

# kathara lab

basic IPv6 configuration, ping, traceroute and ICMPv6

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#### content of the lab

- 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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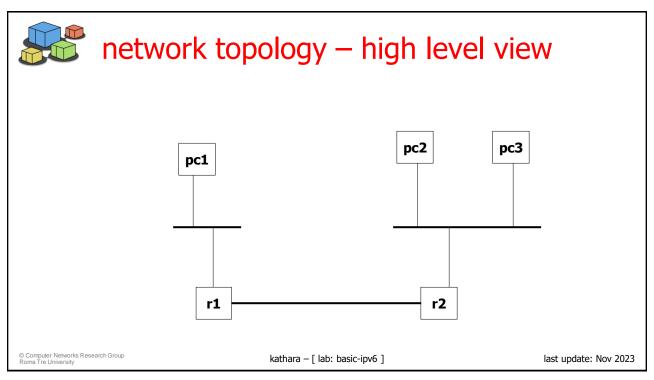
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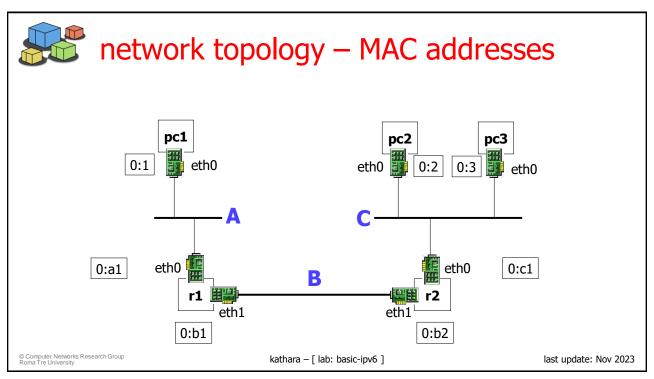
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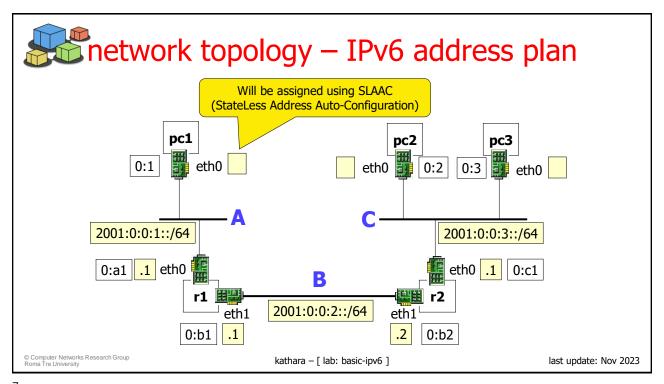


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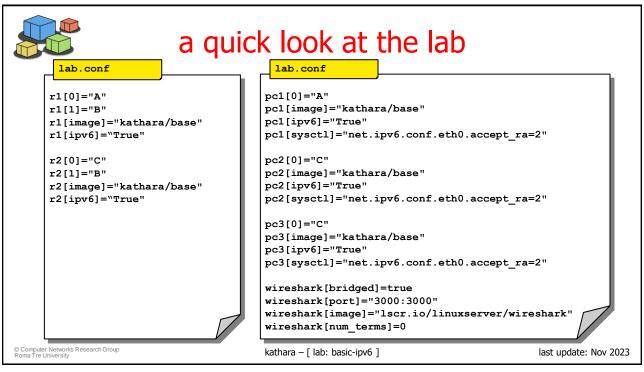
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                                           lab.conf
       lab.conf
                                          pc1[0]="A"
     r1[0]="A"
                                          pc1[image]="kathara/base"
     r1[1]="B"
     r1[image]="kathara/base"
                                          pc1[ipv6]="True"
     r1[ipv6]="True"
                                          pc1[sysct1]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
                                                              Accept router advertisements on eth0
                                          pc2[0]="C"
     r2[0]="C"
                                          pc2[image]="kathara/base"
     r2[1]="B"
                                          pc2[ipv6]="True"
     r2[image]="kathara/base"
     r2[ipv6]="True"
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                                          pc3[image]="kathara/base"
                                          pc3[ipv6]="True"
                                          pc3[sysct1]="net.ipv6.conf.eth0.accept ra=2"
                                          wireshark[bridged]=true
                                          wireshark[port]="3000:3000"
                                          wireshark[image]="lscr.io/linuxserver/wireshark"
                                          wireshark[num terms]=0
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```
pc1.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:01
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up

pc2.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:02
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up

pc3.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:03
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up

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to eth0 a MAC address is assigned, different from the default one

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pc1.startup
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ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:01 ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

#### pc2.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:02

ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up

#### pc3.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:03

ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

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# a quick look at the lab

the eth0 interface is set down and then up to force the stateless autoconfiguration to rely on the new MAC address

#### pc1.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:01

ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

#### pc2.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:02

ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

#### pc3.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:03

ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

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

```
ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:01
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up

pc2.startup

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:02
ip link set dev eth0 down
ip link set dev eth0 up
```

ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:03 ip link set dev eth0 down

ip link set dev eth0 up

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```
ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:00: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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to eth0 and eth1 a MAC address is assigned different from the default one

```
ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:00: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
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## a quick look at the lab

the eth0 and eth1
interfaces are set down
and then up to force the
stateless autoconfiguration to rely on the
new MAC addresses

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ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:00:a1
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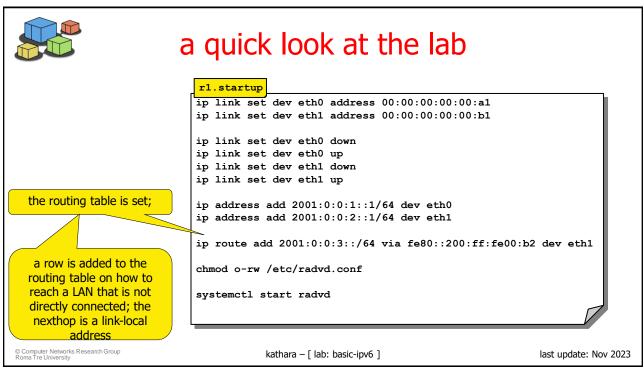
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#### a quick look at the lab r1.startup ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:a1 ip link set dev eth1 address 00:00:00:00:00:b1 ip link set dev eth0 down ip link set dev eth0 up ip link set dev eth1 down ip link set dev eth1 up a static IPv6 address is ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0 ip address add 2001:0:0:2::1/64 dev eth1 given to eth0 and to eth1 ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1 chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf consequently, the corresponding LANs are systemctl start radvd considered *directly* connected © Computer Networks Research Group Roma Tre University kathara - [ lab: basic-ipv6 ] last update: Nov 2023





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ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:00:a1
ip link set dev eth1 address 00:00:00:00:00:b1

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ip link set dev eth1 down
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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
```

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

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## a quick look at the lab

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

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

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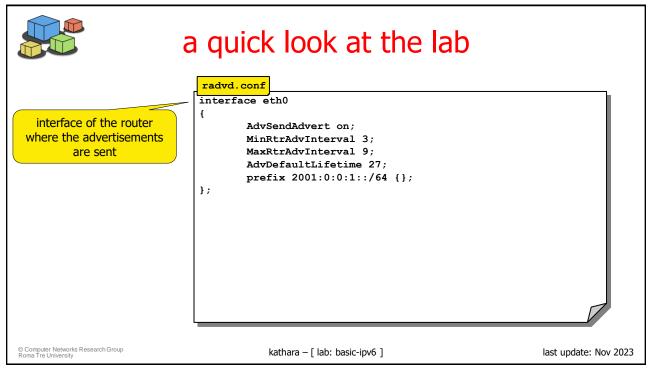
#### router advertisement

- 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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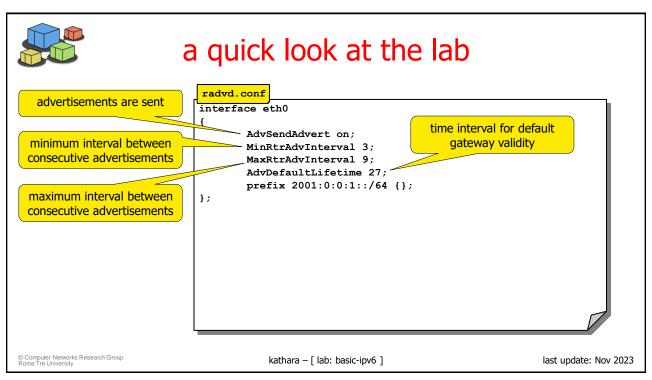
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a quick look at the lab

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

the announced prefix

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```
ip link set dev eth0 address 00:00:00:00:00:01
ip link set dev eth1 address 00:00:00:00:00:01
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
```

similar configuration for router r2

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#### 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

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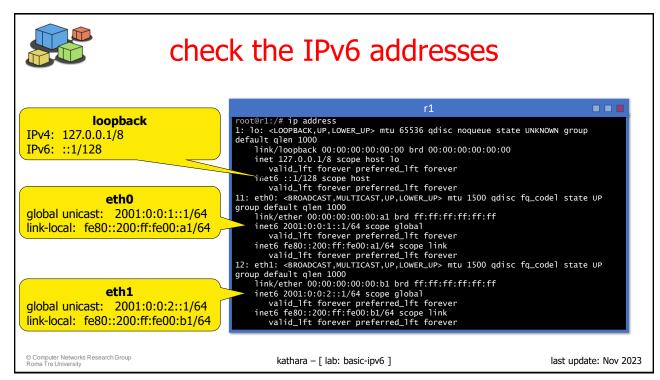


#### check the IPv6 addresses

- 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
    - look at eth and loopback interfaces

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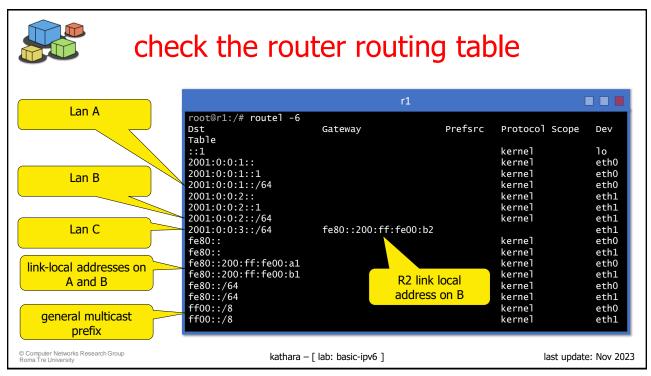


## check the router routing table

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

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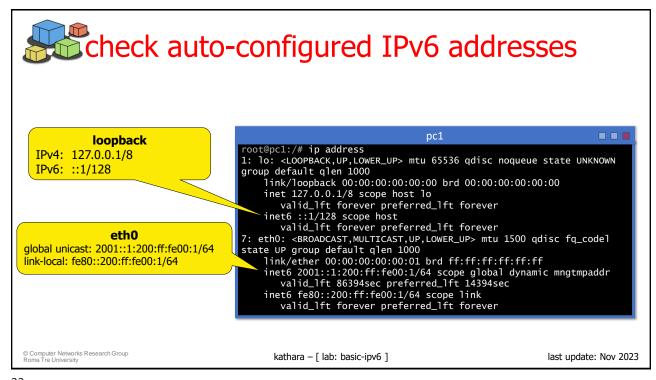


# check auto-configured IPv6 addresses

- 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

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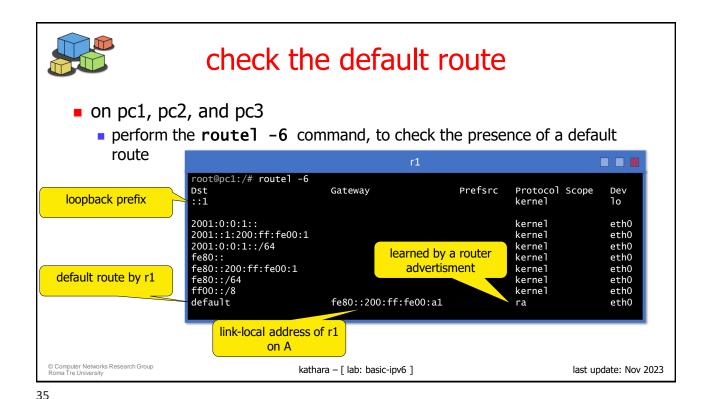


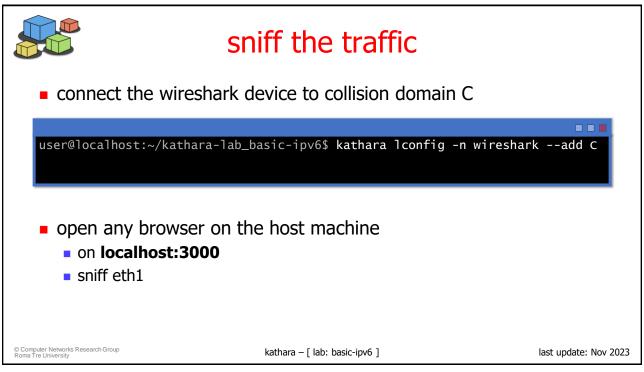
#### check the default route

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

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# ping from pc3 to pc2 and related ICMPv6 behaviour

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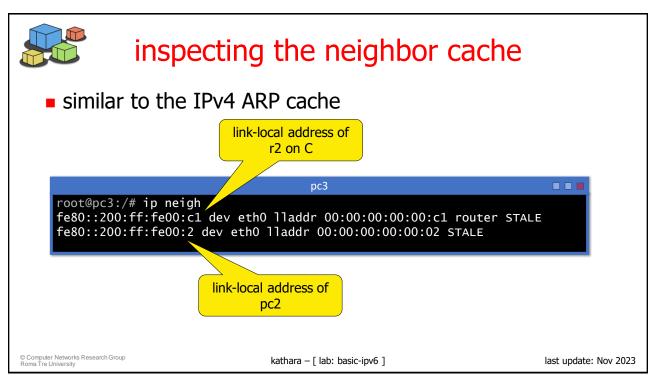


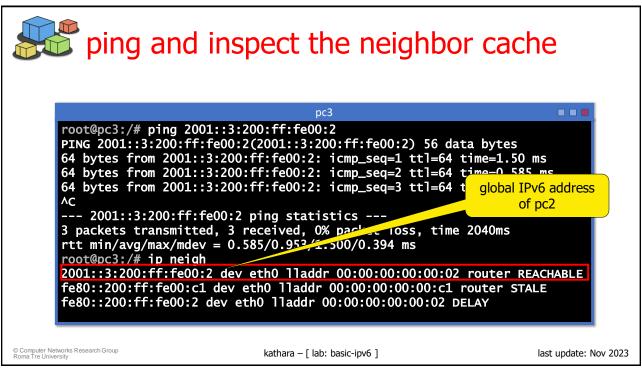
### on pc3

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

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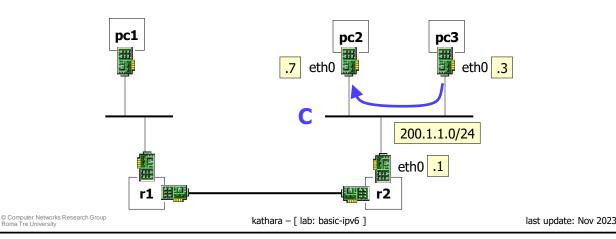






# inspecting the neighbor cache

traffic within the same network does not traverse routers



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## inspecting the neighbor cache

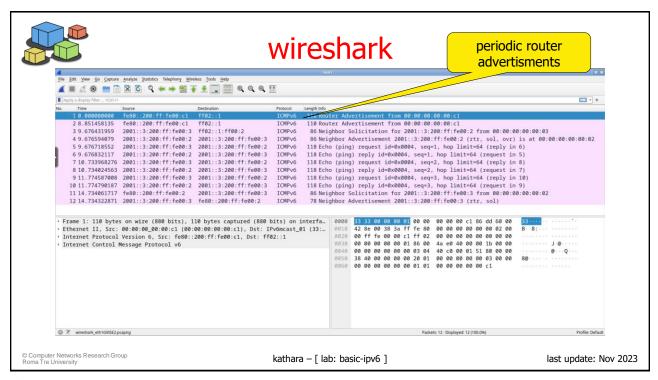
- communications are usually bi-directional
- the receiver of the neighbor solicitation learns the mac address of the other party global IPv6 address

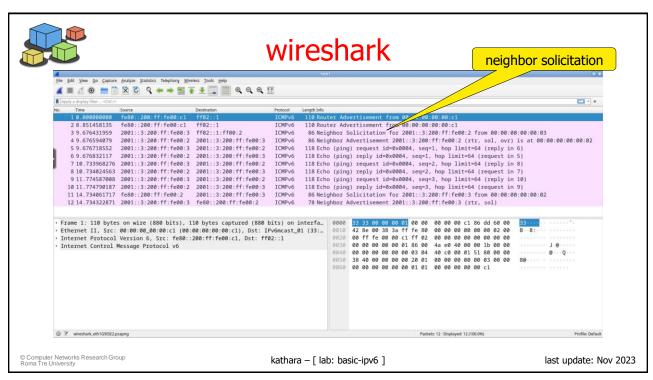
```
root@pc2:/# ip neigh
    fe80::200:ff:fe00:3 dev etho | Taddr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
    2001::3:200:ff:fe00:3 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
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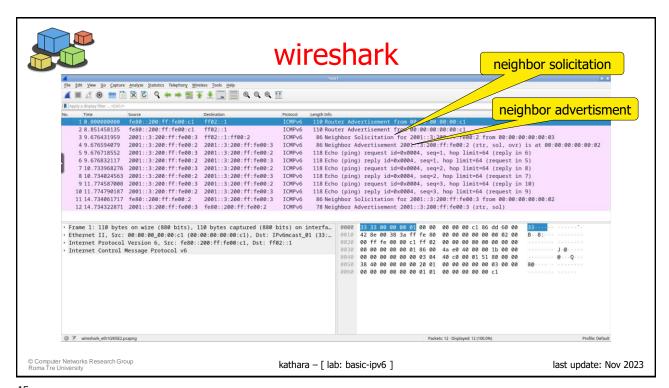
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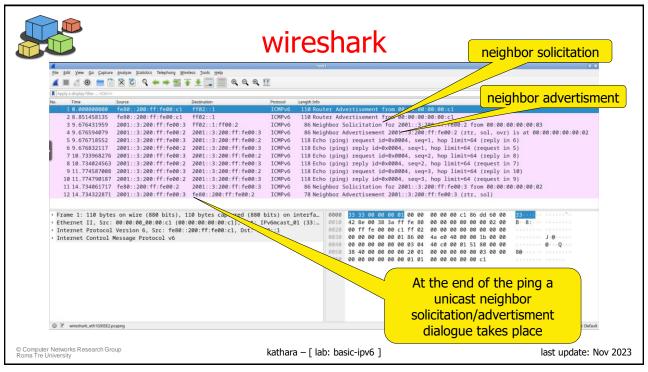
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of pc3











# ping from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behavior

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### sniff the traffic

connect the wireshark host to collision domain B

user@localhost:~/kathara-lab\_basic-ipv6\$ kathara lconfig -n wireshark --add B

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

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# on pc2

execute a ping command towards pc1

```
pc2

root@pc2:/# ping 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1

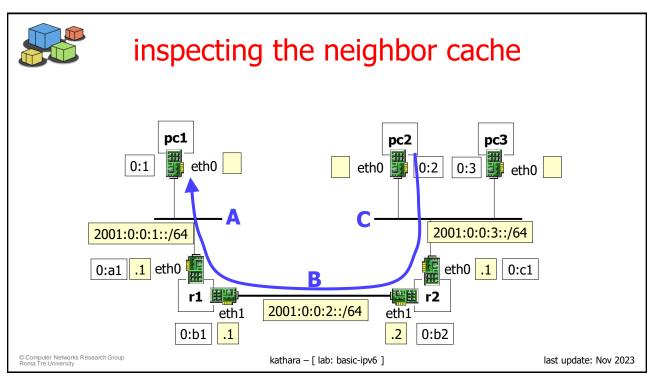
PING 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1(2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=62 time=2.58 ms
64 bytes from 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=62 time=1.52 ms
--- 2001::1:200:ff:fe00:1 ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time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

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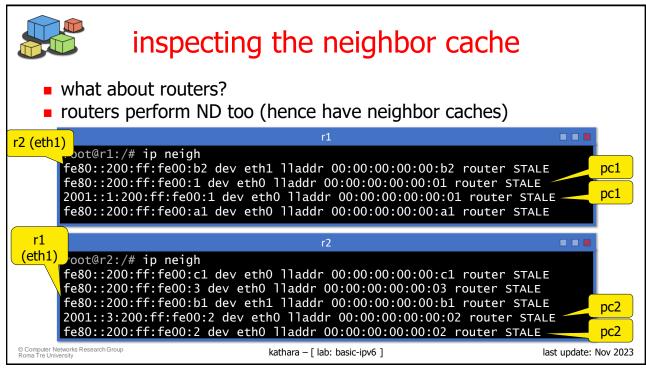


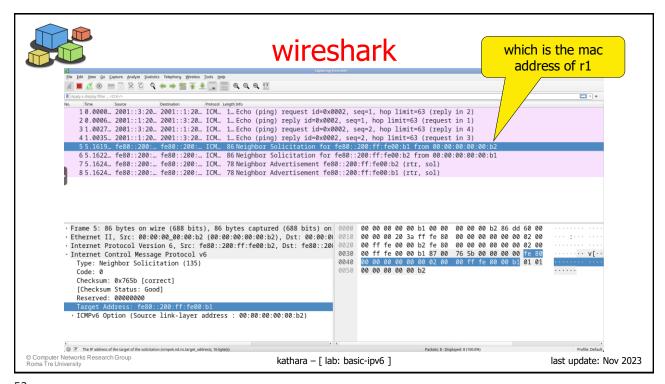


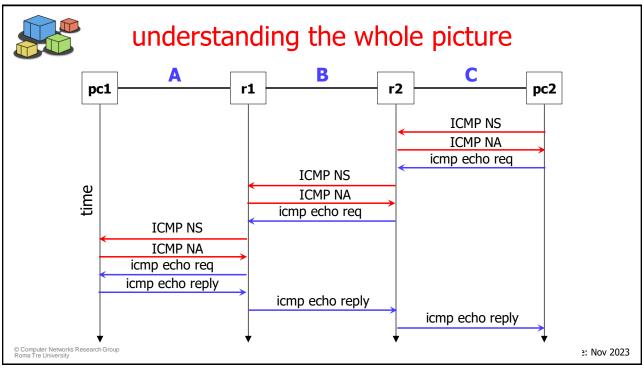
## inspecting the neighbor cache

- 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

```
root@pc2:/# ip neigh
        fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev eth0 lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE
        mac address of eth0
                                                            on r2
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# traceroute from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behaviour

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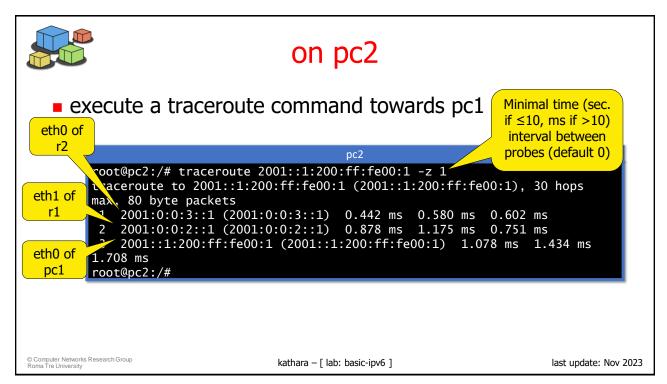


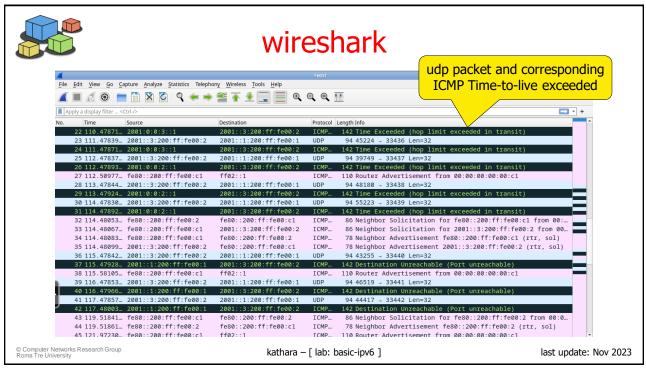
### sniff the traffic

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

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# 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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