

# IPv6 Security



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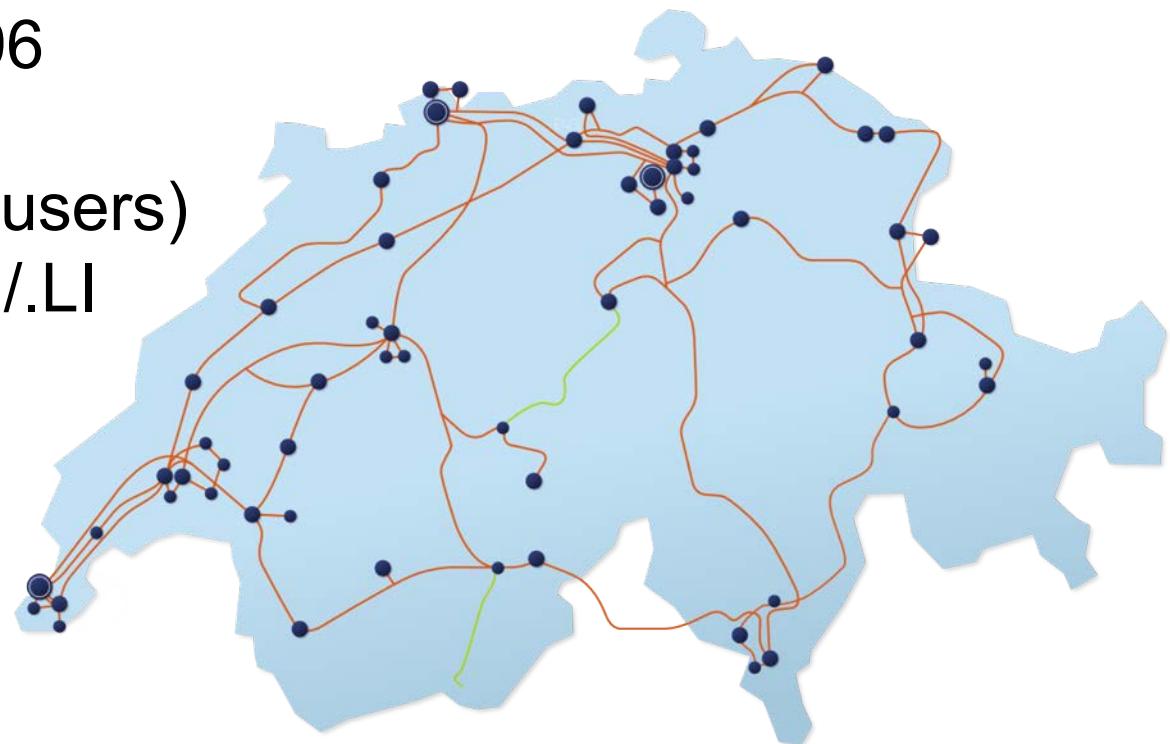
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# SWITCH-CERT

- Location: Switzerland
- Established: 1996
- Headcount: 15
- NREN AS559 (400K users)
- Registry ccTLDs .CH/.LI
- 10 Swiss Banks
- Industry & Logistics



- The SWITCH backbone is IPv6-enabled since 2004

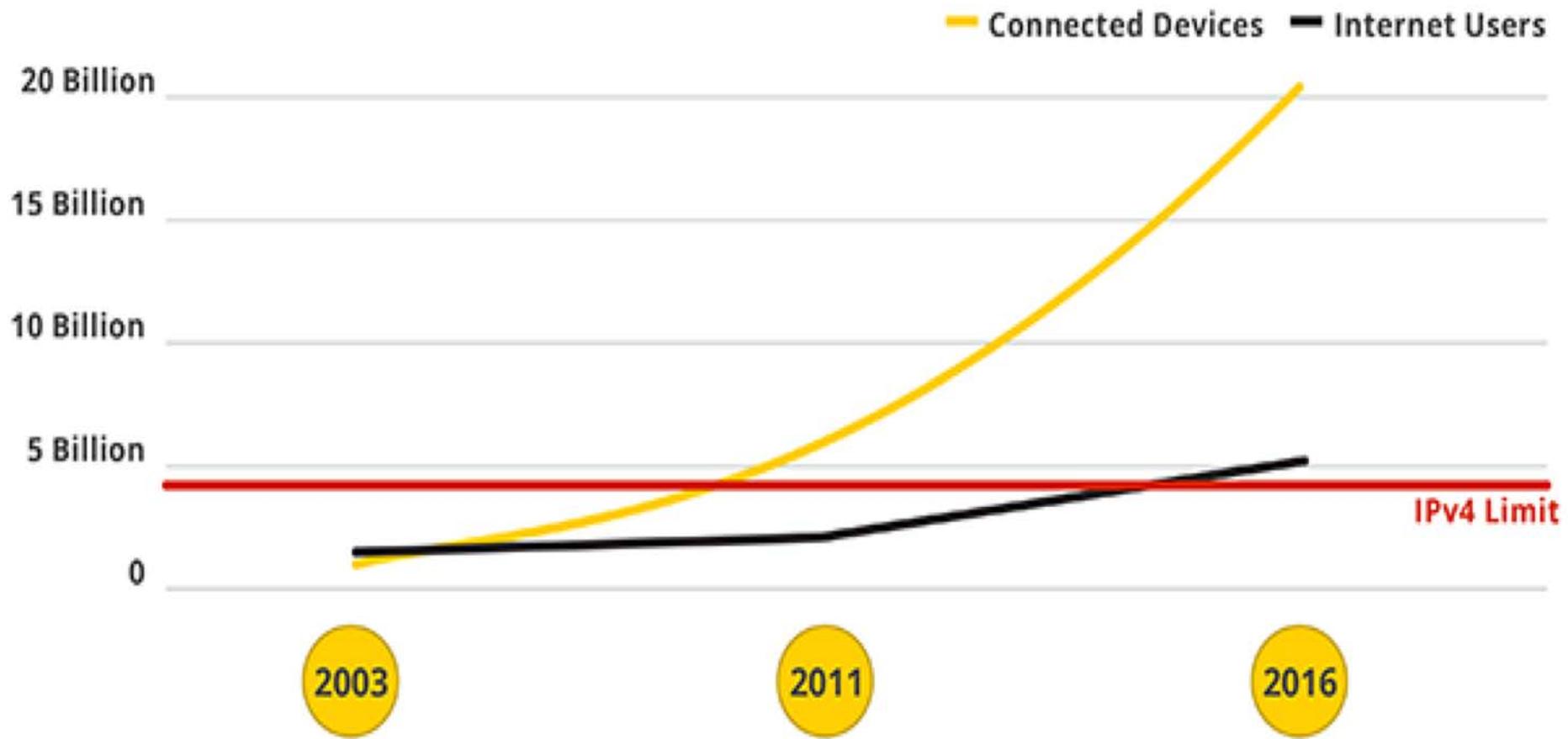




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# Increase in Internet connected devices...



Source: <https://www.google.com/intl/en/ipv6/index.html>

# **...that's why IPv6 had been developed**

- **1994:** RFC 1631

The IP Network Address Translator (NAT)

- **1995:** RFC 1752

The Recommendation for the IP Next Generation Protocol

- **1998:** RFC 2460 DRAFT STANDARD

Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification

- **2017:** RFC 8200 INTERNET STANDARD

Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification (obsoletes  
RFC 2460)

# NAT???

## Quotation from RFC 1631, May 1994

### 4. Conclusions

NAT may be a good short term solution to the address depletion and scaling problems. This is because it requires very few changes and can be installed incrementally.

NAT has several negative characteristics that make it inappropriate as a long term solution, and may make it inappropriate even as a short term solution.

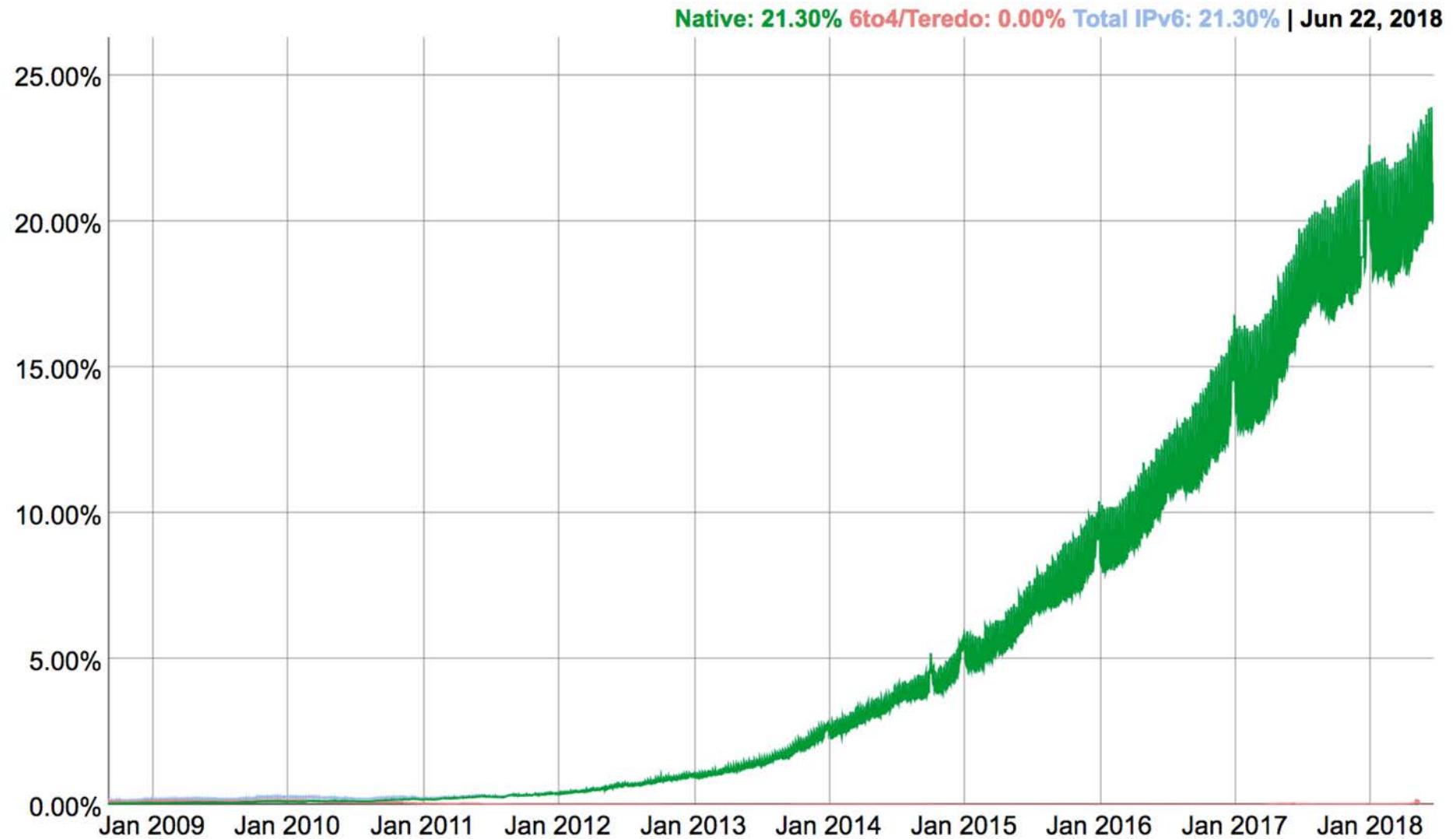
# Yes, IPv6 solves the addressing problem...

- IPv6 addresses are 128 bits long
- Address space:  $2^{128}$  addresses
- $2^{96}$  times the size of the IPv4 address space

340282366920938463463374607431768211456  
4294967296



# Percentage of users who access Google over IPv6 - worldwide

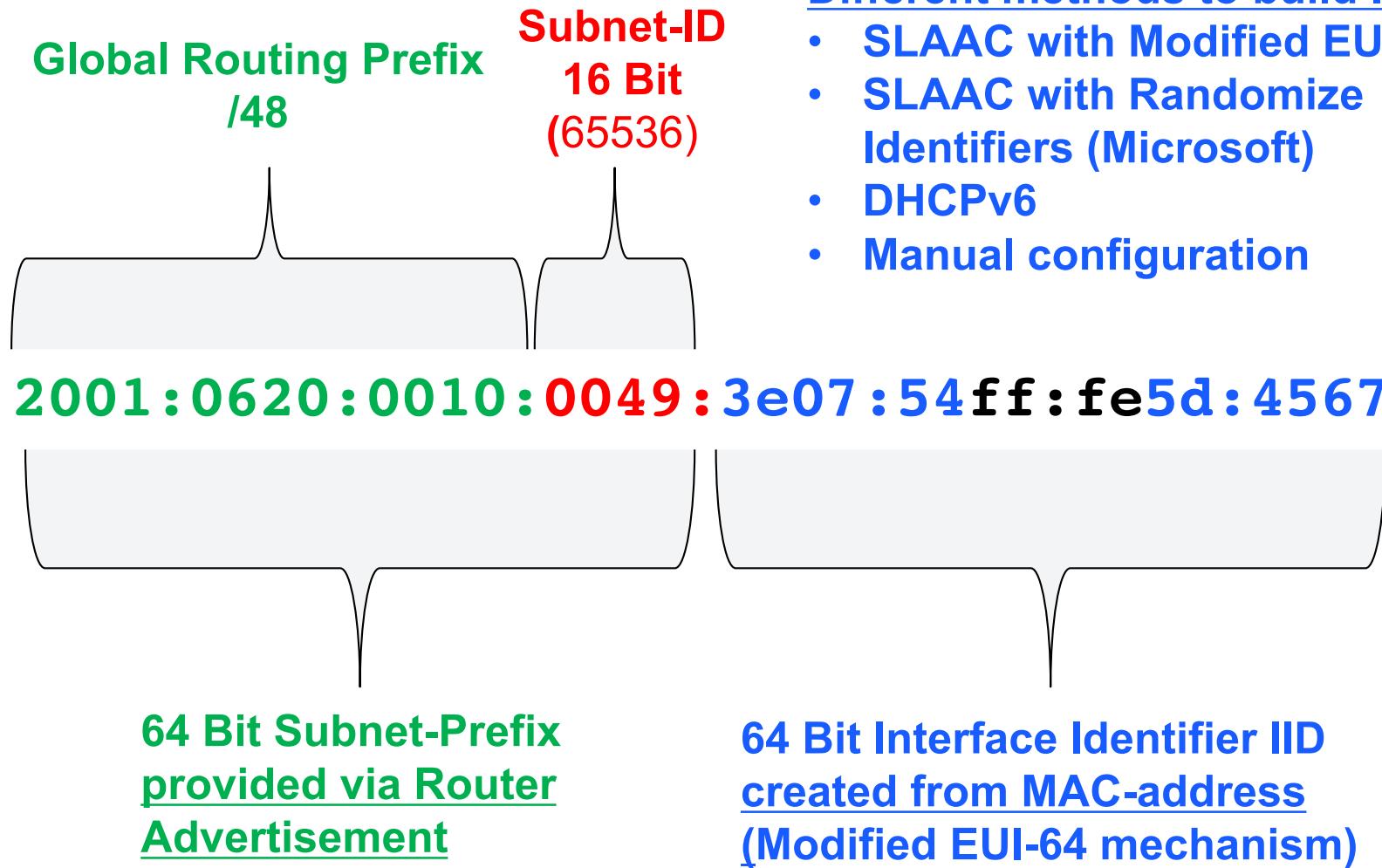


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<https://www.google.com/intl/en/ipv6/statistics.html>

# A typical IPv6 address



## Different methods to build IID:

- SLAAC with Modified EUI-64
- SLAAC with Randomize Identifiers (Microsoft)
- DHCPv6
- Manual configuration



# Basic IT Security concept: → Complexity is the enemy of security

- less transparent
- bigger attack surface
- higher probability of (admin.) errors
- higher probability of bugs

The screenshot shows a website header with the title "Schneier on Security" in large, bold, black font. Below the header is a navigation bar with categories: Blog, Newsletter, Books, Essays, News (highlighted in red), Talks, and Academic. The main content area features a large, tilted headline "Complexity the Worst Enemy of Security". Below the headline is a sub-headline "Chee-Sing Chan Computerworld Hong Kong December 17, 2012". The text of the article begins with "In short, no. It's interesting that every year we have new..." and continues with "and research, yet people continue to ask wh..." and "ntally the problem is complexity. Using more complex a...".

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# Adding complexity, part 1: IP addresses



# Multiple IPv6 addresses per interface (plus the IPv4 address in a Dual Stack env.)

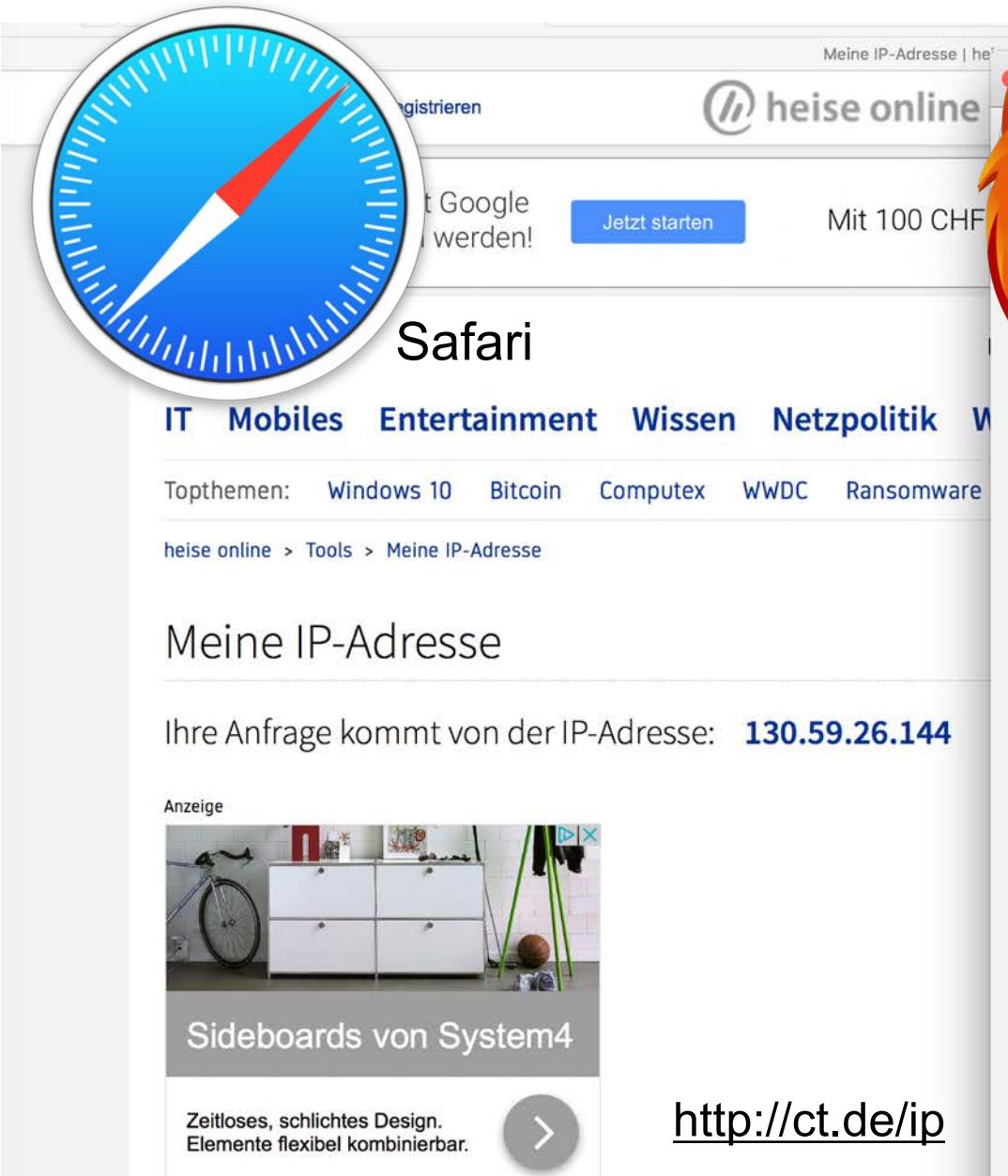
<b>IPv4</b>	173.194.32.119
<b>Link Local</b>	fe80::3e07:54ff:fe5d:abcd
<b>Global</b>	2001:610::41:3e07:54ff:fe5d:abcd*
	• Privacy Extensions = random / temporary:
<b>Global PE</b>	2001:610::41:65d2:e7eb:d16b:a761**
	• Unique Local Address = ‘private’ IPv6 address:
<b>ULA</b>	fd00:1232:ab:41:3e07:54ff:fe5d:abcd

\* EUI-64: Privacy Issue (64 Bit IID the same all over the world)

\*\* Traceability Issue (every hour/day new IP address)

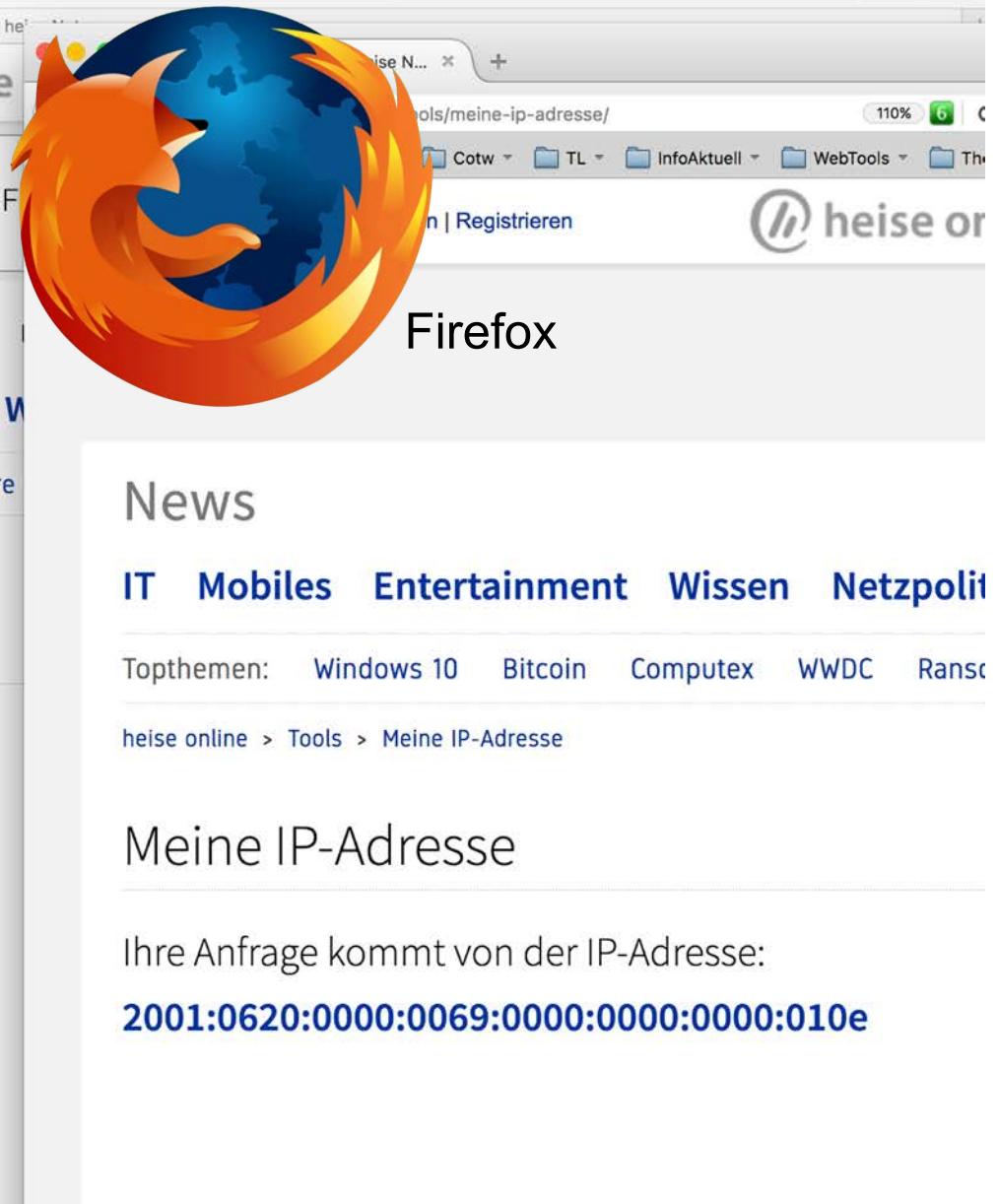


# “Happy eyeballs” leads to unpredictable source address choice (RFC 6555,8305)



A screenshot of a Safari browser window. The title bar says "Meine IP-Adresse | heise online". The main content shows the "heise online" logo and a search bar. Below it, there's a button labeled "Jetzt starten" and some text about Google. The navigation menu at the bottom includes "IT", "Mobiles", "Entertainment", "Wissen", "Netzpolitik", and "W". A "Topthemen" section lists "Windows 10", "Bitcoin", "Computex", "WWDC", and "Ransomware". Below the menu, the URL "heise online > Tools > Meine IP-Adresse" is visible. The main article title is "Meine IP-Adresse". It displays the text "Ihre Anfrage kommt von der IP-Adresse: **130.59.26.144**". There's an "Anzeige" section with an image of a white sideboard and the text "Sideboards von System4". At the bottom, there's a footer with the text "Zeitloses, schlichtes Design. Elemente flexibel kombinierbar." and a right-pointing arrow icon.

<http://ct.de/ip>



A screenshot of a Firefox browser window. The title bar says "Meine IP-Adresse | heise online". The main content shows the "heise online" logo and a search bar. Below it, there's a button labeled "Jetzt starten" and some text about Google. The navigation menu at the bottom includes "IT", "Mobiles", "Entertainment", "Wissen", "Netzpolitik", and "W". A "Topthemen" section lists "Windows 10", "Bitcoin", "Computex", "WWDC", and "Ransomware". Below the menu, the URL "heise online > Tools > Meine IP-Adresse" is visible. The main article title is "Meine IP-Adresse". It displays the text "Ihre Anfrage kommt von der IP-Adresse: **2001:0620:0000:0069:0000:0000:010e**".

# Certain Mobile devices configure new IPv6 address each time they wake up

- 10:35 Wake up to poll for information

**2001:610::41:65d2:e7eb:d16b:a761**

- 10:37 Entering power-save mode
- 10:40 Wake up to poll for information

**2001:610::41:b5db:3745:463b:57a1**

- 10:42 Entering power-save mode
- 10:47 Wake up to poll for information

**2001:610::41:11c2:abeb:d12a:17fa**

- ...



# IPv6 address notation isn't unique

**full form:**

2001:0db8:0000:08d3:0000:8a2e:0070:7344

**drop leading zeroes:**

2001:db8:0:8d3:0:8a2e:70:7344

**collapse multiple zeroes to '::' (once):**

2001:db8::8d3:0:8a2e:70:7344

**represent an IPv4 address in a IPv6 data field**

::ffff:c000:0280 == ::ffff:192.0.2.128 == 192.0.2.128



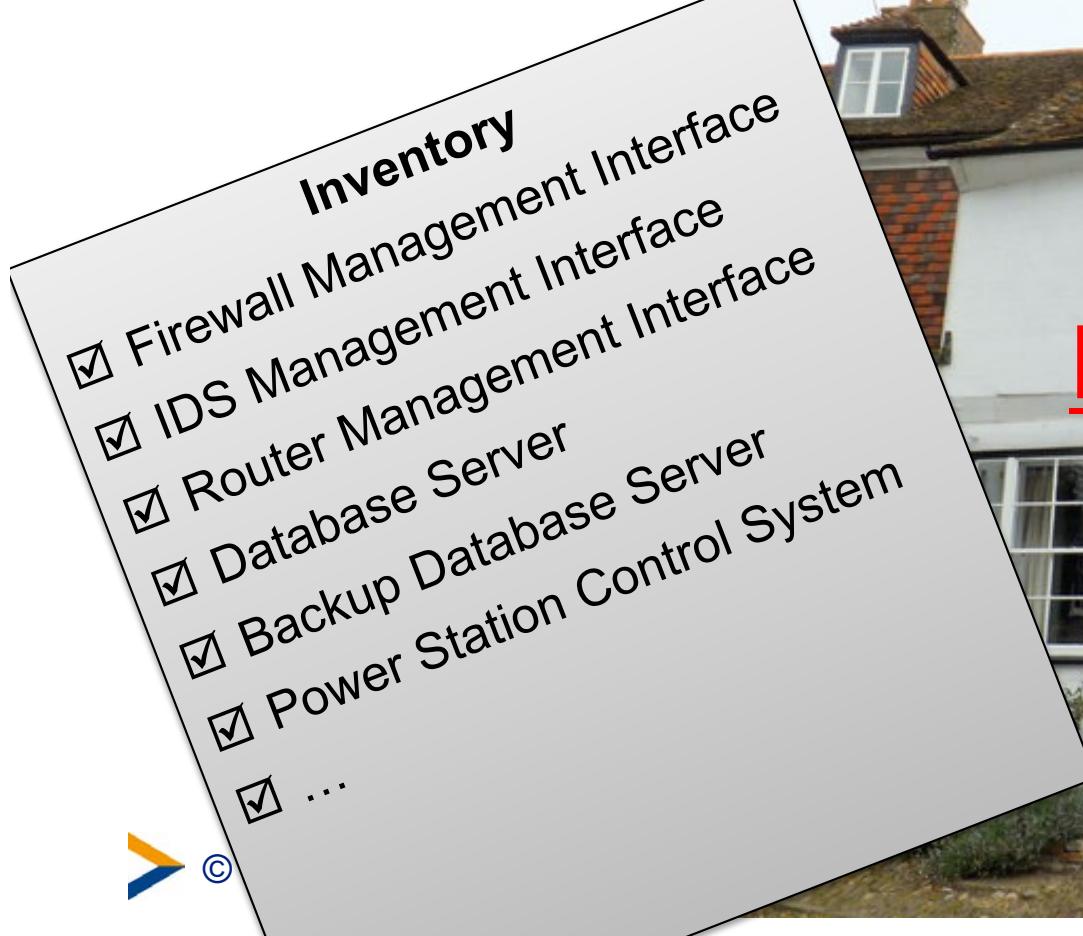
# IP address based protection 1 - Blacklists

- IP reputation based Spam block lists for IPv6 are tricky:
  - difficult for vast IPv6 address space
  - Sender can utilize ‘nearly unlimited’ source addresses
  - Blacklisting of address ranges can lead to overblocking



# IP address based protection 2 - ACLs

- IPv4 based Access Control Lists (ACLs) only protect access via IPv4
- Enable IPv6? → Review all your ACLs! → Inventory??
- Maintain ACLs x2



# Dual Stack → Multiple issues

The screenshot shows a news article from NetworkWorld's Cisco Subnet. The article is titled "Using Dual Protocol for SIEMs Evasion" and discusses how attackers can use both IPv4 and IPv6 to evade detection. A large orange arrow points upwards from the text "That's the magic word here." to the headline. The article includes social sharing icons and a sidebar with related links.

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**CORE NETWORKING AND SECURITY**  
By Scott Hogg, Network World | FEB 24, 2013 12:51 PM PT

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## Using Dual Protocol for SIEMs Evasion

Attackers using IPv4 and IPv6 can avoid detection by IPS, SIEMs, reputation filtering, more

It is just a fact of life in the dual-protocol world that attackers will try to exploit. We can prevent them from doing so in a way that could allow them to bypass protection mechanisms.

Attackers commonly use a specific methodology when using [malware propagation](#) and command-and-control networks for exploitation. However, attackers use a different standard methodology when performing a targeted attack. Attackers start with reconnaissance, exploring and scanning, exploitation, maintaining access, covering up tracks, and leveraging access to expand to other systems.

That's the magic word here.

Attackers are now operating in a dual-protocol world, and defenders will need to adapt their strategies to protect against those new attacks. One or in combination, for their evasion techniques. The combination of IPv4 and IPv6 in a single attack is a challenge for today's protection mechanisms.

**RELATED**

- IPv6 Is Not an All-or-Nothing Proposition
- U.S. Government Progress on IPv6 Deployment
- IPv6 deployment starts at the network edge

**VIDEO** Four devices to get a better night's sleep

<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2224154/cisco-subnet/using-dual-protocol-for-siem-evasion.html>

# Summary

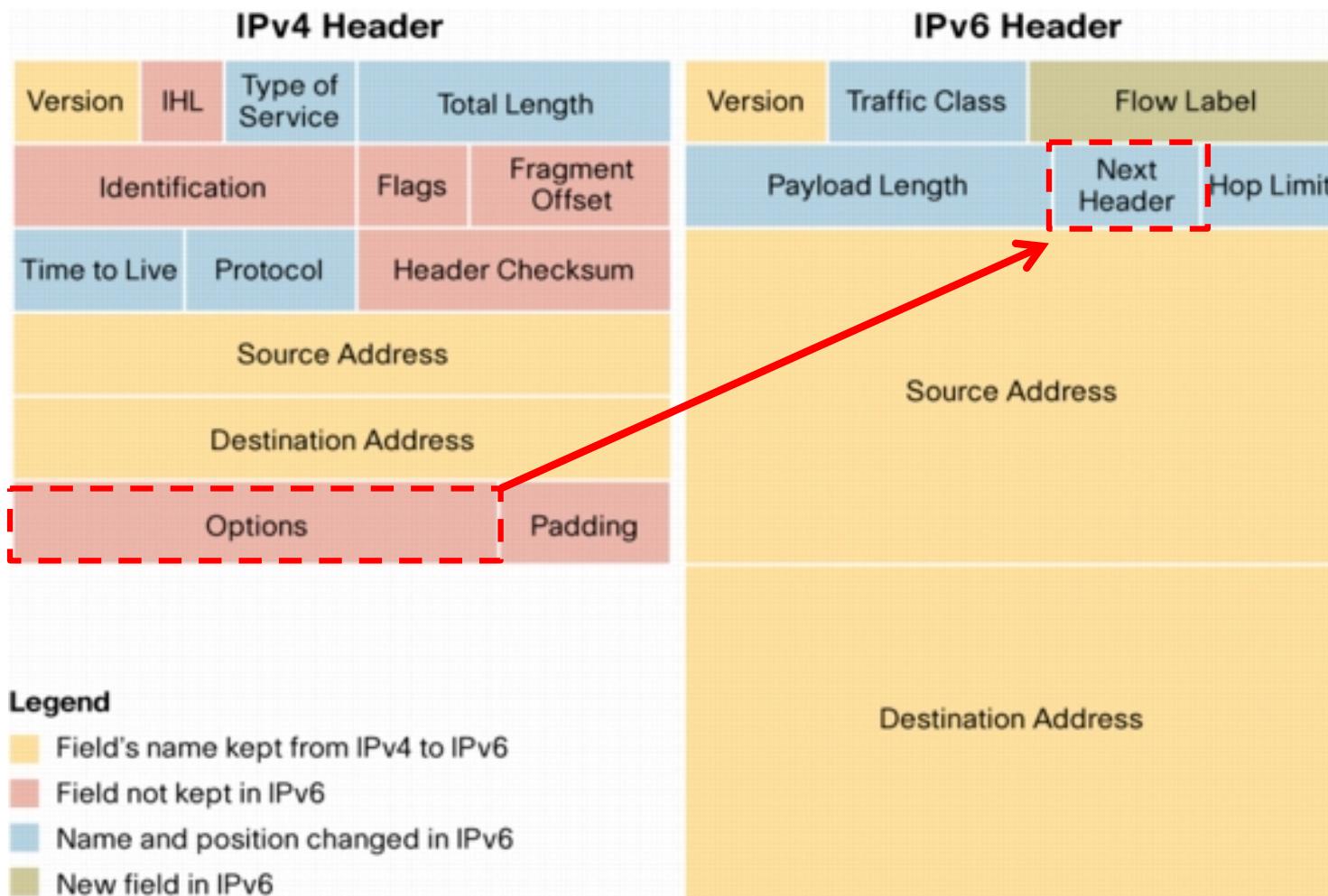
- Analysis and Correlation is more difficult:
  - Multiple IPv6 addresses per interface
  - plus the IPv4 address
  - Frequently changing Source IPv6 addresses
  - Different address notations
- Access Control Lists required for IPv4 and IPv6
- Black lists are required for IPv4 and IPv6
- Detecting IPv4/IPv6 distributed attacks is a challenge

# Adding complexity, part 2: Extension Headers



# “Simplified” format of the IP header

1. fixed size → fast processing
2. options go into Extension Header

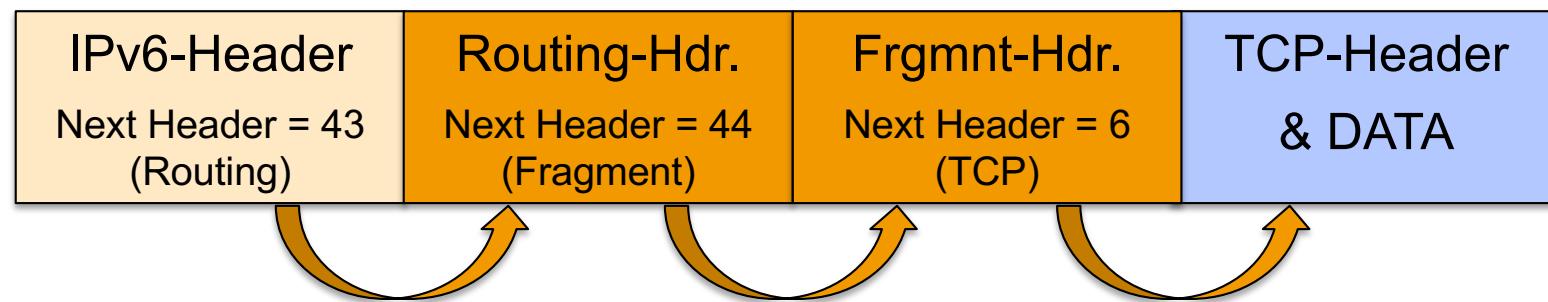


# Extension Header Examples

No.	Name	Functions	Remarks
0	Hop-by-Hop-Options	carries options for hops, e.g. Router Alert (for MLD, RSVP)	<b>must be examined by every hop on the path</b> Must be first EH, only one allowed per packet
60	Destination Options	carries options for destination (e.g. for Mobile IPv6)	<b>processed by destination node only</b>
43	Routing Header	Lists IPv6 nodes that must be "hopped" on the way to dest.	different types, partly deprecated (RFC 5095), Mobile IP (RFC 6275)
44	Fragmentation Header	Fragmentation (at source)	only source can fragment, processed by destination node only

Other examples: 6:TCP, 17:UDP, 58:ICMPv6, 50/51: ESP/AH (IPSec)

# Extension Headers are chained



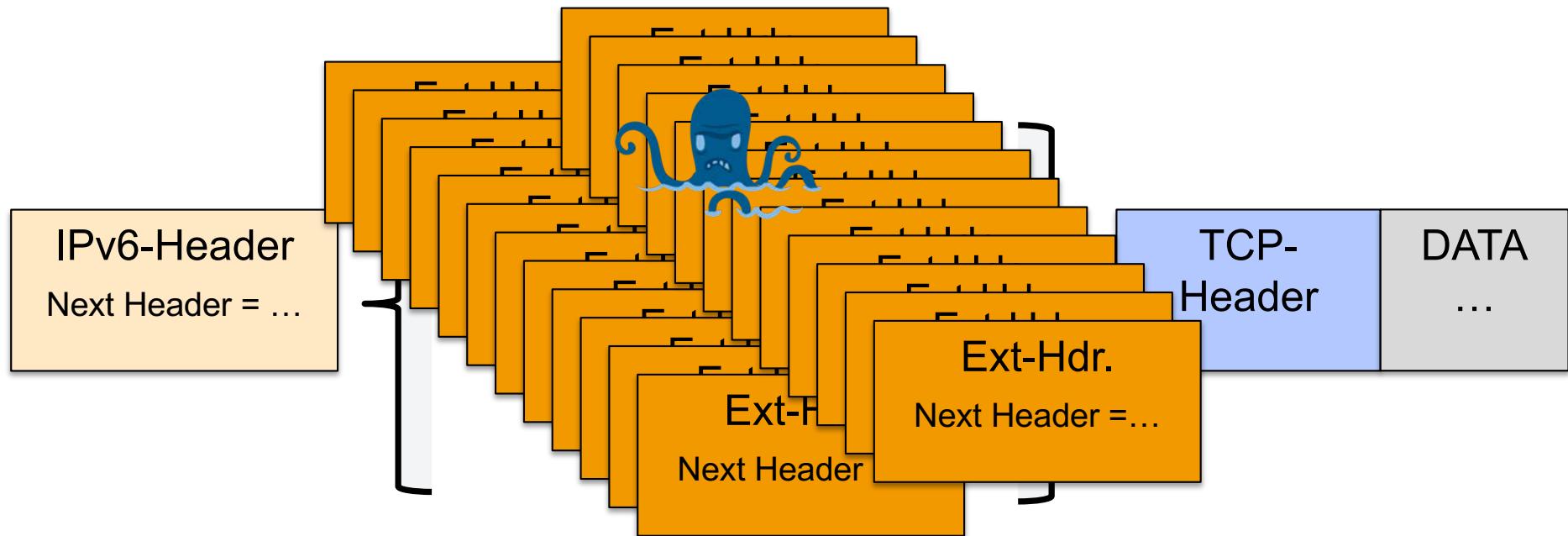
# The problem is... (RFC2460, RFC 7045)

- The number of EHs is **not limited** ☹
- The number of options within an (Hop-by-Hop or Destination) Options Header is **not limited** ☹
- There is **no defined order** of EHs (only a recommendation) ☹  
  
(Exception: Hop-by-Hop Options Header must be first and nonrecurring)
- EH have **different formats** ☹



# Possible Threat: High Number of EHs

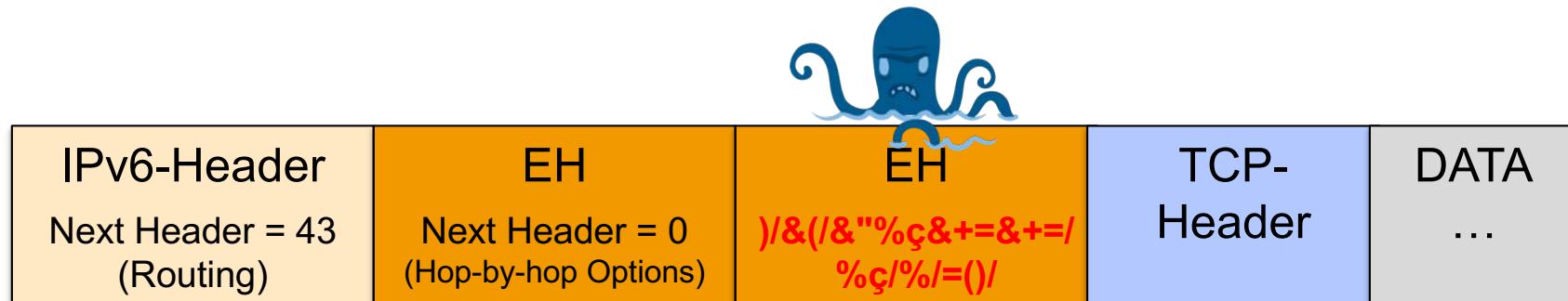
- An attacker could create packets with high number of EH  
→ to try to evade FW / IPS / RA-Guard / other security  
→ might crash or DOS the destination system



**Mitigation option:** Drop packets with more than x EHs

# Possible Threat: Manipulation of the EHs

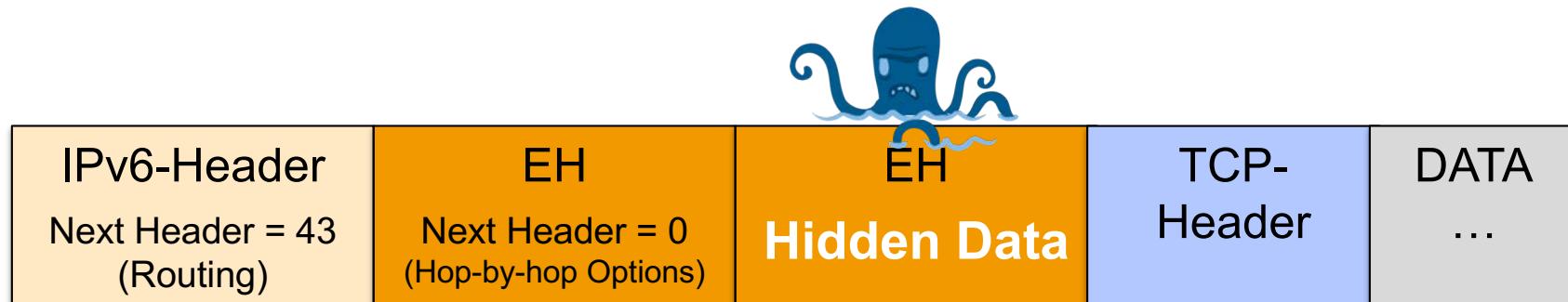
- An attacker could perform header manipulation to create attacks
    - Fuzzing (try everything – it's not limited)
    - add (many) unknown options to an EH, e.g. Hop-by-hop-Options
  - The Destination node / Server has to process crafted EHs
- Destination System might crash



**Mitigation option:** Perform sanity checks on EH (format / no. of options)

# Possible Threat: Covert Channel

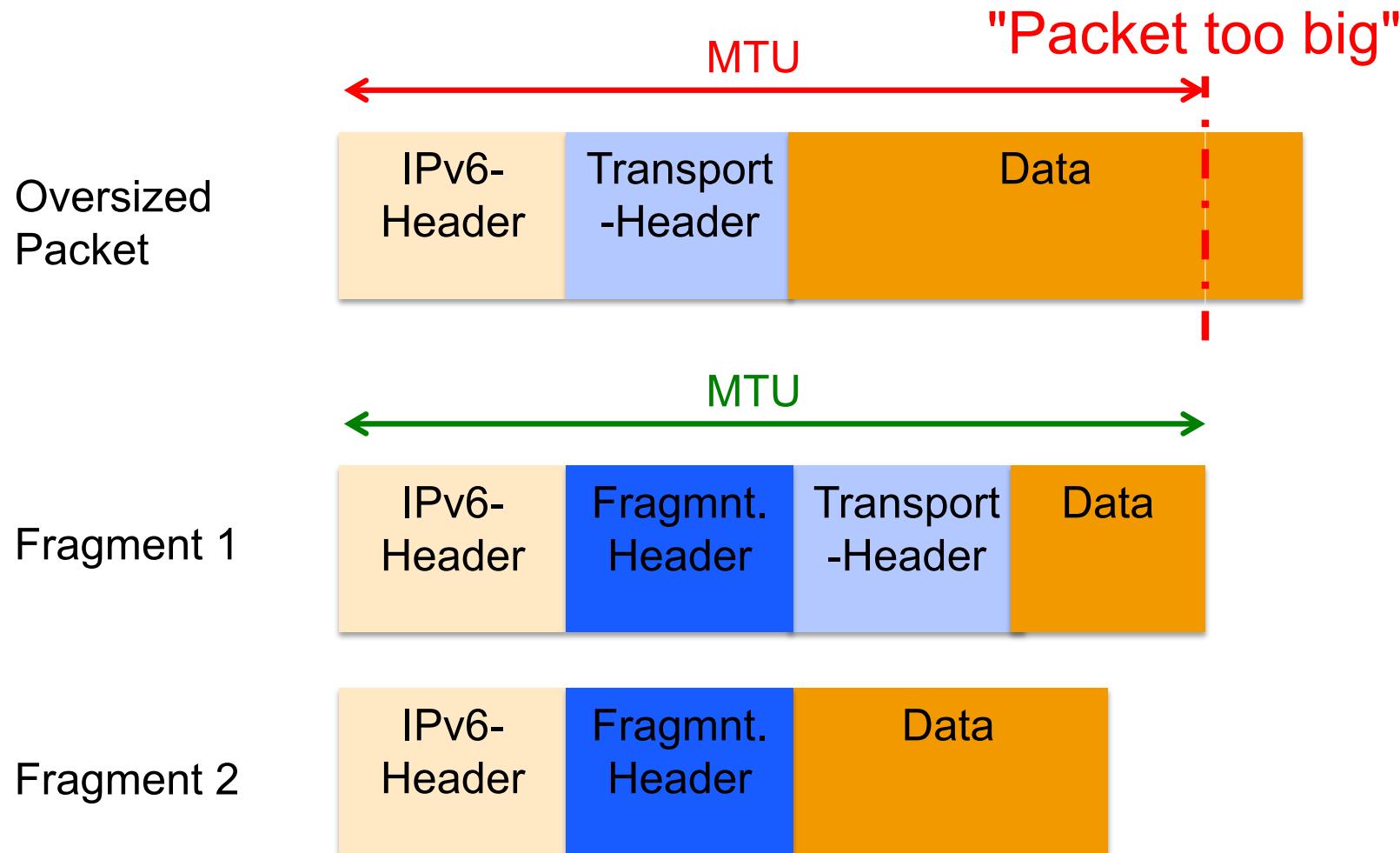
- An attacker could use Extension Headers as a covert channel  
→ to exchange payload undiscovered



**Mitigation option:** Drop unknown EH

# Fragmentation makes it worse

- Splitting an IP packet into smaller packets (receiver has to reassemble it)



# Fragmentation Issues 1/3

- Attacker can try to **bypass filtering/detection** (IDS/IPS evasion technique)
  - by putting the attack into many small fragments
  - by combination of multiple extension headers and fragmentation so that layer 4 header is in 2<sup>nd</sup> fragment
- ➔ Analyzing becomes more difficult / resource consuming

# Fragmentation Issues 2/3

- Attacker can **exploit weaknesses in the destination**
  - by crafting fragments if method of reassembling isn't solid (Example: Overlapping fragments, nested fragments)



# Fragmentation Issues 3/3

- Attacker can **DOS destination**
  - send lots of incomplete fragment sets (M-flag 1 → more fragments)
  - End host has to wait for timeout, allocates kernel memory for reassembly
  - typical reassembly timeout is 60s  
(ICMPv6 Type 3 Code 1)



# Detect/Prevent Fragmentation Attacks

- Monitor the amount of fragmented packets  
→ high increase might indicate attack
  - Block fragments which are below a certain size (if not the last one of a set [M(ore)-flag=0])  
→ don't appear in proper communication
  - Look for Inspection capabilities of fragmented packets
    - e.g. Cisco: Virtual Fragment Inspection (VFI)  
`ipv6 virtual-reassembly`
- See also RFC 6980, 7112, Blackhat-Paper: Atlassis  
“Evasion of High-End IDPS Devices at the IPv6 Era”



# Summary

- Chained Extension Headers increase complexity for packet inspection (especially at line speed)
- Fragmentation adds more complexity\*
- Crafted packets can evade Security controls\*
  - and harm destination devices\*
- Understand and consider the mitigation options
- Consider testing your Security devices

\*IPv4 implementations are much simpler and more robust

# Adding complexity, part 4: Tunnels



# Some IPv6 tunneling characteristics

- Tunnel endpoints can configure **automatically**
- or deliberate (by a user/attacker) **and** unknowingly (for the operator)
- Tunnels can possibly **traverse Security devices** (Firewall, NAT-GW)
- Tunnels can be used as **covert channels** or **backdoors**

# NATO Whitepaper on data exfiltration over IPv6 transition mechanisms

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE). The page title is "Hedgehog in the Fog: Creating and Detecting IPv6 Transition Mechanism-Based Information Exfiltration Covert Channels | CCDCOE". The main content area features a large banner with the title. Below the banner, a breadcrumb navigation shows "Home > Cyber Defence Library". The main text on the page discusses the capabilities of tunnel-based IPv6 transition mechanisms for evading detection by NIDS. A sidebar on the right lists related documents and topics.

**«Tunnel-based IPv6 transition mechanisms could allow the set-up of egress communication channels over an IPv4-only or dual-stack network while evading detection by a network intrusion detection system (NIDS).»**

Exfiltration tools in an automated and virtualized environment, and assessed covert channel detection methods in the context of insider threat.

An analysis of the generated test cases confirms that IPv6 and various evasion techniques pose a difficult task for network security monitoring. While detection of various transition mechanisms is relatively straightforward, other evasion methods prove more challenging. Support IPv6.

Source: <https://ccdcoe.org/multimedia/hedgehog-fog-creating-and-detecting-ipv6-transition-mechanism-based-information.html>

# Detect IPv6 tunnels in network logs

Look inside logs / NetFlow records:

- IPv4 Protocol type 41 (ISATAP, 6to4 traffic)
- IPv4 to UDP 3544 (Teredo traffic)
- Traffic to 192.88.99.1 (6to4 anycast server)
- DNS server log: resolution of "ISATAP"

→ Better: deploy native IPv6 to avoid tunnels

# Reconnaissance / Network scanning



# It's not possible anymore...

- Sequentially scanning IPv6 address space is not feasible anymore
- /64 can have  $1.8e^{19}$  hosts
- = 4'294'967'296 times the size of the IPv4 address space
- This will take decades

$t \rightarrow \infty$

# It's ~~not~~ still possible anymore...

You have to be smarter!

- DNS bruteforcing on common hostnames
  - using a dictionary
  - or sequential a,aa,aaa,aab
- Alive bruteforcing on typical addresses
  - low range: ::1,:2,:3,...
  - DHCP: sequential ranges 1000-2000 (find one, got all)
  - Serviceport in IP addresses numbers: ::80,:53,53:1,53:2
  - Autoconfiguration with MAC: 16 Bit fixed “fffe”, 24 Bit are per Vendor-ID, 24 Bit must be guessed (16'777'216)
  - Addresses using words 2001:db8::cafe:f00d:babe:beef
  - other guessable patterns



## **Some research has been done by Marc Heuse:**

- DNS bruteforcing: common hostnames
  - with 1900 words get 90% of systems in DNS
- Alive bruteforcing: typical addresses
  - with 2000 addresses get 66% of the systems
- Combined (and use of brain):
  - ca. 90-95% of servers are found

→ Target Discovery is still possible

# Shodan: Participate in pool.ntp.org as IPv6 endpoints; if NTP clients connect for time sync => scan them

## [Pool] shodan.io actively infiltrating ntp.org IPv6 pools for scanning purposes

Luca BRUNO [lucab@debian.org](mailto:lucab@debian.org)

Wed Jan 27 11:24:06 UTC 2016

- Previous message (by thread): [\[Pool\] Question about score for 89.101.218.6](#)
- Next message (by thread): [\[Pool\] shodan.io actively infiltrating ntp.org IPv6 pools for scanning purposes](#)
- Messages sorted by: [\[ date \]](#) [\[ thread \]](#) [\[ subject \]](#) [\[ author \]](#)

[cross-posted to pool-ntp and oss-sec]

Hi,  
while reviewing network logs this morning I spotted some anomalies related to scan probes, ntp.org pools and IPv6.

It looks like Brad already observed and blogged about this some days ago, but I haven't seen this discussed in the usual ntp-pools, Debian and oss-sec ML, so I'm reposting this here:  
<http://netpatterns.blogspot.de/2016/01/the-rising-sophistication-of-network.html>

In summary, some machines (which seem related to the shodan.io scanning project) are actively participating in pool.ntp.org as IPv6 endpoints. However, clients connecting to them for NTP timesync, are subsequently scanned by probes originating from \*.scan6.shodan.io hosts.

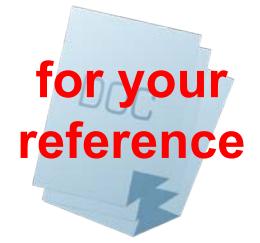
Confirming original report from Brad, I can add that those scanners seem to implement some kind of rate-limiting: they will timeout NTP and won't re-scan recent clients when doing multiple/subsequent NTP requests. Moreover, this is not targeted/restricted to the Debian pool only, but plague the whole IPv6 pool, as seen on a sample query to the RedHat pool:

...

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$ dig +short -t AAAA 2.rhel.pool.ntp.org | grep -E ':[[:xdigit:]]00[[:xdigit:]]$'  
2a03:b0c0:3:d0::18:b001  
$ dig +short -x 2a03:b0c0:3:d0::18:b001  
analog.data.shodan.io.  
...
```



# Tools: dnsdict6, alive26



- DNS Dictionary Scan: dnsdict6 -x target.org
- IP Pattern Scan: alive26 -d eth1  
2001:beef:123:**0-ff**:0:0:0:**0-1f**

## More information

- **RFC 7707** “Network Reconnaissance in IPv6 Networks”  
(March 2016)

# Adding complexity, part 3: Internet Control Message Protocol version 6



# ICMPv6 is much more complex than ICMP

## Error-Messages (1-127)

1:Destination Unreachable    2:Packet too big (PMTUD)  
3:Time Exceeded (Hop Limit)    4:Parameter Problem

## Info-Messages (Ping)

128:Echo Request    129:Echo Reply

## Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD, MLD2)

130:Multicast Listener Query    131/143:Multicast Listener Report/2  
132:Multicast Listener Done

## Neighbor Discovery (NDP), Stateless Autoconfiguration (SLAAC)

133:Router Solicitation    134:**Router Advertisement**  
135:**Neighbor Solicitation (DAD)**    136:Neighbor Advertisement  
(DAD) 137:Redirect Message

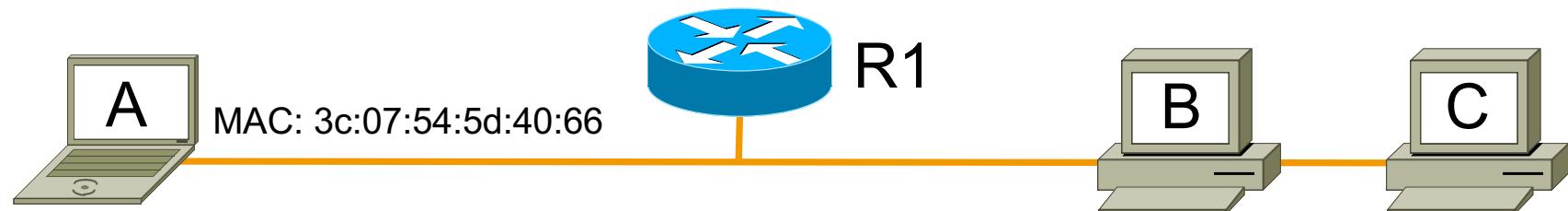
## Other (Router Renumbering, Mobile IPv6, Inverse NS/NA,...) 138-153

Filtering ICMPv6 is  
more complex  
**see RFC 4890** (38  
pages)

Several new attack  
vectors (local,  
remote)



# SLAAC Step 1: configure link-local address



Generate a link local address (FE80), from MAC address  
*state: tentative*

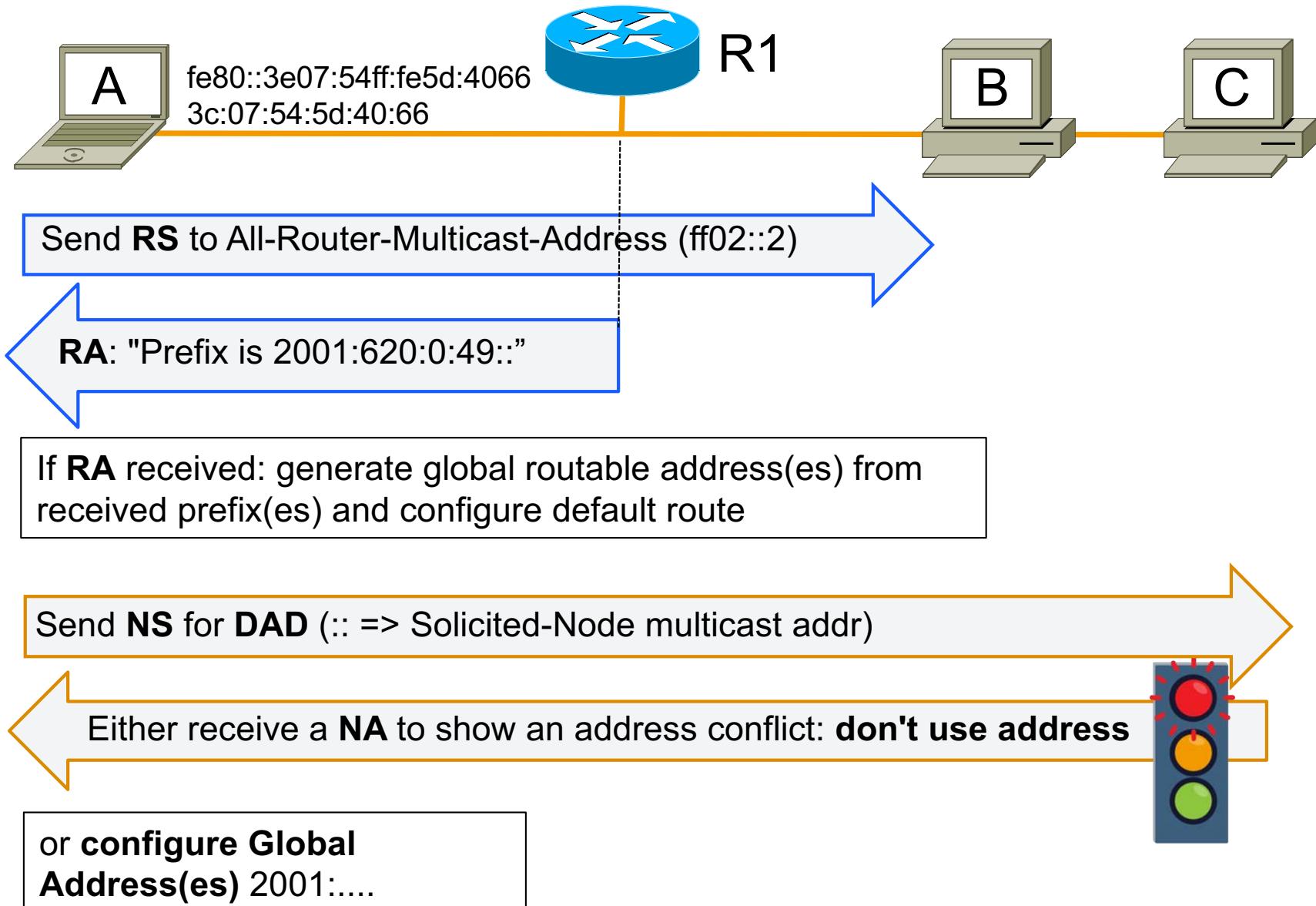
Send **NS** for DAD (from :: to Solicited-Node multicast addr ff02::1:ffAB:CDEF)

Either receive a **NA** (to multicast ff02::1) to show an address conflict:  
**stop autoconfig**

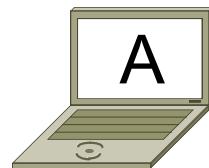
or change state of link local address to: *preferred*  
**fe80::3e07:54ff:fe5d:4066**



# SLAAC Step 2: configure global addresses



# SLAAC successful:



eth0:

Link Layer Address: 3c:07:54:5d:40:66

Link Local Address: fe80::3e07:54ff:fe5d:4066

Global Address: 2001:620::49:3e07:54ff:fe5d:4066

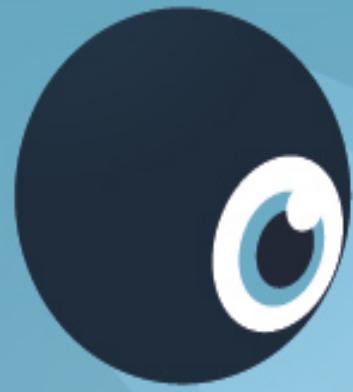
Global Address: 2001:620::49:1c78:9b29:27c1:7564

- Default Router Address (implicitly learned from RA)
- Options (RDNSS RFC 8106,...)

## IPv6 addresses don't live forever

- IPv6 addresses have count down timers (for link local = infinite)
- Regular RAs reset them
- Intended for Renumbering scenario

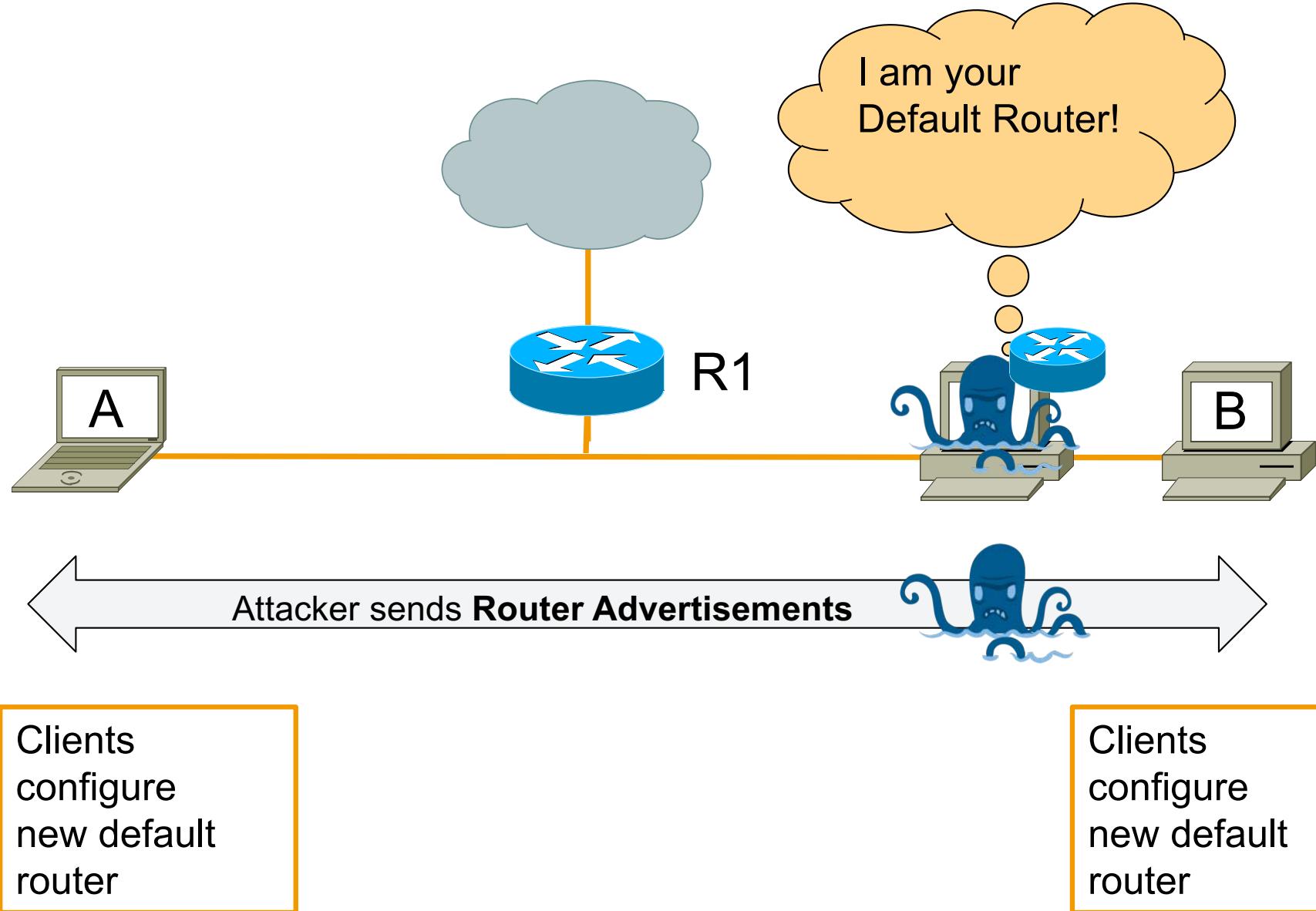




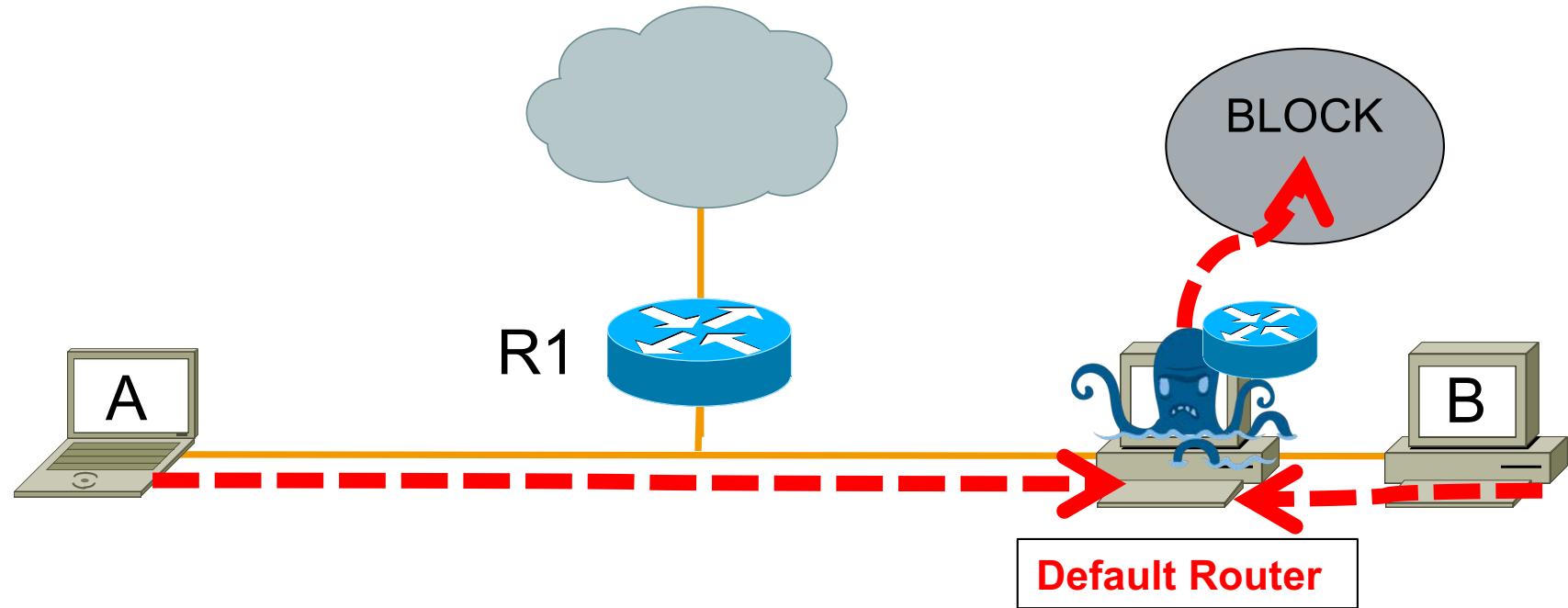
## Example 1: **Add a rogue Router**

**IPv6**

# Rogue RA Principle

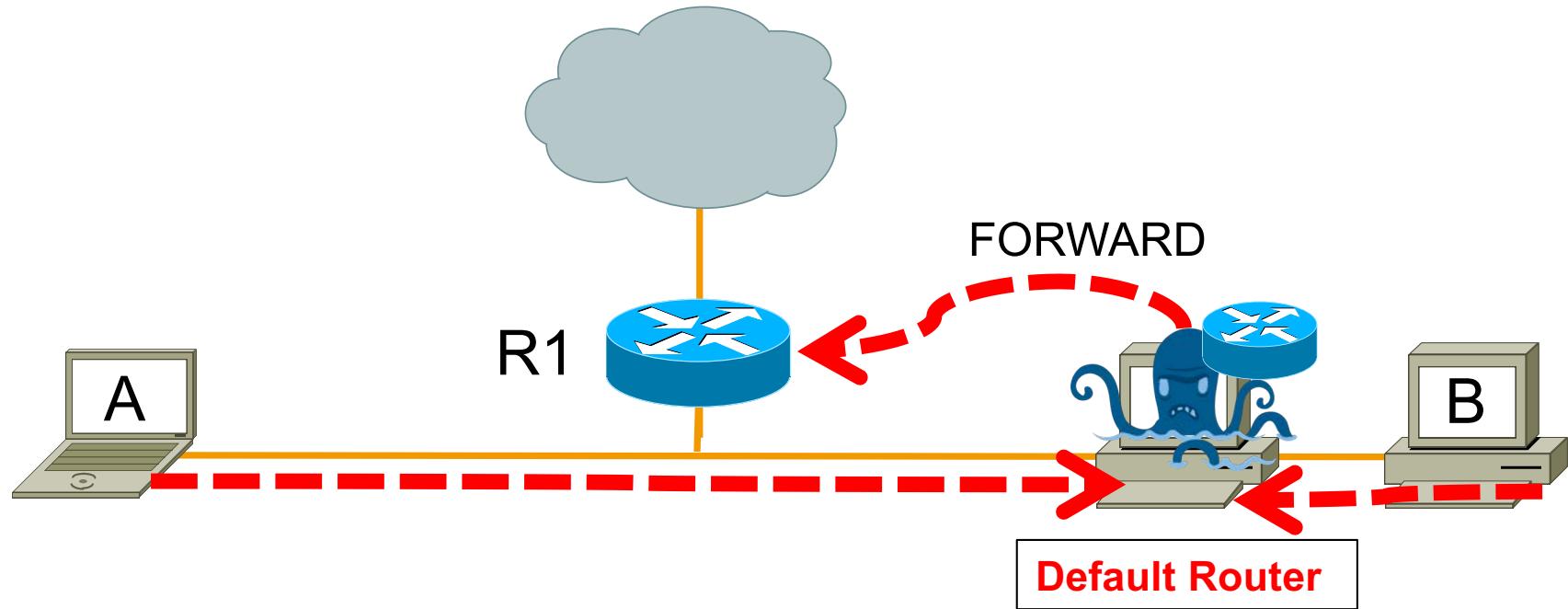


# Rogue RA – Denial of Service

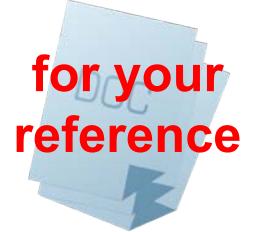


Attacker attracts traffic, ending up in a black hole

# Rogue RA – Man in the Middle Attack



Attacker can intercept, listen, modify unprotected data



# Rogue RA Attacking Tool



## **fake\_router6 / fake\_router26**

Announce yourself as a router and try to become the default router.  
If a non-existing link-local or mac address is supplied, this results in a DOS.

**Syntax:** `fake_router26 [-E type] [-A network/prefix] [-R network/prefix] [-D dns-server] [-s sourceip] [-S sourcemac] [-ardl seconds] [-Tt ms] interface`

### **Options:**

<code>-A</code> network/prefix	add autoconfiguration network (up to 16 times)
<code>-a</code> seconds	valid lifetime of prefix -A (defaults to 99999)
<code>-R</code> network/prefix	add a route entry (up to 16 times)
<code>-r</code> seconds	route entry lifetime of -R (defaults to 4096)
<code>-D</code> dns-server	specify a DNS server (up to 16 times)
<code>-d</code> seconds	dns entry lifetime of -D (defaults to 4096)
<code>-M</code> mtu	the MTU to send, defaults to the interface setting
<code>-s</code> sourceip	the source ip of the router, defaults to your link local
<code>-S</code> sourcemac	the source mac of the router, defaults to your interface
<code>-l</code> seconds	router lifetime (defaults to 2048)
<code>-T</code> ms	reachable timer (defaults to 0)
<code>-t</code> ms	retrans timer (defaults to 0)
<code>-E</code> type	Router Advertisement Guard Evasion option. Types:  H simple hop-by-hop header 1 simple one-shot fragment. hdr. (can add multiple) D insert a large destin. hdr. so that it fragments

Examples: `-E H111, -E D`

**Example:** `fake_router6 eth1 2004::/48`



# Attack: Rogue IPv6 Router

08:00:27:AA:AA:AA

fe80:a00:27ff:fea:aaaa

2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:fea:aaaa

GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111

**GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe66:6666**

08:00:27:BB:BB:BB

fe80:a00:27ff:feb:bbb

2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:feb:bbb

GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111

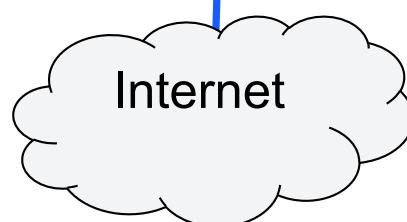
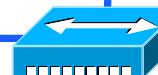
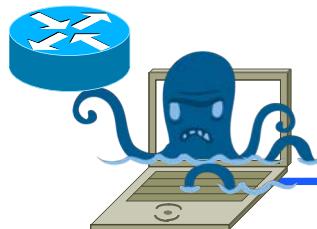
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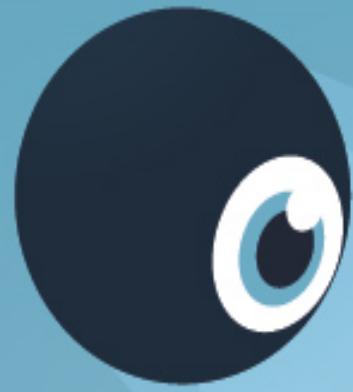
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GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111



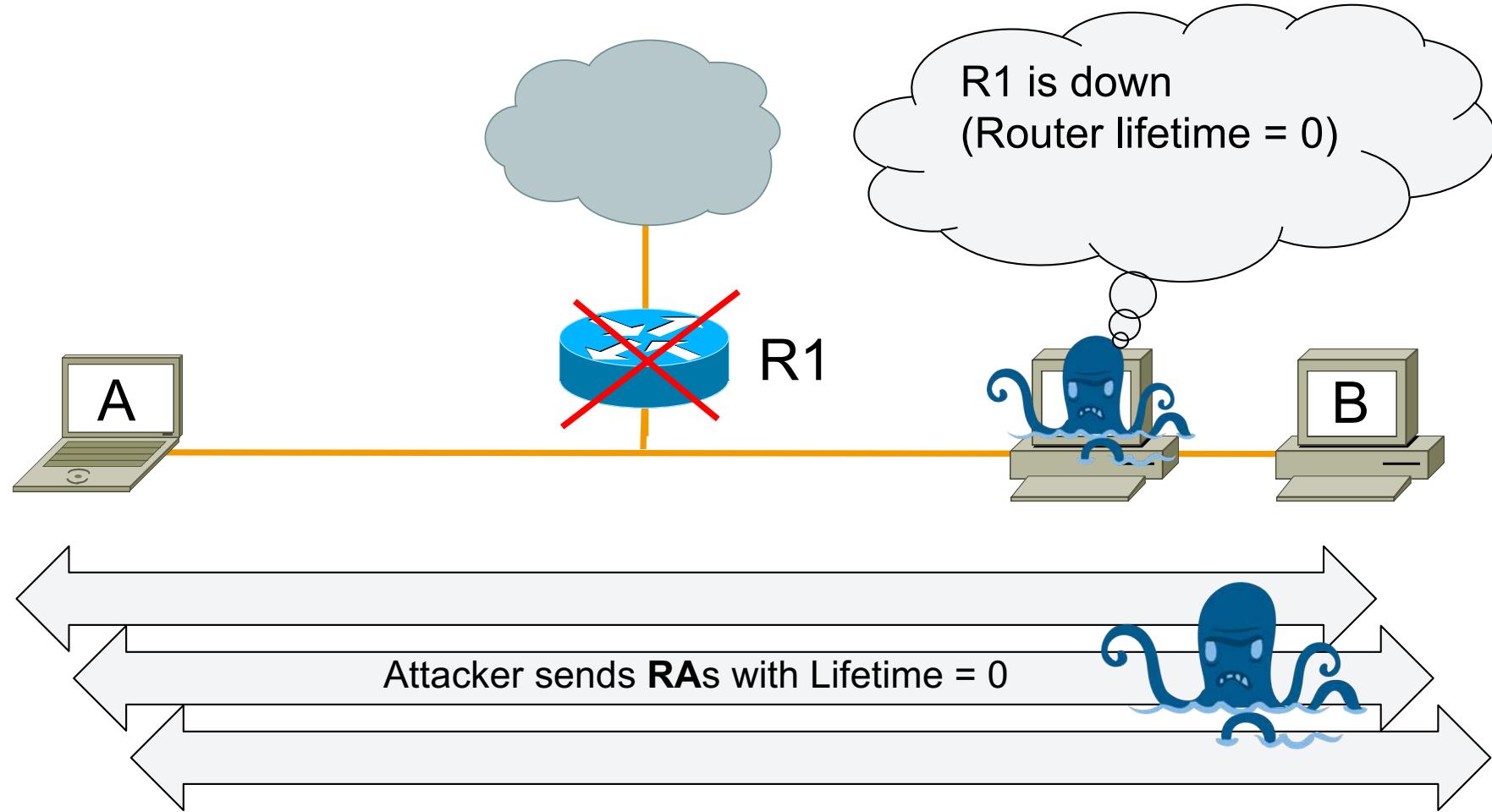
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## Example 2: **Delete legitimate Router**

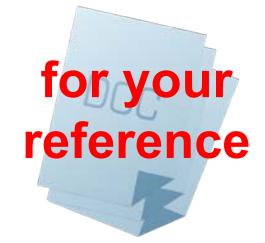
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# Router Lifetime 0 Attack



Remove legitimate router from routing table

# Router Lifetime 0 Attack



**kill\_router6**

Announce (to ff02:1) that a router is going down (RA with Router Lifetime 0) to delete it from the routing tables.

Using asterix '\*' as router-address, this tool will sniff the network for RAs and immediately send a kill packet.

Option -H adds hop-by-hop, -F fragmentation header and -D dst header.

**Syntax:** kill\_router6 [-HFD] interface router-address [srcmac [dstmac]]

**Example:** kill\_router6 eth1 '\*'

# MITM-Attack: rogue RA plus lifetime 0 clones

08:00:27:AA:AA:AA

fe80:a00:27ff:fea:aaaa

2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:fea:aaaa

~~GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111~~

GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe66:6666

08:00:27:BB:BB:BB

fe80:a00:27ff:feb:bbbb

2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:feb:bbbb

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GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe66:6666

08:00:27:66:66:66

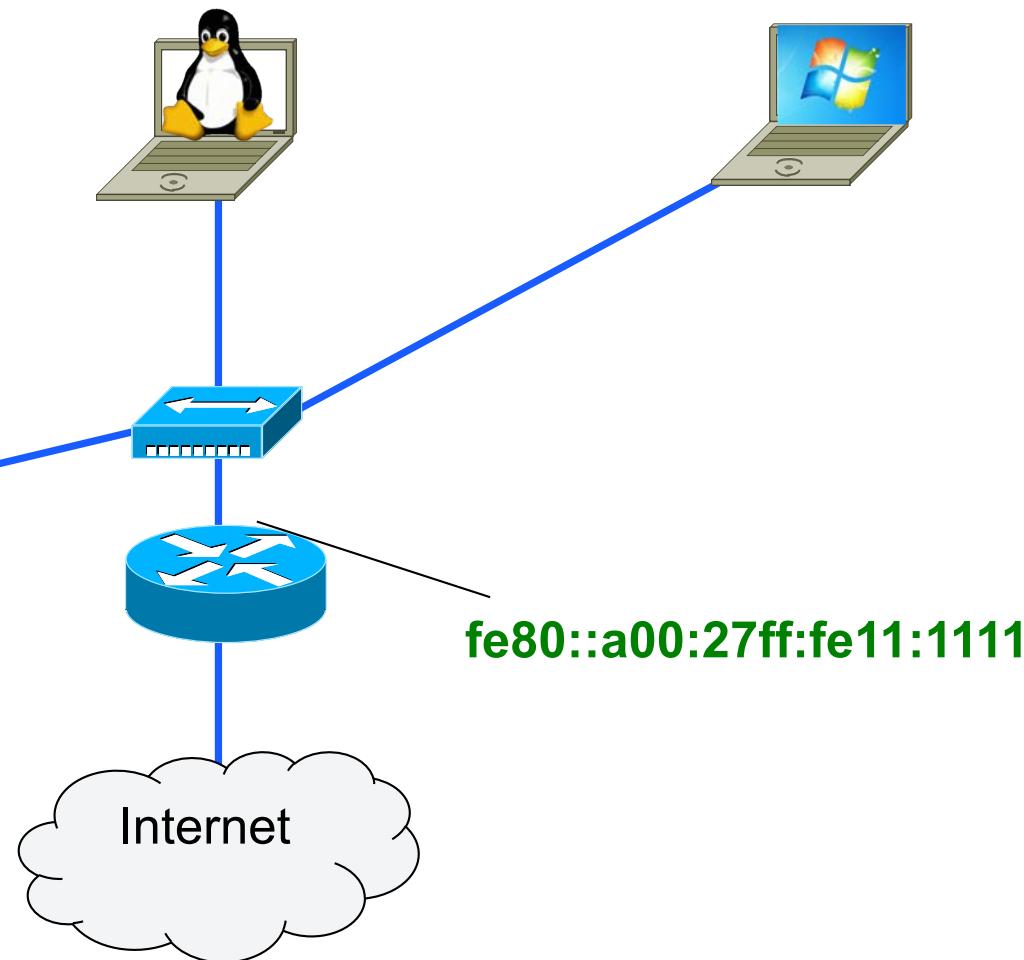
fe80:a00:27ff:fe66:6666

2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:fe66:6666

GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111



**Attacker  
forwards or  
blocks**





# Demo 3: **Duplicate Address Detection DOS**



# What is DAD?

## Duplicate Address Detection, RFC 2462, Section 5.4

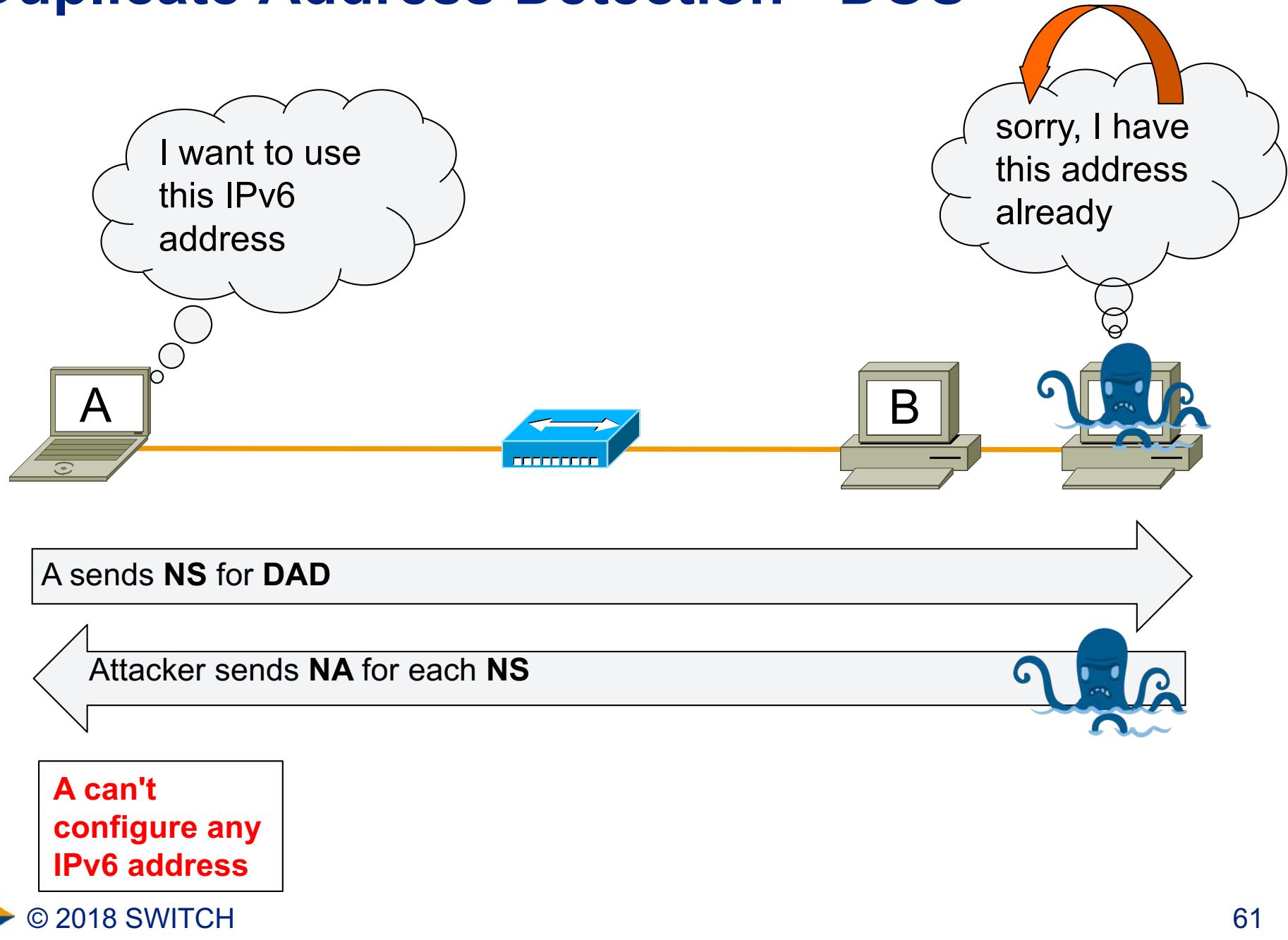
A mechanism assuring that two IPv6 nodes on the same link are not using the same address

(remember SLAAC slides at the beginning)

- DAD is performed on unicast addresses prior to assigning them to an interface
- DAD **must** take place on all unicast addresses, *regardless of whether they are obtained through stateful (DHCP), stateless or manual configuration*



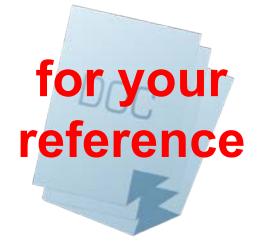
# Duplicate Address Detection - DOS



# Duplicate Address Detection - DOS

- Attacker replies to each DAD-NS
- Victim can't configure an IPv6 address at all
- **Works also if Autoconfiguration is disabled:** DAD is mandatory also for DHCPv6 or manually configured addresses!
- (Linux observation on **manually** configured addresses => 2 min timeout => enable them anyway)

# Duplicate Address Detection - DOS

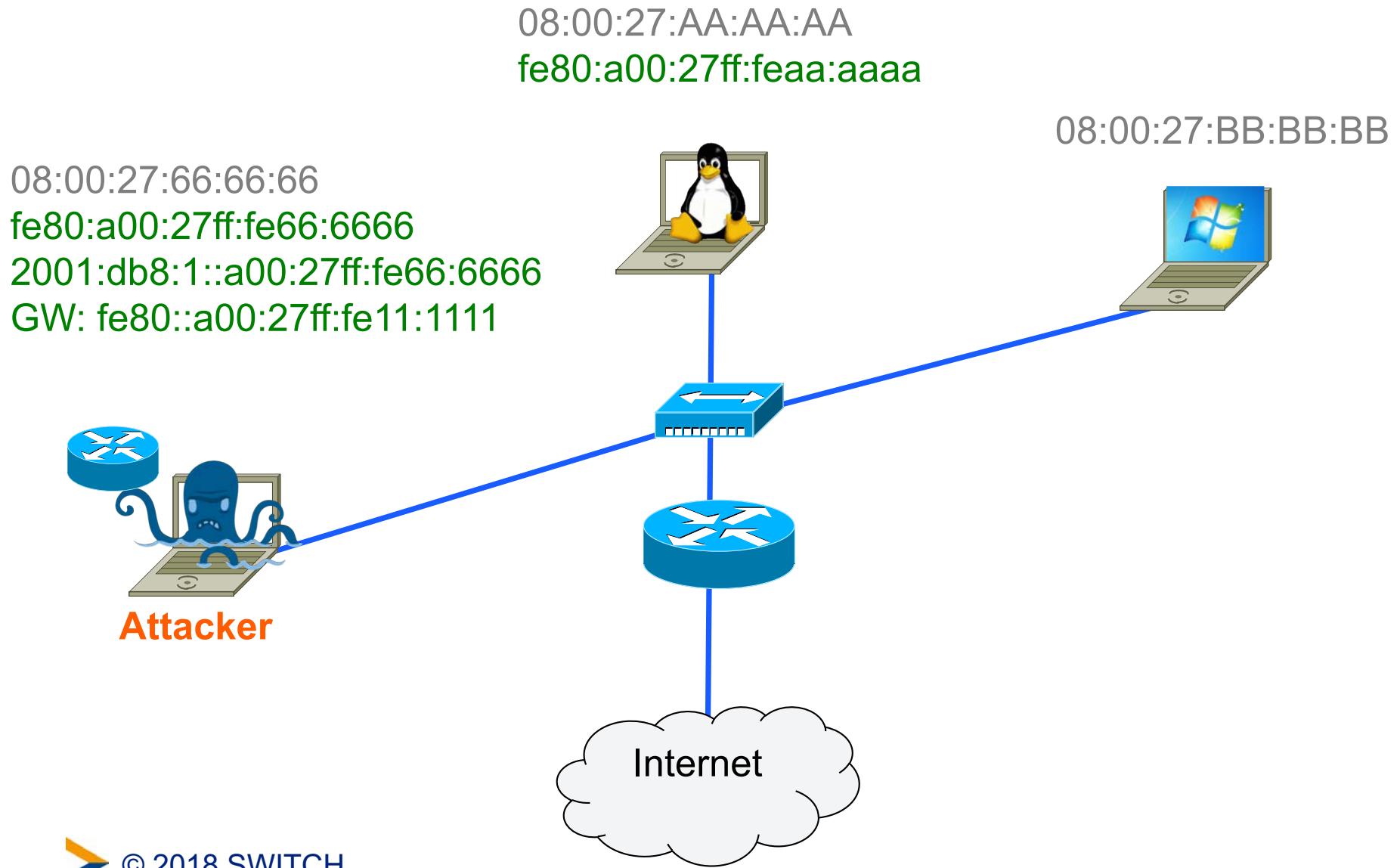


**dos-new-ip6**

This tool prevents new ipv6 interfaces to come up, by sending answers to duplicate ip6 checks (DAD). This results in a DOS for new ipv6 devices.

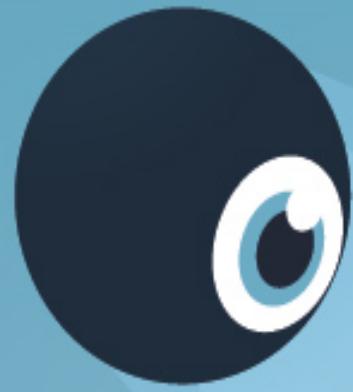
**Syntax:** dos-new-ip6 <interface>

# Attack: Duplicate Address Detection DOS



# DAD DOS Mitigation

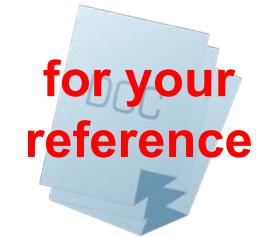
- NS/NA can't be blocked because it's used also for Address Resolution ("ARP")
- **But:** Many Switches can forward multicast packets only to the necessary ports → "MLD snooping"



**Example 4: Add your  
addresses to the network**

**IPv6**

# Rogue Router configures new IP addresses in the network



Attack command:

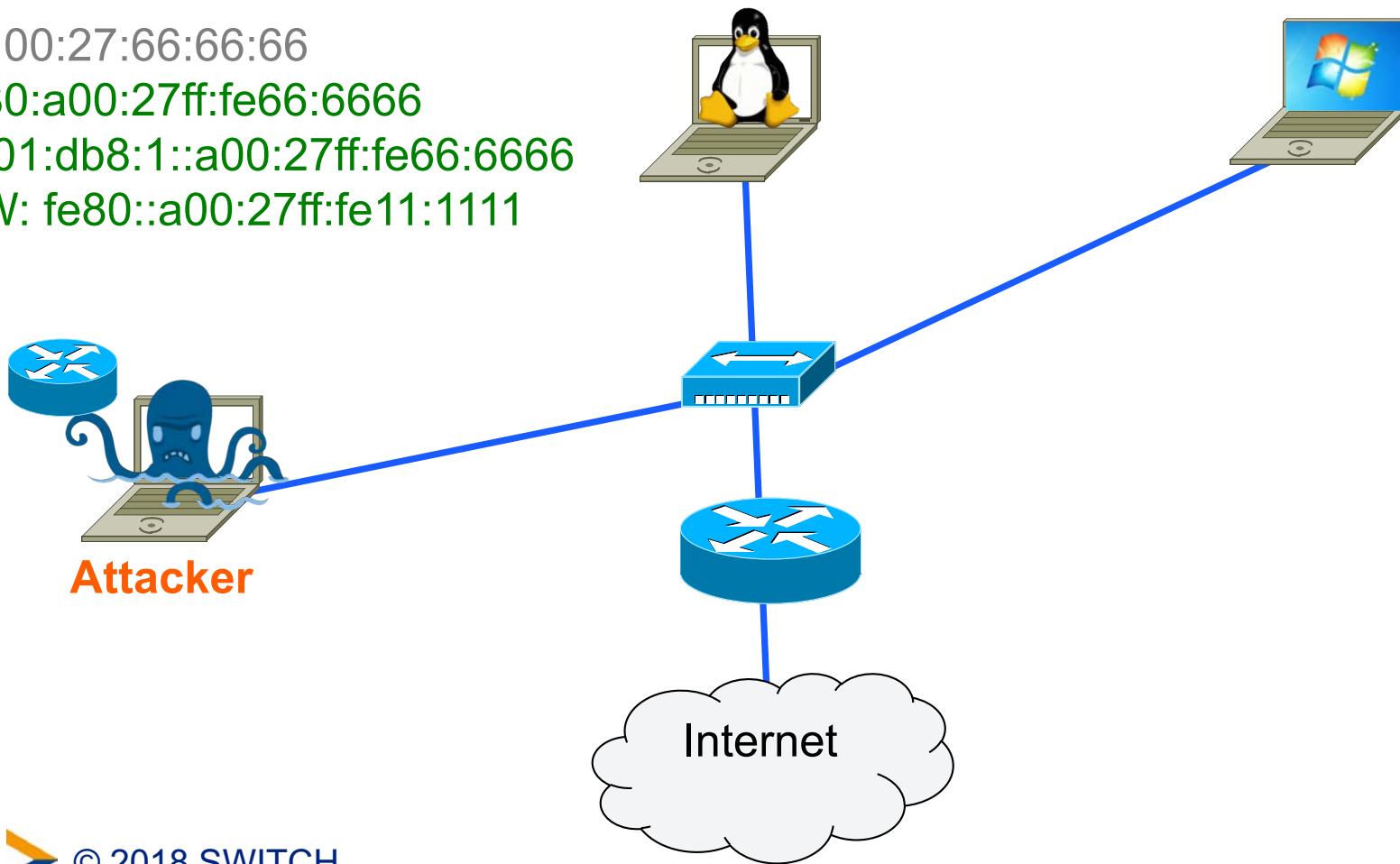
```
fake_router6 eth0 1234::/64  
fake_router26 -A 5678::/64 eth0
```

# Attack: Add new addresses

08:00:27:AA:AA:AA  
fe80:a00:27ff:fea:aaaa  
2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:fea:aaaa  
**dead:beef::a00:27ff:fea:aaaa**  
GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111

08:00:27:BB:BB:BB  
fe80:a00:27ff:feb:bbb:bbb  
2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:feb:bbb:bbb  
**dead:beef::a00:27ff:fea:aaaa**  
GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111

08:00:27:66:66:66  
fe80:a00:27ff:fe66:6666  
2001:db8:1::a00:27ff:fe66:6666  
GW: fe80::a00:27ff:fe11:1111

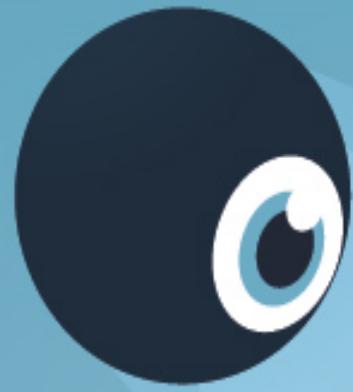




**This also works in an “IPv4 only” network!**

IPv6-enabled hosts will configure IPv6 addresses and can then be attacked over IPv6  
→ open second door (ACLs, etc.)

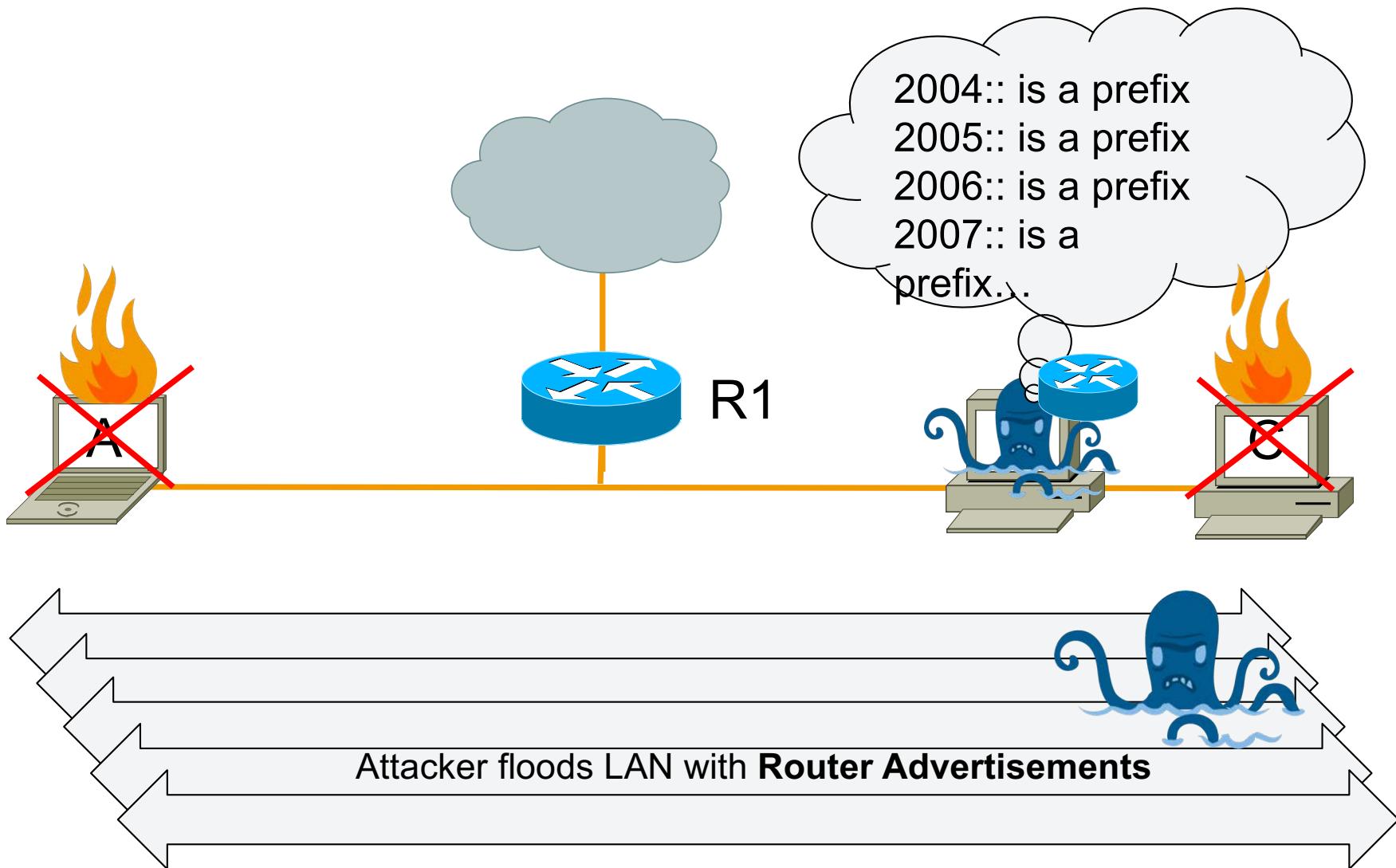
More Information: <http://securityblog.switch.ch/2014/08/26/ipv6-insecurities-on-ipv4-only-networks/>



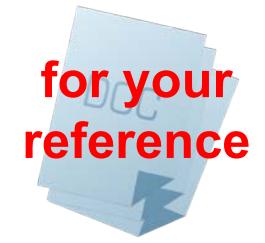
## Example 5: RA Flooding

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# Router Advertisement Flooding



# Router Advertisement Flooding



**flood\_router6, flood\_router26**

Flood the local network with router advertisements.

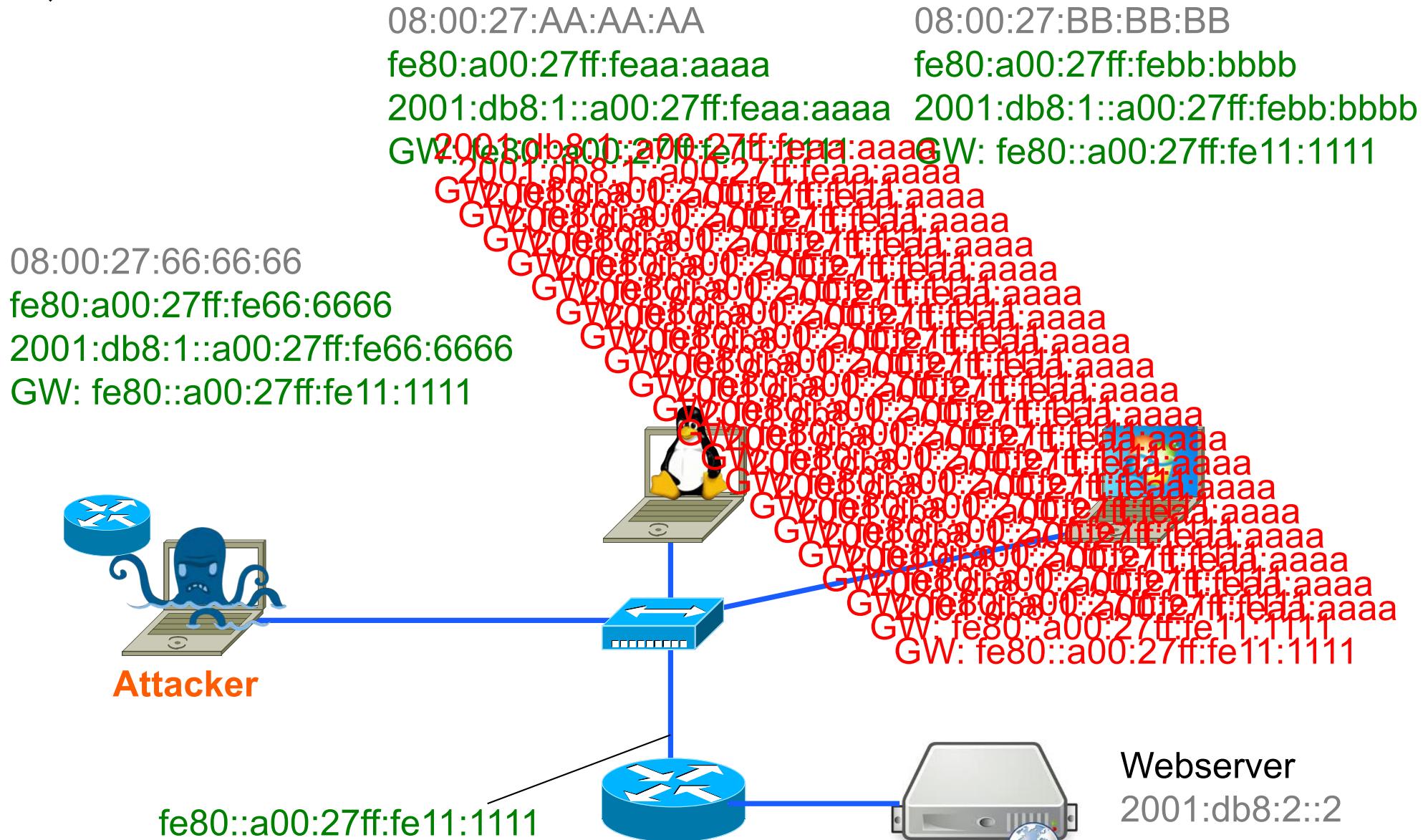
Each packet contains 17 prefix and route entries (only Version \_26)

-F/-D/-H add fragment/destination/hop-by-hop header [to bypass RA guard security](#).

**Syntax:** `flood_router6 [-HFD] interface`

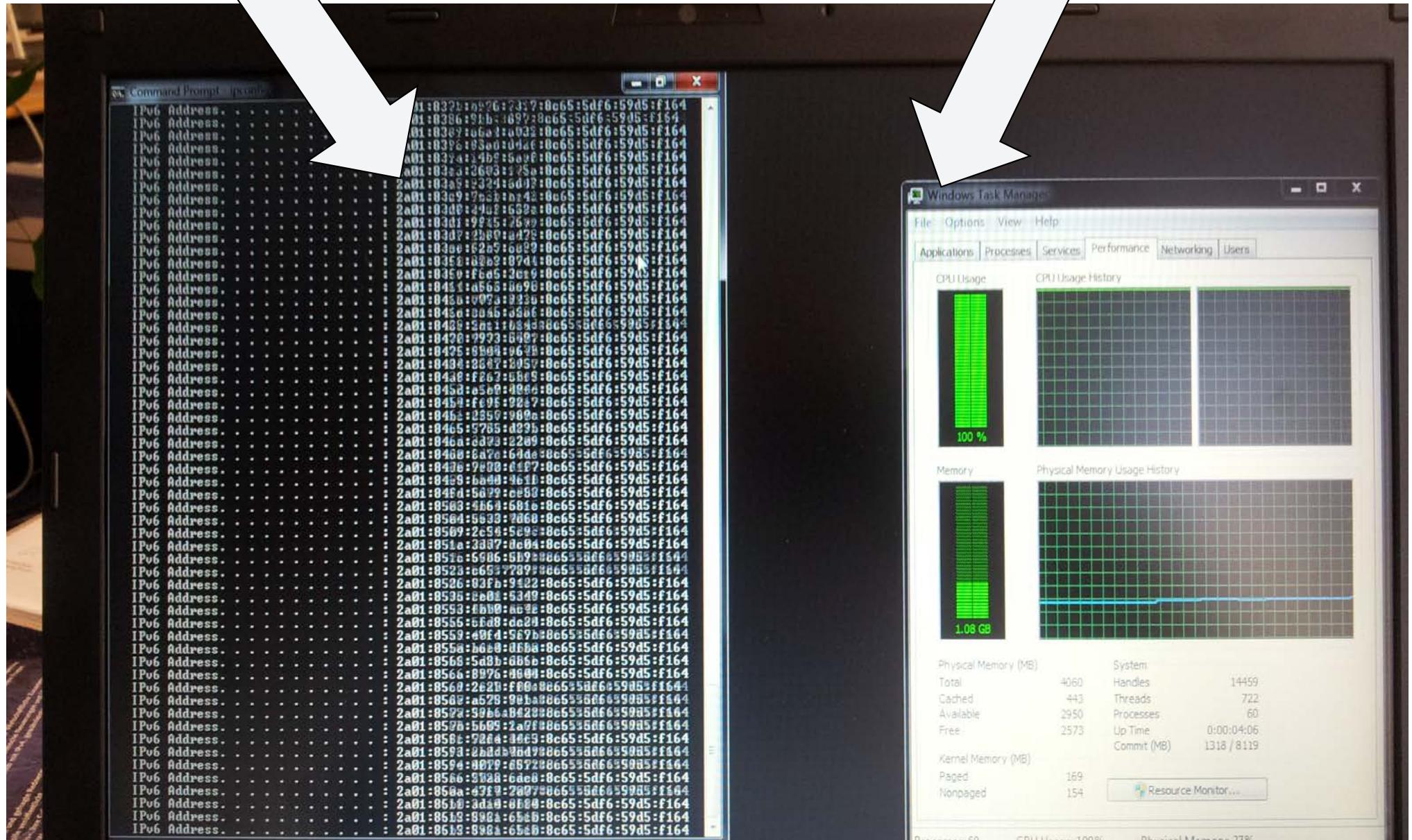
**Example:** `flood_router6 eth0`

# Attack: Flood new addresses / default routes



# ipconfig

# taskmgr: CPU load



# Rogue RA Attack Conclusions



- Everybody on the local network can
  - add IPs, delete / change default router
  - DOS network
  - try a MITM attack
  - decrease Network-Performance
  - decrease System-Performance
  - crash Systems
  - open 2nd door (IPv6 autoconf)

## Different Mitigation Approaches, see RFC 6104

- Disable RA processing (it's needed for DHCPv6)
- Filter on Switch: RA-Guard, Port-ACLs (can be bypassed using EH)
- Host based filters configured to accept RAs only from valid Router addresses (works only in managed environment)
- Deprecation Daemon: Detect incorrect RAs and then in turn send a deprecating RA with a router lifetime of zero (not for flooding)
- Partitioning, Microsegmentation or Host Isolation
- DHCPv6-only? No: RA informs about use of DHCPv6

# One size doesn't fit all! (Example)

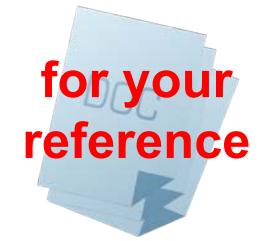
Zone	Rogue RA Mitigation Measure	cost (+ o -)	feasibility	effect (+ o -)
Internal Network	Router-Preference=high / Monitor NDP Managed Switch (RAGuard, PAACLs)	+/-	+	0/+
Internal Server-Zone	Router-Preference=high / Monitor NDP Disable RA processing	+	+	+
DMZ	Router-Preference=high / Monitor NDP Disable RA processing	+	+	+
Guestnet Wired	Router-Preference=high Managed Switch with RA Guard or Port ACLs	-	+	+
Guestnet Wireless	Router-Preference=high Partitioning	+/o	+	+

## Some other Attacks:

- Remote Neighbor Cache Exhaustion Attack
  - Ping flood big subnet, small neigcache table
- Multicast Listener Discovery DOS
  - Attacker messes with MLD messages
- Fragmentation Reassembly Time exceeded DOS
  - Attacker sends lot of fragmented packets with More-flag set
- Also well known attacks from IPv4 like
  - ICMP Redirect → ICMPv6 Redirect
  - ARP spoofing → Neighbor Cache spoofing



# Remote Neighbor Cache Exhaustion Attack



## Mitigation:

- Ingress ACL allowing only valid destination and dropping the rest
- Maybe you have a built-in Rate limiter
- Cisco Feature: "IPv6 Destination Guard"
  - (is coming...)
- Workaround: Allocate /64, configure /120 (brakes SLAAC, maybe more)
- <https://insinuator.net/2013/03/ipv6-neighbor-cache-exhaustion-attacks-risk-assessment-mitigation-strategies-part-1/>



# Wrap-up



# Bottom line: How IPv6 affects IT-Security

- Higher complexity (protocol and network)
- Lower maturity (especially security devices)
- Less Know-how / experience
- New / more Attack vectors
- Less visibility (Monitoring)
- Multiprotocol Correlation issues
- IPv6 risks also in "IPv4-only" network  
(Autoconfiguration, Tunnels)



# Questions to ask yourself

- Do you monitor IPv6 traffic on your network?
- Do your firewalls filter (tunneled) IPv6 traffic?
- Are all your tools Dual-Protocol-ready?
- Do you have enough know-how about IPv6 and its specific attacks to detect them?
- If you rely on IP-based Access Control, do you maintain it for both protocols?
- Can you correlate multi protocol attacks?
- Do you have IPv6 requirements for new / ongoing projects and procurement

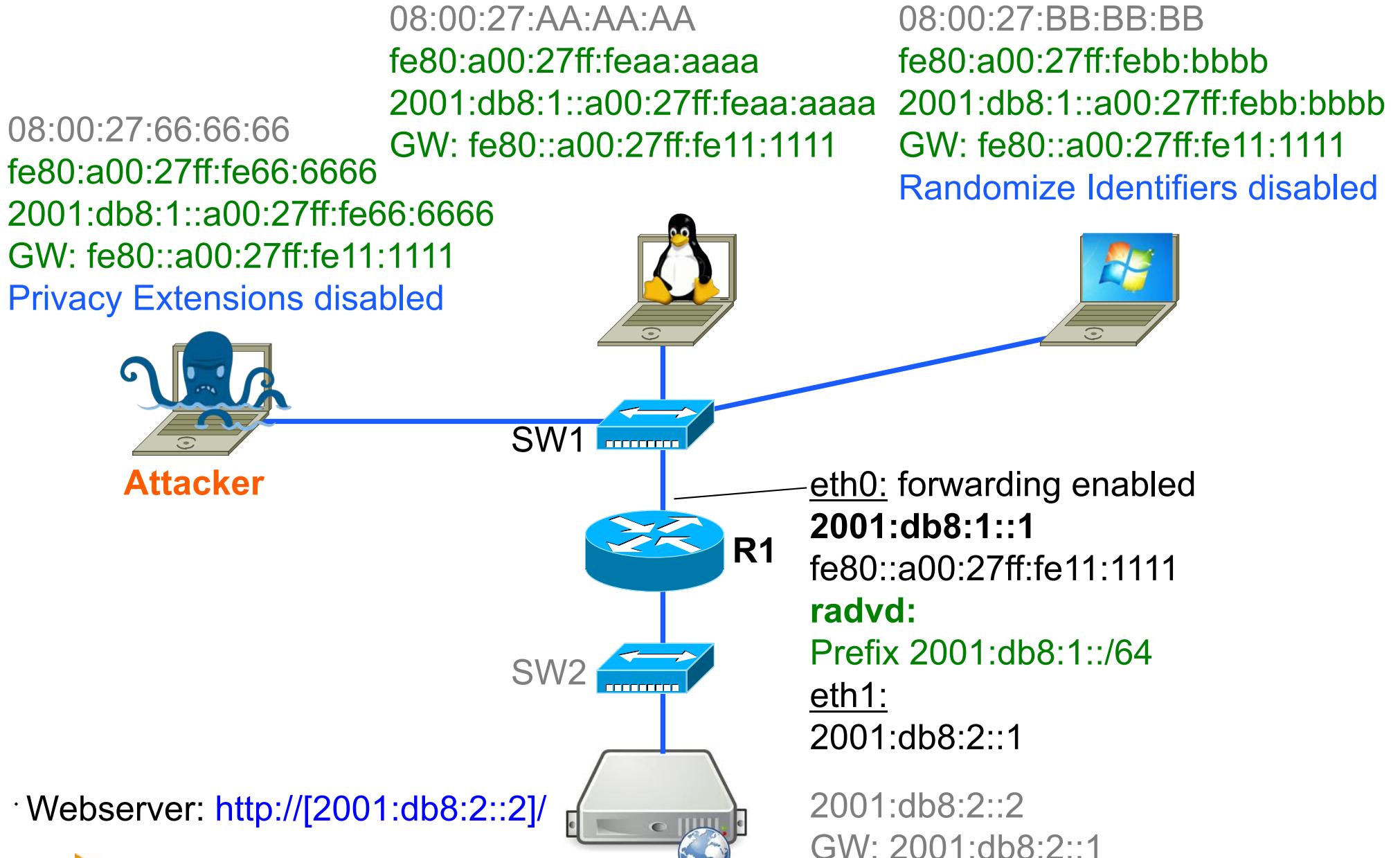


# Recommended IPv6 Security Tools

Tool suite	Description	Platform / License
<b>THC The Hacker Choice IPv6 Attack Toolkit</b> <i>Marc Heuse &amp; others</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>lots of small tools (<math>\approx 70</math>)</li><li>poorly documented</li><li>pioneer work</li><li>C library available</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C</li><li>Linux</li><li>GNU/AGPL</li></ul>
<b>SI6 Networks Security assessment and troubleshooting toolkit for IPv6</b> <i>Fernando Gont</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a few comprehensive tools (<math>\approx 12</math>)</li><li>lots of parameters</li><li>well documented</li><li>mature</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C</li><li>Linux/xBSD/OS X</li><li>GNU/GPL</li></ul>
<b>chiron All-in-one IPv6 Penetration Testing Framework</b> <i>Antonios Atassis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Craft arbitrary IPv6 packets to test IDS/IPS evasion</li><li>And other interesting tools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Python/Scapy (modified)</li><li>Linux</li><li>GNU/GPL</li></ul>



# Example Setup with 5 VMs



· Webserver: [http://\[2001:db8:2::2\]](http://[2001:db8:2::2])



# Recommended Resources

- S. Hogg/E.Vyncke: "IPv6-Security"  
Cisco Press
- NIST - Guidelines for the Secure Deployment of IPv6  
<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-119/sp800-119.pdf>
- Mailing List ipv6hackers  
<http://lists.si6networks.com/listinfo/ipv6hackers>
- IPv6 Security Whitepaper, Slides and Videos from **Eric Vynce, Fernando Gont, Marc Heuse, Scott Hogg, Enno Rey, Antonios Atassis**  
scan Internet with your preferred search engine

Thank you for  
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