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APNIC Internet Routing Registry

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Overview

- What is an IRR
 - Why use an IRR?
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 - Why define a Routing Policy?
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- Summary





Internet Routing Registry

What is an IRR?

- Global Internet Routing Registry database
 - http://www.irr.net/
 - Uses RPSL
 - Established in 1995
- Stability and consistency of routing
 - network operators share information
- Both public and private databases
 - These databases are independent
 - but some exchange data
 - only register your data in one database



IRR = APNIC RR + RIPE DB + RADB + C&W + ARIN + ...

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Why use an IRR?

- Route filtering
 - Peering networks
 - A provider and its customer
- Network troubleshooting
 - Easier to locate routing problems outside your network
- Router configuration
 - By using IRRToolSet
 - ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet
- Global view of routing
 - A global view of routing policy improves the integrity of Internet's routing as a whole.

APNIC Database & the IRR

- APNIC whois Database
 - Two databases in one
- Public Network Management Database
 "whois" info about networks & contact persons
 - IP addresses, AS numbers etc
- Routing Registry
 - contains routing information
 - routing policy, routes, filters, peers etc.
 - APNIC RR is part of the global IRR

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Integration of Whois and IRR

Integrated APNIC Whois Database & Internet Routing Registry

IP, ASNs, reverse domains, contacts, maintainers etc

inetnum, aut-num, domain, person, role, maintainer



Internet resources & routing information

RPSL

- Routing Policy Specification Language
 - Object oriented language
 - Based on RIPE-181
 - Structured whois objects
- Higher level of abstraction than access lists
- Describes things interesting to routing policy:
 - Routes, AS Numbers ...
 - Relationships between BGP peers
 - Management responsibility
- Relevant RFCs
 - Routing Policy Specification Language
 - Routing Policy System Security
 - Using RPSL in Practice



IRR objects

• route

- Specifies interAS routes

aut-num

- Represents an AS. Used to describe external routing policy
- inet-rtr
 - Represents a router
- peering-set
 - Defines a set of peerings

- route-set
 - Defines a set of routes
- as-set
 - Defines a set of **aut-num** objects
- rtr-set
 - Defines a set of routers
- filter-set
 - Defines a set of routes that are matched by its filter

www.apnic.net/db/ref/db-objects.html



Inter-related IRR objects

Inter-related IRR objects



'Set-' objects and their members Two ways of referencing members members mbrs-by-ref - members specified in the 'set-' object - 'set' specified in the member objects as-set: as-set: AS1:AS-CUSTS AS1:AS-PEERS mbrs-by-ref: members: 2 AS10. AS11 MAINT-EX aut-num: AS10 aut-num: AS1² aut-num: AS20 aut-num[.] AS21 member-of: \bigcirc member-of: AS1:AS-PEERS **AS1:AS-PEERS** 3 APNI mnt-by: MAINT-EX mnt-by: MAINT-EX 'mbrs-by-ref' specifies the maintainer of the members. 'members' specifies members of 1. the set Members added in the 'set-' object 2. Members reference the 'set-' 2. No need to modify the member object when adding members object in the 'member-of' attribute 3. Members are maintained by the maintainer specified in the 'set-' 3.

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Hierarchical authorisation

mnt-routes

authenticates creation of route objects

 creation of route objects must pass authentication of mntner referenced in the mnt-routes attribute

– Format:

• mnt-routes: <mntner>

<u>ln:</u>

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inetnum:	202.137.181.0 - 202.137.185.255	
netname:	SPARKYNET-WF	
descr:	SparkyNet Service Provider	
mnt-by:	MAINT-APNIC-AP	
mnt-lower:	MAINT-SPARKYNET	
<pre>mnt-routes:</pre>	MAINT-SPARKYNET-WF	
This object can only be modified by APNIC		

Creation of more specific objects (assignments) within this range has to pass the authentication of MAINT-SPARKYNET

Creation of route objects matching/within this range has to pass the authentication of MAINT-SPARKYNET-WF

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Creating route objects

- Multiple authentication checks:
 Originating ASN
 - mntner in the mnt-routes is checked
 - If no mnt-routes, mnt-lower is checked
 - If no mnt-lower, mnt-by is checked
 - AND the address space
 - Exact match & less specific route
 - mnt-routes etc
 - Exact match & less specific inetnum
 - mnt-routes etc
 - AND the route object mntner itself
 - The mntner in the mnt-by attribute





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Useful IRR queries

- What routes are originating from my AS?
 whois -i origin <ASN>
 - route objects with matching origin
- What routers does my AS operate?
 whois -i local-as <ASN>
 - inet-rtr objects with a matching local-as
- What objects are protecting "route space" with my maintainer?
 - whois -i mnt-routes <mntner>
 - aut-num, inetnum & route objects with matching mntroutes

(always specify host. e.g. 'whois -h whois.apnic.net')

Useful IRR queries (cont'd)

 What '-set objects' are the objects protected by this maintainer a member of?

– whois -i mbrs-by-ref <mntner>

- set objects (as-set, route-set and rtr-set) with matching mbrs-by-ref
- What other objects are members of this '-set object'?
 - whois -i member-of <set name>
 - Objects with a matching member-of
 - provided the membership claim is validated by the mbrs-by-ref of the set.

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Recap attributes of some objects

Inetnum, aut-num and route object

Inetnum object

Review of some attributes

- inetnum:
 - Specifies a range of IPv4 that inetnum object represents
- netname:
 - The name of a range of IP address space
- status:
 - Specifies the status of the address range represented by inetnum object
- mnt-by:
 - Specifies the identifier of a registered mntner object for authorisation of updating the object
- mnt-lower:
 - Specifies the identifier of a registered mntner object to provide hierarchical authorisation

Inetnum object example

– Specifies IP allocations & assignments

inetnum:	202.36.0.0 - 202.37.255.255
netname:	NZGATE-NZ
descr:	NZ Gate National Service Provider
descr:	Administered by Telecom New Zealand Ltd
descr:	New Zeland
country:	NZ
admin-c:	DBK1-AP
tech-c:	KS61-AP
tech-c:	KS61-AP
remarks:	service provider
notify:	dbmon@apnic.net
mnt-by:	APNIC-HM
changed:	ARRON@WAIKATO.AC.NZ 19950612
changed:	hostmaster@apnic.net 20011004
changed:	hm-change@apnic.net 20020722
status:	ALLOCATED PORTABLE
source:	APNIC

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Aut-num object

• Review of some attributes

- aut-num:
 - ASN, an "AS" string followed by the number
- member-of:
 - Identify as-set object
- import:
 - Specifies an import policy expression
- export:
 - Specifies an export policy expression
- mnt-lower:
 - Specifies the identifier of a registered mntner object to provide hierarchical authorisation
- mnt-routes:
 - Determines authorisation for the creation of route objects
- mnt-by:
 - Specifies the identifier of a registered mntner object for authorisation of updating the object

Aut-num object: import attribute

Import

from <peering-1> [action <action-1>]

• • • •

from <peering-N> [action <action-N>]
accept <filter>

- <peering-x> can be ASN or as-set
- Set of routes matched by filter
 - Imported from all peers in peerings
- While importing routes at <peering-x>
 - <action-x> is done
- Example
 - med=0; community.append (3561:10); pref=30

Aut-num object: export attribute

• Export

to <peering-1> [action <action-1>]

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to <peering-N> [action <action-N>] announce <filter>

- Set of routes matched by filter
 - Exported to all peers in peerings
- While exporting routes at <peering-x>
 - <action-x> is done

 Note: use semicolon (;) after each action specification (not mentioned in the RFC)

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Aut-num object example

– Describes an Autonomous System

aut-num:	AS17914
as-name:	ASN-2DAY-NZ-AP
descr:	2Day Internet Limited
country:	NZ
import:	from AS17914:AS-TRANSIT action pref=100; accept ANY
import:	from AS17914:AS-PEERS action pref=120; accept PeerAS
export:	to AS17914:AS-TRANSIT announce AS17914:AS-CUSTOMERS
export:	to AS17914:AS-PEERS announce AS17914:AS-CUSTOMERS
admin-c:	PM5-NZ
tech-c:	JA39
remarks:	2day.com peers at the Auckland Peering Exchange
mnt-by:	MAINT-2DAY-NZ
changed:	jabley@automagic.org 20021104
source:	APNIC

Route object

- Review of some attributes
 - route
 - The address prefix of the route.
 - origin
 - Specifies the AS that originates the route.
 - member-of
 - Identifies a set object that his object wants to be a memebr of.
 - mnt-by
 - Specifies a registered mntner object used for authorisaton
 - mnt-lower
 - Specifies a registered mntner object used for hierarchical authorisation.
 - mnt-routes
 - References a mntner object which is used in determining authorisation for the creation of route objects.

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Route object example

 Each interAS route originated by an autonomous system

route:
descr:
origin:
mnt-by:
changed:
source:
notify:

202.37.240.0/23
route originating from 2day.com
AS17914
MAINT-2DAY-NZ
jabley@automagic.org 20021220
APNIC
noc@2day.com

Routing Policy

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What is a Routing Policy?

• Exchange of routing information between Autonomous Systems



 Usually policies are not configured for each network separately

 Configured for groups of networks

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Why define a Routing Policy?

- Documentation
- Consistency across your AS <u>– routers / implementations</u>
- Scalability
- Provides routing security
 - Can peer originate the route?
 - Can peer act as transit for the route?

How define a Routing Policy?

- Who are my BGP neighbours?
 - (customers/ peers/ upstreams)
- What routes are:
 - Originated by each neighbour?
 - Imported from each neighbour?
 - Exported to each neighbour?
 - Preferred when multiple routes exist?
 - How are they treated (modified routing parameters?)

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Defining the Routing Policy

Routing and packet flows



For AS1 and AS2 networks to communicate

- AS1 must announce to AS2
- AS2 must accept from AS1
- AS2 must announce to AS1
- AS1 must accept from AS2

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Defining the Routing Policy

AS4

Let's express import and export attributes for AS4!

- AS4 gives transit to AS5, AS10
- AS4 gives local routes to AS123



AS 123

import:	from AS123 action pref=100; accept AS123
import:	from AS5 action pref=100; accept AS5
import:	from AS10 action pref=100; accept AS10
export:	to AS123 announce AS4
export:	to AS5 announce AS4 AS10
export:	to AS10 announce AS4 AS5 NOL a paln

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More complex example

- AS4 and AS6 private link1
- AS4 and AS123 main transit link2
- backup all traffic over link1 and link3 in event of link2 failure

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Defining the Routing Policy

Let's express import and export attributes for AS4!







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Exercise 1: Static end-user set-up

Express import and export attributes for AS3000

aut-num: AS3000

import: protocol STATIC into BGP4 from AS3000 accept {10.3.1.0/24} export: to AS4000 announce AS3000

[...]

Exercise 2: Multi-homed customer - provider set-up

Express import and export attributes for AS3000

aut-num:AS3000import:from AS2000 accept AS2000export:to AS2000 announce any[...]

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Review Case 2: BGP customers, - provider aut-num

aut-num: AS3000
import: from AS2000 accept AS2000
export: to AS2000 announce ANY
[...]

 The simplest policy is strict customer/provider relationship

 Customer sends its routes to provider
 Customer accepts everything the provider sends

Exercise 3-1: Not- Full Multi-homed customer - customer set-up

Express import and export attributes for AS2000

aut-num:AS2000import:from AS3000 accept ANYexport:to AS3000 announce AS2000import:from AS4000 accept AS4000export:to AS4000 announce AS2000

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Review Case 3.1: Not Full Multihoming - customer aut-num

• DB objects:

route: 10.20.0.0/24 origin: AS2000 [...]

route: 10.187.65.0/24 origin: AS2000 [...]

Exercise 3-2: Full Multi-homed customer - customer set-up

Express import and export attributes for AS2000

aut-num:AS2000import:from AS3000action pref=50;accept ANYexport:to AS3000 announce AS2000import:from AS4000action pref=100;accept AS4000export:to AS4000 announce AS2000

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Review Case 3.2: Full Multihoming - customer aut-num

Introducing policy, setting the "pref" valueIower the "pref", the preferred the route

aut-num:	AS2000
import:	from AS3000 action pref=50; accept ANY
export:	to AS3000 announce AS2000
import:	from AS4000 action pref=100; accept ANY
export:	to AS4000 announce AS2000

Using the Routing Registry

Routing policy, the IRRToolSet & APNIC RR Benefits

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IRRToolSet

 Set of tools developed for using the Internet Routing Registry

 Started as RAToolSet

- Now maintained by RIPE NCC:
 - <u>http://www.ripe.net/db/irrtoolset/</u>
 - Download:
 - ftp://ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet/
 - Installation needs: lex, yacc and C++ compiler

Use of RPSL - RtConfig

- RtConfig v4
 - part of IRRToolSet
- Reads policy from IRR (aut-num, route & set objects) and generates router configuration
 - vendor specific:
 - Cisco, Bay's BCC, Juniper's Junos and Gated/RSd
 - Creates route-map and AS path filters
 - Can also create ingress / egress filters
 - (documentation says Cisco only)

Why use IRR and RtConfig?

- Benefits of RtConfig
 - Avoid filter errors (typos)
 - Expertise encoded in the tools that generate the policy rather than engineer configuring peering session
 - Filters consistent with documented policy
 - (need to get policy correct though)
 - Engineers don't need to understand filter rules
 - it just works :-)

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Using RtConfig - Case scenario

Not fully multi-homing

Using RtConfig – IRR objects

RtConfig commands

@RtConfig set cisco map name = "AS%d-IMPORT" @RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.3 AS3000 10.3.15.2

@RtConfig set cisco map name = "AS%d-IMPORT"
@RtConfig import AS2000 10.20.0.4 AS4000 10.4.192.2

RtConfig output (import)

no route-map AS3000-IMPORT

route-map AS3000-IMPORT permit 10

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router bgp 2000
neighbor 10.0.1.3 route-map AS3000-IMPORT in
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no ip prefix-list pl134
ip prefix-list pl134 permit 10.4.192.0/19
ip prefix-list pl134 deny 0.0.0.0/0 le 32
```

no route-map AS4000-IMPORT

```
route-map AS4000-IMPORT permit 10
match ip address prefix-list pl134
exit
```

router bgp 2000 neighbor 10.0.1.4 route-map AS4000-IMPORT in

RtConfig – web prototype

http://www.ripe.net/cgi-bin/RtConfig.cgi

RtConfig – web output

Eile Edit View Favorites Tools Help	
Configuration file format: Bay Gated Cisco Junos Rsd Generate Cisco prefix-lists IRR server: whois.ripe.net Port: 43 Protocol: ripe Databases: RIPE submit reset	
<pre>ip bgp local-as 3333 peer local 193.0.0.1 remote 62.41.0.1 as 286 back announce polname Announce AS286 action announce</pre>	RTConfig Output (Bay
<pre>match network address 192.16.202.0 mask 255.255.255.0 match Exact network address 193.0.0.0 mask 255.255.248.0 match Exact outbound-as asnumber 286 outbound-peer address 62.41.0.1 back back back back back </pre>	
back	

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The rest of the IRRToolSet

- peval
 - (Lightweight) policy evaluation tool
- prtraceroute
 - Prints the route packets take including policy information (as registered in RR)
- aoe (aut-num object editor)
 Displays the aut-num object for the specified AS
- roe
 - Creates the "route" object (based on BGP dump and routes in aut-num objects)

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The rest of the IRRToolSet

• prpath

 – enumerates possible paths between two ASes

- CIDRAdvisor
 - suggests safe aggregates per AS
- rpslcheck

- syntax checks objects for IRR

Using the Routing Registry

Define your Enter policy routing policy in IRR

Run rtconfig Apply config to routers

Disadvantages

- Requires some initial planning
- Takes some time to define & register policy
- Need to maintain data in RR

Advantages

- You have a clear idea of your routing policy
- Consistent config over the whole network
- Less manual maintenance in the long run

Benefits of APNIC RR

– APNIC able to assert resources for a registered route within APNIC ranges.

APNIC RR service scope

- Routing Queries
 - Regular whois clients
 - APNIC whois web interface
 - Special purpose programs such as IRRToolSet
 - <u>ftp://ftp.ripe.net/tools/IRRToolSet</u>
- Routing Registration and Maintenance

 Similar to registration of Internet resources

APNIC RR service scope

Support

 APNIC Helpdesk support

<helpdesk@apnic.net>

- Training
 - IRR workshop under development
- Mirroring

 APNIC mirrors IRRs within Asia Pacific and major IRRs outside of the region.

Summary

APNIC RR integrated in APNIC Whois DB

- whois.apnic.net
- <auto-dbm@apnic.net>
- IRR benefits
 - Facilitates network troubleshooting
 - Generation of router configuration
 - Provides global view of routing
- APNIC RR benefits
 - Single maintainer (& person obj) for all objects
 - APNIC asserts resources for a registered route
 - Part of the APNIC member service!

Practical Usage of the RR

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Potential Practical Problems

- Policy can easily get very complex and result in even more complex router configuration
- Line limit on cisco AS path filters

 need to be careful when using as-set
- Nervous about configuring routers from public data?

Compare this with anti-virus SW updates!

Next steps

- Tasks for your own AS:
 - Create person and maintainer objects
 - Set up PGP authentication
 - Create aut-num objects for each AS
 - Identify IP prefixes associated with each AS
 - Create route objects in the database
 - Create as-set objects where policy is common
 - Either in the APNIC RR
 - Or in your own routing registry database
References

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Questions?

Summary

- The Internet Routing Registry
- APNIC Database
 - RPSL
 - Queries and updates
 - Authentication
- Routing Policy
 - Case studies
- Routing Registry Benefits

Appendix

Object Templates in RPSL

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Mntner object template

mntner:	[mandatory]	[single]	[primary/look-up key
descr:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	
admin-c:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
tech-c:	[optional]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
upd-to:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
mnt-nfy:	[optional]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
auth:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[]
remarks:	[optional]	[multiple]	[]
notify:	[optional]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
mnt-by:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
auth-override:	[optional]	[single]	[]
referral-by:	[mandatory]	[single]	[inverse key]
changed:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	
source:	[mandatory]	[single]	

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netname: descr: country: admin-c: tech-c: rev-srv: status: remarks: notify: mnt-by: mnt-lower: mnt-lower: mnt-routes: changed: source:

inetnum:

[mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [optional] [generated] [optional] [optional] [mandatory] [optional] [optional] [mandatory] [mandatory]

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[primary/look-up key] [lookup key] **[**] [inverse key] [inverse key] [inverse key] **I** 1 [inverse key] [inverse key] [inverse key] [inverse key] **Г**1 **[**]

Inetnum object template

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Route object template

route: descr: country: origin: holes: member-of: inject: aggr-mtd: aggr-bndry: export-comps: components: remarks: cross-mnt: cross-nfy: notify: mnt-lower: mnt-routes: mnt-by: changed: source:

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Aut-num object template

aut-num: up key] as-name: descr: country: member-of: import: export: default: remarks: admin-c: tech-c: cross-mnt: cross-nfy: notify: mnt-lower: mnt-routes: mnt-by: changed: source:

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As-set object template

as-set: descr: country: members: mbrs-by-ref: remarks: tech-c: admin-c: notify: mnt-by: changed: source: [mandatory] [mandatory] [optional] [optional] [optional] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory]

[single] [multiple] [single] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [multiple] [single]

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route-set:

mbrs-by-ref:

descr:

members:

remarks:

tech-c:

admin-c:

notify:

mnt-by:

changed:

source:

Route-set object template

[mandatory] [mandatory] [optional] [optional] [optional] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory] [single]
[multiple]

[primary/look-up key]
[]
[]
[inverse key]
[]
[inverse key]
[inverse key]
[inverse key]
[inverse key]
[]
[]

inet-rtr:

local-as:

member-of:

remarks:

admin-c:

tech-c:

notify:

mnt-by:

source:

changed:

descr:

alias:

ifaddr:

peer:

Inet-rtr object template

[mandatory]

[mandatory]

[optional]

[mandatory]

[mandatory]

[optional]

[optional]

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Peering-set object template

peering-set: [
descr: [
peering: [
remarks: [
tech-c: [
admin-c: [
notify: [
mnt-by: [
changed: [
source: [
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[inverse key]
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Filter-set object template

filter-set: up key]	[mandatory]	[single]	[primary/look-
descr:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[]
filter:	[mandatory]	[single]	
remarks:	[optional]	[multiple]	[]
tech-c:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
admin-c:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
notify:	[optional]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
mnt-by:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[inverse key]
changed:	[mandatory]	[multiple]	[]
source:	[mandatory]	[single]	[]

rtr-set:

members:

remarks:

admin-c:

tech-c:

notify:

mnt-by:

changed:

source:

descr:

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[mandatory] [mandatory] [optional] mbrs-by-ref: [optional] [optional] [mandatory] [mandatory] [optional] [mandatory] [mandatory] [mandatory]

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