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How to write an IPv6 Addressing Plan

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Abstract reminder

An **IPv6** addressing plan is the cornerstone of a successful **IPv6** deployment. The huge addressing space available provides flexibility, we have never experienced with IPv4. At the same time may become a source of frustration - how should I deal with this? **How** should I carve up the IPv6 prefix in such a way as to meet today's needs while catering for future requirements?

This session will help the attendees to **learn about** the **best practices for** writing an **IPv6 addressing plan**. We will focus on Enterprise, SP and, newly in 2016, on DC/Cloud IPv6 Addressing practices.

Also, a part of the session will be dedicated to a **practical exercise**, which will give the participants an opportunity to apply the newly acquired knowledge to a real world example.



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Core Message of this Session



Key Takeaways

1. IPv6 addressing is easy and highly flexible.

1. IPv6 addressing strategy is the key to successful deployment.

1. A good addressing plan simplifies IPv6 network operation and troubleshooting.



Disclaimer

- This session is focused on Unicast IPv6 Addressing only
- We expect you to have:
 - A basic knowledge of IPv6 address types
 - A strong familiarity with IPv4 ©
 - A good understanding of IP design in routed networks
 - An understanding how IP addresses are allocated and assigned on the Internet today



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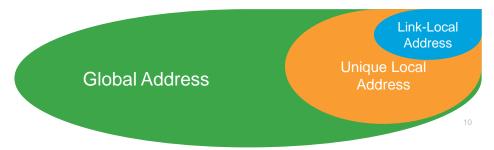


IPv6 Address Types – Refresher



Types of Unicast Addresses - RFC 4291

- (Node) Loopback Address
- Link-Local Address (LLA) fe80::/10
- Unique Local Address (ULA) fc00::/7
 - Site-Local Address has been deprecated by IETF (RFC 3879, September 2004)
- Global Unicast Address (GUA) 2001::/3
- Anycast it is the same as GUA
- NOTE: An interface will have multiple IPv6 addresses





For Your Reference

Link-Local Address - RFC 4291

- · Range: fe80::/10
 - No subnet significance
- Used for communication with hosts on the same link
 - Examples: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC), Neighbor Discovery, Duplicate Address Detection
- For link operation purposes
 - Leveraged by routing protocols and gateways



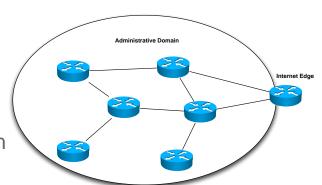
- No meaning outside the link
- Typically, first 64 bits are fixed, only Interface Identifier is modified
- **Example:** fe80::0224:d7ff:fe2c:7831



For Your Reference

Unique Local Address - RFC 4193

- Range: fc00::/7
 - Currently used fd00::/8
- Globally unique address for local communications
- · 40-bit global ID generated using a pseudo-random algorithm
- Not designed to be aggregated
- Not expected to be routed on the Internet but routable within an administrative domain
- Scope needs to be managed
 - ACLs and Prefix lists
 - Your upstream ISP will filter it anyway
- Example: fd68:df3d:80ee::/48 (LACNIC)





Global Unicast Address - RFC 3587

- · Globally unique and routable
 - Defined for use across the IPv6 Internet
- Primary goal is to provide plenty of globally accessible addresses
- Reserved and identified by high-level 3 bits set to "001"
 - · Range: 2000::/3
- Global IPv6 Prefix received from an LIR or RIR
- Presence in Global Routing Table
 - · Aggregation is critical
 - Hierarchical assignment enforced through IANA allocation policy

Example: 2001:420:0:1::1







Have NO Fear!





Source: http://www.sensiblehealth.com/Blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/rollercoasters-in-cities-venice-frozen-over-nois7-surreal-photos-images-manipulations-R.jpg

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Enterprise



Where To Get an IPv6 Prefix?

- IPv6 Prefix assigned from:
 - an Local Internet Registry (LIR) typical enterprise scenario or
 - directly from an Regional Internet Registry (RIR) RIPE in Europe
 - typical for ISPs and large enterprises which span multiple countries, have dual-homing requirements (have AS number)
- Assigned prefix has fixed length, work is done with the bits between the assigned prefix and the /64

Network Portion

Interface ID

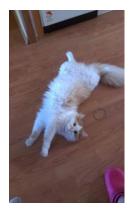
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Global Routing Prefix Subnet ID
n <= 48 bits

Host

Global Unicast Address Example

• Get cozy! The IPv6 addressing space is HUGE....



Enterprise Requirements

- Different locations
- Different places in the network (PINs)
 - · Campus vs. Branch vs. Internet Edge vs. DC
- Services centralized (one DC) or distributed (in branches/multiple DCs)
- Encoding of information within the IPv6 address (e.g. locations, PINs, services)
 - · Use for accounting, administrative reasons, troubleshooting etc.
- Transition mechanisms deployed:
 - ISATAP to bypass legacy equipment
 - NAT64 / SLB64 / NPTv6 for the Internet Edge
- Who are the "consumers" of IPv6?
 - Internal users and their access to internal systems and IPv6 Internet
 - External customers and IT systems that enable interaction
 - Partners and suppliers (extranet or more often public Internet)
- Security
 - Easily manageable ACL
 - Exposing information about the network (e.g. VLAN number)
- Rate of change and growth mergers & acquisitions





Considerations

- Usually splitting up /48 per location
 - Definition of a location?
 - E.g. single building vs. campus
 - Narrower than a city
- Multiple /48 prefixes are more likely
- 16 bits for the per-location addressing plan
 - Important because it can help with identifying buildings within a location/subnets etc.
- Aggregation is very important
 - # of required prefixes at each level, # of levels required
 - NOT important: # hosts within subnet (/64 = 2⁶⁴)
- Simplicity
- Larger IPv6 prefix if the enterprise is big (possibly it is an PA directly form the RIR)
- Have a well defined process and guidelines for IPv6 address allocations



Service Provider



(Internet) Service Provider Requirements

- Clear addressing for different parts of network
 - · Core business vs. internal enterprise vs. infrastructure
 - Example: PIES private, internal, external, subscribers
- Customers broadband subscribers / business customers
 - Reserved vs. assigned IPv6 prefixes (e.g. broadband: /56 allocated, /60 assigned)
 - Identification of services within the IPv6 address (aka Prefix Coloring)
- Customer facing systems / services
 - · CDN
 - Cloud
 - Hosting offerings
 - Subscriber Access Types
- Aggregation
 - At least /32 to work with, typically much more (the ISPs can get /29 and they should obtain it!)
- Scalability
- Stability





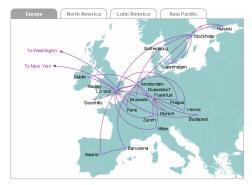
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Considerations

- Aggregation of prefixes assigned to the customers
 - Per region, per PoP level, per BNG, etc.
 - Multihoming of business customers

Capabilities of network devices

- How many IPv6 prefixes (IPv6 customers) can your BNG/PE handle?
- Leave room for growth
- Don't hand out IPv6 prefixes on a wrong bit boundary
 - Multiples of 4 bits (nibble) to align on hexadecimal boundary
 - Check the "readability" of the prefix = supportability!
- Ease of operation and troubleshooting is absolutely necessary
- Aggregation to the upstream SPs
- Have a well defined process and guidelines for IPv6 address allocations
- · All the rules can be "bent" if required. You must know what you are doing!



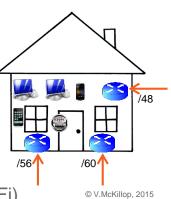
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Other Influences in the Industry

- IEFT Homenet & IPSs' IPv6 Addressing
 - This WG focuses on supporting next-generation services on unmanaged home networks
 - In the center of their work is IPv6
 - Multiple ISP connections to the home
 - Example: broadband, VPN router, smart meters, home security etc.
 - Terminated at a CPE (6rd, DHCPv6-PD, MAP, static IPv6 etc.)
 - Not really impacting the ISP IPv6 addressing as it's behind the CPE
 - Rather realize the potential of prefix coloring & IPv6 Segment Routing
 - Homenet presentation by Mark Townsley @ UKNOF 27 (January 2014)

IETF v6 Ops & Unique IPv6 Prefix Per Host

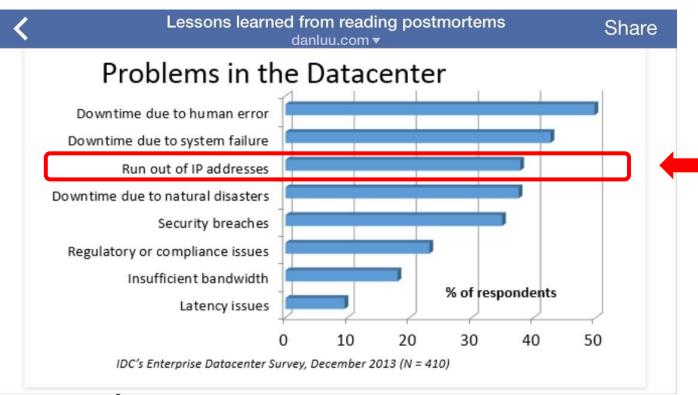
- Large scale environments with the need to assign IPv6-prefix per host (E.g. SP Wi-Fi)
- Advantages:
 - Monitoring the prefix instead of IPv6 address
 - · Host isolation (prefix has an Off-link flag set), limitation in ND communication
- Think about it from the perspective of the IPv6 prefix allocation from your RIR/LIR
- How many /64 are you going to need?
 - · This will impact the required allocation size
- presentation at <u>UKNOF 33</u> (January 2016)



(Virtualized) DC / Cloud



The biggest concern in the DC / Cloud?



Multiple layers of NAT44 in the Cloud ... More stuff that the automation system has to deal with





What needs IP in the (v)DC / Cloud?

- Many components that require IP:
 - · Physical servers, Virtual Machines, Containers, API Endpoints
 - Provisioning, Orchestration, Management services
 - Virtual networking services and Physical networking
 - Highly-Available services, Anycast etc.
- Example 1 a virtual machine has:
 - Access to multiple networks depending on the application types the VM hosts
 - There can be numerous IPv6 prefixes required to support the application use case
 - Use /64 prefix per network/VLAN
- Example 2 the subnet for Docker containers should at least have a size of /80
 - Container can leverage its MAC address
 - Use standard /64





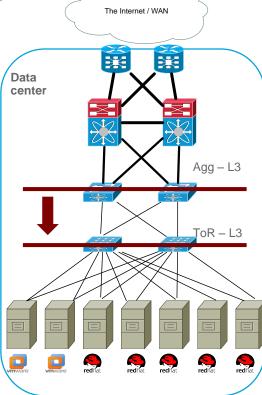




(Virtualised) DC / Cloud Considerations

- /48 per DC / Cloud deployment is typical
- In a traditional DC (legacy mainframe, bare metal servers) things don't differ from IPv4
- Cloud services add a layer of hierarchy into the DC architecture
 - Moving deeper, Top of Rack (ToR) switch becomes the L3 boundary
 - As can a virtual Router on a physical host
- Tenant addressing "BYO Prefix" or do you allocate?
 - If a tenant requires a virtual router within the tenant domain:
 - Use a /64 or /127 on ToR-facing link run IGP or static route towards ToR
 - The vRouter delegates /64 to the VMs
 - If a tenant uses "provider networks":
 - where the upstream switches/routers (i.e. DC Aggregation layer) provide the L3 services then use /64 per network/VLAN for tenant-facing networks
- /64 is the least common denominator
 - For L2 south of ToR, use /64 per VLAN
 - Avoid large L2 domains chatty IPv6 NDP!





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Methodology of IPv6 Address Planning



Think globally, act locally! @

Core message of the Methodology section



4 Rules

1. Keep it SIMPLE

You don't want to spend weeks explaining it!

2. Embed information to help operations

- To help troubleshooting and operation of the network
- Examples: location, country, PIN, VLAN, IPv4 addresses in Link Local and/or Global Addresses (consider this carefully!)
 - (not over the top though remember Rule #1)

3. Plan for expansion (build in reserve)

- Cater for future growth, mergers & acquisitions, new locations
- Reserved vs. assigned

4. Take advantage of hierarchy / aggregation

- Good aggregation is essential, just one address block (per location),
 we can take advantage of this (unlike in IPv4!)
- Ensures scalability and stability



Methodology

- Structure
- Prefix sizing
- Information encoding
- Infrastructure addressing





Methodology (1) — Structure EVERYWHERE

- Analyze, where will IPv6 be?
 - Addressing plan needs to be designed globally
- Identify the structure of the addressing plan
 - Based on requirements and considerations discussed earlier
 - Top-down approach (different from the IPv4 days when #hosts/subnet was important) or middle-up
- Where and how many locations
 - Countries, regions, locations, buildings, etc...
 - Needs to map onto the physical / logical network topology
- Which services, applications and systems connected in each location
 - E.g. Fixed networks, mobile networks, end-users, ERP, CRM, R&D, etc...
- ULA recommendations
 - Don't deploy for end-point addressing
 - Unless in completely closed system example: CPEs management address
 - Could be considered for infrastructure addressing (e.g loopbacks, links)



Methodology (2) – Number of Prefixes per Level

- How many prefixes will you need at each level of the addressing plan
 - Example: a BNG can handle 64000 subscribers = 64000 IPv6 prefixes
 - Example: the number of interconnects (P2P) in your network
 - As always, put aside a reserve!
- How many /64 prefixes (subnets) you need to deploy at a location
 - Example: desktops, WIFI, guestnet, sensors, CCTV, network infrastructure, etc...
 - As always, put aside a reserve!

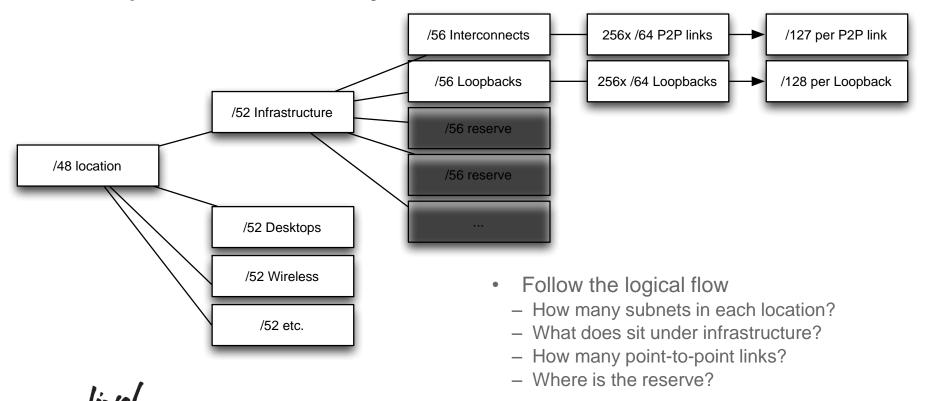
- Don't worry about the number of hosts
 - We have 2⁶⁴ of IPv6 addresses for hosts!



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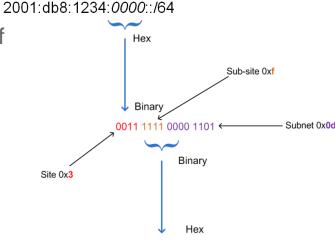


Example - How Many Subnets in a Location?



Methodology (3) – Information Encoding

- Remember transition mechanisms these will have specific address format requirements
 - ISATAP
 - NAT64 (/96)
 - · 6rd, MAP
- Possible encoding of information in particular portions of the IPv6 prefix – examples:
 - Places In the Network (PINs)
 - VLANs in the prefix (or as part of the LLA)
 - VLAN 4096 → 2001:db8:1234:4096::/64 (alternatively in hex ©)
 - The whole IPv4 address or just a portion
 - consider this carefully trade-off between linkage vs. independence
 - IPv4 address 10.0.13.1 → 2001:db8:1234:100::10:0:13:1
 - Router IDs or IPv4 address in Link-Local
 - Router ID 1.1.1.1 → LLA: FE80::1.1.1.1
 - · All interfaces on specific router can have identical LLAs
 - Consider security implications!

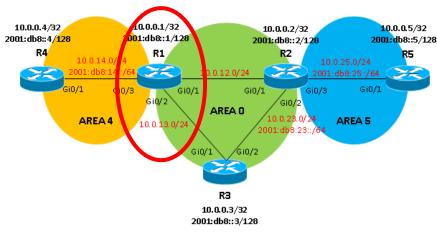


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Choice of LLA can help NetOps/Troubleshooting



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R1#show ipv6 route
IPv6 Routing Table - default - 6 entries
Codes: C - Connected, L - Local, S - Static, U - Per-user
Static route
       [...output omitted...]
O - OSPF Intra, OI - OSPF Inter, OE1 - OSPF ext 1, OE2 -
OSPF ext 2, ON1 - OSPF NSSA ext 1, ON2 - OSPF NSSA ext 2, 1s
- LISP site, ld - LISP dyn-EID, a - Application
LC 2001:DB8::1/128 [0/0]
    via LoopbackO, receive
    2001:DB8::2/128 [110/1]
     via FE80::10:0:12:1, GigabitEthernet0/1
    2001:DB8::3/128 [110/1]
    via FE80::10:0:13:1, GigabitEthernet0/2
    2001:DB8::4/128 [110/1]
     via FE80::10:0:14:1, GigabitEthernet0/3
   2001:DB8::5/128 [110/2]
     via FE80::10:0:12:1, GigabitEthernet0/1
    FF00::/8 [0/0]
     via NullO, receive
R1#
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Methodology (4) – Infrastructure Addressing 1.

Point-to-Point Links

- First recommendations: configure /64, /112 or /126
 - RFC 3627, September 2003 /127 considered harmful
 - moved to historic by <u>RFC 6547</u> (Feb. 2012)
- Since April 2011, <u>RFC 6164</u> recommends /127 on inter-router (P2P) links
- Current recommendation /64, /126 or /127
 - /127 mitigates ND exhaustion attacks
- Allocate /64 from a block (e.g. /56) for infrastructure links but configure /127
 - Example: 2001:db8:1234:1::0/127 and 2001:db8:1234:1::1/127
 - What about offsetting the suffix?
 - 2001:db8:1234:1::A/127
 - 2001:db8:1234:1::B/127



You must follow the /127 subnet rule!!!



Methodology (4) – Infrastructure Addressing 2.

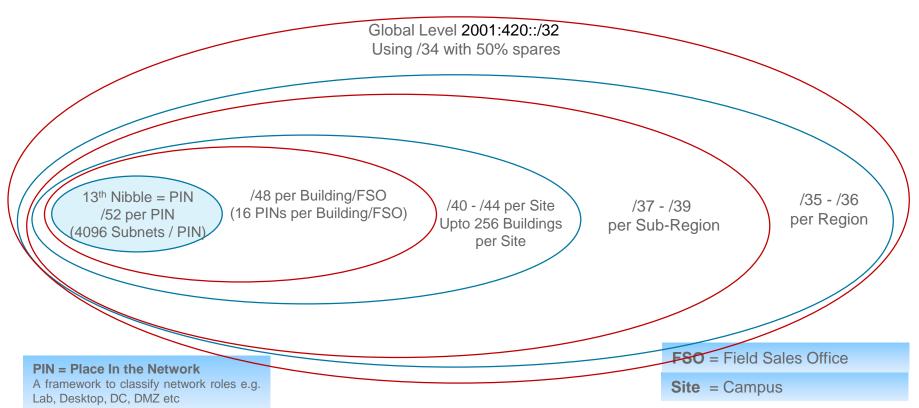
Loopbacks

- E.g. Dedicate /56 for Loopback addresses per location
- Allocate /64 per Loopback but configure /128
 - Example: 2001:420:1234:100:1::1/128 and 2001:420:1234:101:1::1/128
 - Avoid a potential overlap with Embedded RP addresses
- Remember to check how many Longest Prefix Matches (LPM) [/128] your network devices can carry
 - Does not always equal the total number of supported IPv6 prefixes



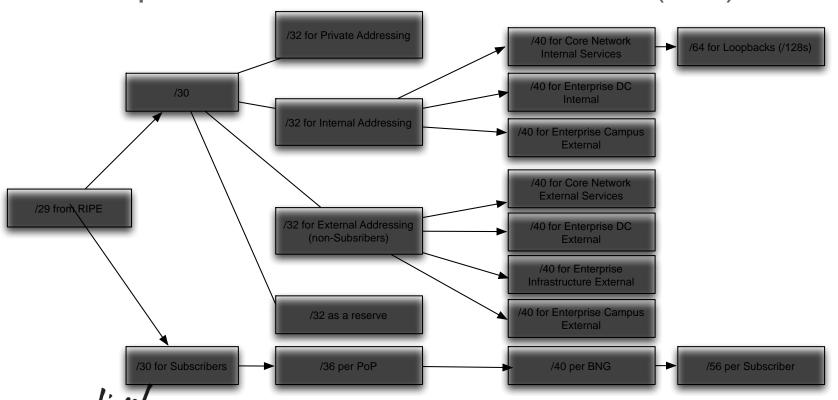
Example of an IPv6 Prefix Allocation (Cisco)







Example of an IPv6 Prefix Allocation (ISP)

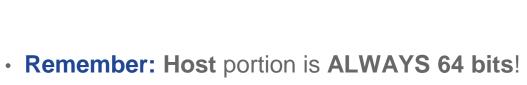


Exercise



Exercise – the Rules!

- Choose 1 from 2 options
 - Enterprise
 - ISP
- Work alone or with your colleagues
- 25 minutes
- Q&A during the exercise
 - Both speakers will help you
- The solution will be presented step by step





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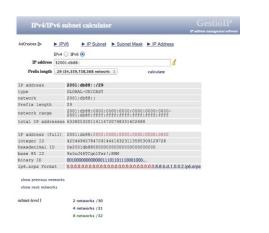


Tools for Managing IPv6 Addressing Plan

- Not just a spreadsheet, please!
- Very prone to error ⊗
- There are many IP Address Management tools on the market
 - See our exhibitors in the World of Solutions
- Cisco Prime Network Registrar
 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11808/index.html
 - Visit CiscoLive! NOC
- Work with an IPv6 prefix calculator
 - Example: http://www.gestioip.net/cgi-bin/subnet_calculator.cgi







Recommended Reading



- Create an IPv6 Addressing Plan
 - RIPE NCC
 - https://www.ripe.net/publications/ipv6-info-centre/deployment-planning/create-an-addressing-plan
 - RFC 6177 IPv6 Address Assignment to End Sites
- Tom Coffeen: IPv6 Address Planning (O'Reilly, 2015)
 - http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920033622.do
- Register for RIPE NCC IPv6 Addressing Plan webinar 8th March 2016
 - https://www.ripe.net/support/training/learn-online/webinars/ipv6-addressing-plan
- ULA voluntary registry
 - https://www.sixxs.net/tools/grh/ula/list/



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- Attend the following related sessions
 - Service Provider IPv6 Deployment [BRKSPG-2300] Wednesday 17th Feb, 4:30 PM
 - Don't Be Left Behind: Consumer Internet Traffic is Shifting to IPv6, Will your Organization Follow?
 [PNLCRS-2307] Wednesday 17th Feb, 4:30 PM
 - Segment Routing for IPv6 Networks [BRKRST-3123] Thursday, 18th Feb, 2:30 PM
 - Enterprise Multi-Homed Internet Edge Architectures [BRKRST-2044] Thursday 19th Feb, 2:30 PM
 - Enterprise IPv6 Deployment [BRKRST-2301] Friday 19th Feb, 9:00 AM
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 - IPv6 in Enterprise Thursday 18th Feb, 1 2:15 PM, Hall 4.1



Learning more about IPv6

Walk-in Self-Paced Lab:

LABCRS-1000 Intro IPv6 Addressing and Routing Lab

Experiment with IPv6-only WiFi:

SSID: CL-NAT64

WPA passphrase: cl-nat64

SLAAC + stateless DHCP

NAT64 included to access legacy



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Thank you



Appendix



Enterprise: How to Get an IPv6 Prefix



Aka PI vs PA

- Enterprise becomes a RIPE member and acquires Provider-aggregatable (PA) address space
- Enterprise acquires Provider-independent (PI) address space through a "sponsoring LIR"
 - /48 per location, not aggregatable
- Enterprise acquires Provider-independent (PI) address space through a "sponsoring LIR"
 - /48 per location + super-block, aggregatable
- Enterprise acquires Provider-aggregatable (PA) address space from its ISP/LIR allocation



Enterprise becomes a RIPE member and acquires Provider-aggregatable (PA) address space

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 - /29 PA address space assigned
 - Globally routable
 - Solution for all RIR regions, can be de-aggregated in /32s per region (Europe, US/Canada, AsiaPac, Latam, Africa).
 - Within region, /32 can be further de-aggregated in /48s per site. /32 in central site/DC can be used for backup.
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 - RIPE fees (2000 EUR one-off, 1500 EUR yearly). See:
 <u>https://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-620</u>. However, fees are coming down year-after-year as RIPE is non-profit.
 - Potentially, PA /48s could be filtered by ISPs in the future. Currently, this is not an issue.
 If this becomes an issue, backup through the /32 aggregate is a solution.



Enterprise acquires PI address space through seference "sponsoring LIR" – /48 per location, **not** aggregatable

- For example: 40 locations in Europe → 40x /48s
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 - /48 blocks are globally routable and ISP independent
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 - RIPE will charge 50 EUR per /48. See: https://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-620. ISP (sponsoring LIR) will mark-up to cover admin cost → few 100s EUR per /48 (?).
 - Individual /48s likely not aggregatable → no backup solution using an aggregate
 - This solution only applies to a specific RIR region. This needs to be replicated for RIPE, ARIN, APNIC, LACNIC, AFRINIC.
- Unknown
 - Fee that ISP will charge for the PI blocks?



Enterprise acquires PI address space through "For Your "sponsoring LIR" - /48 per location + super-block"

- For example: 40 locations in Europe → 40x /48s + /42 super-block/aggregate
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 - /48 blocks are globally routable and ISP independent
 - Super-block/aggregate available → backup solution possible

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Enterprise acquires PA address space from its ISP/LIR allocation



- +++
 - Globally routable
 - Solution for all RIR regions
- ---
 - Dependence on ISP
 - Need to re-number network in case of ISP change
- Unknown
 - Fee that ISP will charge for its PA block?



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