

# International Women's Day (March 8)

- International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political **achievements of women**.
- The day also marks a **call to action** for accelerating women's equality.
- IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not country, group or organization specific.



<https://www.internationalwomensday.com>



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# Tomorrow 8 March 2025

- Collectively, we can Accelerate Action for **gender equality**.
- At the current rate of progress, it will take until 2158, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity, according to data from the World Economic Forum.
- Focusing on the need to Accelerate Action emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps to achieve **gender equality**.
- As individuals, we can all take steps in our daily lives to **positively impact women's advancement**.
- We can call out stereotypes, challenge discrimination, question bias, celebrate women's success, and so much more. Additionally, sharing our knowledge and encouragement with others is key.



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## IPv6: addressing

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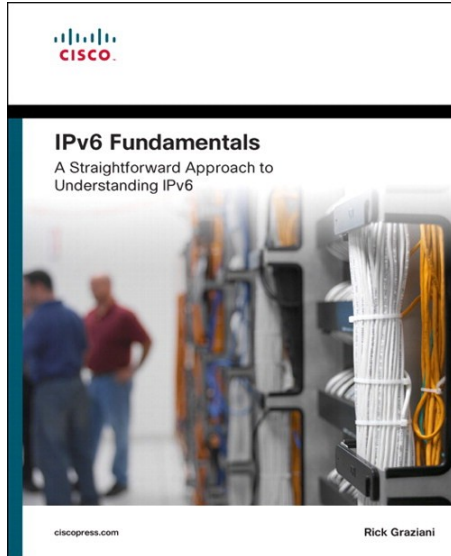
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# Introducing IPv6

- Not a “new” protocol.
- Developed mid to late 1990s.
- Much learned from IPv4.
- 128-bit address space, written in hexadecimal.
- This gives us 340 undecillion addresses!

2001:DB8:CAFE:0001::100

128 bits

128 bits

340 undecillion

= 340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456





# IPv6

- How many is 340 undecillion?
- 340 undecillion is 10 **nonillion** addresses per person (10 followed by 30 zeros)!
- Internet is a much different place and will continue to evolve:
  - Mobile devices
  - Video on demand
  - Internet of Everything
  - A critical part in how we “live, work, play, and learn”.

10 **nonillion**

= 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000



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# IPv6 addresses

- $3.4 \times 10^{38}$
- “This is  $2^{52}$  addresses for every observable star in the known universe.”
- “We could assign an IPV6 address to EVERY ATOM ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, and still have enough addresses left to do another 100+ earths.”
- “It isn’t remotely likely that we’ll run out of IPV6 addresses at any time in the future.”



# Main IPv6 characteristics

- IPv6 is not just about more addresses:
  - Stateless autoconfiguration
  - End-to-end reachability without private addresses and NAT
  - Better support for mobility
  - Peer-to-peer networking easier to create and maintain, and services such as VoIP and Quality of Service (QoS) become more robust.





# IPv6: A Brief History



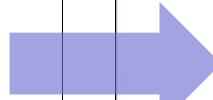
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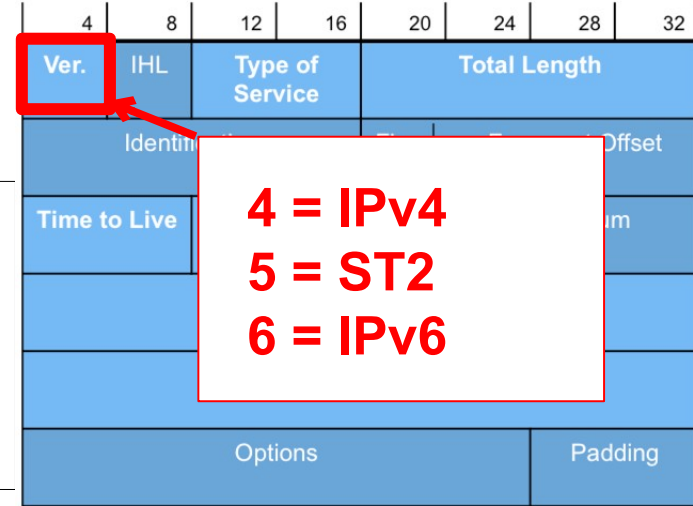
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- 1993, IETF announced a call for white papers with RFC 1550 *IP: Next Generation (IPng) White Paper Solicitation*.
- IETF chose Simple Internet Protocol Plus (SIPP) written by Steve Deering, Paul Francis, and Bob Hinden but changed the address size from 64 bits to 128 bits.
- 1995, IETF published RFC 1883 Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification - later obsoleted by RFC 2460 in 1998.



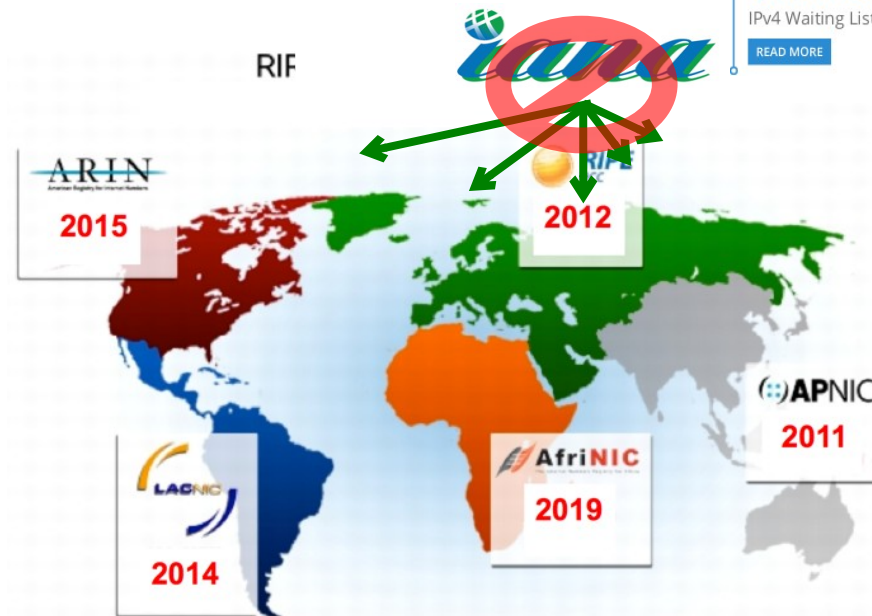
The ST packet header is not constrained to be compatible with the IP packet header, except for the IP Version Number (the first four bits) that is used to distinguish ST packets (IP Version 5) from IP packets (IP Version 4). The ST packets, or protocol data units (PDUs), can be encapsulated in IP either to provide connectivity (possibly with degraded service) across portions of an internet that do not provide support for ST, or to allow access to services such as security that are not provided directly by ST.



- In the late 1970s, a family of experimental protocols was developed intended to provide quality of service (QoS) for real-time multimedia applications such video and voice.
- Known as Internet Stream Protocol (ST) and later ST2 – (RFC 1190 and RFC 1819).
- Although it was never known as IPv5, when encapsulated in IP, ST uses IP Protocol version 5.

# The Need for IPv6

- We are running out of IPv4 address space.
- Monday, January 31, 2011 IANA allocated the last /8 IPv4 address blocks to the RIRs.
- In November 2019, RIPE NCC made their final /22 IPv4 allocation from the last remaining addresses in their available pool.
- RIPE NCC now allocates IPv4 addresses only from the pool of **returned** addresses, which by itself is not enough for the scalability of the Internet!



Source: [www.potaroo.net/tools/ipv4](http://www.potaroo.net/tools/ipv4)

2019

**1 MARCH** • RIPE NCC receives a /23 from IANA's recovered pool - the last IPv4 addresses received from them.

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**2 OCTOBER** • RIPE NCC can no longer make contiguous /22 allocations, starts allocating "/22 equivalents" that are combinations of /23s or /24s.

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**25 NOVEMBER** • RIPE NCC runs out of IPv4 addresses. The IPv4 Waiting List is activated.

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# Running Out of IPv4



## WORLD INTERNET USAGE AND POPULATION STATISTICS 2023 Year Estimates

World Regions	Population ( 2022 Est.)	Population % of World	Internet Users 31 Dec 2021	Penetration Rate (% Pop.)	Growth 2000-2023	Internet World %
<a href="#">Africa</a>	1,394,588,547	17.6 %	601,940,784	43.2 %	13,233 %	11.2 %
<a href="#">Asia</a>	4,352,169,960	54.9 %	2,916,890,209	67.0 %	2,452 %	54.2 %
<a href="#">Europe</a>	837,472,045	10.6 %	747,214,734	89.2 %	611 %	13.9 %
<a href="#">Latin America / Carib.</a>	664,099,841	8.4 %	534,526,057	80.5 %	2,858 %	9.9 %
<a href="#">North America</a>	372,555,585	4.7 %	347,916,694	93.4 %	222 %	6.5 %
<a href="#">Middle East</a>	268,302,801	3.4 %	206,760,743	77.1 %	6,194 %	3.8 %
<a href="#">Oceania / Australia</a>	43,602,955	0.5 %	30,549,185	70.1 %	301 %	0.6 %
<a href="#">WORLD TOTAL</a>	7,932,791,734	100.0 %	5,385,798,406	67.9 %	1,392 %	100.0 %

- The regions with the largest populations have the lowest percentages of people connected to the Internet

Graphic from Internet World Stats, [www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm](http://www.internetworldstats.com/stats.htm)





# IPv4 deployment

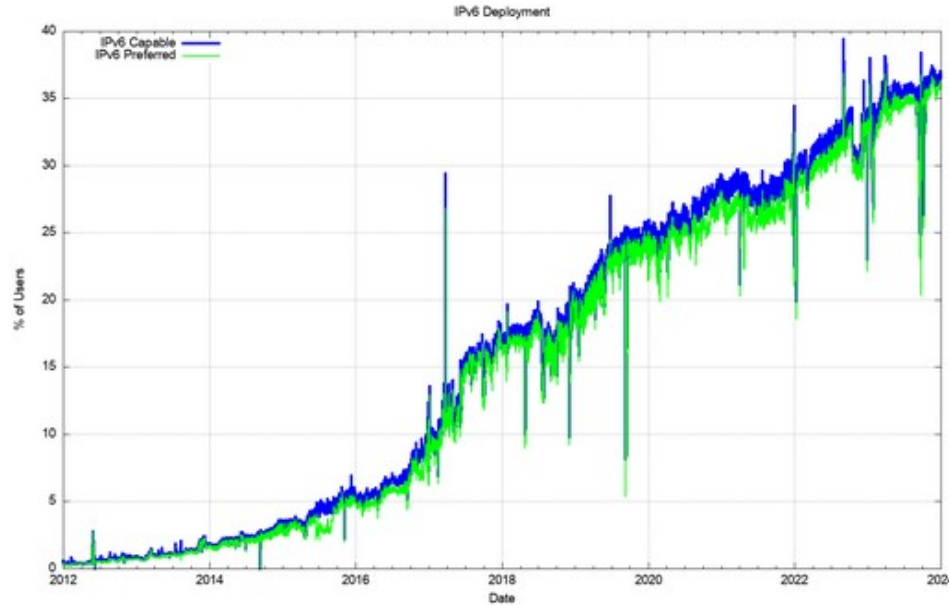


Figure 16 – IPv6 Deployment measurement 2010 – 2023

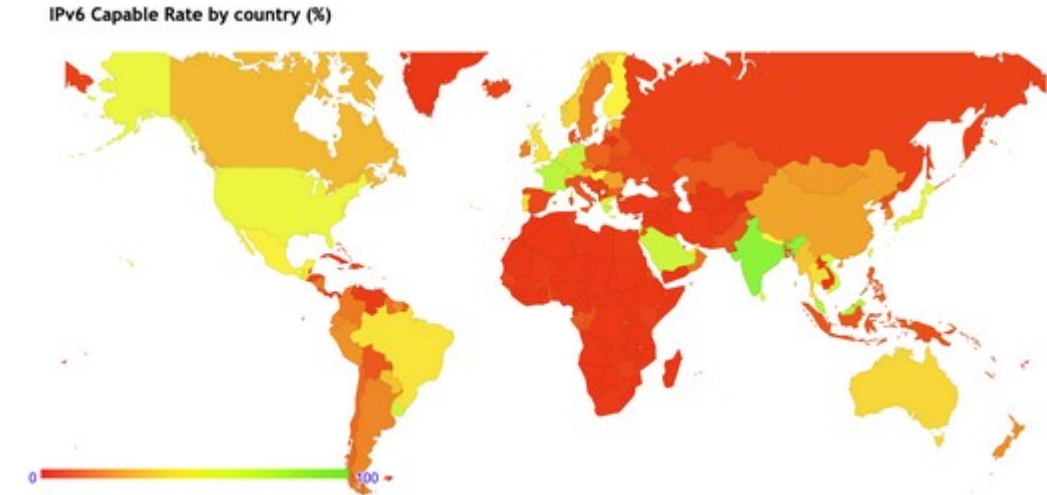


Figure 17 – IPv6 Deployment measurement - December 2023



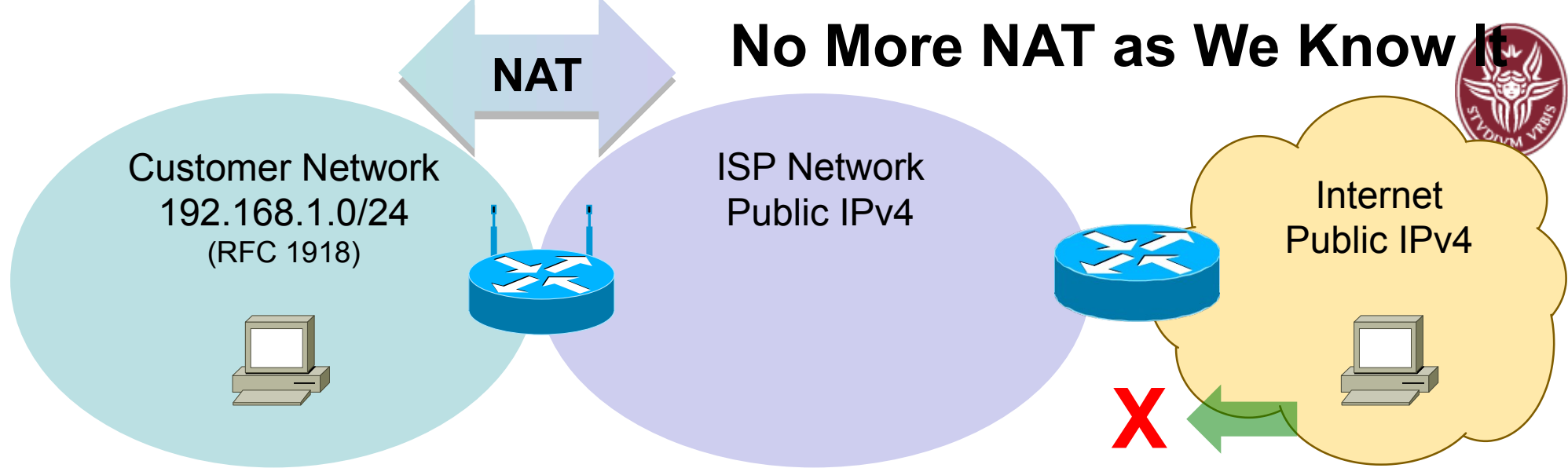
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# No More NAT as We Know It



- NAT has been used to help “hide” customers and works for many client-initiated applications.
- However, NAT also creates some issues, like peer-to-peer networking and accessing our “hidden” systems from other networks.
- Using NAT to “hide” IPv6 networks has been the source of some debate.
- IETF continues to state that NAT is not a security feature.

# Hex and IPv6 Address Representation

# The Beauty of Hexadecimal: 4 bits = 1 hex digit



<u>Dec</u>	<u>Hex</u>	Binary <u>8421</u>
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111

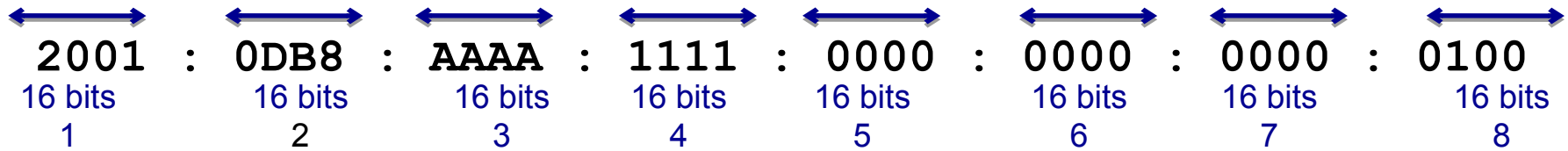
<u>Dec</u>	<u>Hex</u>	Binary <u>8421</u>
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
10	A	1010
11	B	1011
12	C	1100
13	D	1101
14	E	1110
15	F	1111



# IPv6 Address Notation

Dec.	Hex.	Binary	Dec.	Hex.	Binary
0	0	0000	8	8	1000
1	1	0001	9	9	1001
2	2	0010	10	A	1010
3	3	0011	11	B	1011
4	4	0100	12	C	1100
5	5	0101	13	D	1101
6	6	0110	14	E	1110
7	7	0111	15	F	1111

2001:0DB8:AAAA:1111:0000:0000:0000:0100



IPv6 addresses are 128-bit addresses represented in:

- Hexadecimal: 1 hex digit = 4 bits
- Eight 16-bit segments or “hextets” (not a formal term) between 0000 and FFFF
- Separated by colons
- Reading and subnetting IPv6 is easier than IPv4.... Almost always!



# Number of IPv6 Addresses



IPv4  
4.3 billion

IPv4 addresses:

- 4.3 billion

IPv6 addresses:

- 340 undecillion

IPv6  
340 undecillion

Number name	Scientific Notation	Number of zeros
1 Thousand	$10^3$	1,000
1 Million	$10^6$	1,000,000
1 Billion	$10^9$	1,000,000,000
1 Trillion	$10^{12}$	1,000,000,000,000
1 Quadrillion	$10^{15}$	1,000,000,000,000,000
1 Quintillion	$10^{18}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Sextillion	$10^{21}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Septillion	$10^{24}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Octillion	$10^{27}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Nonillion	$10^{30}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Decillion	$10^{33}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
1 Undecillion	$10^{36}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

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# Two Rules for Compressing IPv6 Addresses

## Rule 1: Omitting Leading 0s



- Two rules for reducing the size of written IPv6 addresses.
- **First rule:** Leading zeroes in any 16-bit segment do not have to be written.
- **Only** leading 0s can be excluded, trailing 0s must be included.

2001 : 0DB8 : 0001 : 1000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0ef0 : bc00

2001 : DB8 : 1 : 1000 : 0 : 0 : ef0 : bc00

2001 : 0DB8 : 010d : 000a : 00dd : c000 : e000 : 0001

2001 : DB8 : 10d : a : dd : c000 : e000 : 1

2001 : 0DB8 : 0000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0500

2001 : DB8 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 500



# Two Rules for Compressing IPv6 Addresses



## Rule 2: Double Colon ::

- The second rule can reduce this address even further:
- **Second rule:** Any single, contiguous string of one or more 16-bit segments consisting of all zeroes can be represented with a double colon (::).

2001 : 0DB8 : 1000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0000 : 0001

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2001:DB8:1000::1

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# IPv6 Global Unicast Address

*The equivalent of public IPv4 address*

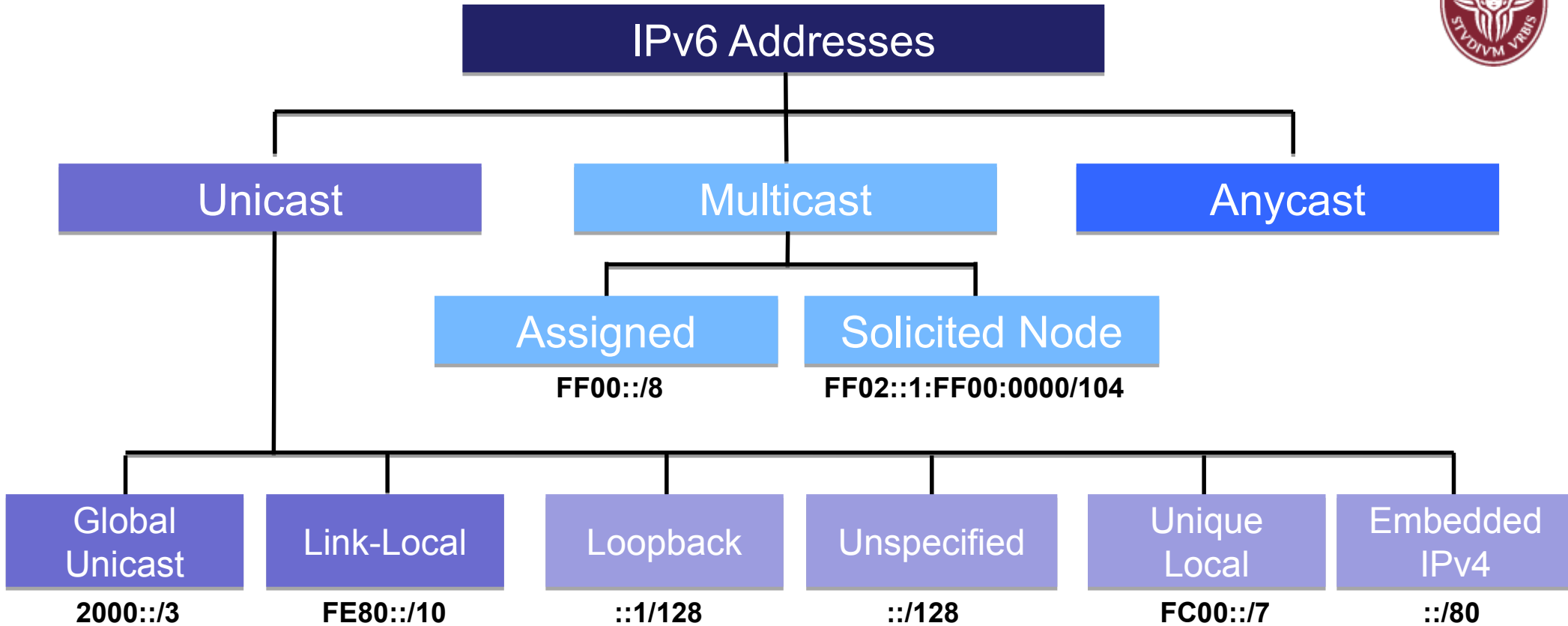


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# IPv6 Address Types



***IPv6 does not have a “broadcast” address.***



# IPv6 Source and Destination Addresses



- **IPv6 Source** – Always a unicast (link-local or GUA)
- **IPv6 Destination** – Unicast, multicast, or anycast.

IPv4

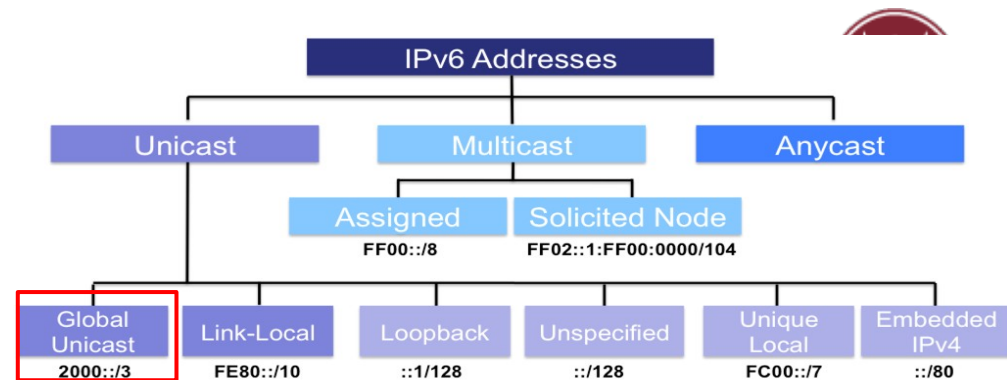
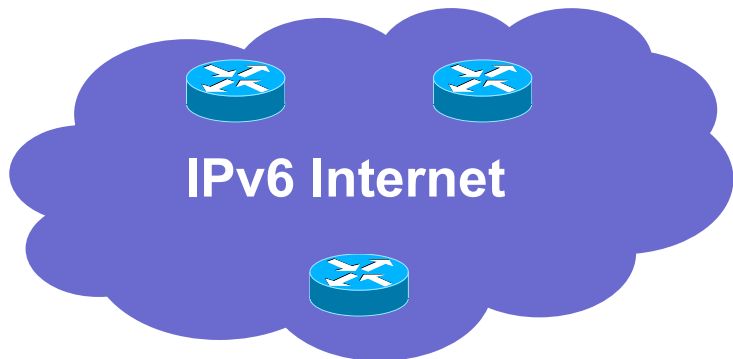
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
Ver.	IHL	Type of Service		Total Length			
Identification				Flags	Fragment Offset		
Time to Live		Protocol		Header Checksum			
Source Address							
Destination Address							
Options						Padding	

IPv6

4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64
Ver.	Traffic Class	Flow Label						Payload Length				Next Header		Hop Limit	
Source Address															
Destination Address															



# Global Unicast Address

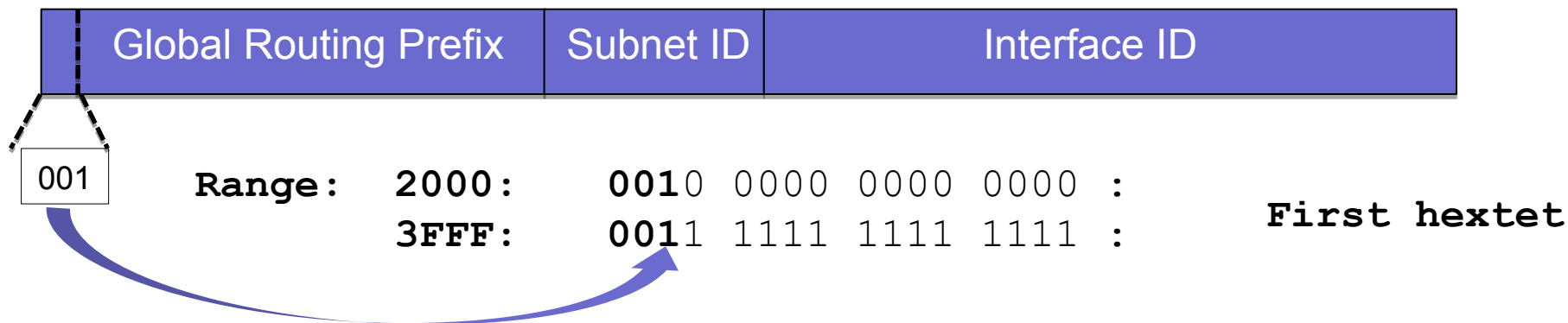


- **Global Unicast Address (GUA)**

- 2000::/3 (First hextet: 2000 to 3FFF)
- Globally unique and routable
- Similar to public IPv4 addresses
- 2001:DB8::/32 - RFC 2839 and RFC 6890 reserves this range of addresses for documentation
- These are the addresses we will be referring to the most.



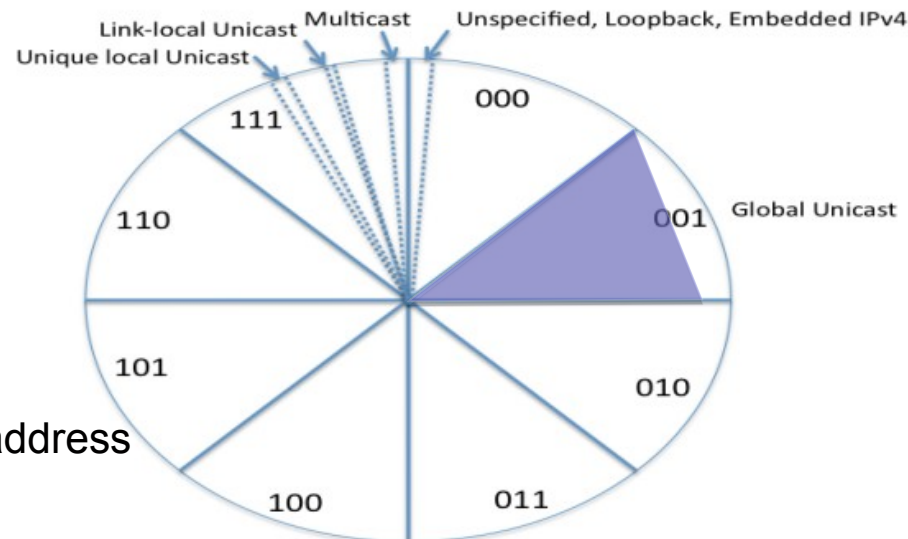
# Global Unicast Address Range



- **Global Unicast Address (GUA)**

- 2000::/3
- Range 2000::/64 thru 3fff:ffff:ffff:ffff::/64
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> of IPv6 address space

IANA's allocation of IPv6 address space in 1/8<sup>th</sup> sections



The remaining portion of IPv6 address space are reserved by IETF for future use.

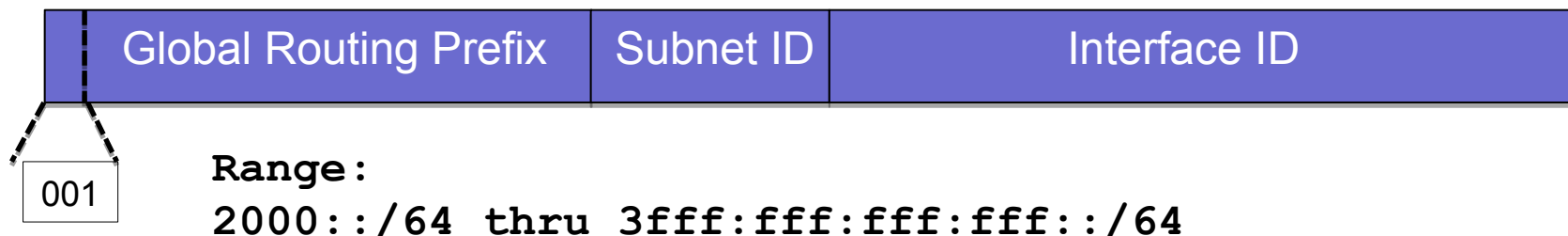


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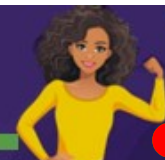
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# Global Unicast Address Range



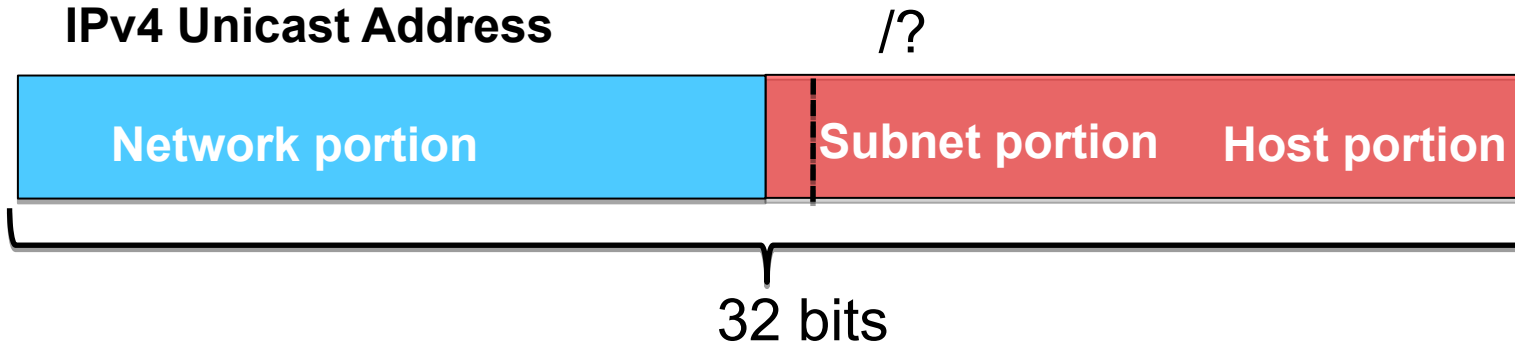
- Except under very specific circumstances, all end users will have a global unicast address.
  - **Note:** A host (an interface) can potentially have multiple IPv6 addresses on the same or different networks.
- Terminology:
  - **Prefix** equivalent to the *network address of an IPv4 address*
  - **Prefix length** equivalent to *subnet mask in IPv4*
  - **Interface ID** equivalent to *host portion of an IPv4 address*



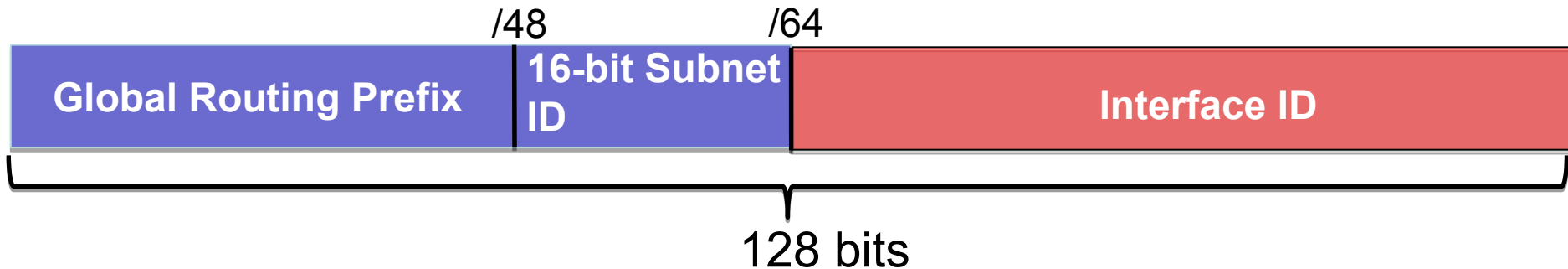
# Parts of a Global Unicast Address



## IPv4 Unicast Address



## IPv6 Global Unicast Address

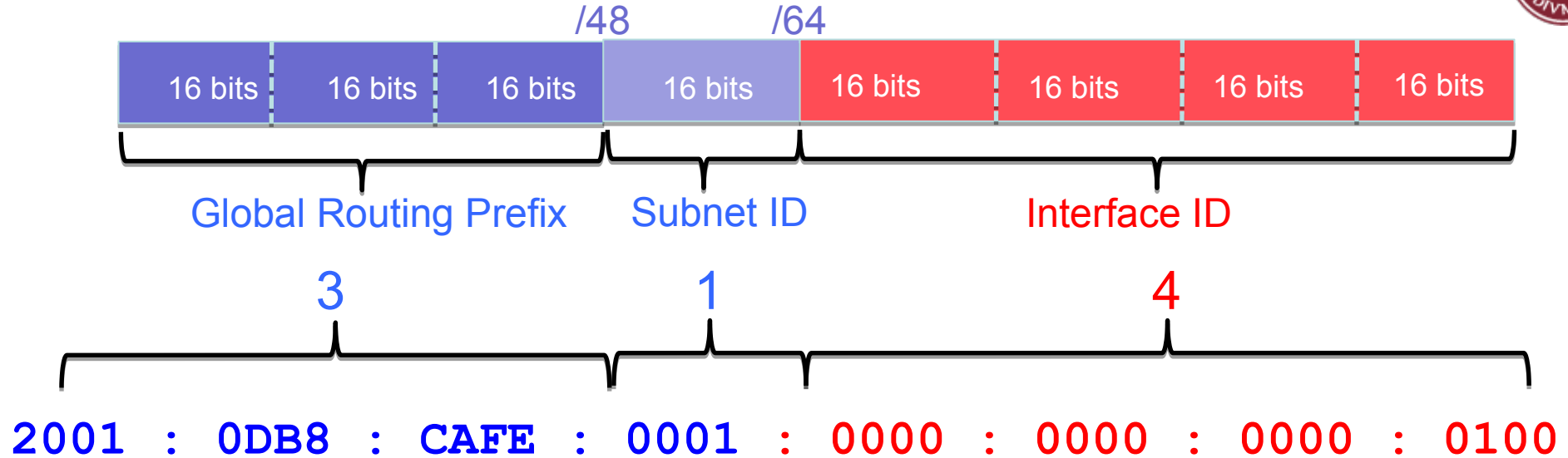


- 64-bit Interface ID = 18 quintillion (18,446,744,073,709,551,616) devices/subnet
- 16-bit Subnet ID (initially recommended) = 65,536 subnets

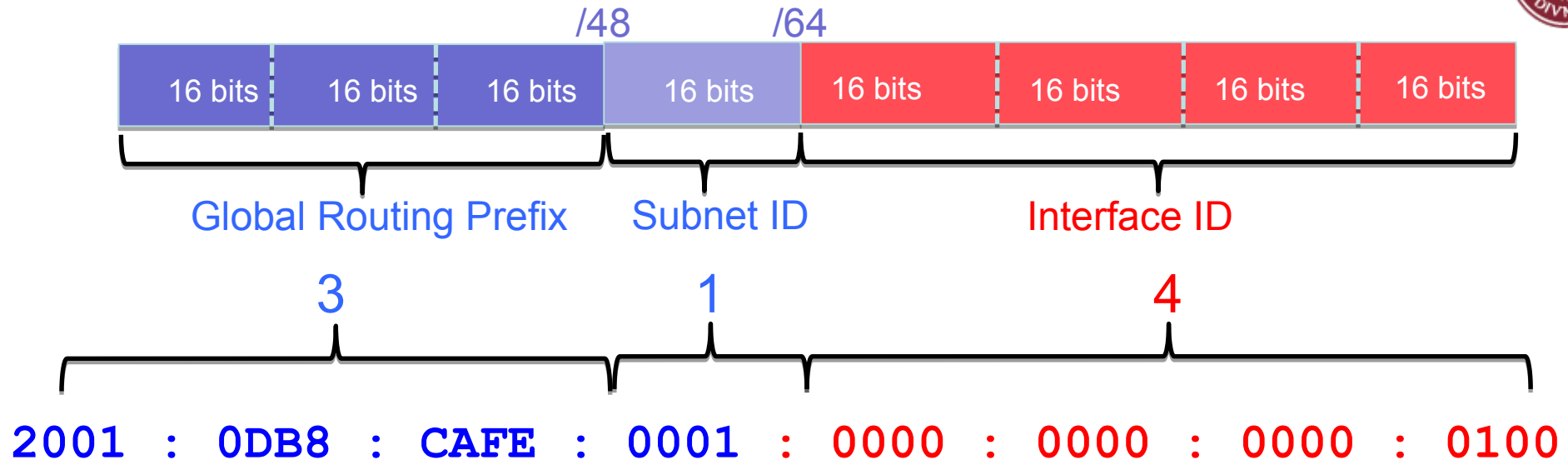




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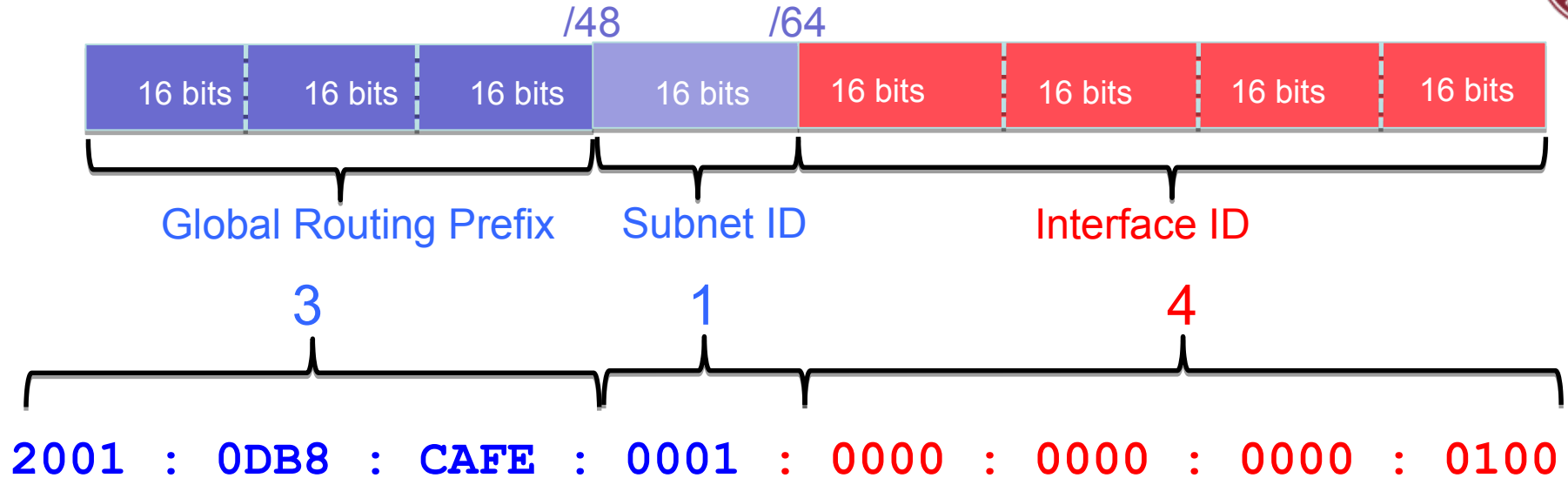


$$3 + 1 = 4 \text{ (/64)} : 4$$

2001:0DB8:CAFE:0001:0000:0000:0000:0100/64



# /64 Global Unicast Address and the 3-1-4 Rule



$3 + 1 = 4 \text{ (/64)}$  : 4

2001:0DB8:CAFE:0001:0000:0000:0000:0100/64

2001:DB8:CAFE:1::100/64

# Subnetting IPv6



## *Can you count in hex?*

Just increment by 1 in Hexadecimal:

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2001:0DB8:CAFE:0001::/64

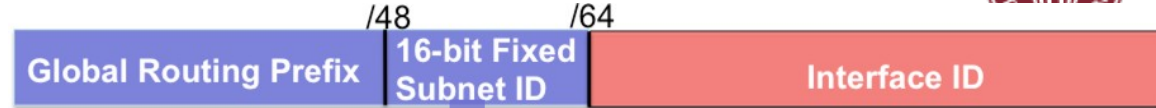
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2001:0DB8:CAFE:0009::/64

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Valid abbreviation is to remove the leading 0s:

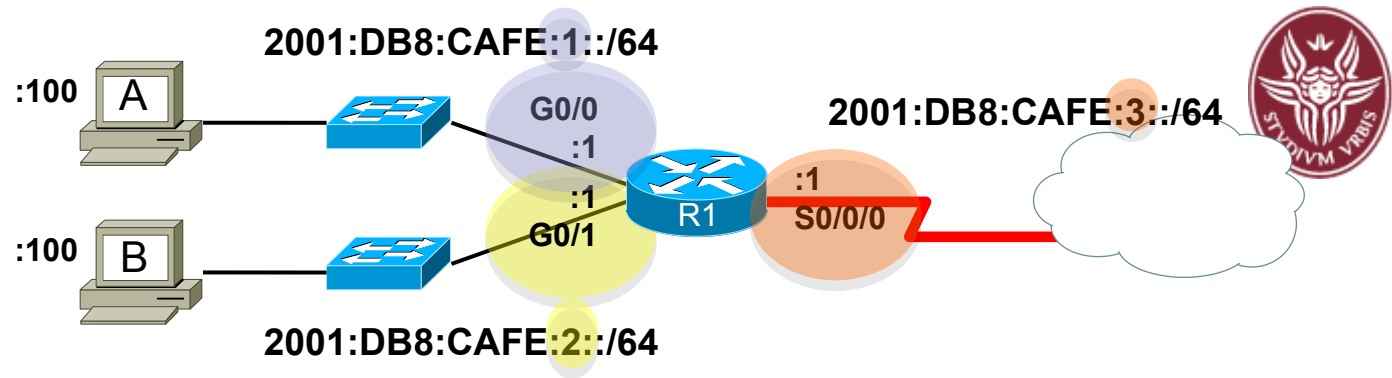
2001:DB8:CAFE:1::/64



## 3-1-4 Rule



# Static GUA Configuration



```
R1 (config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/0
R1 (config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:cafe:1::1/64
R1 (config-if)#no shutdown
R1 (config-if)#exit
R1 (config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/1
R1 (config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:cafe:2::1/64
R1 (config-if)#no shutdown
R1 (config-if)#exit
R1 (config)#interface serial 0/0/0
R1 (config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:cafe:3::1/64
R1 (config-if)#no shutdown
R1 (config-if)#exit
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# Link-local Unicast

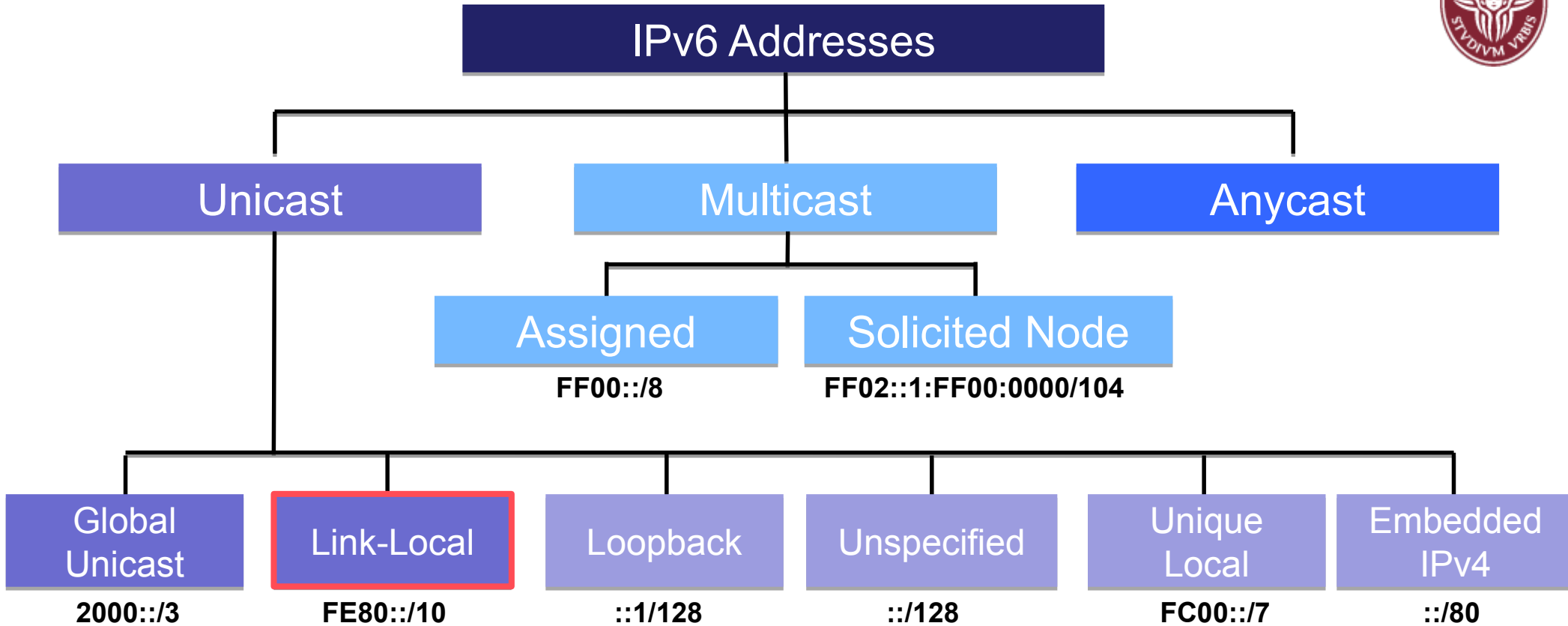


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# IPv6 Address Types



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# Link-Local Unicast Address



- **IPv6 Source** – Always a unicast
- **IPv6 Destination** – Unicast, multicast, or anycast.
- Unicast, including a ***link-local*** address

IPv4

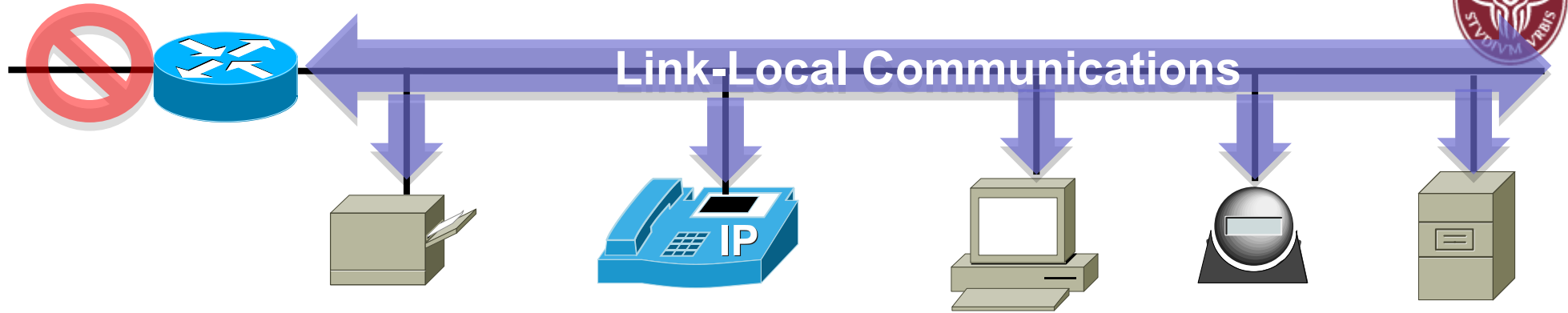
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Destination Address							
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IPv6

4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64
Ver.	Traffic Class	Flow Label						Payload Length				Next Header		Hop Limit	
Source Address															
Destination Address															



# Link-Local Unicast Address



- Used to communicate with other devices on the link.
- Are NOT routable off the link (network).
- *Only have to be unique on the link.*
- Not included in the IPv6 routing table.
- ***An IPv6 device must have at least a link-local address.***



# Link-Local Unicast Range

First 10 bits

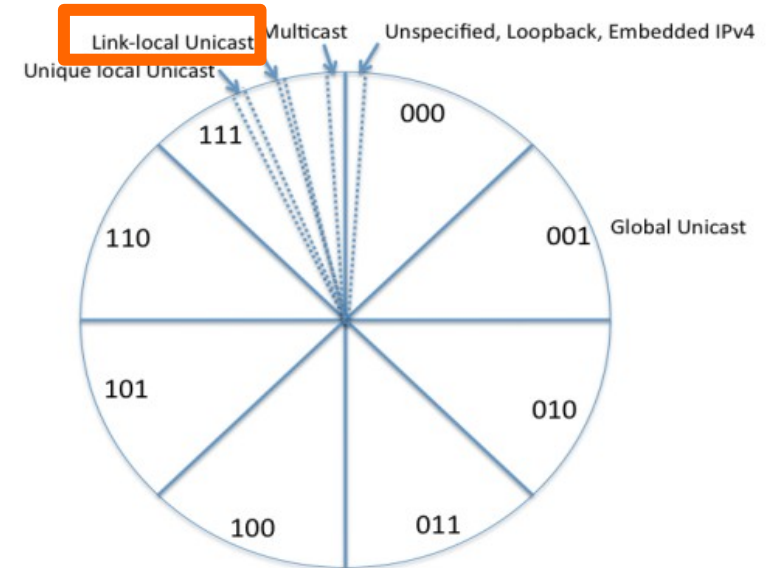
1111 1110 10xx xxxx	Remaining 54 bits	64-bit Interface ID
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Range: **FE80:** 1111 1110 1000 0000 :  
**FEBF:** 1111 1110 1011 1111 :

**First hextet**

- **Link** – Network segment
- Link-local means, local to that link or network.

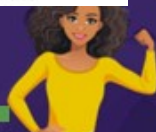


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# Link-Local Unicast Address



First 10 bits



**FE80 :: Interface ID**

Link-local addresses are created

- **Automatically :**
  - **FE80** (usually) – First 10 bits
  - **Interface ID**
    - EUI-64 (Cisco routers)
    - Random 64 bits (many host operating systems)
- Static (manual) configuration – Common practice for routers.

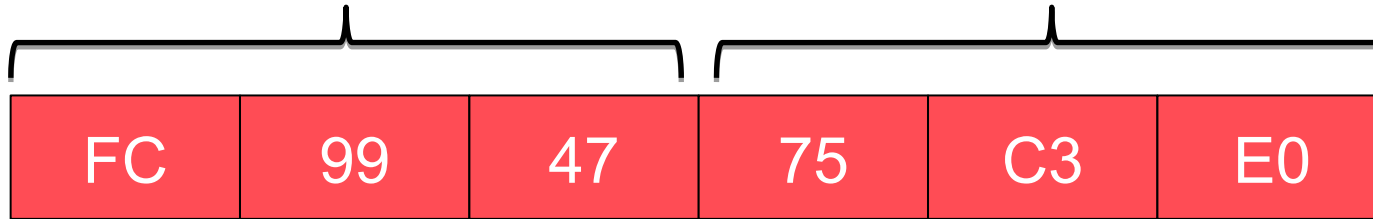


# Modified EUI-64 Format (Extended Unique Identifier-64)

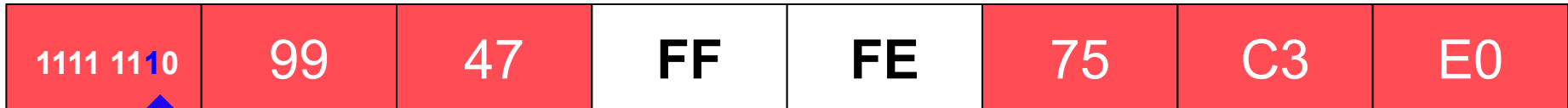
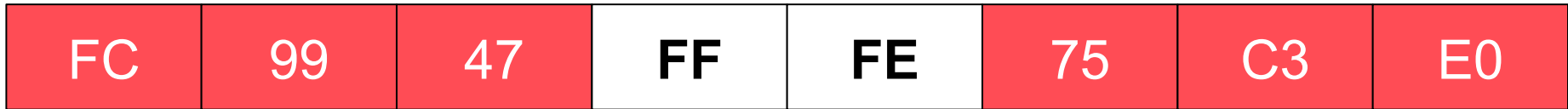


OUI (24 bits)

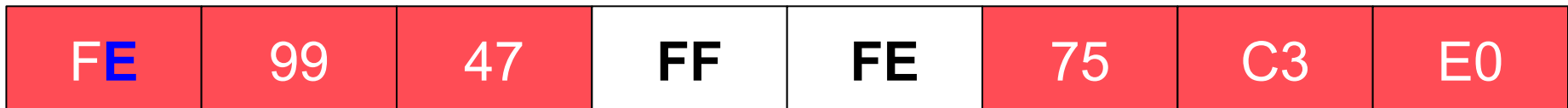
Device Identifier (24 bits)



Insert FF-FE



U/L bit flipped



# Verifying the PC's Link-Local Address

First 10 bits

1111 1110 10xx xxxx

Remaining 54 bits

64-bit Interface ID

EUI-64 or random 64-bit value

```
PC> ipconfig
```

```
Windows IP Configuration
```

```
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
```

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  :
```

```
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::50a5:8a35:a5bb:66e1
```

```
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.101
```

```
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
```

```
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.1.1
```

- Many operating systems will use a random 64-bit Interface IDs for GUA and Link-Local IPv6 Addresses.



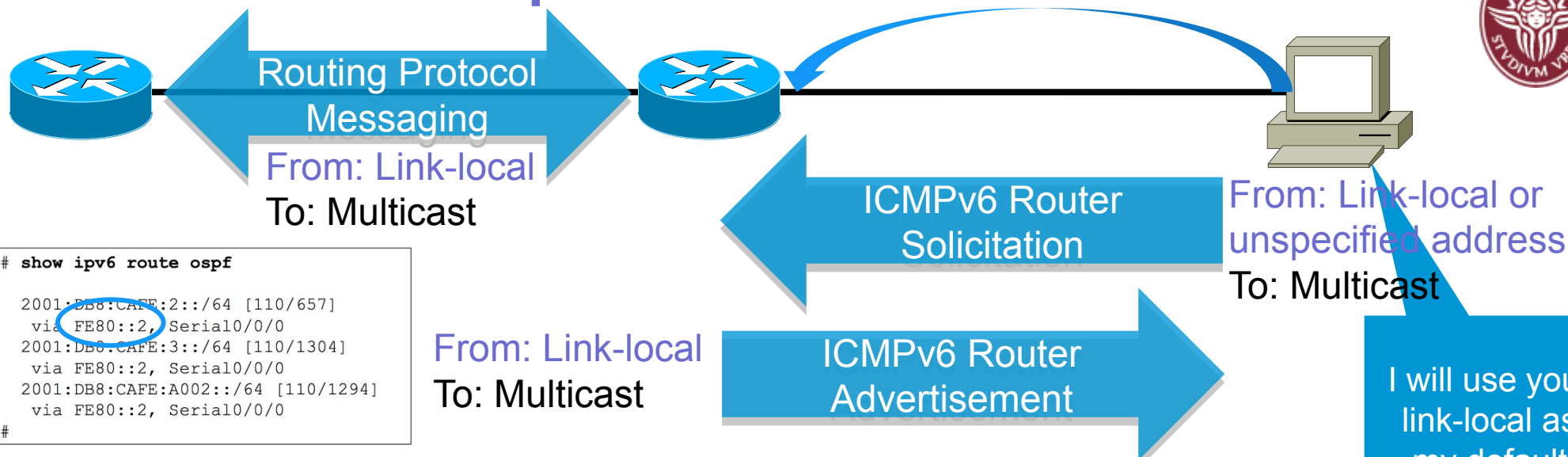
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# An Important Role in IPv6



- Used as a source IPv6 address before a device gets one dynamically (SLAAC and DHCPv6).
  - Router's link-local address is used by devices as the default gateway.
- Routers exchange routing messages.
- Router use the link-local address as the next-hop address in the routing table: [via link-local address](#).



# SLAAC

## *Stateless Address Autoconfiguration*



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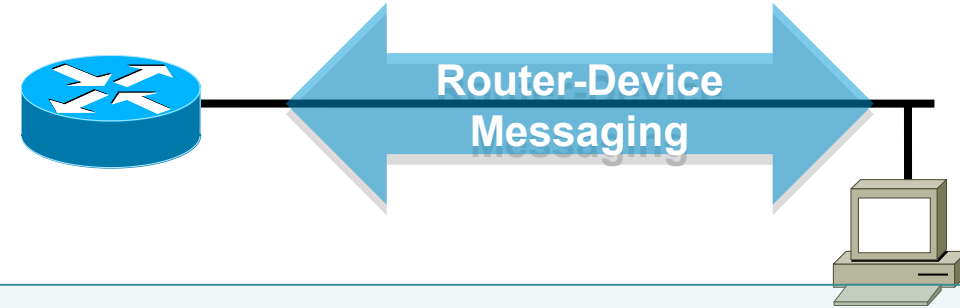


# ICMPv6 Neighbor Discover Protocol

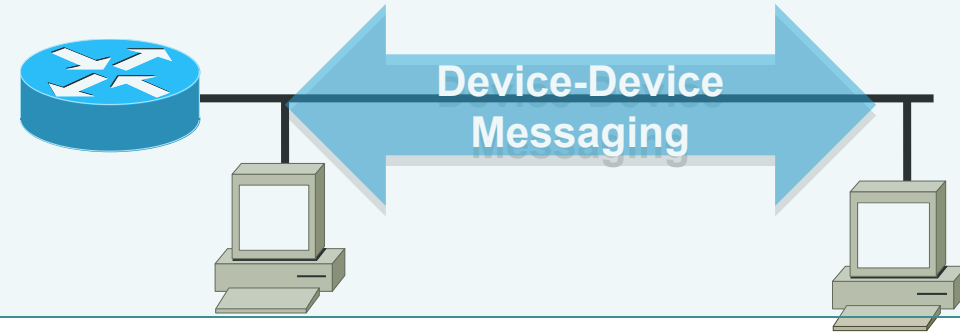


ICMPv6 Neighbor Discovery defines 5 different packet types:

- **Router Solicitation Message**
- **Router Advertisement Message**  
*Used with dynamic address allocation*



- **Neighbor Solicitation Message**
- **Neighbor Advertisement Message**  
*Used with address resolution (IPv4 ARP)*



- **Redirect Message**  
*Similar to ICMPv4 redirect message*  
*Router-to-Device messaging*

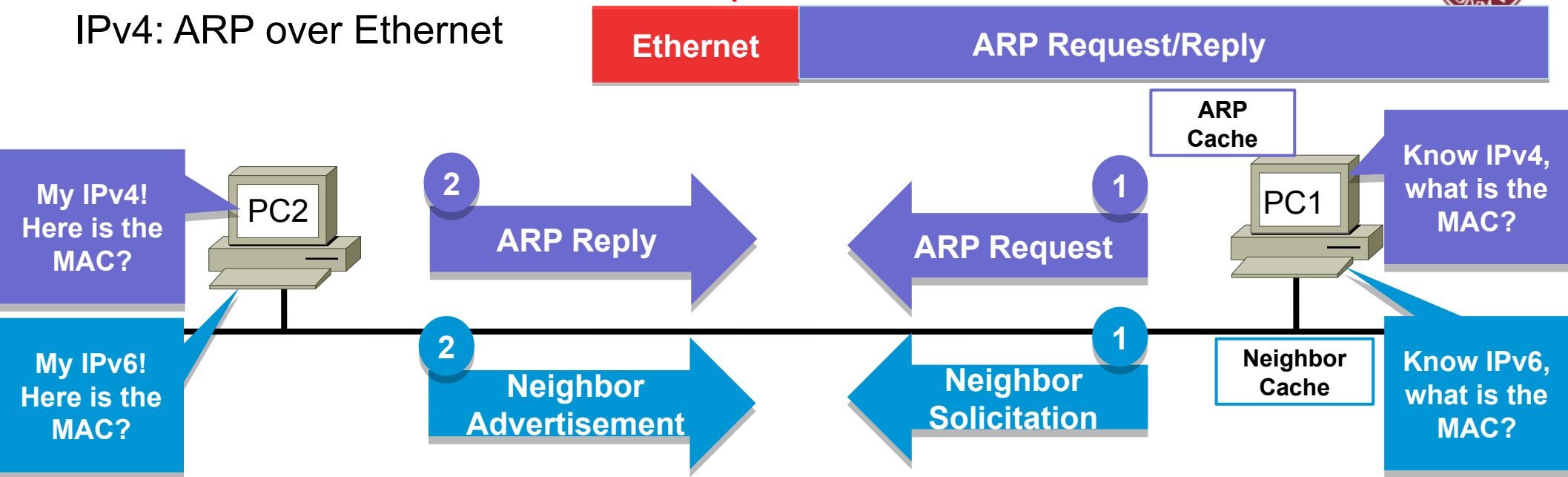


# Address Resolution: IPv4 and IPv6



IPv4: ARP over Ethernet

*ARP Request: Broadcast*



IPv6: ICMPv6 over IPv6 over Ethernet

*NS: Multicast*

*NS: Solicited Node Multicast*

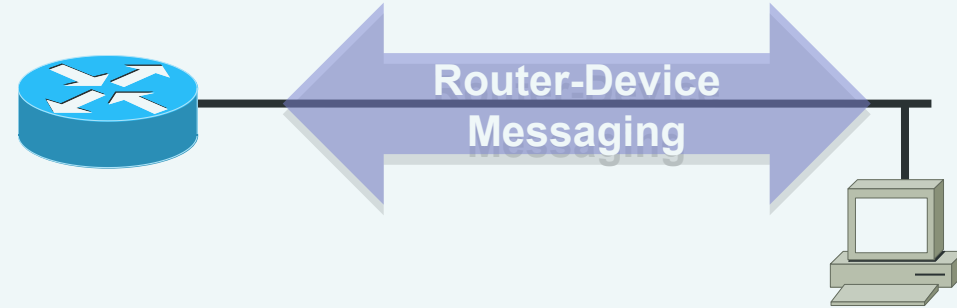


# Router Solicitation & Router Advertisement Messages

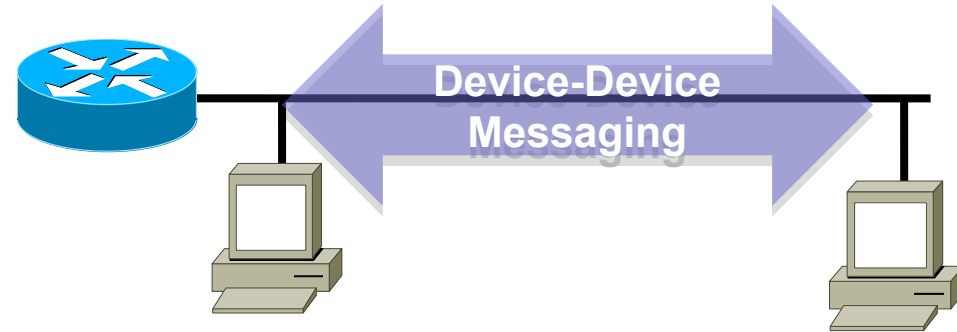


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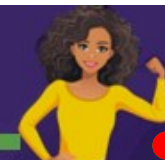
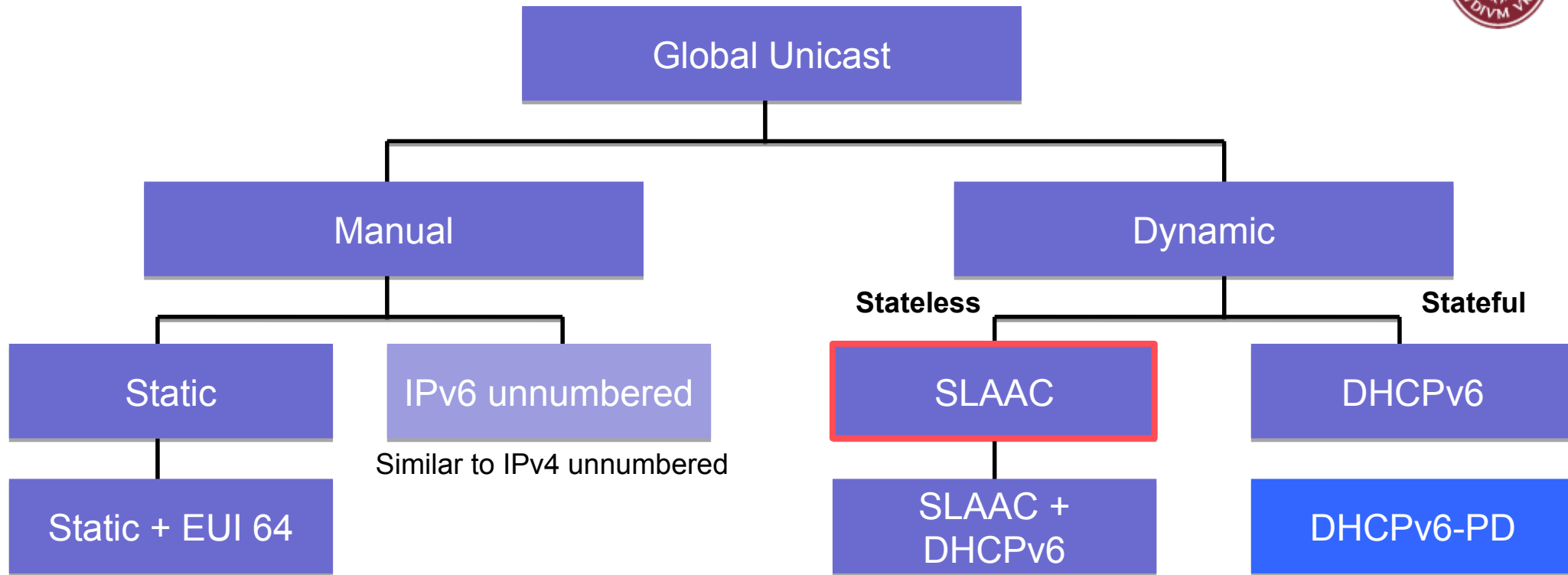
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# Dynamic IPv6 Address Allocation

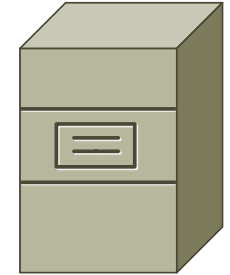
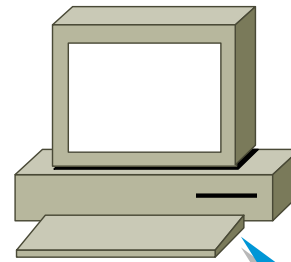




# Dynamic Address Allocation in IPv4

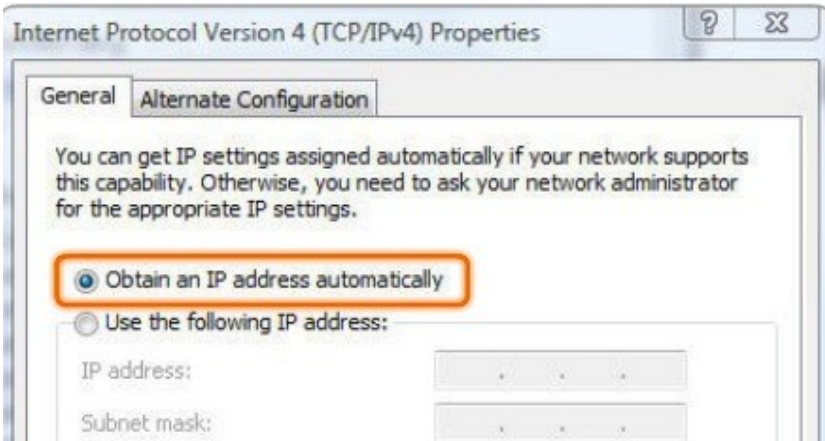


DHCPv4 Server



I need IPv4  
addressing  
information.

Here is everything you  
need.



```
C:\> ipconfig

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

    IP Address . . . . . 10.1.1.101
    Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . 10.1.1.1
    DNS Servers . . . . . 172.16.99.150
                           172.16.99.151

C:\>
```



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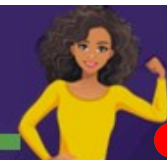
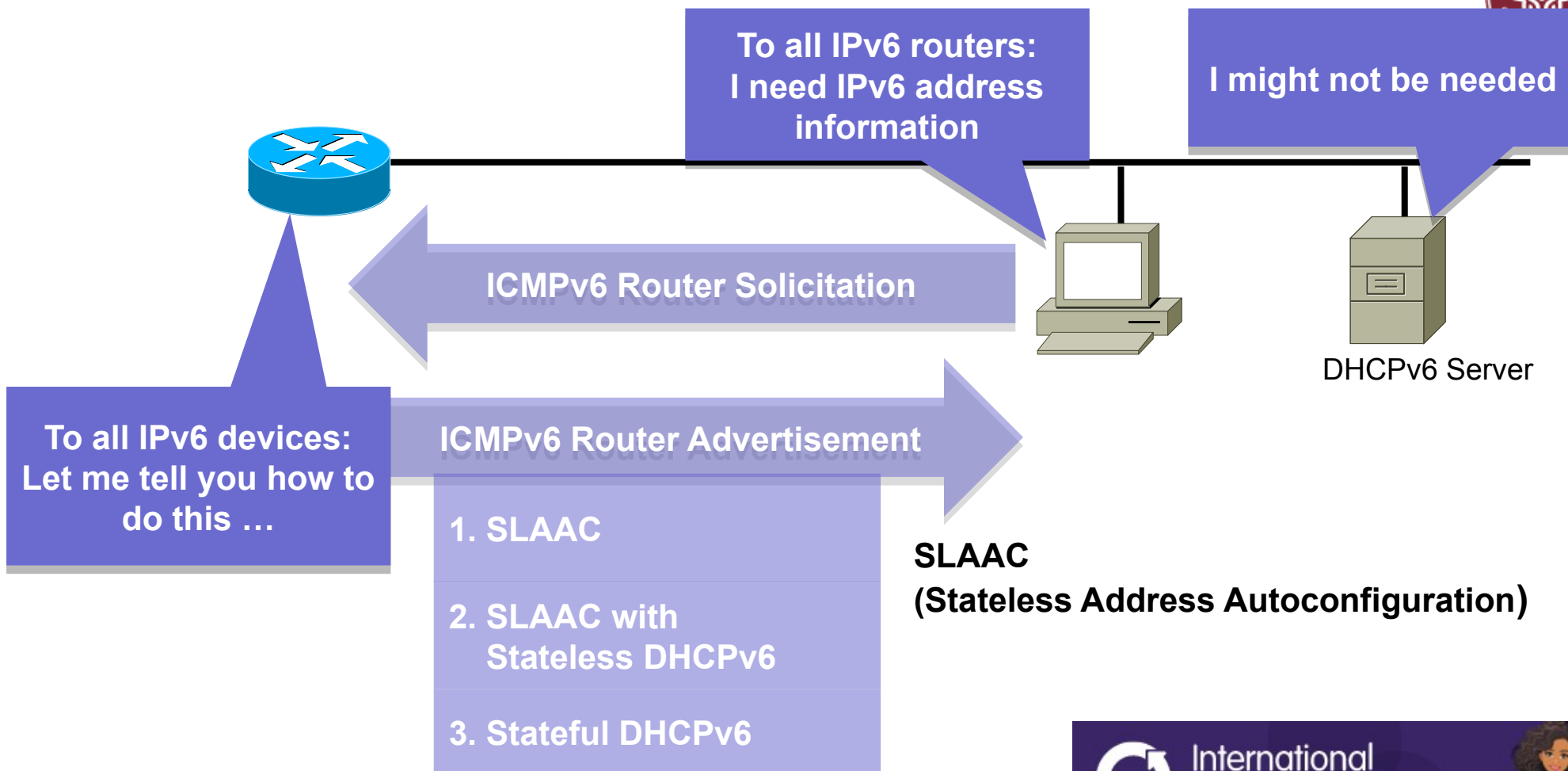
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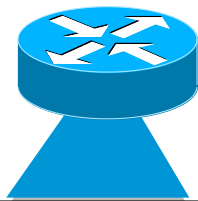
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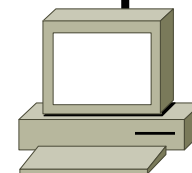
# Dynamic Address Allocation in IPv6



# Router Advertisement: 3 Options



```
Router(config) # ipv6 unicast-routing
```



DHCPv6 Server

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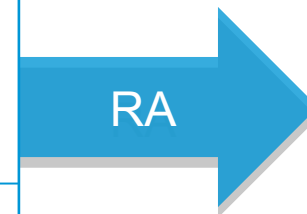
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## Option 3: All addressing except default gateway use DHCPv6

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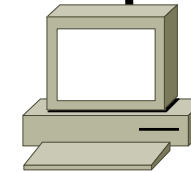
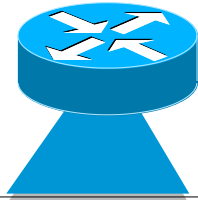


## Option 1 and 2: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration

- DHCPv6 Server does not maintain state of addresses

## Option 3: Stateful Address Configuration

- Address received from DHCPv6 Server



DHCPv6 Server

```
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```

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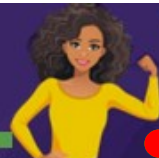
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# Obtaining an IPv6 Address Automatically



Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6) Properties

General

You can get IPv6 settings assigned automatically if your network supports this capability. Otherwise, you need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IPv6 settings.

☒ Obtain an IPv6 address automatically

☐ Use the following IPv6 address:

IPv6 address:

Subnet prefix length:

Default gateway:

☒ Obtain DNS server address automatically

☐ Use the following DNS server addresses:

Preferred DNS server:

Alternate DNS server:

☐ Validate settings upon exit

Advanced...

OK Cancel

Network

Show All

Ethernet

Location: Automatic

Status: Cable Unplugged

Configure IPv4: Using DHCP

IPv4 Address:

Subnet Mask:

Router:

DHCP Client ID:

(If required)

Configure IPv6: Automatically

Router:

IPv6 Address:

Prefix Length:

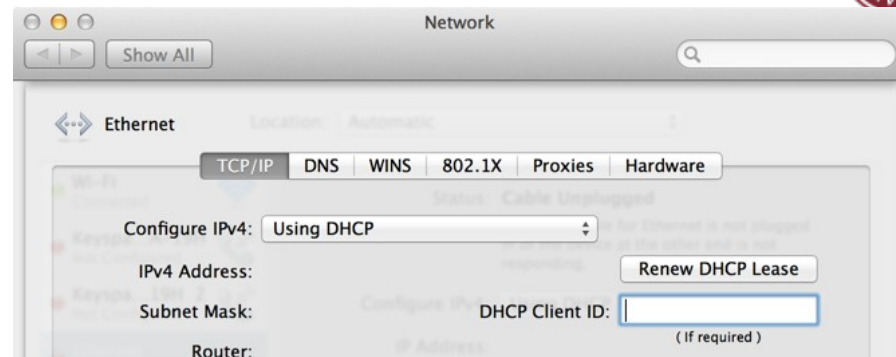
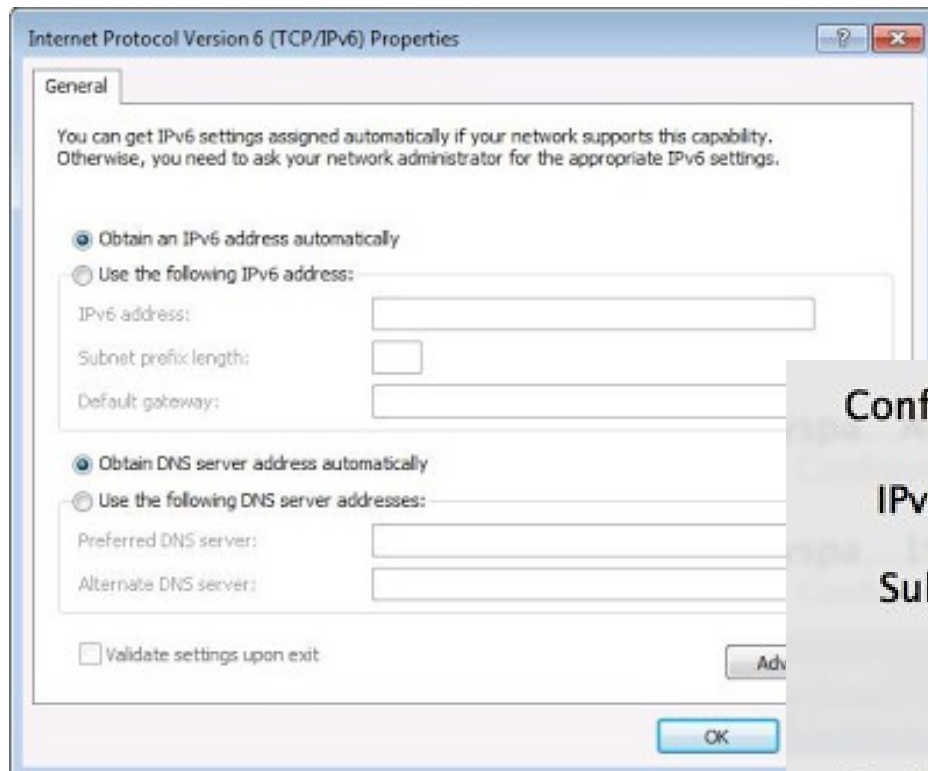
Renew DHCP Lease

Advanced...

Cancel OK



# Obtaining an IPv6 Address Automatically



Configure IPv4: Using DHCP

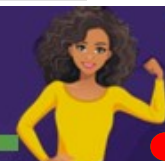
IPv4 Address:

Subnet Mask:

Router:

DHCP Client ID:

Configure IPv6: Automatically





# SLAAC: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration



2001:DB8:CAFE:1::/64

MAC: 00-19-D2-8C-E0-4C

## SLAAC Option 1 – RA Message

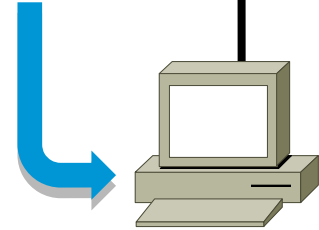
To: FF02::1 (All-IPv6 devices)  
From: FE80::1 (Link-local address)  
Prefix: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::  
Prefix-length: /64

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RA

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Prefix: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::  
Prefix-length: /64  
Default Gateway: FE80::1  
Global Unicast Address:  
2001:DB8:CAFE:1: + Interface ID



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EUI-64 Process or Random  
64-bit value

*Note: Domain name and DNS server list may be included if router (and end system) support RFC 6106 IPv6 RA Options for DNS Configuration.*



DHCPv6 Server

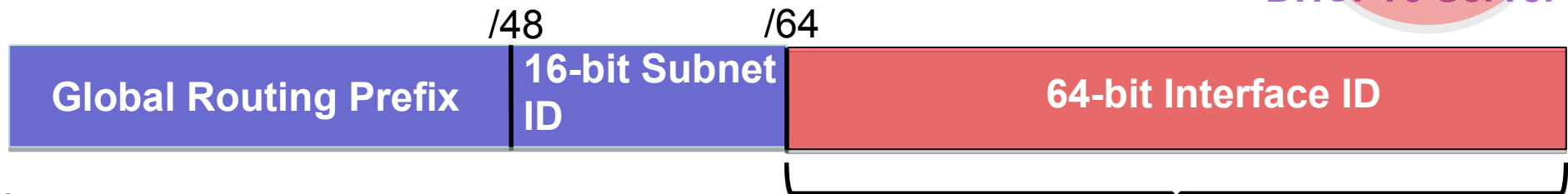
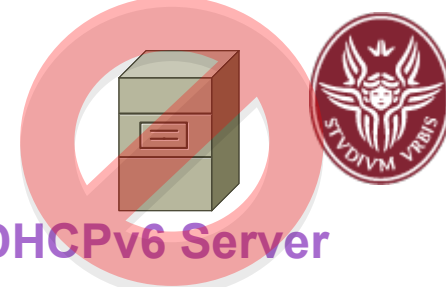


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# SLAAC: Interface ID



Operating System

EUI-64

Random 64-bit

Windows XP, Server 2003



Windows Vista and newer



MAC OSX



Linux



EUI-64 Process

~~UNKNOWN~~



SLAAC

Randomly Generated Number (Privacy Extension)



*Default OS behavior can be changed.*

# SLAAC: EUI-64 Option



2001:DB8:CAFE:1::/64

MAC: 00-19-D2-8C-E0-4C



## SLAAC Option 1 – RA Message

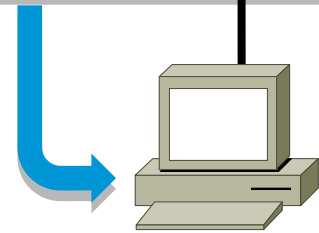
To: FF02::1 (All-IPv6 devices)  
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Prefix-length: /64

1

RA

2

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Prefix-length: /64  
Default Gateway: FE80::1  
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DHCPv6 Server

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Process or Random  
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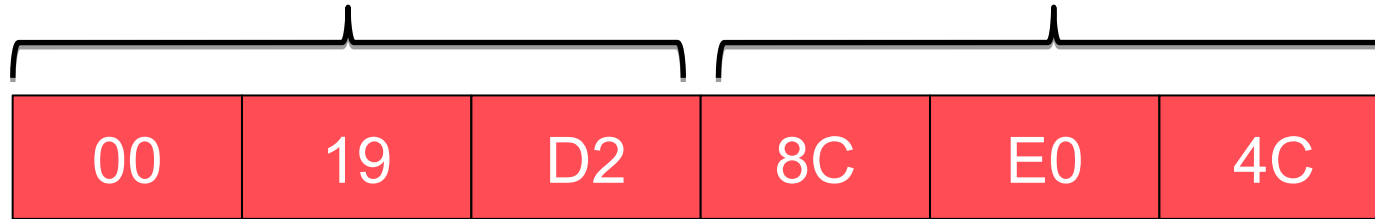


# Modified EUI-64 Format (Extended Unique Identifier-64)

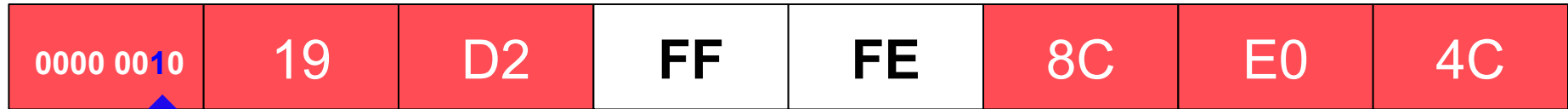
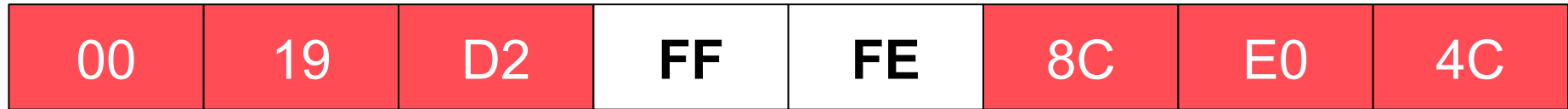


OUI (24 bits)

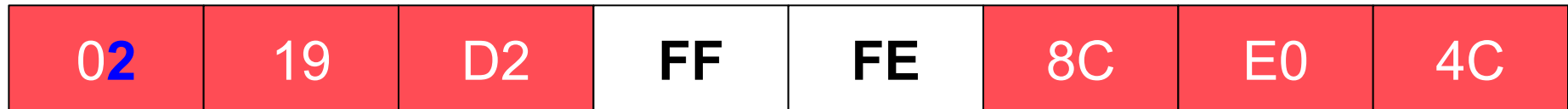
Device Identifier (24 bits)



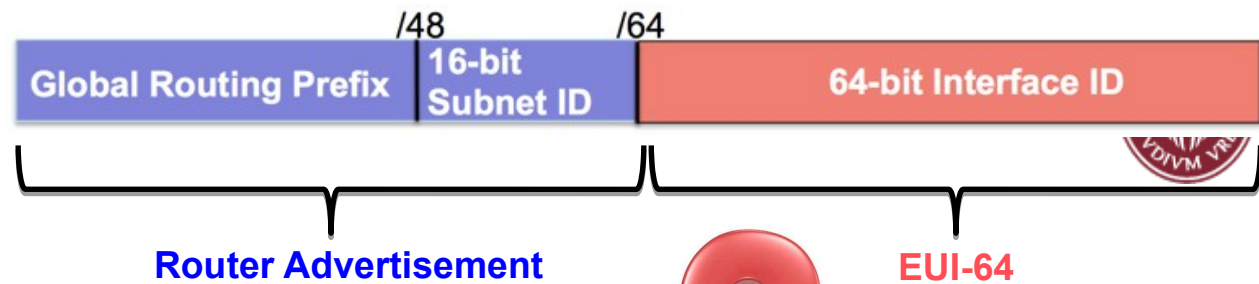
Insert FF-FE



U/L bit flipped



# Verifying SLAAC on the PC Using EUI-64



```
PC> ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

    IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:db8:cafe:1:0219:d2ff:fe8c:e04c
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . : fe80::0219:d2ff:fe8c:e04c
    Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::1
```

A 64-bit Interface ID and the EUI-64 process accommodates:

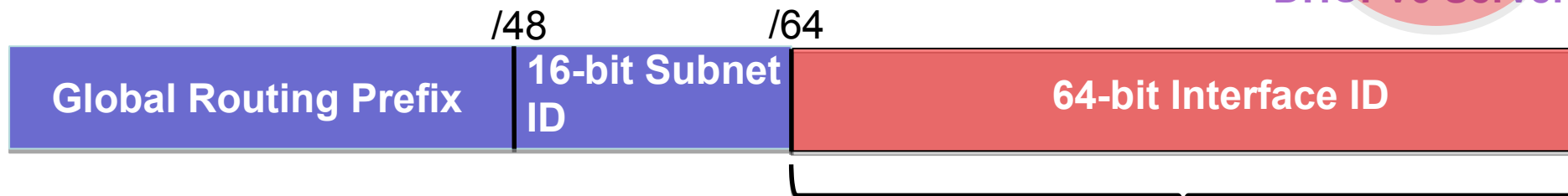
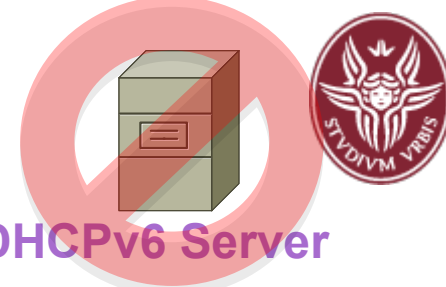
- The IEEE specification for a 64-bit MAC address
- 64-bit boundary processing



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# SLAAC: Random 64-bit Interface ID



Operating System

EUI-64

Random 64-bit

Windows XP, Server 2003



Windows Vista and newer



MAC OSX



Linux



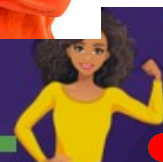
EUI-64 Process

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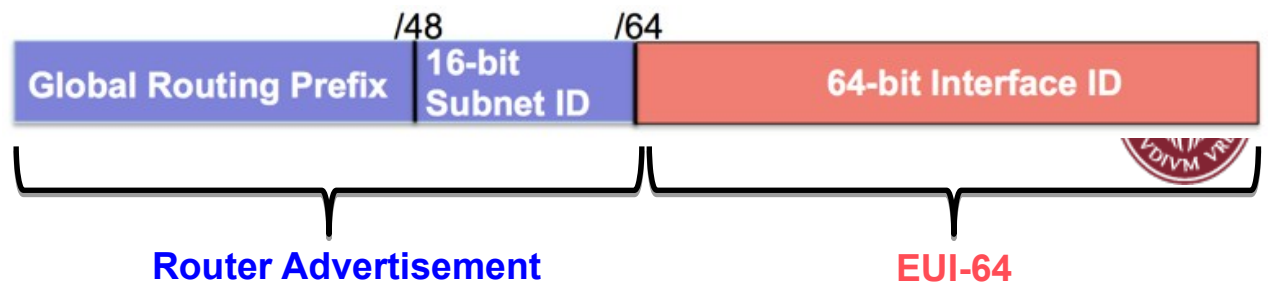


SLAAC

Randomly Generated Number (Privacy Extension)



# Verifying SLAAC on the PC Using Privacy Extension



```
PC-Windows7> ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
```

No FF-FE

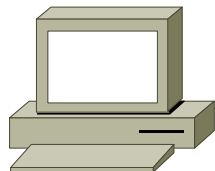
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IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:db8:cafe:1:50a5:8a35:a5bb:66e1
Link-local IPv6 Address . . : fe80::50a5:8a35:a5bb:66e1
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::1
```

# Ensuring Unique Unicast Addresses



Global Unicast - `2001:db8:cafe:1:0219:d2ff:fe8c:e04c`

Link-local - `fe80::50a5:8a35:a5bb:66e1`



Neighbor Solicitation

Not received = unique address  
Received = duplicate address

Neighbor Advertisement?

- SLAAC is **stateless**, no entity (DHCPv6 server) maintaining a state address-to-device mappings.
- **How can we guarantee the address is unique?**
- **Duplicate Address Detection (DAD)**
  - Once required for all unicast addresses (static or dynamic), RFC was updated that DAD is only recommended.
  - /64 Interface IDs!





# DHCPv6 (Stateless vs Stateful)

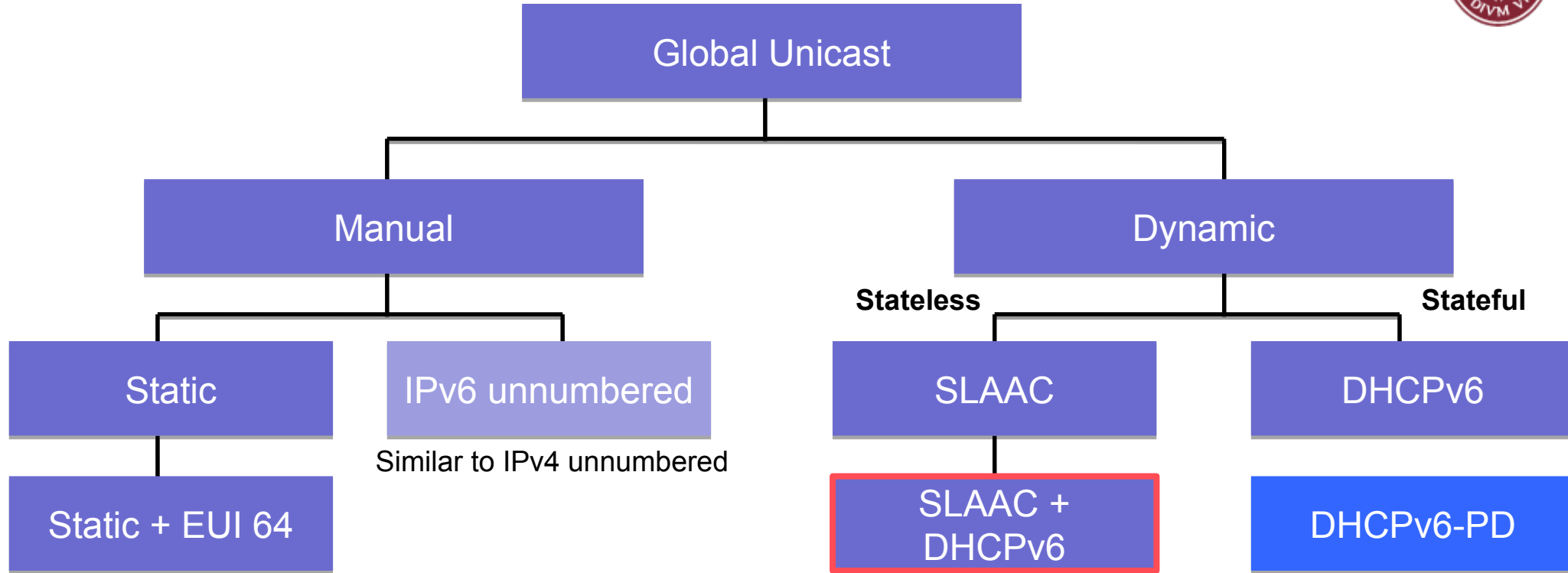


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# DHCPv6



# RA Message

## Option 1 and 2: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration

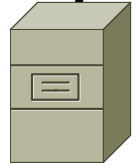
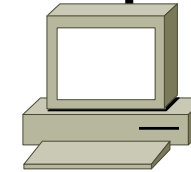
- DHCPv6 Server does not maintain state of addresses

## Option 3: Stateful Address Configuration

- Address received from DHCPv6 Server



```
Router(config) # ipv6 unicast-routing
```



DHCPv6 Server

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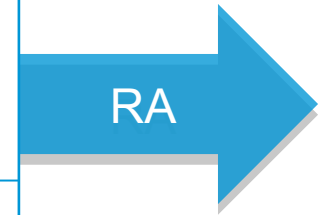
“I’m *everything* you need (Prefix, Prefix-length, Default Gateway)”

### Option 2: SLAAC + Stateless DHCPv6 for DNS address

“Here is my information but you need to get other information such as DNS addresses from a **DHCPv6 server**.” (DNS can be in RA)

### Option 3: All addressing except default gateway use DHCPv6

“I can’t help you. Ask a **DHCPv6** server for all your information.”



# RA Message

## Option 1 and 2: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration

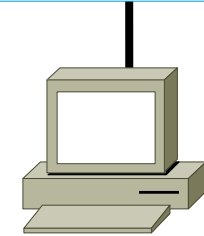
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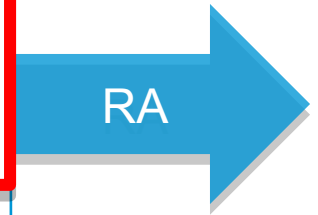
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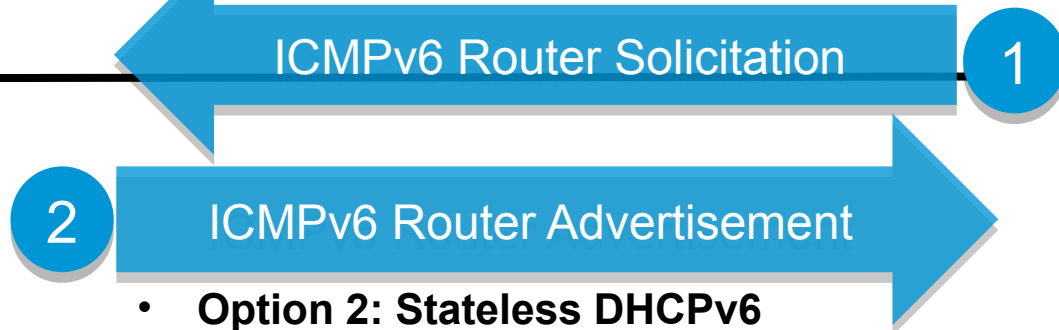
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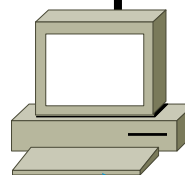
# Router as a Stateless DHCPv6 Server



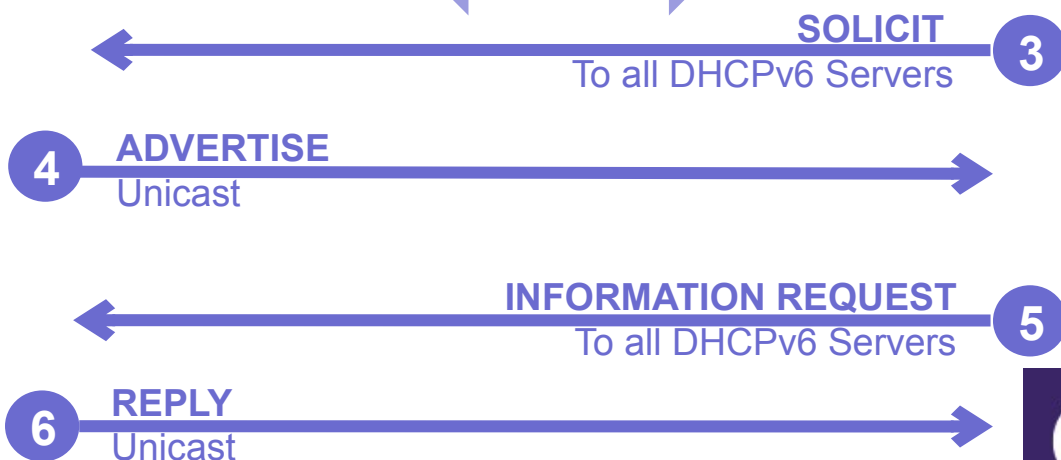
IPv6 Router &  
DHCPv6 Server



- **Option 2: Stateless DHCPv6**
- **O Flag = 1, M Flag = 0**



I created my own address  
(Stateless),  
and have the default  
gateway, but I need a DNS  
address...



*Note: Domain name and DNS server list may be included if router (and end system) support RFC 6106 IPv6 RA Options for DNS Configuration.*

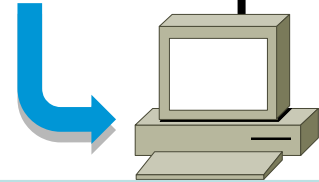


# SLAAC for Addressing & DNS for Other Information



2001:DB8:CAFE:1::/64

MAC: 00-19-D2-8C-E0-4C



## RA Message: Stateless DHCPv6

To: FF02::1 (All-IPv6 devices)  
From: FE80::1 (Link-local address)  
Prefix: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::  
Prefix-length: /64  
Other Configuration Flag: 1

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Prefix: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::  
Prefix-length: /64  
Default Gateway: FE80::1  
Global Unicast Address:  
2001:DB8:CAFE:1: + Interface ID  
2001:DB8:CAFE:1:6909:cb1c:36a0:a595

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DNS: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::99  
Domain name: cafe.com

EUI-64 Process or Random  
64-bit value



Stateless DHCPv6 Server

DHCPv6  
For DNS



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# RA Message

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```
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```



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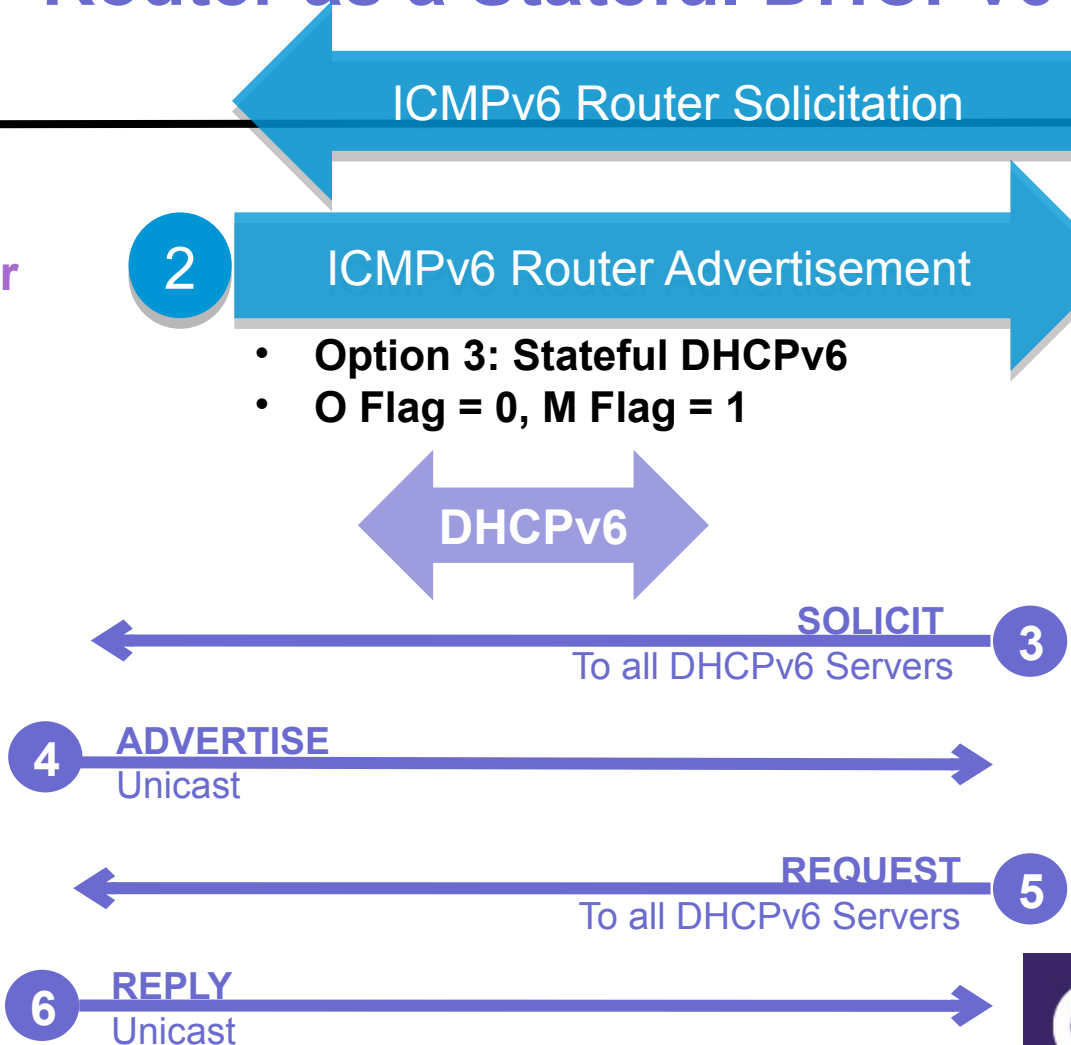
“I can’t help you. Ask a **DHCPv6** server for all your information.”



# Router as a Stateful DHCPv6 Server



IPv6 Router &  
DHCPv6 Server



I'm only using the default gateway address from the RA. I need to contact a stateful DHCPv6 server for all my addressing.





# Stateful DHCPv6

I need to get all my addressing from DHCPv6, HOWEVER I will use the router as my default gateway.

2001:DB8:CAFE:2::/64



## RA Message: Stateful DHCPv6

To: FF02::1 (All-IPv6 devices)  
From: FE80::1 (Link-local address)  
Prefix: 2001:DB8:CAFE:2::  
Prefix-length: /64  
Managed Configuration Flag: 1

1

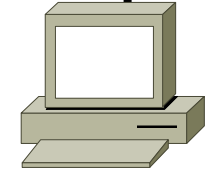
RA

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Default Gateway: FE80::1  
Global Unicast Address: DHCPv6

2001:DB8:CAFE:1:6909:cb1c:36a0:a595

DNS: 2001:DB8:CAFE:1::99  
Domain name: cafe.com



DHCPv6

Stateful DHCPv6 Server



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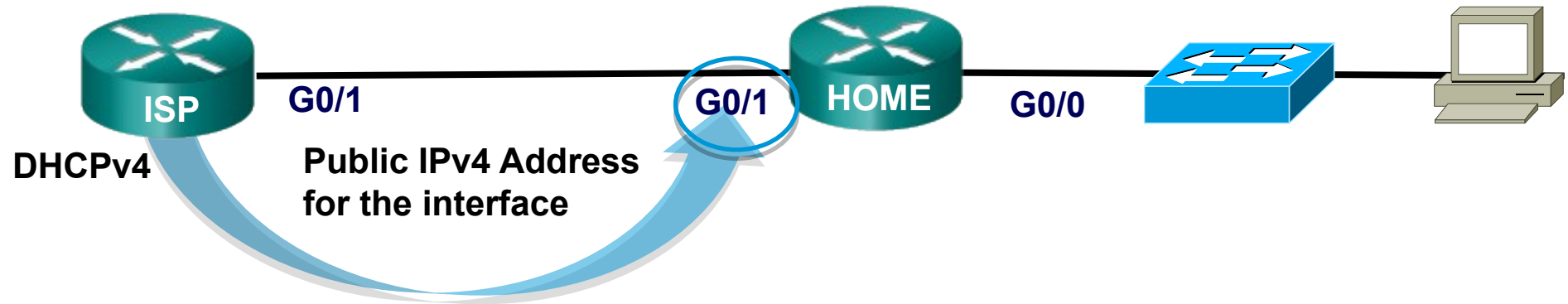


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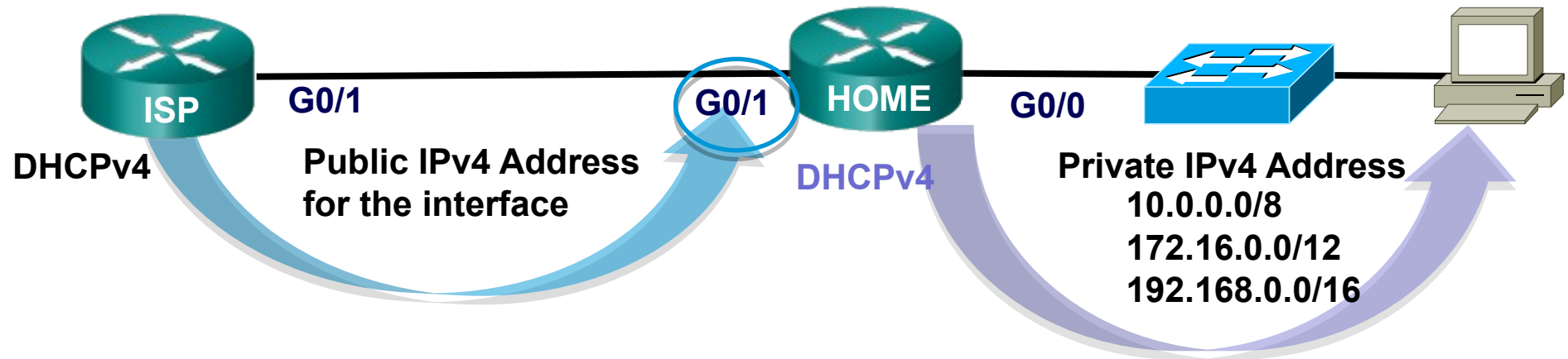


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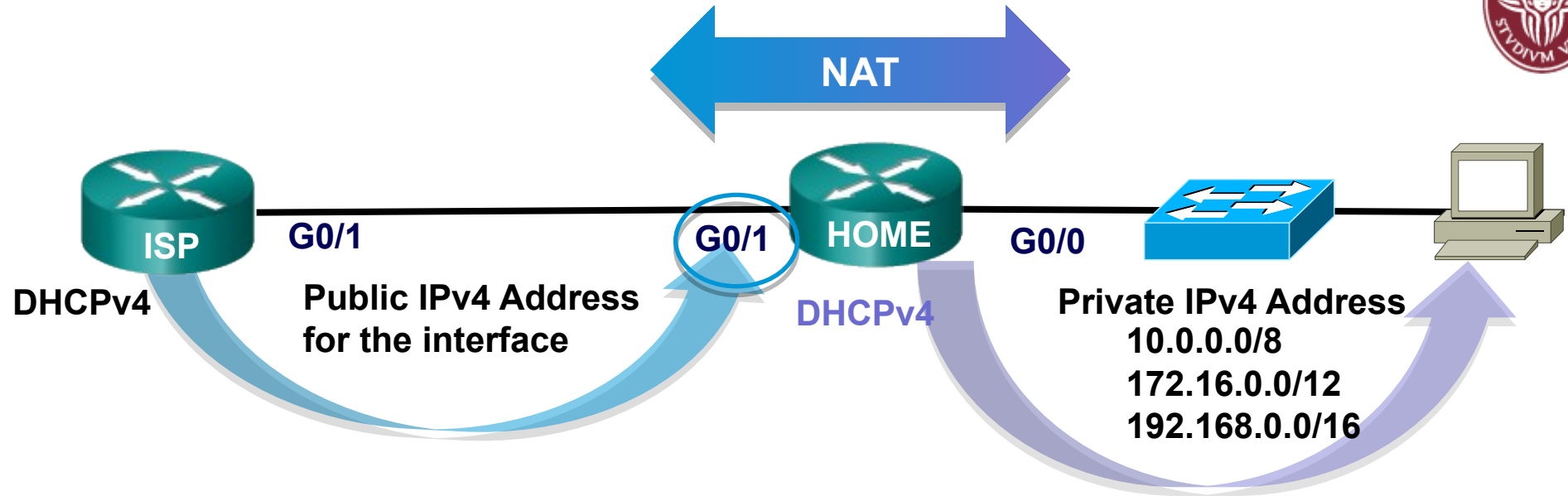
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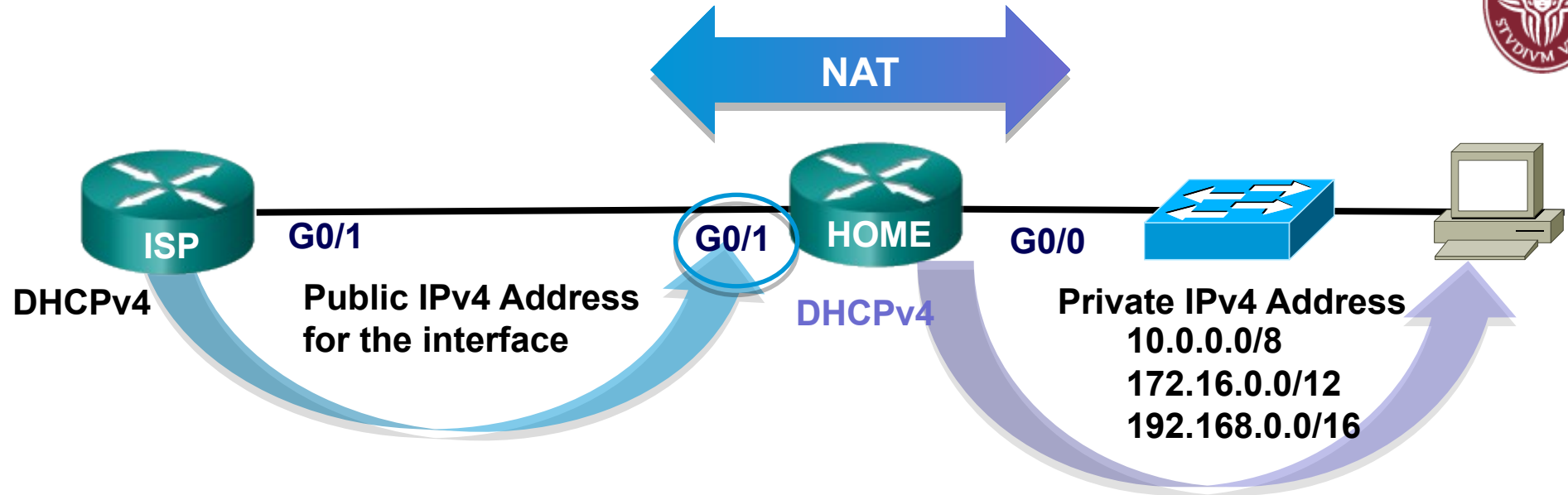
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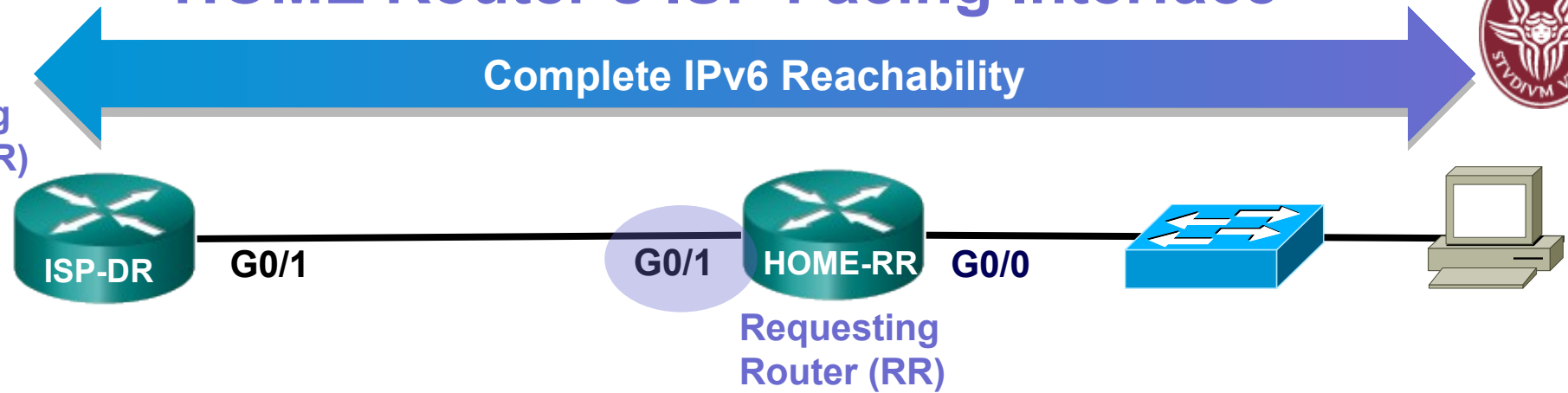
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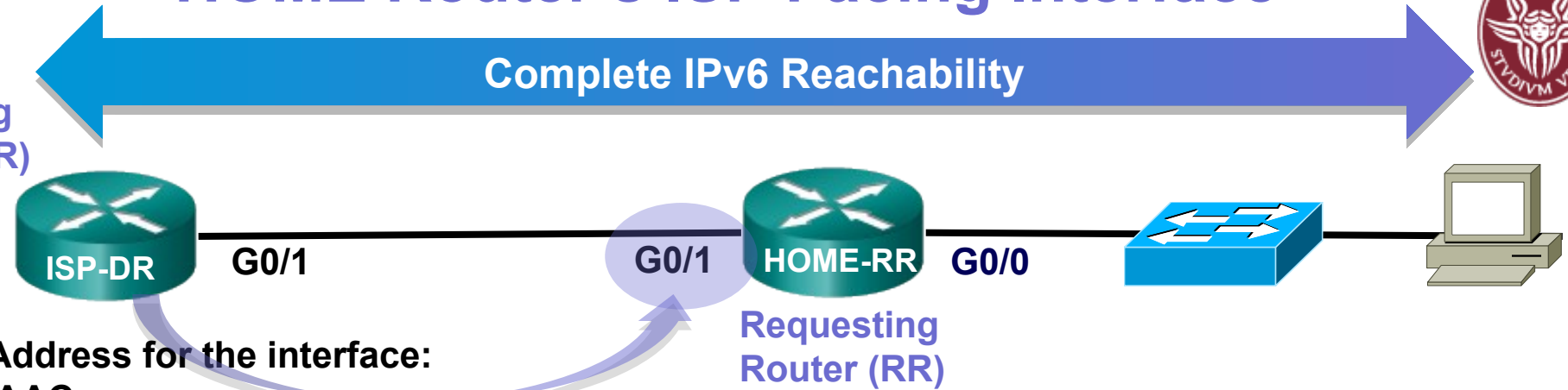
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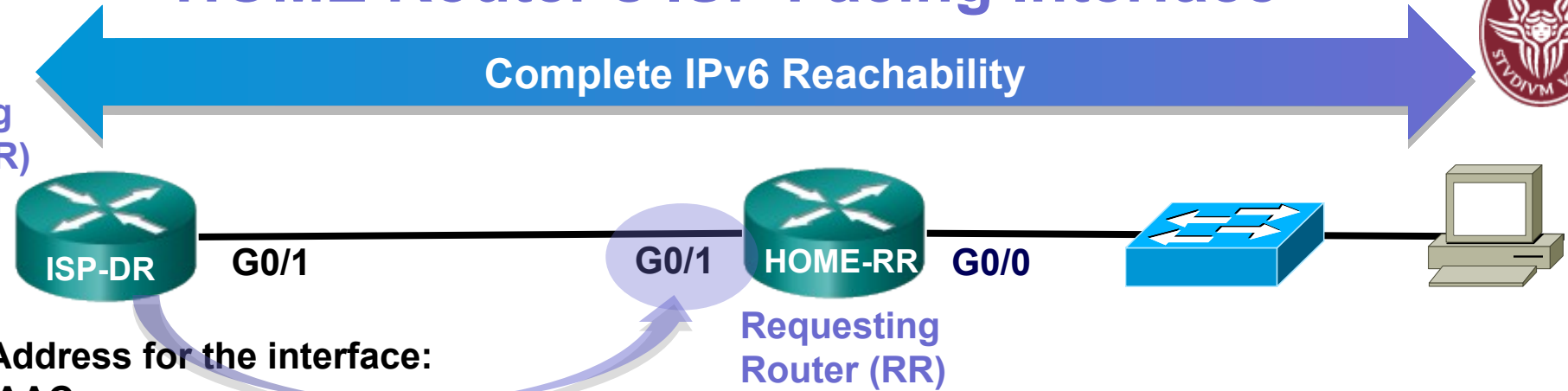




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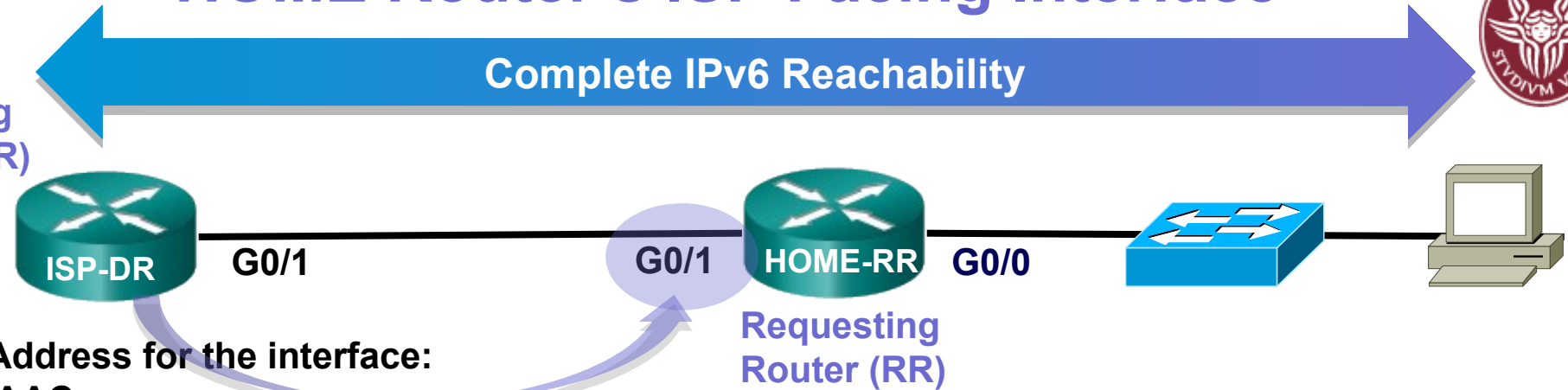
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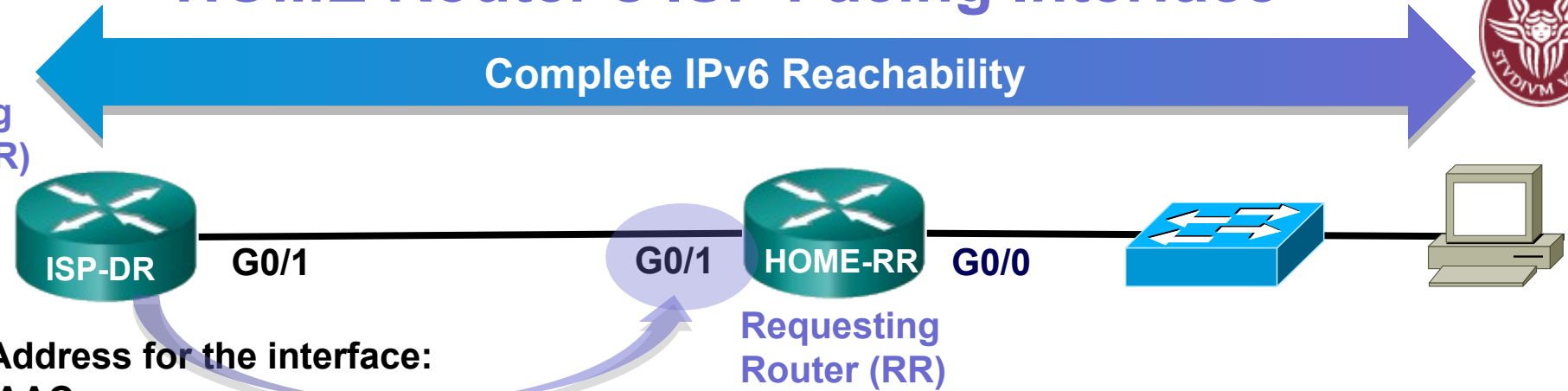
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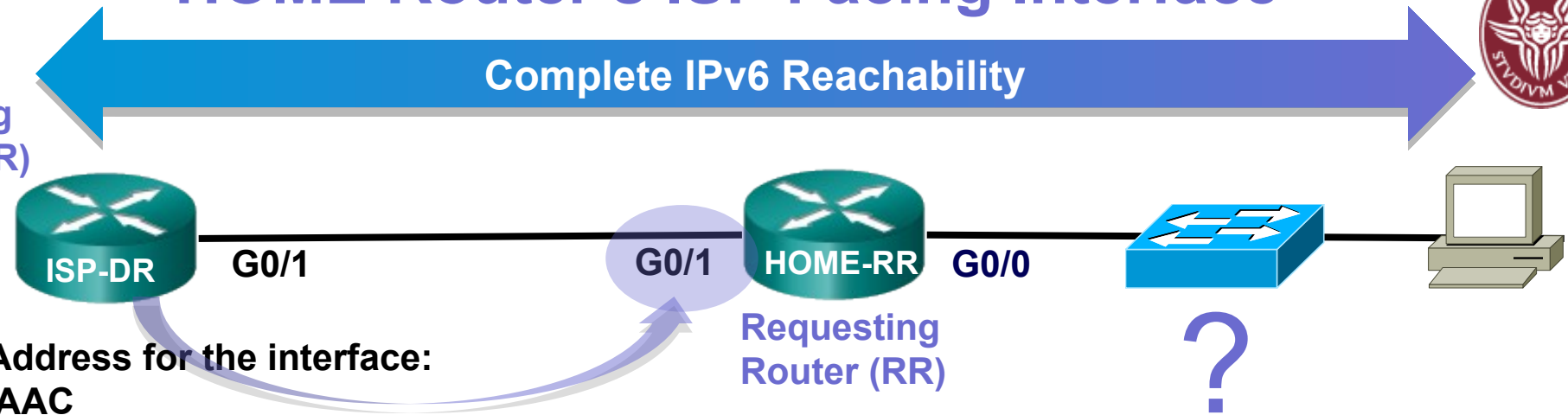
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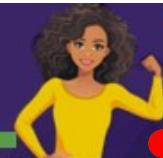
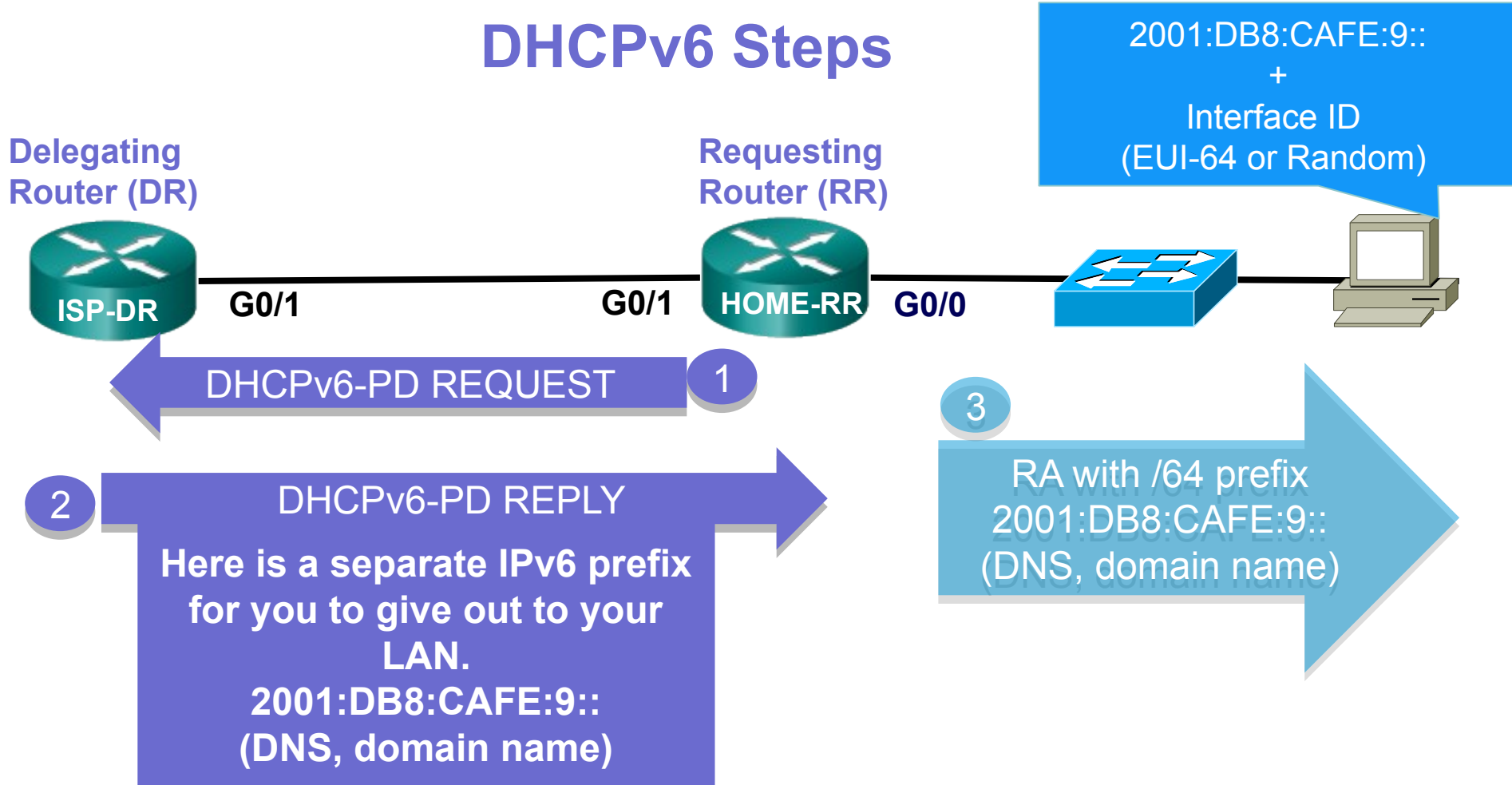
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# DHCPv6 Steps





# That's all for today

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- See you next lecture!
- **References:**
  - [http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t\\_InternetProtocolVersion6IPv6IPNextGenerationIPng.htm](http://www.tcpipguide.com/free/t_InternetProtocolVersion6IPv6IPNextGenerationIPng.htm)
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  - <http://6diss.6deploy.eu/tutorials/>
  - <http://www.cabrillo.edu/~rgraziani/ipv6-presentations.html>
  - Book chapter 11 (even if quite obsoleted)

