



The bridge to possible

IPv6 Security in the Local Area with First Hop Security (FHS)

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Session Objectives (from the Abstract)

- A big difference in the security between IPv4 and IPv6 is all the layer-2 / layer-3 interactions as DHCP is optional in IPv6 and ARP is replaced by Neighbour Discovery Protocol (NDP).
- Legacy IPv4 attacks such as ARP spoofing have their equivalent in IPv6. Cisco has developed for many years techniques to secure this interaction in the local area (being WLAN, LAN, SD-WAN access, Meraki, ACL, etc).
- This session explains what are the attacks and how Cisco can protect your networks.

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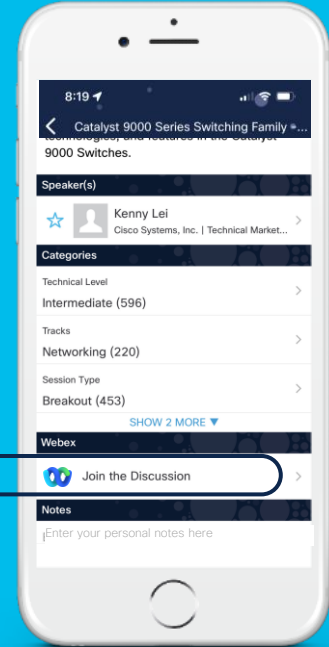
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Pre-Requisites

- Knowledge of IPv6, NDP, fragmentation, network security is assumed

Agenda

- Integrity of Routing and Addressing
- Integrity of $\langle \text{MAC}, \text{IPv6} \rangle$ Addresses Bindings
- Address Availability
- More Information on First Hop Security (FHS)
- FHS in a SD-Access Fabric
- IPv6 Security Beyond Local Area
- Summary

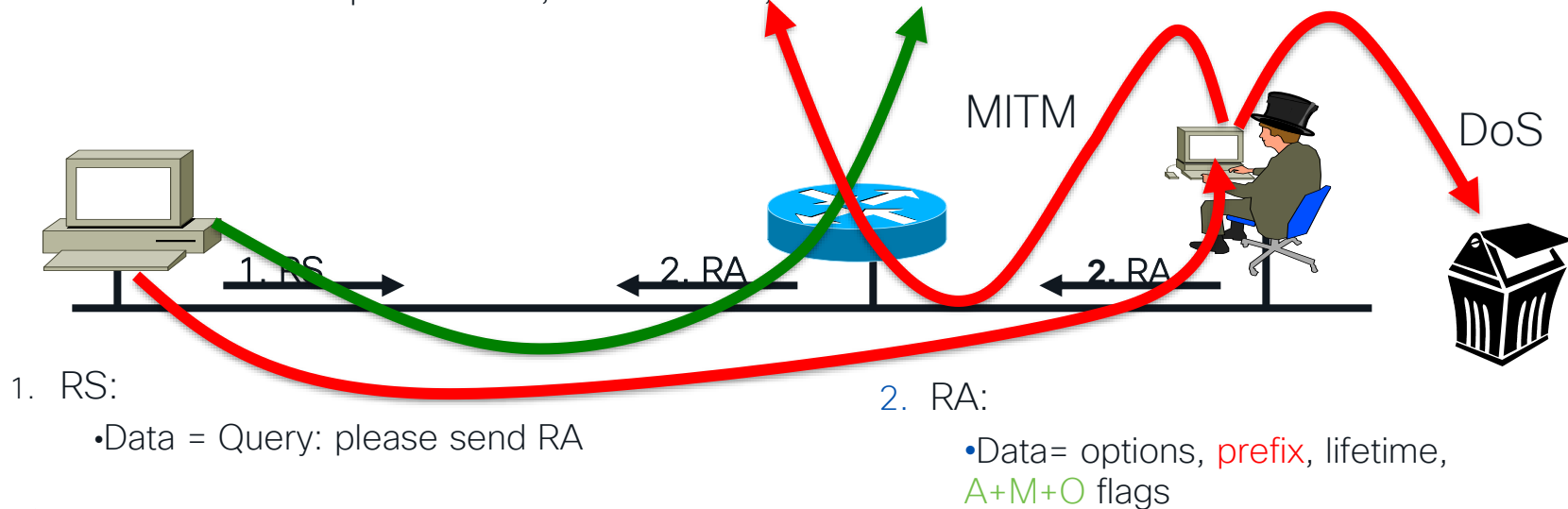
Integrity of Routing and Addressing



StateLess Address Auto Configuration SLAAC: Rogue Router Advertisement

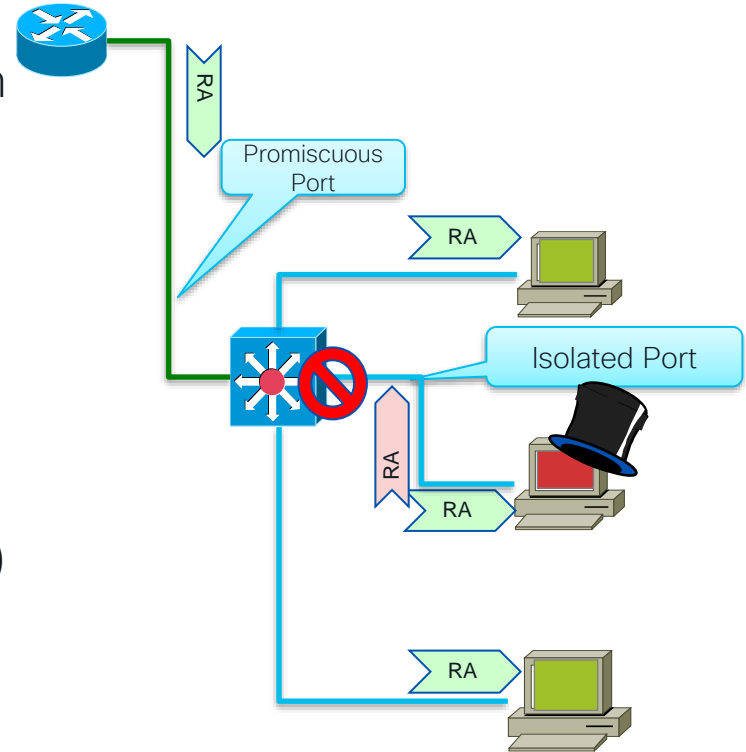
- **Router Advertisements (RA)** contains:
 - Prefix to be used by hosts
 - Data-link layer address of the router
 - Miscellaneous options: MTU, DHCPv6 use, ...

RA w/o Any Authentication
Gives Exactly Same Level of
Security as DHCPv4 (None)



Mitigating Rogue RA: Host Isolation

- Prevent Node-Node Layer-2 communication by using:
 - Private VLANs (PVLAN) where nodes (isolated port) can only contact the official router (promiscuous port)
 - WLAN in 'AP Isolation Mode'
 - 1 VLAN per host (SP access network with Broadband Network Gateway)
- Link-local multicast (RA, DHCP request, etc.) sent only to the local official router: no harm
 - Side effect: breaks Duplicate Address Detection (DAD)



RAguard since 2010 (RFC 6105)

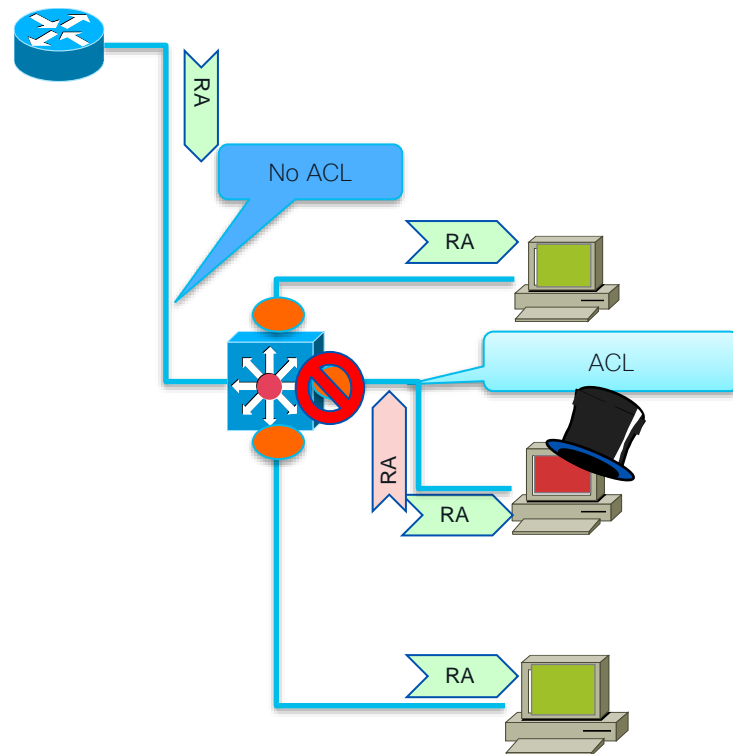
- **Port ACL**

blocks all ICMPv6 RA from hosts

```
interface FastEthernet0/2
```

```
  ipv6 traffic-filter ACCESS_PORT in
```

```
  access-group mode prefer port
```



Parsing the Extension Header Chain Fragmentation Matters!

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- Extension headers chain can be so large that it must be fragmented!
- RFC 3128 is not applicable to IPv6
- Layer 4 information (including ICMPv6 == NDP) could be in 2nd fragment



Layer 4 header is
in 2nd fragment

Fragmented RA and stateless ACL

- ICMPv6 code/type information could be in 2nd fragment
- But stateless firewalls could not find it if a previous extension header is fragmented



ICMPv6 code/type is in 2nd fragment,
Stateless filters have no clue where to
find it!

Is it the End of the World ?

- RFC 6980 *'nodes MUST silently ignore NDP ... if packets include a fragmentation header' ; -)*
- RFC 8200 *'If the first fragment does not include all headers through an Upper-Layer header, then that fragment should be discarded'*
- For IOS-based switches
 - **fragment** keyword matches
 - Non-initial fragments (same as IPv4)
 - **undetermined-transport** keyword does not match
 - If non-initial fragment, only for **deny**

IPv6 Fragmentation & IOS ACL Fragment Keyword

- This makes matching against the first fragment **non-deterministic**:
 - layer 4 header might not be there but in a later fragment
 - ⇒ Need for stateful inspection
- **fragment** keyword matches
 - Non-initial fragments (same as IPv4)
- **undetermined-transport** keyword does not match
 - If non-initial fragment
 - Or if TCP/UDP/SCTP and ports are in the fragment
 - Or if ICMP and type and code are in the fragment
 - Everything else matches (including OSPFv3, RSVP, GRE, ESP, EIGRP, PIM ...)
 - Only for deny ACE

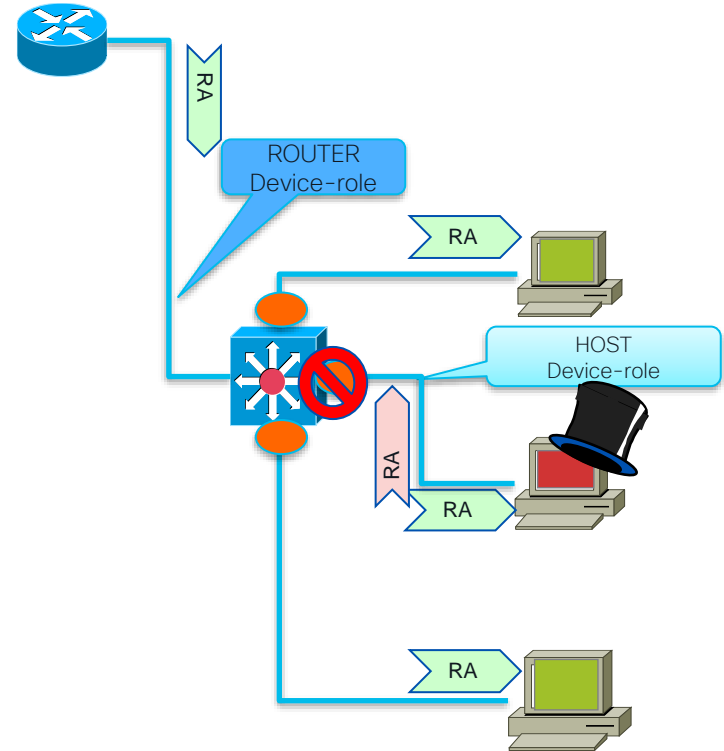
First Hop Security: RAguard Revisited

- RAguard

```
ipv6 nd raguard policy HOST
device-role host

ipv6 nd raguard policy ROUTER
device-role router

vlan configuration 1
  ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy HOST
interface Ethernet0/0
  ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy ROUTER
```



General principles on FHS command interface

- Each FH feature provides commands to attach policies to targets: global, VLAN, port

```
vlan configuration 100
```

```
ipv6 nd rguard attach-policy host
```

```
device-tracking
```

```
interface Ethernet 0/0
```

```
ipv6 nd rguard attach-policy router
```

- Packets are processed by the lowest-level matching policy **for each feature**
 - Two RA guard policies are configured: policy “**host**” and device-tracking on VLAN 100, policy “**router**” on interface Ethernet 0/0 (part of VLAN 100)
 - Packets received on Ethernet 0/0 are processed by policy “**router**” AND by policy device-tracking “**default**”
 - Packets received on any other port of VLAN 100 are processed by policy “**host**” AND by policy device-tracking “**default**”



Configuration examples

Step1: Configure policies		Step2: Attach policies to target
	Vlan	Port
ipv6 nd raguard policy HOST device-role host	vlan configuration 100-200 ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy HOST	
ipv6 nd raguard policy ROUTER device-role router		interface Ethernet0/0 ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy ROUTER
device-tracking policy NODE tracking enable limit address-count 10 security-level guard	vlan configuration 100,101 ipv6 snooping attach-policy NODE	
device-tracking policy SERVER trusted-port tracking disable security-level glean		interface Ethernet1/0 device-tracking attach-policy SERVER

Older CLI for NDP snooping was 'ipv6 snooping' it is now 'device-tracking'

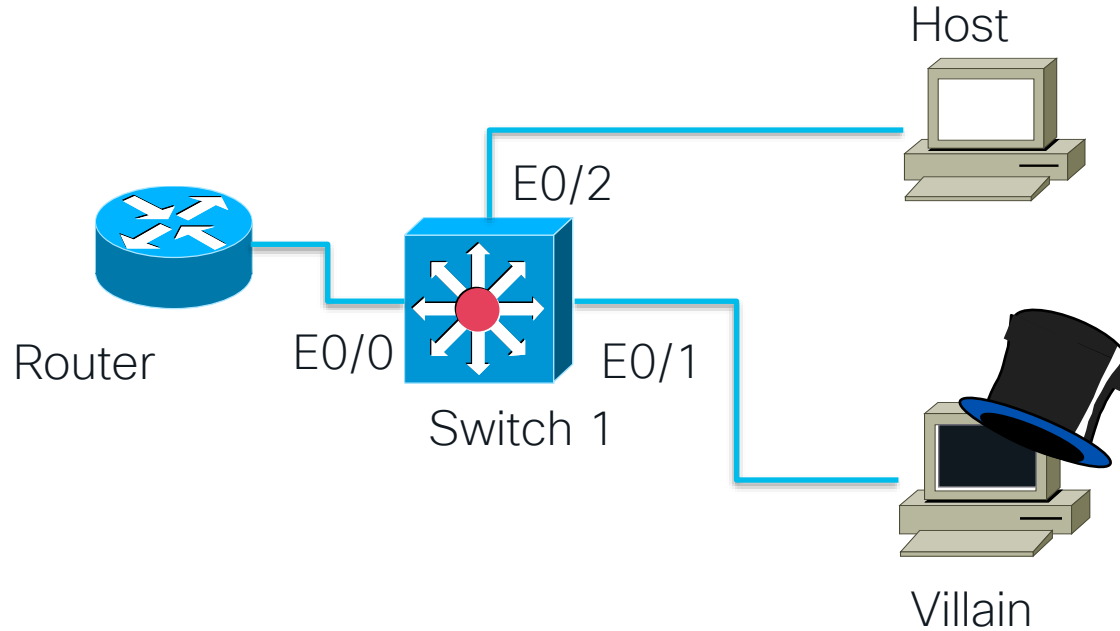


Device Roles

- For RA-guard, devices can have different roles
 - Host (default): can only receive RA from valid routers, no RS will be received
 - Router: can receive RS and send RA
 - Monitor: receive valid and rogue RA and all RS
 - Switch: RA are trusted and flooded to synchronize states
- For device-tracking, device can have different roles
 - Node (default):
 - Received ND are inspected (= gleaned)
 - Only valid ND are sent
 - Switch:
 - all valid ND are flooded to port to synchronize states
 - received ND from port are trusted



RA-Guard Demo Topology



<https://youtu.be/1kwCaY4H9Tw> (4 min 24 sec)

Meraki MR RA Guard

Block IPs and ports

Layer 2 LAN isolation Disabled (bridge mode only)

DHCP guard Disabled

RA guard Enabled

RA allowed routers

one IP6 address per line

Outbound rules

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Add new

	#	Policy	IP Version	Protocol	Destination	Dst port	Rule description	Actions
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Deny	IPv6	TCP	2a03:2880::/29	Any	Block Facebook	...
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Allow	IPv6	Any	Any	Any	Block all	...
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Deny	IPv4	TCP	8.8.8.8/32	53	TEST	...
		Allow	IPv4	Any	Local LAN	Any	Wireless clients accessing LAN	
		Allow	IPv4	Any	Any	Any	Default rule	

RA guard on by default!

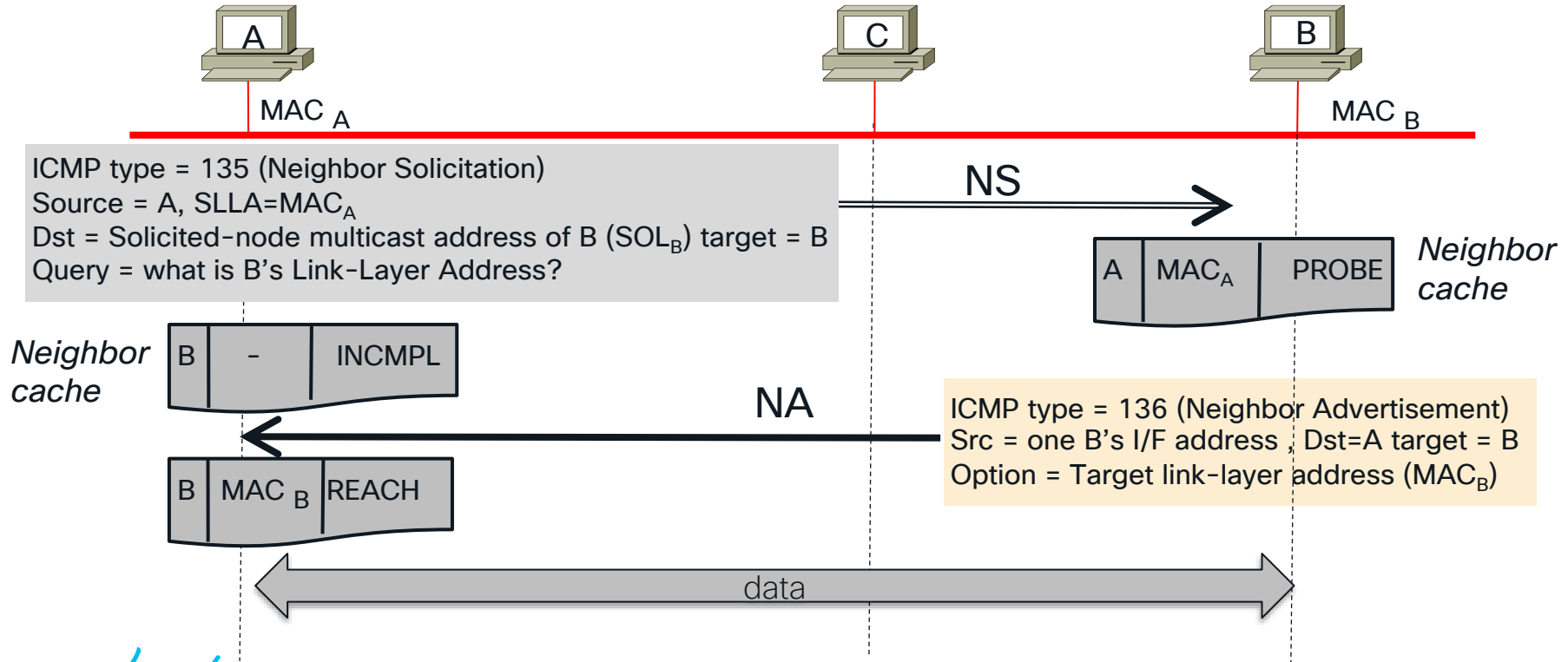
Wireless > Firewall & traffic shaping

Integrity of MAC-IPv6 Addresses Bindings



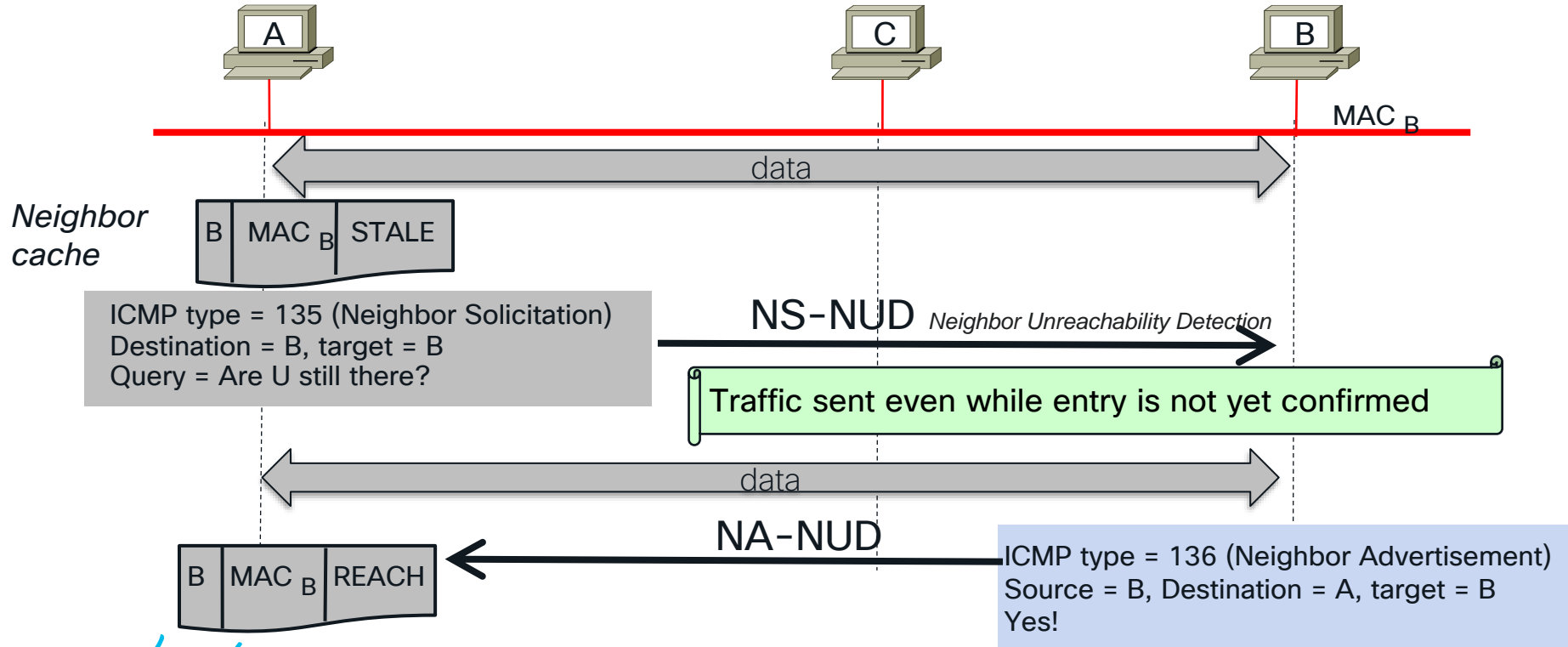
Address Resolution protocol: Resolve

Operations: discover the MAC address of a given IP address



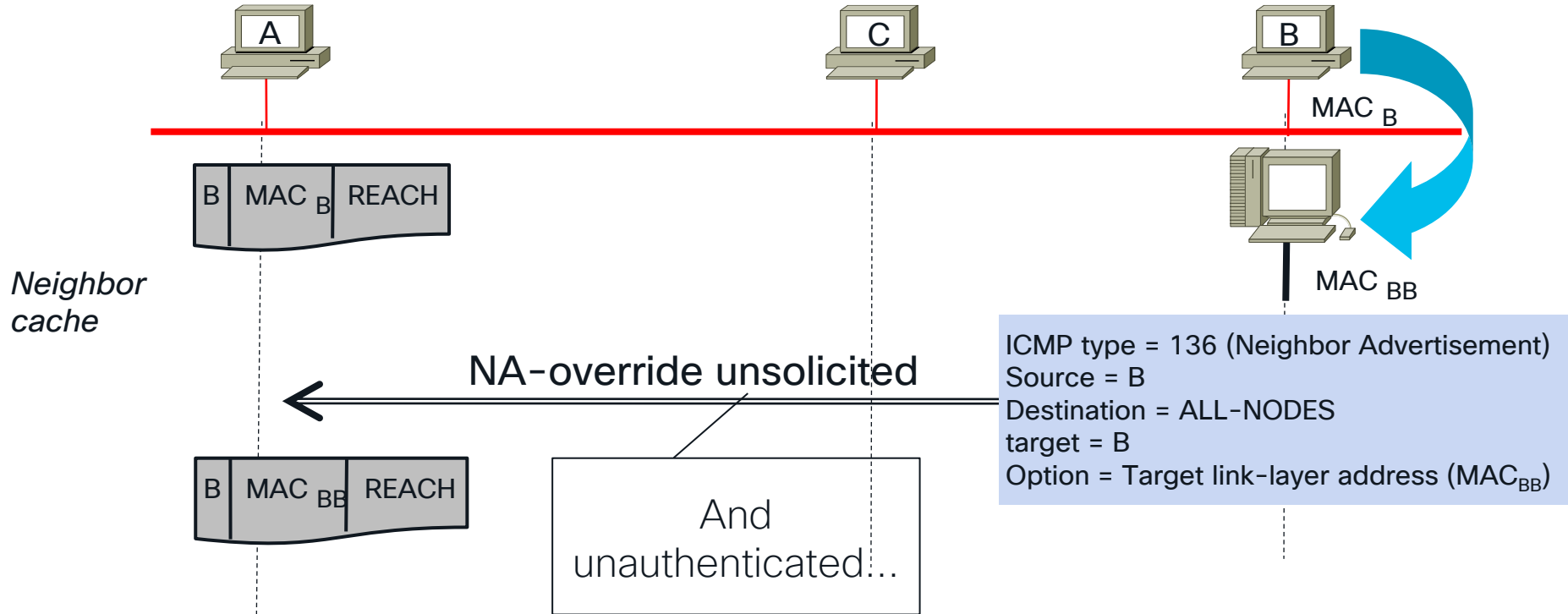
Address Resolution protocol: confirm

Operations: maintain <IP, MAC> mapping fresh in the cache



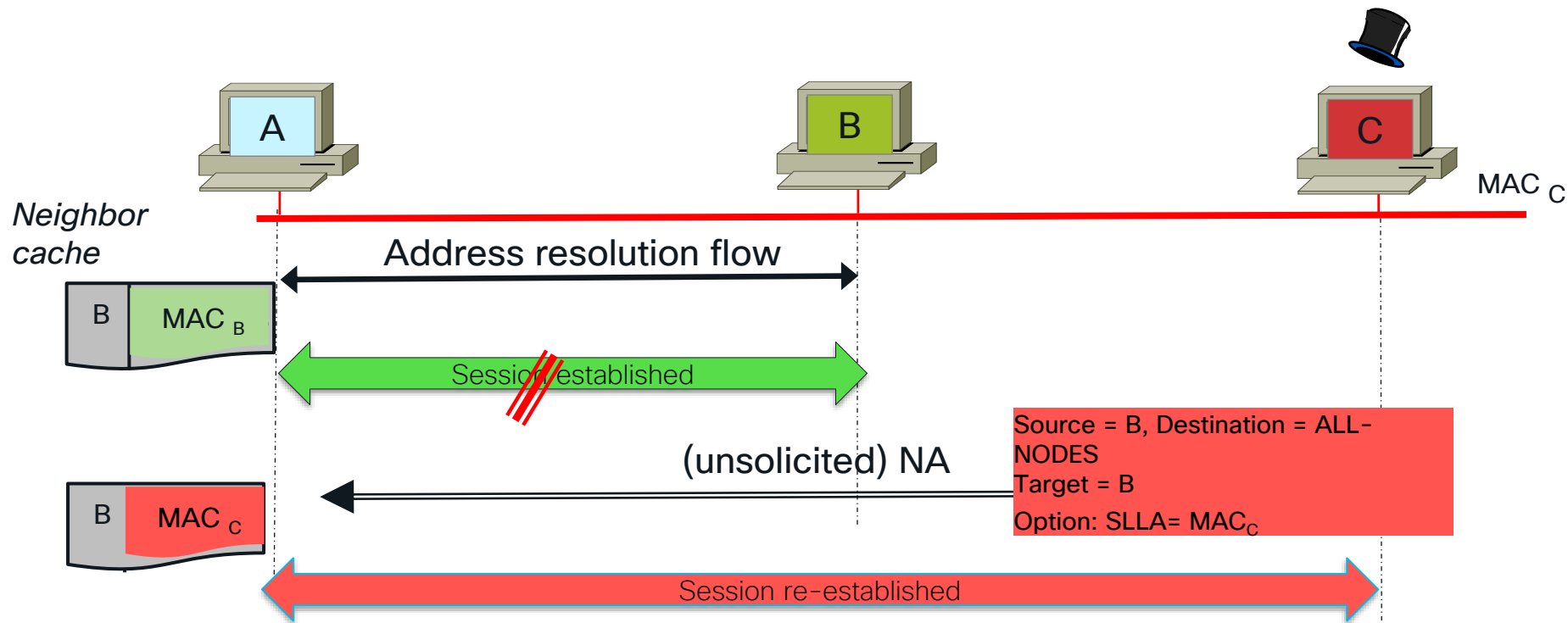
Address Resolution protocol: update

Operations: update the <IP, MAC> mapping in the cache

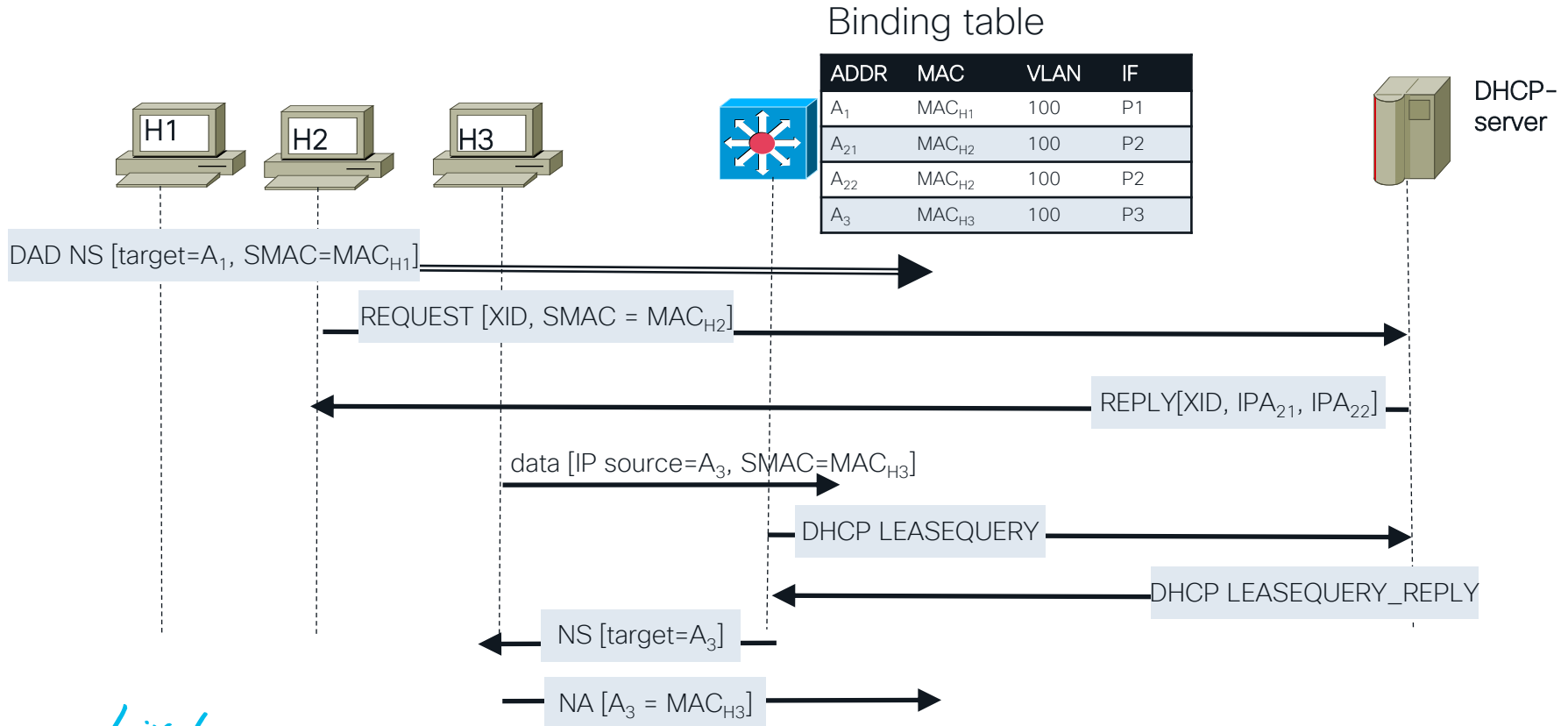


Address/Identity Theft (and session hijacking!)

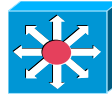
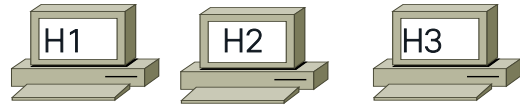
Vulnerability: attacker claim victim's IP address



Discover Endpoint Addresses *(no animation)*

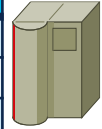


Discover Endpoint Addresses: Preference



Binding table

ADDR	MAC	VLAN	IF	Preference
A ₁	MAC _{H1}	100	P1	X
A ₂₁	MAC _{H2}	100	P2	Y
A ₂₂	MAC _{H2}	100	P2	Y
A ₃	MAC _{H3}	100	P3	Z

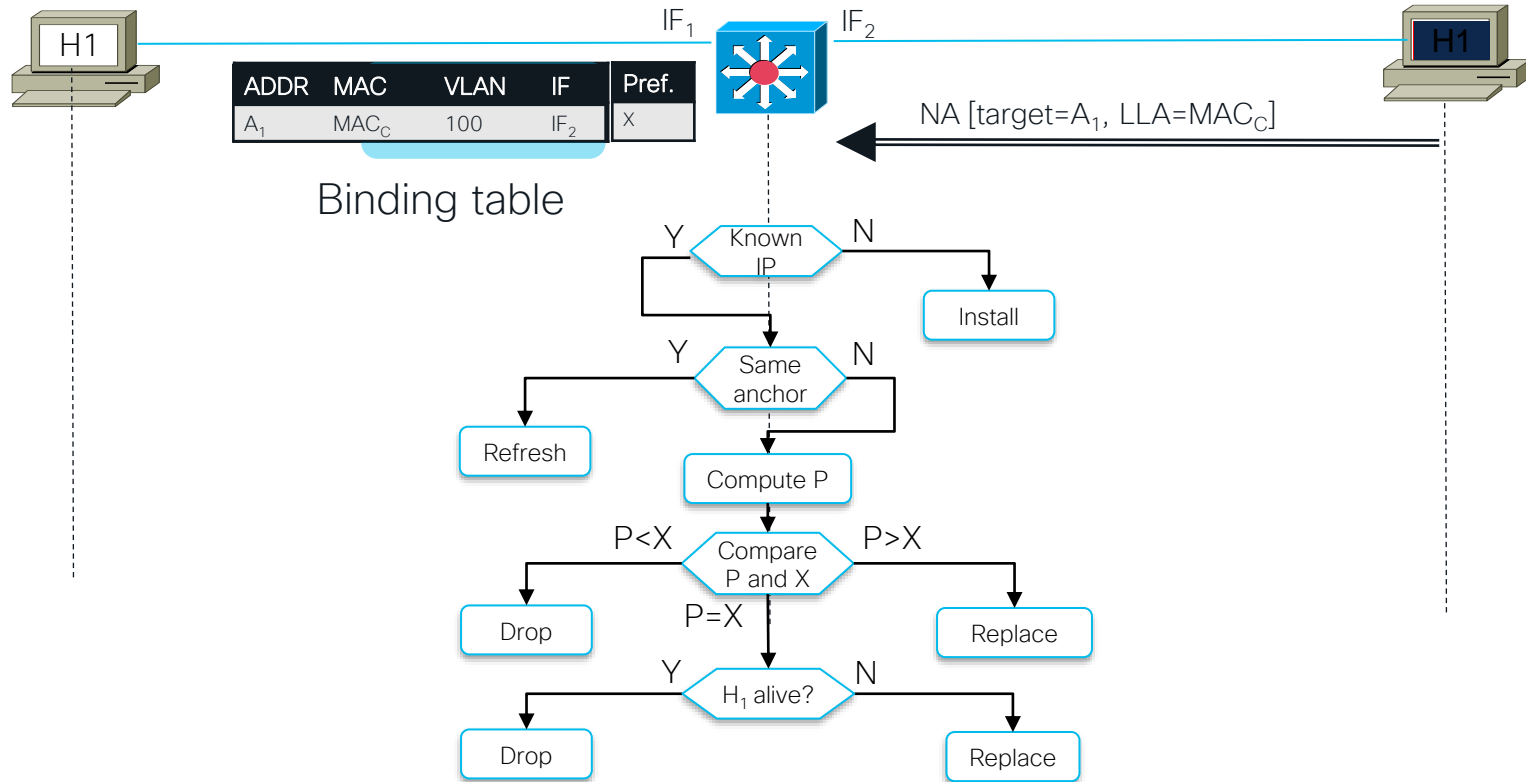


DHCP-server

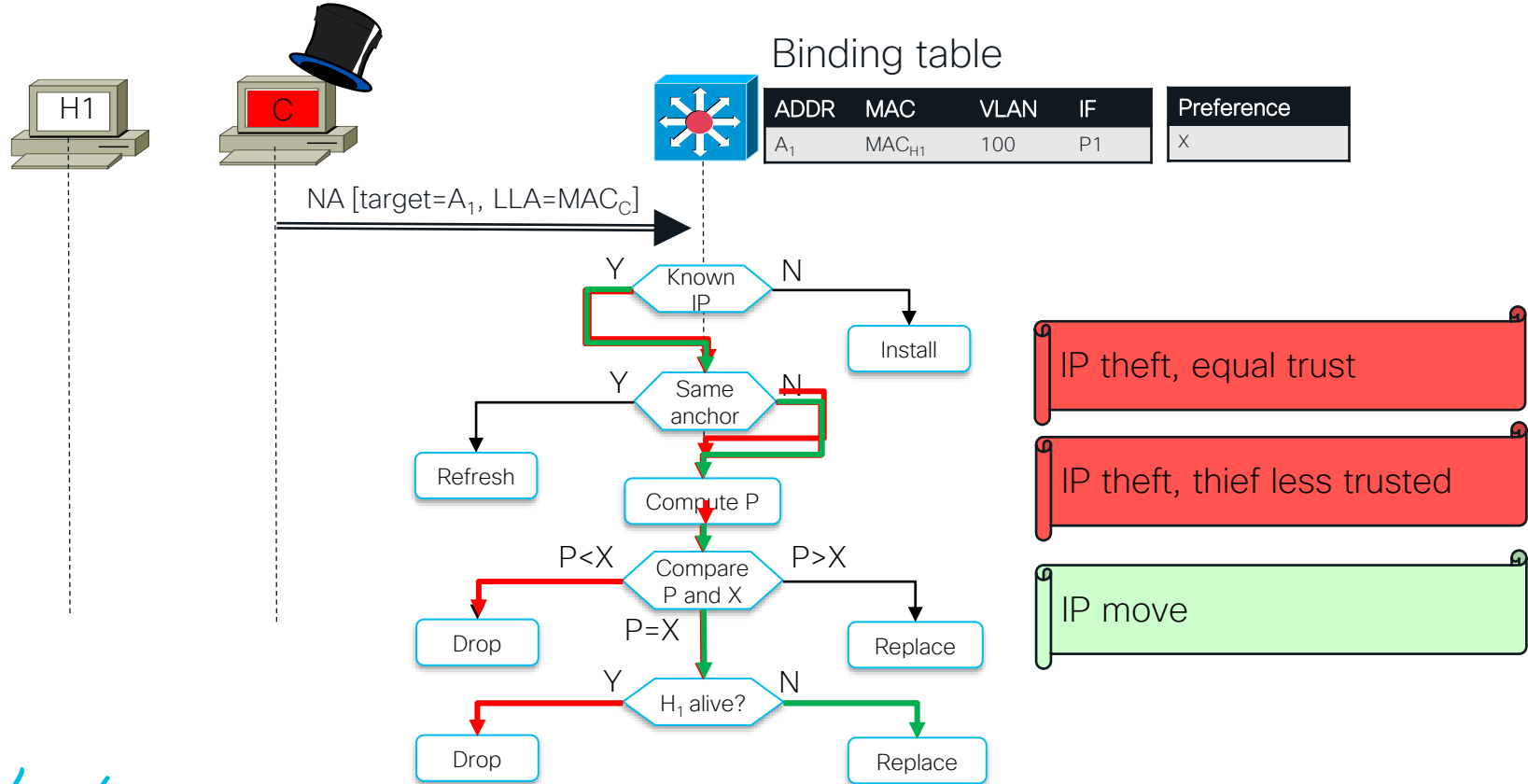
Each entry has a preference based on:

- Configuration: server, node
- Learning method: static, DHCP, DAD, ...
- Credentials: 802.1X

Enforce/Validate Endpoint Addresses



Enforce/Validate Endpoint Addresses





Configuration Example

```
device-tracking policy NODE

    tracking enable

    limit address-count 10

    security-level inspect

device-tracking policy SERVER

    trusted-port

    tracking disable

    security-level glean
```

Security level:

- **glean**: only build the binding table
- **inspect**: as glean + drop wrong NA
- **guard**: as inspect + drop RA & DHCP server messages

```
vlan configuration 1

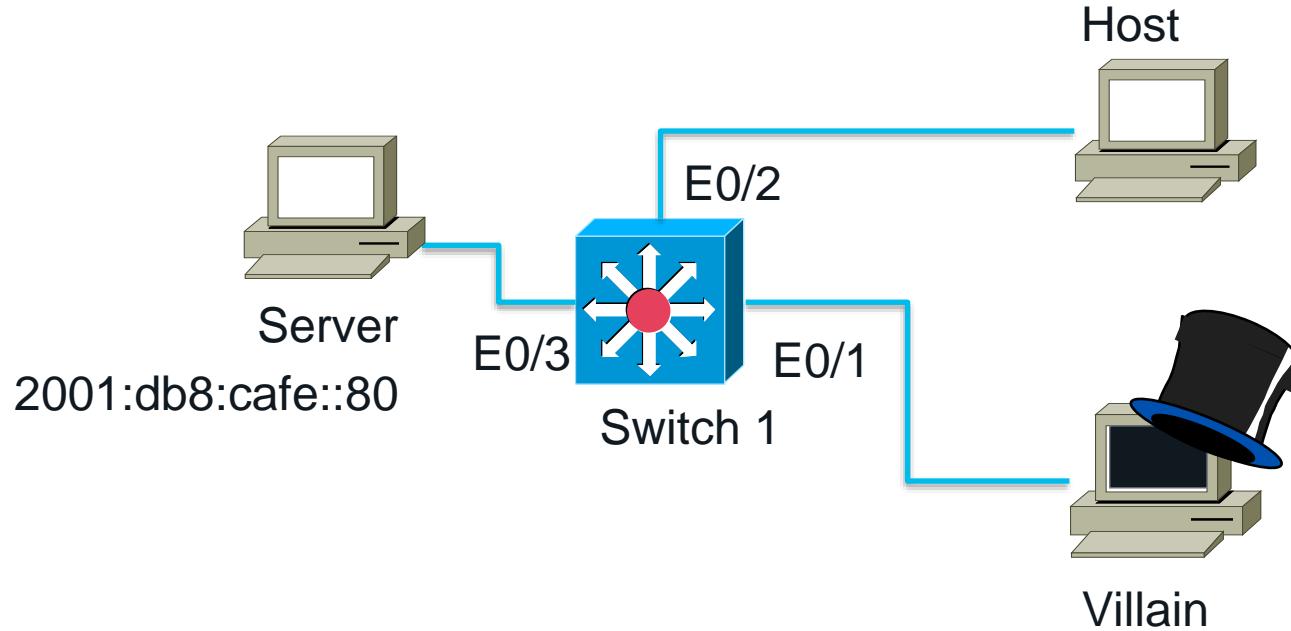
    device-tracking attach-policy NODE

interface Ethernet0/3

    device-tracking attach-policy SERVER
```



Device-Binding Demo Topology

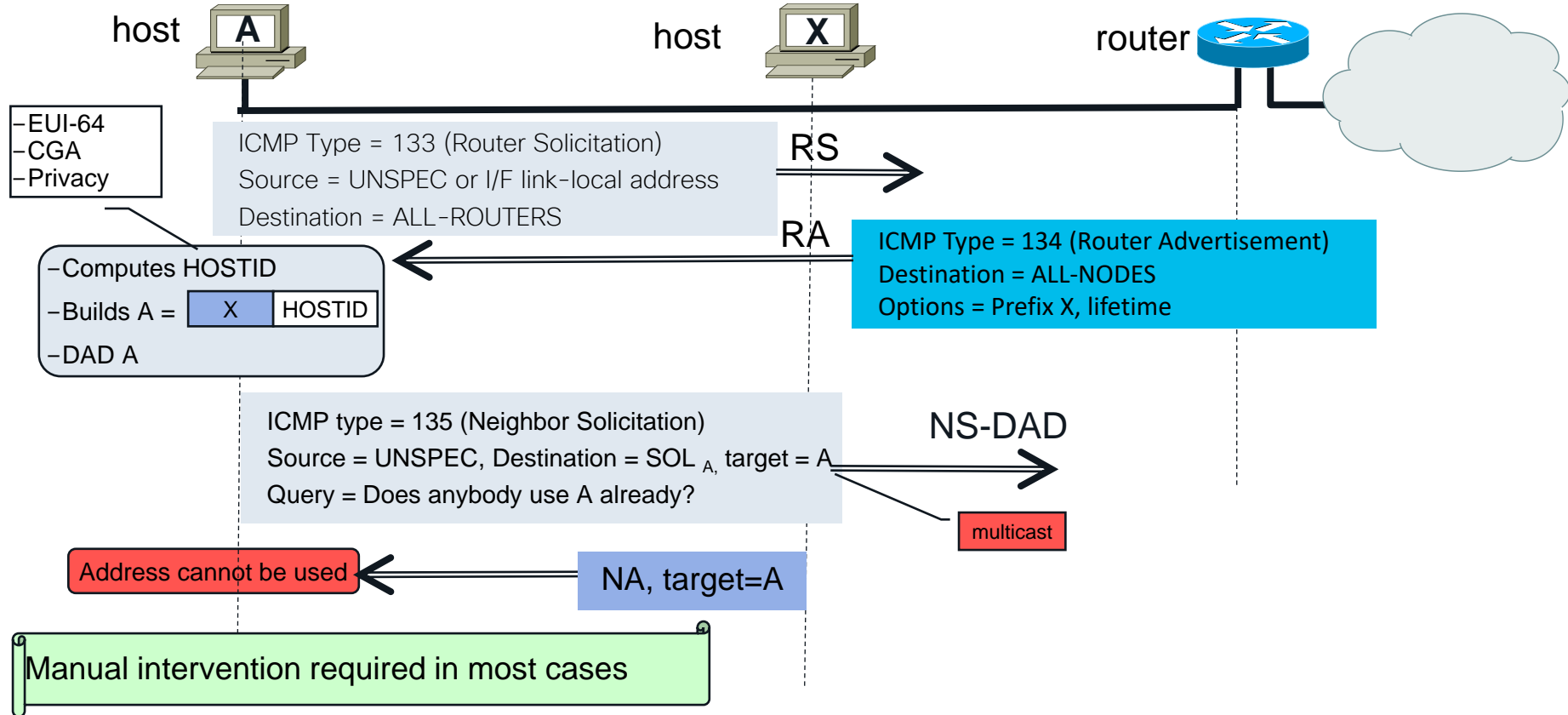


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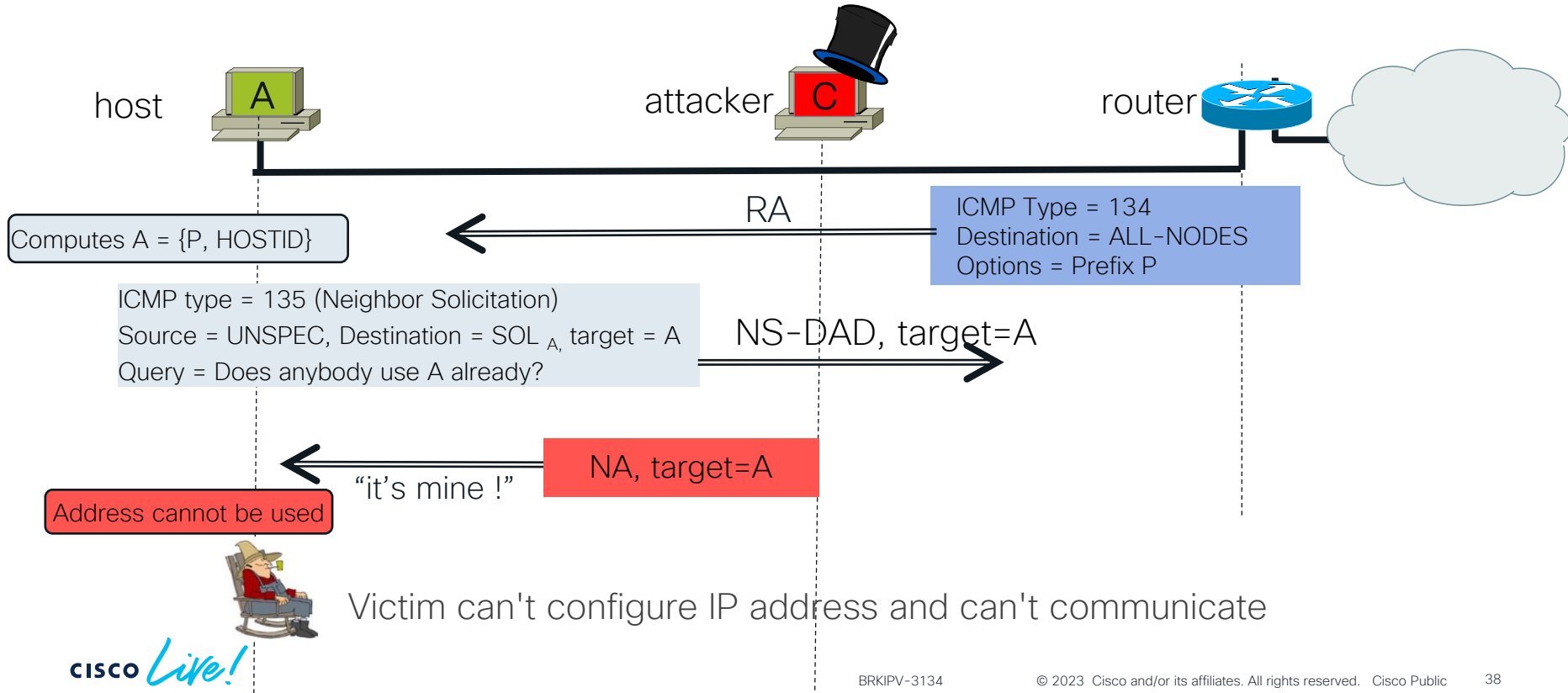
Address Availability



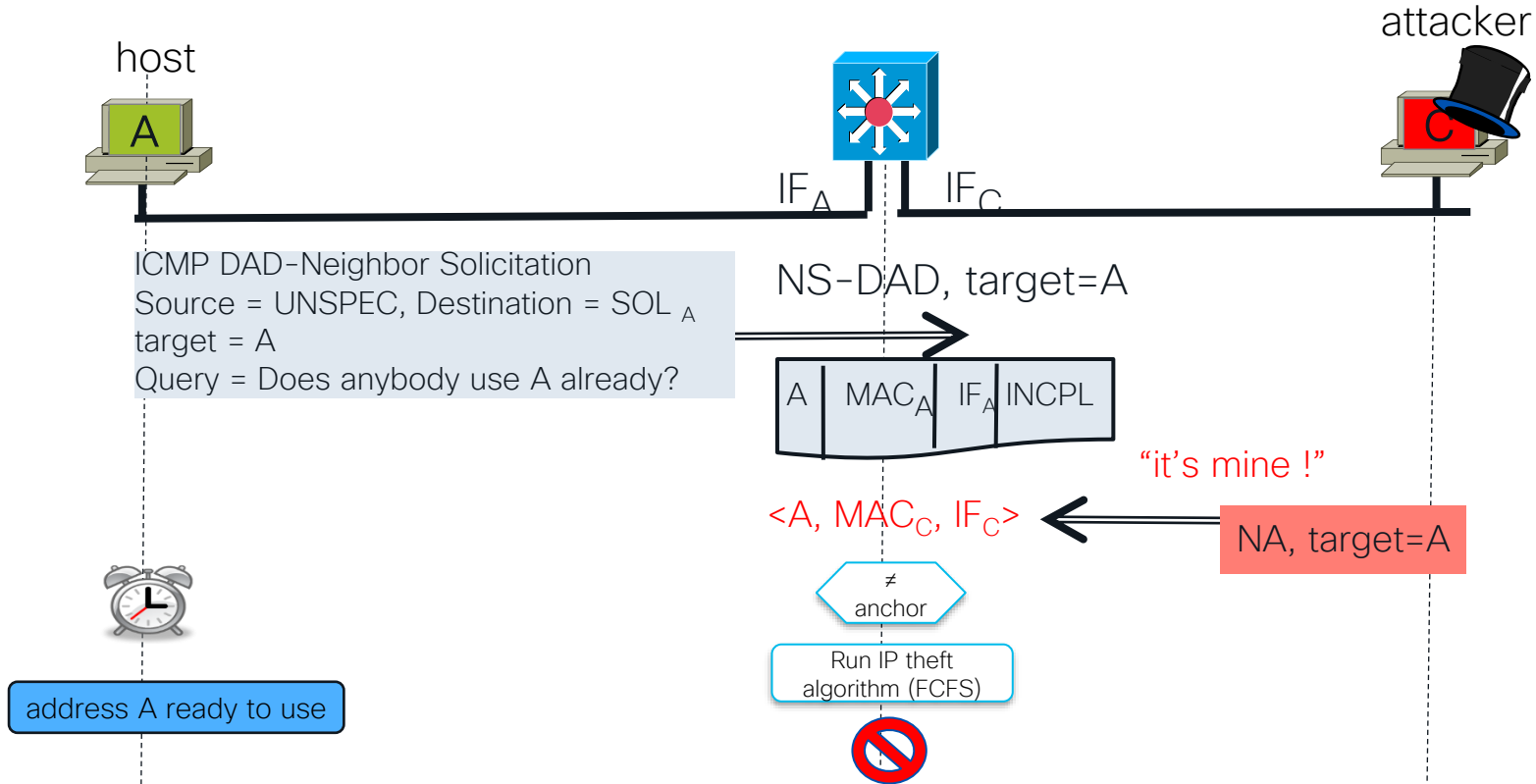
Normal Duplicate Address Detection Failure



Denial of Address Initialization



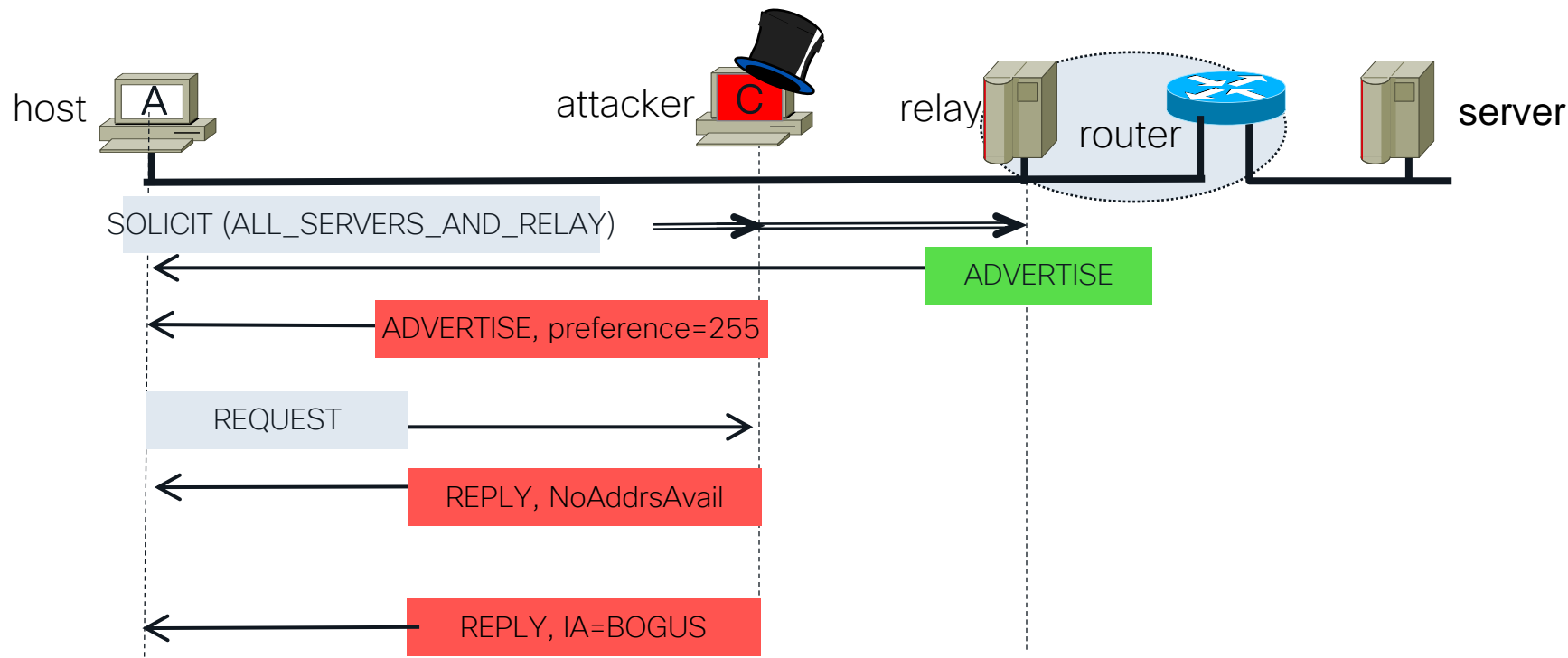
Mitigating Denial of Address Initialization



DoS attack: denial of Address assignment



Vulnerability: attacker hacks DHCP server role



DoS attack mitigation: DHCP Guard

Denial of address assignment

- **Port ACL:** blocks all DHCPv6 “server” messages on client-facing ports

```
interface FastEthernet0/2
  ipv6 traffic-filter CLIENT_PORT in
  access-group mode prefer port
```

- **DHCP guard:** deep DHCP packet inspection

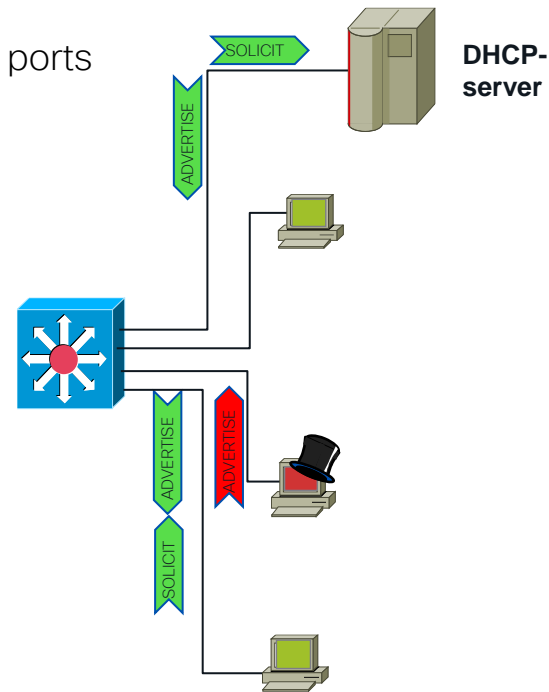
```
ipv6 dhcp guard policy CLIENT
  device-role client
```

```
ipv6 nd raguard policy SERVER
  device-role server
```

```
vlan configuration 100
  ipv6 dhcp guard attach-policy CLIENT vlan 100
```

```
interface FastEthernet0/0
  ipv6 dhcp guard attach-policy SERVER
```

- Source
- Prefix list
- CGA credentials



Meraki MR DHCPv6 Guard

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Layer 2 LAN isolation

Disabled (bridge mode only)

DHCP guard

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RA guard

Enabled

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		Allow	IPv4	Any	Any	Any	Default rule	

DHCP guard: same toggle for IPv4/IPv6

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Meraki MS IPv6 ACL for DHCPv6

Rogue DHCPv6 blocking

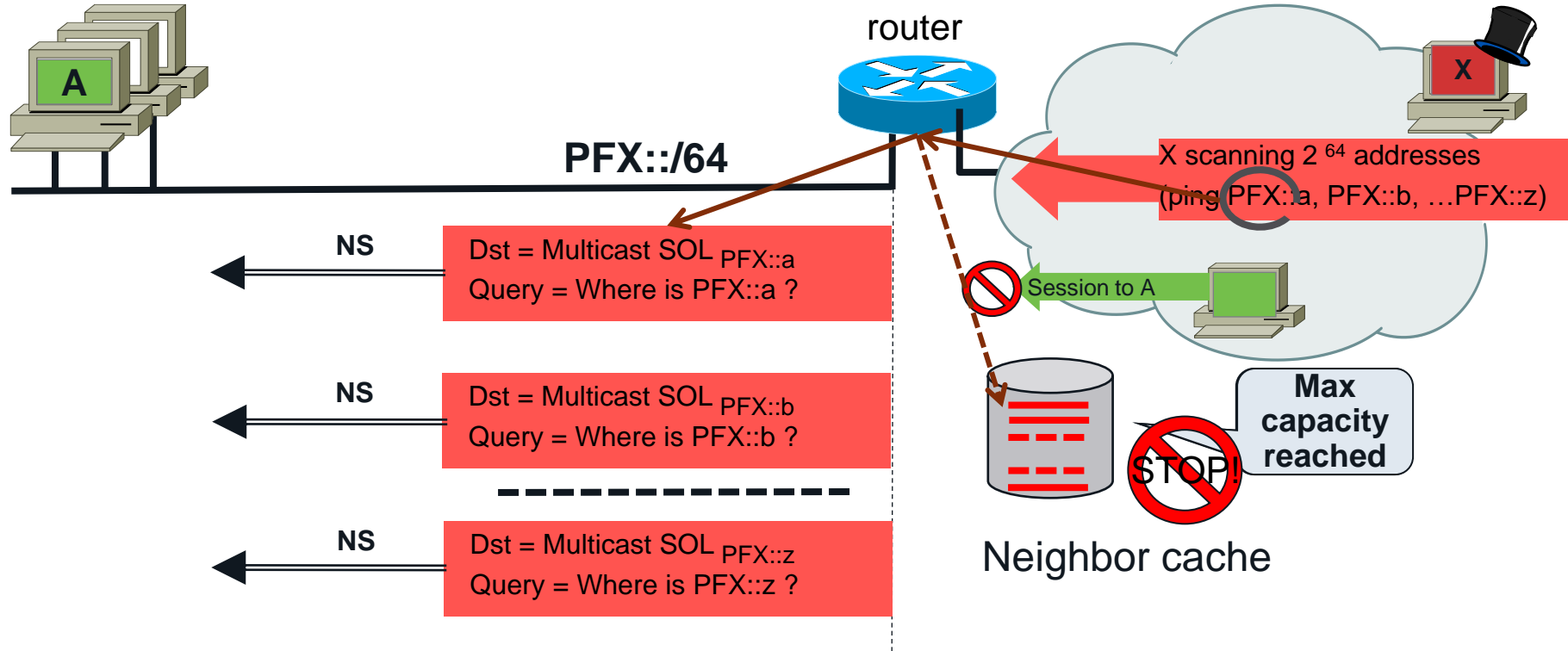
User-defined rules

#	Policy	IP Version	Protocol	Source	Src port	Destination	Dst port	Vlan	Comment		
1	Deny ▾	IPv6 ▾	UDP ▾	Any	547	Any	546	Any	Block DHCPv6	+	x
	Allow	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Default rule		

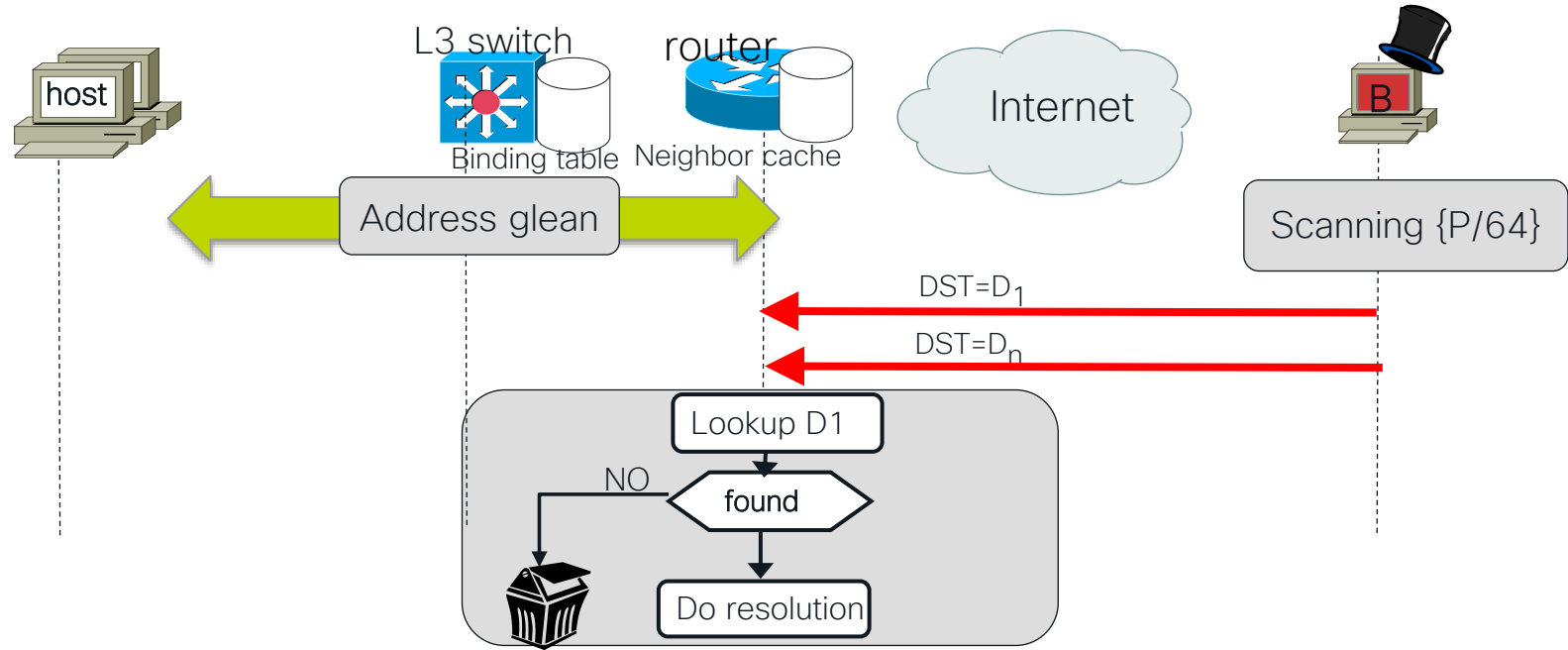
Add a rule

Switch > ACL

DoS attack: denial of address resolution



Destination Guard



- Mitigate prefix-scanning attacks and Protect ND cache
- Useful at last-hop router and L3 distribution switch
- Drops packets for destinations without a binding entry

More Information on FHS





More demos on Youtube

Demo	Title	link
Router theft & mitigations	Cisco IPv6 Router Advertisement (RA) Guard Demo	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fE-TQ0ekffU
Address theft & mitigations	Cisco IPv6 snooping Demo	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KL4NwRr8n6w
DoS attack on ND cache & mitigation	Cisco IPv6 Destination Guard Demo	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDyqV7u4HSY
Misdirect & mitigation	Cisco IPv6 Source Guard Demo	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vOY0xXLoj0



Monitoring (done via SYSLOG)

Address Theft (IP)	%SISF-4-IP_THEFT: IP Theft A=2001::DB8::1 V=100 I=Et0/0 M=0000.0000.0000 New=Et1/0
Address Theft (MAC)	%SISF-4-MAC_THEFT: MAC Theft A=2001::DB8::1 V=100 I=Et1/0 M=0000.0000.0000 New=Et1/0
Address Theft (MAC/IP)	%SISF-4-MAC_AND_IP_THEFT: MAC_AND_IP Theft A=2001::DB8::1 V=100 I=Et0/0 M=0000.0000.0000 New=Et1/0
DHCP Guard	%SISF-4-PAK_DROP: Message dropped A=2001::DB8::1 G=2001:2DB::2 V=2 I=Gi3/0/24 P=DHCPv6::REP Reason=Packet not authorized on port
RA Guard	%SISF-4-PAK_DROP: Message dropped A=2001::DB8:2 G=- V=1 I=Gi3/2 P=NDP::RA Reason=Message unauthorized on port

Many FHS Features

- RA-Guard
 - Only trusted routers can send RA
- Device tracking
 - Learn the MAC/IP addresses binding and enforce it (first talker wins)
- DHCPv6 Guard
 - Block DHCP packet from non trusted DHCP servers
- Destination Guard
 - Block ingress packet whose destination is unknown (not in the binding table learned by device tracking)
- Source Guard
 - block packets with invalid source IPv6 addresses (learned from device tracking of NDP & DHCP), mainly for layer-2 switches
- Prefix Guard
 - block packets with invalid source IPv6 addresses (learned DHCP prefix delegation), mainly for CPE
- RA Throttler
 - Reduce the amount of multicast RA as multicast is bad for Wi-Fi (battery lifetime, reliance, and performance)
- ND Suppress Multicast:
 - Rewrite the destination MAC address from multicast to unicast for some traffic (also based on the binding learned by device tracking)

IPv6 First Hop Security Platform Support



Feature/Platform	Catalyst 6500 Series	Catalyst 4500 Series	Catalyst 2K/3K Series	ASR1000 Router	7600 Router	Catalyst 3850	Wireless LAN Controller (Flex 7500, 5508, 2500, WISM-2)	Nexus 7k	Nexus 3k/Nexus 9k	Nexus ACI	Meraki
RA Guard	15.0(1)SY	15.1(2)SG	15.0(2)SE		15.2(4)S	15.0(1)EX	7.2	NX-OS 8.0	7.0(3)	3.0	MR 27
Device-tracking	15.0(1)SY1	15.1(2)SG	15.0(2)SE	XE 3.9.0S	15.2(4)S	15.0(1)EX	7.2	NX-OS 8.0	7.0(3)	3.0	
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Source/Prefix Guard	15.2(1)SY	15.2(1)E	15.0(2)SE2	XE 3.9.0S	15.3(1)S		7.2				
Destination Guard	15.2(1)SY	15.1(2)SG	15.2(1)E	XE 3.9.0S	15.2(4)S						
RA Throttler	15.2(1)SY	15.2(1)E	15.2(1)E			15.0(1)EX	7.2				
ND Multicast Suppress	15.2(1)SY	15.1(2)SG	15.2(1)E	XE 3.9.0S		15.0(1)EX	7.2				MR27

Note 1: IPv6 Snooping support in 15.0(1)SY does not extend to DHCP or data packets; only ND packets are snooped

Note 2: Only IPv6 Source Guard is supported in 15.0(2)SE; no support for Prefix Guard in that release

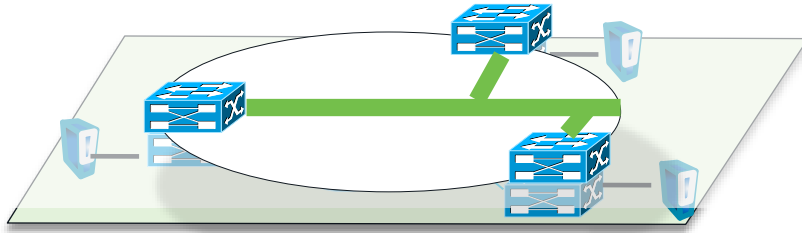
Note 3: No support on virtual switches

	Available Now		Not Available		Roadmap
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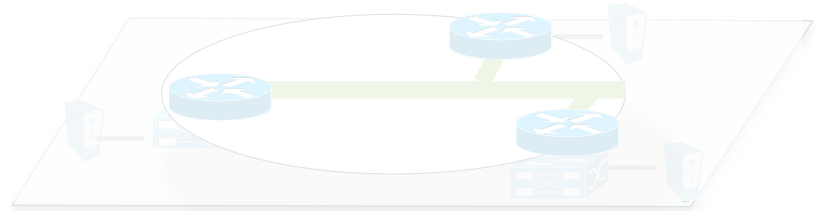
FHS in a SD- Access Fabric

Layer-2 vs layer-3 Overlays

Layer-2 overlay



Layer-3 overlay



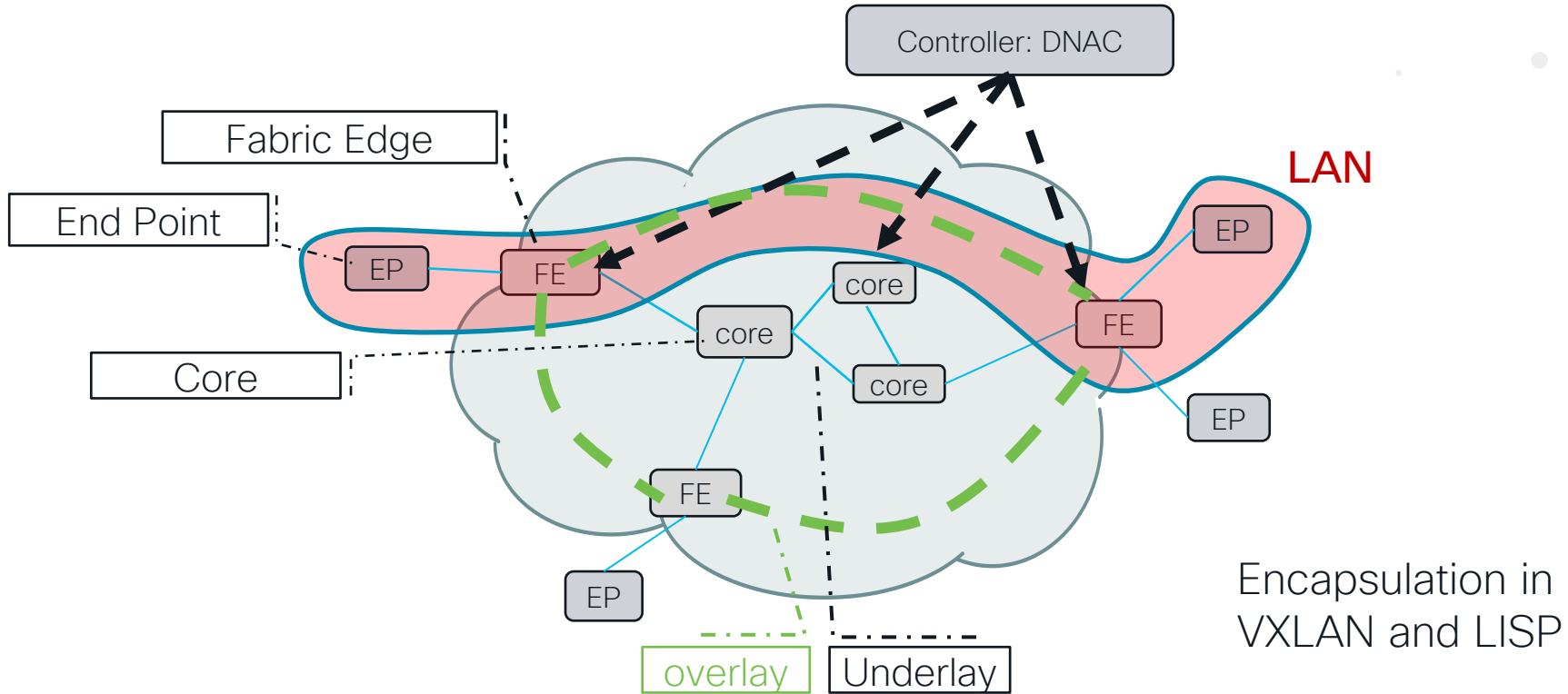
Layer 2 Overlays

- Emulates a LAN segment
- Transport Ethernet Frames (IP & Non-IP)
- Single subnet mobility (L2 domain)
- Exposure to Layer 2 flooding
- Useful in emulating physical topologies

Layer 3 Overlays

- Abstract IP connectivity
- Transport IP Packets (IPv4 & IPv6)
- Full mobility regardless of Gateway
- Contain network related failures (floods)
- Useful to abstract connectivity and policy

SD-Access Fabric

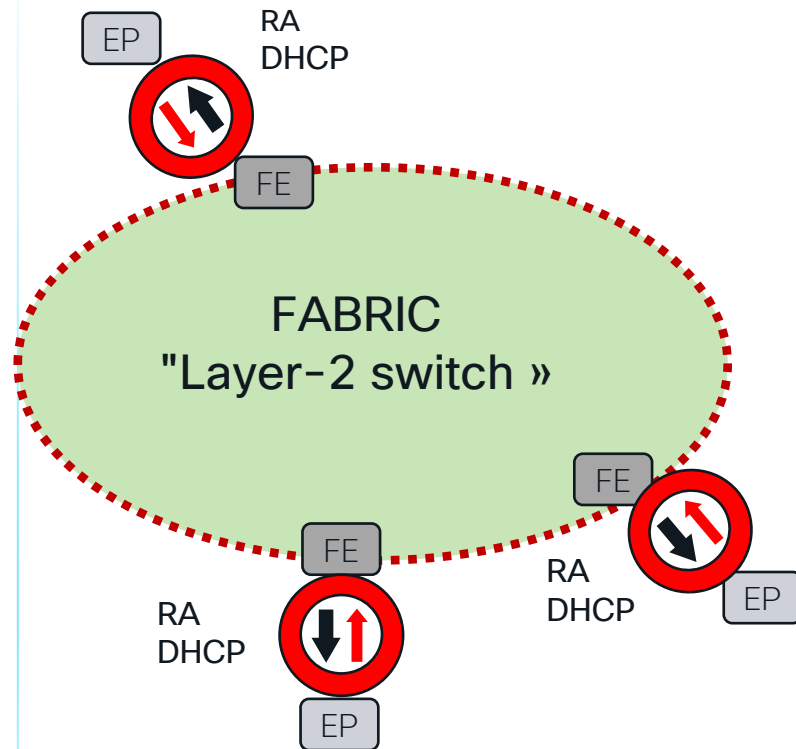


Router Theft: Mitigate with RA-guard & DHCP-guard

- Use case #1: no exterior router
 - IPv4: blocks all incoming DHCP-ack
 - IPv6: block incoming RA and DHCP-reply
- Use case #2: exterior router allowed
 - IPv4: authorize DHCP server on port
 - IPv6: authorize router and DHCP server on port

```
ipv6 nd raguard policy ROUTER
device-role router
ipv6 dhcp guard policy SERVER
device-role server
```

```
interface FastEthernet0/0
  ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy ROUTER
  ipv6 dhcp guard attach-policy SERVER
```



RA-guard « on » by default on SD-Access

```
# show device-tracking policy LISP-DT-GUARD-VLAN
```

```
Policy LISP-DT-GUARD-VLAN configuration:
```

```
security-level guard (*)
```

```
device-role node
```

```
gleaning from Neighbor Discovery
```

```
gleaning from DHCP
```

```
gleaning from ARP
```

```
gleaning from DHCP4
```

```
NOT gleaning from protocol unkn
```

```
limit address-count for IPv4 per mac 4 (*)
```

```
limit address-count for IPv6 per mac 12 (*)
```

```
tracking enable
```

```
Policy LISP-DT-GUARD-VLAN is applied on the following targets:
```

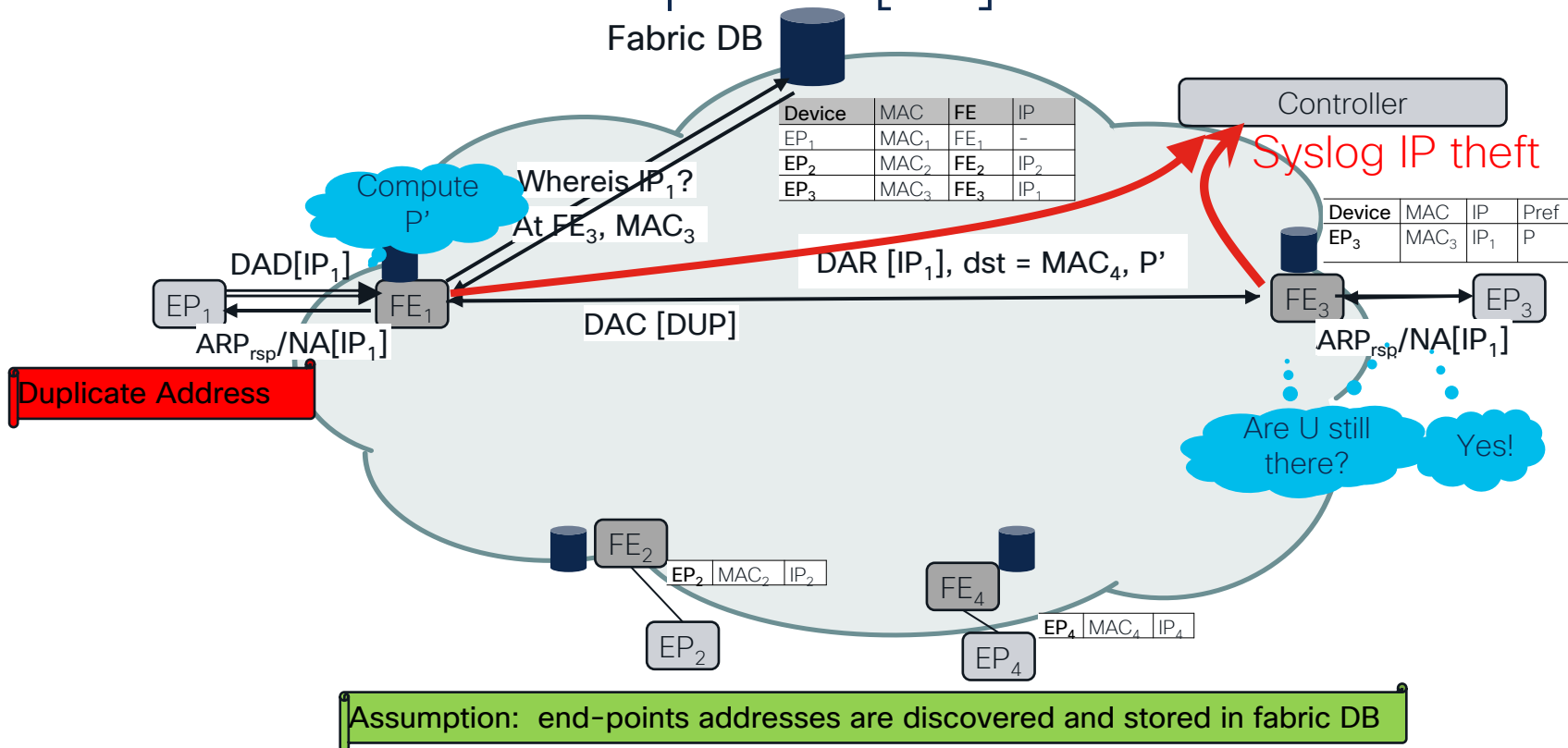
Target	Type	Policy	Feature	Target range
vlan 101	VLAN	LISP-DT-GUARD-VLAN	Device-tracking	vlan all

```
note:
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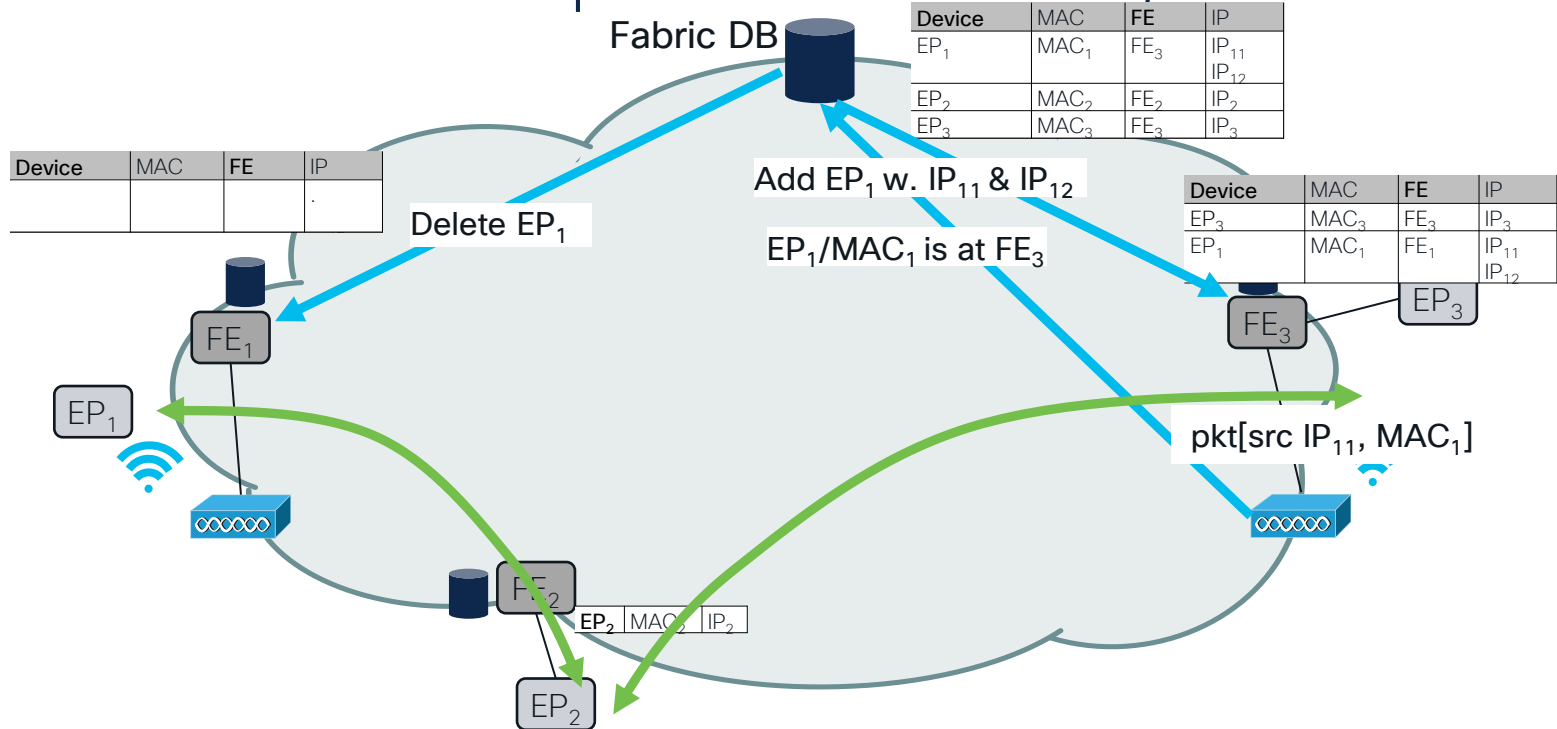
```
Binding entry Down timer: 10 minutes (*)
```

```
Binding entry Stale timer: 30 minutes (*)
```

Address Ownership – IPv[46] Address



Address Ownership – Fast Roaming in SD-Access



Assumption: end-points addresses are discovered and stored in fabric DB

IPv6 Security Beyond the Local Area ?



IPv6 Security Beyond the Local Area ?

- IPv6 differs from IPv4 mainly in:
 - NDP vs. ARP: this class was about securing the difference
 - Extension Headers: a large topic, see also BRKSEC-2044 “Secure operations of an IPv6 network”
- I.e., beyond local area, normal security BCP are similar:
 - Anti-spoofing with uRPF checks
 - Infrastructure ACL
 - Routing security
 - VPN, firewalls, IDS, ...

Summary



Summary

- IPv6 NDP/DHCP are vastly different than IPv4 ARP/DHCP
 - A common approach can work for both
 - Trusted devices (AP, switches, fabric, ...) can learn dynamic states and enforce the binding
- Do not forget that
 - an IPv6 network exists as soon as you have an IPv6 host, no need for IPv6 Internet
 - If there are 2 IPv6 hosts, then one can attack the other one
 - I.e., please deploy IPv6 FHS NOW

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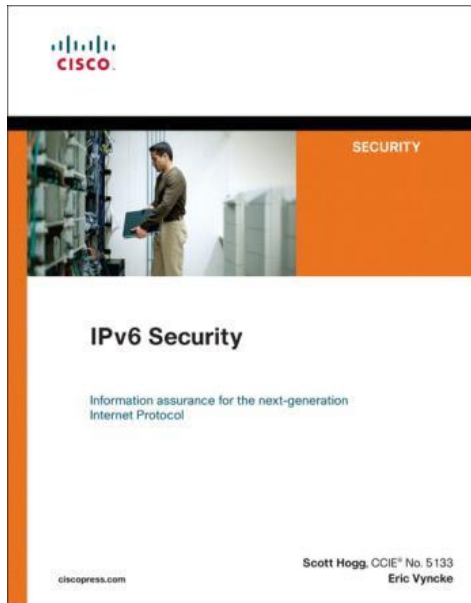


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