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Telekom Malaysia RPKI Deployment

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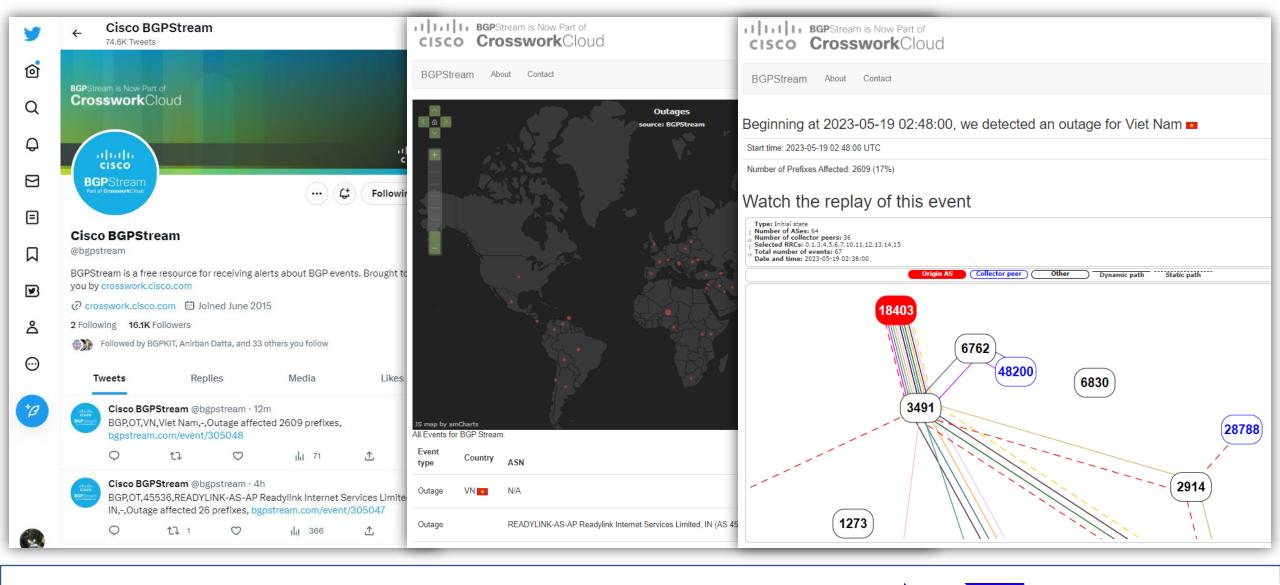
Route hijacking, a form of BGP attack, occurs when a malicious or misconfigured network announces IP prefixes it does not own. This misleads other networks into directing traffic through unintended paths, potentially leading to data interception, service disruption, or denial of service.

	Sample Case - Impacted	Sample Case - Not Impacted
When	5 Feb 2021	2 Apr 2022
What	Campana hijacked Twitter route and advertise to internet	SPT Vietnam hijack route Akamai in TM network.
How it happened and	TM saw the best route to Twitter is via Campana. TM sent traffic user to Campana and being blackhole.	Akamai had registered ROA, mentioning the prefix only valid to be advertised by Akamai and TM.
mitigation work	Manually rejected routes at peering sites with Campana.	Telstra, which already have validator, saw the IP as invalid route, because at that time Akamai already register ROA.
		Hence, no effect to TM user accessing Akamai in MY.

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Problem Statement: Route Hijacking in TM's Network Infrastructure Before RPKI Deployment



Route Hijack Incidents Worldwide





Alberto Dainotti @AlbertoDainotti

Routes to #Twitter addresses likely hijacked by an ISP in #Myanmar as Twitter gets banned in the country during #myanmarmilitarycoup. See part of the impact on our experimental @caidaorg BGP Observatory dev.hicube.caida.org/feeds/hijacks/... #KeepltOn

PROACTIVE ALERT

(S.E Asia) NOC detected high reports on Downdetector for Twitter area Southeast Asia since 06/02@0148hrs

Potential Impact: Users may experience issues for news feeds and posting on Twitter.

Update:

High reported problem on website and Apps towards Twitter platform.
 Testing from NOC test line showing issue to load the page using the website.

NOC will liaise with Twitter for further investigation.
 NOC will closely monitor.

SOCMED status: Normal

ASN13414 104.244.42.0/24

BGP Routes

Valid
100%ASNPrefixIP FamilyROAAS13414104.244.42.0/24IPv4✓Valid

Covering ROAs for 104.244.42.0/24 @ :

Trust Anchor	Prefix	Max Length	ASN	Expiration	Match
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1	To apply route filter based on RADB for peer CAMPANA (AS136168) at SGIX & Equinix Singapore	Immediate	NOC

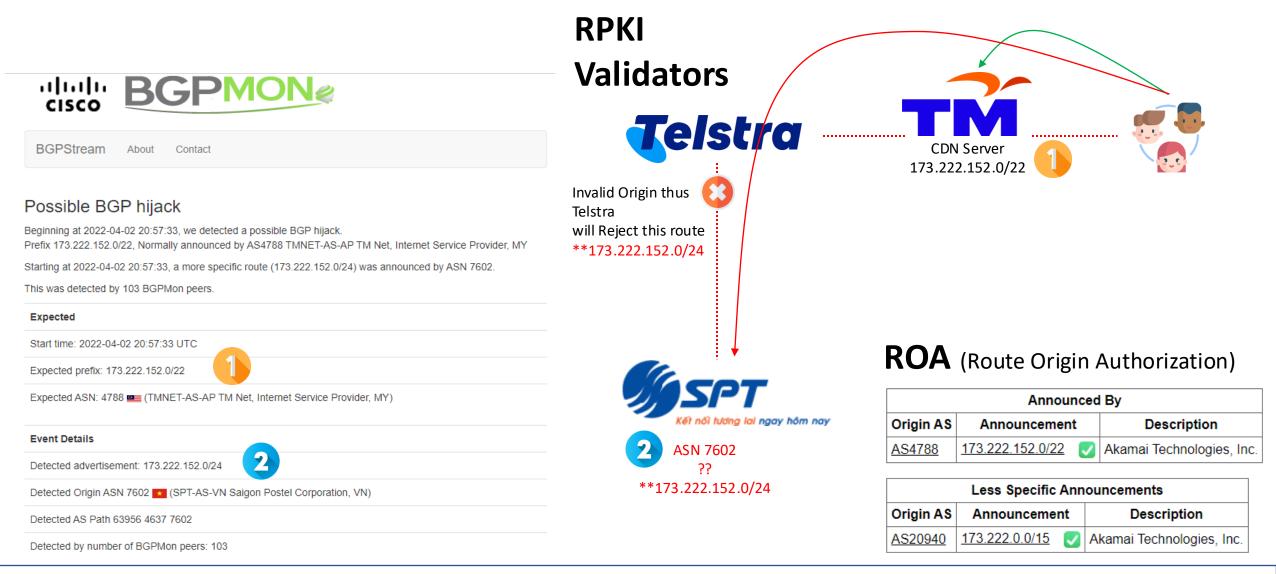
Source: https://www.manrs.org/2021/02/did-someone-try-to-hijack-twitter-yes/

Route Hijack Impacted TM Users 5 Feb 2021

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ASN8342 104.244.42.0/24





How RPKI Protect From Route Hijack 2 Apr 2022





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ISP Level 3 goes TITSUP after giganto traffic routing blunder

Explanations spread way faster than Level 3 users' packets



ISP Level 3's customers have been left without internet access since this morning, after the provider seems to have leaked routes to a Tier 1 transit provider in Malaysia.

An incident report from CloudFlare said that while "the Tier 1 transit provider of the ISP leaking routes appears to have stopped accepting these announcements," some routing changes may still be reoccurring.

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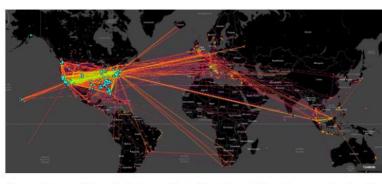
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Comcast now blocks BGP hijacking attacks and route leaks with RPKI

By Ax Sharma

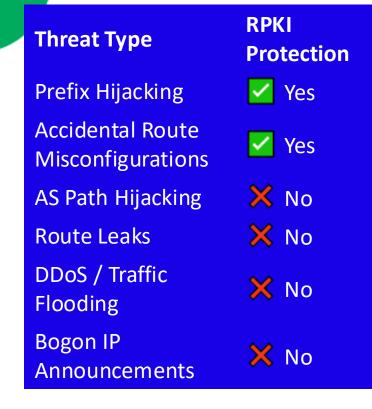
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Comcast, one of America's largest broadband providers, has now deployed RPKI on its network to defend against BGP route hijacks and leaks.

BGP route hijacks is a networking problem that occurs when a particular network on the internet falsely advertises that it supports certain routes or prefixes that it, in fact, does not.

Route Hijack = **YES**



What RPKI Able vs Unable to Protect





To build more secure/safe and reliable network in protecting our customer



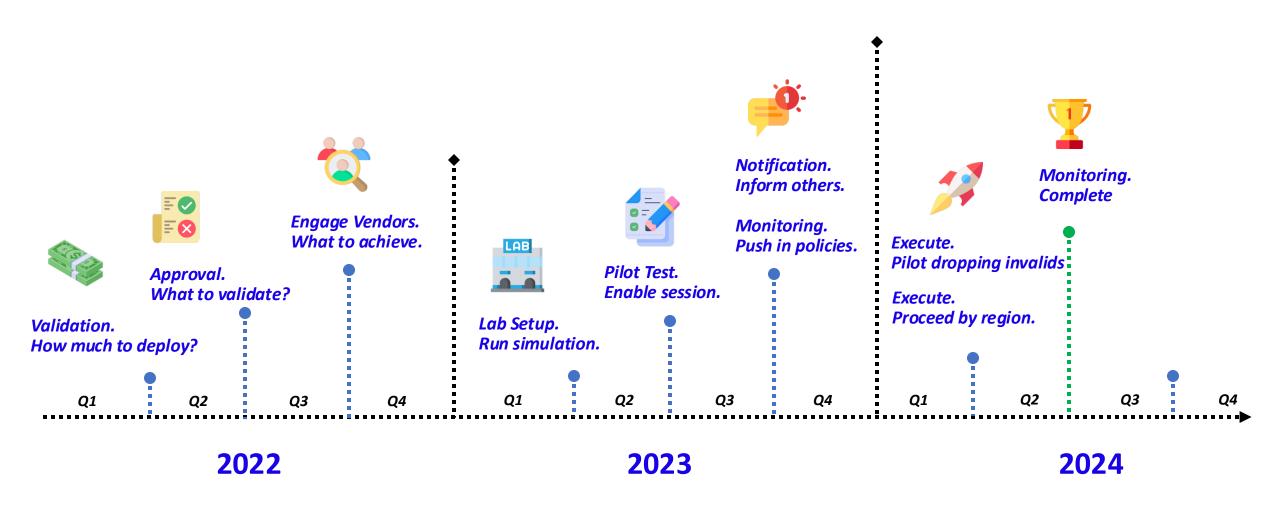
To prevent BGP route hijacking from attacker or fat finger (misconfiguration)



Join the industries in the global initiative to reduce the route hijack incidents

Why TM pursue to update ROA and deploy RPKI Validator

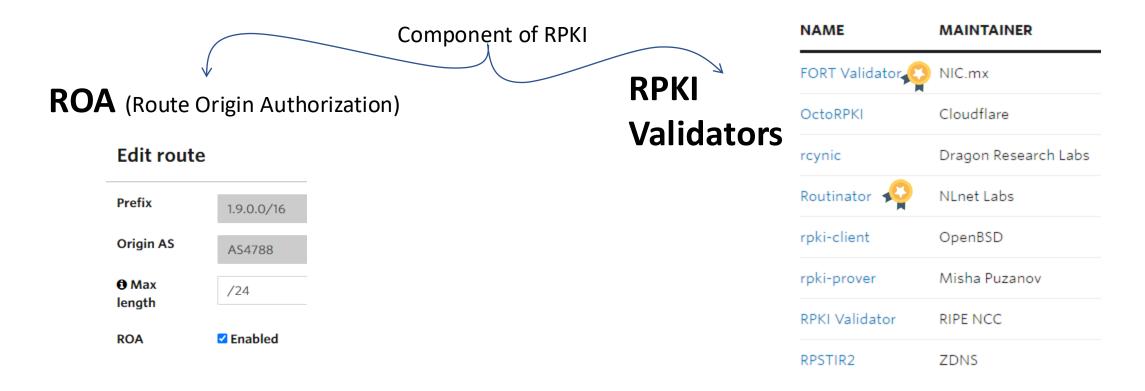




Timeline Deployment



RPKI (Resource Public Key infrastructure) also known as **Resource Certification** is a **Framework** to improved the routing security in the **Internet** introduced by the **Internet Society**



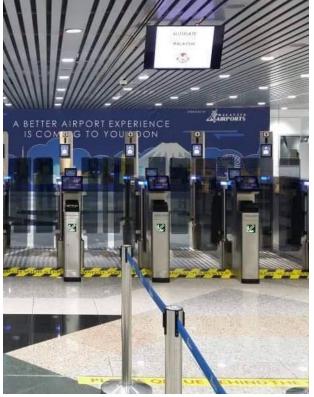




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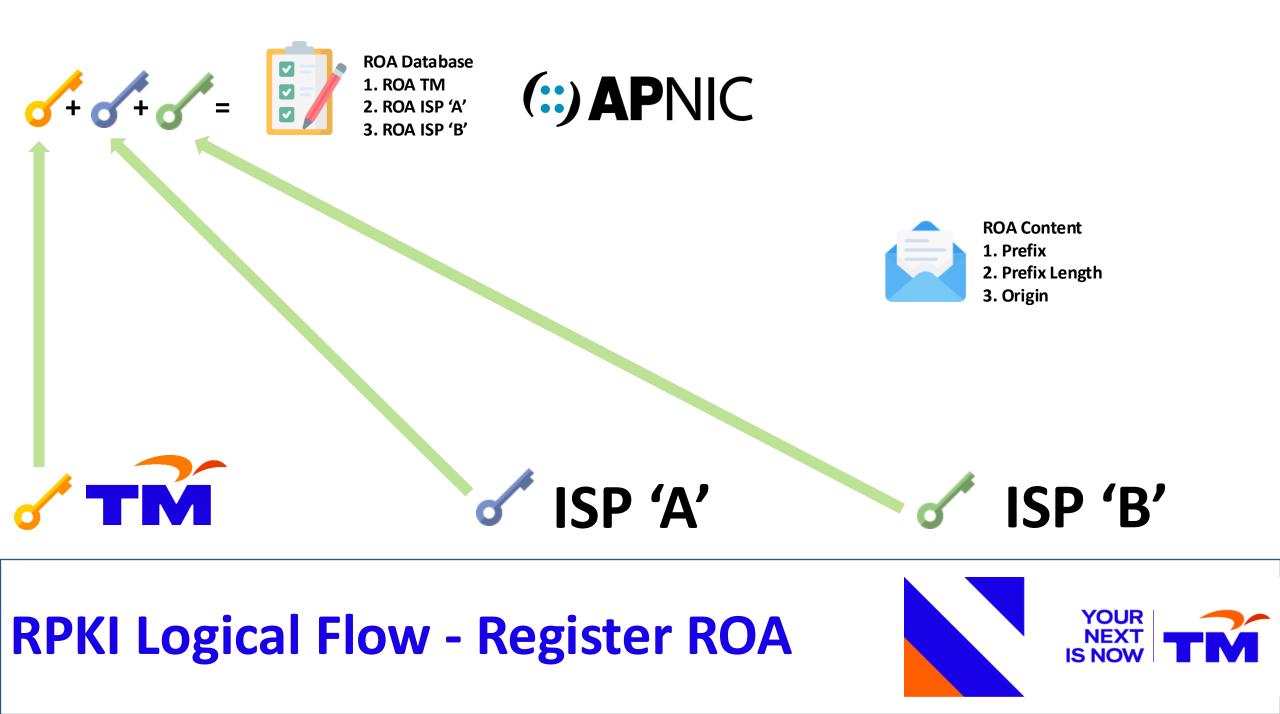
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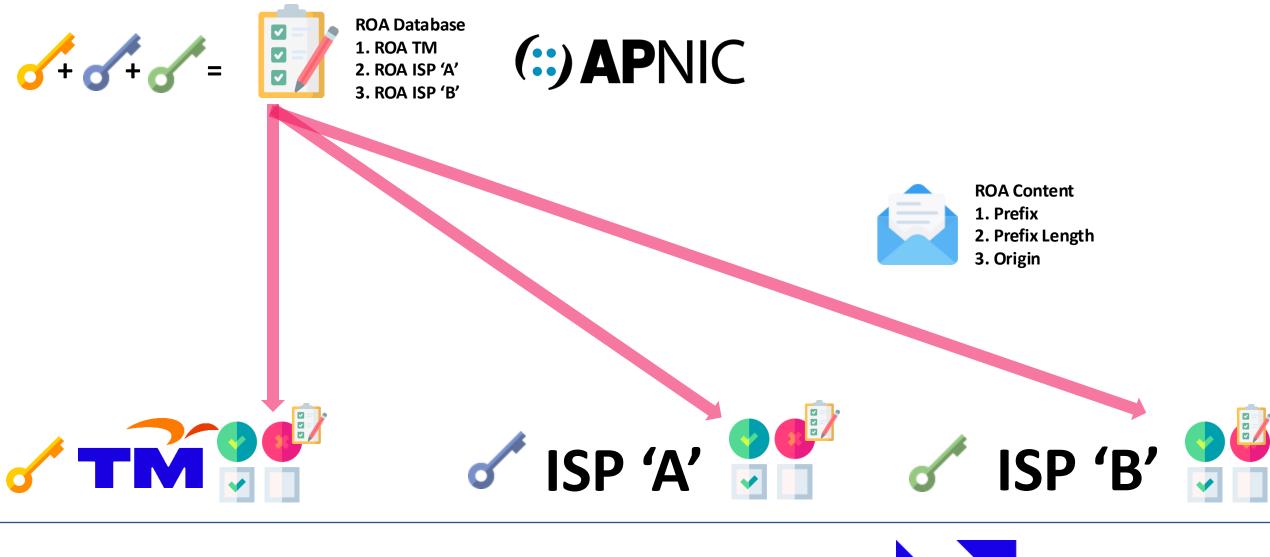
What is RPKI?



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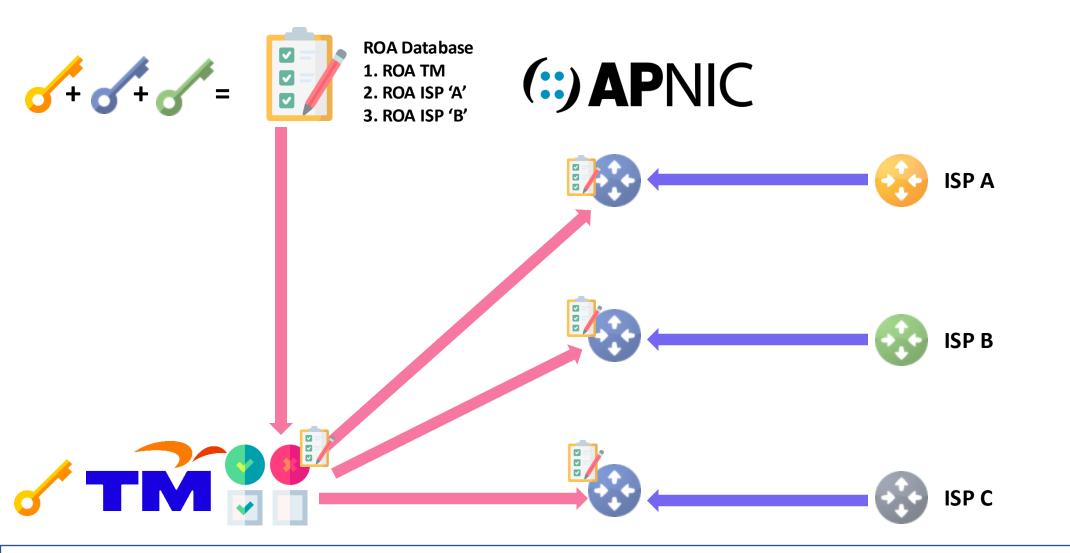






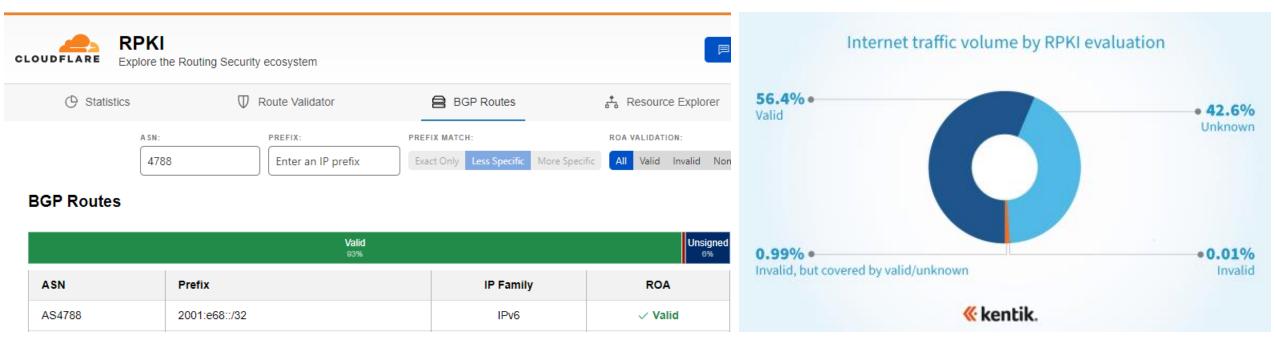
RPKI Logical Flow - Validator





RPKI Logical Flow - Router/PE







Global ROA Takeup

Source: https://www.kentik.com/blog/author/job-snijders/

ROA Route Origin Authorization



616 RPKI Filtering ASNs

Up from 50 or so last year

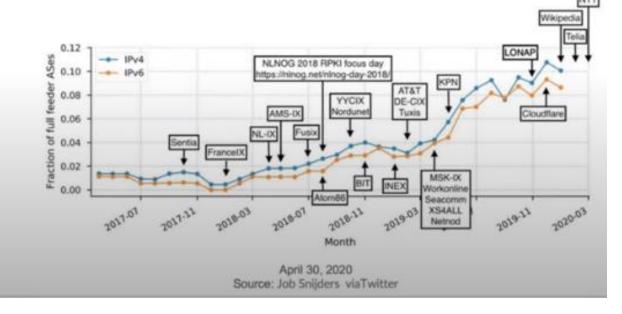
September 2019 Source: Ben Cox

Collaboration and shared responsibility are key to the success of MANRS. So far, 275 network operators and 45 Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) have signed on. By joining, these companies are working hard to secure the fabric of the Internet.

By working collaboratively, ISPs will be better placed to protect their customers and defend their own networks than if they work alone. Routing security is vital to the stability and resilience of the Internet. Join us to protect the Internet together.

This post has been cross posted on the Internet Society's blog.

RPKI enforcement is starting to gain traction



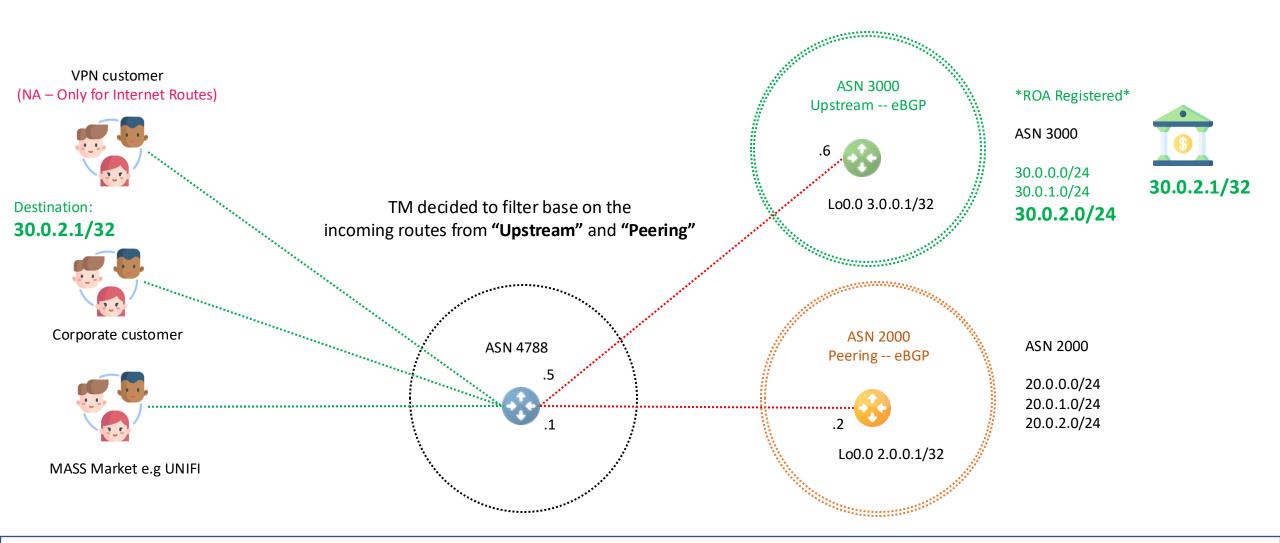
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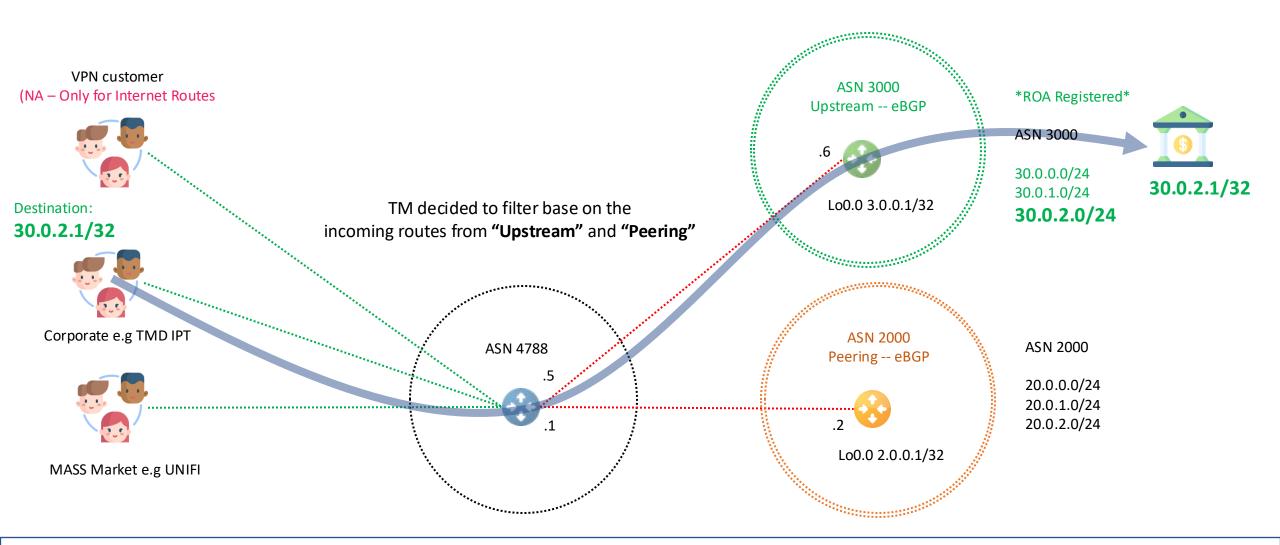
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Current Global RPKI "Take-up"

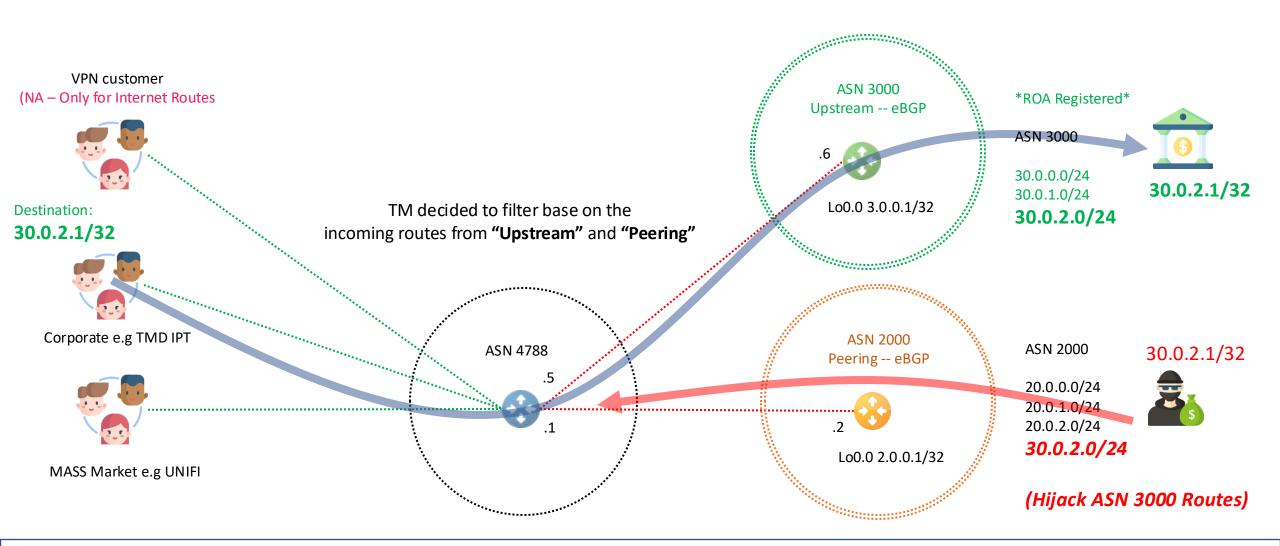




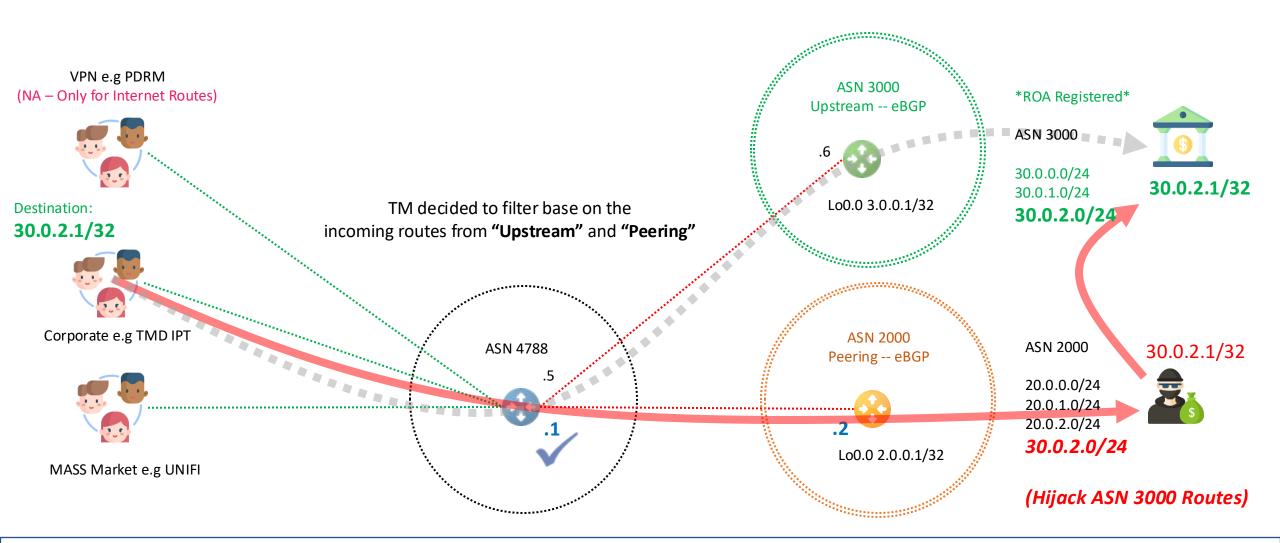




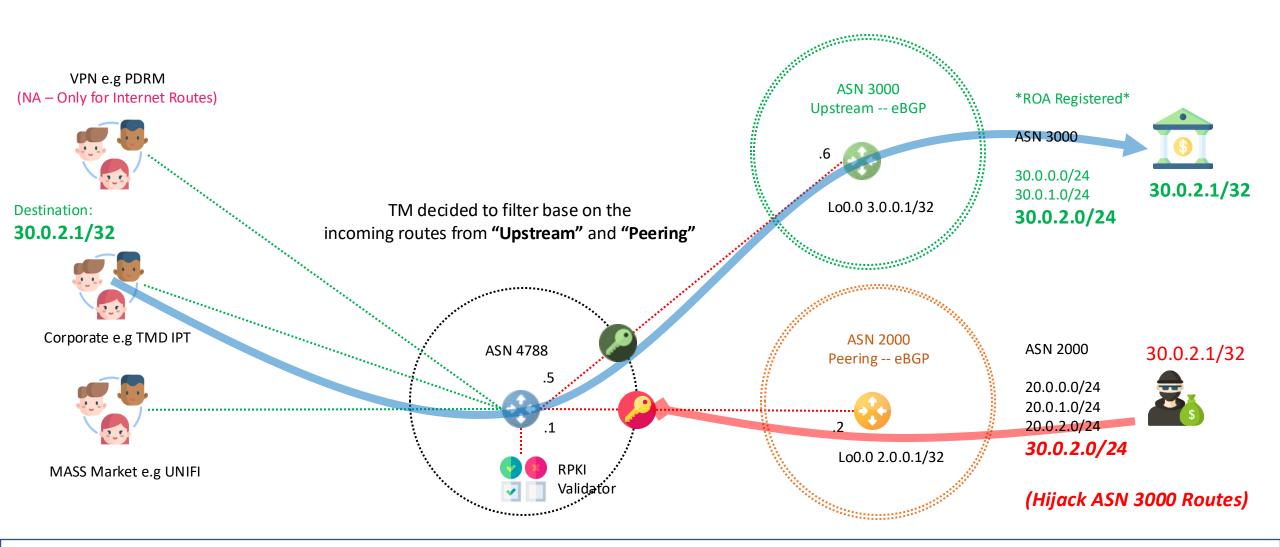














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Non-announced space ROAs

ASN	Prefix	Max Length	IP Family	Trust Anchor	Emitted	Expiration
AS4788	202.188.68.0/22	/24	IPv4	APNIC	8/16/2022	in 6 months
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AS4788	202.188.88.0/23	/24	IPv4	APNIC	8/16/2022	in 6 months
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Source: https://netox.apnic.net/apnic-routing/AS4788

Source: https://rpki.cloudflare.com/?view=bgp&validateRoute=9986_&asn=4788&validState=Invalid

Validate ROA status



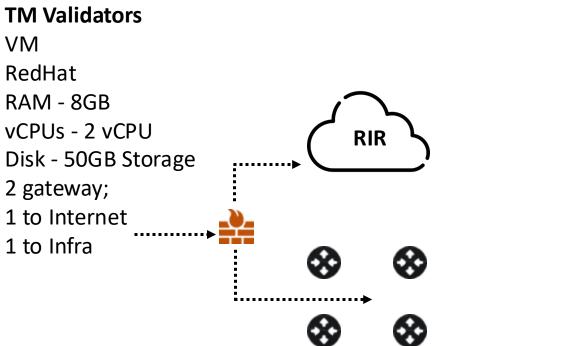
did you notice a fw there? remember at the airport..there are police officers as well right? to protect is not a single entity task ..

NAME	MAINTAINER	LANGUAGE	LAST COMMIT
FORT Validator	NIC.mx	С	January 2021
OctoRPKI	Cloudflare	Go	December 2020
rcynic	Dragon Research Labs	Python	December 2018
Routinator	NLnet Labs	Rust	February 2021
rpki-client	OpenBSD	С	February 2021
rpki-prover	Misha Puzanov	Haskell	February 2021
RPKI Validator	RIPE NCC	Java	February 2021
RPSTIR2	ZDNS	Go	December 2020

Source: https://blog.apnic.net/2021/02/17/ripes-rpki-validatoris-being-phased-out-so-what-are-the-other-options/

Validators









New setup - Awareness



Firmware - For a certain vendors, only latest version are able to support RPKI config.



Multi vendors - Meaning to say that you will have multiple way of executing and configuring the syntax



Which timer - Which value to use. E.g keeping the database upon validator failure?

Challenges in RPKI Deployment



	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C	Vendor D
1. Dual peer validator	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
2. BGP route status	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
3. Drop Invalid	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
4. Add comm for Unknown route	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
5. Modify local pref for Unknown route	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
6. Whitelist	ОК	NA	NA	ОК
7. Validator 1 down	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
8. Validator 2 down while 1 still down	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
9. Validator up at the same time	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК
10. Route status when both validator fail	ОК	ОК	ОК	ОК

What TM validates prior to deployment



	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C	Vendor D	TM Node
refresh-time (s)	300 (5m)	300 (5m)	1800 (30m)	300 (5m)	600 (10m)
hold-time (s)	600 (10m)	600 (10m)	1800x3 (90m) Fix	600 (10m)	1200 (20m)
record-lifetime (s)	3600 (60m)	= hold-time	3600 (60m)	3600 (60m)	3600 (60m)
preference (s)	NA	110 < best	NA	1200 > best	
white-list invalid	YES	NA	NA	YES	

hold-time	Time after which the session is declared down. (103600 seconds)
Port	Port number to connect (165535)
Preference	Preference for session establishment (1255)
record-lifetime	Lifetime of route validation records (60604800 seconds)
refresh-time	Interval between keep alive packet transmissions (11800 seconds)

Vendor Timers RTR Preference



No	Item	Detail
1	Start with ROA Management	 Create ROAs for your prefixes to specify which ASNs are authorized to originate them. Use the minimal-specific ROA model to avoid inadvertent invalids. E.g., avoid overlapping or overly specific ROAs unless necessary. Regularly review and update ROAs—especially during IP transfers, reassignments, or peering changes.
2	Monitor Route Validity	 Use tools like RIPEstat, <u>BGPalerter</u>, or RPKI Dashboard tools to monitor validity and alerts. Analyze invalid announcements and assess whether they are due to misconfigurations or malicious activity.
3	Rely on Trusted RPKI Validators	 Deploy well-supported validators like: Routinator (NLnet Labs) <u>OctoRPKI (Cloudflare)</u> <u>rpki-client (OpenBSD)</u> Ensure validator software is updated regularly for security and reliability.
4	Implement RPKI Route Origin Validation in BGP	 Use routers that support RPKI origin validation (e.g., Juniper, Cisco, Arista, etc.). Apply policy controls based on validation states: Valid: Accept and prefer Invalid: Reject or deprioritize Unknown: Treat as normal (until broader coverage is achieved)
5	Gradual Rollout	 Monitor first, then enforce: Start with logging-only mode for RPKI origin validation. Run dual logging (RPKI and traditional filters) to compare results. Move to enforcement once you're confident in coverage and policy correctness.

Best Practice Summary



Νο	Item	Detail
1	Avoid Overlapping ROAs	 Overlapping or conflicting ROAs can cause valid routes to be marked invalid unintentionally. Example: ROAs that don't cover more-specific subnets or misalign with prefix lengths can break routing
2	Operational Complexity Increases with ROA Granularity	 The more fine-grained your ROAs (e.g., per /24 vs per /16), the harder it is to maintain accuracy. Automate ROA creation and expiration tracking when possible.
3	Coordination is Key	 Misalignments between upstreams and downstreams (e.g., if one party uses outdated ROAs) can cause reachability issues. Maintain clear communication between all parties in the routing chain.
4	Partial Adoption Limits Effectiveness	 Many routes are still in "Not Found" (Unknown) status because of partial RPKI adoption Origin validation only works well when a critical mass of ASNs participates
5	Invalid ≠ Malicious	 Many invalids are due to: Forgotten or stale ROAs Typos IP address changes not reflected in ROAs Avoid overreacting to invalids—investigate first.
6	RPKI Trust Anchor Management is Critical	 Monitor trust anchors (APNIC, ARIN, RIPE, LACNIC, AFRINIC) and ensure your validator has up-to- date TALs (Trust Anchor Locators). Use multiple redundant validators in production.

Lessons Learned from Operational Deployment



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Telekom Malaysia's phased RPKI deployment, revealed interoperability issues among different router vendors. For instance, one vendor's PE router triggered unnecessary route refresh messages upon receiving updated ROA data, leading to increased CPU consumption on route reflectors. Such vendor-specific quirks necessitated custom configurations and patches, underscoring the complexities of multi-vendor RPKI implementations. **Additionally**, the presence of **multi-vendor devices with EOS (End of Support**) nodes has limited Telekom Malaysia's ability to expand its RPKI deployment.

Region Map for South-Eastern Asia (035)

Success Stories that eventually required more action to sustain



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Initiative	Purpose
Expand ROA Coverage	 Ensure 100% ROA coverage for all routed prefixes, including sub-allocations and customer downstreams. Introduce ROA automation via APIs (e.g., ARIN, RIPE) to reduce manual overhead and errors.
Enable RPKI Validation Across All Networks	 Enforce origin validation on all BGP edge routers (IXPs, upstreams, customer-facing). To revisit 2 routers that need to OS upgrade to enable RPKI adoption. To revisit vendor x RPKI implementation.
RPKI Resiliency	 Deploy multiple redundant validators in geographically diverse PoPs. Build in validator health monitoring and failover using BGP communities or policy triggers

What's Next?





Congratulations & Well Done!



RESOURCE PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE (RPKI) Group Network Technology

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The Ceremony



My Words...

Implementing RPKI has not been without its challenges. The team encountered a steep learning curve, particularly in understanding and deploying components such as validators, ROAs, and the RTR protocol.

Despite these hurdles, your perseverance and commitment have been truly commendable. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for your outstanding work and for being pioneers in RPKI implementation here in Malaysia. Your efforts are a significant milestone in strengthening the security and integrity of our national internet infrastructure.

I strongly encourage all ISPs to take the next step and begin their RPKI journey. Yes, there will be challenges. Yes, the learning curve is real. But as we've seen, the benefits far outweigh the initial investment. By deploying RPKI, you are not just protecting your network—you are contributing to a more secure, resilient internet for everyone.





Thank You

