



Segment Routing Simulation

By default, WAE Design creates and routes RSVP LSPs. However, you can create Segment Routing (SR) LSPs by changing the LSP Type property to SR. These SR LSPs use autoroute, forwarding adjacencies, and class-based forwarding, just like RSVP LSPs. Once the packet enters the tunnel, the different routing mechanisms determine the path. An RSVP LSP is first established along a path, with each node on the path accepting the reservation request and maintaining the reservation state. In contrast, SR LSPs rely on a segment list that is created at the LSP's source node (head-end). This segment list, which is stored in the packet (demand), directs the traffic over a series of configured node segments and interface segments. SR LSPs use IP routing (and thus, potentially ECMP) between segments.



Note WAE Design uses the terms *SR LSPs* that use *segment lists*, which contain *segment list hops*. In Cisco routing terminology, these terms are *SR tunnels* that use *segment ID (SID) lists*, which contain *SIDs*.

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SR LSP Segment Types

The segment list of an SR LSP contains one or more segment list hops, which can be nodes, interfaces, SR LSPs, or anycast groups.

To view a segment list, right-click an SR LSP and choose **Filter to Segment Lists**. You can then right-click the segment list and choose **Filter to Segment List Hops**.

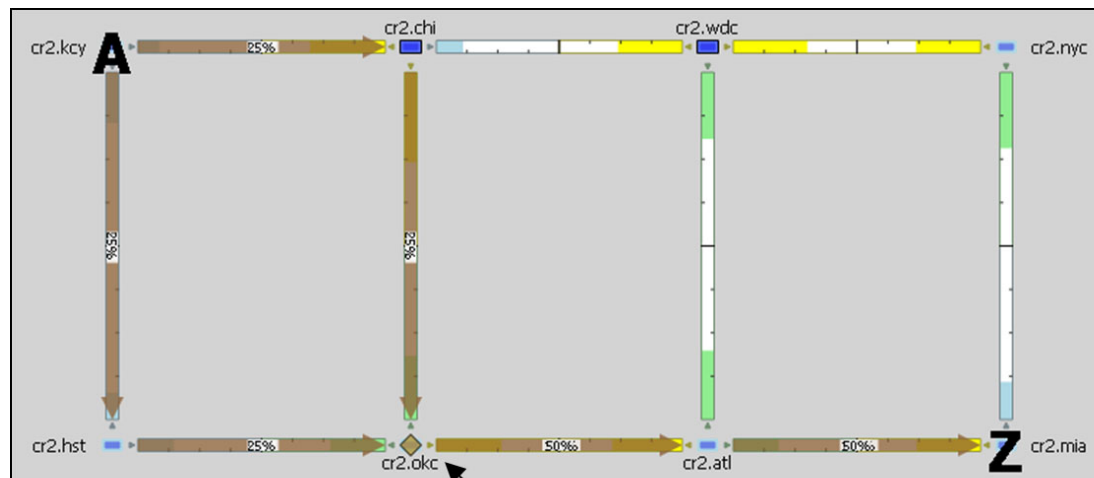


Note The process of creating and optimizing segment lists and their segment list hops can be automated using the SR-TE Optimization tool. For information, see [SR-TE Optimization](#). You can also create SR LSPs and their hops by optimizing bandwidth. For information, see [SR-TE Bandwidth Optimization](#).

Node Segment List Hops

When using node segment list hops, the SR LSP takes the shortest path to the specified node. [Figure 1: Example Node Segment List Hop, on page 2](#) shows an example SR LSP from cr2.kcy node to cr2.mia node using one node segment list hop, which is cr2.okc. Because the IGP metrics are equal, the traffic is routed using ECMP to reach okc.

Figure 1: Example Node Segment List Hop



Node Segment List Hop

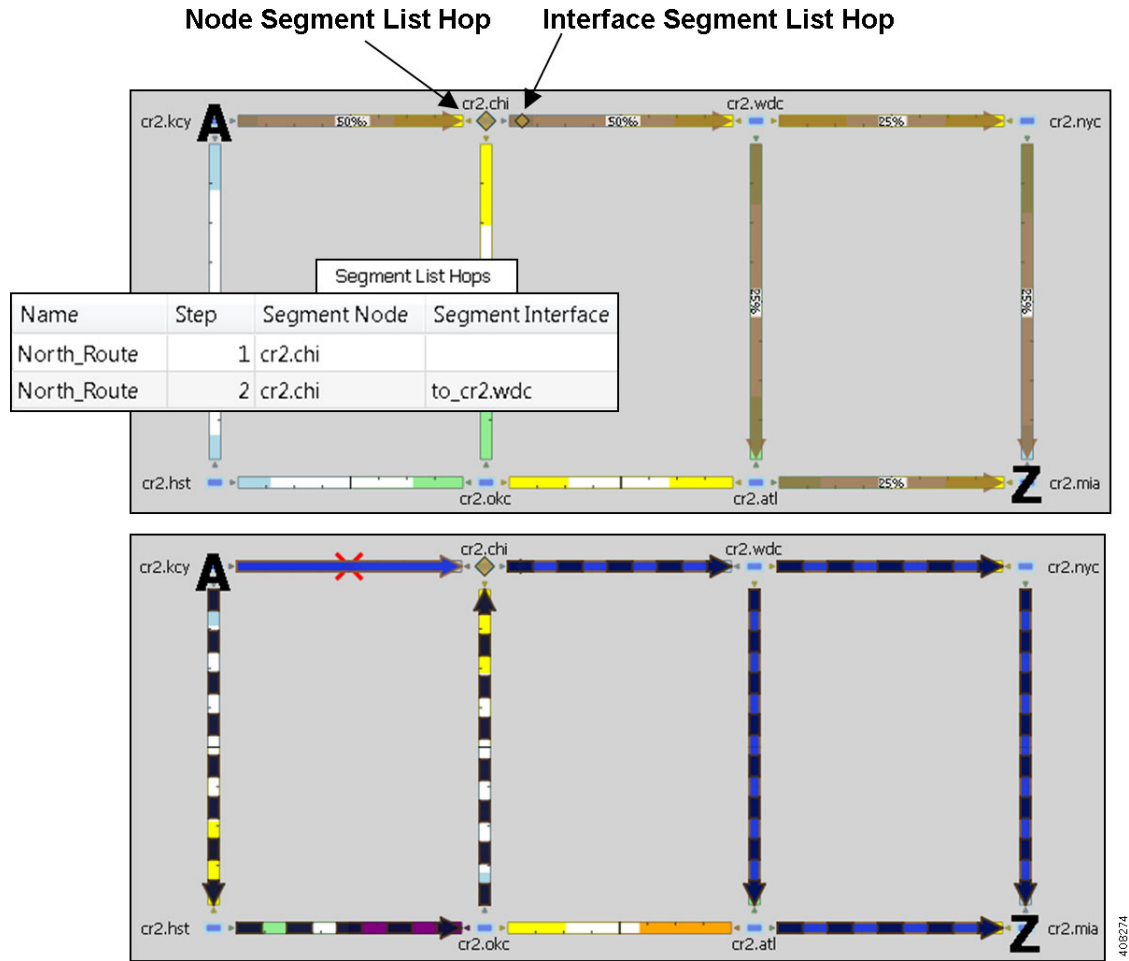
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Interface Segment List Hops

On routers, interfaces can only be used in segment lists if the previous segment list hop is the node containing the interface, or if the interface is the egress of the source node. In WAE Design, there is no restriction that an interface segment list hop be local. There is no requirement that the segment list contain a preceding segment to the node containing the interface.

[Figure 2: Example Interface Segment List Hop, on page 3](#) shows an example of an interface segment list hop from cr2.chi to cr2.wdc. To ensure the path reaches cr2.chi (the node the packet must reach to use this interface segment list hop), a node segment list hop is configured first to reach chi. This figure also shows how a demand through an SR LSP reroutes when a node fails. The demand uses IGP to route around the failure and back to the segment, if possible.

Figure 2: Example Interface Segment List Hop



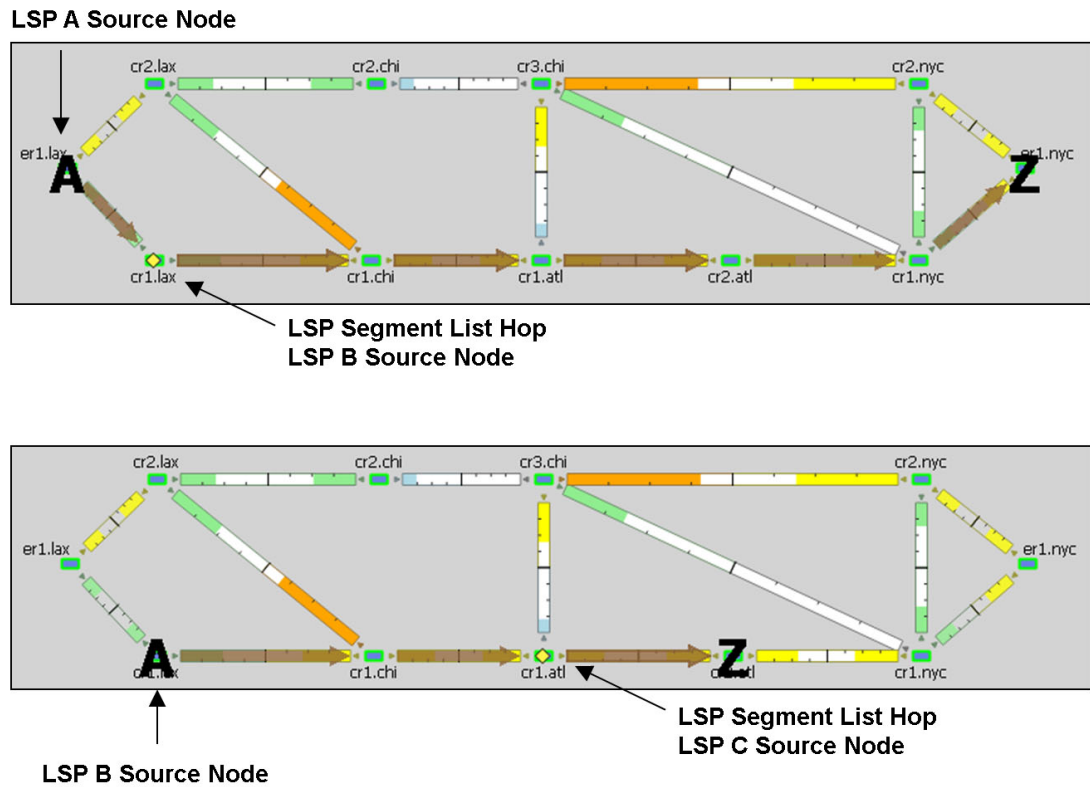
LSP Segment List Hops

SR LSPs can use other SR LSPs as segment list hops, and in turn, these SR LSPs segment list hops can contain other SR LSPs as segment list hops. Two rules apply:

- The LSP segment list hop must be an SR LSP, not RSVP LSP.
- An LSP segment list hop cannot reference another SR LSP that directly or indirectly references it. For example, if the segment for SR LSP A contains SR LSP B as a segment list hop, SR LSP B cannot contain SR LSP A as a segment list hop.

If a selected SR LSP contains an LSP segment list hop that contains yet another LSP segment list hop, only the top-level LSP segment list hop is identified by the yellow diamond icon. The destination of an LSP segment list hop is not identified. For example, [Figure 3: Example LSP Segment List Hop, on page 4](#) shows that LSP A (from er1.lax to er1.nyc) contains an LSP B segment list hop, whose source node is cr1.lax. By deselecting LSP A and then selecting LSP B, you see that LSP B also contains an LSP segment list hop, which is LSP C whose source node is cr1.atl.

Figure 3: Example LSP Segment List Hop



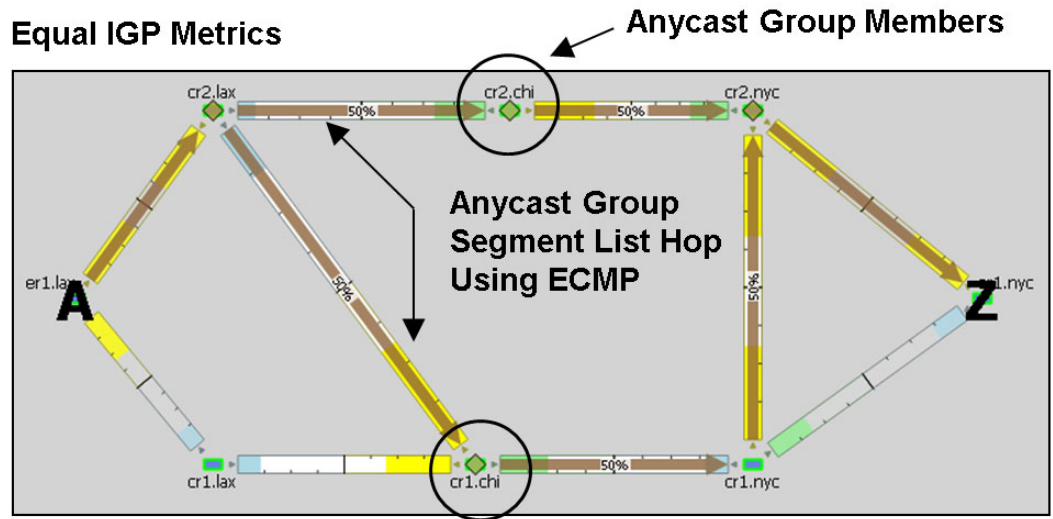
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Anycast Group Segment List Hops

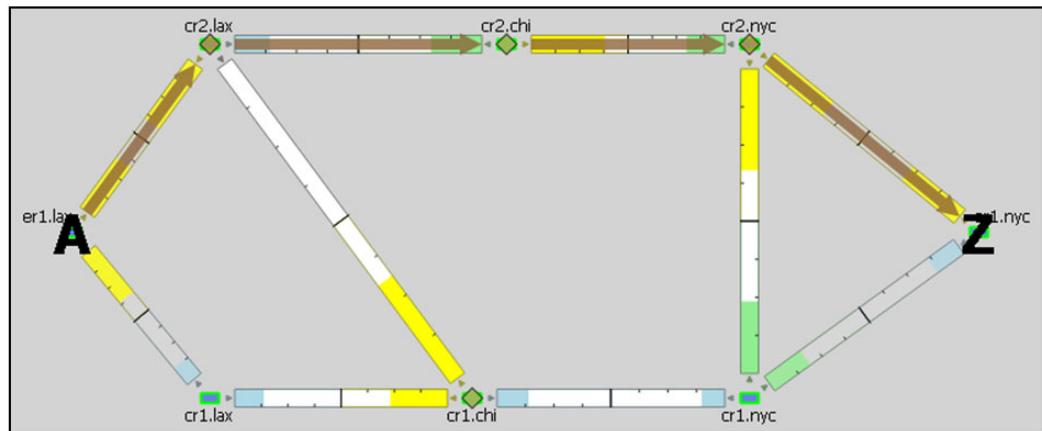
An SR LSP routes through the node in an anycast group segment list hop that has the shortest path to it. In case of a tie between multiple nodes in an anycast group, ECMP is applied. This mechanism lets you impose routing restrictions in terms of potential intermediate segment destinations. It also lets the SR LSP choose among the possible next hops (next segment list hops), potentially reducing latency and improving load balancing.

Figure 4: Example Anycast Group Segment List Hop, on page 5 shows an example of anycast group nodes cr2.chi and cr1.chi. In one instance, the IGP metrics to those nodes have equal IGP metrics, so the SR LSP uses ECMP to route through both of them. When the IGP metric increases from cr2.lax to cr1.chi, the SR LSP routes only through cr2.chi because it has the shortest path. However, as Figure 5: Example Anycast Group Rerouting Around Failure, on page 6 shows, if a failure prevents the shortest path from being used, the SR LSP can still route through the anycast group using the next-highest cost path.

Figure 4: Example Anycast Group Segment List Hop

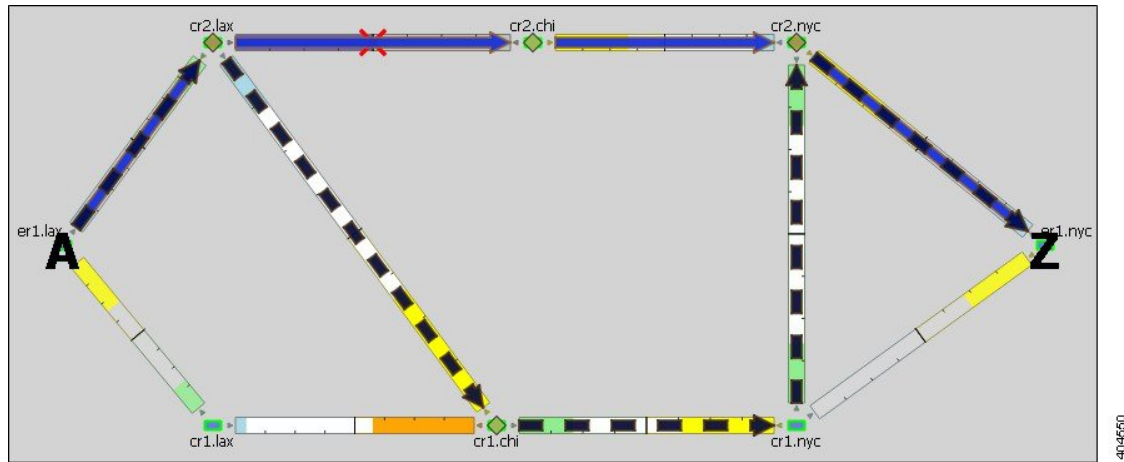


SR LSP Route Based on Anycast Group Node with Shortest Path



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Figure 5: Example Anycast Group Rerouting Around Failure



SR LSP Paths

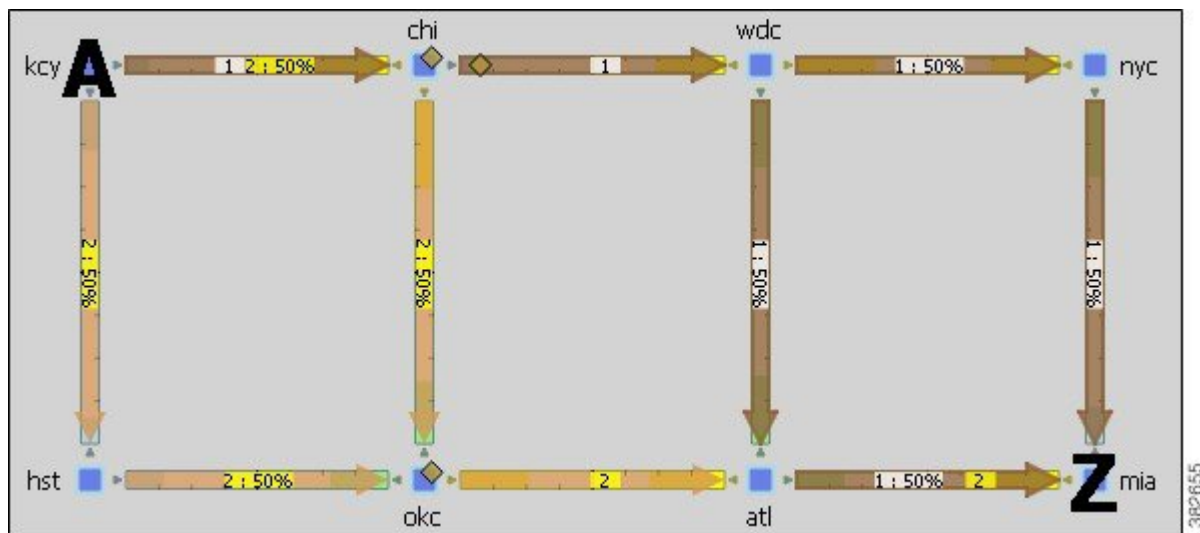
SR LSPs can have multiple LSP paths, where each LSP path has its own segment list. There is no distinction between standby and non-standby LSP paths for SR LSPs.



Note If both the SR LSP and its SR LSP paths have segments, the segments on the LSP paths override those on the SR LSP.

Figure 6: Example SR LSP Paths, on page 6 shows an SR LSP from kcy to mia that has a primary and a secondary path. The primary path is configured with a chi node segment list hop and chi-to-wdc interface segment list hop, and the secondary path is configured with a node segment list hop in okc. This can be seen by selecting the LSP paths individually from the LSP Paths table.

Figure 6: Example SR LSP Paths



SR LSP Routing

Assuming the common LSP mechanisms such as autoroute and forwarding adjacencies have determined that a demand will enter an SR LSP, the LSP traffic is routed as follows. If the destination node or segment list hops are not reachable, the SR LSP is not established.



Note The process of creating final segment list hops can be automated using the [Traffic Demand Modeling](#) tool.

- If the SR LSP does not have a segment list, the demand is routed via IGP to the destination node.
If the SR LSP has a segment list, the demand is routed using the segment list hops within the segment list in the sequential order in which they appear.
- If it is using a node segment list hop, the demand takes the shortest path to that node.
If it is using an interface segment list hop, the demand takes the shortest path of the source node of that interface, and then routes to that interface's destination node.
If it is using an anycast group segment list hop, the demand routes through the node with the shortest path. In case of a tie between multiple nodes in an anycast group, the SR LSP uses ECMP to route.
- If you select both a node and an anycast group containing that node when creating the segment list hop, the node segment has precedence.
- If the SR LSP contains LSP paths, the demand is routed on the LSP path with the lowest path option for which the demand can be routed from source to destination. Demands for SR LSP paths route in the same manner as described above for SR LSPs.
- If the SR LSP contains multiple SR Candidate paths, the demand is routed on the LSP path with the highest preference option for which the demand can be routed from source to destination. Demands for SR LSP paths route in the same manner as described above for SR LSPs.
- If the demand cannot be routed on the segments defined in the SR LSP or its LSP paths (for example, because of a failure in a node segment list hop), the demand is routed to the destination using the IGP shortest path.
- If a hop (nodes, interfaces, LSPs, or anycast groups) contains a segment ID (SID), the segment list hop inherits that SID.

Inter-AS SR LSP Routing

SR LSPs with source and destination nodes in different ASes can route provided the following hop configurations exist:

- There is a node segment list hop on the border of the AS that the LSP is exiting. This node is the exit node.
- One of these hops exists:
 - A node segment list hop exists on the first node traversed in another AS. This node is the entry node. If there are multiple peering interfaces, their metrics determine which one the LSP uses.

- An interface segment list hop connects the exit node of one AS to an entry node in another AS.

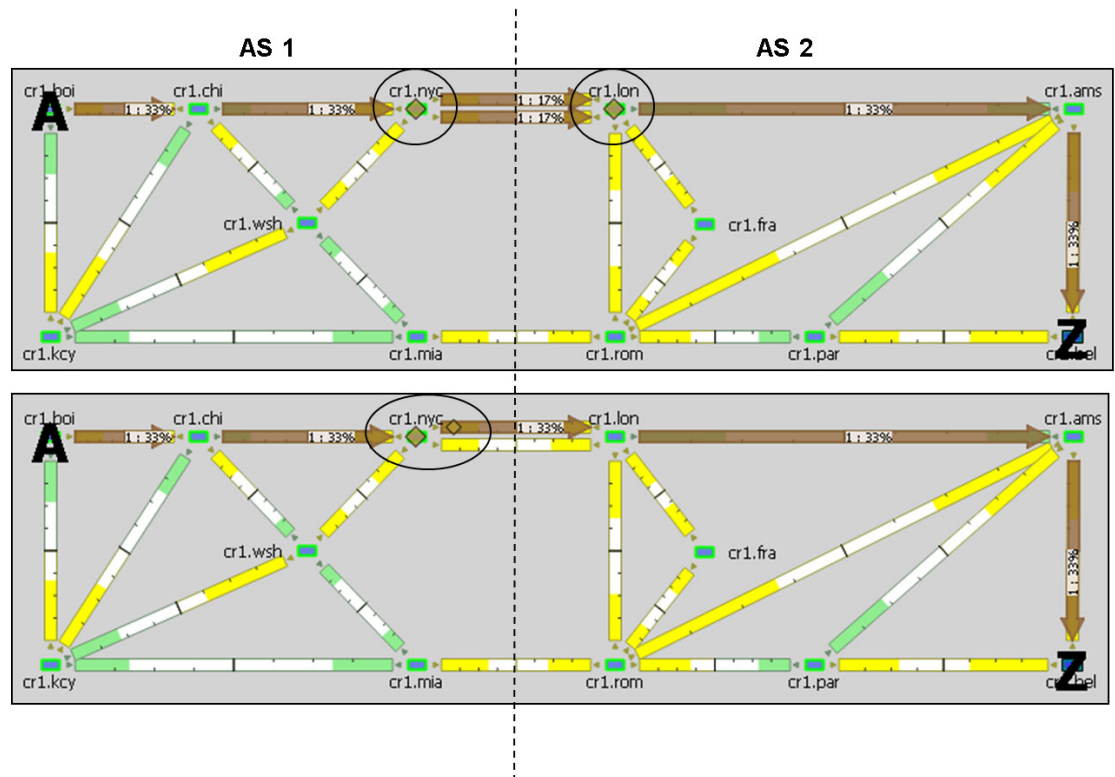
Figure 7: Segment List Hops Define Exit and Entry Points Across AS, on page 8 shows an example of each of the preceding configurations. Both networks show two ASes, and both show a node segment list hop on cr1.nyc, which is the node from which the LSP is exiting AS 1. The top half shows the cr1.lon node, the entry node to AS 2, as the next segment list hop. The lower half shows the cr1.nyc-to-cr1.lon interface, which connects the exit node in AS 1 to an entry node in AS 2, as the next segment list hop.

Without these conditions being met, SR LSPs cannot route across AS boundaries. For example, Figure 8: Inter-AS SR LSP Routing Requires Correct AS Exit and Entry Hops, on page 9 shows an SR LSP with the proper node segment list hop set on cr1.mia (exit node of AS 1), but it does not route because the next segment list hop (cr1.par) is not the first node in AS 2 that this LSP would traverse. By adding a node segment list hop on cr1.rom, the SR LSP can route across the ASes.

Using demands with inter-AS SR LSPs requires that two conditions be met:

- The demand must be private to the SR LSP. For information on creating private LSPs, see MPLS Simulation.
- The demand must have the same source and destination as the SR LSP.

Figure 7: Segment List Hops Define Exit and Entry Points Across AS



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Creating Segment Lists

You can create segment lists and destination segment lists hops automatically using the Explicit LSP Paths initializer. This initializer creates as few segment list node and interface hops as possible to route according to the options selected. The destination node of the LSP is added as the final segment list hop unless the final hop is a segment list interface hop that terminates on the destination node.

Step 1 Choose **Insert > LSPs > Segment List**, or right-click in the plot and choose **New > LSPs > Segment List**.

Step 2 Add the segment list hops in the order in which they are to be followed.

- To add a new segment list hop, select an existing hop (if applicable), and then click **Insert Before** or **Insert After** to determine where the new hop goes sequentially. Go to Step 2.
- To edit an existing segment list hop, select it from the list and then click **Edit**. Go to Step 2.
- To delete an existing segment list hop, select it from the list, click **Delete**, and then click **OK**. You need not continue.

Step	Node	Interface
1	cr2.sjc	
2	cr2.sjc	to_cr2.lax
3	cr1.hst	
4	cr1.hst	to_cr1.atl

Hop Specified by:

Site:

Node:

Interface:

LSP:

Anycast Group:

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Step 3 To continue creating or editing a segment, use the following options and then click **OK**. As needed, choose the site, node, interface, or anycast group.

Note Interface segment list hops must be the egress interface of a node segment list hop.

- If the node or source node (for interfaces and LSPs) is within a site, first choose the site.
- For node segment list hops, do not choose an interface.
- For interfaces and LSPs segment list hops, first choose the source node.
- For anycast group segment list hops, do not choose a site, node, or interface.

After the segment list is created, another way to manage segments is to double-click one from the Segment List Hops table. From there you can change the site, node, and interface, but not the sequence.

Creating Anycast Groups

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- Step 1** Choose **Insert > Anycast Group**, or right-click in the plot and choose **New > Anycast Group**.
- Step 2** Enter a unique name to identify the anycast group.
- Step 3** For each node you want to include in or exclude from the anycast group, check the **T** (true) or **F** (false) check box. Then click **OK**.
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SR-TE Protection

If the network contains a configurable topology-independent loop-free alternate (TI-LFA), you can simulate SR-TE tunnels before and after convergence.



Note To see the simulation before convergence, you must be in Fast Reroute mode (choose **Edit > Network Options**; in the Simulation Convergence Mode area, choose **Fast Reroute**). In IGP and LSP Reconvergence mode, you can only see the after-convergence routes.

SR-TE Tunnel Simulation Before Convergence

For each SR tunnel in a plan file, and for each SID in the path, WAE Design determines the no-failure route.

In a *normal path state*, WAE Design determines the no-failure route from segment list hop to segment list hop. Between segment list hops, WAE Design follows the IGP shortest path to the next segment list hop. At each interface along the path, if the connected circuit is down, WAE Design determines whether the next segment list hop is an interface or a node, and whether the SR tunnel is routable.

- If SR FRR is enabled for the interface in the Interfaces table, WAE Design configures the *protect path state*:
 - WAE Design derives the post-convergence path from the local node to the next SID hop with the subject circuit removed from the topology.
 - The next SID hop depends on the SID hop type. For an interface SID, the next hop is the remote node of that interface. For a node SID, the next hop is that node.
 - WAE Design follows the derived after-convergence path hop by hop until it reaches the next SID hop. (If a failure occurs along the way, the SR FRR and the SR LSP do not route.)
 - When WAE Design reaches the next SID hop, it returns to the normal path state and resumes following the no-fail path to the SID hop.
- If SR FRR is not enabled for the interface in the Interfaces table, the SR tunnel does not route.

SR-TE Tunnel Simulation After Convergence

WAE Design routes to each segment list hop through the IGP shortest path under all failure conditions.



Note An SR LSP might be routable before convergence through a TI-LFA, but unroutable after convergence.

Constraints

- In the Interfaces table, if SR FRR Enabled is T (true) for a given interface, all SR LSPs with a node or interface SID as the next hop are protected over that interface. If the SRR FRR Enabled is F (false), all SR LSP SIDs are unprotected over that interface.
- Protected versus unprotected adjacency SIDs are not supported. (All adjacency SIDs are considered protected.)
- WAE Design does not impose a limit on the TI-LFA path's label stack depth.
- WAE Design does not explicitly derive P and Q nodes, but instead derives a protect path that aligns with the after-convergence shortest path from the PLR to the next segment list hop.
- If any part of the TI-LFA path encounters a failure before reaching the next segment list hop, the TI-LFA path fails and the SR LSP does not route.