGMP Verification



```
Router_A#sh ip igmp membership
Flags: A - aggregate, T - tracked
       L - Local, S - static, V - virtual, R - Reported through v3
       I - v3lite, U - Urd, M - SSM (S,G) channel
       1,2,3 - The version of IGMP the group is in
<snip>
Channel/Group      Reporter      Uptime  Exp.  Flags  Interface
*,234.1.1.1      192.168.1.2  00:00:12  02:47  2A     Fa0/12
Router_A#
```

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Case Study – ASM – Mroute Verification

```
Router_A#show ip mroute active
Active IP Multicast Sources - sending >= 4 kbps

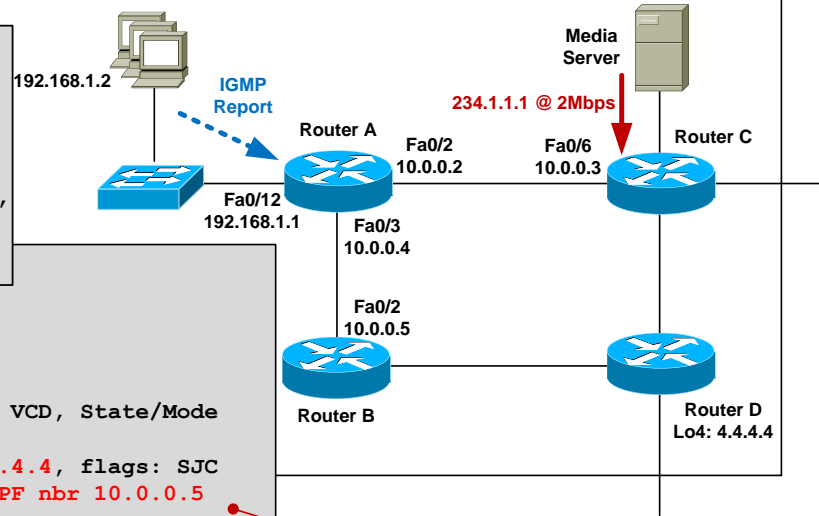
Group: 234.1.1.1, (Stream_1)
  Source: 192.168.3.2 (Media_Server)
  Rate: 245 pps/1967 kbps(1sec), 1968 kbps(last 20 secs),
        1966 kbps(life avg)
Router_A#
```

```
Router_A#show ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
<snip>
Timers: Uptime/Expires
Interface state: Interface, Next-Hop or VCD, State/Mode

(*, 234.1.1.1), 00:08:40/stopped, RP 4.4.4.4, flags: SJC
  Incoming interface: FastEthernet0/3, RPF nbr 10.0.0.5
  Outgoing interface list:
    FastEthernet0/12, Forward/Sparse, 00:08:40/00:02:11

(192.168.3.2, 234.1.1.1), 00:08:40/00:02:56, flags: JT
  Incoming interface: FastEthernet0/2, RPF nbr 10.0.0.3
  Outgoing interface list:
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Head Office



How Router_A receives MC traffic via the RP (src IP unknown)

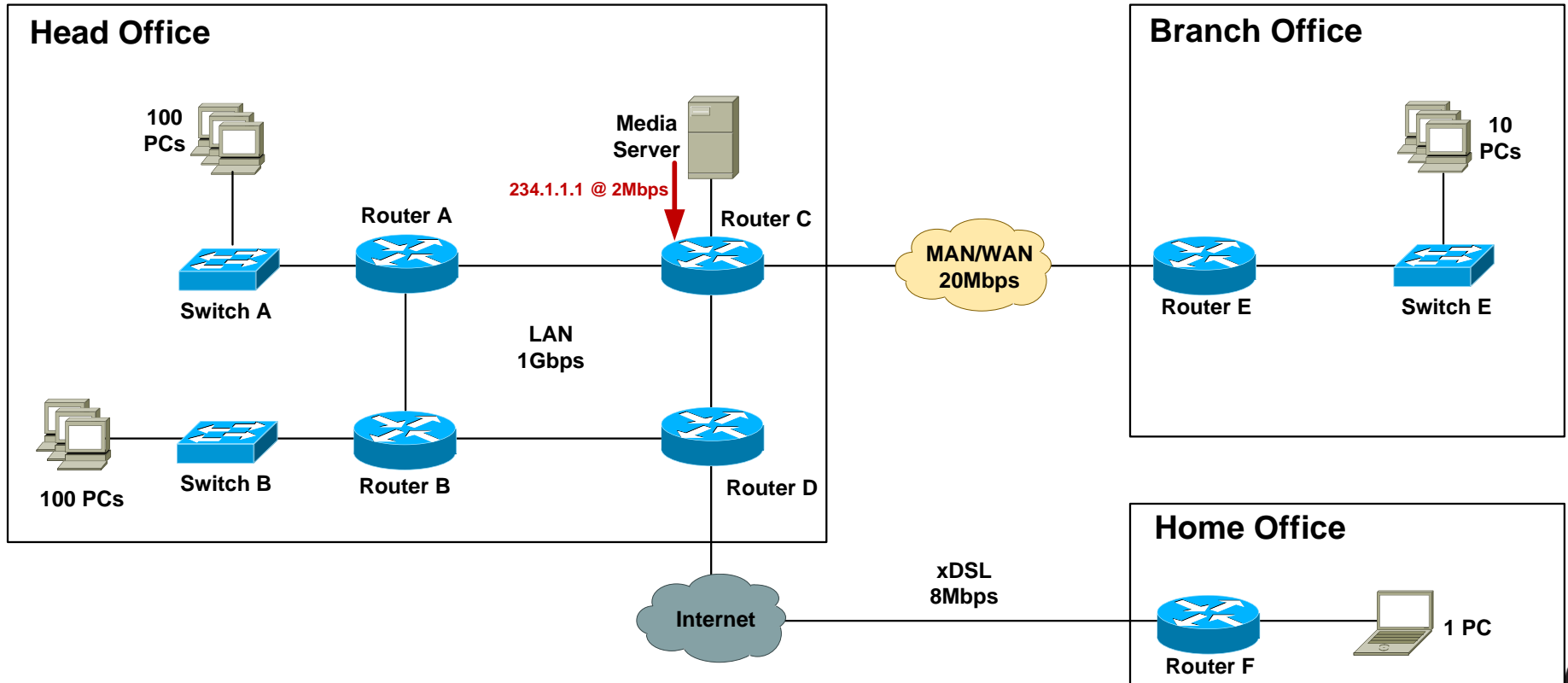
How Router_A receives MC traffic directly from the source (src IP known)

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```
Router_A(config)#ip multicast-routing
```

- Configure PIM-SSM ranges:

```
! Define ACL for SSM ranges (default is 232.0.0.0/8)

Router_A(config)#ip access-list standard SSM-Groups
Router_A(config-std-nacl)#permit 234.0.0.0 0.255.255.255

! Configure SSM range

Router_A(config-std-nacl)#ip pim ssm range SSM-Groups
Router_A(config)#
```

Case Study – SSM

■ Step 2: Configure IGMP

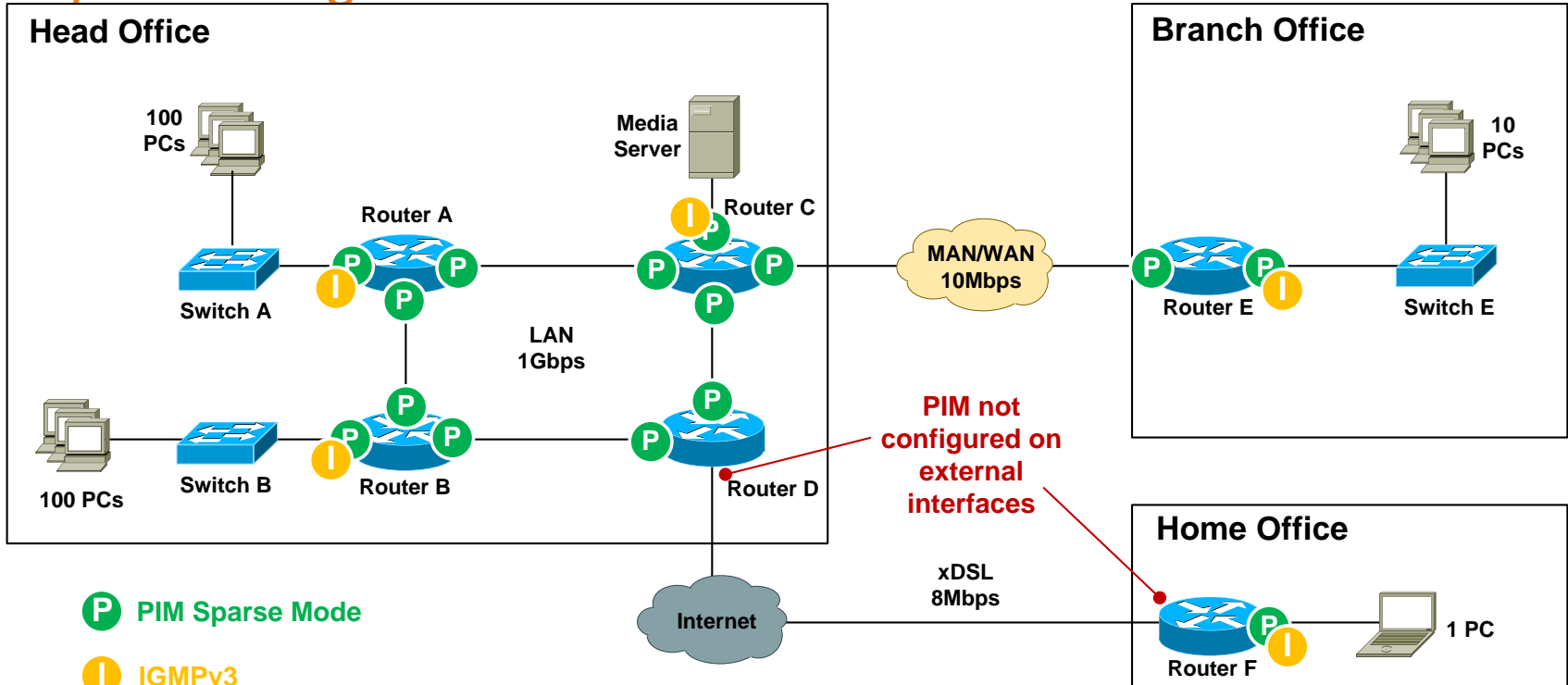
- IGMPv3 snooping enabled by default on Cisco devices
- Need to explicitly configure IGMPv3 on router interface that connects to LAN

```
Router_A(config)#int fast 0/12
Router_A(config-if)#ip igmp version 3
Router_A(config-if)#
```

```
Router_A#sh ip igmp interface fast 0/12
FastEthernet0/12 is up, line protocol is up
Internet address is 192.168.1.1/24
IGMP is enabled on interface
Current IGMP host version is 3
Current IGMP router version is 3
IGMP query interval is 60 seconds
IGMP querier timeout is 120 seconds
<snip>
Router_A#
```

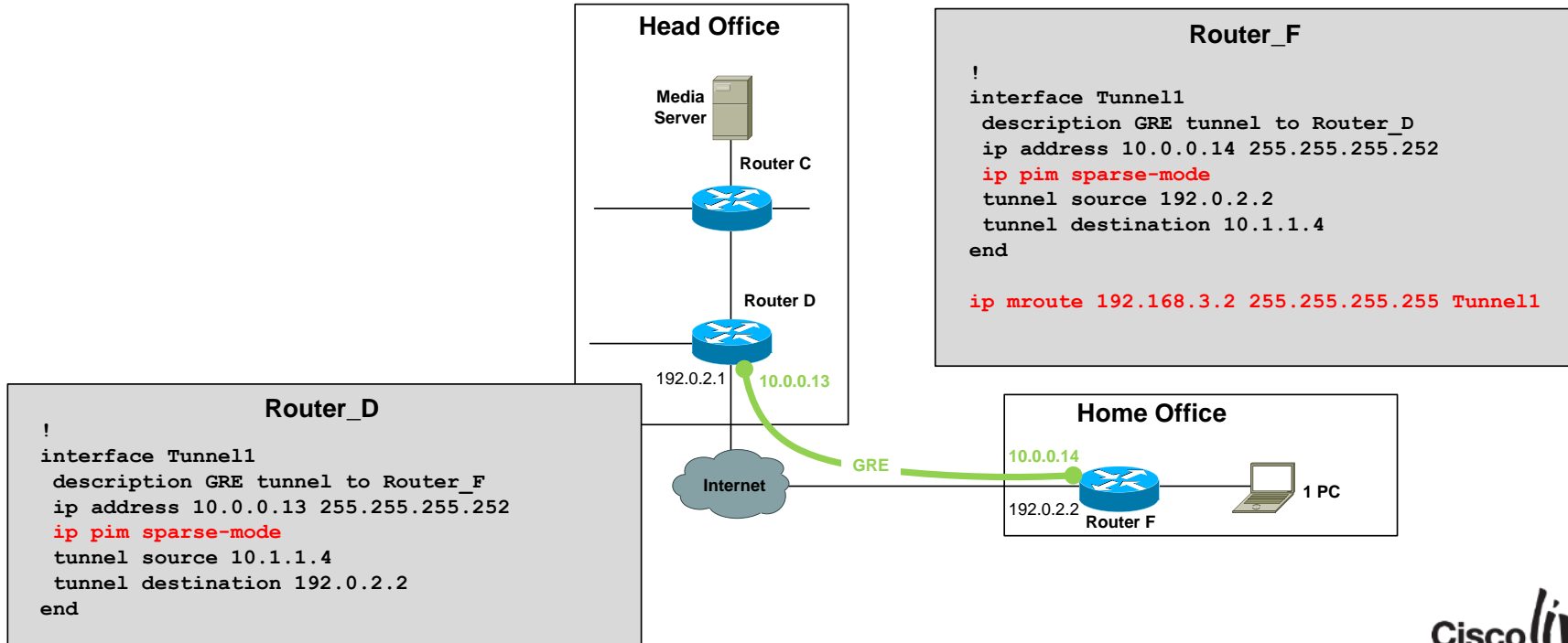
Case Study – SSM

Step 3: Configure all internal links for PIM-SM

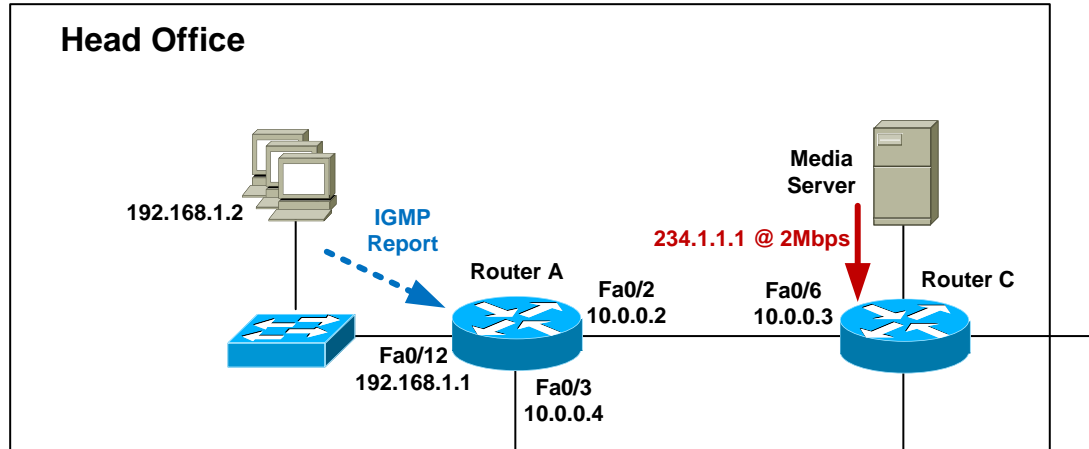


Case Study – SSM

- Step 4: Enable multicast over non-multicast networks
 - Need a static mroute for MC source only



Case Study – SSM – IGMP Verification



```
Router_A#show ip igmp membership
```

```
Channel/Group-Flags:
```

```
 / - Filtering entry (Exclude mode (S,G), Include mode (*,G))
```

Channel/Group	Reporter	Uptime	Exp.	Flags	Interface
/*,234.1.1.1	192.168.1.2	00:43:29	stop	3MA	Fa0/12
192.168.3.2,234.1.1.1		00:43:29	02:03	RA	Fa0/12

```
Router_A#
```

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Case Study – SSM – Mroute Verification

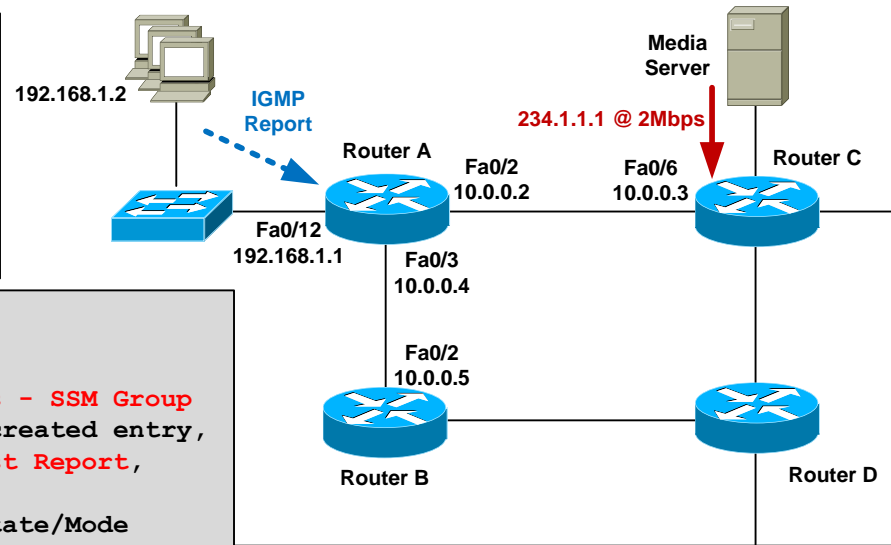
```
Router_A#show ip mroute active
Active IP Multicast Sources - sending >= 4 kbps

Group: 234.1.1.1, (Stream_1)
Source: 192.168.3.2 (Media_Server)
Rate: 245 pps/1967 kbps (1sec), 1968 kbps (last 20 secs),
1966 kbps (life avg)
Router_A#
```

```
Router_A#show ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group
T - SPT-bit set, J - Join SPT, M - MSDP created entry,
U - URD, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
Timers: Uptime/Expires
Interface state: Interface, Next-Hop or VCD, State/Mode

(192.168.3.2, 234.1.1.1), 00:59:25/00:02:51, flags: sTI
Incoming interface: FastEthernet0/2, RPF nbr 10.0.0.3
Outgoing interface list:
FastEthernet0/12, Forward/Sparse, 00:59:01/00:02:05
```

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Note there is only (S,G) entry and no (*,G) as no RP is present

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Case Study – Design Options

- Option 1: Any Source Multicast (ASM) design
Hosts run IGMPv2
Network runs PIM-SM
- Option 2: Source Specific Multicast (SSM) design
Hosts run IGMPv3
Network runs PIM-SSM
- **Option 3: SSM design with IGMP mapping**
Hosts run IGMPv2
Network runs PIM-SSM with source address mapping

Case Study – IGMPv2 + PIM-SSM

- **Step 1:** Configure IGMPv2 snooping on access switches
- **Step 2:** Configure all routers for multicast-routing
- **Step 3:** Enable PIM-SM (even though we are using SSM) on all internal interfaces)

Case Study – IGMPv2 + PIM-SSM

- Step 4: Configure all routers for SSM
- Configure PIM-SSM ranges:

```
! Define ACL for SSM ranges (default is 232.0.0.0/8)

Router_A(config)#ip access-list standard SSM-Groups
Router_A(config-std-nacl)#permit 234.0.0.0 0.255.255.255

! Configure SSM range

Router_A(config-std-nacl)#ip pim ssm range SSM-Groups
Router_A(config)#
```

Case Study – IGMPv2 + PIM-SSM

■ Step 5a: Configure static IGMP SSM mapping

- Globally enable IGMP mapping

```
Router_A(config)#ip igmp ssm-map enable
```

- Configure static group-to-source mapping using ACL:

```
Router_A(config)#no ip igmp ssm-map query dns  
Router_A(config)#access-list 10 permit host 234.1.1.1  
Router_A(config)#ip igmp ssm-map static 10 192.168.3.2
```

“When I see an IGMPv2 report for groups defined in ACL 10, assign the source address 192.168.3.2”

Case Study – IGMPv2 + PIM-SSM

■ Step 5b: Configure dynamic IGMP SSM mapping

- Globally enable IGMP mapping

```
Router_A(config)#ip igmp ssm-map enable
```

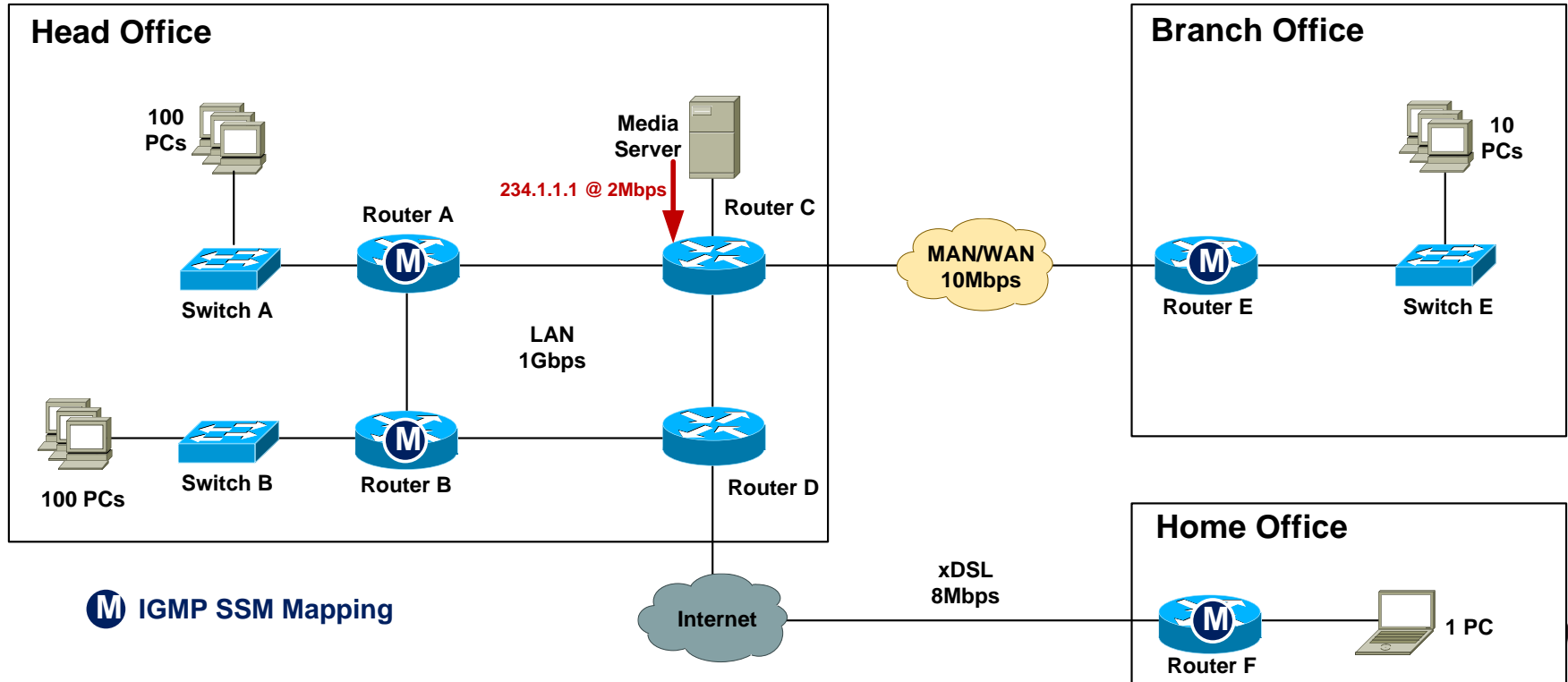
- Configure dynamic group-to-source mapping using DNS:

```
Router_A(config)#ip igmp ssm-map query dns  
Router_A(config)#ip name-server 192.168.3.10
```

“When I see an IGMPv2 report for any group, perform a reverse DNS lookup to obtain the source address”

Case Study – IGMPv2 + PIM-SSM

■ IGMP SSM mapping configuration locations



Case Study – SSM Mapping Verification

■ Step 5: Verify IGMP mapping

- Static mapping
- Dynamic mapping

```
Router_A#sh ip igmp ssm-mapping 234.1.1.1
Group address: 234.1.1.1
Database      : Static
Source list   : 192.168.3.2
Router_A#
```

```
Router_A#sh ip igmp ssm-mapping 234.1.1.1
Group address: 234.1.1.1
Database      : DNS
DNS name      : 1.1.1.234.in-addr.arpa
Expire time   : 860000
Source list   : 192.168.3.2
Router_A#
```

Case Study – SSM Mapping – Verification

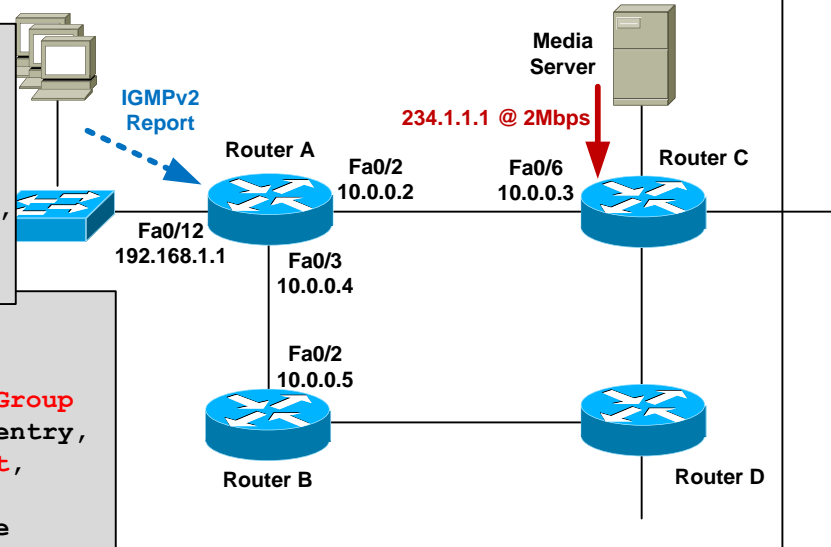
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```
Router_A#show ip mroute active
Active IP Multicast Sources - sending >= 4 kbps

Group: 234.1.1.1, (Stream_1)
Source: 192.168.3.2 (Media_Server)
Rate: 245 pps/1968 kbps (1sec), 1968 kbps (last 20 secs),
1967 kbps (life avg)
Router_A#
```

```
Router_A#show ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
Flags: D - Dense, S - Sparse, B - Bidir Group, s - SSM Group
T - SPT-bit set, J - Join SPT, M - MSDP created entry,
U - URD, I - Received Source Specific Host Report,
Timers: Uptime/Expires
Interface state: Interface, Next-Hop or VCD, State/Mode

(192.168.3.2, 234.1.1.1), 01:23:13/00:02:29, flags: sTI
Incoming interface: FastEthernet0/2, RPF nbr 10.0.0.3
Outgoing interface list:
FastEthernet0/12, Forward/Sparse, 00:09:01/00:02:12
```



IGMP ssm-mapping not evident in output

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Troubleshooting

Mimicking a Multicast Source

- Use video streaming software on a PC such as VLC:

```
vlc --repeat filename.avi --sout '#standard{access=udp,mux=ts,dst=234.1.1.1:1234}
```

- Use a ping flood or traffic generator to fake it....

```
MC_Source#ping
Protocol [ip]:
Target IP address: 234.1.1.1
Repeat count [1]: 100000000000
Datagram size [100]: 1300
Timeout in seconds [2]: 0
Extended commands [n]: y
Interface [All]: FastEthernet1/0/24
Source address: 192.168.3.2
Type escape sequence to abort.
Sending 1215752192, 1300-byte ICMP Echos to 234.1.1.1,
  timeout is 0 seconds:
Packet sent with a source address of 192.168.3.2
.....
```

Mimicking a Multicast Receiver

- PC running VLC to join MC group

```
vlc udp:@234.1.1.1 (IGMPv2 report)
or
vlc udp:192.168.3.2@234.1.1.1 (IGMPv3 report)
```

- Router joins MC group as if it were a receiver

```
! Send IGMPv2 report for 234.1.1.1
Router(config-if)#ip igmp version 2
Router(config-if)#ip igmp join-group 234.1.1.1

or

! Send IGMPv3 report for 234.1.1.1, source 192.168.3.2
Router(config-if)#ip igmp version 3
Router(config-if)#ip igmp join-group 234.1.1.1 source 192.168.3.2
```

Mimicking a Multicast Receiver

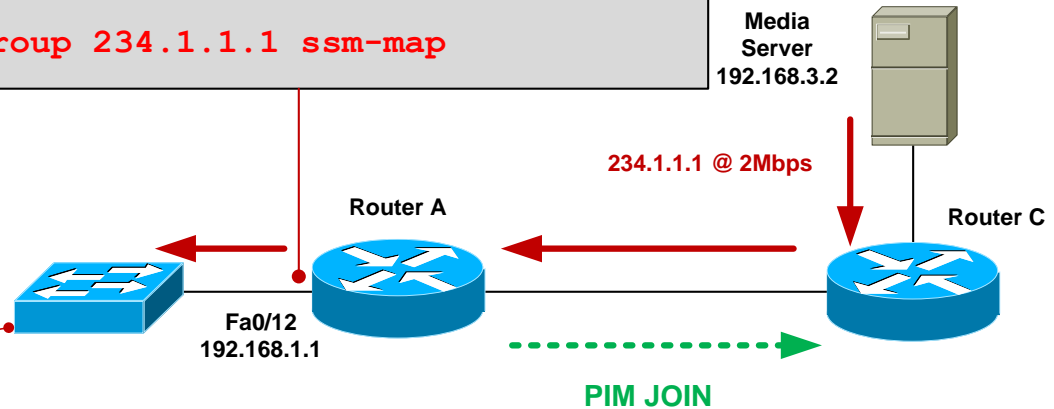
- Statically join a router interface to a group

```
Router(config-if)#ip igmp static-group 234.1.1.1
```

```
Router(config-if)#ip igmp static-group 234.1.1.1 source 192.168.3.2
```

```
Router(config-if)#ip igmp static-group 234.1.1.1 ssm-map
```

Receivers are not required.
Just send the MC stream
onto the LAN regardless.



Common Causes of Multicast Problems

- **Source problem**
Is the source sending the MC stream properly ?
- **Receiver issue**
Is the client asking to receive the stream ?
- **Underlying network issue**
Is the underlying network OK ?
- **MC network misconfiguration**
Is the network configured correctly ?

Source Not Sending Stream Correctly

- Verify source is actually sending MC stream
 - tcpdump, Wireshark, SNMP
- Check first-hop router is receiving MC at correct bit-rate
 - compare current rate to baseline and historical rate

```
Router_C#sh ip mroute active
Active IP Multicast Sources - sending >= 4 kbps

Group: 234.1.1.1, (Stream_1)
  Source: 192.168.3.2 (Media_Server)
    Rate: 165 pps/1324 kbps(1sec), 1964 kbps(last 30 secs), 1963 kbps(life avg)
Router_C#
```

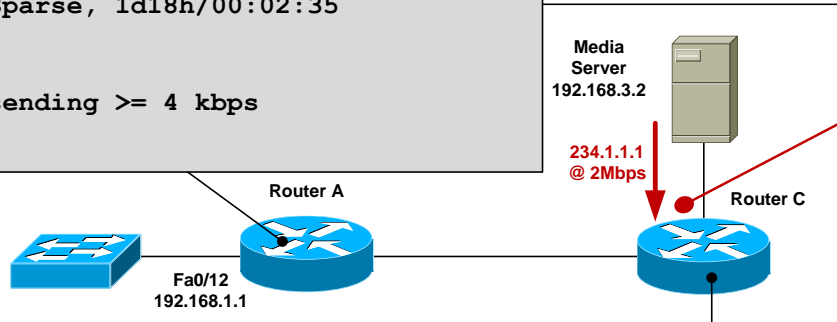

Source – Low TTL value

- Incorrect source TTL can cause MC stream to be dropped

```
Router_A#show ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
<snip>
(192.168.3.2, 234.1.1.1), 1d18h/00:02:35, flags: sTI
  Incoming interface: FastEthernet0/2, RPF nbr 10.0.0.3
  Outgoing interface list:
    FastEthernet0/12, Forward/Sparse, 1d18h/00:02:35
```

```
Router_A#show ip mroute active
Active IP Multicast Sources - sending >= 4 kbps
Router_A#
```

mroute is accurate
but no active streams



Stream stops at first-hop
router (TTL=1) or part-way
into the network (TTL >1)

```
Router_C#sh ip traffic | i bad hop count
0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 193949 bad hop count
Router_C#sh ip traffic | i bad hop count
0 format errors, 0 checksum errors, 194069 bad hop count
Router_C#
```

Receiver Issue

- Use “`debug ip igmp`” to verify IGMP reports are being received.

```
IGMP(0): Received v2 Report on FastEthernet0/12 from 192.168.1.2 for 234.1.1.1
IGMP(0): Received Group record for group 234.1.1.2, mode 2 from 192.168.1.2 for 0 sources
IGMP(0): WAVL Insert group: 234.1.1.1 interface: FastEthernet0/12 Successful
IGMP(0): MRT Add/Update FastEthernet0/12 for (*,234.1.1.1)
```

- If not seeing reports come in, then use packet sniffer on receiver.

Underlying Network Issue

- The cause of most multicast problems is not multicast (!)

Q: Why might users report a general network issue as a multicast problem ?

A: Small amounts of packet loss, excessive latency or jitter, routing reconvergence are immediately evident to streaming audio/video users.

- Check for interface errors, link congestion, duplex mismatch, routing reachability – Networking 101 stuff !

Multicast Network Misconfiguration

- **Verify**

- All internal links have PIM sparse mode configured
- RP is configured on all routers (including the RP itself)

```
Router_F#sh ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
<snip>
```

```
Timers: Uptime/Expires
```

```
Interface state: Interface, Next-Hop or VCD, State/Mode
```

```
(*, 234.1.1.1), 00:06:17/stopped, RP 0.0.0.0, flags: SJC
```

```
Incoming interface: Null, RPF nbr 0.0.0.0
```

```
Outgoing interface list:
```

```
FastEthernet0/1, Forward/Sparse, 00:06:17/00:02:44
```

Missing RP configuration



Multicast Network Misconfiguration

- **Verify**

- Network and hosts are running same IGMP version
- Verify RPF check passes. `'sh ip mroute count | inc RPF failed|Other`

```
Router_F#sh ip mroute
IP Multicast Routing Table
<snip>
(*, 234.1.1.1), 00:15:01/stopped, RP 4.4.4.4, flags: SJ
  Incoming interface: Tunnell1, RPF nbr 10.0.0.13, Mroute
  Outgoing interface list:
    FastEthernet0/1, Forward/Sparse, 00:15:01/00:01:19

(192.168.3.2, 234.1.1.1), 00:04:40/00:02:33, flags: J
  Incoming interface: Null, RPF nbr 0.0.0.0, Mroute
  Outgoing interface list:
    FastEthernet0/1, Forward/Sparse, 00:04:40/00:01:19
Router_F#
```

RPF Check OK

RPF Check Failure
(should never be 0.0.0.0)

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Summary – What have we learnt?

- IPv4 Multicast & Addressing
- Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) version 2 and 3
- IGMP Snooping
- Multicast Distribution Tree (Source & Shared)
- Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM)
 - Any-Source Multicast (ASM) - PIM Sparse Mode (PIM-SM), Rendezvous Point (RP)
 - Source-Specific Multicast (SSM)
- Case Study
- Troubleshooting

Where to go from here.....

- Rendezvous Point Auto-discovery
- High availability
 - Source Redundancy
 - RP Redundancy
 - Fast convergence
- Multicast Security
- Inter-Domain Multicast
- IPv6 Multicast

Additional Resources

- Cisco Live Virtual Breakout Sessions
<https://www.ciscoliveaustralia.com/portal/login.ww>
- Cisco Live “Meet the Expert” sessions
- CCO documentation: <http://www.cisco.com/go/multicast>



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