

# Practical Computer Networks and Applications

## Exercise 2 – IP Version 6 Networks

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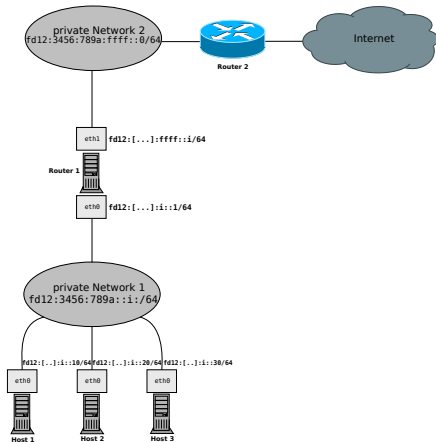
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## Private Network 1:

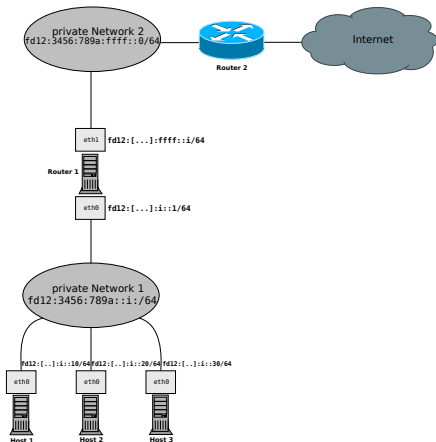
- fd12:3456:789a:i::0/64
- Private Network for host machines and Routers
- The number *i* in the IP address is a placeholder for your **group number**!

## Private Network 2:

- fd12:3456:789a:ffff::0/64
- Private network connecting all networks

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# Network Topology – Private Network 2



## Private Network 2:

- `fd12:3456:789a:ffff::0/64`

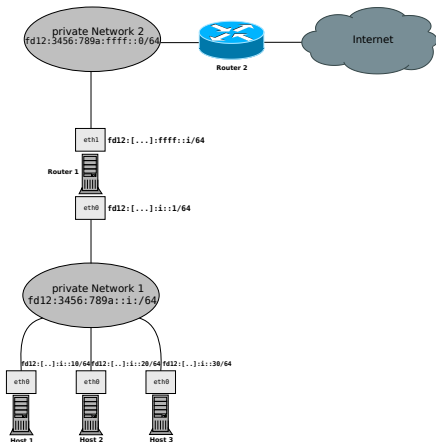
## Router 2:

- `fd12:3456:789a:ffff::ffff`

- **Router 2** is the gateway for all Routers in private network 1!
- The route to **Router 2** needs to be configured on **Router 1**!
- **Router 2** runs a web server on **port 80**!

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# Network Topology – Private Network 1



## Private Network 1:

- fd12:3456:789a:i::0/64

## Router 1:

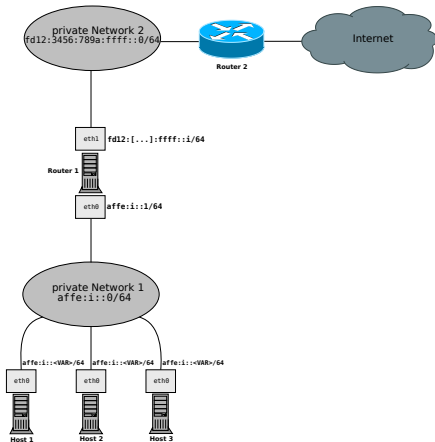
- Has two interfaces
- eth0: fd12:3456:789a:i::1
- eth1: fd12:3456:789a:ffff::i

## Host Network:

- **Router 1:** fd12:3456:789a:i::1
- **Host 1:** fd12:3456:789a:i::10
- **Host 2:** fd12:3456:789a:i::20
- **Host 3:** fd12:3456:789a:i::30

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# Network Topology – Exercise 2 – Autoconfiguration



## Private Network 1:

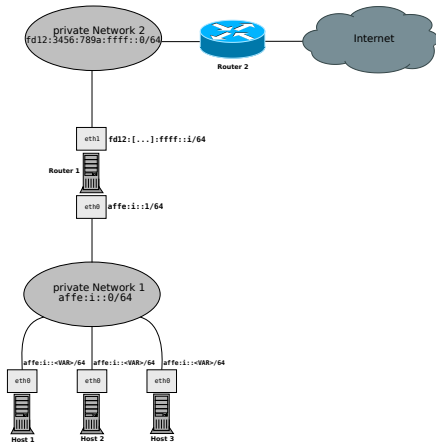
- `affe:i::0/64`
- Private Network for host machines and Routers'

## Private Network 2:

- `fd12:3456:789a:ffff::0/64`
- Private Network spanning all networks

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# Network Topology – Private Network 2



## Private Network 2:

■ fd12:3456:789a:ffff::0/64

## Router 2:

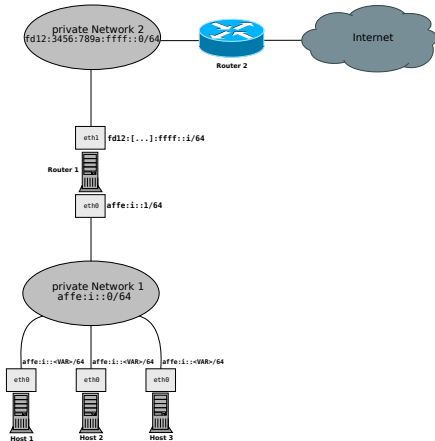
■ fd12:3456:789a:ffff::ffff

**Router 2** is the gateway for all Routers in private network 1!

The route to **Router 2** needs to be configured on **Router 1**!

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# Network Topology – Private Network 1



## Private Network 1:

- `affe:i::0/64`

## Router 1:

- Has two interfaces
- `eth0: affe:i::0/64`
- `eth1: fd12:3456:789a:ffff::i`

## Host Network:

- **Router 1** – `affe:i::1`
- **Host 1** – `affe:i::<VAR>`
- **Host 2** – `affe:i::<VAR>`
- **Host 3** – `affe:i::<VAR>`
- `<VAR>` is the placeholder for a dynamically generated address!

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# Network Topology – Exercise 2 – Objectives

In the lab exercise you need to accomplish. . .

- a successful static configuration of the machines!
- successful autoconfiguration of the hosts!
- working static routing on the machines!
- reachability of all machines (all hosts including **Router 1** and **2**)!

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# IPv6 Addresses

**Tabelle:** IPv6 address ranges

IPv6 Address	Purpose
2001:db8::/32	Documentation prefix used for examples
::1	Localhost
fc00::/7	Unique Local Addresses (ULA) also known as "Private" IPv6 addresses. (Currently not used! See source: RFC 4193 Section 3.2)
fd00::/8	Unique Local Addresses (ULA) <b>L-bit</b> set to <b>1</b> for local IPv6 address prefix
fe80::/10	Link Local addresses, only valid inside a single broadcast domain
2001::/16	Global Unique Addresses (GUA) Routable IPv6 addresses
ff00::0/8	Multicast addresses

# IPv6 Addresses

**Multicast-Scope** – `ff00::0/8` multicast groups for specific services in a network. Starting with `ff` and followed by two flag bits for specific services. `ff01` for local interface (not leaving interface), `ff02` for link local address space e.g.:

`ff0X::1` : All IPv6 stations

`ff0X::2` : All Routers

`ff0X::f` : UPnP

`ff0X::101` : All Timeservers (NTP)

`ff0X::1:2` : DHCPv6 Server

# IPv6 Addresses

There are four way of configuring IPv6 addresses:

- Static addressing with ULA (RFC 4193)
- SLAAC (RFC 4862)
- Stable Private (RFC 7217)
- Privacy Extension (RFC 4941)

# IPv6 Addresses in Linux

The `ip`<sup>1</sup> command:

- `ip addr ...` – configuration of IPv6 addresses
- `ip route ...` – configuration of IPv6 routes

## `-6` option in `ip`

The option `-6` specifies the use of IPv6 addresses. It is important to use this option because without the parameter `ip` defaults to IPv4!

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<sup>1</sup>The manpage of `ip` gives you the full list of functions and options!

# Enabling IPv6 Addresses in Linux

## Enable IPv6:

```
# sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6=0  
# sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.lo.disable_ipv6=0  
# sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6=0
```

The file `sysctl.conf` and command `sysctl`

Kernel parameters (as enabling IPv6 e.g.) can be set with the command `sysctl`<sup>a</sup>! To make the changes permanent you need to edit the file `sysctl.conf`! In the lab the use of `sysctl` is sufficient, since changes will be overwritten after reboot!

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<sup>a</sup>More information:<https://linux.die.net/man/8/sysctl>

# Static IPv6 Unique Local Addresses – ULA

**Tabelle:** RFC 4193 Addressing Scheme

Machine	Prefix/L	Global ID	Subnet ID	Interface ID
Router 1	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0001
Host 1	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0010
Host 2	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0020
Host 3	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0030



# Static IPv6 unique local addresses – ULA

Tabelle: RFC 4193 Lab Exercise 2

Prefix/L	Global ID	Subnet ID	Interface ID
fd00::/8	40 bits	16 bits	64 bits
fd00::/8	12:3456:789a	:0001	0000:0000:0000:0001

**Resulting IPv6 address:** fd12:3456:789a:0001:0000:0000:0000:0001

**Short IPv6 address:** fd12:3456:789a:1::1

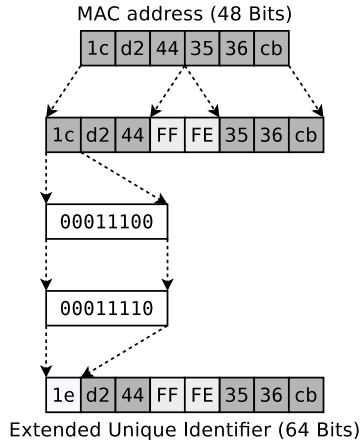
# Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)

- The RFC 4862 defines the automatic stateless address generation
- The Host uses its MAC address for the generation of the 64-bit Host-ID (**EUI-64**)
- The Network Prefix is defined by the scope and or the Router (e.g. `fe80::/64` for link-local)
- **Benefit** → Stateless generation without an external Router

## Router Advertisement Daemon (`radvd`)

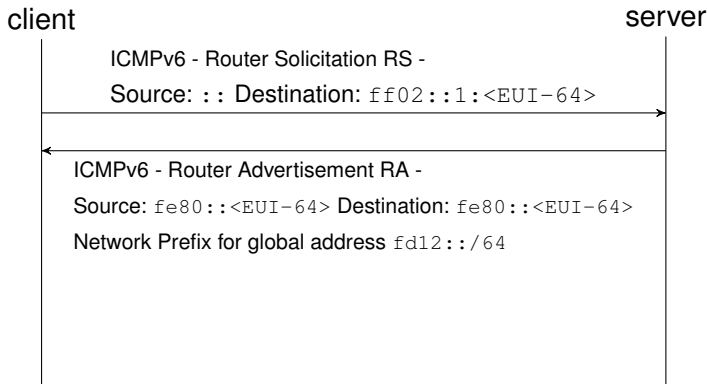
For the automatic assignment of Network prefixes the Router needs a `radvd` for the management of network prefixes in the network. Without `radvd` the link local prefix `fe80::/64` is used!

# Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)



EUI-64 calculation

# Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)



Message Sequence Diagramm for Router Solicitation

## Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

- The RFC 7217 defines the address generation without the use of a MAC address
- A random secret key is generated and used for the generation of the Interface-ID
- Once generated, the Interface-ID is assigned and does not change anymore (until reboot!)
- **Benefit** → Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!

### Secret Key and Kernel parameter

The stable secret value is stored in the directory `/proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/eth0/stable_secret` and is generated by setting the Kernel parameter `addr_gen_mode=3`!

# Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

## Example of a generated stable private address:

MAC: 86:3a:ea:8a:a7:d9

stable-privacy -> inet6 fe80::6f6d:80e:ab6c:65a0/64

link local -> inet6 fe80::843a:eaff:fe8a:a7d9/64

## Example of stable secret parameter:

```
$ cat /proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/eth0/stable_secret  
c8c8:036d:9312:71e2:eadc:7c9f:0535:649a
```

# Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

In contrast to SLAAC RFC 7217 brings the following benefits:

- + Host's MAC address is not exposed!
- + The address is stable for the Host

# Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

- RFC 4941 defines the address generation with a random number
- It is using the address in a temporary manner
- A new Interface-ID gets generated periodically
- Old Interface-IDs can still be used for established connections
- **Benefit:** Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!
- **Drawback:** Address is not stable!

## Random generation of Interface-ID

RFC 4941 defines a scheme for the generation of addresses where values for the lifetime are defined and the valid lifetime is calculated with the formula:

$$\text{CREATION\_TIME} + \text{TEMP\_PREFERRED\_LIFETIME} - \text{DESYNC\_FACTOR}$$

Where **CREATION\_TIME** is the time at which the address was created,  
**TEMP\_PREFERRED\_LIFETIME** (the maximum time of validity) and  
**DESYNC\_FACTOR** (a random number in the range of 0 to 600 seconds)!

**Source:** <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc4941#page-13>



# Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

## Example of a random generated address:

MAC: 86:3a:ea:8a:a7:d9

privacy-extension -> inet6 fd12::8992:3c03:d6e2:ed72/64

link local -> inet6 fe80::843a:eaff:fe8a:a7d9/64

## Random generation of Interface-ID

The address shown above is generated randomly and temporary and cannot be traced back to any host characteristics!

## Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

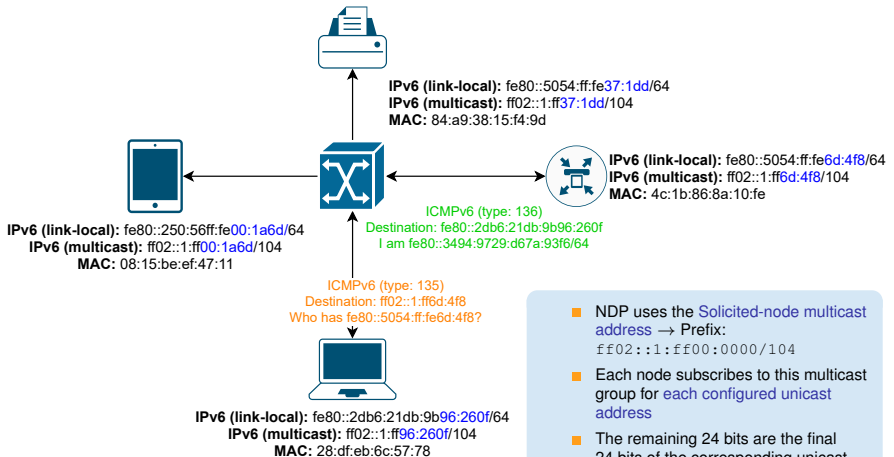
Compared to SLAAC, the RFC 4941 method has these benefits:

- + Host's MAC address is not exposed!
- + The address is generated dynamically over time!
- **Benefit:** Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!

Compared with Stable Privacy, the RFC 4941 method has these benefits:

- + Host address is changed over time, therefore increased security!
- **Benefit:** Increased security because address expires!
- **Drawback:** Address is not stable!

# Neighbor Discovery Protocol – NDP



- NDP uses the **Solicited-node multicast address** → Prefix:  
ff02::1:ff00:0000/104
- Each node subscribes to this multicast group for **each configured unicast address**
- The remaining 24 bits are the final 24 bits of the corresponding unicast address
- Only nodes registered to this address will receive the ICMP message

# Configuration of the machines

Please follow these rules:

- **Make your configurations statically! Use the tool `ip` exclusively!**
- **Save your static configuration on file! Use an USB-Drive for the extraction!**
- **Test your setup! Document it accurately! Demonstrate it in the lab exercise!**
- **Create slides of your configurations! Use the command-line snippets, screenshots and Wireshark captures for your documentation!**

## Non persistent configuration on machines

Please be aware, that the configurations on the machines are static and will be deleted after a reboot! Make sure to save your progress on an external drive!