

# IPv6 Fundamentals Training Course

December 2024

# RIPE NCC Training Material



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09:00 - 09:30 Coffee, Tea

11:00 - 11:15 Break

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

15:30 - 15:45 Break

17:30 End

#### Introductions



- Name
- Experience with IPv6
- Goals

#### **Overview**



- IPv4?
- IPv6 Address Basics
- Getting it
- Exercise: Making Assignments
- IPv6 Protocol Basics
- Exercise: Addressing Plan
- IPv6 Packets
- Deploying
- Exercise: Configuring IPv6
- Real Life IPv6 Deployment
- Tips



**IPv4?** 

Section 1

### Reaching the next billion



- Around 5,385 billion Internet users now
  - around 67.9 % of all people in the world
- Phones, IP Cameras, "Smart" devices / Gateways are Internet devices
- The Internet of Things
  - How will the Internet look like in 5 10 years?

## The Internet of Things



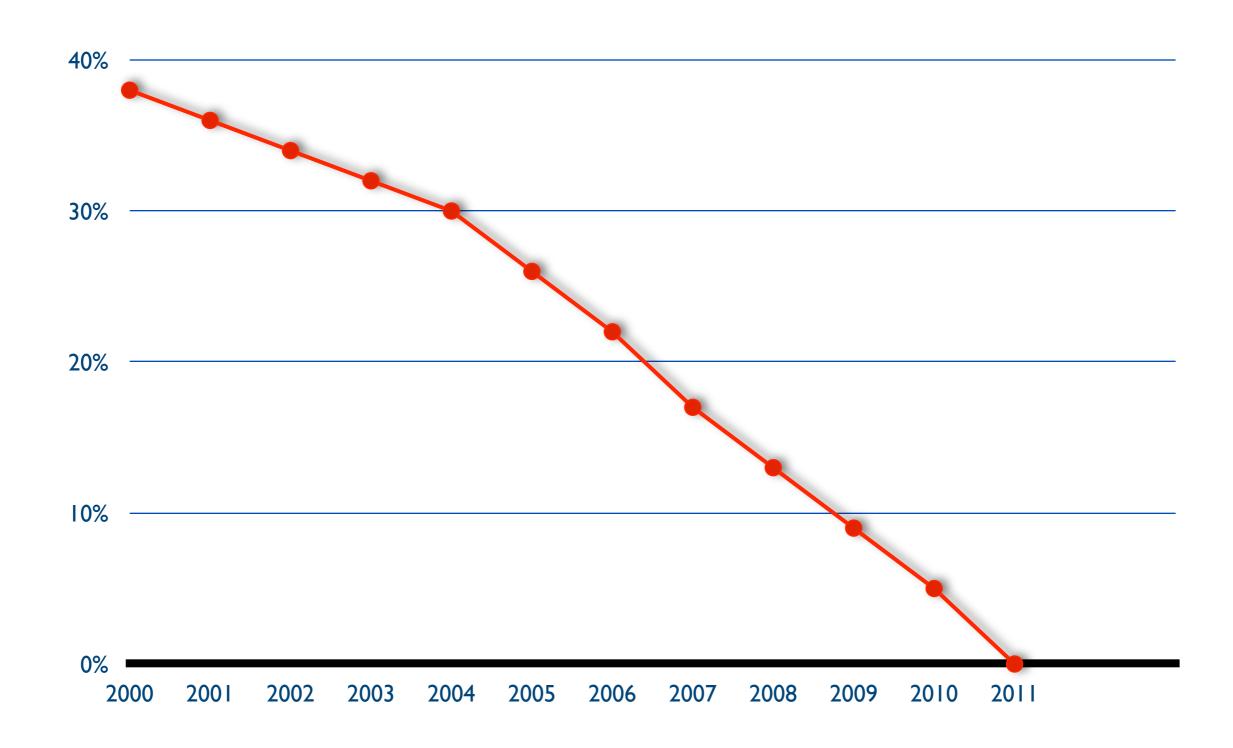
#### **Libelium Smart World**



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#### **IANA IPv4 Pool**





#### **IPv4 Exhaustion**



"On 14 September 2012, the RIPE NCC ran out of their regular pool of IPv4"



#### IPv4 run-out



"Today, at 15:35 (UTC+1) on 25 November 2019, we made our final /22 IPv4 allocation from the last remaining addresses in our available pool. We have now run out of IPv4 addresses."



# **Our Reality: The Waiting List**



- 1. Submit the IPv4 allocation request form at the LIR Portal (/24)
- 2. Wait



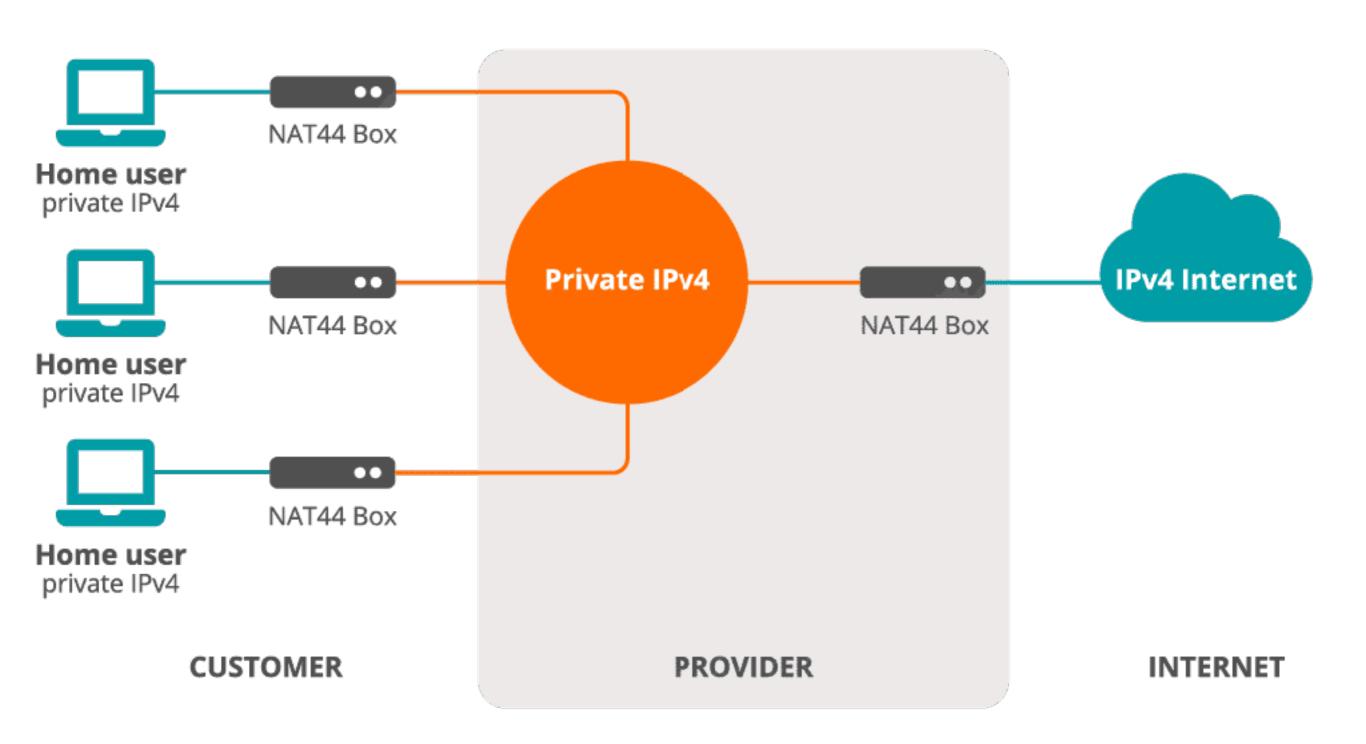
#### **Network Address Translation**



- Extends the capacity of the IPv4 address space by sharing an IPv4 address between clients
- Fairly common technology, used everywhere
- Breaks the end to end connectivity model
- It doesn't allow communication with IPv6!
- You are probably going to need it in some form

## Large Scale NAT





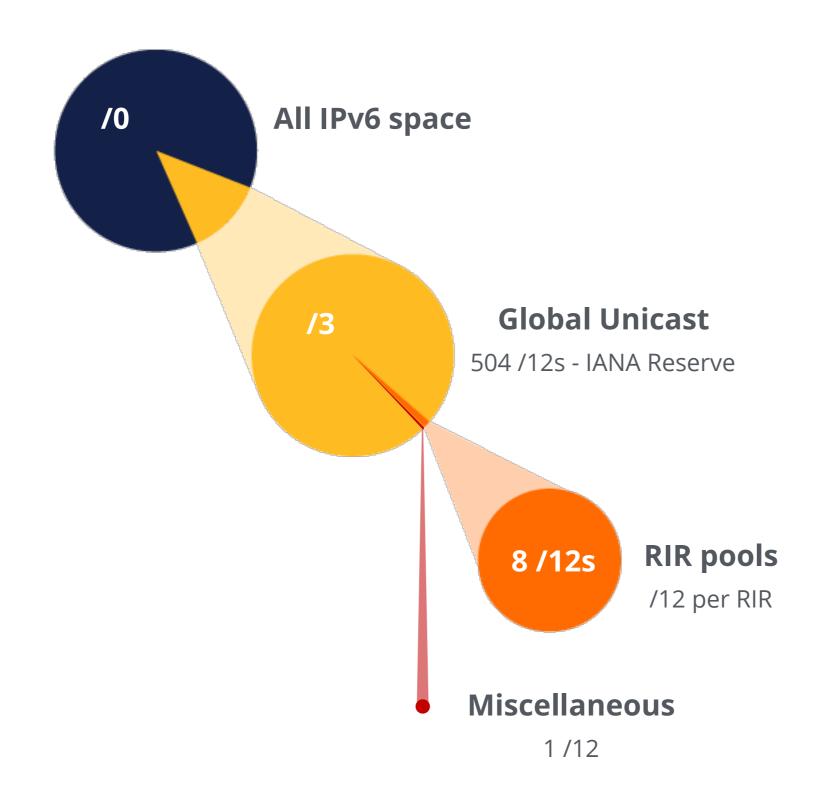


# **IPv6 Address Basics**

Section 2

#### **IP Address Distribution**





#### **RIR Pools**



October 2006

RIR	IPv6 Range	
AFRINIC	2C00:0000::/12	
APNIC	2400:0000::/12	
ARIN	2600:0000::/12	
LACNIC	2800:0000::/12	
RIPE NCC	2A00:0000::/12	

**June 2019** 

RIPE NCC 2A10:0000::/12
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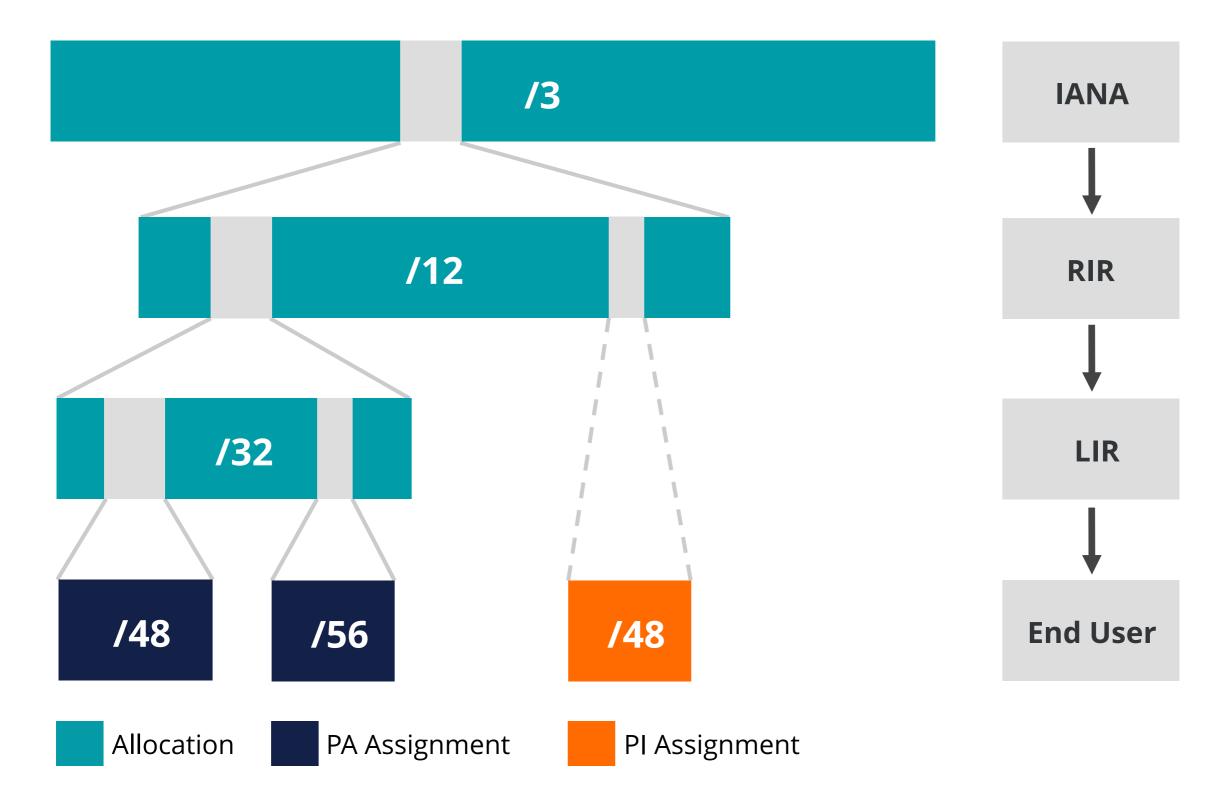
**November 2019** 

ARIN	2630:0000::/12	

**November 2024** 

#### **IP Address Distribution**





#### **IPv6 Address Basics**



- IPv6 address: 128 bits
  - 32 bits in IPv4
- Every subnet should be a /64
- Customer assignments (sites) between:
  - **/64** (1 subnet)
  - **/48** (65,536 subnets)
- Minimum allocation size /32
  - 65,536 /48s
  - 16,777,216 /56s

#### **Address Notation**



2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d

2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d

2001:db8:3e:ef11:0:0:c100:4d



# **IPv6 Subnetting**



2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:00 64 bits interface ID /64  $/60 = 16 \times /64$  $/56 = 256 \times /64$  $\frac{52}{4096} \times \frac{64}{4}$  $/48 = 65536 \times /64$  $/32 = 65536 \times /48$ 

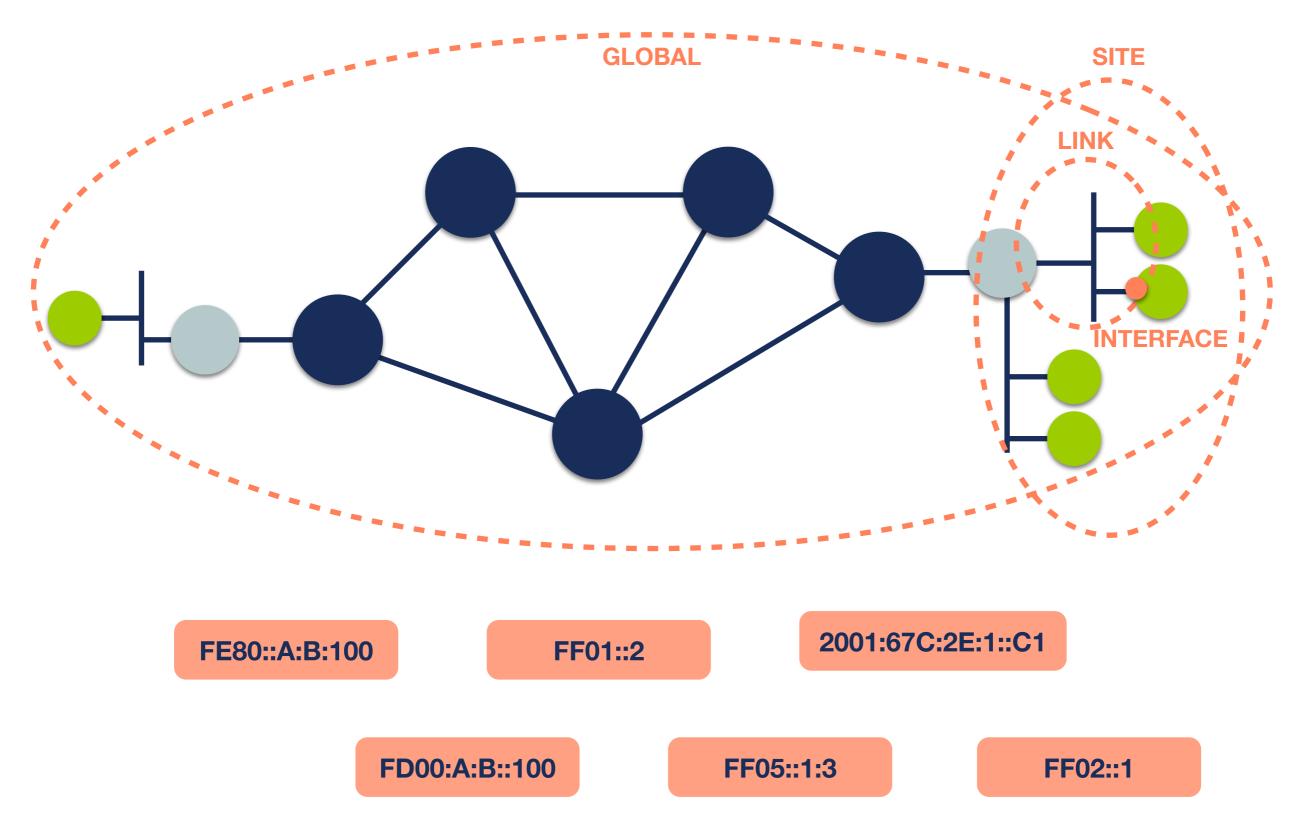
# Multiple address types



Addresses	Range	Scope
Unspecified	::/128	n/a
Loopback	::1	host
IPv4-Embedded	64:ff9b::/96	n/a
Discard-Only	100::/64	n/a
Link Local	fe80::/10	link
Global Unicast	2000::/3	global
Unique Local	fc00::/7	global
Multicast	ff00::/8	variable

# **IPv6 Address Scope**







# **IPv6 Address Notation**

Exercise

# Question #1

You have a /32 prefix starting with 2001:0db8.

How do you search for it in the RIPE Database?

- a. 2001:0db8
- b. 2001:0db8/32
- c. 2001:0db8::/32
- d. 2001:db8::/32



# Question #1 Answer

You have a /32 prefix starting with 2001:0db8.

How do you search for it in the RIPE Database?

a. 2001:0db8

b. 2001:0db8/32

c. 2001:0db8::/32

d. 2001:db8::/32



# Question #2

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0c50

a. 2001:0db8:0:0:0:0:0:0c50

b. 2001:0db8::0c50

c. 2001:db8::c50

d. 2001:db8::c5



# Question #2 Answer

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0c50

- a. 2001:0db8:0:0:0:0:0:0c50
- b. 2001:0db8::0c50
- c. 2001:db8::c50 \*
- d. 2001:db8::c5



# Question #3

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:b450:0000:0000:00b4

- a. 2001:db8::b450::b4
- b. 2001:db8::b450:0:0:b4
- c. 2001:db8::b45:0000:0000:b4
- d. 2001:db8:0:0:b450::b4



# Question #3 Answer

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:b450:0000:0000:00b4

- a. 2001:db8::b450::b4
- b. 2001:db8::b450:0:0:b4 \*
- c. 2001:db8::b45:0000:0000:b4
- d. 2001:db8:0:0:b450::b4



# Question #4

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:00f0:0000:0000:03d0:0000:00ff

a. 2001:0db8:00f0::3d0:0:00ff

b. 2001:db8:f0:0:0:3d0:0:ff

c. 2001:db8:f0::3d0:0:ff

d. 2001:0db8:0f0:0:0:3d0:0:0ff



# **Question #4 Answer**

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:00f0:0000:0000:03d0:0000:00ff

- a. 2001:0db8:00f0::3d0:0:00ff
- b. 2001:db8:f0:0:0:3d0:0:ff
- c. 2001:db8:f0::3d0:0:ff \*
- d. 2001:0db8:0f0:0:0:3d0:0:0ff



# Question #5

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d0:0000:00ff

- a. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d:0:ff
- b. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0:0:ff
- c. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0::ff
- d. 2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d::00ff



# **Question #5 Answer**

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

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- b. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0:0:ff \*
- c. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0::ff
- d. 2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d::00ff



# Question #6

How do you access your IPv6 web server at

2001:db8::8080 on port 8080 using a web browser?

- a. https://2001:db8::8080:8080
- c. https://[2001:db8::8080]:8080
- d. You cannot use the IPv6 address, you have to rely on DNS

# **Question #6 Answer**

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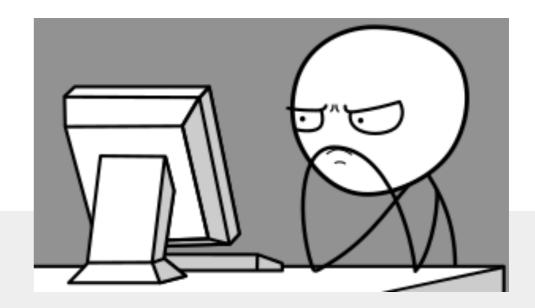
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- c. https://[2001:db8::8080]:8080
- d. You cannot use the IPv6 address, you have to rely on DNS

### **IPv6 Notation - RFC 5952**



For more information, please read RFC 5952:

"A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text Representation"



#### Link to the RFC:

https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc5952



# Questions





# Getting It

Section 3

## Getting an IPv6 allocation



- To qualify, an organisation must:
  - Be an LIR
  - Have a plan for making assignments within two years
- Minimum allocation size /32
  - Up to a /29 without additional justification
  - More if justified by customer numbers and network extension
  - Additional bits based on hierarchical and geographical structure, planned longevity and security levels

## **Customer Assignments**



- Give your customers enough addresses
  - Minimum /64
  - There is **no maximum assignment size**
- Keep good documentation in case of an audit or if you request a subsequent allocation
- Every assignment must be registered in the RIPE Database

# **Comparison IPv4 and IPv6 status**

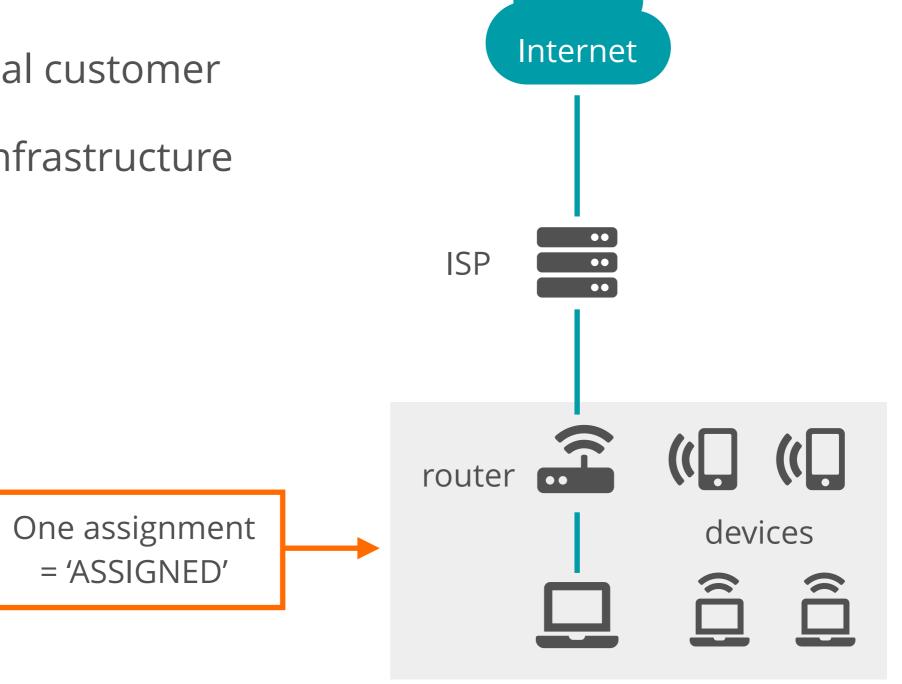


IPv4		IPv6
ALLOCATED PA	Allocation	ALLOCATED-BY-RIR
ASSIGNED PA	Assignment	ASSIGNED
AGGREGATED-BY-LIR	Group of Assignments	AGGREGATED-BY-LIR
SUB-ALLOCATED PA	Sub-Allocation	ALLOCATED-BY-LIR
ASSIGNED PI	PI Assignment	ASSIGNED PI

## **Examples ASSIGNED**



- One single network
- An individual customer
- Your own infrastructure



## **Using ASSIGNED**



- Represents one assignment
- Minimum assignment size is a /64



# **Using ASSIGNED - Example Object**



inet6num: 2001:db8:1000::/48

netname: CUSTOMER-NET

country: NL

admin-c: ADM321-RIPE

tech-c: NOC123-RIPE

status: ASSIGNED

mnt-by: LIR-MNT

created: 2015-05-31T08:23:35Z

last-modified: 2015-05-31T08:23:35Z

## **Examples AGGREGATED-BY-LIR**



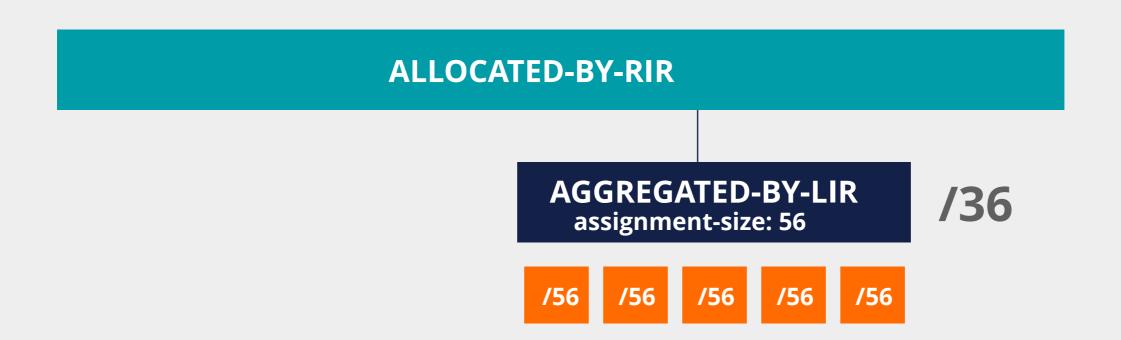
- Group of customers
- Same assignment size



## **Using AGGREGATED-BY-LIR**



- Can be used to group customers
  - For example: Residential broadband customers
- "assignment-size:" = assignment of each customer



## **Using AGGREGATED-BY-LIR - Example**



inet6num: 2001:db8:1000::/36

netname: DSL-Broadband-Pool

country: NL

admin-c: ADM321-RIPE

tech-c: NOC123-RIPE

status: AGGREGATED-BY-LIR

assignment-size: 56

mnt-by: LIR-MNT

notify: noc@example.net

created: 2015-05-31T08:23:35Z

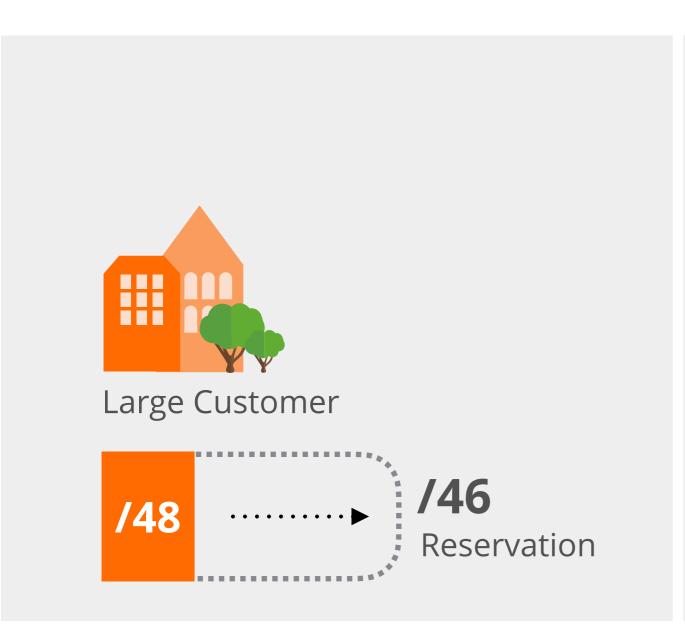
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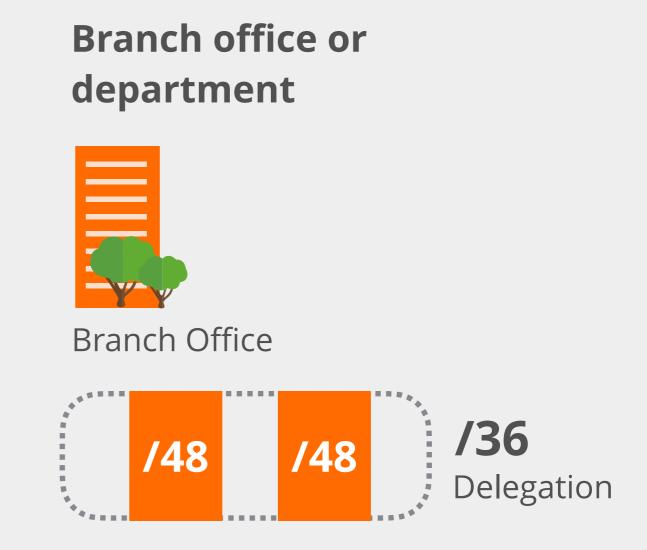
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## **Examples ALLOCATED-BY-LIR**



#### Reservation for a large customer



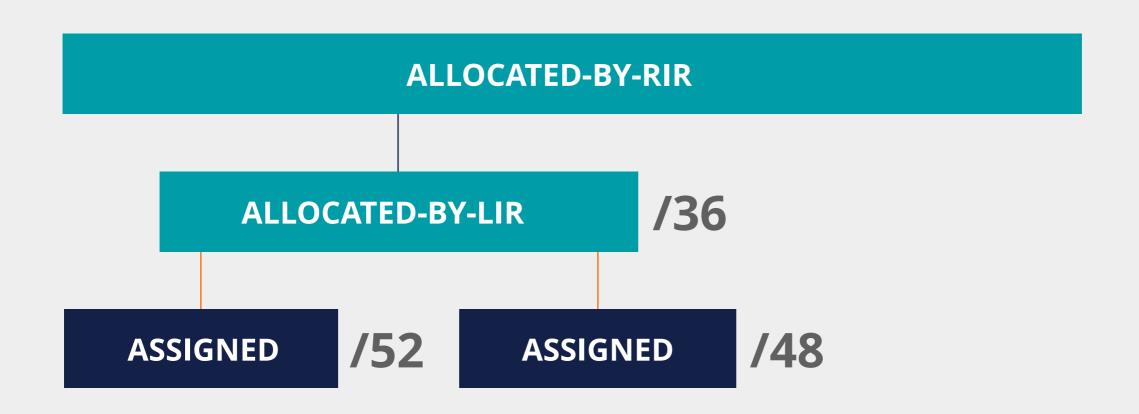


## **Using ALLOCATED-BY-LIR**



Can be used for customers with potential for growth

- Or for your own infrastructure
- Or to delegate address space to a downstream ISP



## **Using ALLOCATED-BY-LIR - Example**



inet6num: 2001:db8:50::/44

netname: Branch-Office-Network

country: NL

admin-c: ADM321-RIPE

tech-c: NOC123-RIPE

status: ALLOCATED-BY-LIR

mnt-by: LIR-MNT

mnt-lower: BRANCH-OFFICE-MNT

notify: noc@example.net

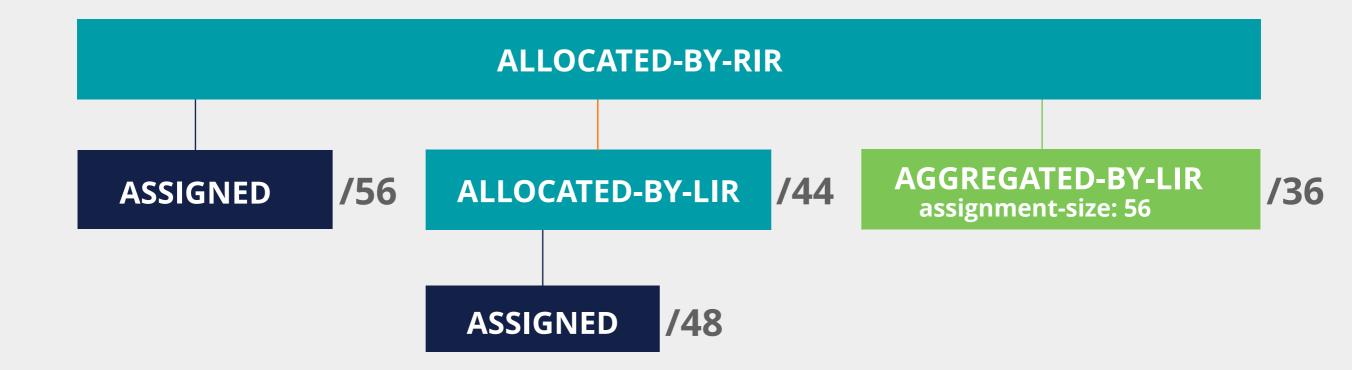
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last-modified: 2015-05-31T08:23:35Z

source: RIPE

## **Overview**





## **Getting IPv6 PI Address Space**



- To qualify, an organisation must:
  - Meet the contractual requirements for provider independent resources
  - LIRs must demonstrate special routing requirements
- Minimum assignment size: /48
- PI space cannot be used for sub-assignments

## **Unique Local Addresses**



- Prefixes from fc00::/7
  - Only from the fd00::/8 block
- Should **not** be routed on the Internet
- Generate a random 40-bit Global ID and insert it into fdxx:xxxx:xxxx

Global ID: da24154e1d

Prefix: fdda:2415:4e1d::/48



# Making Assignments

Exercise

# Create assignments for a smart city!





#### Context



- You work for the LIR: nl.ripencc-ts
- Your LIR has a /32 allocation: 2001:db8::/32
- Your customer Future Casa is working on a project called "Smart Home 6"
- They need IPv6 addresses from your address space
- Future Casa wants to connect 1 million Smart Homes

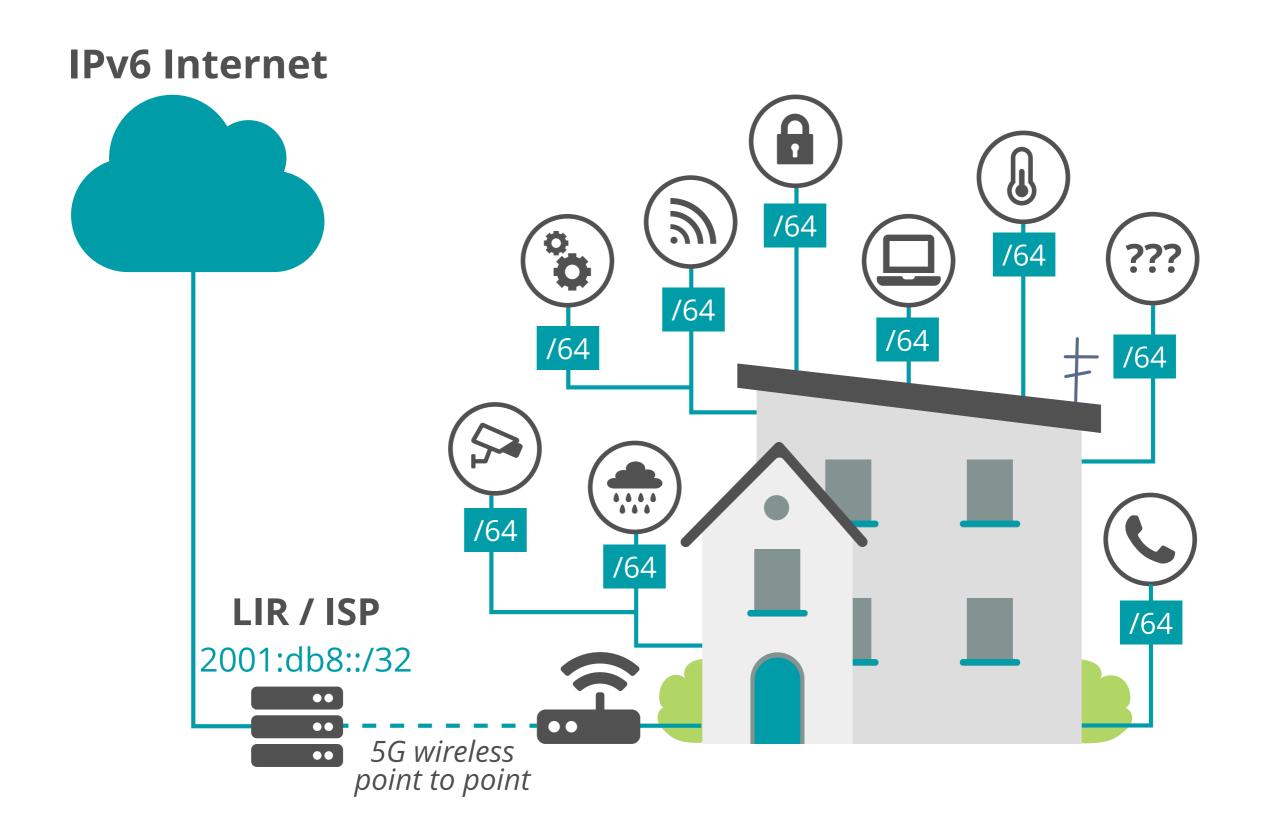
## **Product Description**



- Each home will be equipped with a 4G-enabled base unit
- The base unit will be the central gateway for smart services inside the house
- Each smart service runs on a dedicated subnet
- Services can be enabled or disabled at any point from a user's smartphone app
- Future Casa will be rolling out new services in the future

## **Smart Home 6 Network Diagram**





## Calculations...



#### /64 = 1 subnet

- Not enough. We need one subnet alone for the p2p conn.

#### /63 = 2 subnets

- Not enough subnets.
- Not on the 4-bit boundary!

#### /60 = 16 subnets

- Is it enough to meet the future needs?
- You want to avoid having to renumber!

## Calculations...



- /56 = 256 subnets
  - Sounds reasonable. How many subnets can a house need?

- /52 = 4096 subnets
  - More than enough.

- /48 = 65K subnets
  - Definitely more than enough.

## Calculations...



One million smart homes

X

/56 per home

/36

## Possible options for /36 subnets



2001:db8::/32									/32							
/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36	/36

2001:db8:0000::/36

2001:db8:1000::/36

2001:db8:2000::/36

2001:db8:3000::/36

2001:db8:4000::/36

2001:db8:5000::/36

2001:db8:6000::/36

2001:db8:7000::/36

2001:db8:8000::/36

2001:db8:9000::/36

2001:db8:a000::/36

2001:db8:b000::/36

2001:db8:c000::/36

2001:db8:d000::/36

2001:db8:e000::/36

2001:db8:f000::/36

## Solution RIPE Database object



2001:db8:1000::/36 inet6num: **SMART-HOME-6** netname: descr: Smart Home 6 network country: NLadmin-c: RM1204-RIPE tech-c: RM1204-RIPE AGGREGATED-BY-LIR status: assignment-size: 56 mnt-by: LIR-MNT notify: noc@lir-example.com created: 2015-05-31T12:34:01Z last-modified: 2015-05-31T12:34:01Z RIPE source:

# Solution RIPE Database object



inet6num:	2001:db8:1000::/36
netname:	SMART-HOME-6
descr:	Smart Home 6 network
country:	NL
admin-c:	RM1204-RIPE
tech-c:	RM1204-RIPE
status:	ALLOCATED-BY-LIR
mnt-by:	LIR-MNT
mnt-lower:	SMART-CASA-MNT
notify:	noc@lir-example.com
created:	2015-05-31T12:34:01Z
last-modified:	2015-05-31T12:34:01Z
source:	RIPE



# **IPv6 Protocol Basics**

Section 4

#### **IPv6 Protocol Functions**



#### Address Autoconfiguration

- Supported by Neighbor Discovery
- Stateless with SLAAC
- Stateful with DHCPv6

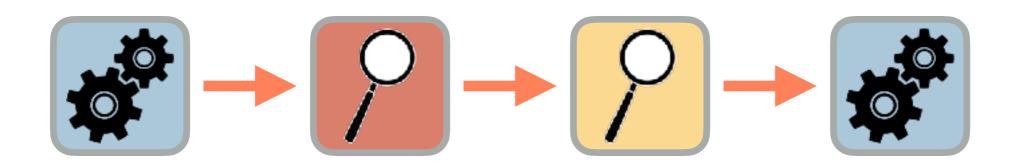
#### Neighbor Discovery Protocol

- Replaces ARP from IPv4
- Uses ICMPv6 and Multicast
- Finds the other IPv6 devices on the link
- Keeps track of reachability

## **The Autoconfiguration Process**

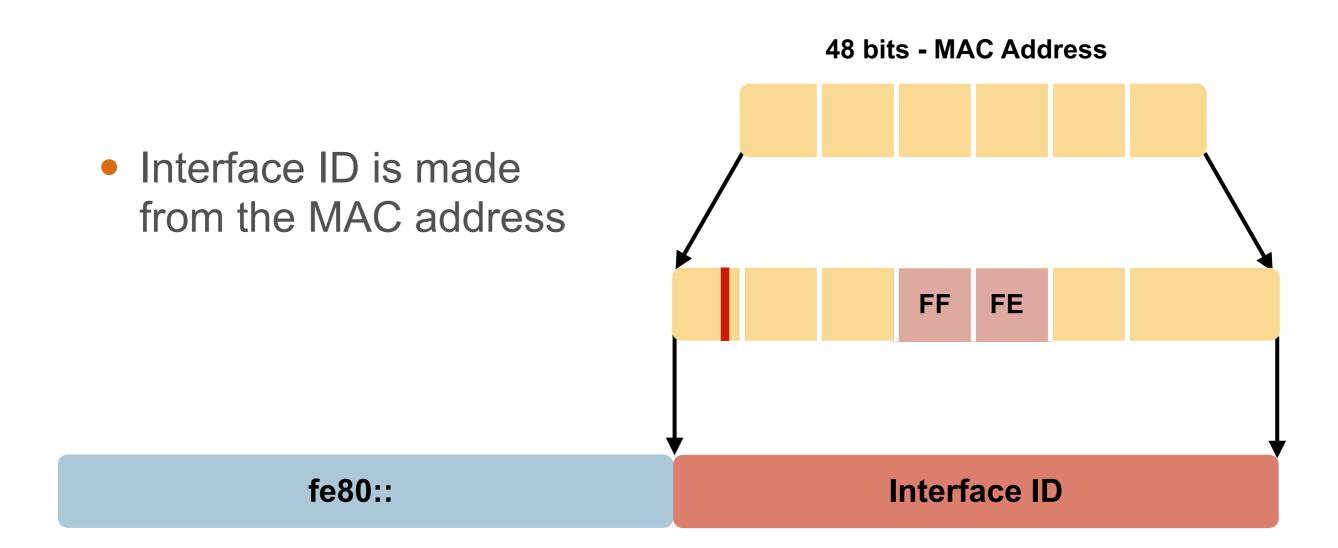


- 1. Make a Link-Local address
- 2. Check for duplicates on the link
- 3. Search for a router
- 4. Make a Global Unicast address



## Making a Link-Local Address





• fe80:: + Interface ID = Link-Local address for the host

## **Checking for Duplicates**



#### **Neighbor Solicitation**

Hello! Is this IPv6 address in use? Can you tell me your MAC address?



#### **Neighbor Advertisement**



Hello! Yes, I'm using that IPv6 address. My MAC address is 72:D6:0C:2F:FC:01



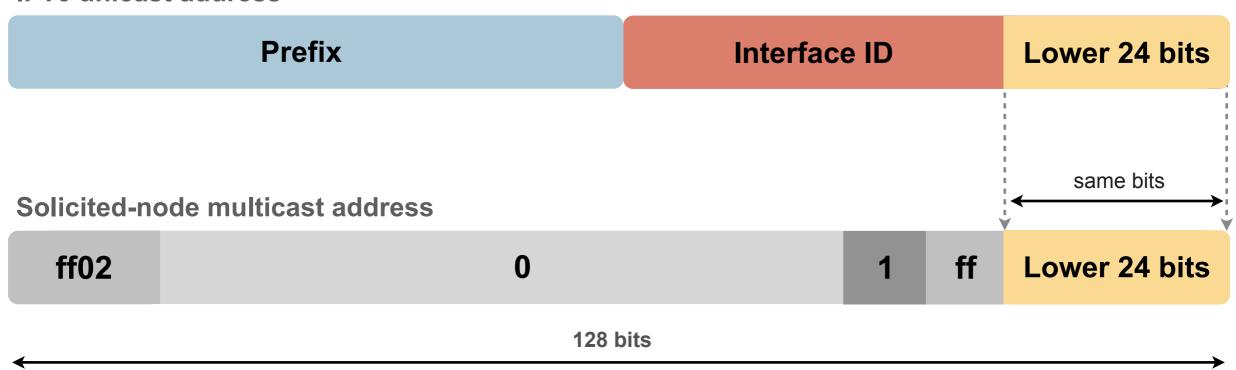
If nobody replies to the Neighbor Solicitation, the host uses the generated link-local address

## Solicited Node Multicast Address



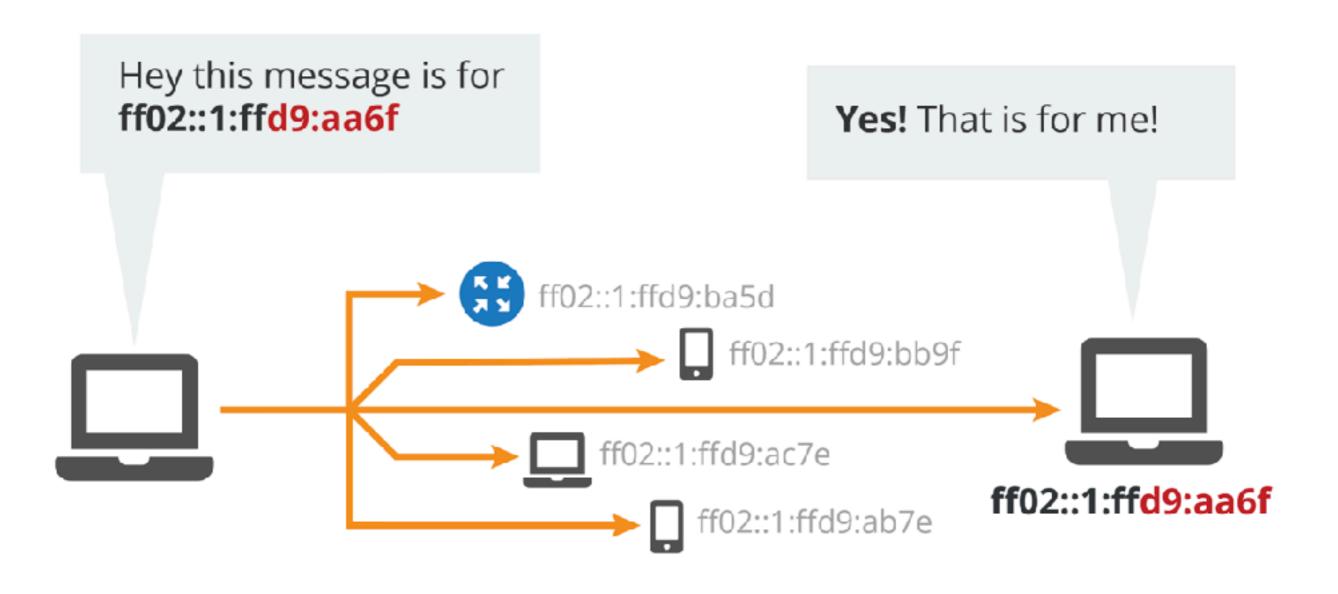
 Used in Neighbor Discovery Protocol for obtaining the layer 2 link-layer (MAC) addresses

#### **IPv6** unicast address



### Solicited Node Multicast Address





#### **Searching for Routers**



#### **Router Solicitation**

Hello! Is there a router out there?



#### **Router Advertisement**



Hello! I'm a router and I have some information for you...



The Router Advertisement gives the host more information to get an IPv6 address and set up a connection

#### Stateless Address Auto-Configuration



#### • The Router Advertisement message tells the host:

- Router's address
- Zero or more link prefixes
- SLAAC allowed (yes/no)
- DHCPv6 options
- MTU size (optional)

Link Prefix Interface ID

Global Unicast IPv6 Address

#### Interfaces will have multiple addresses



Unicast

Link Local fe80::5a55:caff:fef6:bdbf/64

- Global Unicast 2001::5a55:caff:fef6:bdbf/64 (multiple)

Multicast

- All Nodes ff02::1 (scope: link)

Solicited Node ff02::1:fff6:bdbf (scope: link)

Routers

- All Routers ff02::2 (scope: link)

## **Verifying Reachability**



#### **Neighbor Solicitation**

Hello! Are you still out there? Is your MAC address still valid?



#### **Neighbor Advertisement**



Hello! Yes, I'm still online.

My MAC address is 72:D6:0C:2F:FC:01



If the target does not reply to the Neighbor Solicitation, the sender removes the MAC address from the cache

#### Redirects



#### **IPv6 Packet**

This packet is for an IPv6 host.



#### Redirect



Hello! That destination you wanted? I know a better way to reach it.



- Hosts can be redirected to a better first-hop router
- They can also be informed that the destination is a neighbor on the link



# Questions





## Addressing Plans

Section 5

## Why Create an Addressing Plan?



- Benefits of an IPv6 addressing plan
  - Mental health during implementation (!)
  - Easier implementation of security policies
  - Efficient addressing plans are scalable
  - More efficient route aggregation

### **IPv6 Address Management**



- Your spreadsheet might not scale
  - There are 65.536 /64s in a /48
  - There are 65.536 /48s in a /32
  - There are 524.288 /48s in a /29
  - There are **16.777.216** /56s in a /32
  - There are **134.217.728** /56s in a /29
- Find a suitable IPAM solution



## Addressing Plan

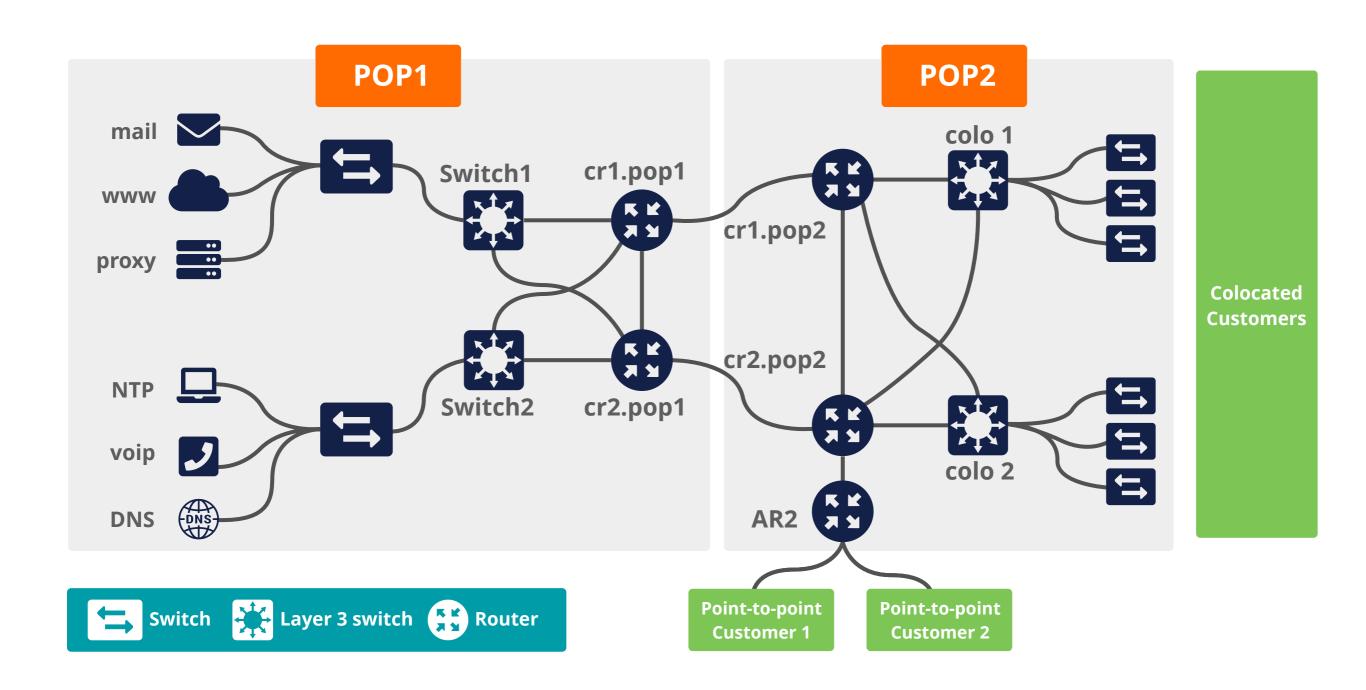
Exercise

#### **Addressing Plan Exercise**

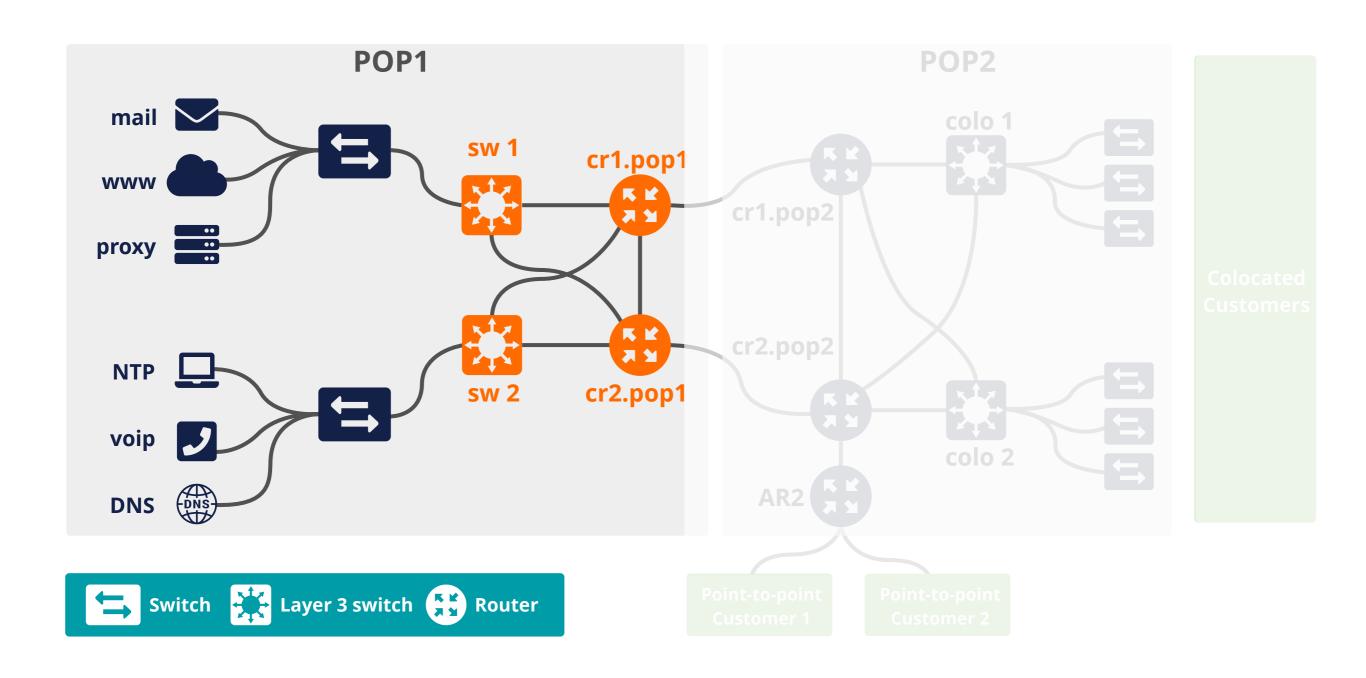


- Things to consider
  - administrative ease!
  - use assignments on 4 bit boundary
  - 2 possible scenarios for network
  - 5 possible scenarios for customer assignments
- 20 minutes preparation time
- 10 minutes discussion

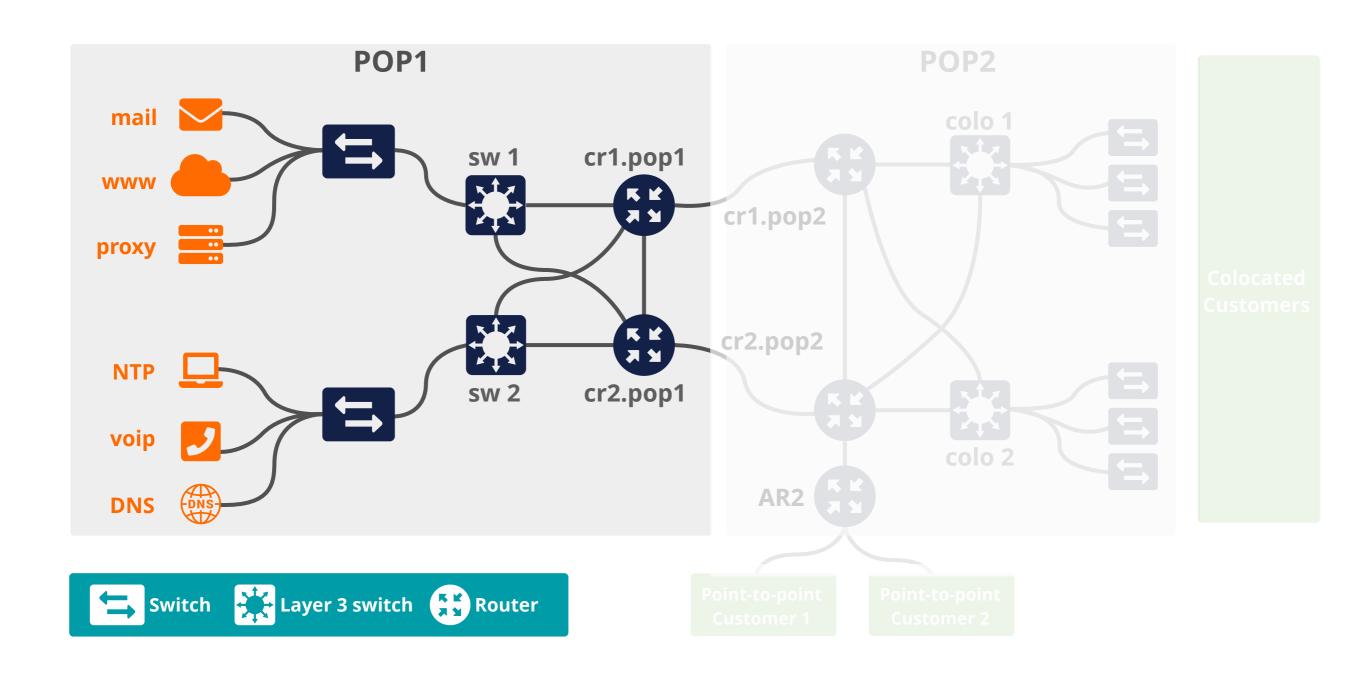




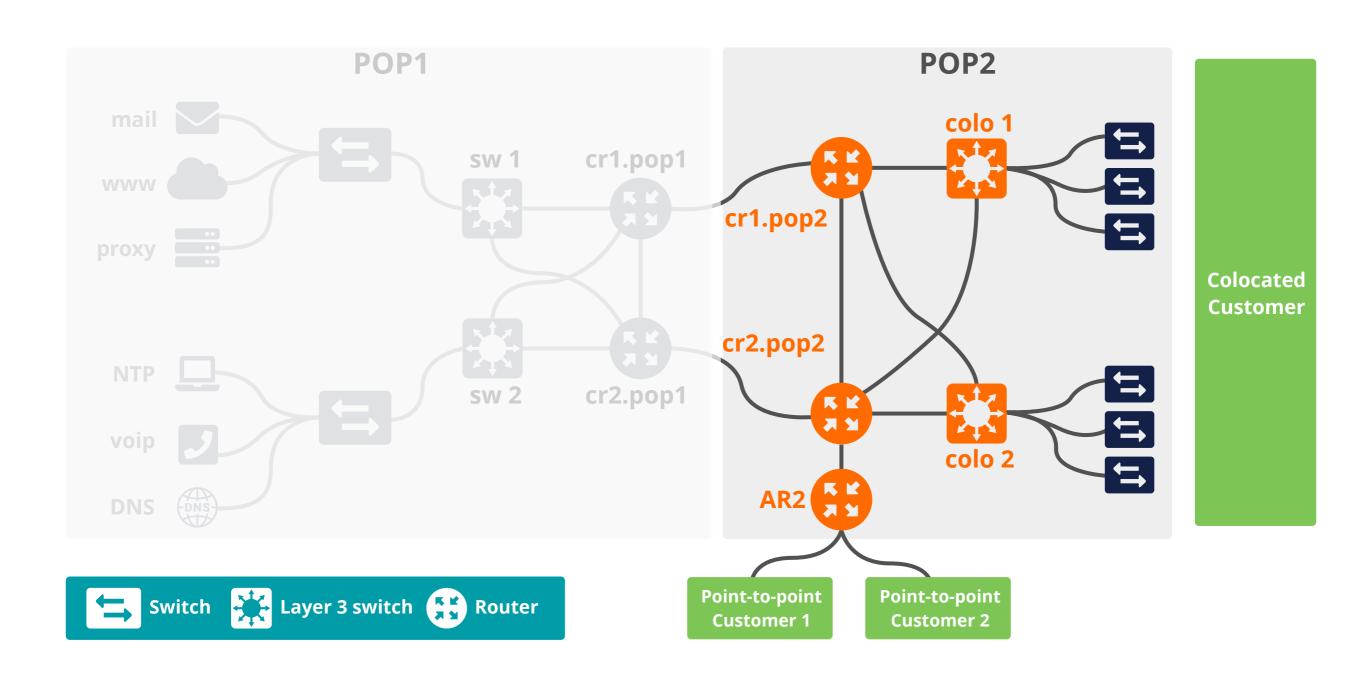




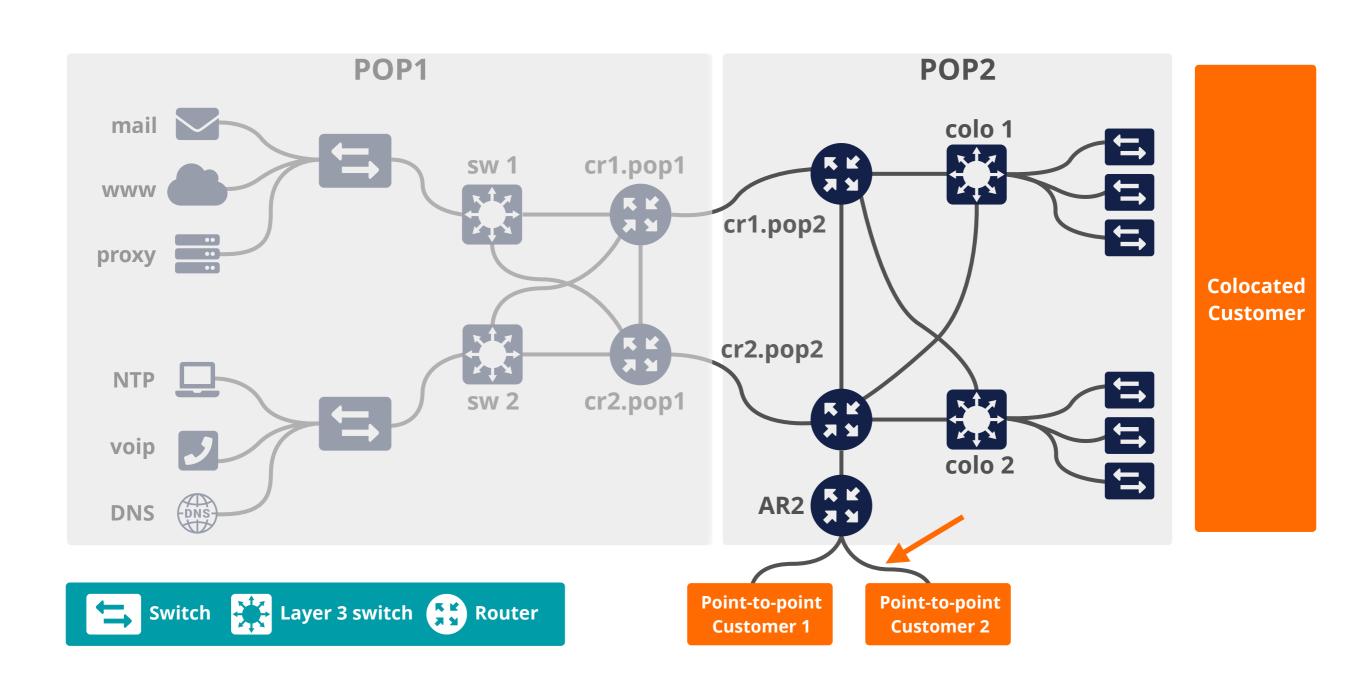












#### Addressing plans



- /64 for each subnet
- Number of hosts in a /64 is irrelevant
- Multiple /48s per pop can be used
  - separate blocks for infrastructure and customers
  - document address needs for allocation criteria
- Use one /64 block per site for loopbacks

#### The /64 story



- "Every interface ID must be a /64" (RFC 4291)
- Because of SLAAC
- Other RFCs followed this

• The **only** exception is a /127 for point-to-point links

#### More on Addressing Plans



- For private networks, consider ULA
- For servers you want a manual configuration
- Avoid embedding service information in IP addresses
  - pop server = 2001:db8:1::110 X
  - dns server = 2001:db8:1::53
- Instead, use DNS for service discovery
  - POP server: 2001:db8:1::1 (resolvable as pop.example.com)
  - DNS server: 2001:db8:1::2 (resolvable as dns.example.com)



# Questions





## **IPv6 Packets**

Section 6

#### **IPv6 Header Format**



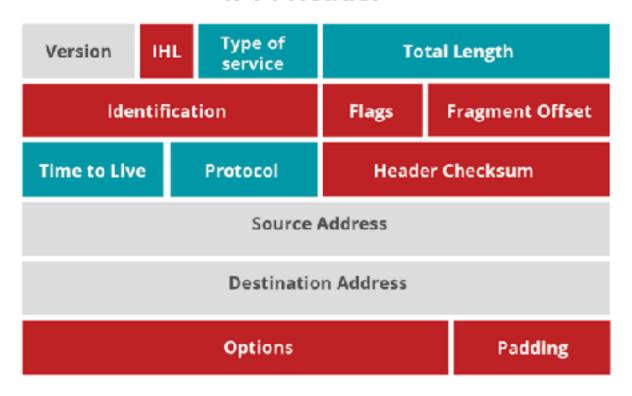
- Fixed length
  - Optional headers are daisy-chained

IPv6 header is twice as long (40 bytes) as
 IPv4 header without options (20 bytes)

#### **IPv6** Header



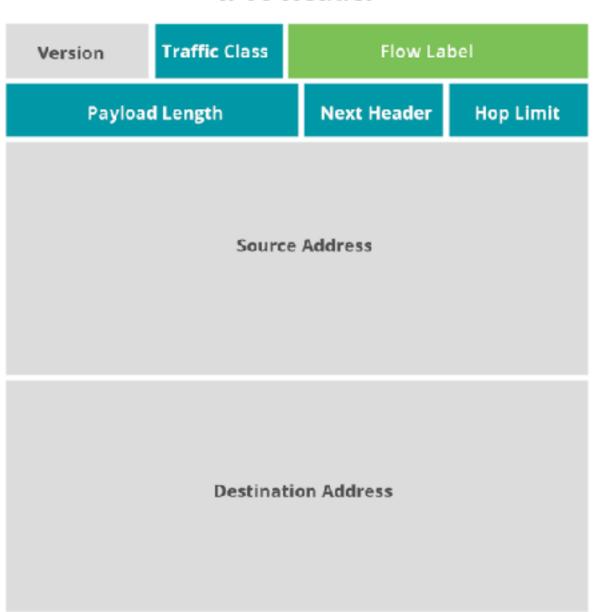
#### **IPv4 Header**



#### LEGEND

- Field's name kept from IPv4 to IPv6
- Field not kept in IPv6
- Name and position changed in IPv6
- New field in IPv6

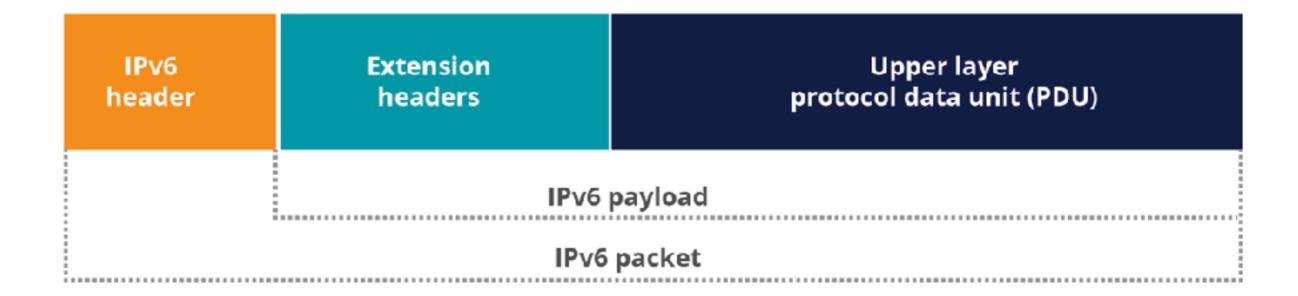
#### IPv6 Header



#### **IPv6** Header



Optional fields go into extension headers



#### **IPv6 Header**



Daisy-chained after the main header

IPv6 header Next Header: TCP	TCP Header	Data		
<b>IPv6 header</b> Next Header: Routing	Routing header Next Header: TCP	TCP Header	Data	
<b>IPv6 header</b> Next Header: Routing	Routing header  Next Header: Fragment	Fragment header Next Header: TCP	TCP Header	Data

#### **Common Headers**



Common values of Next Header Fields:

- Hop-by-hop option (extension)
- 6 TCP (payload)
- 17 UDP (payload)
- 43 Routing (extension)
- 44 Fragmentation (extension)
- 50 Encrypted Security Payload (extension)
- 58 ICMPv6

## Fragmentation



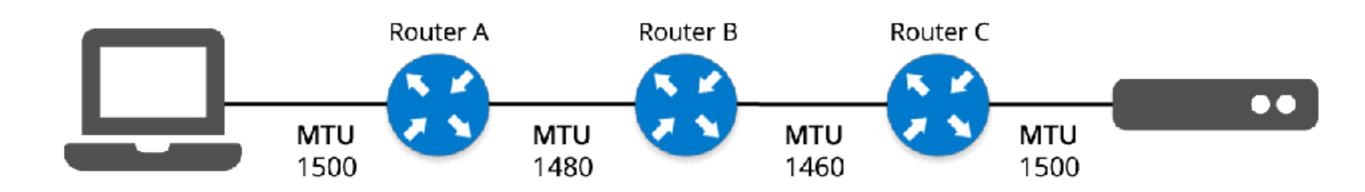
- Routers don't fragment packets with IPv6
  - More efficient handling of packets in the core
  - Fragmentation is being done by host

- If a packet is too big for next hop:
  - "Packet too big" error message
  - This is an ICMPv6 message
  - Filtering ICMPv6 causes problems

### Path MTU Discovery



- A sender who gets this "message-too-big"
   ICMPv6 error tries again with a smaller packet
  - A hint of size is in the error message
  - This is called Path MTU Discovery



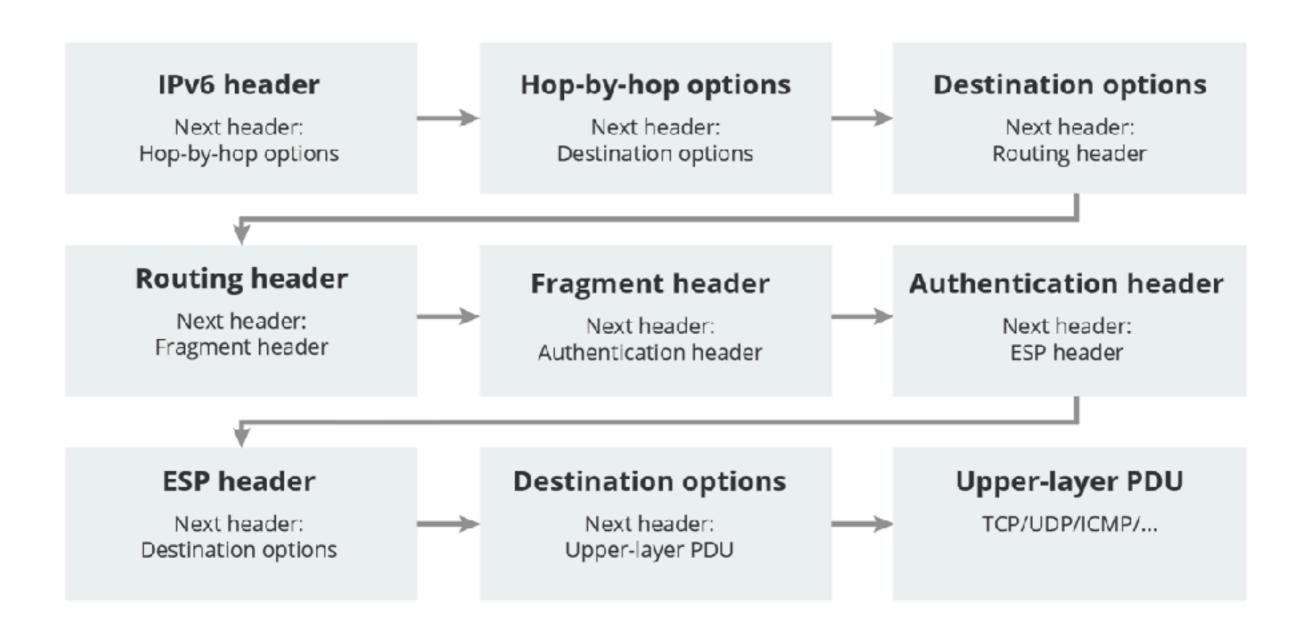
### **Ordering of Headers**



- Order is important:
  - Only hop-by-hop header has to be processed by every node
  - Routing header needs to be processed by every router
  - Fragmentation has to be processed before others at the destination

### **Ordering of Headers**







# Questions





# Deploying IPv6

Section 7

#### **Assigning Addresses**



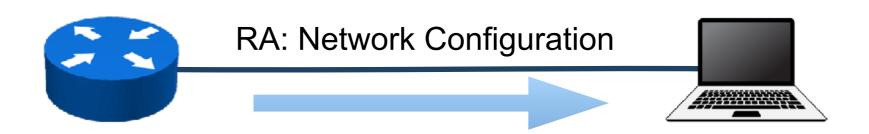
- Routers influence how hosts connect to network
- Several options:
  - Manual configuration
  - Router Advertisement only (SLAAC)
  - RA + DHCPv6 ('M' flag on)
  - RA + DHCPv6 ('O' flag on)
  - RA ('A' flag off) + DHCPv6 ('M' flag on)

Gateway is always provided by the RA

#### Router Advertisement Options

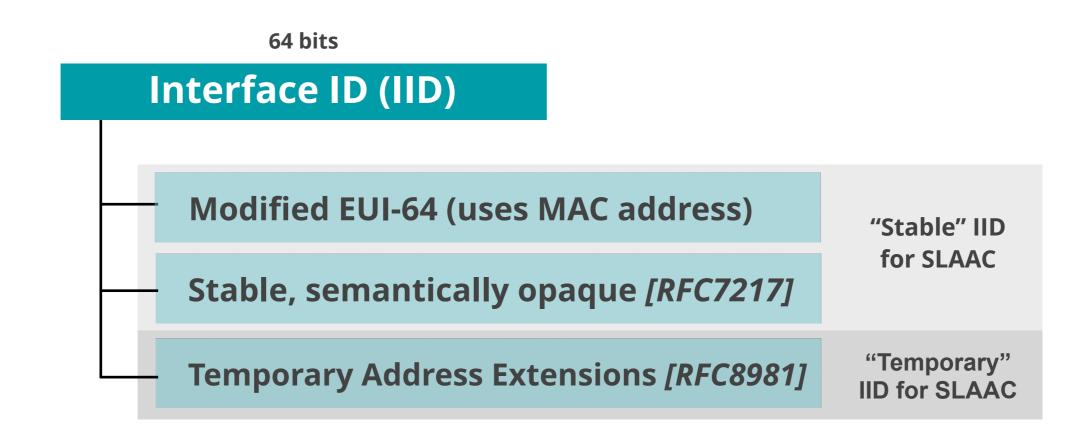


- RA message is used to provide configuration info
  - Default gateway address
  - Which prefix(es) to use on the link? Prefix length?
  - Is SLAAC allowed?
  - Is DHCPv6 available? For address/options? Only options?
  - What is the preference of a router on the link?
  - DNS servers / Domain (optional)
  - MTU size (optional)



#### **SLAAC IID Generation Options**





## Stable, Semantically Opaque IID



Consider IID bits "opaque", no value or meaning [RFC7136]

#### **How to generate IIDs** [RFC7217]

Different for each interface in the same network prefix

Not related to any fixed interface identifier

Always the same when same interface connected to same network

• Widely used and standardised for "**stable**" addresses [RFC8064]

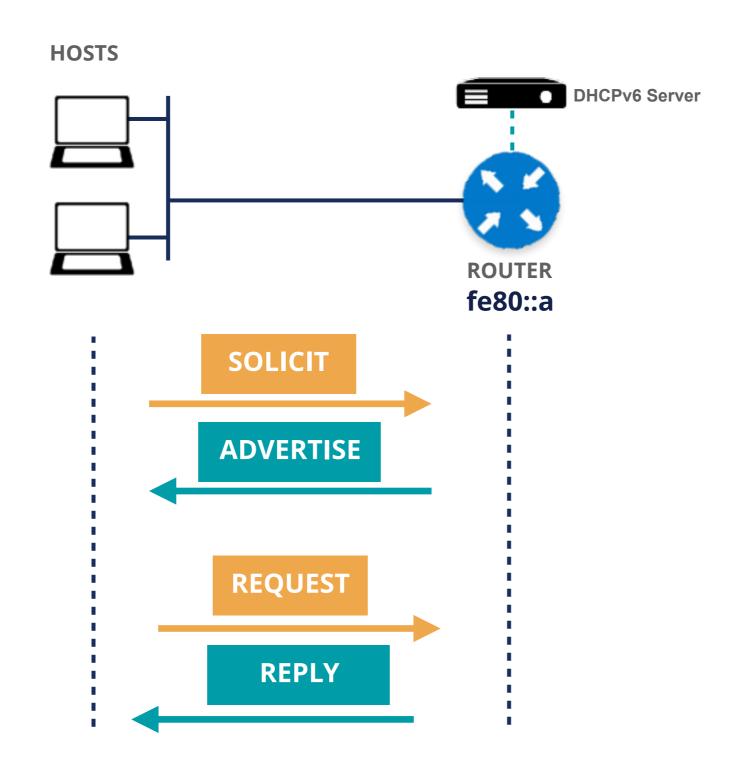
#### DHCPv6



- Used to give additional information like DNS servers or to manage the address pool
- Router Advertisement message contains hints
  - If "managed" flag = '1' ⇒ can use DHCPv6 to get an address
  - Optionally provide the address of a DNS server (RFC 8106)
- Using additional flags, the network admin can disable SLAAC and force DHCPv6

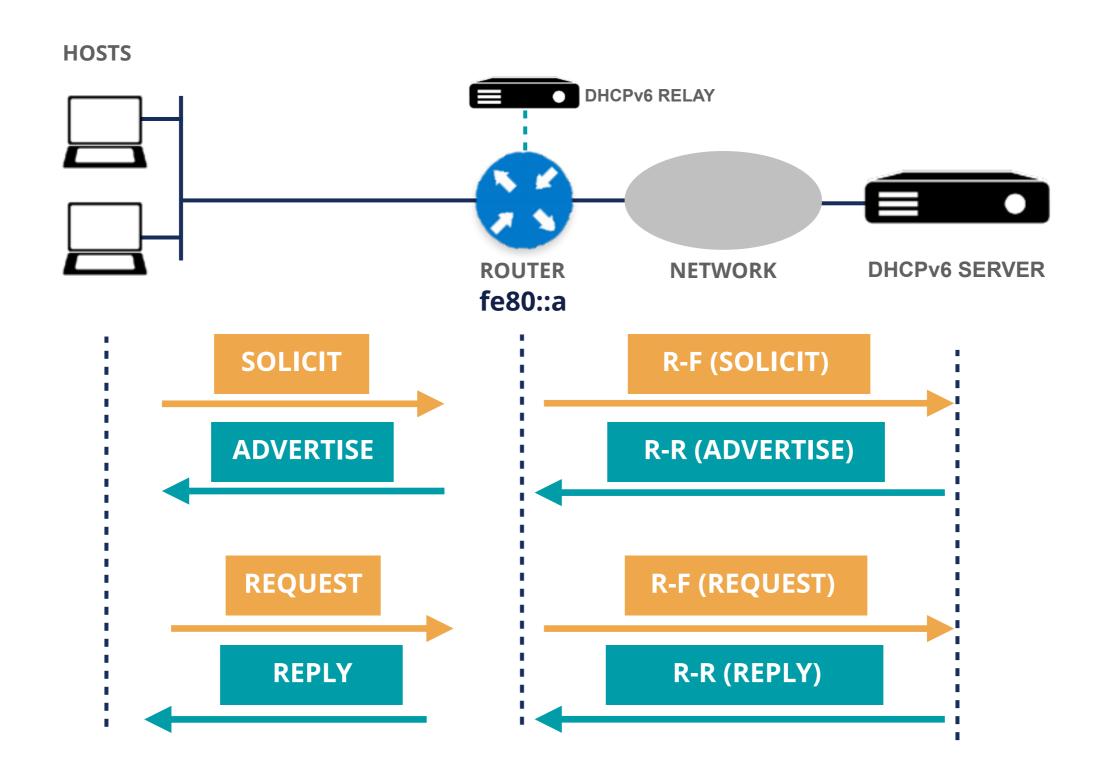
## **DHCPv6 (M=1)**





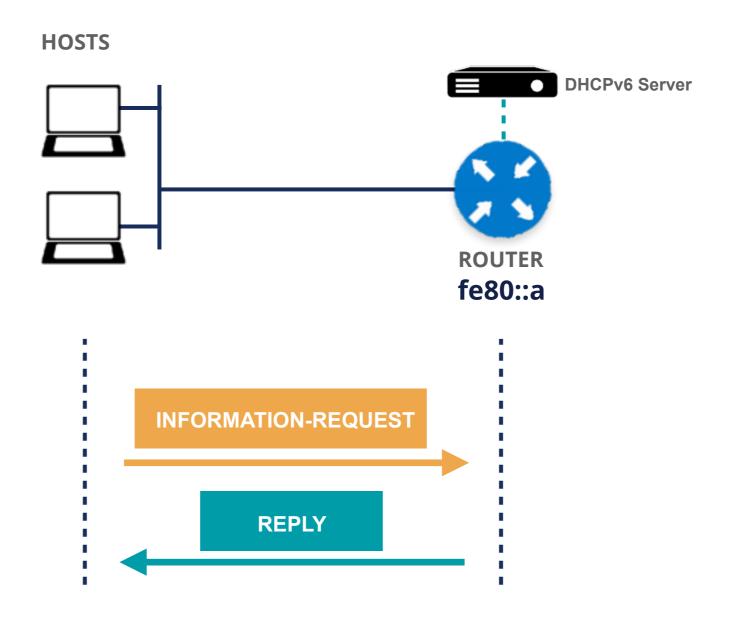
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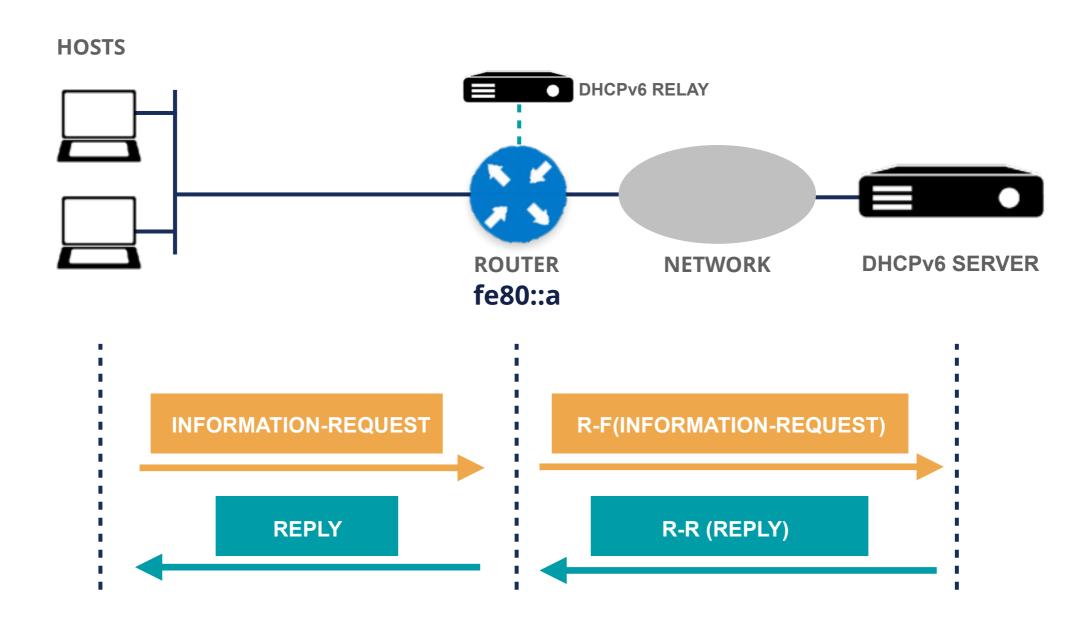
## DHCPv6 (M=0, O=1)





## DHCPv6 (M=0, O=1)





#### **MLD**



- Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) is an important component of IPv6
- IPv6 routers use MLD to discover multicast listeners on a directly attached link, similar to IGMP in IPv4
- MLD is embedded in ICMPv6. Two versions exist:
  - MLDv1 similar to IGMPv2
  - MLDv2 similar to IGMPv3

### **MLD**



• 3 types of messages: Query, Report, Done

MLD	IGMP	Message Type	ICMPv6 Type	Function
MLDv1 (RFC2710)	IGMPv2	Listener Query	130	Discover multicast listeners
		Listener Report	131	Response to a Query, joins a group
		Listener Done	132	Node reports that it has stopped listening
MLDv2 (RFC3810)	IGMPv3	Listener Query	130	Discover multicast listeners
		Listener Report	143	Current multicast listening state, or changes

#### **DNS** in IPv6 is difficult?



- DNS is not IP layer dependent
- A record for IPv4
- AAAA record for IPv6

- Don't answer based on incoming protocol
- Only challenges are for translations
  - NAT64, proxies

#### **Reverse DNS**



2001:db8:3e:ef11::c100:4d

#### **Reverse DNS**



2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d

. . . . . . . . . . ip6.arpa.

d.4.0.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.
d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. PTR
yourname.domain.tld.

d.4.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. PTR yourname.domain.tld.

## **IPv6** and **Domain** Objects



IPv6 prefix: 2001:db8::/32

Domain object:

```
domain:
                 8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa
                 rDNS for my whole IPv6 network
descr:
admin-c:
                 NOC12-RIPE
tech-c:
                 NOC12-RIPE
                 NOC12-RIPE
zone-c:
                 pri.example.net
nserver:
                 sns.company.org
nserver:
ds-rdata:
                 45062 8 2 275d9acbf3d3fec11b6d6...
mnt-by:
                 EXAMPLE-LIR-MNT
created:
                 2015-01-21T13:52:29Z
                2016-02-07T15:09:46Z
last-modified:
                 RIPE
source:
```

## **Security Considerations**



- Everybody can claim to be a router
  - Use RA Guard to filter unauthorised RAs
    - RFC 6105

- Secure Neighbour Discovery (SEND)
  - RFC 3971
  - Neighbour Solicitation/Advertisement spoofing
  - DoS Attack
  - Router Solicitation and Advertisement Attacks

## **Security Considerations**



#### Leaking router advertisements

- Cisco enables RA by default
- Windows, MacOS and others will default accept
- A machine can easily get IPv6 unnoticed

#### Big threat today in IPv6 is human error

- lack of knowledge / training
- typos
- Maintaining two IP protocols



# Configuring IPv6

Exercise

## **Assigning Addresses**

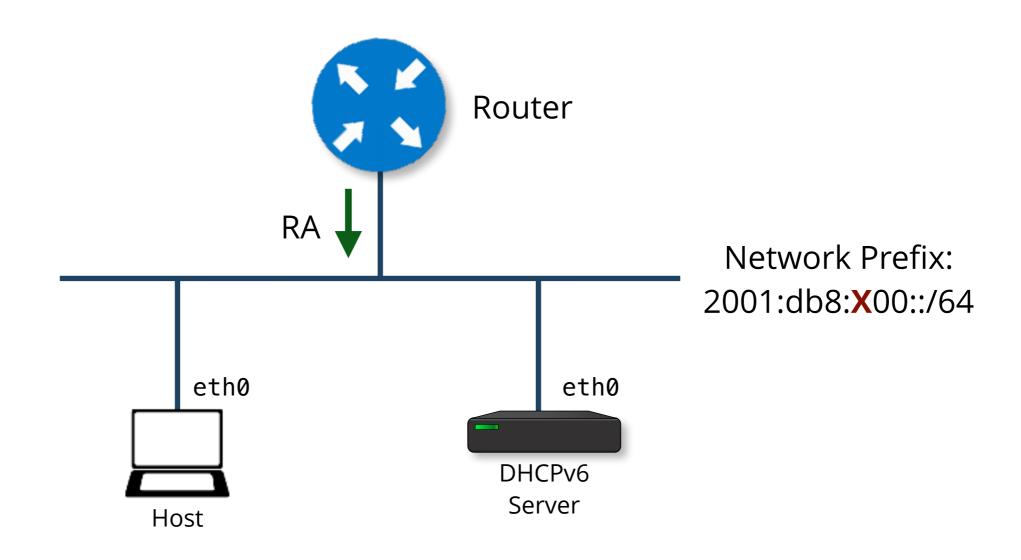


- Router will send the Router Advertisements
- Host will get IPv6 configuration info in four ways:
  - RA + SLAAC only
  - RA + SLAAC + RDNSS option for DNS servers
  - RA + SLAAC + 'O' flag (DHCPv6 Other Configuration)
  - RA + no SLAAC + 'M' flag (DHCPv6 Managed)

The DHCPv6 server is already configured

## **Network Diagram**





## **Exercise: IPv6 Host Configuration**



- Make sure you have connectivity
- Go to: <a href="https://workbench.ripe.net">https://workbench.ripe.net</a>
- Choose the lab (ask the trainers)
- Your login is your assigned number
- The trainers will provide the password

Choose "IPv6 Fundamentals" from the menu

## **Host: Check the Configuration**



 Verify that the Host has no IPv6 address or DNS servers configured

ip addr

ip -6 route

cat /etc/resolv.conf

#### **Router: Enable RAs**



Enable the RA messages on eth0

router(config-if)# end

```
router# configure

router(config)# interface eth0

router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

## **Host: Check the Configuration**



- Verify that the Host now has an IPv6 address
- But still no DNS servers

ip addr

ip -6 route

cat /etc/resolv.conf

#### Router: Provide DNS via RDNSS



Configure RDNSS and restart RA messages

```
router# configure
router(config)# interface eth0
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd rdnss 2001:db8::53
router(config-if) # ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if) # no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if)# end
```

## **Host: Check the Configuration**



Verify that the Host now has a DNS server

cat /etc/resolv.conf

#### **Router: Provide DNS via DHCPv6**



Enable the O-flag and restart RA messages

```
router# configure
router(config)# interface eth0
router(config-if) # ipv6 nd other-config-flag
router(config-if) # ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if) # no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if)# end
```

## **Host: Check the Configuration**



Verify that the Host now has two DNS servers

cat /etc/resolv.conf

## Router: Everything via DHCPv6



Enable M-flag and disable A-flag (no-autoconfig)

```
router# configure
router(config)# interface eth0
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
# ipv6 nd prefix 2001:db8:X00::/64 no-autoconfig
router(config-if) # no ipv6 nd rdnss 2001:db8::53
router(config-if) # ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if) # no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
router(config-if)# end
```

## Host: Restart Network Manager



 We restart the network manager on Host to pick up new configuration faster

dhcpcd -k

## **Host: Check the Configuration**



 Verify that the Host has an IPv6 address and DNS servers configured

ip addr

ip -6 route

cat /etc/resolv.conf



# Questions





## Real Life IPv6 Deployment

Section 8

#### **Colocation Provider**



- 30 staff
- Routing
  - Dual Stack!
  - Possible IGP combinations were:
    - OSPFv2 for IPv4, IS-IS for IPv6 (only)
    - OSPFv2 for IPv4, OSPFv3 for IPv6
    - IS-IS for IPv4, OSPFv3 for IPv6
    - IS-IS for both IPv4 and IPv6 (their solution)
  - Check internal routing before going external!

#### **Colocation Provider**



- Checklist
  - set access lists on network equipment
  - set up monitoring (SNMP)
  - have working DNS
- Subnetting tools
  - sipcalc, IPv6calc, apps
- Every customer gets a /48 assignment
  - and a /64 for the connection

#### **Colocation Provider**



- Points of attention:
  - stateless auto configuration can assign a subnet "unexpectedly"
  - not all firewalls support IPv6
  - be careful with statement "IPv6 ready"

#### ISP xDSL



- 200 staff
- 2 /32 prefixes (due to merger)
  - not enough
  - make a plan before requesting allocation
- /48 per POP
- /56 per router
- /64 per customer vlan

#### ISP xDSL



- Servers
  - no EUI-64
  - no autoconfig
  - port number for services (i.e. POP3 at ::110)
  - default gateway manually set to, for example:
    - 2001:db8::1/64 (usually)

#### ISP xDSL



- Network links (point-to-point)
  - core
    - /64 per link
    - ::1 ::2
    - no auto configuration
    - easy to remember
- You don't want your router link at:
  - 2001:db8:cf9d:7631:cd01:fe55:4532:ae60/64
- You want your router link at:
  - 2001:db8:1:1::/64

## Large Enterprise



- Approx. 550 IT staff
- Several locations worldwide
- Most of their business processes rely heavily on the Internet
- Driven to IPv6 by need to continue doing business as usual

## Large Enterprise



- Make an inventory of IT needs
  - Hardware / Software / Services
  - Talk to your ISPs early during preparation
- Evaluate the current IPv6 offerings
  - Don't trust your vendor on "full IPv6 support"
  - Basic network functions are not the issue
  - Check cloud solutions
- Train your IT staff
  - Make them understand the WHY of IPv6
  - Focus on the people responsible for applications

### Large Enterprise



- Build a testlab (and start testing!)
- Make an IPv6 Roadmap
  - Dedicated IT group approves roadmap and tracks status
  - "IPv6 Readiness" required for all new purchases
  - Plan replacement of solutions that don't do IPv6
  - Point out the risks of apps not doing IPv6
- Phased Approach to Deployment
  - Phase 1: dual stack all external facing services
  - Phase 2: datacenter and internal network



# Tips

Section 9

### How to get started



- Change purchasing procedure (feature parity)
- Check your current hardware and software
- Plan every step and test
- One service at a time
  - face first
  - core
  - customers
- Create a lessons learned document
- Update your marketing team promptly and appropriately

### RIPE-772 Document



- "Requirements for IPv6 in ICT Equipment"
  - Best Current Practice describing what to ask for when requesting IPv6 Support
  - Useful for tenders and RFPs
  - Original version was ripe-554
  - Ripe-554 Originated by the Slovenian Government
  - Adopted by various others (Germany, Sweden)

#### Link to the document:

https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-772

## **Troubleshooting for ISP Helpdesks**



- Most ISP connectivity problems are not IPv6 related
- Helpdesks can get confused!
  - IPv6 is new for them
  - They don't have experience with IPv6 issues

- A generic troubleshooting guide can help!
- Based on the open source testipv6.com tool
- Customisable

https://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-631



### **Customers And Their /48**



- Customers have no idea how to handle 65,536 subnets!
- Provide them with information!



#### Link to the document:

https://www.ripe.net/support/training/material/basicipv6-addressing-plan-howto.pdf

### Also useful



### Websites

- http://www.getipv6.info
- http://www.ipv6actnow.org
- http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/v6ops/
- https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-772

### Mailing lists

- http://lists.cluenet.de/mailman/listinfo/ipv6-ops
- http://www.ripe.net/mailman/listinfo/ipv6-wg

### Don'ts



- Don't separate IPv6 features from IPv4
- Don't do everything in one go
- Don't appoint an IPv6 specialist
  - do you have an IPv4 specialist?
- Don't see IPv6 as a product
  - the Internet is the product!



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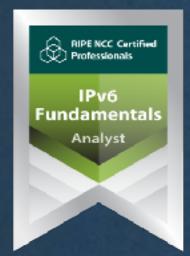
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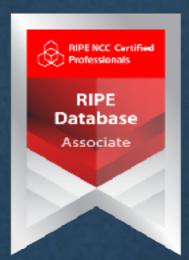
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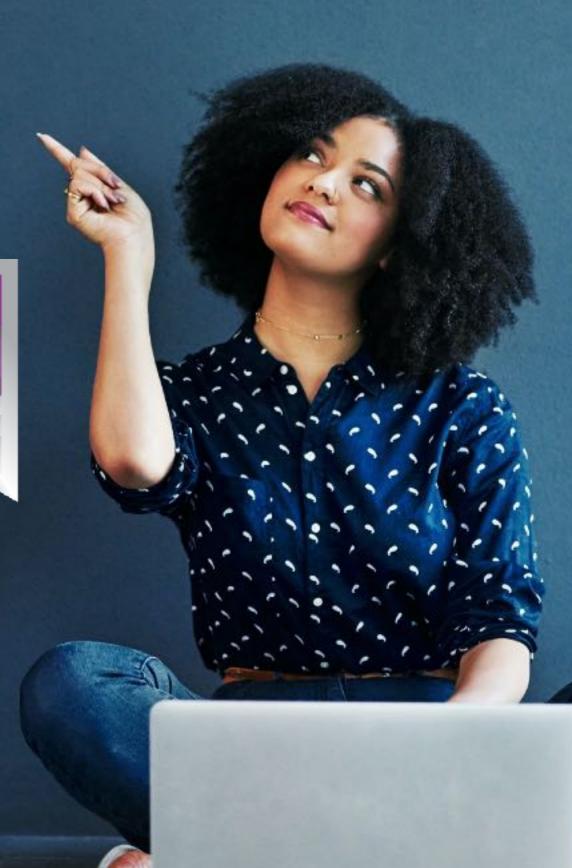






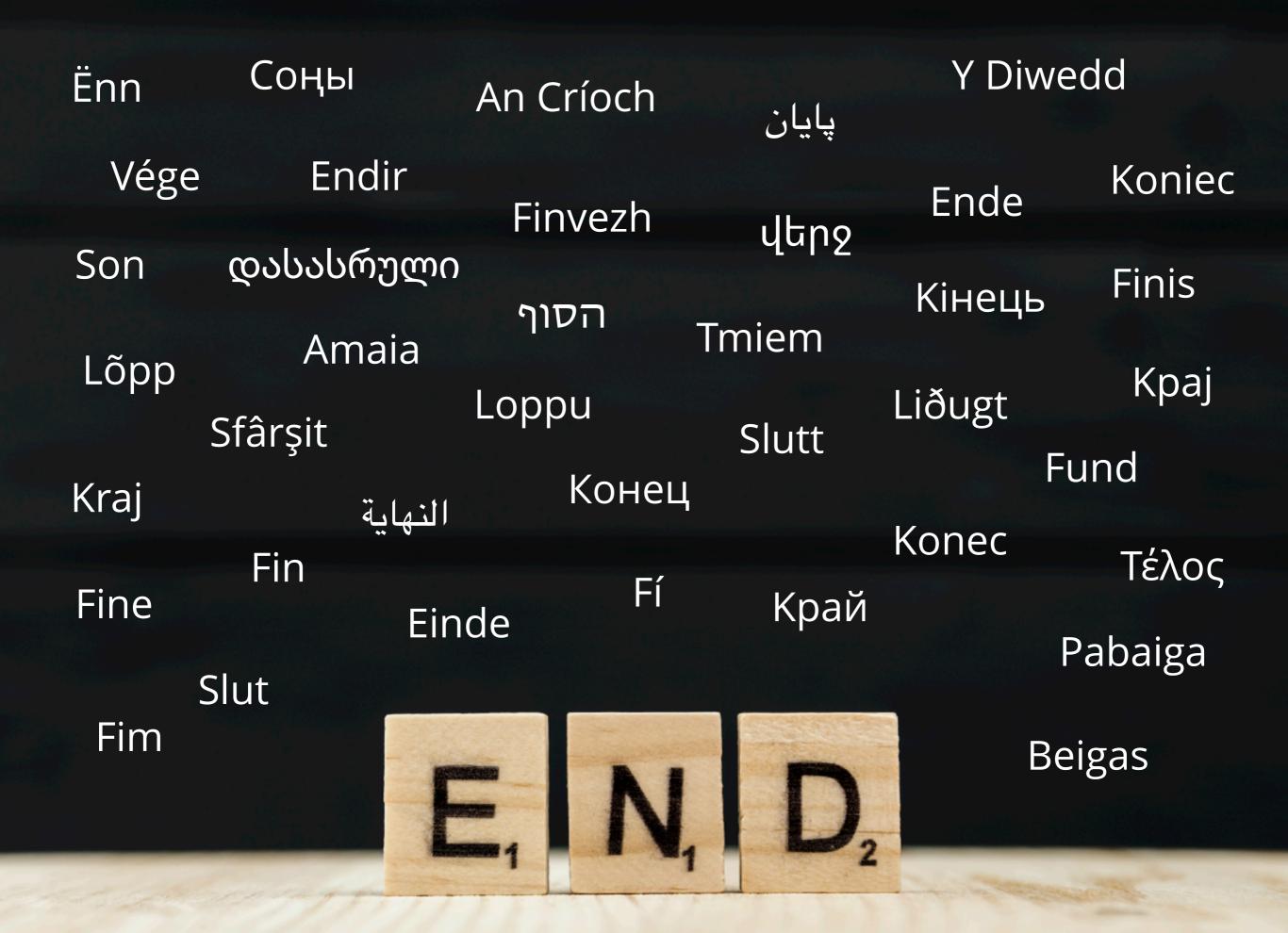


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