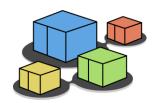


# Kathará lab

basic IPv6 configuration, ping, traceroute and ICMPv6

Version	2.0
Author(s)	L. Ariemma, T. Caiazzi, G. Di Battista
E-mail	contact@kathara.org
Web	http://www.kathara.org/
Description	basic IPv6 configuration commands, IPv6 stateless auto-configuration, usage of ping and traceroute, ICMPv6 behaviour

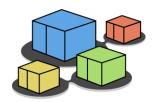


### copyright notice

- All the pages/slides in this presentation, including but not limited to, images, photos, animations, videos, sounds, music, and text (hereby referred to as "material") are protected by copyright.
- This material, with the exception of some multimedia elements licensed by other organizations, is property of the authors and/or organizations appearing in the first slide.
- This material, or its parts, can be reproduced and used for didactical purposes within universities and schools, provided that this happens for non-profit purposes.
- Information contained in this material cannot be used within network design projects or other products of any kind.

kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

- Any other use is prohibited, unless explicitly authorized by the authors on the basis of an explicit agreement.
- The authors assume no responsibility about this material and provide this material "as is", with no
  implicit or explicit warranty about the correctness and completeness of its contents, which may be
  subject to changes.
- This copyright notice must always be redistributed together with the material, or its portions.

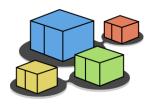


#### content of the lab

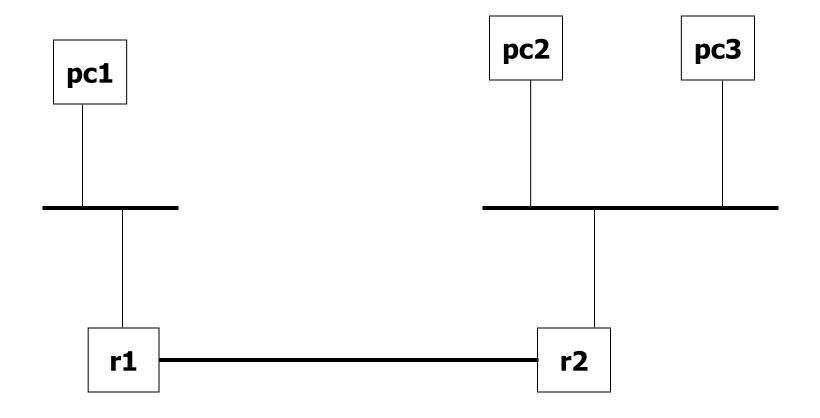
- there are two routers, called r1 and r2, and three hosts, called pc1, pc2, and pc3
  - they are connected via three LANs
  - we force their MAC addresses to be easily readable
- we will learn how to:
  - administratively assign an IPv6 address and a netmask to the interface of a system
  - administratively 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

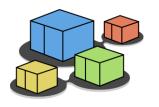


# lab configuration

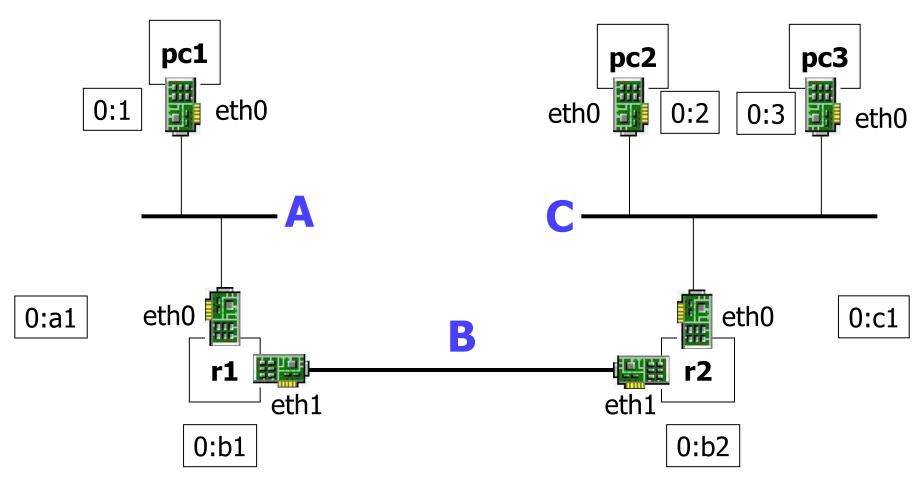


# network topology – high level view





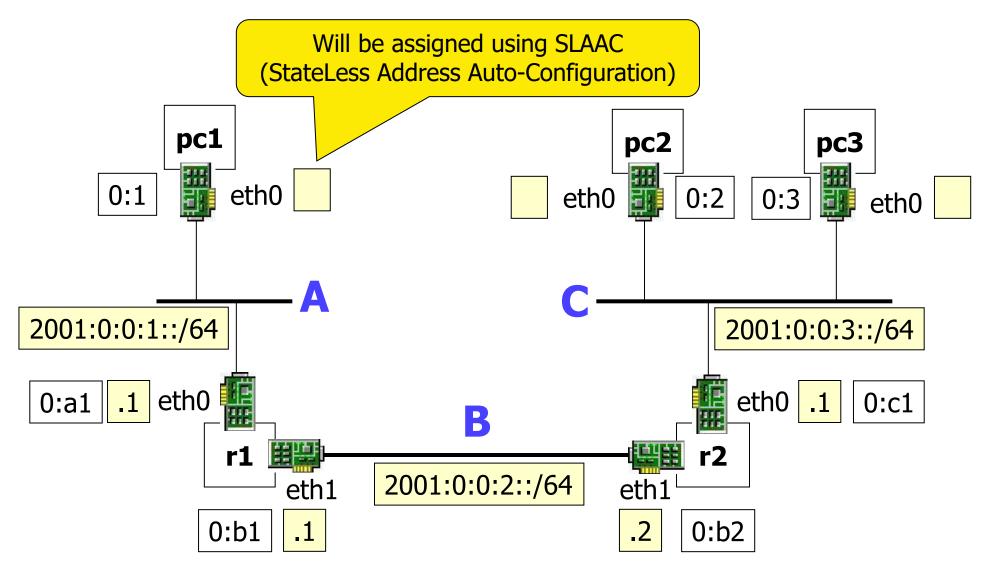
# network topology – MAC addresses

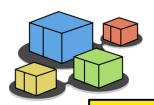


© Computer Networks Research Group Roma Tre University

kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

# network topology – IPv6 address plan





#### lab.conf

```
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
```

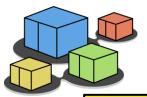


pc1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:01"

```
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"
```

#### lab.conf

```
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"
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
```

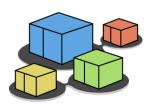


pc1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:01"

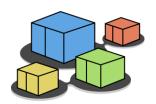
```
lab.conf
r1[0]="A/00:00:00:00:00:a1"
r1[1]="B/00.00
r1[image] Set the MAC address on the interface
r1[ipv6]="True"
r2[0]="C/00:00:00:00:00:c1"
r2[1]="B/00:00:00:00:00:b2"
r2[image]="kathara/base"
r2[ipv6]="True"
```

lab.conf

```
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
wireshark[port]="3000:3000"
wireshark[image]="lscr.io/linuxserver/wireshark"
wireshark[num terms]=0
```



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	
_		
	pc2.startup	
	pc3.startup	

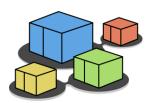


kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

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

Since the .startup files for pc1, pc2, and pc3 are empty, there's no need to include them in the lab configuration

pc1.startup pc2.startup pc3.startup



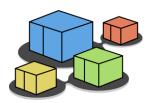
kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

```
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
```



a static IPv6 address is given to eth0 and to eth1

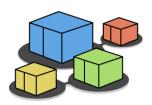
consequently, the corresponding LANs are considered *directly* connected

```
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 routing table is set;

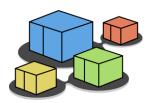
a row is added to the routing table on how to reach a LAN that is not directly connected; the nexthop is a link-local address

```
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

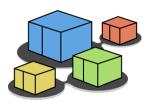
systemctl start radvd
```



kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

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

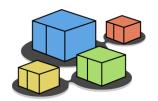
```
ip address add 2001:0:0:1::1/64 dev eth0
ip address add 2001:0:0:2::1/64 dev eth1
ip route add 2001:0:0:3::/64 via fe80::200:ff:fe00:b2 dev eth1
chmod o-rw /etc/radvd.conf
systemctl start radvd
```



kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

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

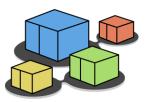
kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]



kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

interface of the router where the advertisements are sent

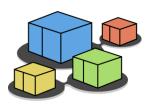
```
radvd.conf
interface eth0
       AdvSendAdvert on;
       MinRtrAdvInterval 3;
       MaxRtrAdvInterval 9;
       AdvDefaultLifetime 27;
       prefix 2001:0:0:1::/64 {};
};
```



kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

the announced prefix

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

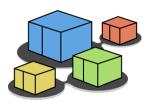


advertisements are sent

minimum interval between consecutive advertisements

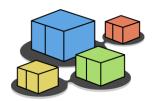
maximum interval between consecutive advertisements

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



```
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
```

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
```

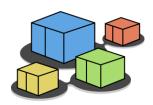


## useful commands



#### 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
    - look at eth and loopback interfaces



#### check the IPv6 addresses

#### loopback

IPv4: 127.0.0.1/8

IPv6: ::1/128

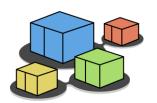
#### eth0

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

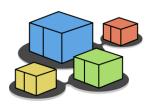
```
r1
                                                                          root@r1:/# ip address
1: lo: <LOOPBACK, UP, LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group
default glen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
      valid_lft 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
```



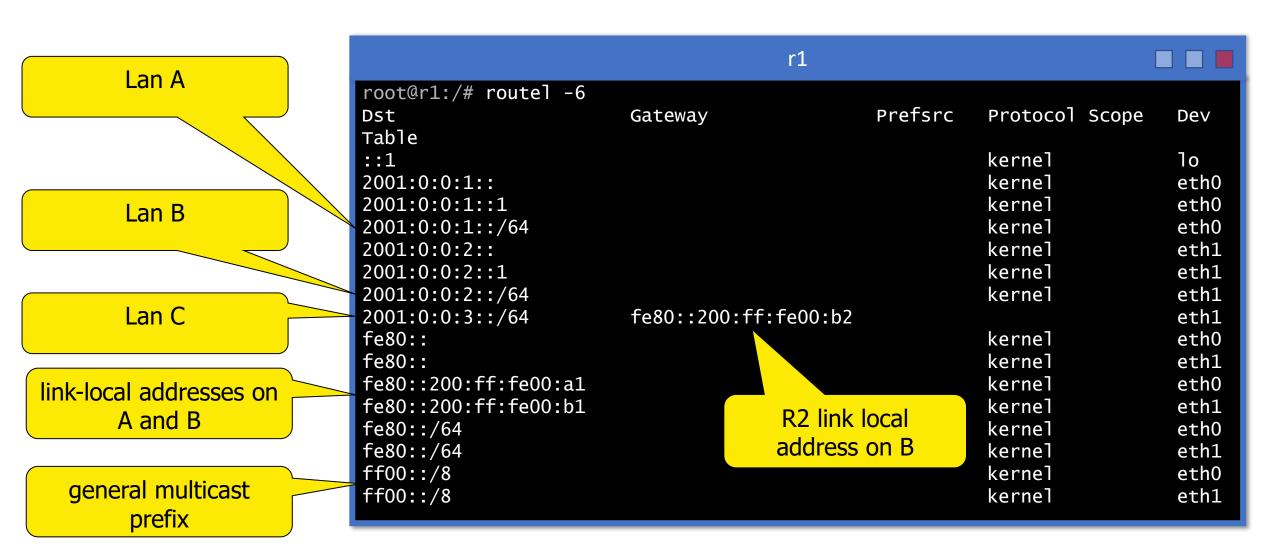
### check the router routing table

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

kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]



## 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

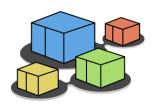
IPv6: ::1/128

#### eth0

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

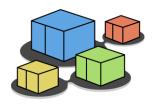
link-local: fe80::200:ff:fe00:1/64

```
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

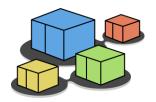


#### check the default route

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

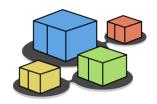
```
user@localhost:~/kathara-lab_basic-ipv6$ kathara lconfig -n wireshark --add C
```

kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

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

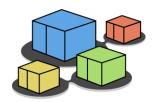


# ping from pc3 to pc2 and related ICMPv6 behaviour



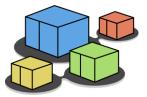
#### on pc3

- 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



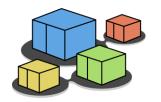
similar to the IPv4 ARP cache

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

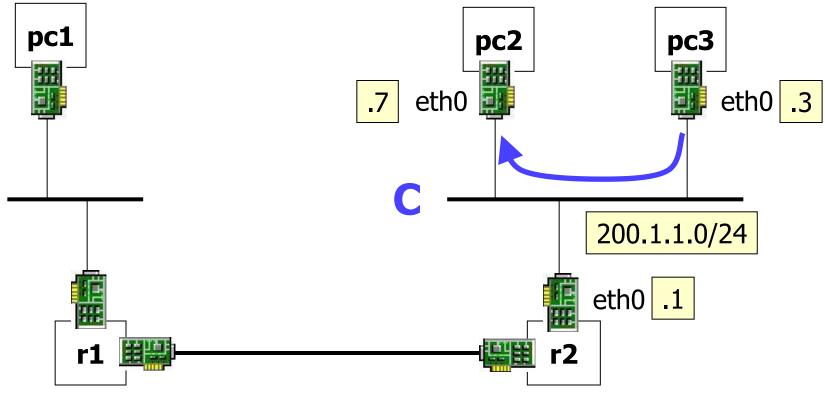


# ping and inspect the neighbor cache

```
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



© Computer Networks Research Group Roma Tre University kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

last update: Sept 2024

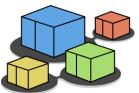


- communications are usually bi-directional
- the receiver of the neighbor solicitation learns the mac address of the other party

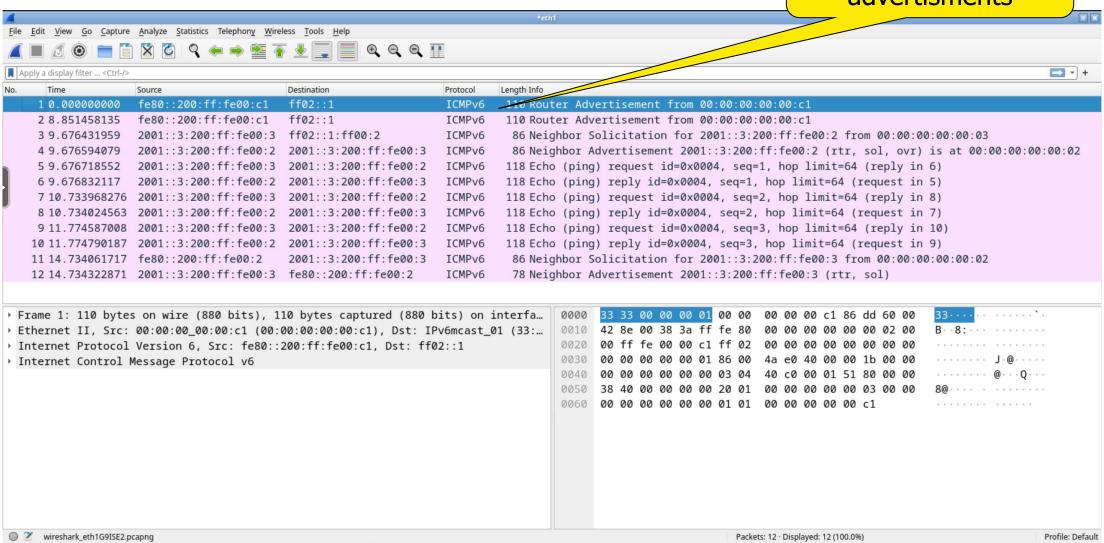
```
root@pc2:/# ip neigh
fe80::200:ff:fe00:3 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
2001::3:200:ff:fe00:3 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:03 router STALE
fe80::200:ff:fe00:c1 dev etho lladdr 00:00:00:00:00:c1 router STALE
```

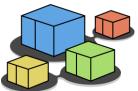
global IPv6 address

of pc3

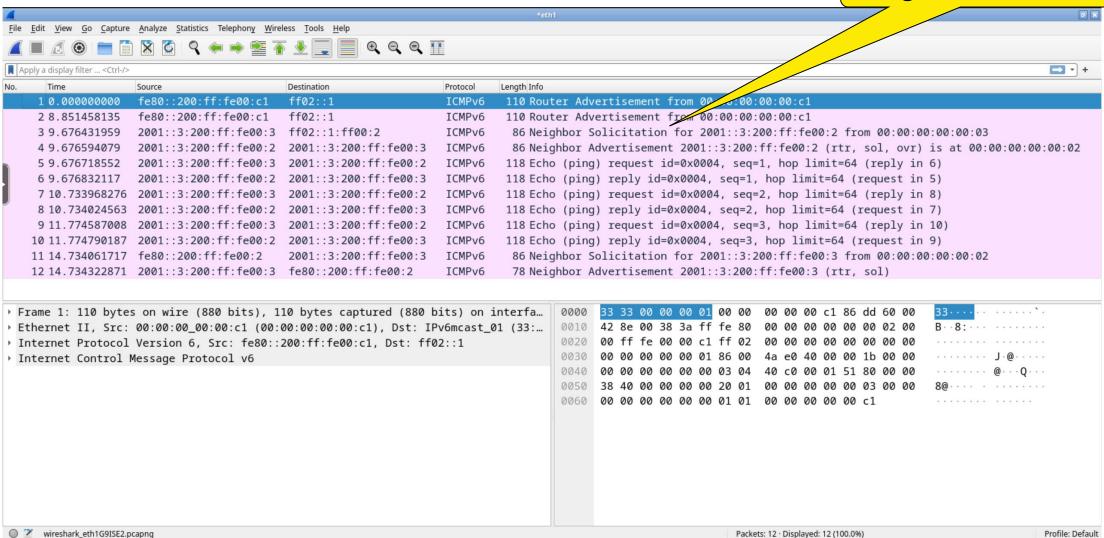


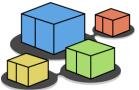
periodic router advertisments



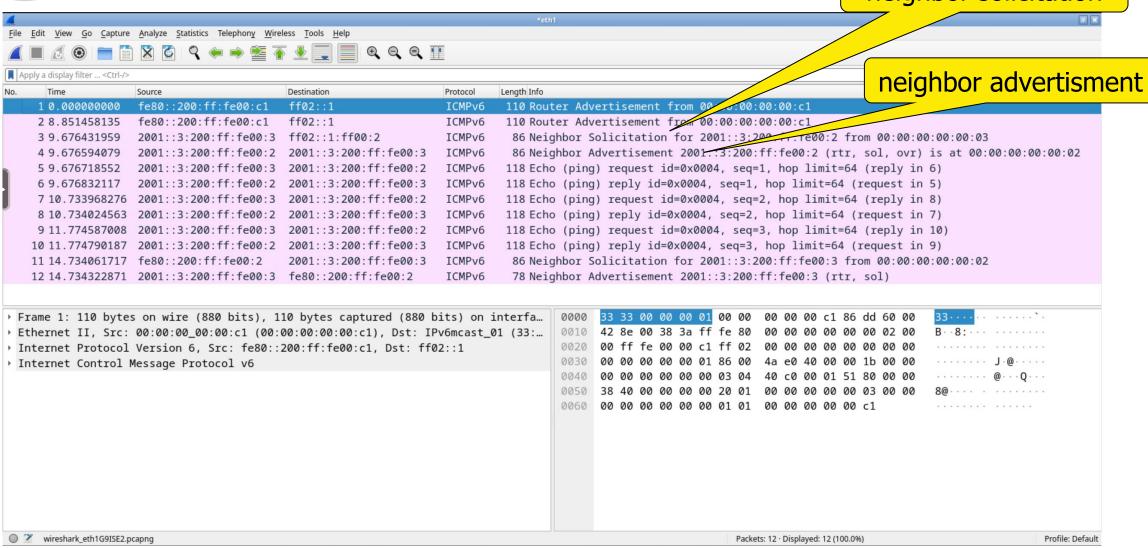


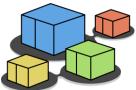
#### neighbor solicitation



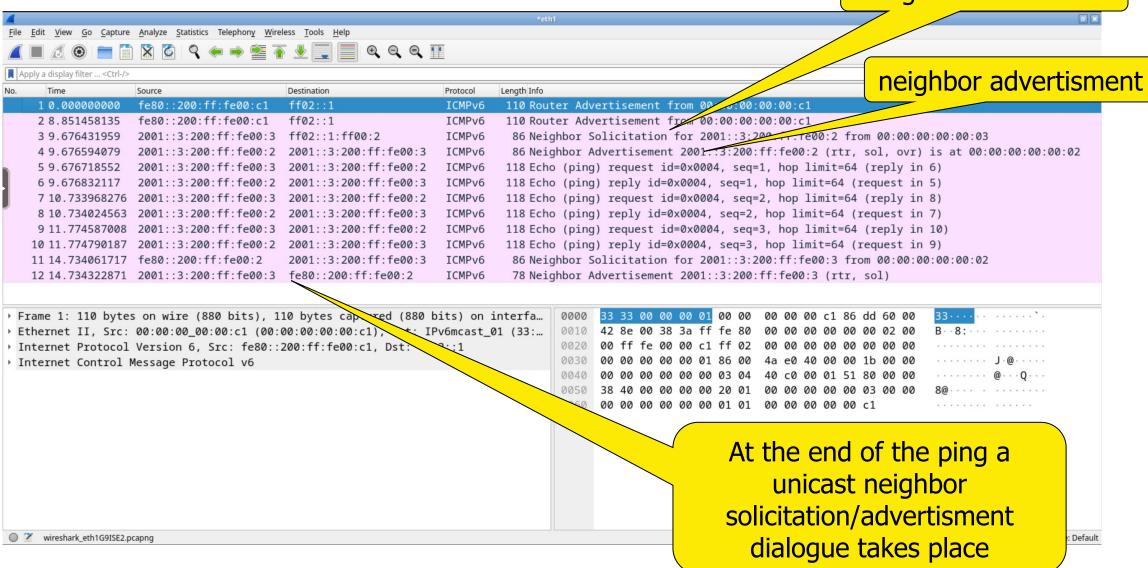


neighbor solicitation



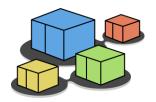


neighbor solicitation





# ping from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behavior



#### sniff the traffic

connect the wireshark host to collision domain B

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

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

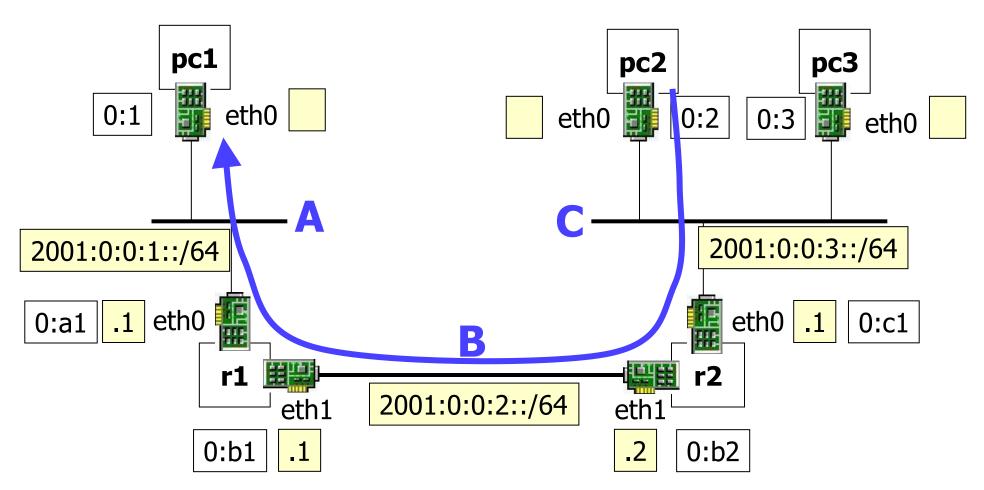


#### on pc2

execute a ping command towards pc1

```
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
```





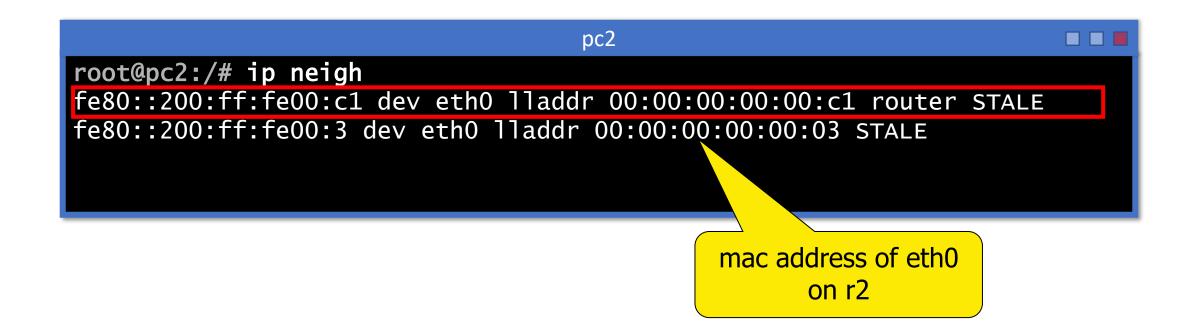
© Computer Networks Research Group Roma Tre University

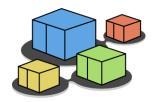
kathara – [ lab: basic-ipv6 ]

last update: Sept 2024



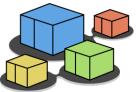
- when IP traffic is addressed outside the local network, the sender needs the mac address of the router
- ICMPv6 ND requests can get replies only within the local network



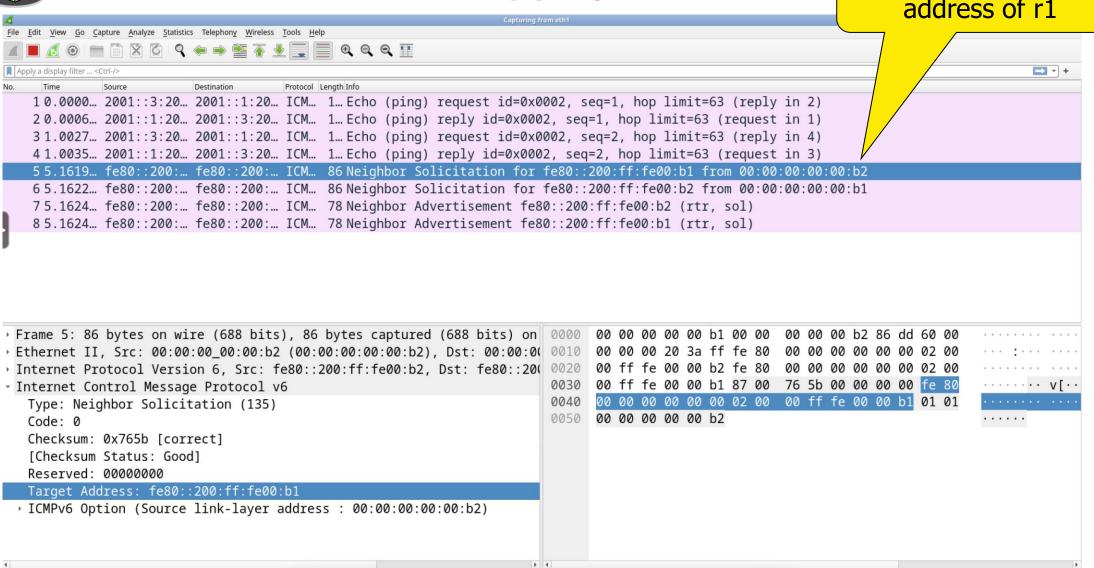


- what about routers?
- routers perform ND too (hence have neighbor caches)

```
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
```



which is the mac address of r1

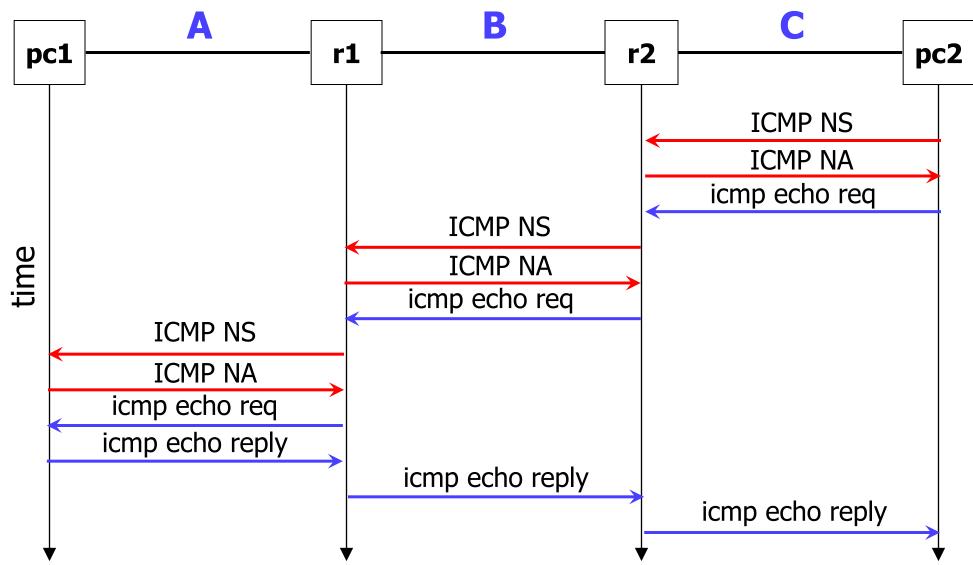


The IP address of the target of the solicitation (icmpv6.nd.ns.target\_address), 16 byte(s)

Packets: 8 · Displayed: 8 (100.0%)



# understanding the whole picture



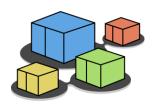


# traceroute from pc2 to pc1 and related ICMPv6 behaviour



#### 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

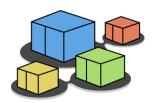
execute a traceroute command towards pc1

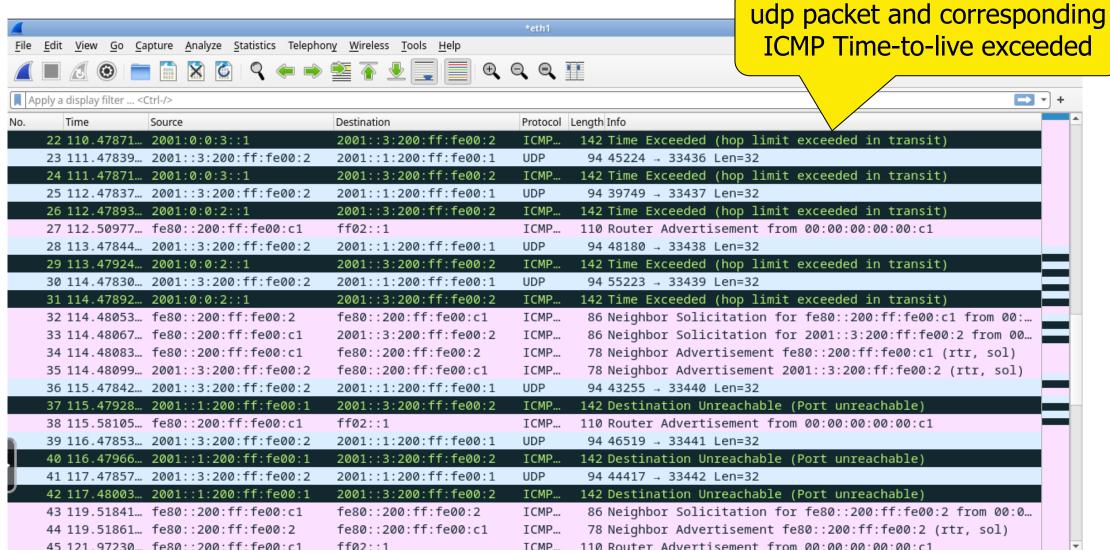
```
eth0 of r2
```

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
traceroute 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?