

A close-up photograph of a network switch or patch panel. The device is light-colored with multiple rows of blue RJ45 ports. Numerous bright yellow Ethernet cables are plugged into the ports, creating a dense array of connections. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the network infrastructure.

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Understanding RPKI Routing:
Enhancing Internet Security by
Using MikroTik RouterOSv7

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How was the Internet built?

Yes, it was done by **BGP Routing!**

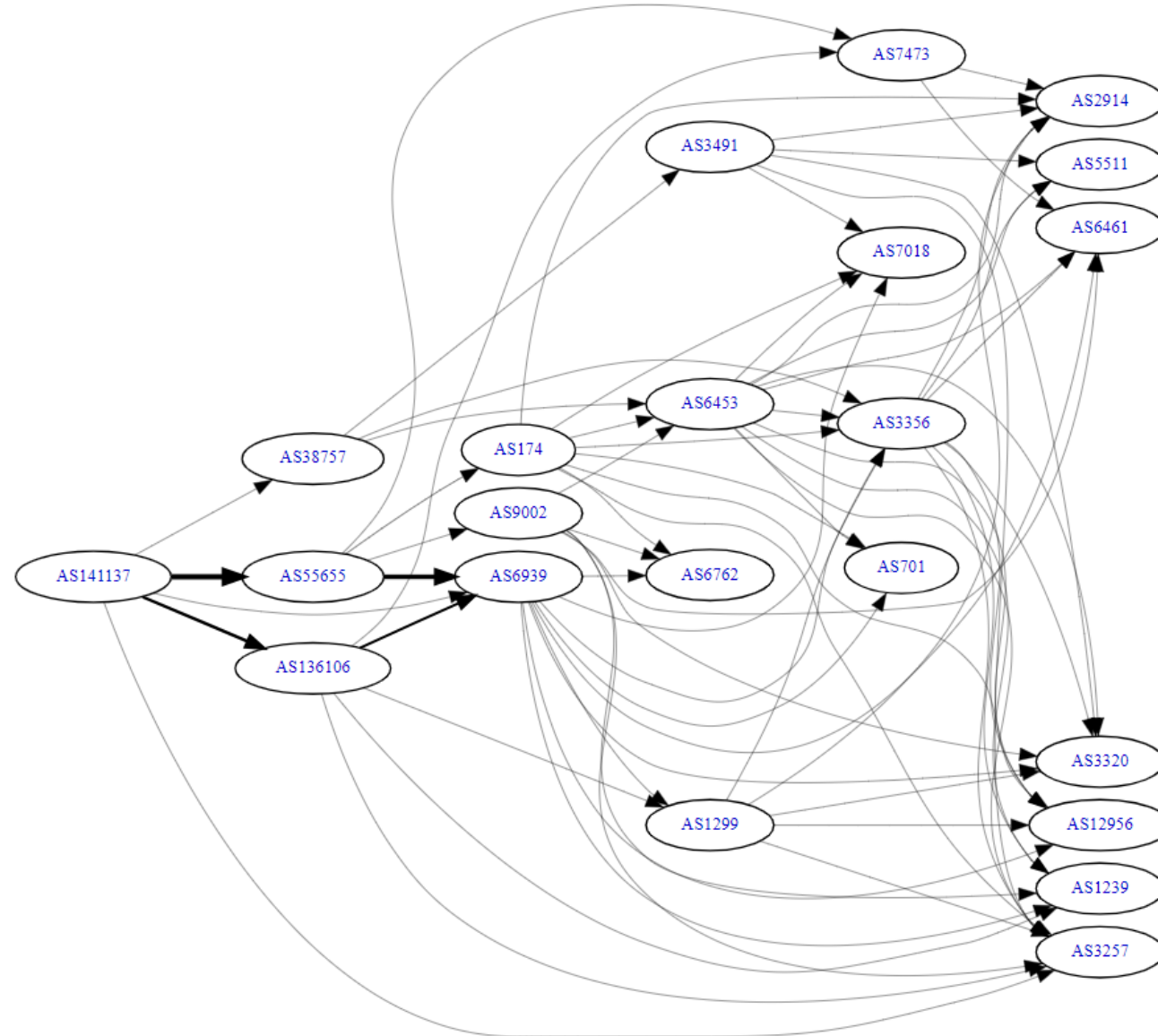
Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)

BGP is crucial for the proper functioning of the Internet, is used to exchange routing and reachability information between different autonomous systems (AS) on the Internet.

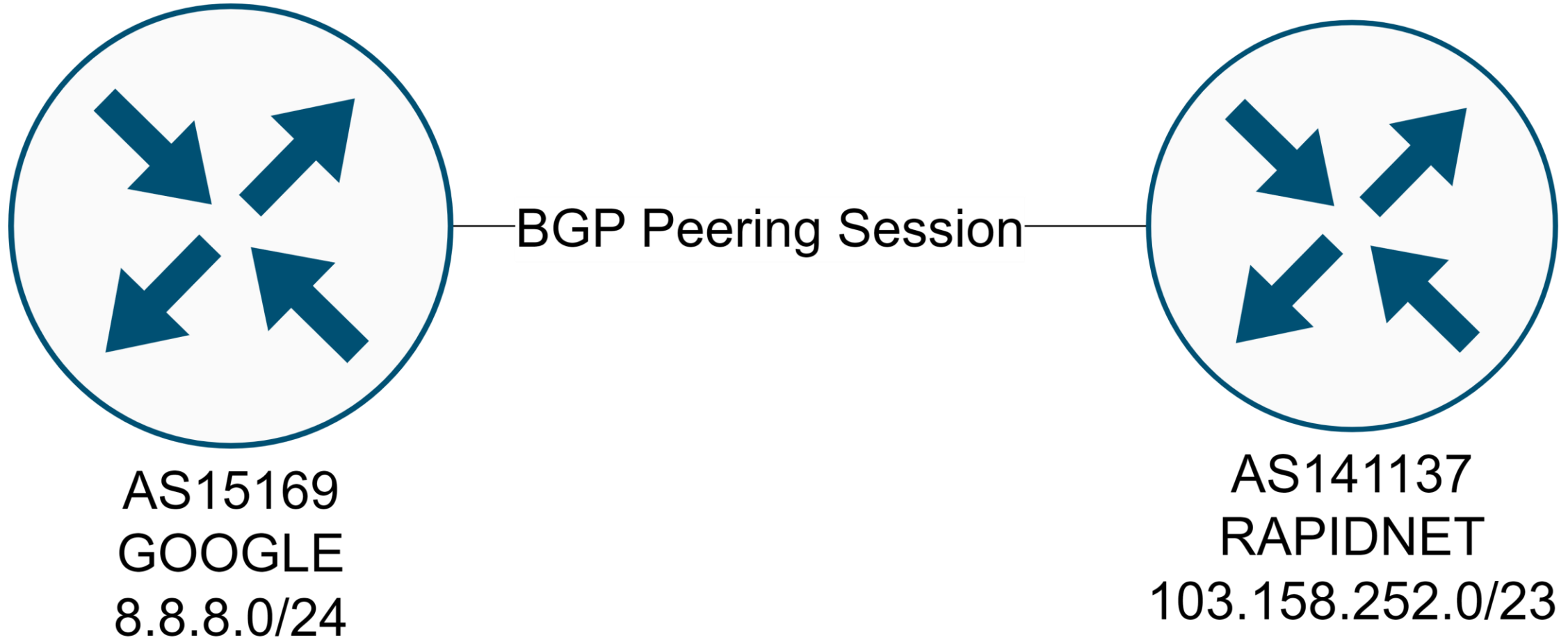
An autonomous system is a collection of IP networks and routers under the control of a single organization that presents a common routing policy to the Internet.

How BGP formed the Internet – bgp.he.net

AS141137 IPv4 Route Propagation



Each AS Number will advertise their networks



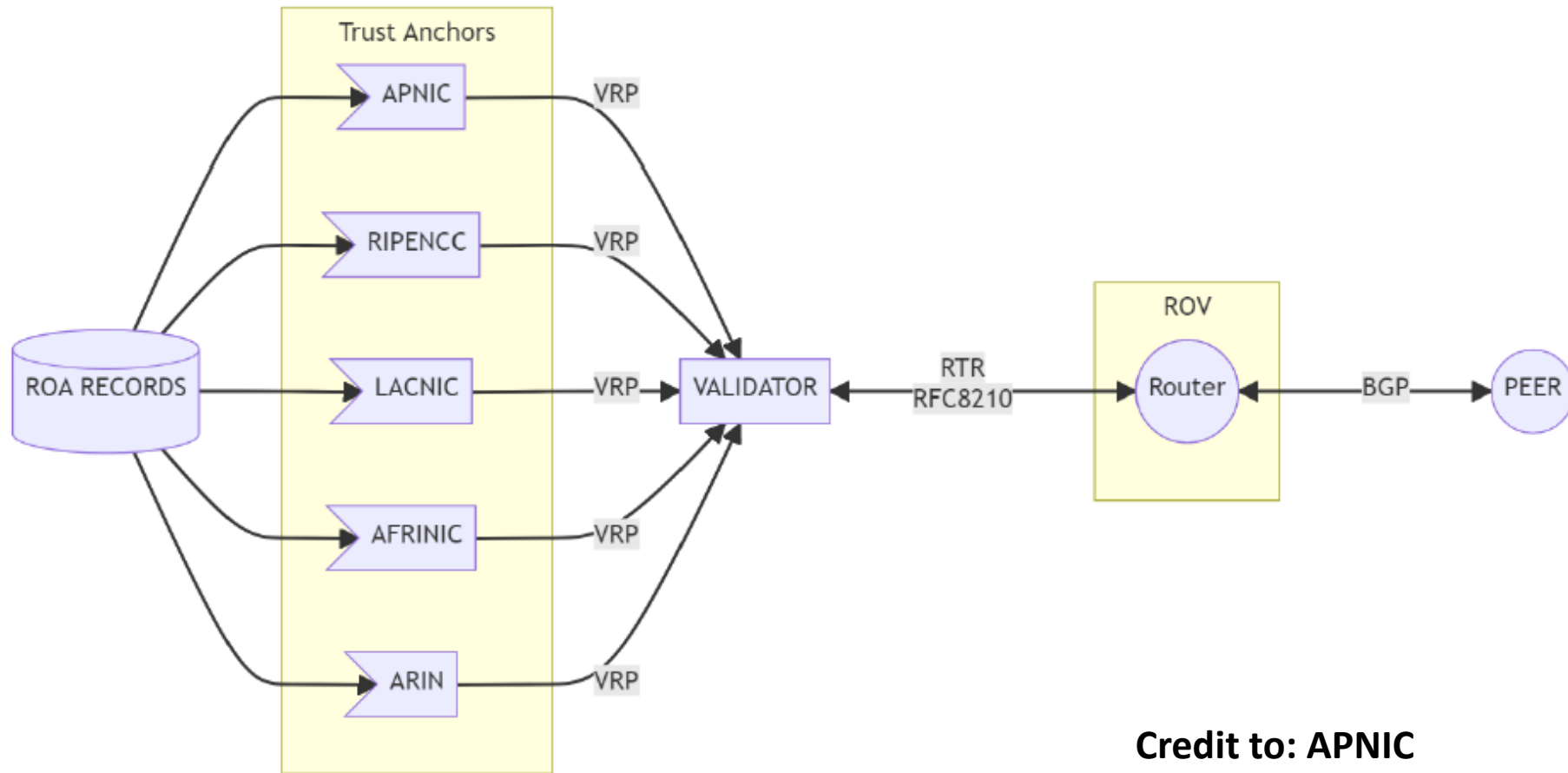
How we can **verify**
the prefix advertisement?

Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI)

also known as Resource Certification, is a specialized public key infrastructure (PKI) framework to support improved security for the Internet's BGP routing infrastructure.

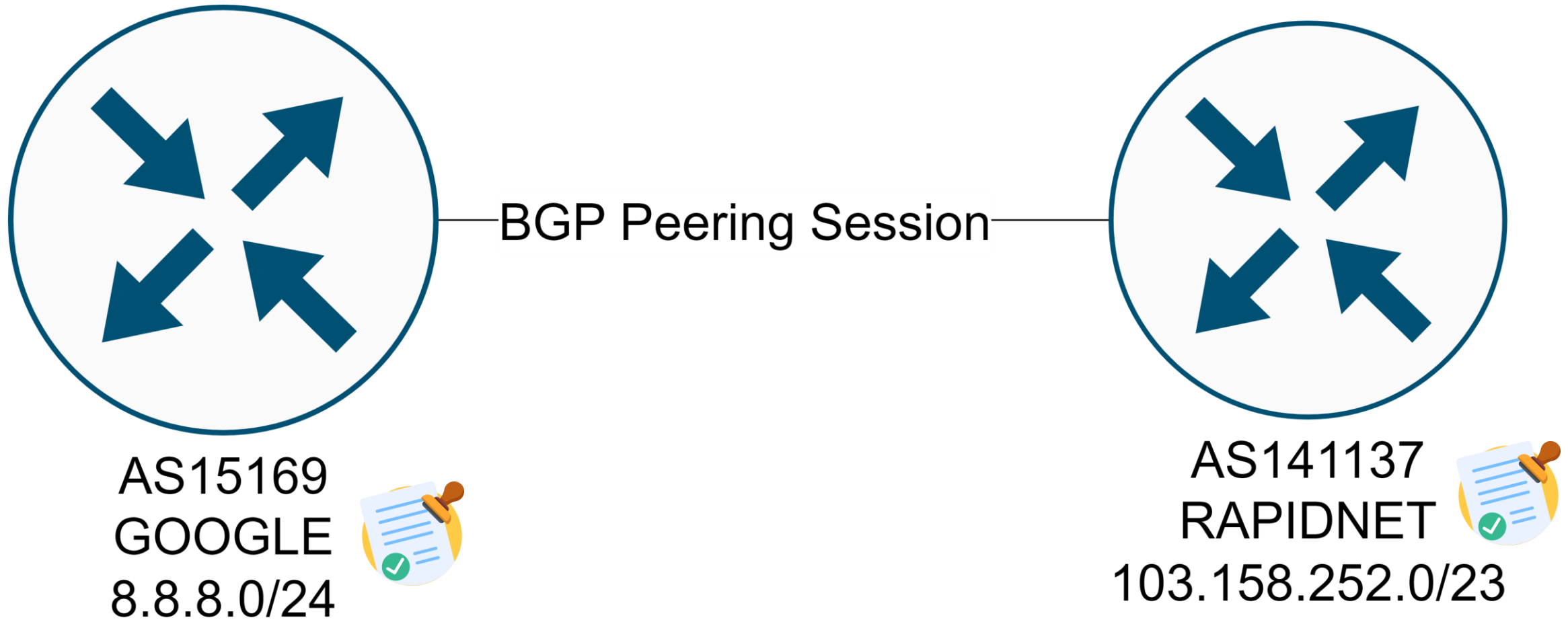
RPKI provides a way to connect Internet number resource information (such as Autonomous System numbers and IP addresses) to a trust anchor.

The Architecture



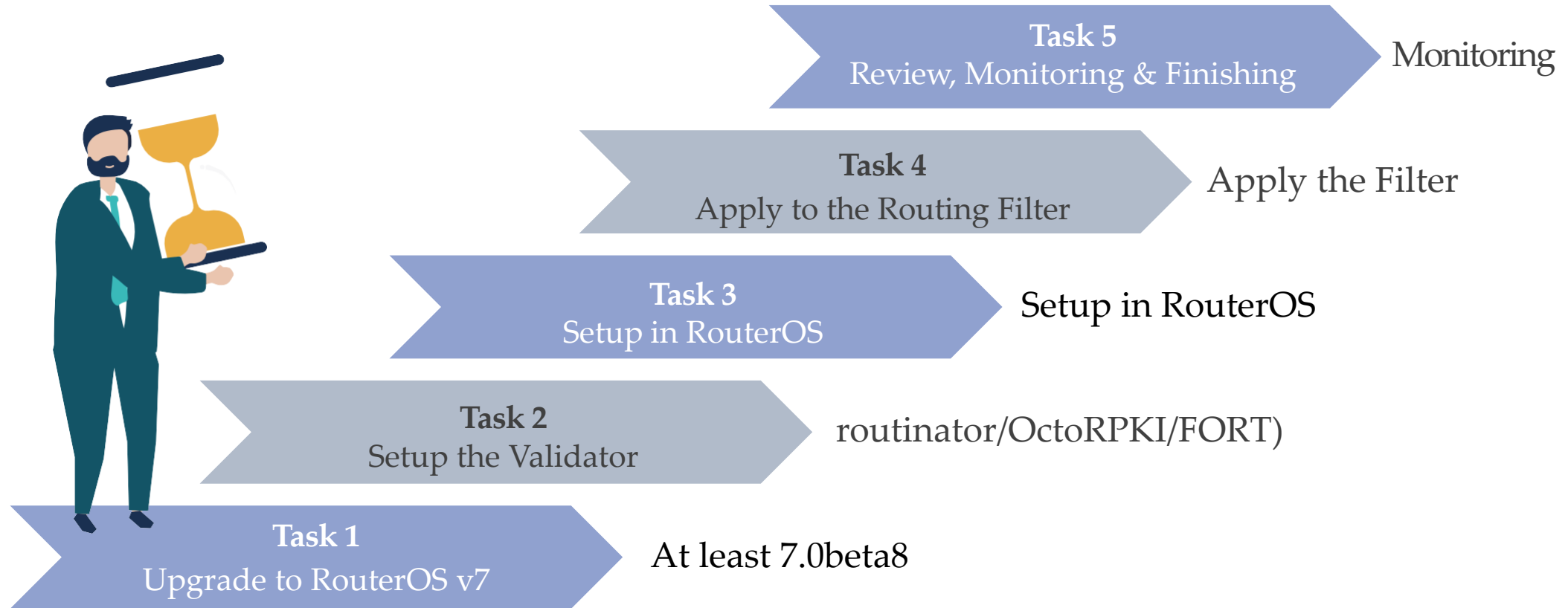
VRP = Validated Payload

BGP Advertisement with RPKI



The Prefix will be validated through the validator server and the TAL (Trust Anchor Locator)

Step by Step to Integrate with RouterOS



RPKI Release Note

RouterOS version 7.0beta8 has been released in public "development" channel!

What's new in 7.0beta8 (2020-Jun-4 15:04):

*) fixed CLI dependencies for routing menu;

What's new in 7.0beta7 (2020-Jun-3 16:31):

!) added Layer3 hardware offloading support for CRS317-1G-16S+RM more info here: [https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:C ... Offloading](https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:C...Offloading)

!) enabled BGP support with multicore peer processing (CLI only);

!) enabled RPKI support (CLI only);

!) ported features and fixes introduced in v6.47;

!) routing updates, complete status report: [https://help.mikrotik.com/docs/display/ ... col+Status](https://help.mikrotik.com/docs/display/...col+Status)

!) system kernel has been updated to version 5.6.3;

*) other minor fixes and improvements;

Setup the Validator



Can be installed in your Linux/UNIX server or any supported platform (need to check one by one)



OctoRPKI



Setup the Validator – Routinator (example)

We can easily deploy the routinator using docker container (Linux Based)

```
sudo docker run -d --restart=unless-stopped --name routinator \  
  -p 3323:3323 \  
  -p 8323:8323 \  
  nlnetlabs/routinator
```

Or you can also deploy the routinator directly to your system :)

More info, <https://routinator.docs.nlnetlabs.nl/en/stable/installation.html>

Setup in RouterOS

```
/routing/rpki add  
address=$YOUR_VALIDATOR_SERVER_IP_ADDR  
disabled=no group=myRPKI port=3323
```

Setup in RouterOS

```
/routing/rpki rpki-check origin-as=141137  
prefix=103.158.252.0/23 group=myRPKI  
valid
```

```
/routing/rpki rpki-check origin-as=141138  
prefix=103.158.252.0/23 group=myRPKI  
invalid
```

Setup in RouterOS

- **valid** - database has a record and origin AS is valid.
- **invalid** - the database has a record and origin AS is invalid.
- **unknown** - database does not have information of prefix and origin AS.
- **unverified** - set when none of the RPKI sessions of the RPKI group has synced database. This value can be used to handle the total failure of the RPKI.

Apply the Routing Filter

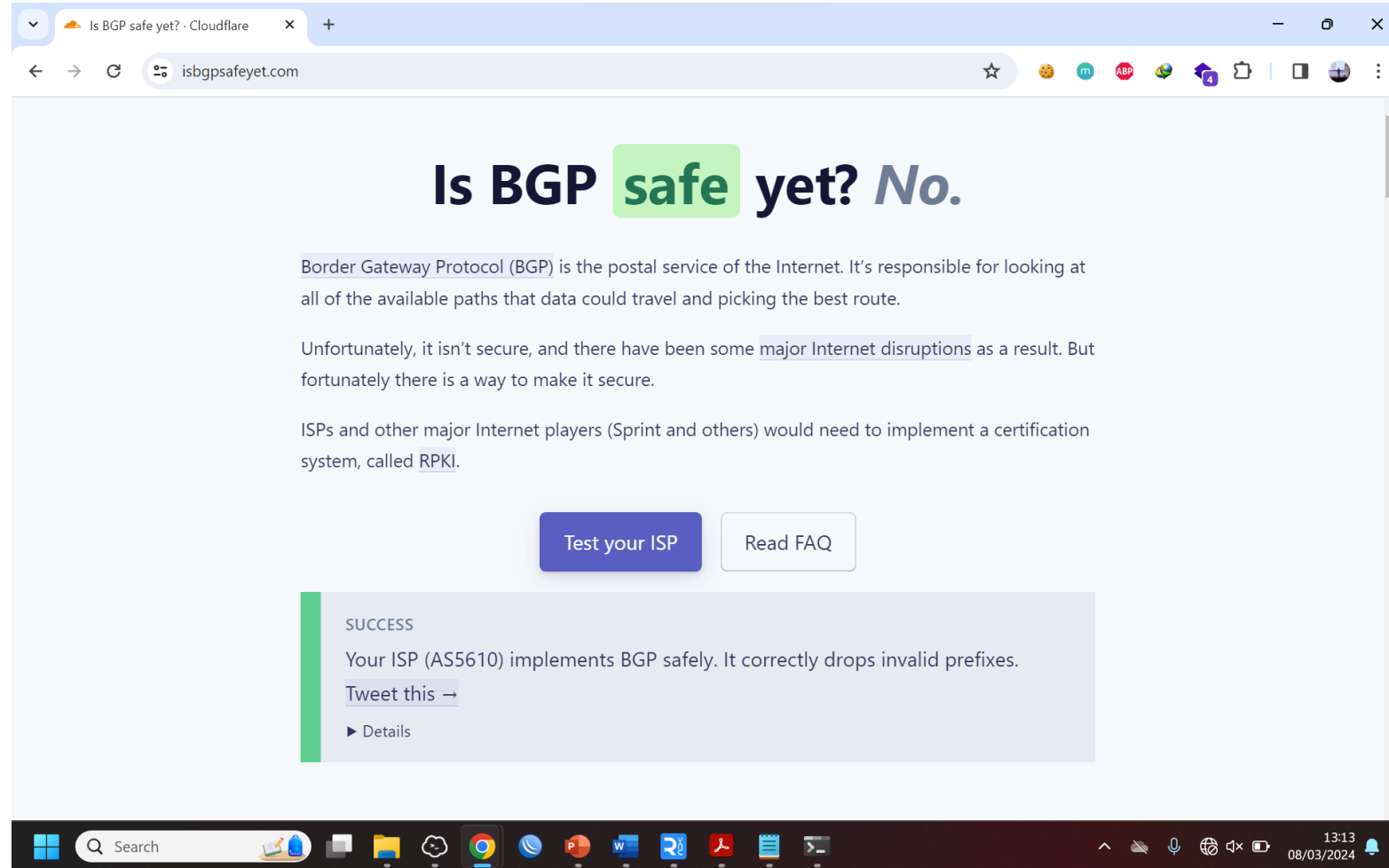
```
/routing/filter/rule
```

```
add chain=bgp_in rule="rpki-verify myRPKI"
```

```
add chain=bgp_in rule="if (rpki invalid) { reject } else { accept }"
```

In this case, I will totally reject the prefix, but you can also choose to reject or decrease the BGP local preference, or do anything else that you want.

Test & Monitoring – isbgpsafeyet.com



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `isbgpsafeyet.com`. The page content includes:

Is BGP **safe** yet? *No.*

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is the postal service of the Internet. It's responsible for looking at all of the available paths that data could travel and picking the best route.

Unfortunately, it isn't secure, and there have been some major Internet disruptions as a result. But fortunately there is a way to make it secure.

ISPs and other major Internet players (Sprint and others) would need to implement a certification system, called RPKI.

Two buttons are visible: "Test your ISP" (highlighted in blue) and "Read FAQ".

A success message is displayed in a light blue box:

SUCCESS
Your ISP (AS5610) implements BGP safely. It correctly drops invalid prefixes.
[Tweet this →](#)
[▶ Details](#)

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 13:13 on 08/03/2024.

And also, do not forget to create the RPKI
ROA for your own prefix to avoid BGP
hijacking within your own network :)

RPKI Check



RPKI

Explore the Routing Security ecosystem



Statistics

Route Validator

BGP Routes

Resource Explorer

ASN:

141137

PREFIX:

Enter an IP prefix

PREFIX MATCH:

Exact Only

Less Specific

More Specific

ROA VALIDATION:

All

Valid

Invalid

None

BGP Routes

Valid
100%

ASN	Prefix	IP Family	ROA
AS141137	2406:c640::/32	IPv6	✓ Valid
AS141137	103.158.252.0/23	IPv4	✓ Valid
AS141137	103.158.252.0/24	IPv4	✓ Valid
AS141137	103.158.253.0/24	IPv4	✓ Valid

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<https://rpk.cloudflare.com/?view=validator>

Thanks! :)