

Routing Security Tool

Rose-T

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Business Continuity



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**Routing Resilience Manifesto
(2014)**

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MANRS



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Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security

Guidelines and **best practices** to mitigate most common routing threats

MANRS proposes specific actions in **4 programs**:

1. **Network Operators**
2. **Internet Exchange Points**
3. **CDNs and Cloud Providers**
4. **Equipment Vendors**

MANRS Actions For Network Operators

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Network operators maintain globally accessible up-to-date contact information

Global Validation

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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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How can we do that?



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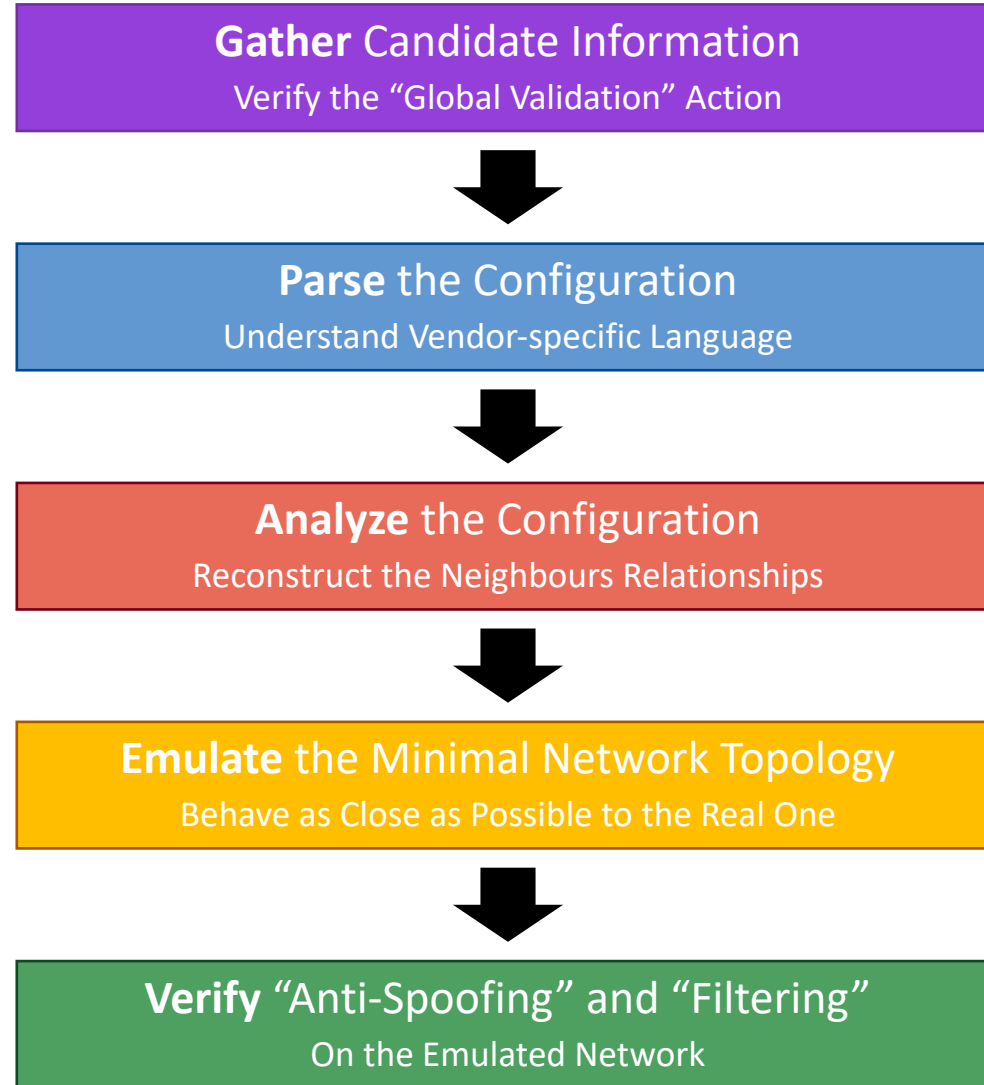
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Emulation!

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

ROSE-T: How Does It Work?

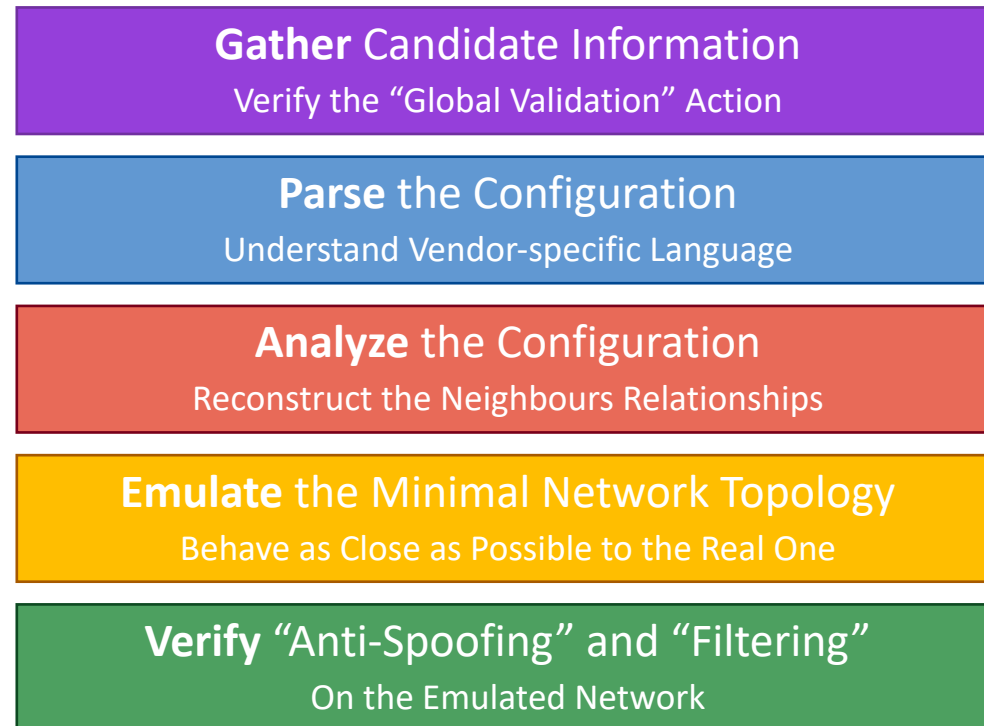


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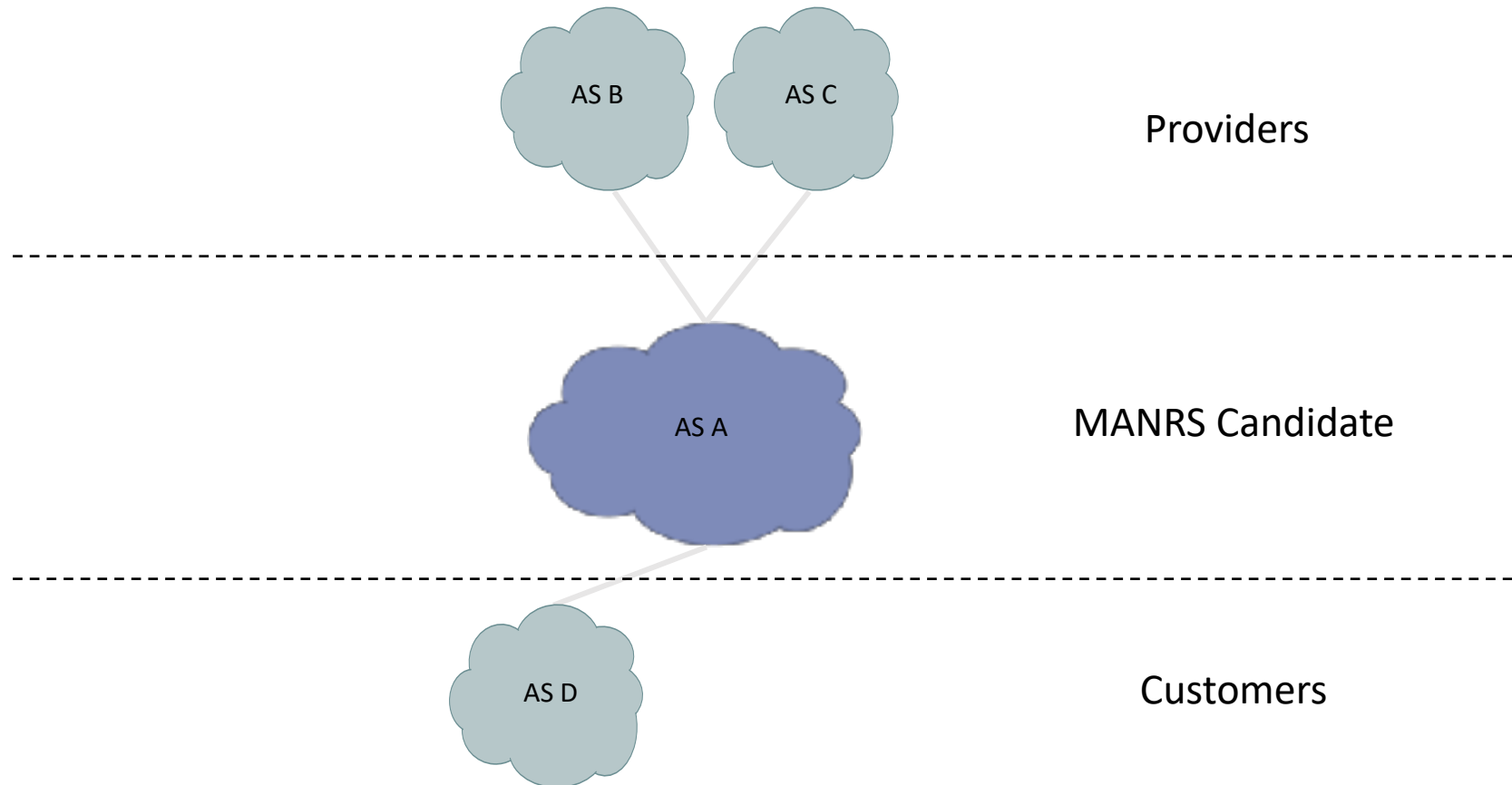
The first **open-source** tool to automatically verify MANRS compliance

Trust No One approach

Run ROSE-T locally to perform the self-assessment of the configuration



ROSE-T: An Example Network



ROSE-T – Step-by-Step

Gather

Parse

Analyze

Emulate

Verify

ROSE-T – Step-by-Step

Gather Candidate Information
Verify the “Global Validation” Action



IRR Entry
RPSLng



RIB Dump



Routes originated by AS A



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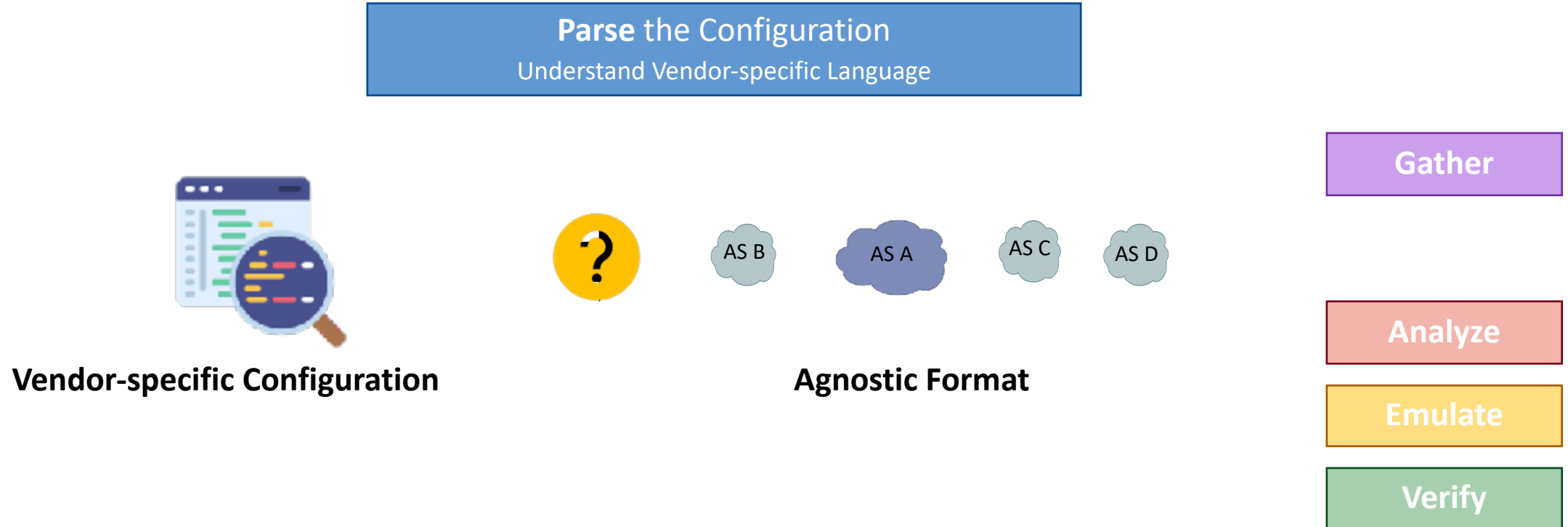


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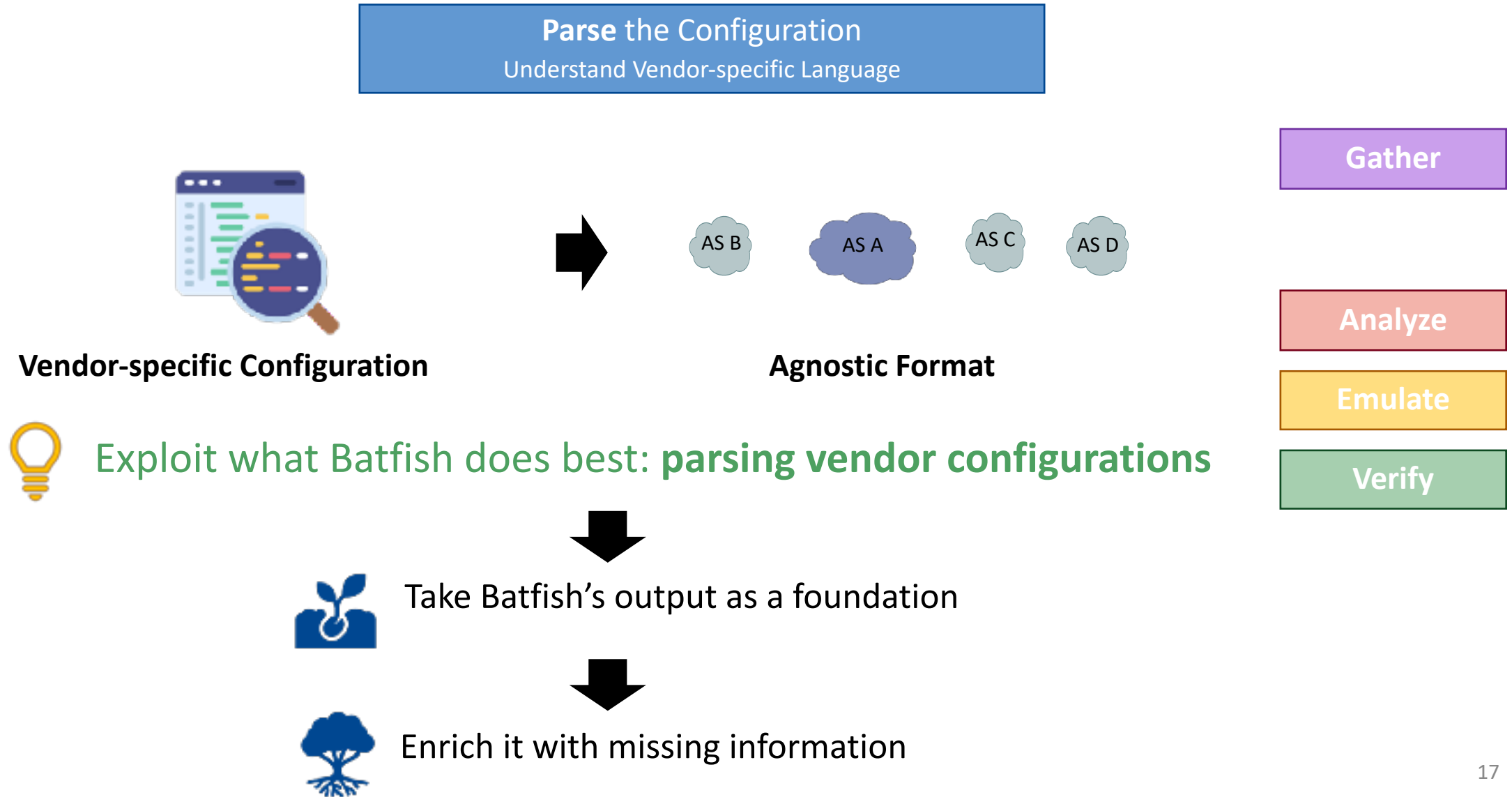
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Exploit what Batfish does best: **parsing vendor configurations**

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Reconstruct the Neighbours Relationships



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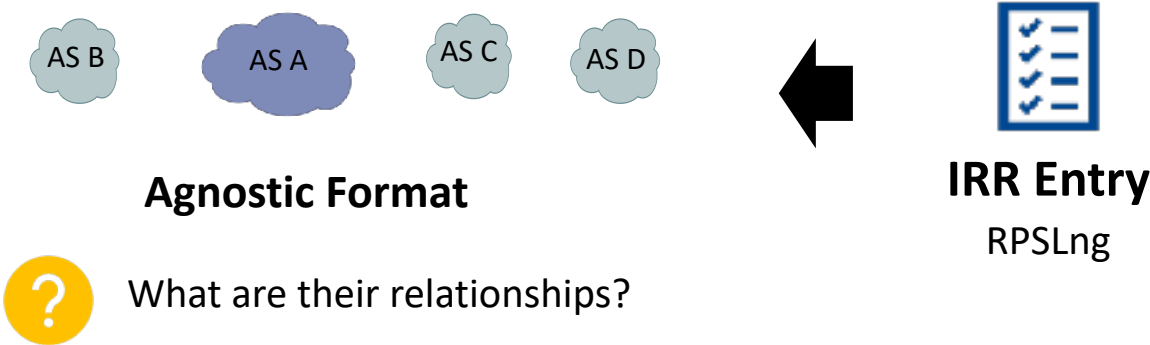
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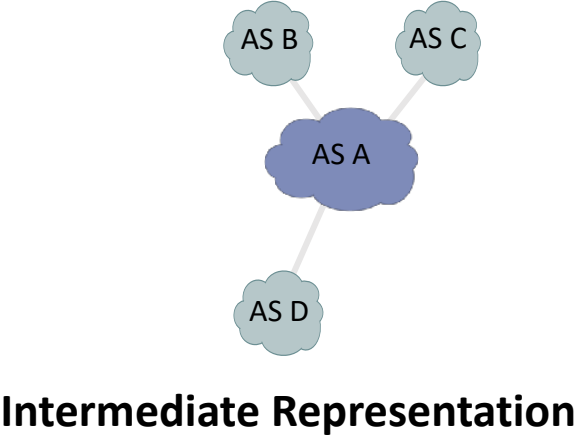
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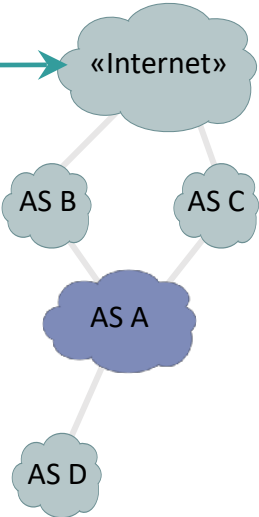


- Gather
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Dummy OTT connected to
all providers



Intermediate Representation



IRR Entry
RPSLNg

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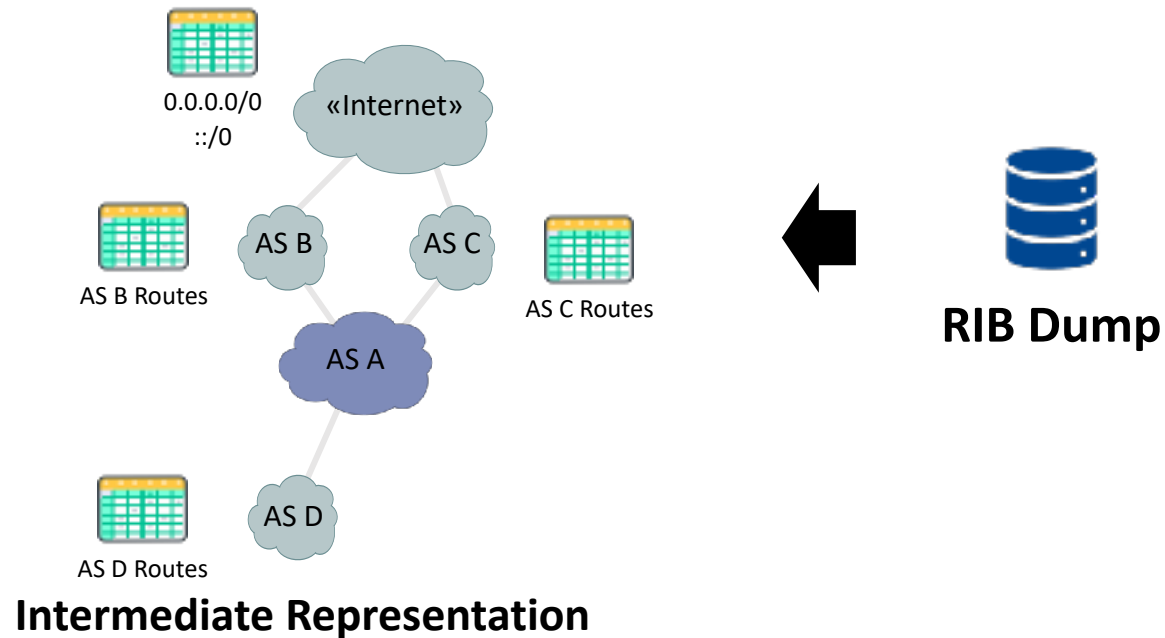
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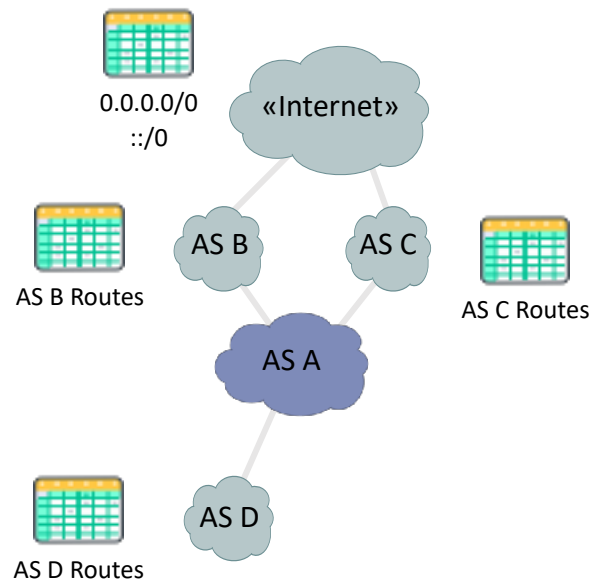
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✓ ROSE-T also supports multi-hop peerings!

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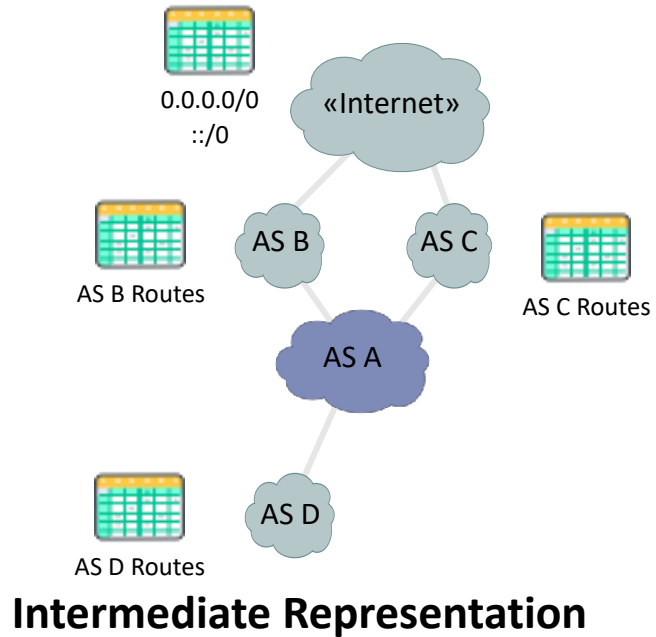
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Kathará - What is?



A container-based network emulator

Based on Docker containers

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



Open-source project developed at Roma Tre University

Almost 100K downloads

385 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



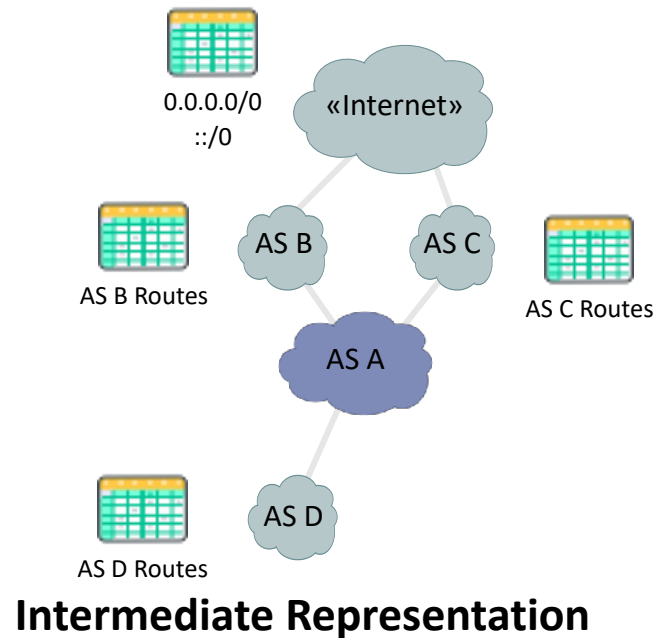
Scalable

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

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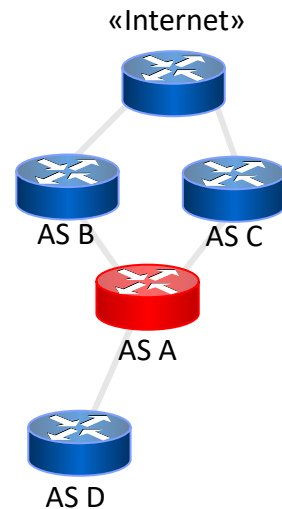
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Runnable Network Scenario



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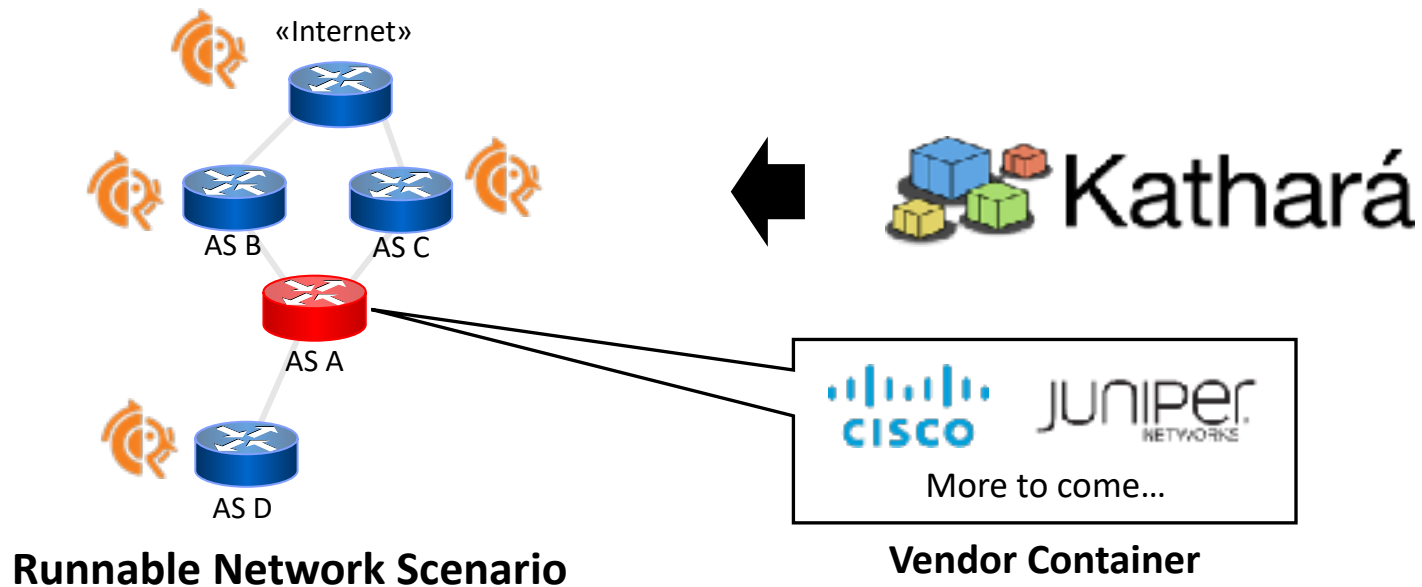
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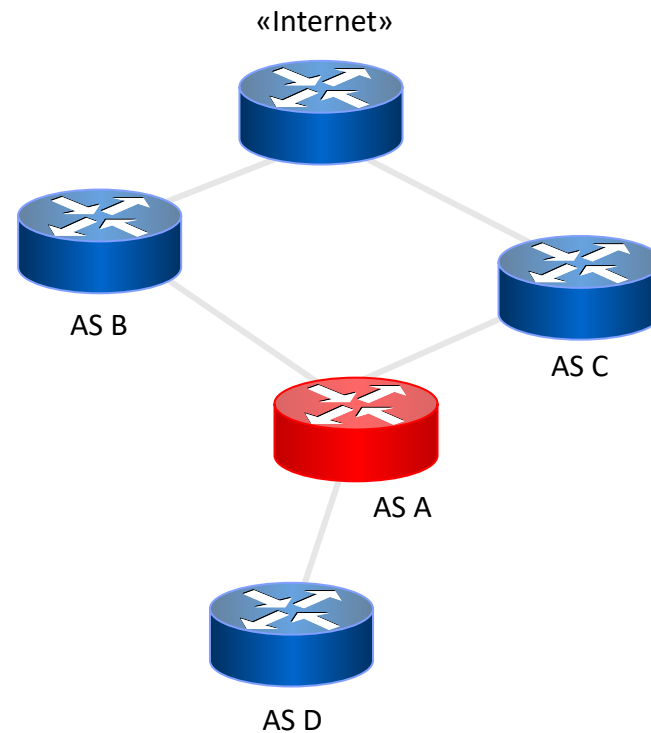
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ROSE-T can easily be extended to support other vendors

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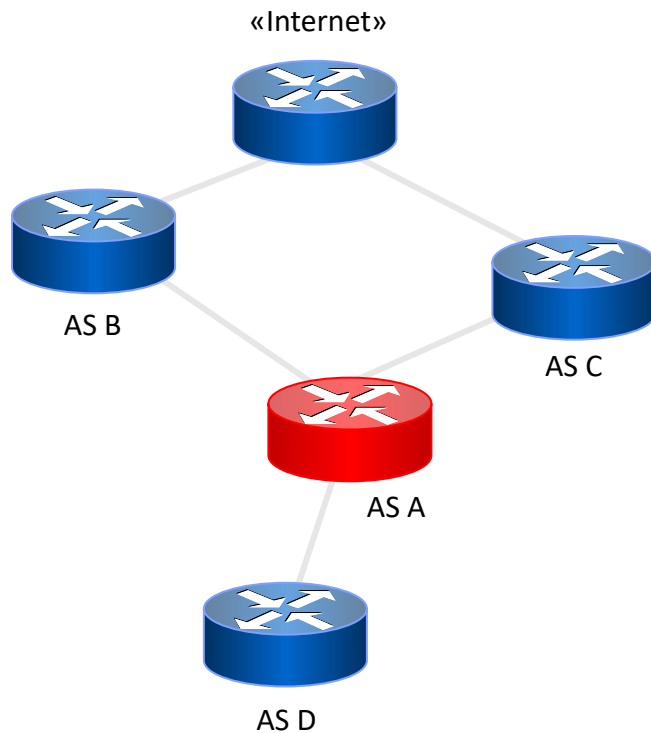
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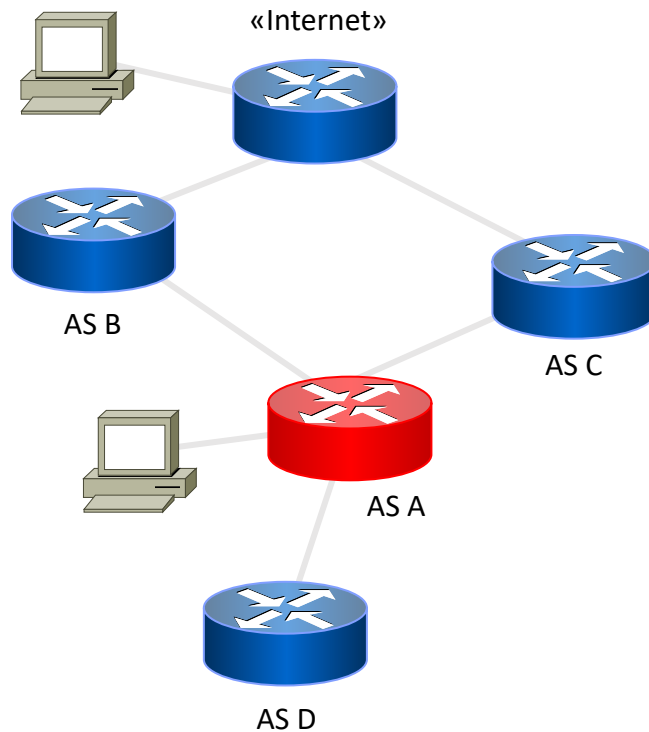
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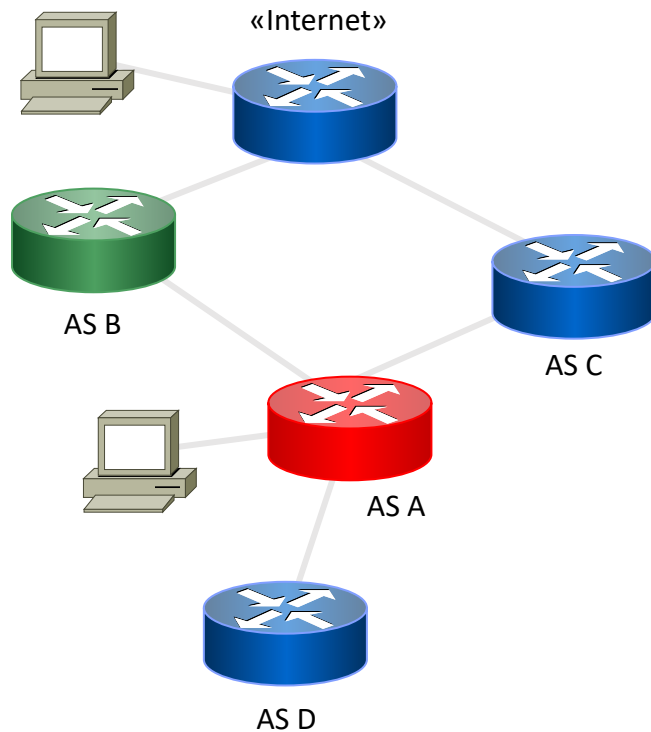
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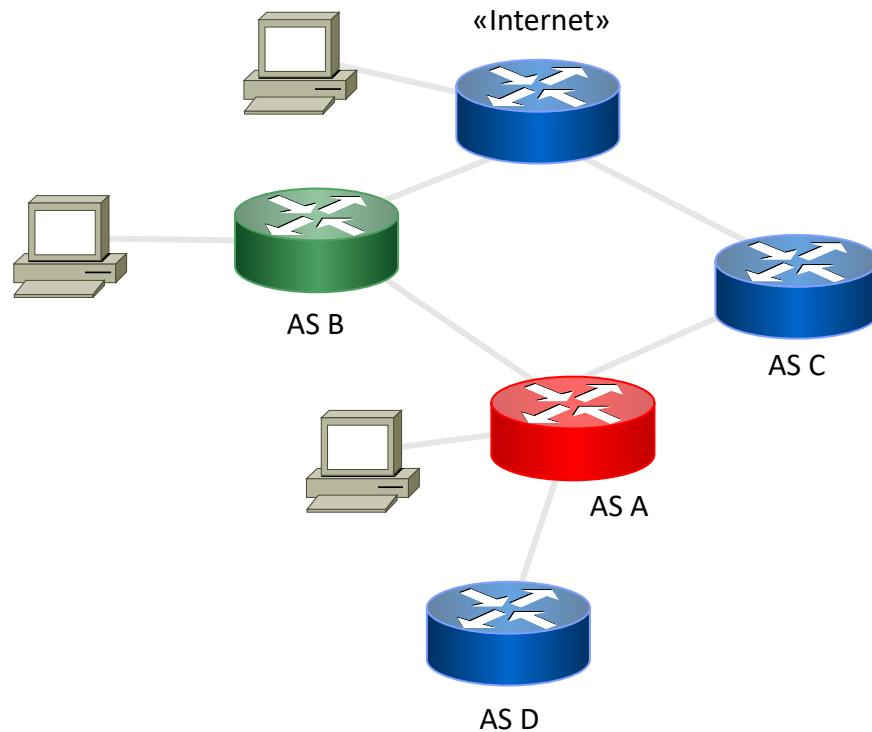
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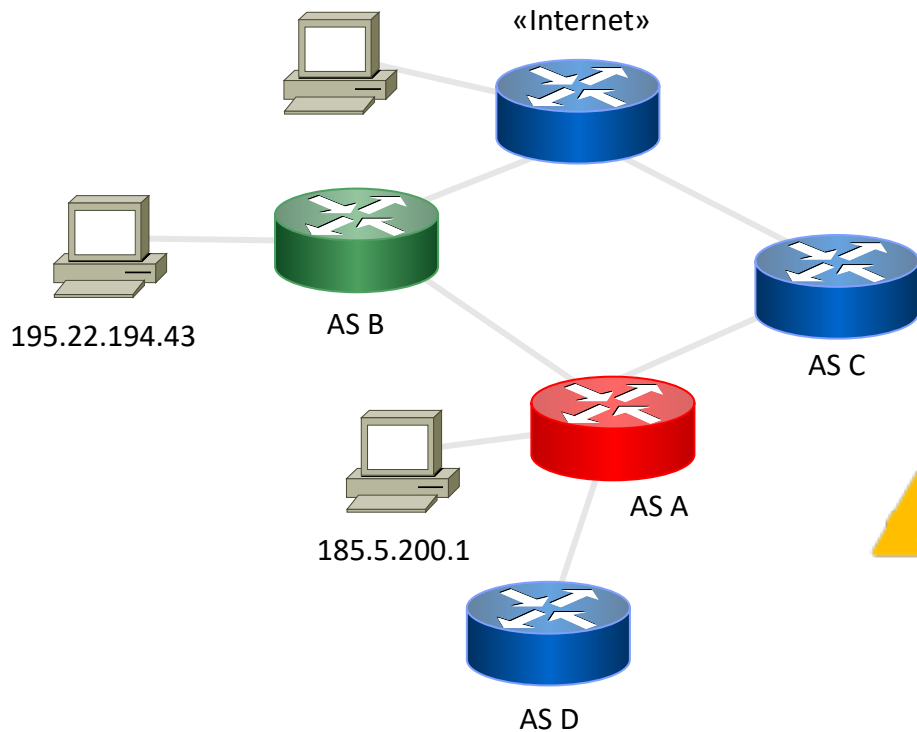
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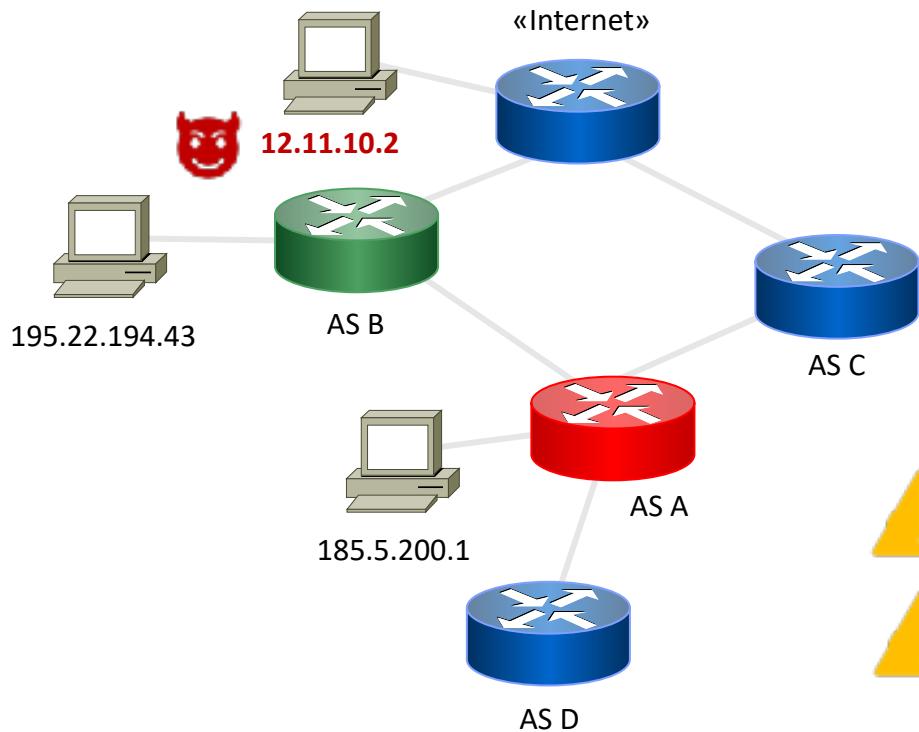
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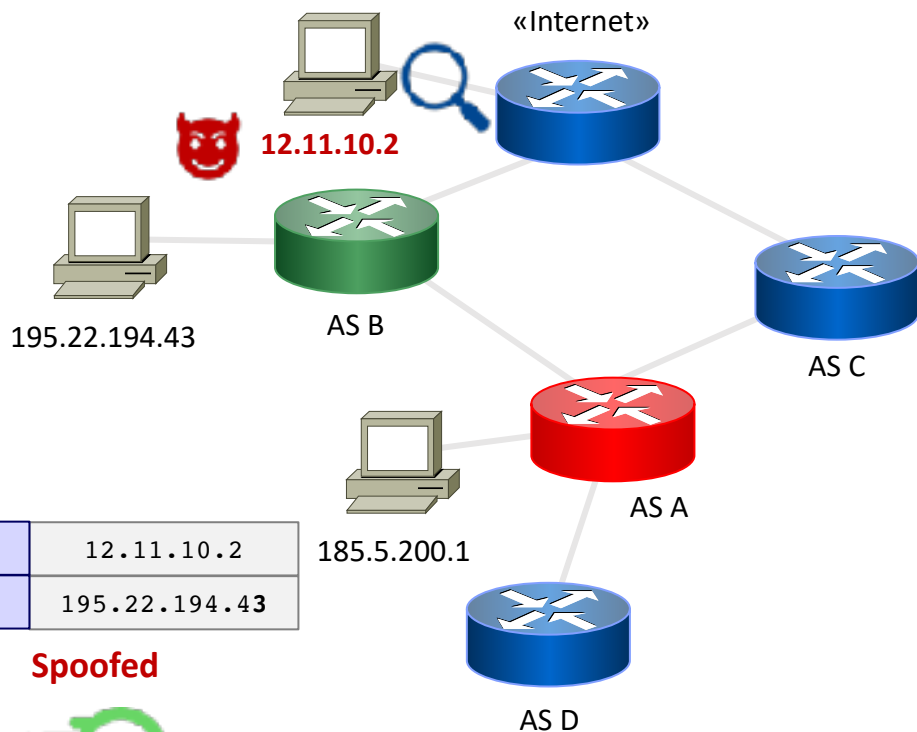
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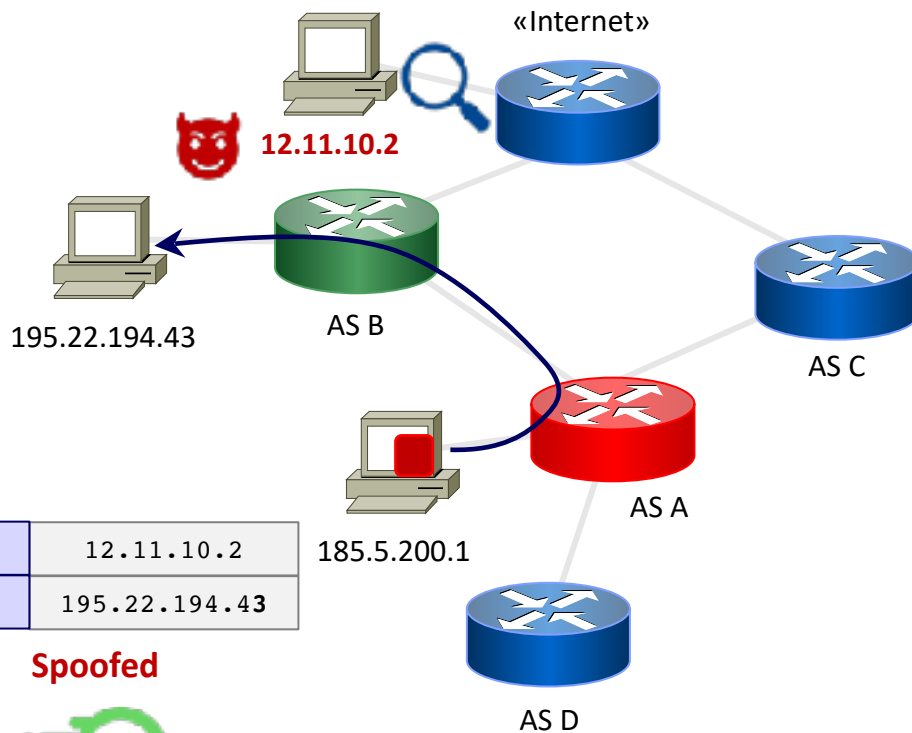
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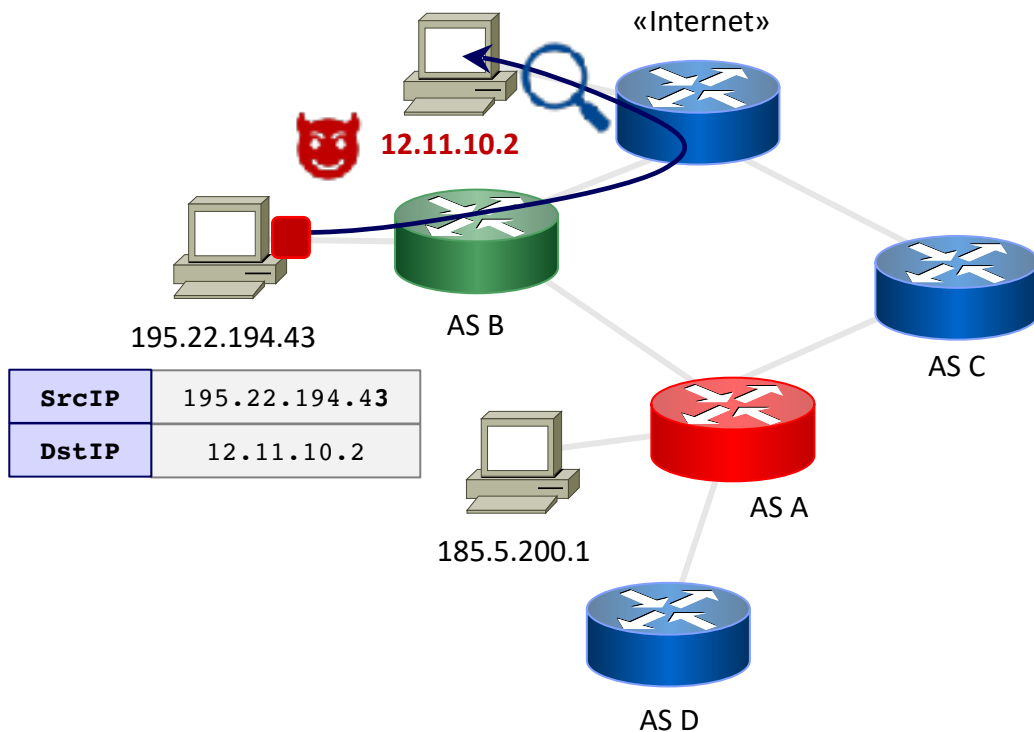
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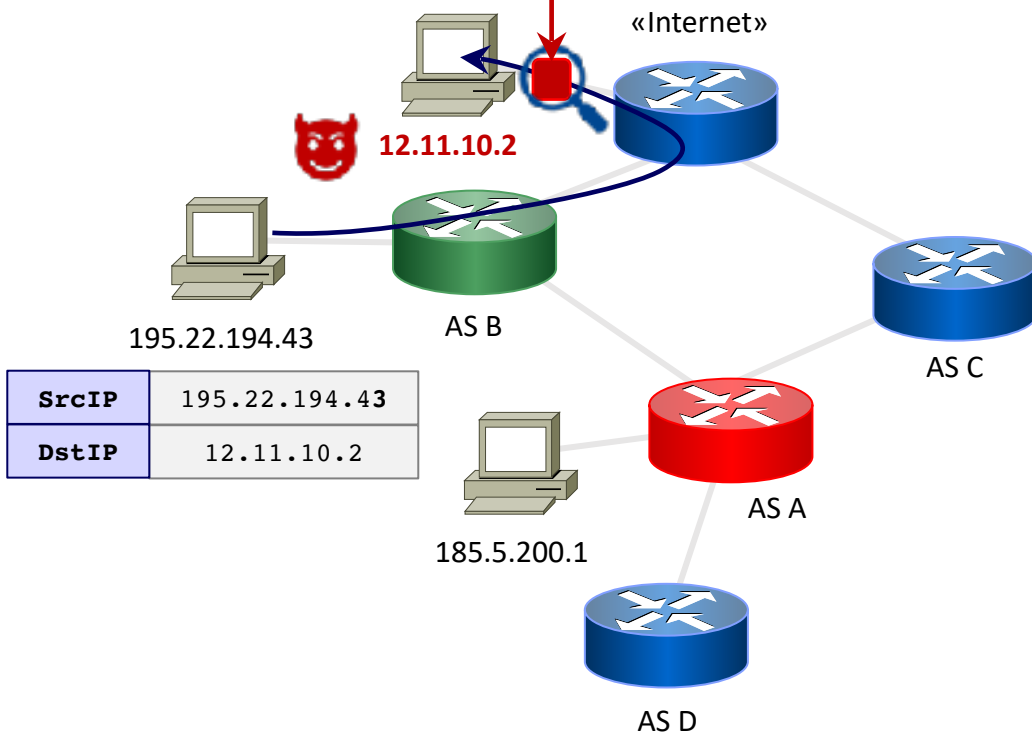
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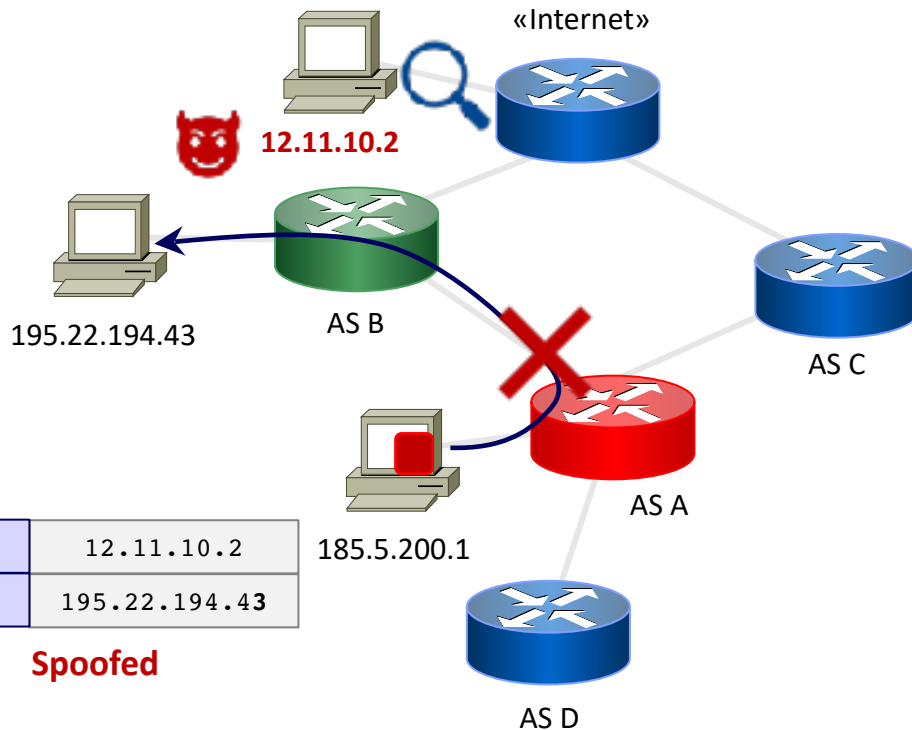
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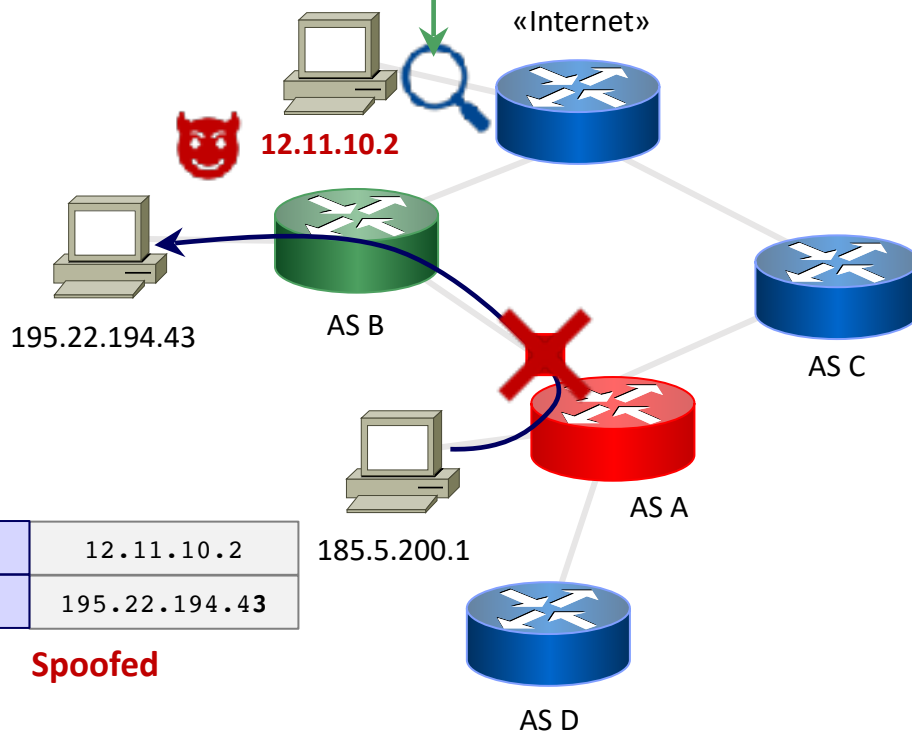
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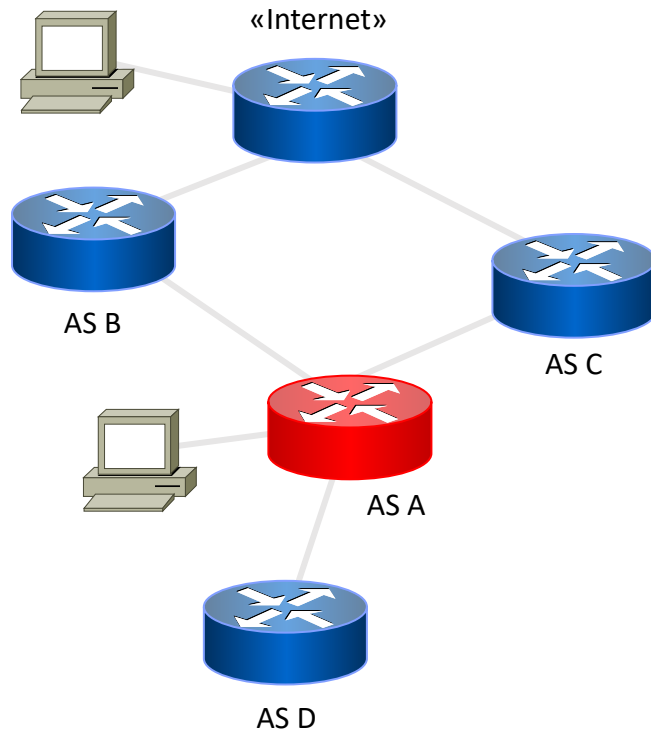
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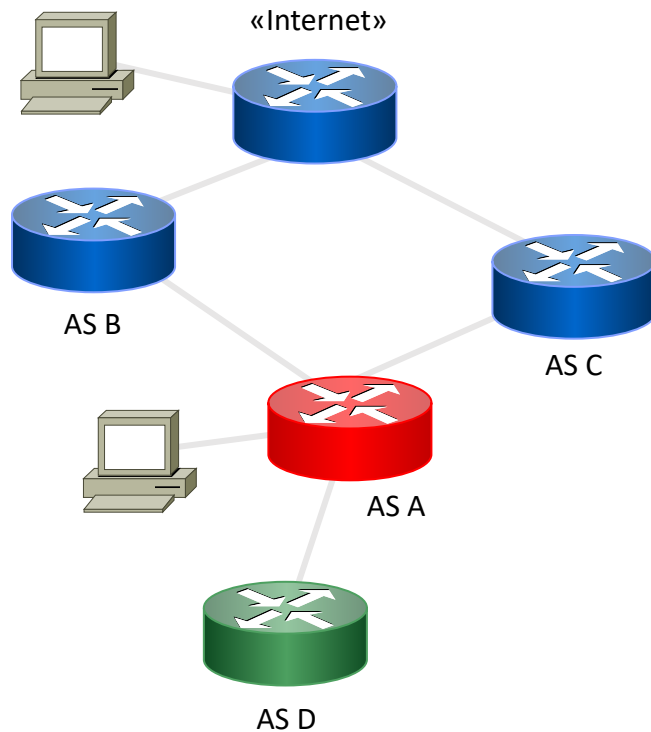
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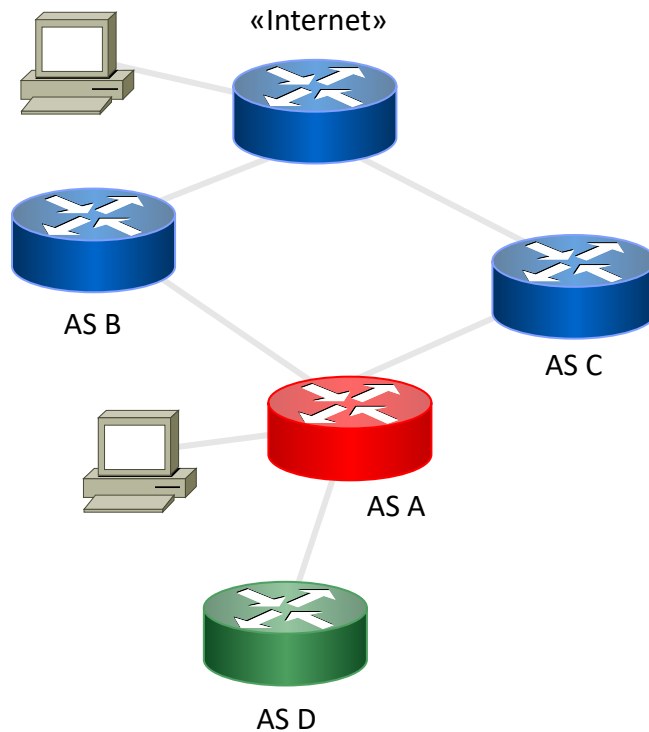
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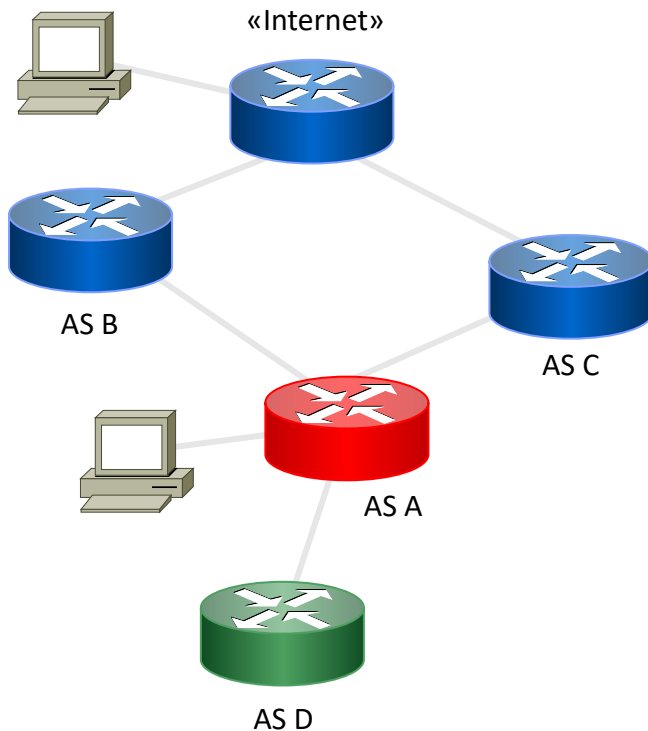
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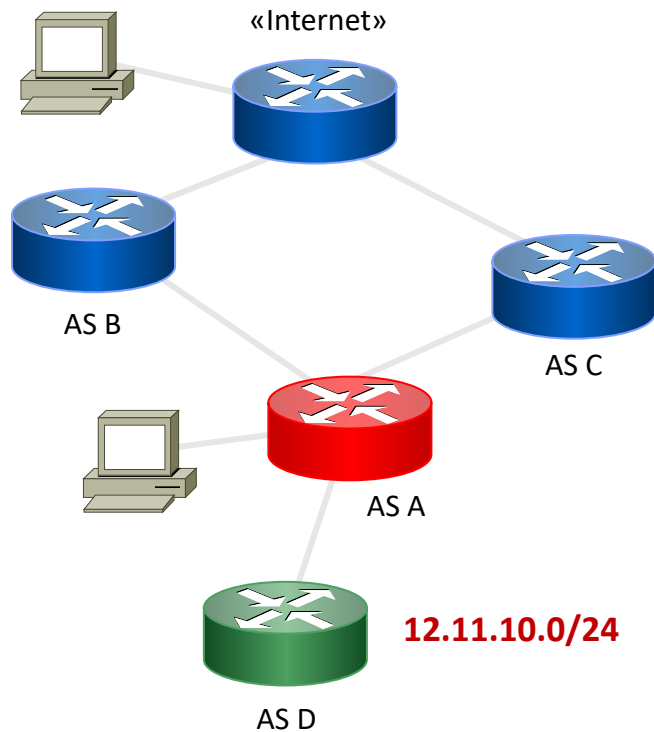
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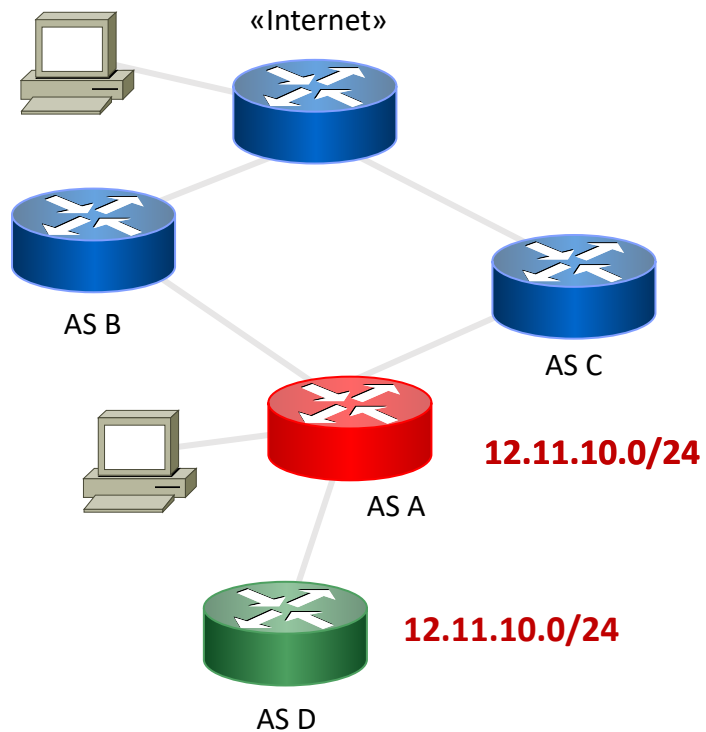
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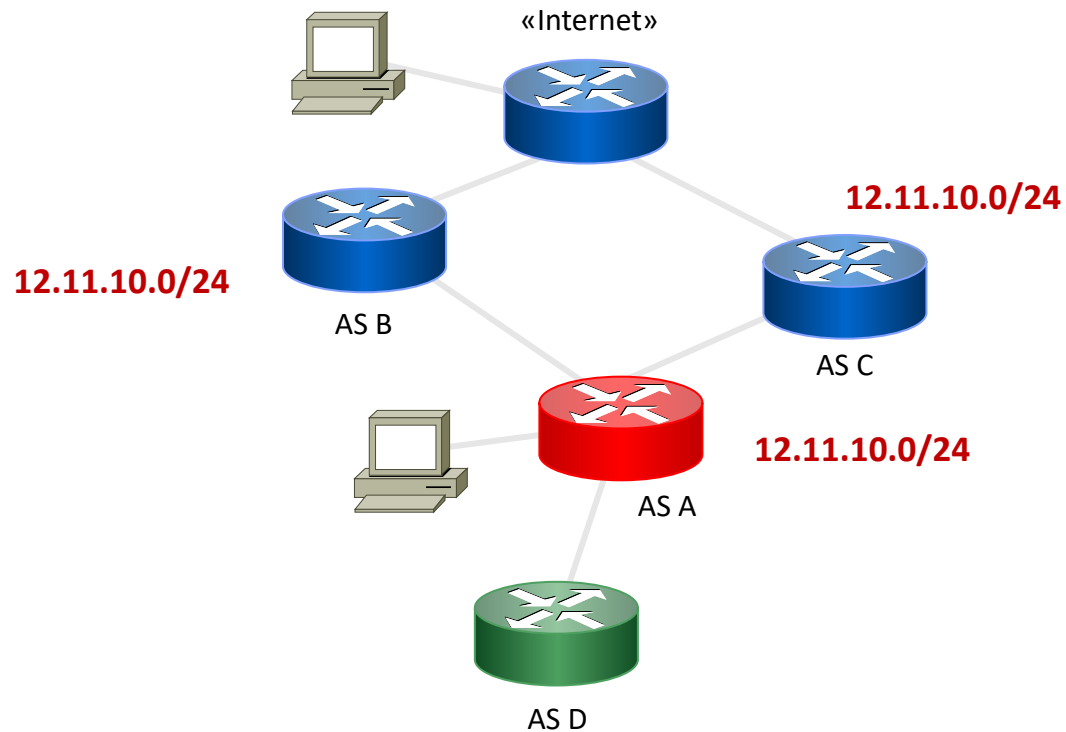
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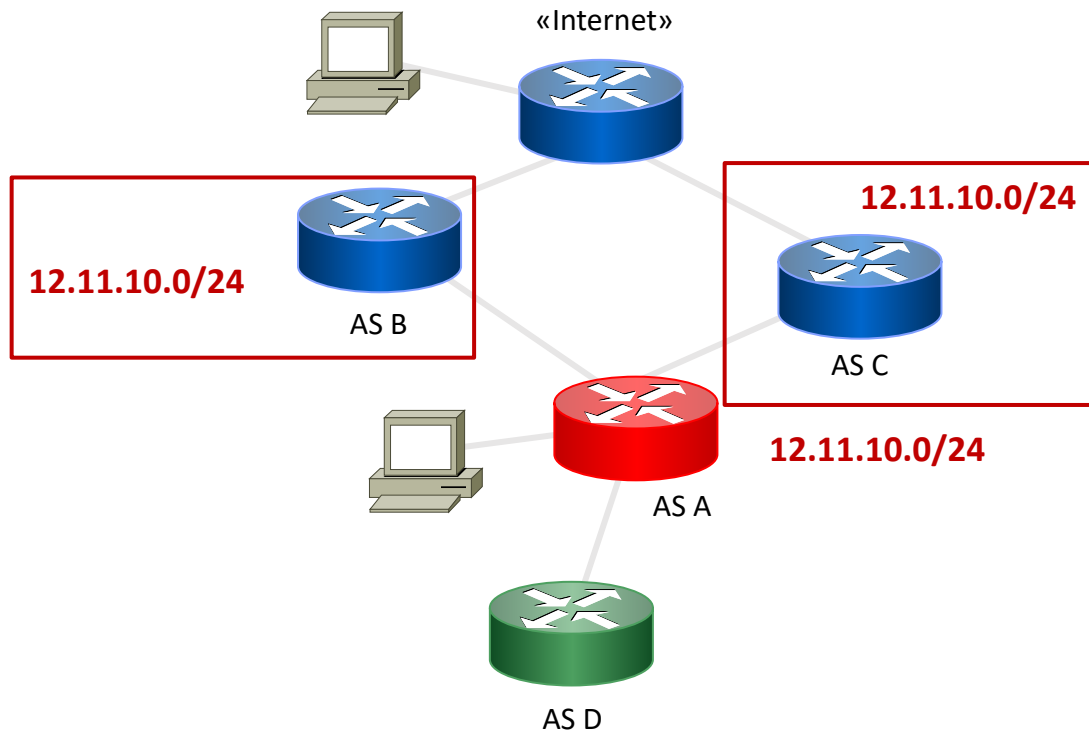
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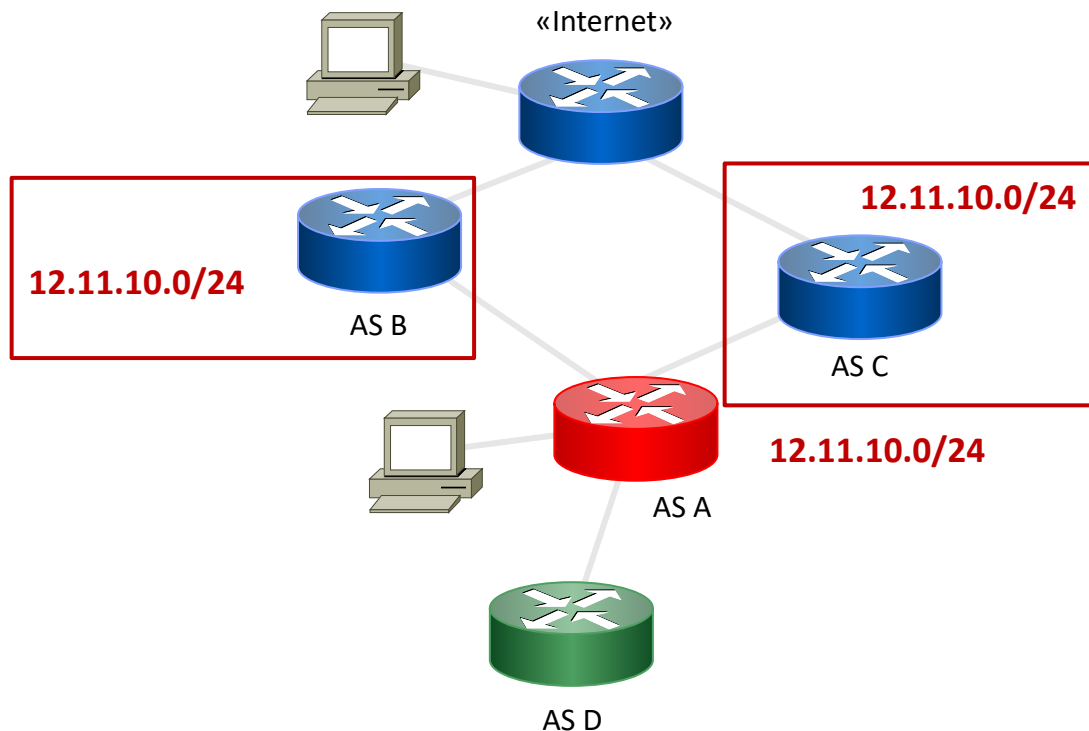
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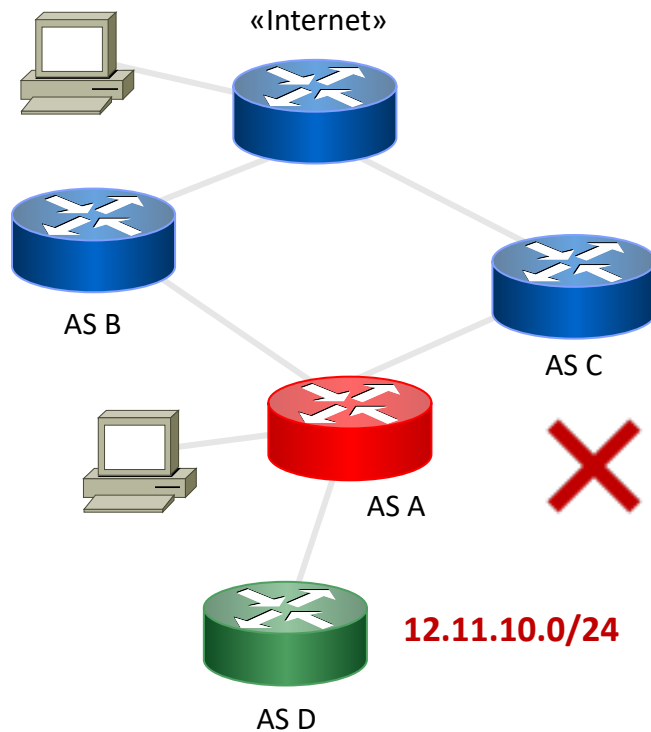
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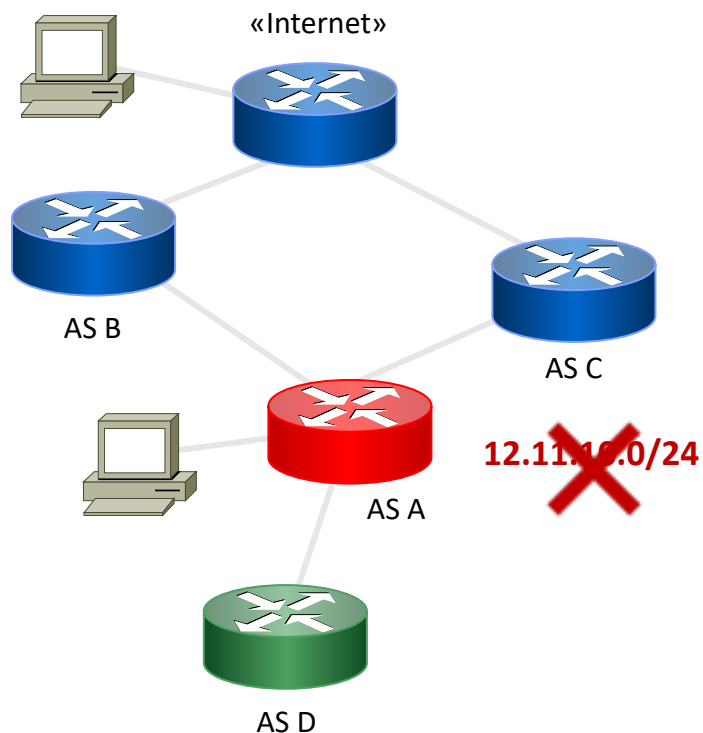
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Conclusions

The **ROSE-T** tool:

- Implements the **first tool** to **automatically** verify MANRS compliance
- Allows network operators to test their configurations without relying on **manual and error-prone** procedures
- **Reduces the time** for MANRS adoption that would lead to a **more secure** global routing infrastructure

Future Work

- Support to verify multiple routers' configuration compliance (on going)
- Currently, ROSE-T implements the verification of Network Operators Actions
 - Expand the support to IXPs and CDNs Verification
- ROSE-T aims to verify networks beyond MANRS...
 - MANRS+
 - Emulate the RPKI infrastructure
 - Additional features (*e.g.*, ASPA validation)
- Web UI to perform the validation process

Contacts



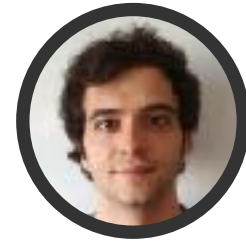
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<https://manrs.org/2024/03/verify-manrs-compliance-automatically-with-rose-t/>

