

IPv6 Customer Edge ~~CE~~-Routers LAN Prefix Delegation
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Abstract

This document defines requirements for IPv6 Customer Edge (CE)~~CE Routers-routers~~ to support DHCPv6 Prefix Delegation for ~~re~~distributing unused prefixes that were delegated to ~~the a~~ IPv6 CE ~~Router~~router.

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This document updates RFC 7084.

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1. Introduction

This document defines requirements for DHCPv6 Prefix Delegation in IPv6 Customer Edge (CE) Routers ~~in order to properly utilize the IPv6 prefixes assigned by service providers. Many Service service Providers providers assign prefixes larger~~

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~~then than~~ /64 to ~~the CE Router~~ routers, as recommended in [RFC6177].

If an IPv6

CE ~~Router~~ router does not support the ~~Identity~~ Identity Association for Prefix

Delegation (IA_PD) Prefix Option (~~Section 21.21 of~~ [RFC8415]) on the LAN, it will not

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be able to assign any prefixes beyond its local interfaces, limiting the usefulness of assigning prefixes larger than /64 by the operator.

Supporting IA_PD on the LAN interfaces of a CE router will allow those unused

prefixes to be distributed into a network. ~~Note that efforts~~ Work is being done in the

~~areas~~ such as Stub Networking Auto Configuration (SNAC) ~~working~~ Working group Group

~~that depends on IPv6 prefixes being properly distributed~~ in a LAN.

Two models, hierarchical prefix and flat, ~~have been~~ were proposed in the

past for prefix sub-delegation beyond ~~the an~~ IPv6 CE ~~Router~~ router.

Hierarchical prefix delegation requires an IPv6 CE ~~Router~~ router to sub

delegate IPv6 prefixes based on set of rules. If more than one router uses hierarchical prefix delegation, ~~a an~~ IPv6 prefix tree is created. When no routing protocol is ~~present~~ enabled to discover the network

topology, ~~it's~~ it is possible to have unbalanced prefix delegation tree

which leads to running out of prefixes. ~~For more~~ information on ~~heirachical~~ hierarchical prefix delegation ~~is contained~~ can be found, e.g., in Section 8.5 of

CableLabs IPv6 eRouter Specification [eRouter]. A flat prefix delegation requires the router to be provisioned with the initial prefix and to assign /64 prefixes to all other prefix requests from routers ~~downstream in the LAN-facing interface. As the default~~ configuration is designed to be

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~~The flat model~~ is assumed to be used by the default to support zero configuration networking.

Commenté [MB5]: Any chance to cite an authoritative source?

The Home Networking ~~Working group~~ ~~Group~~ ~~produced specified~~ solutions for prefix delegation for home networks, including [RFC7695]. ~~However, -The Home Networking~~ ~~these~~ solutions haven't been deployed by ~~Service-service Providers-providers~~ or IPv6 CE ~~Routers-routers~~ since the publication, ~~-partially~~ due to their complexity.

Commenté [MB6]: I think this text is useful to justify the draft but I think we can remove this.

This document does not cover dealing with multi-provisioned networks with more than one service provider. Due to complexity of a solution that would require routing, provisioning, and policy, this is out of scope of this document.

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2. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

3. Terminology

The document makes use of the terms defined in Section 4 of [RFC8415] and Section 2 of [RFC7084].

The following terminology is defined for this document.

* IPv6 CE ~~Router~~ router: A router intended for home or small-office use that forwards packets not explicitly addressed to itself as defined in [RFC7084].

* Service Provider: An entity that provides access to the Internet as defined in [RFC7084].

* ULA: Unique Local Address as defined in [RFC4193].

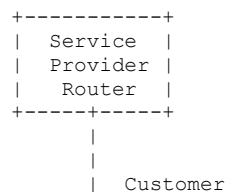
* GUA: Global Unique Addresses as defined in [RFC4291].

Commenté [MB8]: Simply refer to 7084 would be sufficient. Note that the document uses other terms not listed here but are in 7084.

4. IPv6 End-User Network Architecture

The end-user network that has IPv6 ~~Customer Edge~~ ~~CE~~ ~~Routers-routers~~ with routers and hosts downstream. Figure 1 illustrates the model topology.

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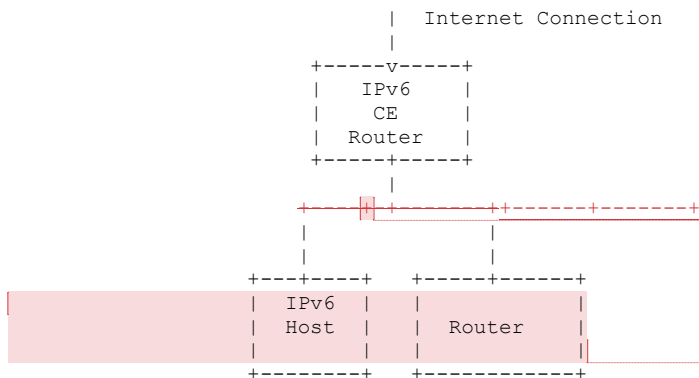


Figure 1: Example IPv6 End User Topology

5. Requirements

The IPv6 CE ~~Router~~routers distributes configuration information obtained during WAN interface provisioning to LAN-facing IPv6 hosts and routers.

Previously, an ~~[RFC7084]-~~compliant CE ~~Router-router~~ would only provide IPv6 hosts with configuration information. This allows for addressing and routing of IPv6 prefixes to both hosts and routers. These requirements are in addition to the ones in [Section 4.3 of \[RFC7084\]](#).

5.1. LAN Prefix Delegation Requirements (~~LDPLD~~)

LPD-1: ~~The IPv6 CE Router-routers~~ MUST support IPv6 prefix assignment according to [RFC8415] (Identity Association for Prefix Delegation (IA PD) option) on ~~its the~~ LAN interfaces.

LPD-2: ~~The IPv6 CE Router-routers~~ MUST assign a prefix from the delegated prefix as specified by L-2 in Section 4.3 of [RFC7084]. ~~If not insufficient~~ ~~are available~~ the IPv6 CE ~~Router-router~~ SHOULD log a system management error.

LPD-3: The prefix assigned to a link MUST NOT change in the absence of topology or configuration changes.

LPD-4: After LAN link prefix assignments, the IPv6 CE ~~Router-router~~
MUST make the remaining IPv6 prefixes available to other routers
via Prefix Delegation.

LPD-5: The IPv6 CE Router-routers MUST install a route to the assigned IA_PD with a next-hop of the IPv6 node that was assigned the prefix. The IPv6 CE Router-router MUST remove the route when IA_PD

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Commenté [MB11]: The following definitions are worth to remind (grabbed from RFC8504):

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IPv6 node - a device that implements IPv6.
IPv6 router - a node that forwards IPv6 packets not explicitly
addressed to itself. IPv6 host - any IPv6 node that is not a
router.
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Commenté [MB15]: I'm afraid this does not cover the case of a policy where for example a user instruct that a node is not always being assigned to same prefix (avoid internal tracking or whatsoever). There is no configuration change in such case but the prefix must change.

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s/topology or configuration changes/a local policy or a topology change.

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lease expires.

Commenté [MB17]: I wonder whether you checked the list at <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8987.html#section-4.2> and see if there items that can be reused here. I'm not asking for any specific change.

LPD-6: By default, the IPv6 CE ~~Router-router firewall-filtering rules~~ MUST allow forwarding of packets with an outer IPv6 header containing a source address belonging to Delegated Prefixes, along with reciprocal packets from the same flow, following the recommendations of [RFC6092]. ~~This updates WPD-5 of Section 4.2 of [RFC7084] to not drop packets from prefixes that have been delegated.~~

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Commenté [BMI19]: May be refer to S-1 of 7084, instead?

Commenté [MB20]: Not sure which part is updated there, especially that WPD is for the WAN side not LAN.

LPD-7: ~~The~~ IPv6 CE ~~Router-routers~~ MUST provision IA_PD prefixes with a prefix-length of 64 unless configured to use a different length by ~~the a~~ user. ~~The prefix length of 64 is used as that~~ is the current prefix length supported by SLAAC ~~(see [RFC7421])~~.

Commenté [MB21]: Or «the CE router administrator»

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LPD-8: ~~If the IPv6 CE Router-routers is-are~~ configured to generate an ULA prefix as defined in ULA-1 of Section 4.3 of [RFC7084], after LAN link assignment of the ULA prefixes the ~~IPv6 CE Router-router~~ MUST make the remaining IPv6 prefixes available to other routers via Prefix Delegation.

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Commenté [MB24]: How is this different from LPD-4?

LPD-9: If ~~the-an~~ IPv6 CE ~~r~~Router is provisioning both ULA and GUA via prefix delegation, the GUA SHOULD appear first in the packet.

LPD-10: IPv6 CE Routers MUST NOT delegate prefixes via DHCPv6 on the LAN using lifetimes that exceed the remaining lifetimes of the corresponding prefixes learned on the WAN ~~via DHCPv6-PD~~.

6. Security Considerations

This document does not add any new security considerations beyond those mentioned in Section 4 of [RFC8213] and Section 22 of [RFC8415].

Commenté [MB25]: May also point to RFC6092 as this is cited in the main body.

7. IANA Considerations

This document makes no request of IANA.

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