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$IPv6 \iff IPv4 \text{ translator}$ for TCP protocol

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Chapter 1

Project description

The project's objective is to enable transparent TCP communication between machines running only the TCP/IPv6 stack and those running IPv4 systems.

Specifically, the process follows these steps:

- Create a net namespace h1which is a machine in an IPv6 local network whose prefix is 2001:2:3:4501::/64
- Create a switch s1 which represents the local IPv6 network
- The real Linux machine plays the role of the router r1
- The host machine h1 communicates with the local IPv6 network through its interface eth0, while the router r1 communicates with the local IPv6 network through interface bridge_ipv6 and with the Internet through its interface wlo1
- The internet protocol used inside the local network is IPv6, whereas the Linux machine, which now acts as a router, communicate with the Internet using IPv4. Henceforth:
 - Any packets goes from the local network outside must first be decapsulated from the IPv6 header and encapsulated with the appropriate IPv4 header to be sent to the Internet
 - Any packets comes from the Internet must first be decapsulated from the IPv4 header and encapsulated with the appropriate IPv6 header to be sent inside the local network

For this project, since it was specified that the program should work with only a given IPv6 address and a given IPv4 address, google.com and port 80 (HTTP) was chosen to be the external server to be communicated.

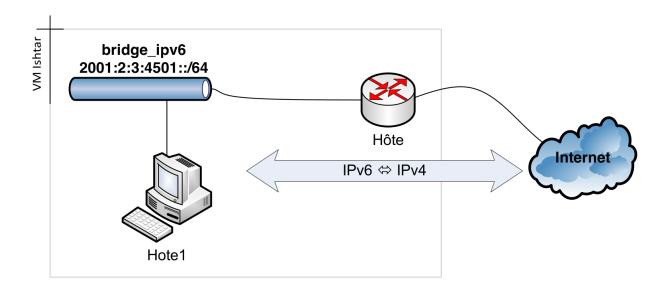


Figure 1.1: Network architecture specified in the document

Based on my understanding, I have redrawn the architecture of the project as below, and try to construct the network based on it:

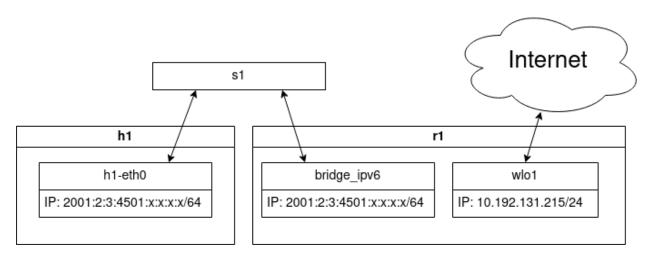


Figure 1.2: Network architecture built

where h1 is the net namespace, s1 is the switch connecting the local network, and r1 is the router, which is in fact the real Linux machine.

Chapter 2

Programming Implementation

2.1 Build the architecture

The project starts with building the architecture. This includes creating the net namespace, the switch, link the interfaces with the switch, etc. radvd (which stands for Router AD-Vertisement Daemon) is also utilized to periodically multi-cast Router Advertisement (RA) message to all machines in the same network segment, so they can be assigned an IPv6 address with the prefix specified . All of these works are carried out in the file build_architecture. Run the command:

```
sudo ./build_architecture
```

After a while the router would multicast RA messages, and each machine (in this case, only h1) will auto-config its IPv6 address. Check using the command ip address. On the router:

```
$ ip address show bridge_ipv6
12: bridge_ipv6@s1-r1: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc
    noqueue state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 62:11:c5:71:e4:12 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
inet6 2001:2:3:4501:fab6:a7df:837e:5c57/64 scope global temporary
    dynamic
        valid_lft 86400sec preferred_lft 14400sec
    inet6 2001:2:3:4501:6011:c5ff:fe71:e412/64 scope global dynamic
        mngtmpaddr
        valid_lft 86400sec preferred_lft 14400sec
    inet6 fe80::6011:c5ff:fe71:e412/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

On h1:

2.2 Build the IPv4 \iff IPv6 translator

As described in Chapter 1, the program needs to be able to decapsulate a packet from IPv6 header and encapsulate it with IPv4 header if the packet is going outside from the local network, and vice versa. The 2 main Python libraries used here are Scapy and NetfilterQueue A class Translator was created in Python:

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
3 from scapy.all import *
4 from netfilterqueue import NetfilterQueue
5 import threading
  class Translator:
      def __init__(self, server_ipv4, server_ipv6, client_mac, client_ipv6,
     internet_iface, local_ipv6_iface) -> None:
          self.__server_ipv4 = server_ipv4
          self.__server_ipv6 = server_ipv6
10
          self.__client_mac = client_mac
11
          self.__client_ipv6 = client_ipv6
12
          self.__internet_iface = internet_iface
          self.__local_ipv6_iface = local_ipv6_iface
14
```

2 functions are created for this class: process_outgoing_packets() which translate an IPv6 packet to an IPv4 packet then send it outside, and process_incoming_packets() do it the other way around. To be able to appropriately create a new header for a packet, we rely in the comparisons below:

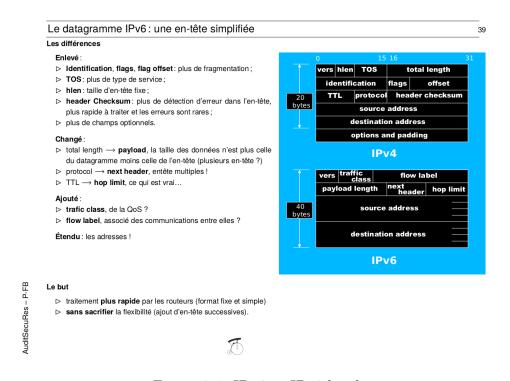


Figure 2.1: IPv4 vs IPv6 header

Figure 2.2: IPv4 vs IPv6 header (continue)

Studying these comparisons, to create an IPv4 header corresponding to the original IPv6 header, these fields have to be migrated:

- Traffic Class \longrightarrow Type of Service
- Payload Length Total Length (is auto-configured by Scapy)
- Next Header \longrightarrow Protocol
- Hop Limit \longrightarrow Time to Live
- Source Address (IPv6) Source Address (IPv4) (is auto-configured by Scapy)
- Destination Address (IPv6) → Destination Address (IPv4)

Other fields not mentioned are auto-configured by Scapy when constructing a new header, hence can be ignored.

After having constructed the new corresponding IPv4 header, we can use it to encapsulate the TCP packet, and the whole packet is encapsulated as an Ethernet frame, then, it is sent to the Internet through the wlo1 interface.

The implementation of the process described above in Python is as below:

```
def process_outgoing_packets(self, p):
          data = p.get_payload()
2
3
          ipv6_packet = IPv6(data)
          tc = ipv6_packet.tc
          hlim = ipv6_packet.hlim
          p_tcp = ipv6_packet[TCP]
          del p_tcp.chksum # If not do this, receive no SYN/ACK
9
          ipv4_header = IP(tos=tc, ttl=hlim, proto='tcp', dst=self.
11
     __server_ipv4)
12
          ipv4_packet = Ether() / ipv4_header / p_tcp
13
14
          sendp(ipv4_packet, iface=self.__internet_iface)
```

Applying the reverse process, the function process_incoming_packets() used to handle IPv4 packets from outside and translate them to IPv6 then forward it inside is implemented:

```
def process_incoming_packets(self, p):
          data = p.get_payload()
2
3
          ipv4_packet = IP(data)
5
          p_tcp = ipv4_packet[TCP]
          tos = ipv4_packet.tos
          ttl = ipv4_packet.ttl
          proto = ipv4_packet.proto
9
          del p_tcp.chksum
11
          ipv6_header = IPv6(tc=tos, hlim=ttl, nh=proto, src=self.
12
     __server_ipv6, dst=self.__client_ipv6)
13
          ipv6_packet = Ether(dst=self.__client_mac) / ipv6_header / p_tcp
14
15
          sendp(ipv6_packet, iface=self.__local_ipv6_iface)
```

Finally, a function is constructed to run the 2 functions created above, in order to handle both outgoing and incoming packets. Thanks to NetfilterQueue, all outgoing packets will be put in queue number 1, which then is handled by process_outgoing_packets(), and all incoming packets will be put in queue number 2, which is handled by process_incoming_packets(). They are executed concurrently in 2 separate threads. The process of putting outgoing and incoming packets in queue 1 and queue 2 is carried out by NetFilter, which will be indicated later.

The run() function is implemented as below:

```
def run(self):
    q1 = NetfilterQueue()
    q1.bind(1, self.process_outgoing_packets)

q2 = NetfilterQueue()
    q2.bind(2, self.process_incoming_packets)

t1 = threading.Thread(target=q1.run)
    t2 = threading.Thread(target=q2.run)
    t1.start()
    t2.start()
```

2.3 Build the main program

The only work left to do is to use the translator programmed in Section 2.2 and run it to handle the packets, which is somehow quite similar to a "test drive" program of the Translator.

Some constant arguments are set such as the external interface that connects to the Internet, the internal interface that connects to local IPv6 network, IPv6 address of the server (google.com, in this case), IPv4 address of the server, IPv6 address of the client, MAC address of the client:

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
3 import subprocess
4 import sys
5 from translator import Translator
7 INTERNET_IFACE = "wlo1"
8 LOCAL_IPV6_IFACE = "bridge_ipv6"
9 IPV6_PREFIX = "2001:2:3:4501:"
11 ## Find the MAC and IPv6 address of the netns h1
12 p1 = subprocess.Popen("ip netns exec h1 ip address show eth0".split(" "),
     stdout=subprocess.PIPE)
p2 = subprocess.Popen(["grep", "-E", "link/ether|{}".format(IPV6_PREFIX)],
      stdin=p1.stdout, stdout=subprocess.PIPE)
14 CLIENT_MAC, CLIENT_IPV6 = [line.strip().split()[1] for line in p2.
     communicate()[0].decode().splitlines()]
p1.stdout.close()
16 CLIENT_IPV6 = CLIENT_IPV6[:-3]
```

The main program takes the domain name server as an argument, then its IPv4 address and IPv6 address are found by sending DNS request using the dig command:

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    ## Find the IPv4 and IPv6 addresses of the server by sending DNS
    Request using dig command, mode A (to find IPv4) and AAAA (to find IPv6
)

SERVER_DOMAIN_NAME = sys.argv[1]

SERVER_IPv4, SERVER_IPv6 = [subprocess.run(["dig", "+short",
    SERVER_DOMAIN_NAME, dig_type], capture_output=True).stdout.decode().
    strip("\n") for dig_type in ["A", "AAAA"]]
```

It is also essential to set the NetFilter rules using iptables and ip6tables commands. For the outgoing packets, since the router receives IPv6 packets, ip6tables therefore should be applied, on the other hands, for the incoming packets, the router receives IPv4 packets from the Internet, thus we use iptables for them.

All packets coming from interface bridge_ipv6 that uses TCP protocol, having source IPv6 address with prefix 2001:2:3:4501::/64 should be put in queue 1. This correspond to the rule:

```
$ ip6tables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -i bridge_ipv6 -p tcp -s 2001:2:3:4501::/64 -j NFQUEUE --queue-num 1
```

which in Python is executed using subprocess:

```
subprocess.run(["ip6tables", "-t", "mangle", "-A", "PREROUTING", "-i",
   LOCAL_IPV6_IFACE, "-p", "tcp", "-s", IPV6_PREFIX + ":/64", "-j", "
   NFQUEUE", "--queue-num", "1"])
```

All packets coming from interface wlo1 that uses TCP protocol, having source IPv4 address equals to <google.com IPv4 address>, from source port 80 (HTTP) should be put in queue 2. This might not be the best way to handle incoming packets, but no better idea has been come up with. This correspond to the rule:

```
$ iptables -t mangle -A PREROUTING -i wlo1 -p tcp -s <google.com IPv4 address> --sport 80 -j NFQUEUE --queue-num 2
```

which in Python is executed using subprocess:

```
subprocess.run(["iptables", "-t", "mangle", "-A", "PREROUTING", "-i",
INTERNET_IFACE, "-p", "tcp", "-s", SERVER_IPV4, "--sport", "80", "-j",
"NFQUEUE", "--queue-num", "2"])
```

Finally we run the Translator:

```
if len(SERVER_IPV4) == 0 or SERVER_IPV4 is None:
    raise Exception("This domain has no IPv4 address")

if len(SERVER_IPV6) == 0 or SERVER_IPV6 is None:
    raise Exception("This domain has no IPv6 address")

t = Translator(SERVER_IPV4, SERVER_IPV6, CLIENT_MAC, CLIENT_IPV6,
    INTERNET_IFACE, LOCAL_IPV6_IFACE)

t.run()
```

Chapter 3

Result

To test the program, socat is used to establish a TCP communication to the google.com server. The client netns h1 will try to send a HTTP Request method GET to google.com port 80.

First, find the IP address of the domain name server:

```
bell@Bell-Kirato:~$ dig +short google.com A
142.250.179.110
bell@Bell-Kirato:~$ dig +short google.com AAAA
2a00:1450:4007:808::200e
bell@Bell-Kirato:~$
```

Figure 3.1: Send DNS request to google.com

Run the main program to handle outgoing and incoming packets:

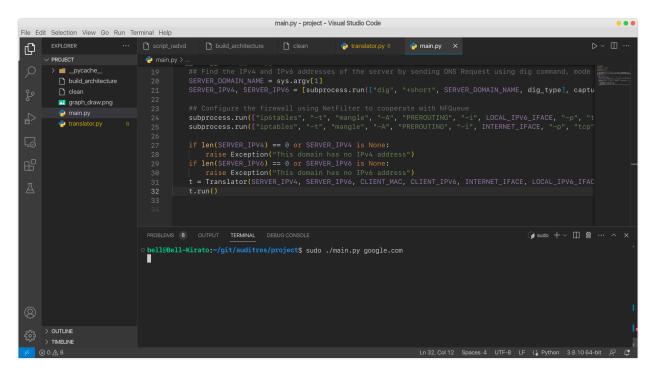


Figure 3.2: Run main.py

Run tcpdump to sniff packets going to/coming from google.com on interface wlo1 of the router:

```
bell@Bell-Kirato:~$ sudo tcpdump -lnvv -i wlo1 'tcp and ((src 142.250.179.110 and src port 80) or (dst 142.250.179.110 and dst port 80))'
[sudo] password for bell:
tcpdump: listening on wlo1, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
```

Figure 3.3: Sniff IPv4 packets

Run tcpdump to sniff packets going to/coming from google.com on interface eth0 of the client:

```
bell@Bell-Kirato:~

bell@B
```

Figure 3.4: Sniff IPv6 packets

Use socat to establish a connection to google.com (using its IPv6 address) from the client:

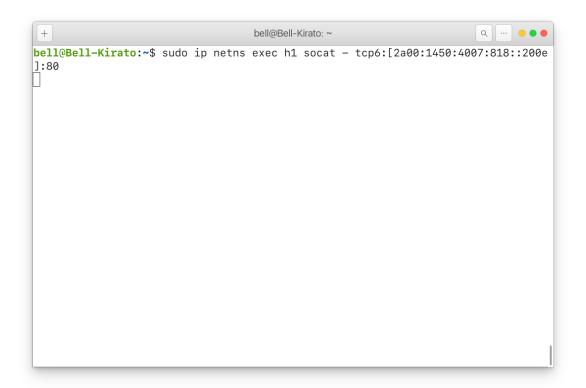


Figure 3.5: Establish connection to IPv6 google.com using socat

The three-way handshake packets SYN, SYN/ACK, ACK are observed on eth0 interface of h1:

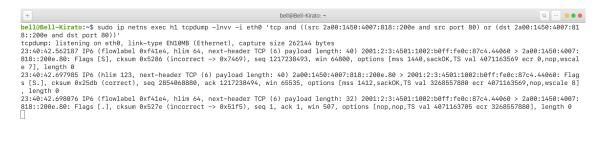


Figure 3.6: 3-way handshake on eth0 of h1

The three-way handshake packets SYN, SYN/ACK, ACK are observed on wlo1 interface of the router:

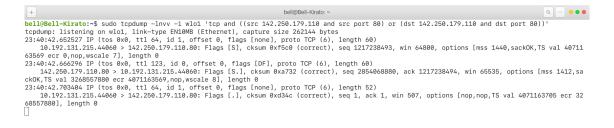


Figure 3.7: 3-way handshake on wlo1 of r1

Send a HTTP request GET method from the h1 client then close the connection:

```
+
                                   bell@Bell-Kirato: ~
                                                                      Q
                                                                         ... |
bell@Bell-Kirato:~$ sudo ip netns exec h1 socat tcp6:[2a00:1450:4007:818::200e]:
GET / HTTP/1.1
Host: www.google.com
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 16 Apr 2023 15:20:28 GMT
Expires: -1
Cache-Control: private, max-age=0
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only: object-src 'none';base-uri 'self';script-sr
c 'nonce-yDV7ZBiz96P3w0ZxATOJvQ' 'strict-dynamic' 'report-sample' 'unsafe-eval'
'unsafe-inline' https: http:;report-uri https://csp.withgoogle.com/csp/gws/other
Server: gws
X-XSS-Protection: 0
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Set-Cookie: AEC=AUEFqZfZQeyd7EAHtjxxHSnb2jRagLamOmdxBD1713v86AScsfD0YkwBRP8; exp
ires=Fri, 13-Oct-2023 15:20:28 GMT; path=/; domain=.google.com; Secure; HttpOnly
; SameSite=lax
Accept-Ranges: none
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

Figure 3.8: Send GET request to google.com from h1

Data packets going through wlo1 interface of the router:

```
23:42:54.088518 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x5667 (correct), seq 39, ack 32201, win 501, options [nop,nop,TS val 407129568 e cr 3266688200], length 0
23:42:54.31741 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x5667 (correct), seq 39, ack 33601, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295134 e cr 3266868329], length 0
23:42:54.217679 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x660d (correct), seq 39, ack 35001, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295198 e cr 3266808396], length 0
23:42:54.321730 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x4504 (correct), seq 39, ack 36401, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295298 e cr 3266808396], length 0
23:42:54.36393 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x4504 (correct), seq 39, ack 39201, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295298 e cr 3268688466], length 0
23:42:54.63307 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x2d56 (correct), seq 39, ack 42001, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295414 e cr 3268688451], length 0
23:42:54.73606 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x2d56 (correct), seq 39, ack 42001, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4071295729 e cr 3268688575], length 0
23:42:54.73606 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 1, offset 0, flags [none], proto TCP (6), length 52)
10.192.131.215.44060 × 142.256.179.110.80: Flags [.], cksum 0x5660 (correct), seq 39, ack 47019, win 528, options [nop,nop,TS val 40
```

Figure 3.9: PUSH and FIN packets on wlo1 of r1

Data packets going through eth0 interface of h1:

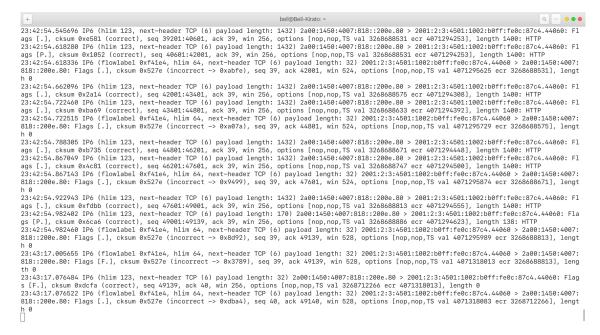


Figure 3.10: PUSH and FIN packets on eth0 of h1