

OSPF Stub neighbor Draft

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Abstract

- Enhancement to support large scale hub and spoke neighbors
- Improves scalability
- Improves convergence
- New functionality restricts to the hub only
- Concepts also applicable to the hosts in VM environment

Introduction

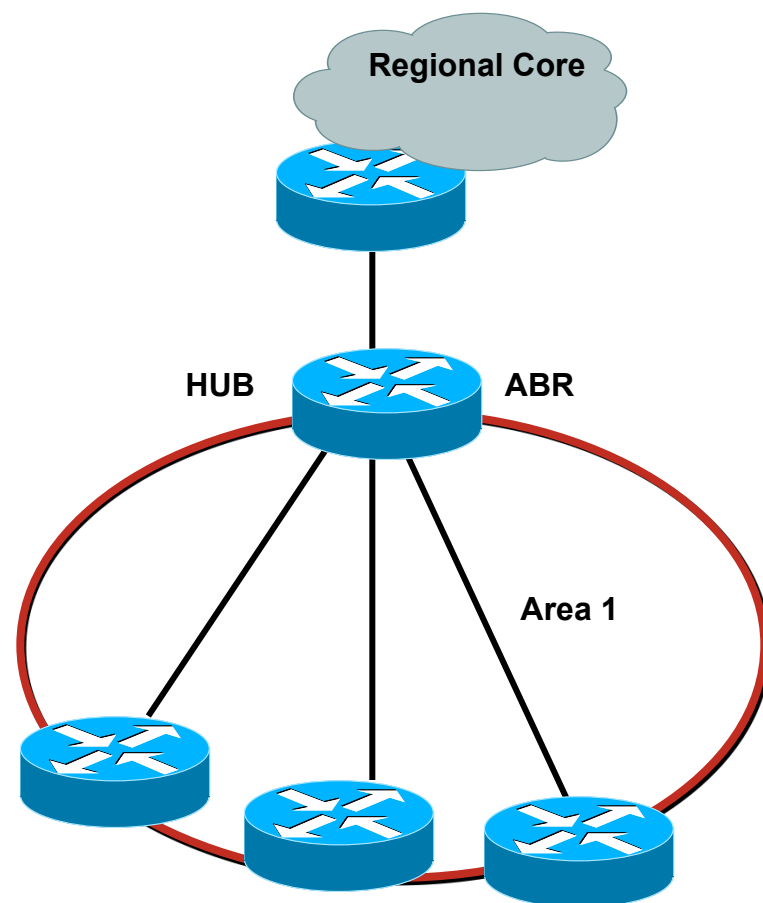
- In a large hub and spoke model, L3 routing are being extended to the remotes (top of the rack/Hypervisor)
- Increased number of VM routes being advertised to the hub by VM hosts
- These remotes do not need any topological info for the entire area for optimal routing as it will never become transit
- These remotes usually do not have enough capacity to become part of a larger area
- Currently: remotes receives the entire area info from the hubs even with stub with no-summary
- Large number of areas puts a burden on ABR, remotes will still receive intra-area routes
- Ideally: remote should sends its subnet info to the hub & receive only a default from the hub

Proposal

- Extend OSPF to support very large hub and spoke topologies more efficiently
- Spokes only need IP reachability to the hub router that are gateways to the rest of the network
- Spokes should not receive unnecessary information from the hub about other routers in the area
- Spokes should only receive a default route and/or aggregated prefixes from the hub
- Spokes must be able to send its own connected routing information to the hub
- Incremental deployment approach, as the changes will only be limited to the hub routers - No upgrades required to the rest of the network*
- Hub can be a normal intra area router or could be an ABR/ASBR

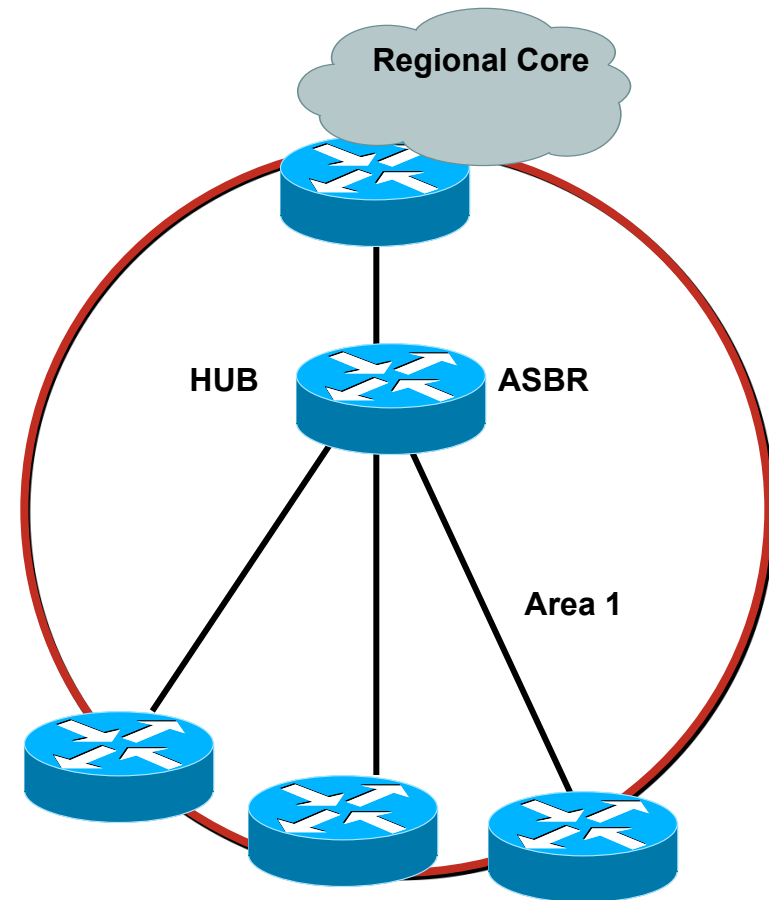
LSA filtering options – Option #1

- Hub is the ABR
- Filtering is done at the ABR
- Hub sends type 3 default towards the spokes
- Spokes do not receive other areas routes (via filtering)
- Spokes still receive other spokes routes within an area
- Prefixes aggregation can be done at the ABR towards the spokes



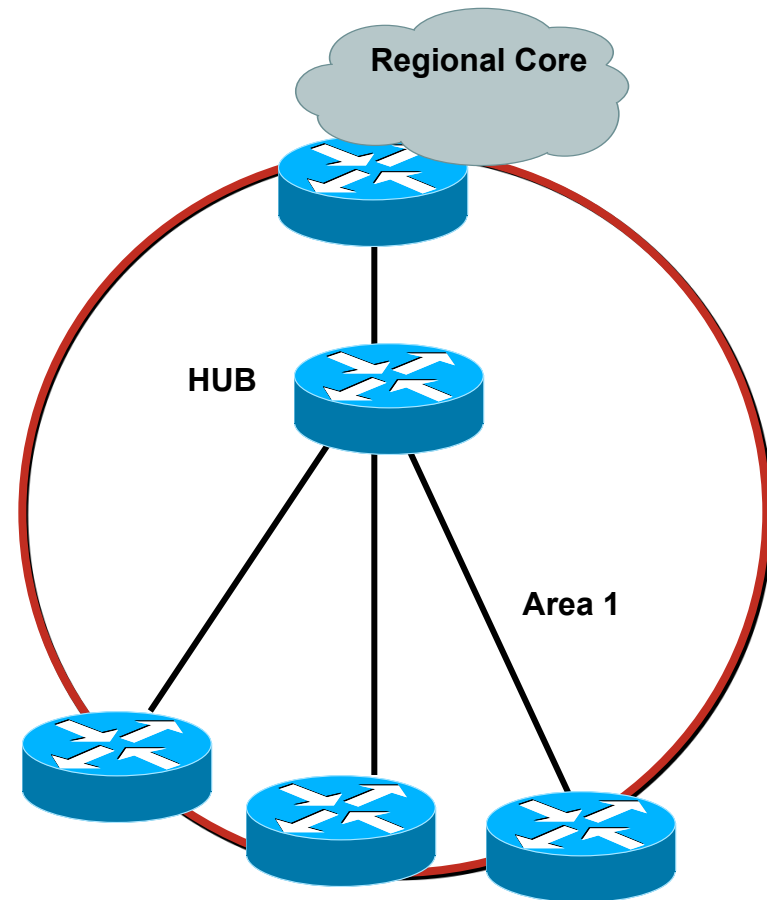
LSA filtering options – Option #2

- Hub is the ASBR
- Hub sends type 5 or type 7 default towards the spokes
- Spokes still receive other devices routes within an area
- Prefixes aggregation(external prefixes only) can be done at the ASBR towards the spokes



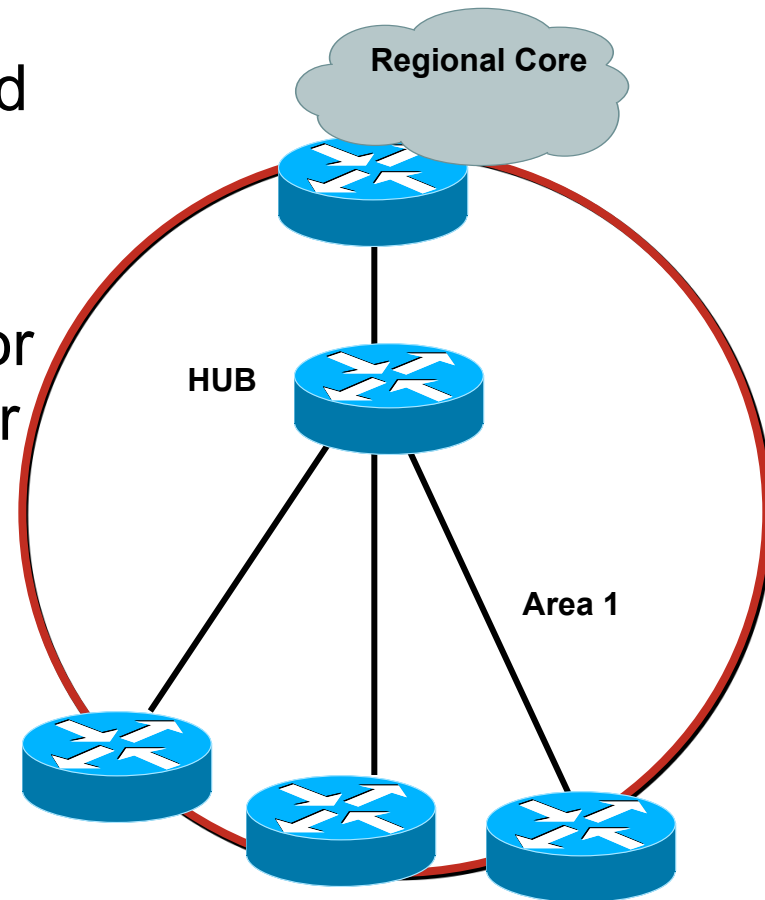
LSA filtering options – Option #3

- Hub is the neither ABR nor ASBR
- Filtering can not be done
- Spokes receives all intra area routes
- No aggregation of prefixes capability towards the spoke
- Severely impacts scalability



OSPF stub neighbor overview

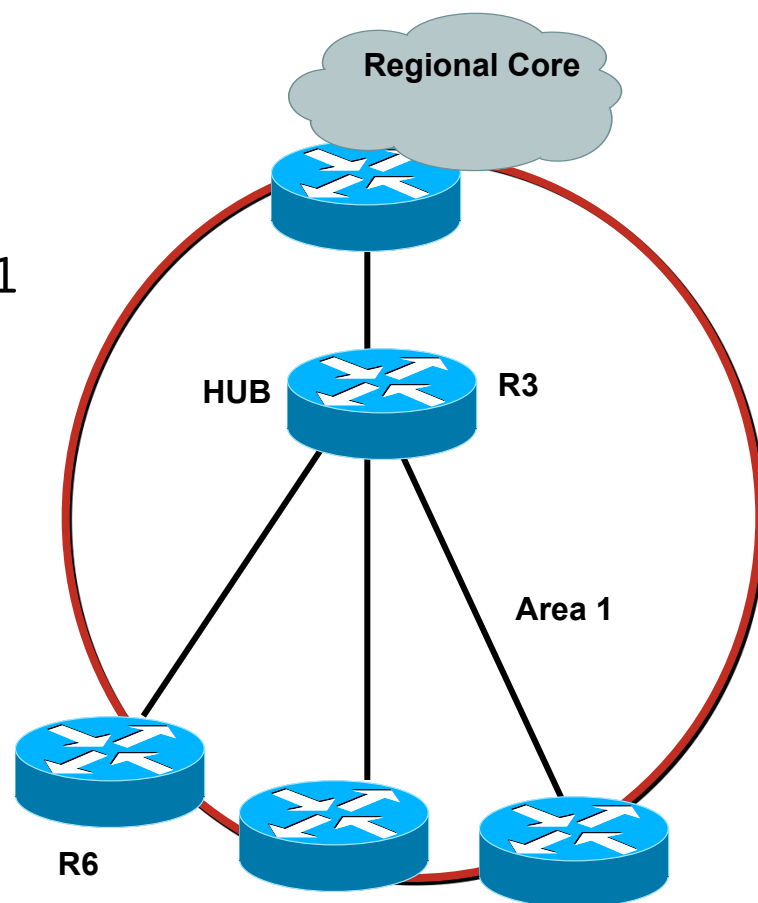
- Local adjacency between hub and spoke - Only Hub will be aware of the local adjacency
- Local adjacency will not be advertised towards non-stub neighbors
- Hub “Local” router LSA will list 2 links; point-to-point and a stub link (for configured range or a default prefix or both)
- New – intra area default route
- Hub router will effectively hide all the area topology from the spokes
- Demand circuit recommended for enhanced scalability for some use cases (long distance wireless network)



OSPF stub neighbor overview – default only

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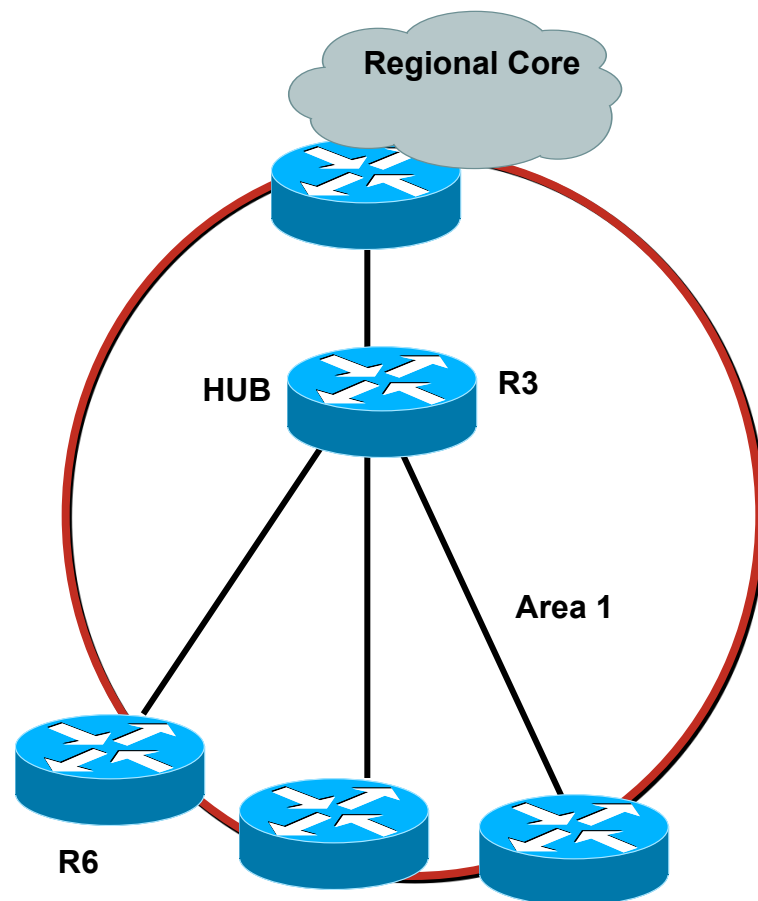
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OSPF stub neighbor overview – Aggregated prefix only

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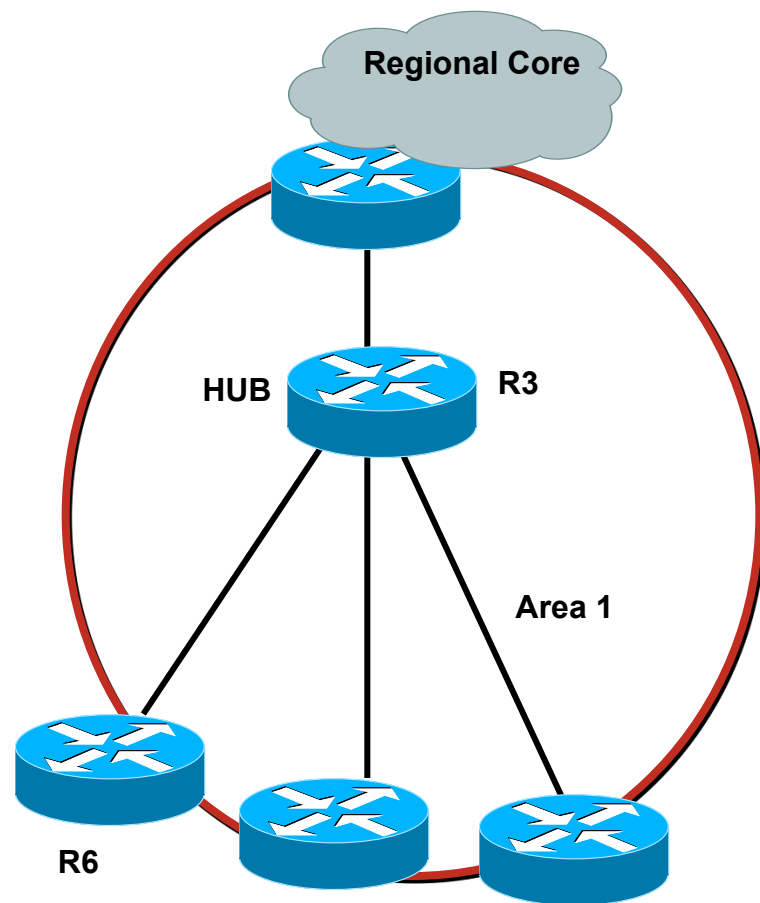
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OSPF stub neighbor overview – Aggregated prefix & default route

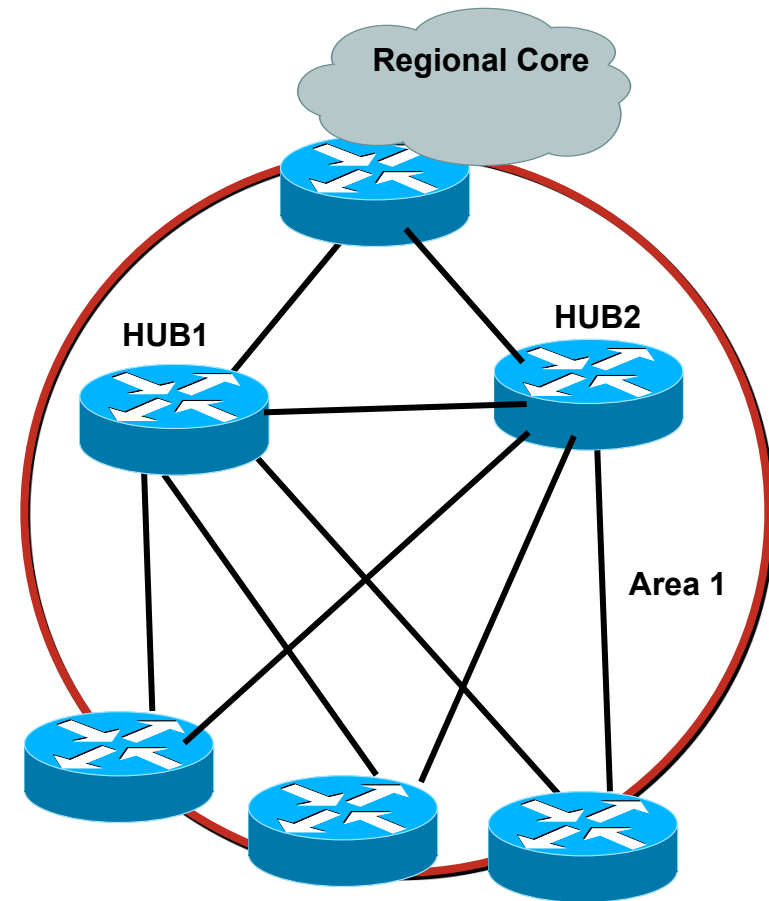
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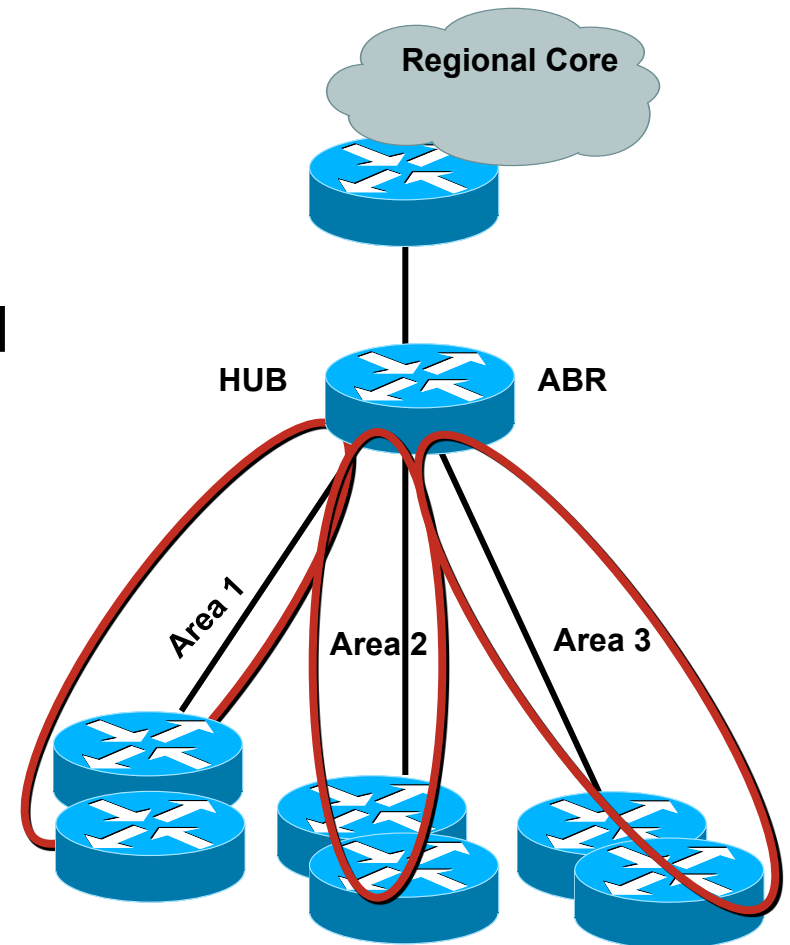
OSPF stub neighbor – DUAL homed

- In case of dual-homed spokes, both hubs **MUST** be configured to view the spoke as a stub neighbor
- Local Router LSA of a hub could get flooded over towards the other hub
- Hub **SHOULD** ignore local Router LSAs from other hub flooded by the stub neighbors
- During migration, a spoke can temporary become a transit for the second hub(not yet converted to stub neighbor)



Receiving & propagation of spoke routes

- Rest of the network should not be aware of this new local adjacency
- Hub router upon receiving the route from spoke SHOULD NOT treat those routes as intra-area
- Hub that is acting as an ABR should convert all routes received via stub neighbor as if they were part of single area
- Hub can now summarize all these routes at the area boundary
- With well defined addressing all spoke routes could be summarized into a single or very few routes



Q and A Feedback Next Step