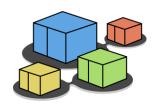


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basic IPv6 configuration, ping, traceroute and ICMPv6

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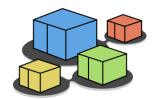
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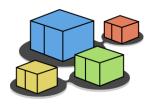


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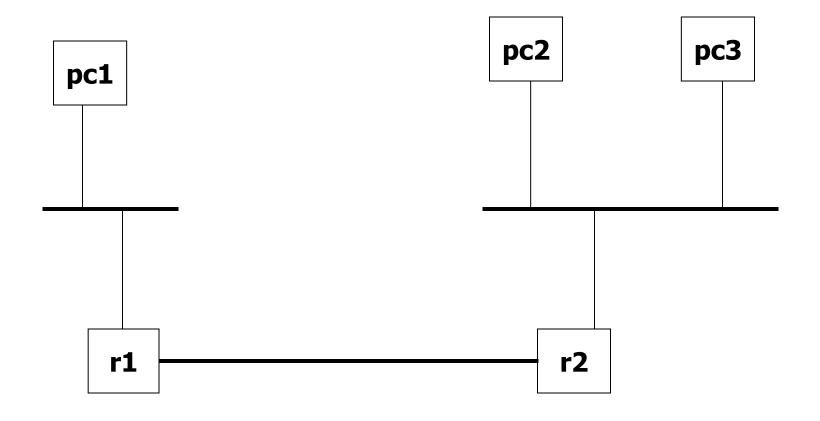
- there are two routers, called r1 and r2, and three hosts, called pc1, pc2, and pc3
 - they are connected via three LANs
 - we force their MAC addresses to be easily readable
- we will learn how to:
 - administratively assign an IPv6 address and a netmask to the interface of a system
 - administratively assign a default gateway to the interface of a system
 - set the IPv6 addresses of a group of end-systems using the MAC-address-based stateless-auto configuration
 - set the routing table of a router
- we will use the ping and traceroute commands
- we will observe the behavior of ICMPv6

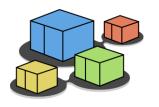


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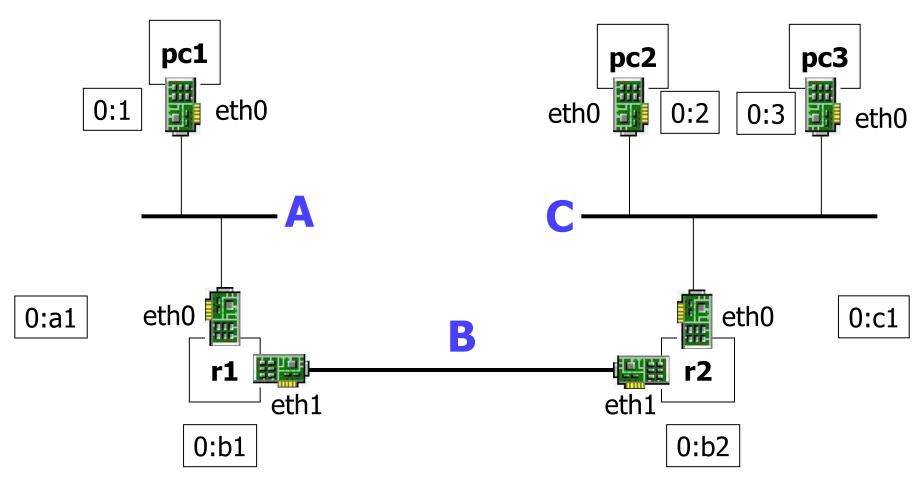


network topology – high level view

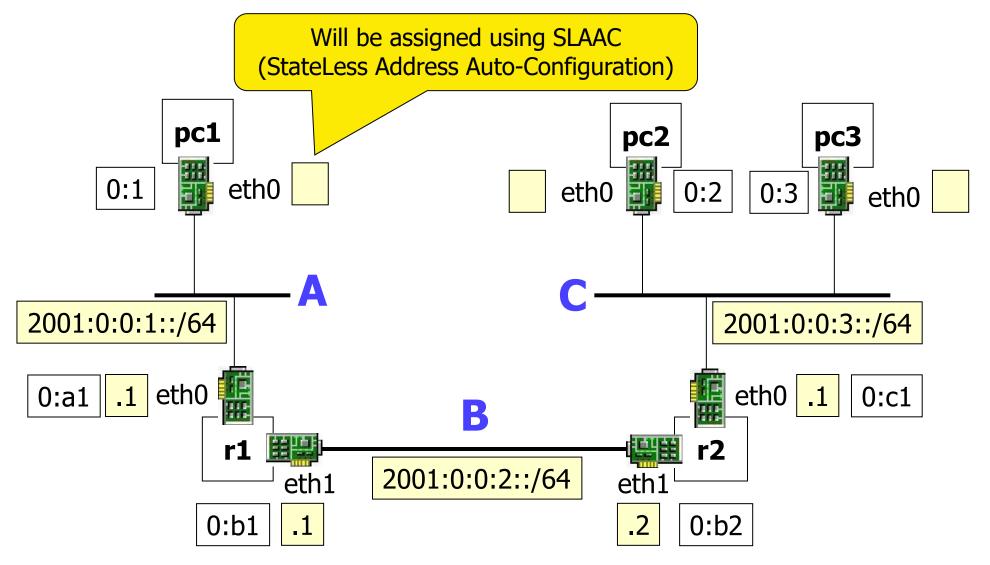


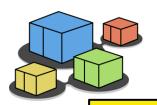


network topology – MAC addresses



network topology – IPv6 address plan





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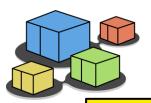
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r1[1]="B/00:00:00:00:00:b1"
r1[image]="kathara/base"
r1[ipv6]="True"

r2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:c1"
r2[1]="B/00:00:00:00:00:b2"
r2[image]="kathara/base"
r2[ipv6]="True"
```

r1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:a1"

lab.conf

```
pc1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:01"
pc1[image]="kathara/base"
pc1[ipv6]="True"
pc1[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:02"
pc2[image]="kathara/base"
pc2[ipv6]="True"
pc2[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc3[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:03"
pc3[image]="kathara/base"
pc3[ipv6]="True"
pc3[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
wireshark[bridged]=true
wireshark[port]="3000:3000"
wireshark[image]="lscr.io/linuxserver/wireshark"
wireshark[num terms]=0
```



```
lab.conf
r1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:a1"
r1[1]="B/00.00
r1[image] Set the MAC address on the interface
r1[ipv6]="True"
r2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:c1"
r2[1]="B/00:00:00:00:00:b2"
r2[image]="kathara/base"
r2[ipv6]="True"
```

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lab.conf
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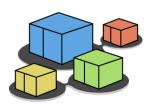
```
pc1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:01"
ncl[imagel="kathara/base"
           True"
pc1[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:02"
pc2[image]="kathara/base"
pc2[ipv6]="True"
pc2[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc3[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:03"
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pc3[ipv6]="True"
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wireshark[bridged]=true
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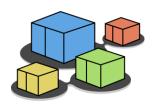
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lab.conf
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r1[ipv6]="True"
r2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:c1"
r2[1]="B/00:00:00:00:00:b2"
r2[image]="kathara/base"
r2[ipv6]="True"
```

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lab.conf
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```
pc1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:01"
ncl[imagel="kathara/base"
           True"
pc1[sysct1]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc2[0]="C/00:00:0 Accept router advertisements on eth0
pc2[image]="kathara/base
pc2[ipv6]="True"
pc2[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
pc3[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:03"
pc3[image]="kathara/base"
pc3[ipv6]="True"
pc3[sysctl]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
wireshark[bridged]=true
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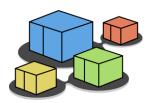


pc1.startup	
pc2.startup	
pc3.startup	



no command is given to configure an IPv6 address or a default gateway, since they come from the stateless auto-configuration

pc1.startup	
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pc2.startup	
	
pc3.startup	



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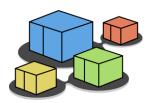
```
ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
ip address add 2001:0:0:2::1/64 dev eth1

ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1

chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf

systemctl start radvd
```

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a static IPv6 address is given to eth0 and to eth1

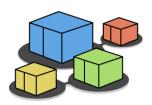
consequently, the corresponding LANs are considered *directly* connected

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ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
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chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf

systemctl start radvd
```



the routing table is set;

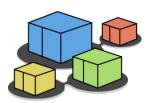
a row is added to the routing table on how to reach a LAN that is not directly connected; the nexthop is a link-local address

```
ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
ip address add 2001:0:0:2::1/64 dev eth1

ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1

chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf

systemctl start radvd
```



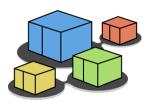
the correct privileges for radvd.conf are set and the radvd service is started

```
ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
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ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1

chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf

systemctl start radvd
```



this configuration file, of the radvd daemon, is in the /etc directory of r1

```
interface eth0
{
    AdvSendAdvert on;
    MinRtrAdvInterval 3;
    MaxRtrAdvInterval 9;
    AdvDefaultLifetime 27;
    prefix 2001:0:0:1::/64 {};
};
```



router advertisement

- radvd is a daemon
- it is used to send router advertisement messages
- the configuration of radvd is specified in the radvd.conf file



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interface of the router where the advertisements are sent

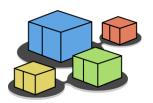
```
radvd.conf
interface eth0
       AdvSendAdvert on;
       MinRtrAdvInterval 3;
       MaxRtrAdvInterval 9;
       AdvDefaultLifetime 27;
       prefix 2001:0:0:1::/64 {};
};
```

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the announced prefix

```
radvd.conf
interface eth0
       AdvSendAdvert on;
       MinRtrAdvInterval 3;
       MaxRtrAdvInterval 9;
       AdvDefaultLifetime 27;
       prefix 2001:0:0:1::/64 {};
};
```



advertisements are sent

minimum interval between consecutive advertisements

maximum interval between consecutive advertisements

```
radvd.conf
interface eth0
                                       time interval for default
        AdvSendAdvert on;
                                          gateway validity
        MinRtrAdvInterval 3;
        MaxRtrAdvInterval 9;
        AdvDefaultLifetime 27;
        prefix 2001:0:0:1::/64 {};
};
```



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```
r1.startup
ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:a1
ip link set dev eth1 address 00:00:00:00:00:b1
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up
ip link set dev eth1 down
ip link set dev eth1 up
ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
ip address add 2001:0:0:2::1/64 dev eth1
ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1
chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf
systemctl start radvd
```

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similar configuration for router r2



start the lab

start the lab

```
user@localhost:~$ cd kathara-lab_basic-ipv6
user@localhost:~/kathara-lab_basic-ipv6$ lstart
```

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useful commands



check the IPv6 addresses

- on r1, and r2
 - perform the ip address command, to check the addresses assigned to the interfaces
 - the ip -6 address command shows only the IPv6 addresses

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look at eth and loopback interfaces



check the IPv6 addresses

loopback

IPv4: 127.0.0.1/8

IPv6: ::1/128

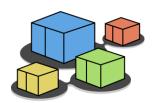
eth0

global unicast: 2001:0:0:1::1/64 link-local: fe80::200:ff:fe00:a1/64

eth1

global unicast: 2001:0:0:2::1/64 link-local: fe80::200:ff:fe00:b1/64

```
r1
                                                                          root@r1:/# ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group
default glen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
11: eth0: <BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 gdisc fq_codel state UP
group default glen 1000
    link/ether 00:00:00:00:00:a1 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet6 2001:0:0:1::1/64 scope global
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 fe80::200:ff:fe00:a1/64 scope link
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
12: eth1: <BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP
group default glen 1000
    link/ether 00:00:00:00:00:b1 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet6 2001:0:0:2::1/64 scope global
      valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 fe80::200:ff:fe00:b1/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

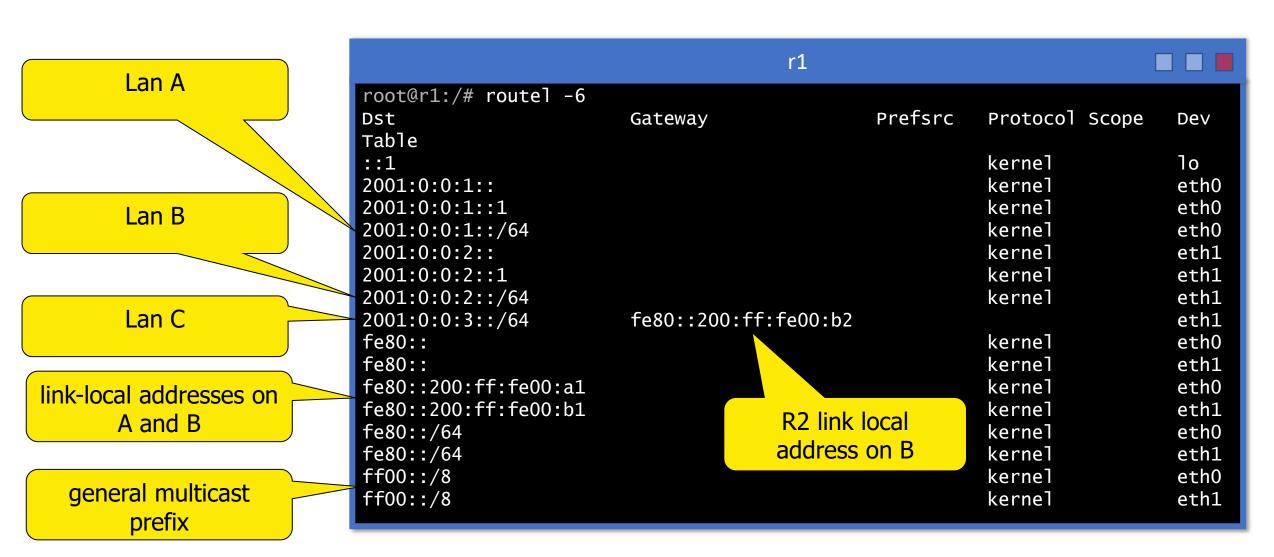


check the router routing table

- on r1 and r2
 - perform the routel -6 command, to check the routing table



check the router routing table



check auto-configured IPv6 addresses

- on pc1, pc2, pc3
 - perform the ip address command, to check the IPv6 addresses assigned to the interfaces by the stateless autoconfiguration
 - possibly, perform the ip -6 address command
 - look at eth and loopback interfaces



loopback

IPv4: 127.0.0.1/8

IPv6: ::1/128

eth0

global unicast: 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1/64

link-local: fe80::200:ff:fe00:1/64

```
pc1
root@pc1:/# ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN
group default glen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
7: eth0: <BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel
state UP group default glen 1000
    link/ether 00:00:00:00:00:01 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet6 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr
       valid_lft 86394sec preferred_lft 14394sec
    inet6 fe80::200:ff:fe00:1/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

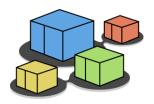


check the default route

- on pc1, pc2, and pc3
 - perform the route1 -6 command, to check the presence of a default route

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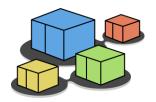


check the default route

on pc1, pc2, and pc3

perform the routel -6 command, to check the presence of a default

route root@pc1:/# routel -6 Prefsrc Protocol Scope Dev Dst Gateway loopback prefix kernel lo 2001:0:0:1:: kernel eth0 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 kernel eth0 2001:0:0:1::/64 kernel eth0 learned by a router fe80:: kernel eth0 advertisment fe80::200:ff:fe00:1 kernel eth0 default route by r1 fe80::/64 kernel eth0 ff00::/8 eth0 kernel fe80::200:ff:fe00:a1 default eth0 ra link-local address of r1 on A



sniff the traffic

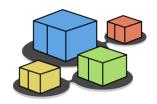
connect the wireshark device to collision domain C

```
user@localhost:~/kathara-lab_basic-ipv6$ kathara lconfig -n wireshark --add C
```

- open any browser on the host machine
 - on localhost:3000
 - sniff eth1



ping from pc3 to pc2 and related ICMPv6 behaviour



on pc3

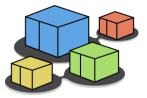
- 1. inspect the neighbor cache
- 2. execute a ping command towards pc2
- 3. inspect again the neighbor cache
- 4. give a look at the packets captured by Wireshark



inspecting the neighbor cache

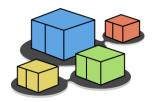
similar to the IPv4 ARP cache

link-local address of r2 on C pc3 root@pc3:/# ip neigh ; fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE fe80::200:ff:fe00:2 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:02 STALE link-local address of pc2

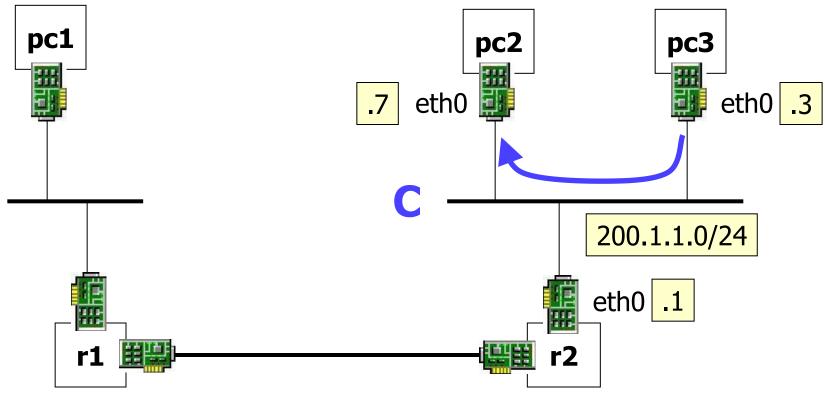


ping and inspect the neighbor cache

```
pc3
root@pc3:/# ping 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2
PING 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2(2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.50 ms
64 bytes from 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0 585 ms
64 bytes from 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64
                                                          global IPv6 address
ΛC
                                                                of pc2
--- 2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packets toss, time 2040ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.585/0.953/1.500/0.394 ms
root@pc3:/# ip neigh
2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:02 router REACHABLE
fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE
fe80::200:ff:fe00:2 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:02 DELAY
```



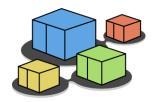
traffic within the same network does not traverse routers



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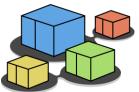
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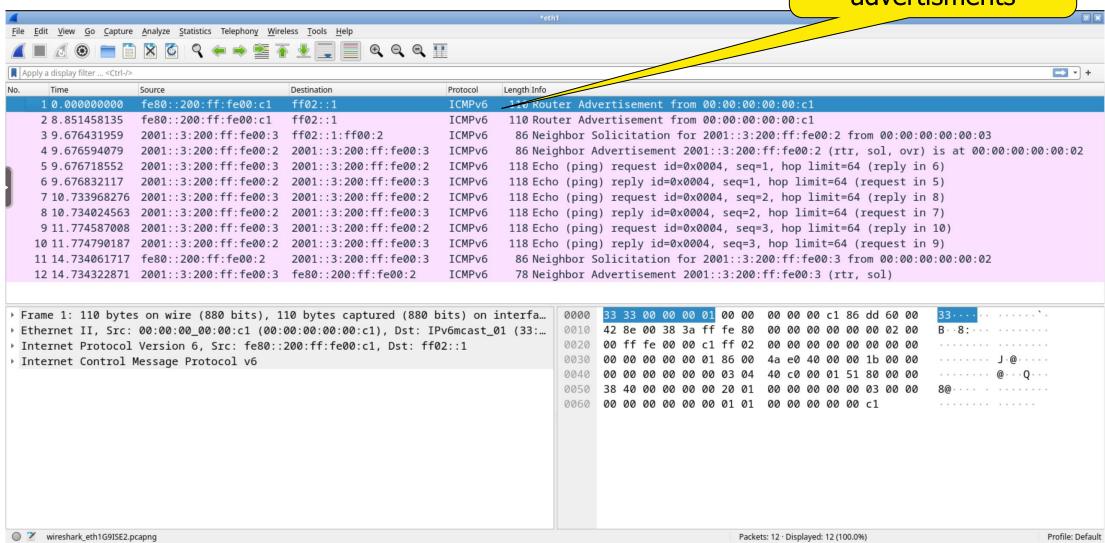
- communications are usually bi-directional
- the receiver of the neighbor solicitation learns the mac address of the other party
 global IPv6 address

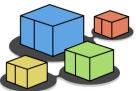
```
root@pc2:/# ip neigh
fe80::200:ff:fe00:3 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
2001::3:200:ff:fe00:3 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE
```

of pc3

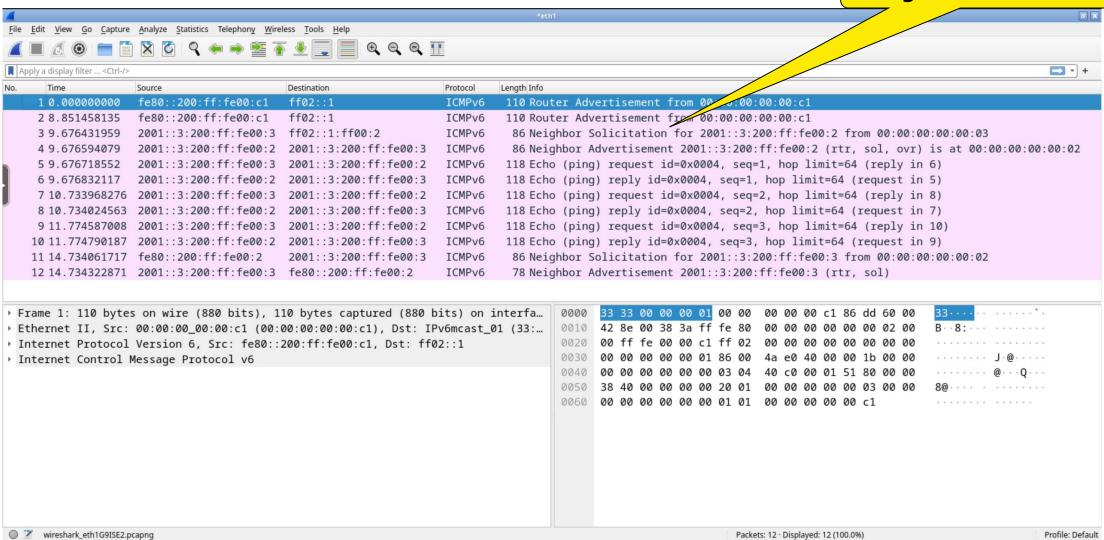


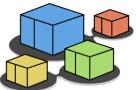
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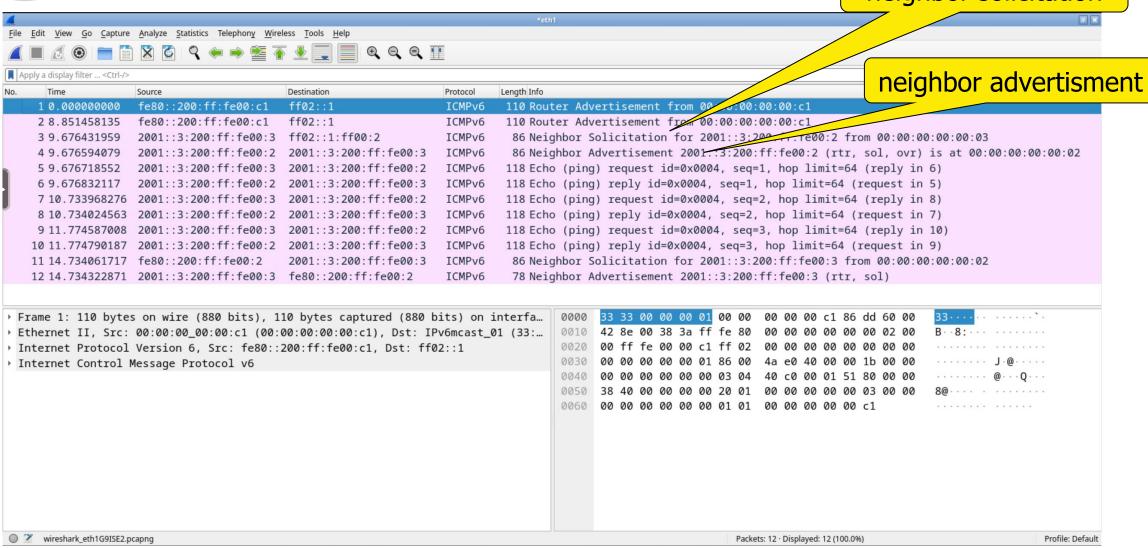


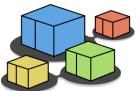
neighbor solicitation



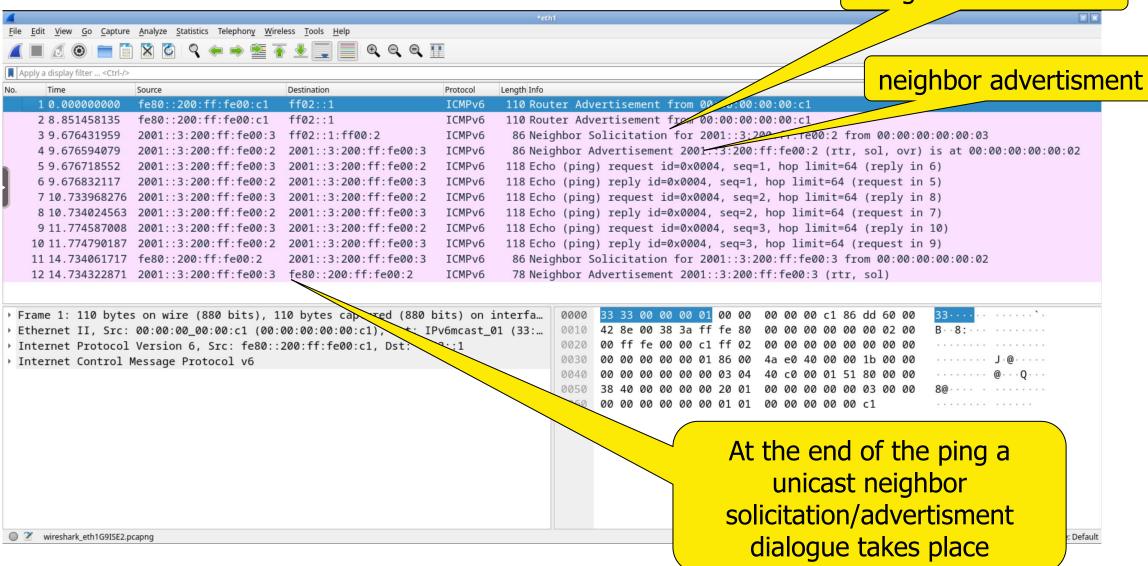


neighbor solicitation



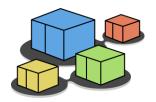


neighbor solicitation





ping from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behavior

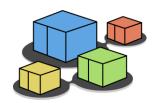


sniff the traffic

connect the wireshark host to collision domain B

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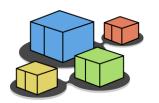
- open any browser on the host machine
 - on localhost:3000
 - sniff eth2

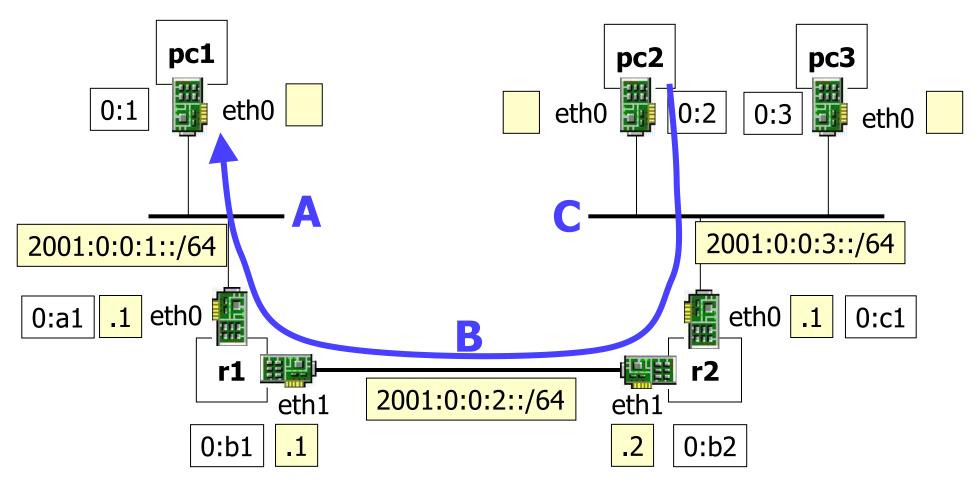


on pc2

execute a ping command towards pc1

```
pc2
root@pc2:/# ping 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1
PING 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1(2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=62 time=2.58 ms
64 bytes from 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=62 time=1.52 ms
--- 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 3011ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.267/1.880/2.575/0.515 ms
```





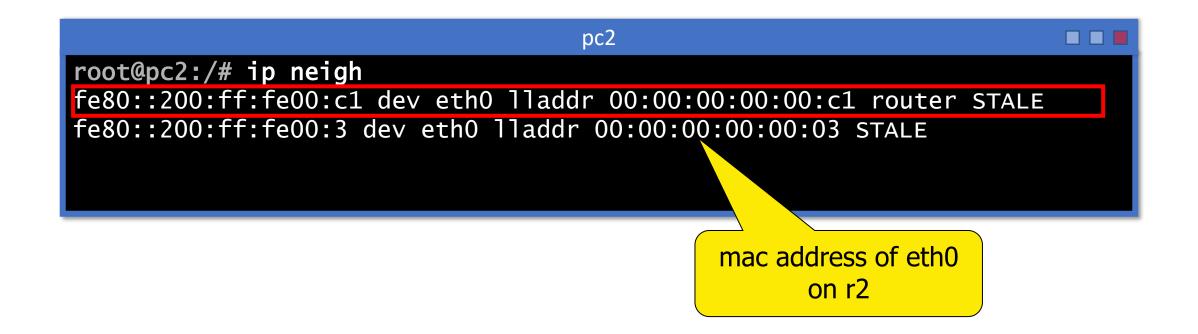
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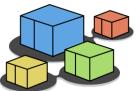
- when IP traffic is addressed outside the local network, the sender needs the mac address of the router
- ICMPv6 ND requests can get replies only within the local network



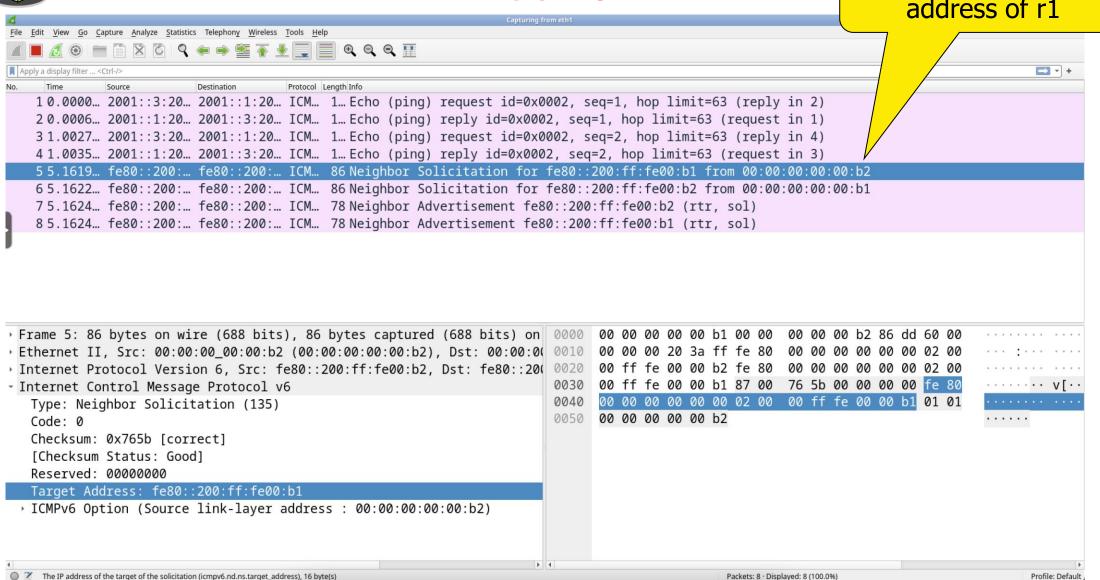


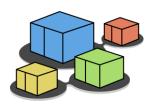
- what about routers?
- routers perform ND too (hence have neighbor caches)

```
r2 (eth1)
        ರಿot@r1:/# ip neigh
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:b2 router STALE
                                                                                  pc1
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:01 router STALE
                                                                                  pc1
       2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:01 router STALE
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:a1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:a1 router STALE
      oot@r2:/# ip neigh
      fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:3 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:b1 dev eth1 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:b1 router STALE
                                                                                  pc2
       2001::3:200:ff:fe00:2 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:02 router STALE
       fe80::200:ff:fe00:2 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:02 router STALE
                                                                                  pc2
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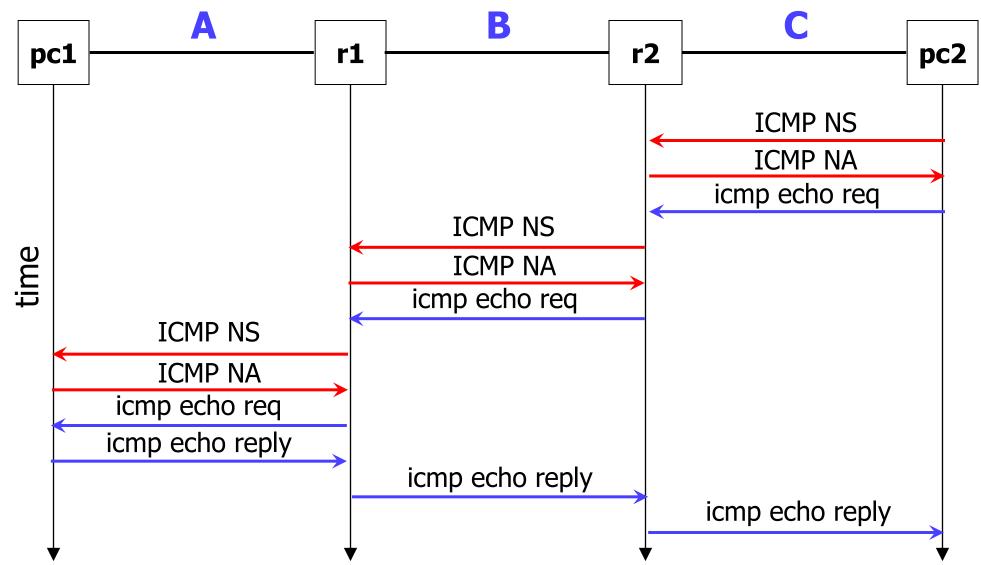


which is the mac address of r1





understanding the whole picture



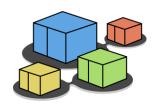


traceroute from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behaviour



sniff the traffic

- the wireshark host is already connected to collision domain C
- open any browser on the host machine
 - on localhost:3000
 - sniff eth1



on pc2

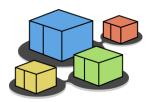
execute a traceroute command towards pc1

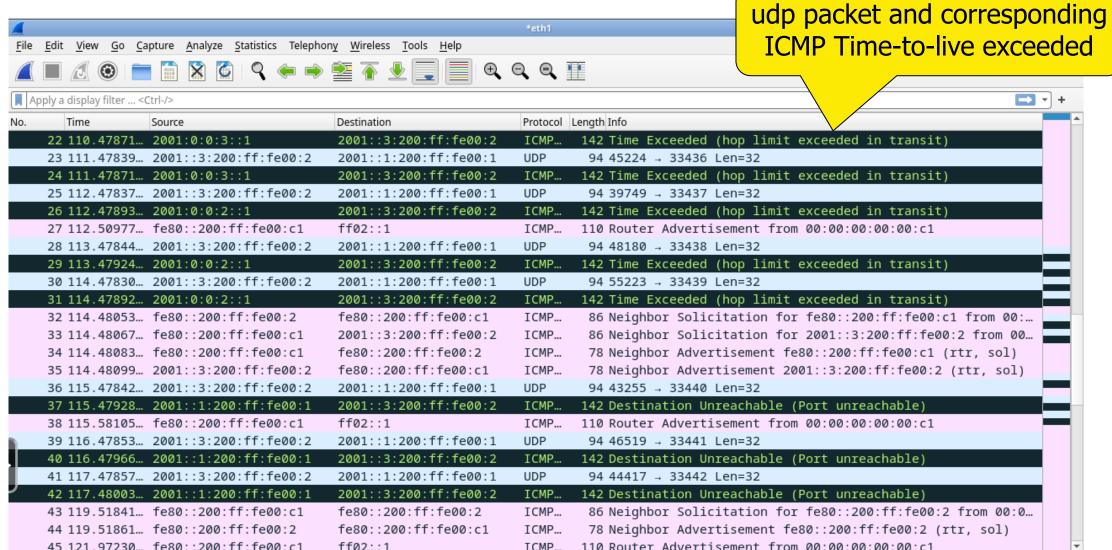
eth0 of r2

pc2

Minimal time (sec. if ≤10, ms if >10) interval between probes (default 0)

```
root@pc2:/# traceroute 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 -z 1
lyaceroute to 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 (2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1), 30 hops
max. 80 byte packets
1 2001:0:0:3::1 (2001:0:0:3::1) 0.442 ms 0.580 ms 0.602 ms
2 2001:0:0:2::1 (2001:0:0:2::1) 0.878 ms 1.175 ms 0.751 ms
2 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 (2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1) 1.078 ms 1.434 ms
1.708 ms
root@pc2:/#
```







proposed exercises

- check the different error messages obtained by trying to ping an unreachable destination in the case of
 - local destination
 - non-local destination
- which packets are exchanged in the local collision domain in the two cases?

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