

# VLSM and CIDR

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# Objectives



- **Classless routing**
- **VLSM**
- **Example of a VLSM calculation**

# Classless routing

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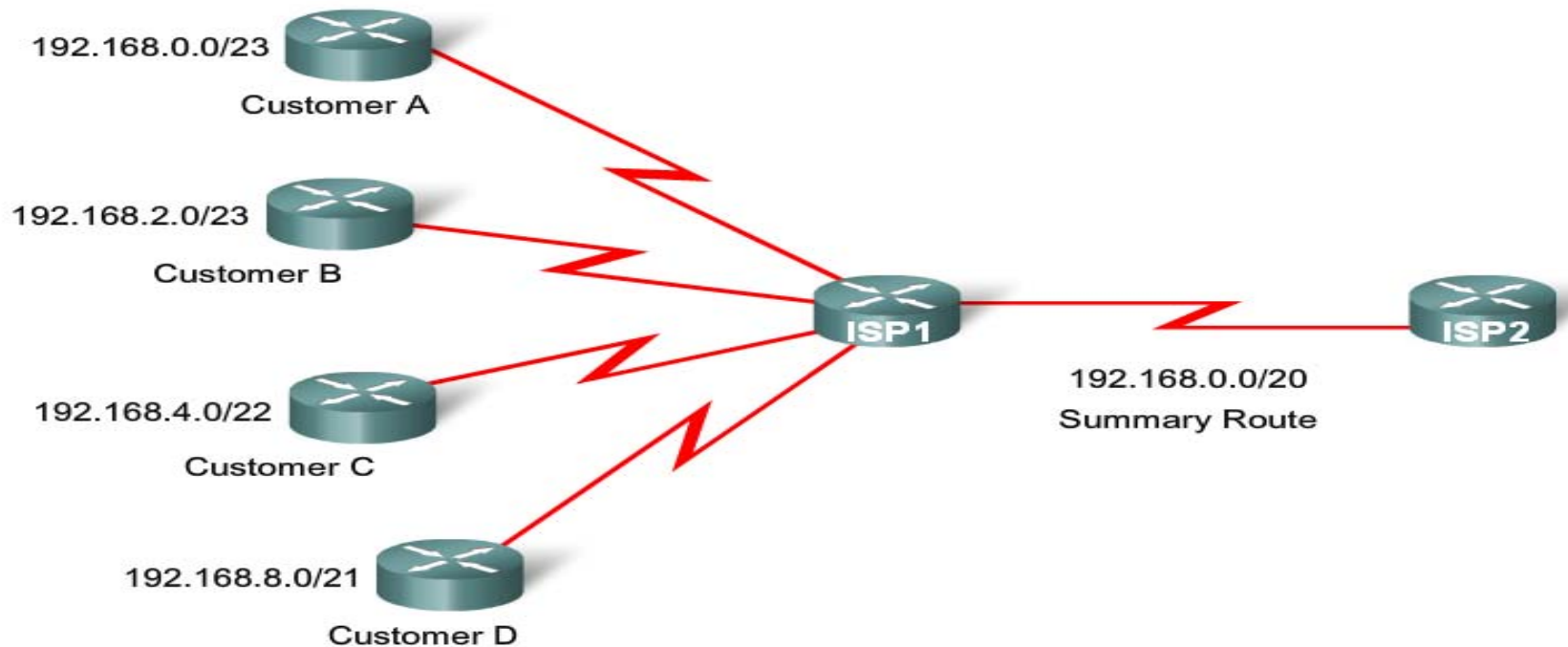
- **CIDR (Classless InterDomain Routing)**
  - Network not identified based on default classes
  - Router uses prefix (/) to describe how many bits are network bits
  - More efficient use of IPv4 address space
  - Aggregation reduces the size of the routing table

# Classless Routing Protocols

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- **Includes the subnet mask in the routing updates**
  - **RIP v2**
  - **EIGRP**
  - **OSPF**
  - **IS-IS**
  - **BGP**

# CIDR and Route Summarization



**The first 20 bits in all four networks are common, and can be summarized as a single route**

# Calculating Route Summarization

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- **Step 1: List the networks in binary format**

<b>192.168.0.0</b>	<b>11000000.10101000.00000000.00000000</b>
<b>192.168.2.0</b>	<b>11000000.10101000.00000010.00000000</b>
<b>192.168.4.0</b>	<b>11000000.10101000.00000100.00000000</b>
<b>192.168.8.0</b>	<b>11000000.10101000.00001000.00000000</b>

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- **Step 2: Count the number of left-most matching bits to determine the mask**

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**20 matching bits, corresponds to /20 or 255.255.240.0**

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- **Step 3: Copy the matching bits and add zeros to determine the network address**

192.168.0.0

**11000000.10101000.00000000.00000000**

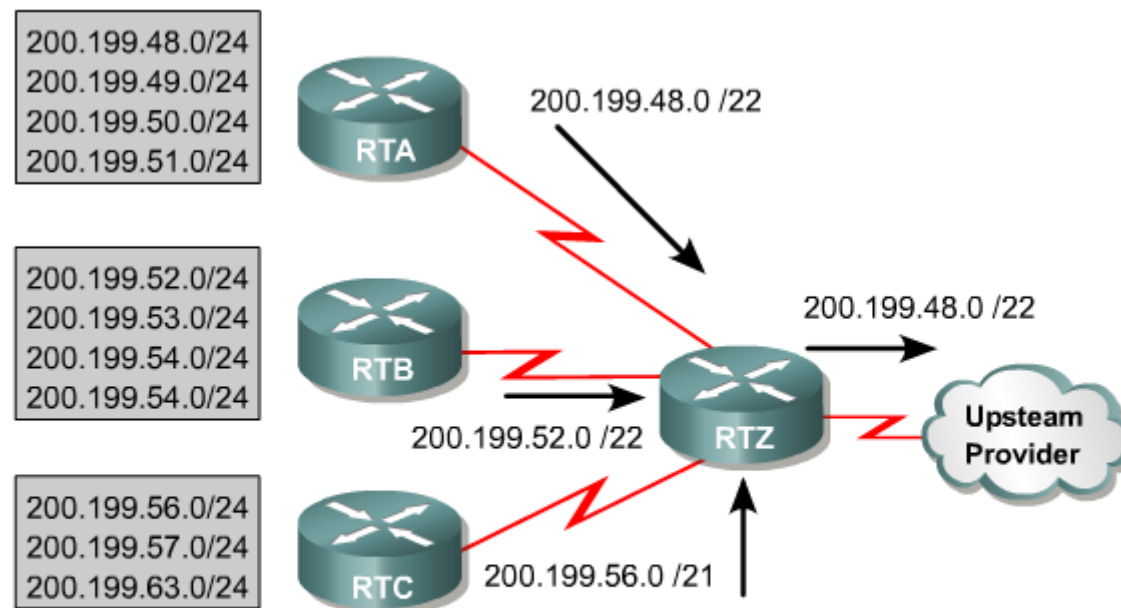
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Add zero bits

All four networks will be summarized as 192.168.0.0 /20



# Route Summarization



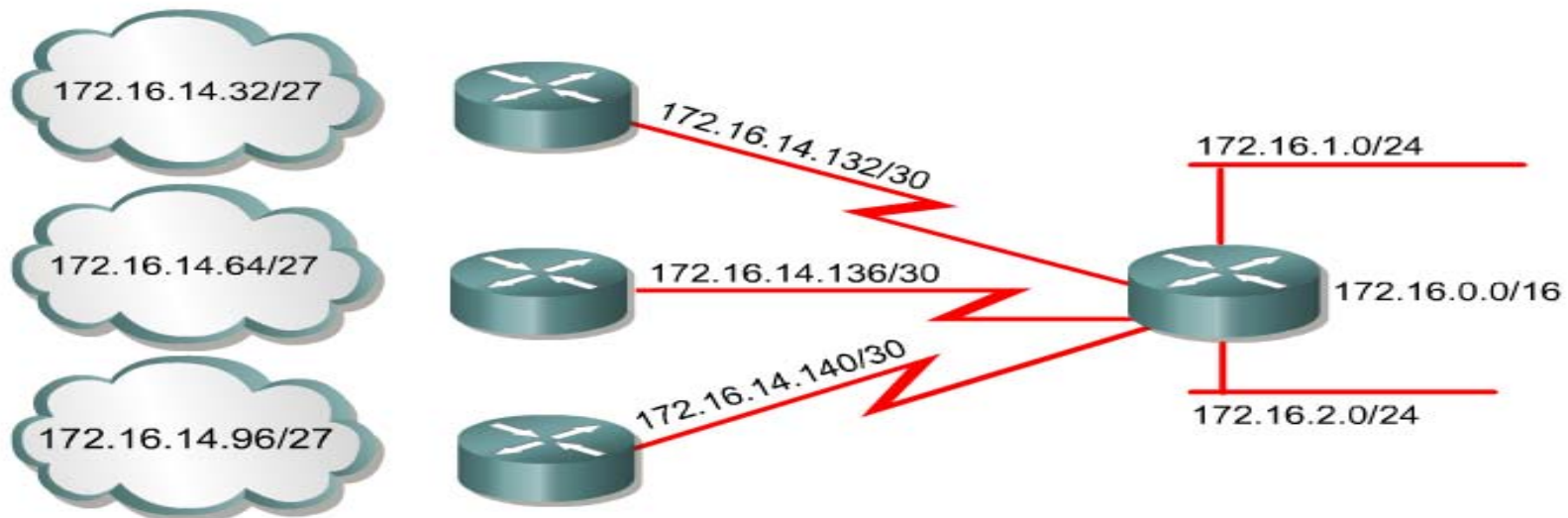
Route summarization reduces routing table size by aggregating routes to multiple networks into one supernet.

# What is VLSM?

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- **VLSM = Variable Length Subnet Mask**
- **Different subnet masks within the same network address space**
  - **”Sub-subnetting”**
- **Used for efficient and scalable addressing**

# Subnet mask



**Subnet 172.16.14.0/24 is divided into smaller subnets:**

- Subnets with one mask are identified with /27.
- One unused /27 subnet is subdivided into three /30 subnets.

# Benefits with VLSM

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- **More efficient use of IP addresses**
  - Variable size of the networks
- **Greater capability to use route summarization**
  - Will reduce the entries in the routing table

# How to calculate VLSM:

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- You have a network that is divided into the subnetwork address **172.16.32.0 /20**
- This subnetwork is further divided into the VLSM address **172.16.32.0 /26**
- Calculate the subnet addresses that can be used in the network

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In Binary 10101100.00010000.0010 0000.00000000

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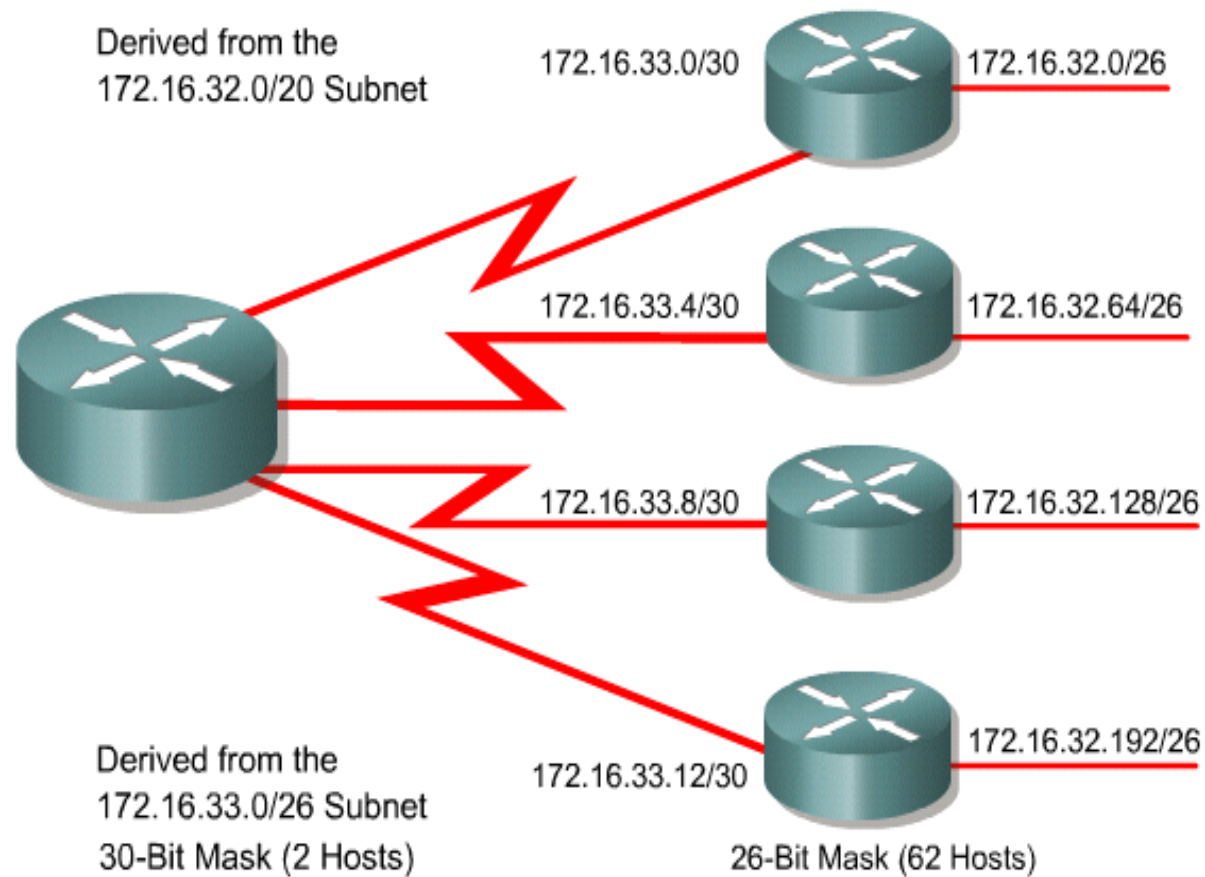
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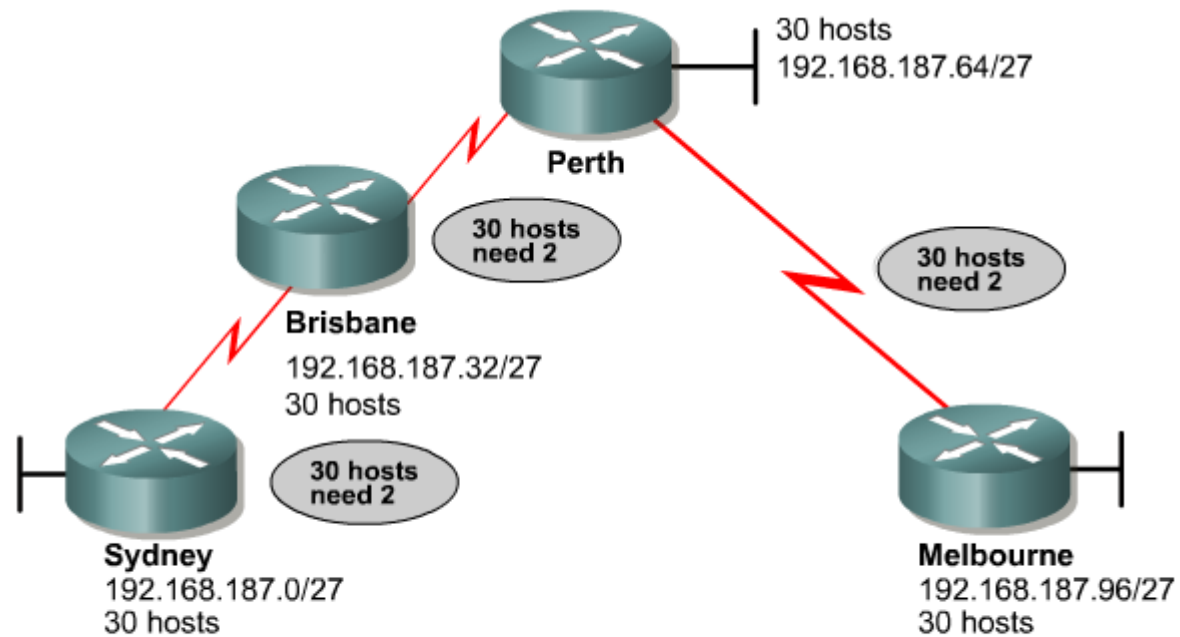
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# Results



# Example: Point-to-Point Links



Use VLSM on the point to point links to use only 2 valid host addresses instead of wasting 30.



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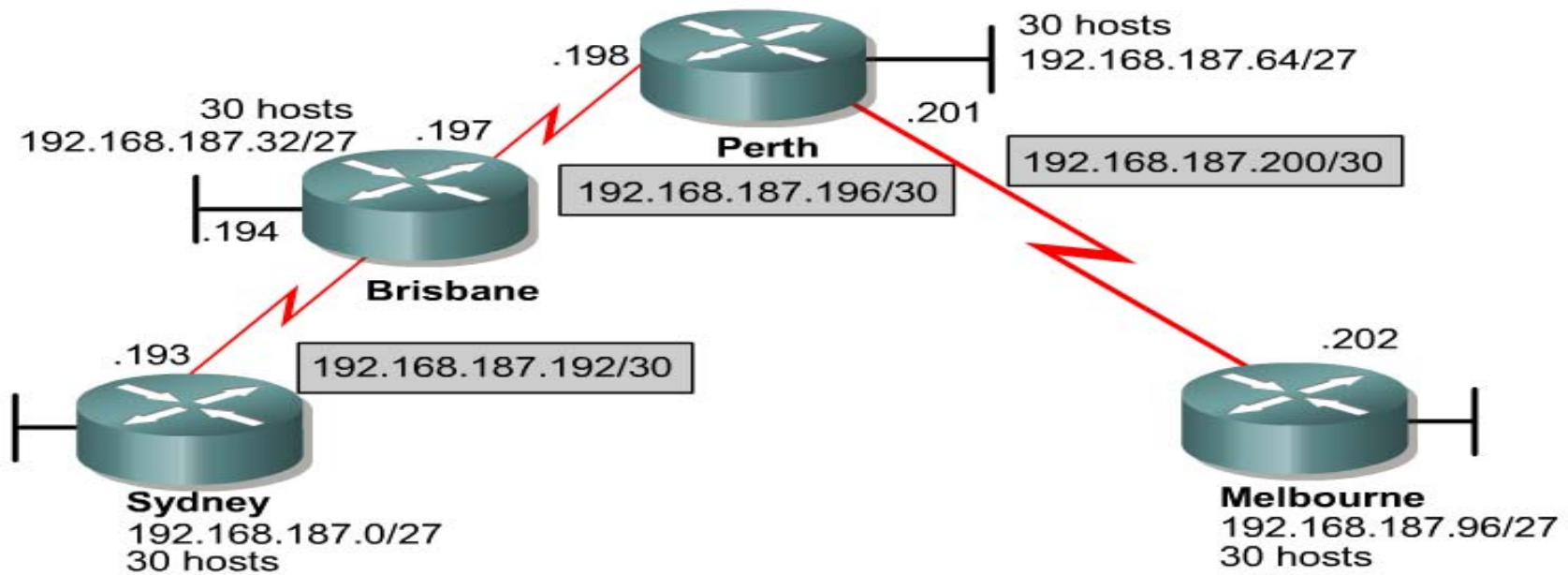
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subnet 3	192.168.187.96	/27
subnet 4	192.168.187.128	/27
subnet 5	192.168.187.160	/27
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subnet 7	192.168.187.224	/27

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<b>sub-subnet 0</b>	<b>192.168.187.192</b>	<b>/30</b>
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<b>sub-subnet 2</b>	<b>192.168.187.200</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>sub-subnet 3</b>	<b>192.168.187.204</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>sub-subnet 4</b>	<b>192.168.187.208</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>sub-subnet 5</b>	<b>192.168.187.212</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>sub-subnet 6</b>	<b>192.168.187.216</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>sub-subnet 7</b>	<b>192.168.187.220</b>	<b>/30</b>

- **Subnet 6 divided to sub-subnets**

# Example: Point-to-Point Links



Notice the /27 mask for the LANs and the /30 mask for the serial links.