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# CCNA: NAT/PAT

Not enough public IPv4's to assign unique addr to everyone: Private addr don't ID any single company/org:

Can't be routed over Internet: To be routed: Has to be translated to a public address

- · NAT: Provides translation of private to public addr
- Allows device w/private IPv4 to access resources outside
- W/out NAT: Depletion of IPv4 would have happened before 2,000

# RFC 1918: Private addresses

Class	Addr Range	CIDR
Α	10.0.0.0-10.255.255.255	10.0.0/8
В	172.16.0.0-172.31.255.255	172.16.0.0/12
С	192.168.0.0-192.168.255.255	192.168.0.0/16

NAT: Primary use: Conserve public IPv4 addr:

- Allows networks to use private IPv4/translates to public ones
- Degree of privacy/sec b/c it hides internals

NAT pool: NAT-enabled rtrs config w/1/more valid public IPv4's

- · Internal device sends traffic out network
- NAT-enabled rtr translates addr of device to a public addr from NAT pool
- To outside devices: All traffic entering/exiting appears to have public IPv4

**NAT rtr:** Typically ops at border of stub network

Stub network: Network w/single connection to neighbor network (1 way in/out)

When device inside stub wants to comm w/device outside:

- Packet fwded to border rtr: It performs NAT process
- Translates internal addr of device to pub routable outside addr

Inside network: Set of networks subject to translation

Outside network: All other networks

IPv4: Diff designations based on if priv/pub network (Internet): Whether traffic incoming/outgoing

NAT: 4 types of addr:

Inside local	Addr of source as seen from inside network
Inside global	Addr of source as seen from outside network  • Translates inside local to inside global
Outside local	Addr of dest as seen from inside network:  • Could be diff than globally rtable addr of dest (uncommon)
Outside global	Addr of dest as seen from outside network:  • Globally routable IPv4 assigned to a host on Internet: Usually outside local/global addr are same

# ALWAYS applied from perspective of device /translated addr:

Inside addr	Addr of device being translated by NAT
Outside addr	Addr of dest device
Local addr	Any addr that appears on inside of network
Global addr	Any addr that appears on outside of network

# 3 Types of NAT translation:

PAT	Port Address Translation: AKA NAT overloading
Dynamic NAT	Many-to-many addr mapping bet local/global addr
Static NAT	1-to-1 addr mapping bet local/global addr

# • Many-to-1 addr mapping bet local/global addr

Static NAT: 1-to-1: Mappings config by admin: Remain constant

When devices send traffic to Internet: Inside local addr translated to config inside global addr

To outside: Devices have public IPv4's

## **Useful for:**

- Web servers/devices must have consistent addr accessible from Internet
- Devices must be accessible by auth personnel when offsite/not gen public
- Reg: Enough public addr to satisfy total # of simultaneous usr sessions

# Dynamic NAT: Uses pool of pub addr/assigns them on 1st-come/1st-serve basis

- When inside device reg access to outside network: Dynamic assigns avail public IPv4 from pool
- Req: Enough public addr to satisfy total # of simultaneous usr sessions

# PAT: Port Addr Translation (NAT overload): Maps multiple priv IPv4 to single/few public addr

- Multiple addr can be mapped to 1/more few addr
- B/c each private addr also tracked by port #
- When device initiates TCP/IP session: Generates TCP/UDP source port value to ID it
- When NAT rtr receives packet from client: Uses source port # to ID specific NAT translation

# PAT ensures devices use diff TCP port # for each session w/server on Internet

- When response comes back from server: Source port #, becomes dest port # on return trip
- Determines to which device rtr fwds packets
- PAT process validates incoming packets requested: Adding degree of sec to session

# Comparing NAT/PAT

- NAT translates IPv4 addr on 1:1 basis bet private/public IPv4's
- PAT mods both the addr/port #

NAT fwds incoming packets to their inside dest by referring to incoming source IPv4 given by host on public network

PAT generally only 1/few publicly exposed IPv4's

- Incoming packets from public are routed to dest on private by referring to a table in NAT rtr
- Connection tracking: Table tracks public/private port pairs

# Packets w/out L4 Segment: What about IPv4 packets carrying data other than TCP/UDP segment?

- Packets don't contain L4 port #
- PAT translates most common protocols that don't use TCP/UDP as a transport

## Example: ICMPv4

- Each of these types of protocols handled diff by PAT
- ICMPv4 guery msgs/echo reg/replies include a Query ID\
- ICMPv4 uses Query ID to ID echo req w/corresponding reply
- Query ID is incremented w/each echo reg sent
- PAT uses Query ID instead of L4 port #

Benefits/Dis	advantages: NAT
Benefits	<ul> <li>Conserves legally registered addr scheme         <ul> <li>Through app port-IvI multiplexing</li> <li>Internal hosts can share single public IPv4 for all external comm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Increases flexibility of connections to public network         <ul> <li>Multiple/backup/load-balancing pools can be used to ensure reliable public connections</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consistency for internal addr schemes         <ul> <li>Network NOT using private IPv4/NAT:</li> <li>Changing public IPv4 scheme req readdr of all hosts on existing network: Pricey</li> <li>NAT allows existing private IPv4 scheme to remain while allowing easy change to new public scheme             <ul> <li>Org could change ISPs: No need to change inside clients</li> <li>Net sec: Private networks don't advertise addr/internal topology</li> <li>Conserved address of the public internal topology</li> <li>Net sec: Private networks don't advertise addr/internal topology</li> <li>Conserved address of the public internal topology</li> <li>Conserved address of the public internal topology</li> <li>Network internal comment</li> <li>Conserved address of the public internal topology</li> <li>Network internal comment</li> <li>Network internal comment</li> <li>Conserved address of the public internal comment</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Disadvantag es	<ul> <li>Performance degraded</li> <li>Affects real time protocols like VoIP</li> <li>NAT increases switching delays b/c translations of each IPv4 w/in packet headers takes time</li> <li>The 1st packet always process-switched going through a slower path</li> <li>Rtr must look at every packet to decide whether it needs translation</li> <li>Rtr must alter IPv4 header: Possibly alter TCP/UDP headers</li> </ul>

- IPv4/TCP/UDP header checksums must be recalc each time translation made
- Remaining packets go through fast-switched path if cache entry exists; otherwise delayed

# • End-to-end functionality is degraded

- Many protocols/apps depend on end-to-end addressing from source to dest
- Some apps don't work w/NAT
- Example: Sec apps (digital sigs) fail b/c source IPv4 changes before reaching dest
- If apps use phys addr (instead of qualified domain name) don't reach dest translated across NAT rtr
- Can be avoided at times by implementing static NAT mappings

# • End-to-end IP traceability is lost

 More diff to trace packets that undergo numerous packet addr changes over multiple NAT hops

### Tunneling becomes more complicated

■ Example: IPSec: NAT mods values in headers that interfere w/integrity checks

# • Initiating TCP connections can be disrupted

- o Services req initiation of TCP connections from outside
- o Stateless protocols (those using UDP) can be disrupted
- Unless NAT rtr has been config to support these protocols:
  - Incoming packets can't reach dest
  - Some protocols can use 1 instance of NAT bet participating hosts (passive mode FTP):
  - Fail when both sys separated from Internet by NAT

# Config Static NAT: 1-to-1 mapping bet inside/outside addr

 Allows external devices to initiate connections to internal devices using statically assigned public addr

# 2 Basic Tasks when config static NAT translations:

- 1. Create a mapping bet inside local address/inside global addresses
- 2. After mapping: Ints participating in translation are config as inside/outside relative to NAT

# Establish static translation bet inside local/inside global

R1(config)# ip nat inside source static local-ip global-ip

R1(config)# no ip nat inside source static [global] to remove dynamic source translation

#### Specify inside int

R1(config)# int type number

# Mark int as connected to inside

R1(config-if)# ip nat inside

### Specify outside int

R1(config)# int type number

# Mark int as connected to the outside

R1(config-if)# ip nat outside

# **Example Syntax:**

R1(config)# ip nat inside source static 192.168.10.254 209.165.201.5

R1(config)# int s0/0/0

R1(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.2 255.255.255.252

R1(config-if)# ip nat inside

R1(config-if)# exit

R1(config)# int s0/1/0

R1(config-if)# ip address 209.165.200.225 255.255.255.224

R1(config-if)# ip nat outside

# **Verify Static NAT**

**R1# show ip nat translations** Shows active NAT translations: Static translations (unlike dynamic) always in NAT table

· If cmd issued during active session: Output also indicates addr of outside device

R1# show ip nat statistics Display total # of active translations/NAT config params/# of addr in pool/# of addr allocated

**R1# clear ip nat statistics** Verify translation working: Clear stats from past translations **Dynamic NAT Op:** Dynamic NAT allows auto mapping of inside local to inside global

- Inside global addr typically public IPv4 | Uses group/pool of public IPv4
- Req: Config of inside/outside ints participating in NAT
- Static NAT: Permanent mapping to single addr
- Dynamic NAT: Pool of addr

# Pool of public IPv4 (inside global addr pool) avail to any device inside network on 1st-come 1st-serve basis

- Dynamic: Single inside addr translated to single outside addr
  - Must be enough addr in pool to accommodate all inside devices needing access to outside at same time
  - If all addresses in pool have been used: Device must wait for avail addr before it can access outside network

# **Config Dynamic NAT**

- · Define pool of addr that will be used for translation using ip nat pool
  - This pool of addr typically group of public addr
  - Addr defined by indicating starting/ending IP addr of pool
  - Netmask/prefix-length keyword indicates:
    - □ Which addr bits belong to network
    - □ Which belong to host for range of addr
- Config standard ACL to ID (permit) addr to be translated:
  - An ACL too permissive can lead to unpredictable results
  - Remember an implicit deny all statement at end of each ACL
- Bind ACL to pool
  - ip nat inside source list access-list-number pool pool name
  - Config used by rtr to ID which devices (list) receive which addresses (pool)
- ID which ints inside (any int that connects to inside)
- ID which ints outside (any int that connects to outside)

**Dynamic NAT Config Steps** 

Define pool of global addr used for translation

R1(config)# ip nat pool name start-ip end-ip netmask [netmask] | prefix-length [prefix-length]

Config standard access list permitting addr should be translated R1(config)# access-list ACL# permit source [source-wildcard]

Establish dynamic source translation: Specify access list/pool defined in prior steps R1(config)# ip nat inside source list ACL# pool name

ID inside int

R1(config)# int type number

R1(config)# ip nat inside

ID outside int

R1(config)# int type number

R1(config#) ip nat outside

#### **Example Syntax:**

R1(config)# ip nat pool NAT-POOL1 209.165.200.226 209.165.200.240 netmask 255.255.255.224

R1(config)# access-list 1 permit 192.168.0.0 0.0.255.255

R1(config)# ip nat inside source list 1 pool NAT-POOL1

R1(config)# int s0/0/0

R1(config-if)# ip nat inside

# R1(config)# int s0/1/0 R1(config-if)# ip nat outside

# **Verify Dynamic NAT**

show ip nat translations Displays details of 2 previous NAT assignments

- Displays all static translations/dynamic translations created by traffic
- Adding verbose keyword displays addl info about each translation [how long ago entry created/used]

Default: Translation entries time out after 24 hrs

• Unless timers have been reconfig w/ip nat translation timeout timeout-seconds [global]

clear ip nat translation [global] Clear dynamic entries before timeout expired

Useful to clear dynamic entries when testing NAT config

clear ip nat translation \* [global] Clear all translations from table

• Only dynamic translations cleared from table: Static translations can't be cleared from translation table

show ip nat statistics Displays info about:

 Total # of active translations/NAT config params/# of addr in pool/how many addr have been allocated

sh run Look NAT/ACL/int/pool

clear ip nat translation inside global-ip local-ip [outside local-ip global-ip]

• Clear a dynamic translation entry containing inside translation/both inside/outside translation clear ip nat translation protocol inside global-ip global-port local-ip local-port [outside local-ip local port global-ip global-port] Clears an extended dynamic translation entry Configuring PAT: Address Pool

- PAT conserves addr in inside global addr pool by allowing rtr to use 1 inside global addr for many inside local addr
- A single public IPv4 can be used for 100's/1000's of internal private IPv4's
- Rtr maintains info from high-IvI protocols/TCP/UDP port #'s to translate inside global addr to correct inside local
- When multiple inside local addr map to 1 inside global address:
  - o TCP/UDP port #'s of each inside host distinguish bet local addr

# 2 ways to config PAT: Depends on how ISP allocates public IPv4's

- 1. ISP allocates more than 1 public IPv4 to org
- 2. ISP allocates single public IPv4 req for org to connect to ISP

# Config PAT for Pool of Public IP's

- If site has been issued more than 1 public IPv4:
  - These addr can be part of pool used by PAT
  - Similar to dynamic NAT, but not enough public addr for 1-to-1 mapping of inside to outside addr
  - Small pool of addr shared among larger # of devices

Steps:

Define pool of global addr to be used for overload translation

ip nat pool name start-ip end-ip [netmask netmask | prefix-length prefix-length]

Define a standard access list perm addr that should be translated

access-list access-list-number permit source [source-wildcard]

Establish overload translation: Specify access list/pool defined in prior steps

ip nat inside source list access-list-number pool name overload

- ID inside int int type number > ip nat inside
- ID outside int int type number > ip nat outside

# Syntax:

Define a pool of public IPv4's under pool name NAT-POOL2
R1(config)# ip nat pool NAT-POOL2 209.165.200.225 209.165.200.240 netmask 255.255.255.224

Define which addr are eligible to be translated R1(config)# access-list 1 permit 192.168.0.0 0.0.255.255

Bind NAT-POOL2 w/ACL 1 R1(config)# ip nat inside source list 1 pool NAT-POOL2 overload

ID int s0/0/0 as inside NAT int R1(config)# int s0/0/0 R1(config-if) ip nat inside

ID int s0/1/0 as outside NAT int R1(config)# int s0/1/0 R1(config-if)# ip nat outside

# **Config PAT: Single Address**

- 1. Define ACL to permit traffic to be translated
- 2. Config source translation using int/overload keywords

int keyword ID's which int IP addr to use when translating inside addr overload keyword directs rtr to track port #'s w/each NAT entry

- 1. ID which ints inside in relation to NAT: Any int that connects to inside
- 2. ID which int outside in relation to NAT: Same int ID'd in source translation statement in 2

# Syntax:

Define standard access list permitting the addr that should be translated

access-list access-list-# permit source [source-wildcard]

Establish dynamic source translation, specify ACL, exit int/overload options

ip nat inside source list acl-# int type number overload

- ID inside int > int type # > ip nat inside
- ID outside int > int type # > ip nat outside

# Port Forwarding (AKA tunneling)

- · Act of fwding traffic addr to specific network port from 1 network node to another
- Allows external usr to reach a port on priv IPv4 from outside through NAT-enabled rtr

# P2P file sharing programs/ops [web serving/outgoing FTP] require rtr ports be fwded/opened to allow app to work

- B/c NAT hides internal addr: P2P only works from inside out: NAT can map outgoing reqs against incoming replies
- NAT doesn't allow regs initiated from the outside
- Resolved w/manual intervention: Port fwding can be config to ID specific ports that can be fwded to inside hosts

Example: <a href="http://www.example.com:8080">http://www.example.com:8080</a>

**Port fwding:** Allows usrs on Internet to access internal servers by using WAN port addr of rtr/matched external port #

- Internal servers typically config w/RFC 1918 private IPv4's
- When reg sent to IPv4 of WAN port via Internet: Rtr fwds reg to appropriate server on LAN
- For sec reasons: Broadband rtrs by default don't permit any external network req to be fwded to inside host

# Port fwding can be enabled for apps by specifying inside local addr that reqs should be fwded to

- · Port other than default can be specified
- External usr would have to know specific port # to use

## Config Port Fwding w/IOS

R1(config)# ip nat inside source { static [ tcp | udp ] local-ip local-port global-ip global-port } [extendable]

tcp/udp	Indicates if TCP/UDP port #
local-ip	IPv4 addr assigned to host on inside

local-port	Local TCP/UDP port range 1-65,535: Port # server listening on
global-ip	IPv4 of inside host: IP outside clients use
global-port	Global TCP/UDP port range 1-65,535: Port # outside client will use to reach server
global-ip	IPv4 of inside host: IP addr outside clients will use to reach internal server
global-port	Port # outside client will use to reach internal server
extendable	Applied automatically:  • Keyword allows usr to config 7 ambiguous static translations  • Translations w/same local/global addr  • Allows rtr to extend translation to more than 1 port if necessary

Establishes static translation bet inside local addr/local port and inside global addr/port R1(config)# ip nat inside source static tcp 192.168.10.254 80 209.165.200.225 8080

ID int s0/0/0 as inside NAT int R1(config)# int s0/0/0 R1(config-if)# ip nat inside

ID int s0/1/0 as outside NAT int R1(config)# int s0/1/0 R1(config-if)# ip nat outside

NAT for IPv6? Since early 1990s: Concern about depletion of IPv4 space has been priority of IETF

- Combo of RFC 1918 and NAT has been instrumental in slowing depletion
- RFC 5902: IAB: Internet Arch Board (IAB)

# **IPv6 Unique Local Addresses**

ULA: IPv6 unique local addresses similar to RFC 1918 private addresses in IPv4, but significant diff

- Intent: Provide IPv6 space for comm w/in local site: Not meant to provide addl space, nor meant to provide Ivl of sec
- Unique local addresses defined in RFC 4193

Also known as: Local IPv6 addr (not to be confused w/link-local addr)

# **Characteristics include:**

- Allows sites to be combined/privately interconnected, w/out creating any addr conflicts
  - o or reg renumbering of ints that use these prefixes
- Independent of any ISP: Can be used for comm w/in site w/out having connectivity
- Not routable across Internet: If accidentally leaked by routing/DNS: No conflict w/other addr
- Not as straight-fwd as RFC 1918 addr
  - Hasn't been the intention of IETF to use form of NAT to translate bet unique local addr/IPv6 global unicasts

NAT for IPv6: Used in much diff context than IPv4

- Used to transparently provide access bet IPv6-only/IPv4-only networks
- NOT used as form of private IPv6 to global IPv6 translation

Dual-stack: When devices are running protocols associated w/both IPv4/6

Tunneling for IPV6: Process of encapsulating an IPv6 packet inside an IPv4 packet

Allows IPv6 packet to be transmitted over IPv4-only network

NAT IPv6 should not be used as a long term strategy

• Over the years, there have been 7 types of NAT for IPv6

# **Troubleshooting NAT: debug**

debug ip nat Verify op of NAT by displaying info about every packet translated by rtr

- Generates description of each packet considered for translation
- Provides info about certain errors/exceptions (like failure to allocate a global addr)

debug ip nat detailed More overhead than debug ip nat

- Can provide detail that may be needed to troubleshoot NAT problem
- Turn off debugging when finished

#### When decoding debug output:

*	Next to NAT: Indicates translation is occurring in fast-switched path  • 1st packet in convo always process-switched: Slower  • Remaining packets go through fast-switched path if cache entry exists
s=	Source IP

a.b.c.d—>w.x.y.z	Source addr a.b.c.d translated to w.x.y.z
d=	Destination IP
[xxxx]	IP ID #: Enables correlation w/other packet traces from protocol analyzer