



# IPv6 Host OS Training

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# General IPv6 Review

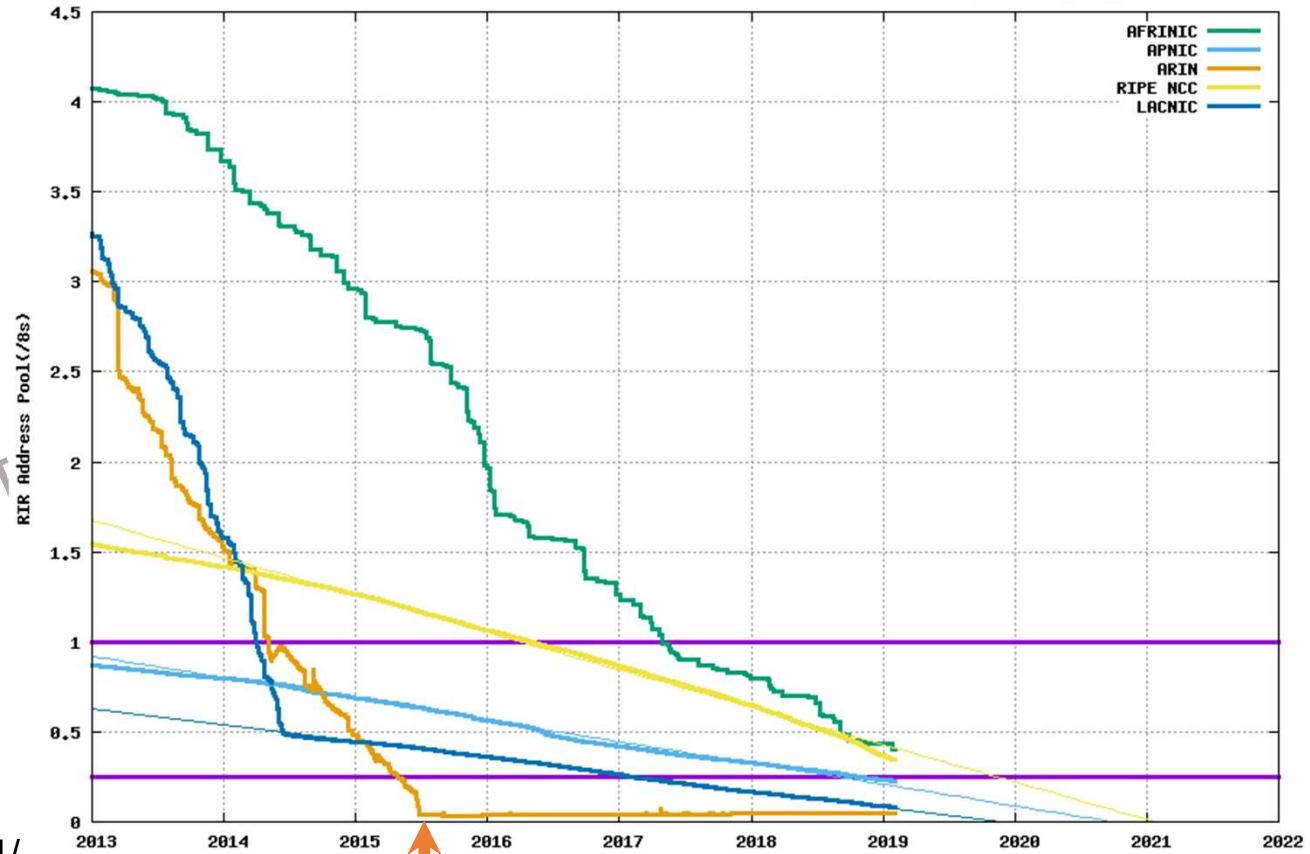


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# IPv4 Address Exhaustion

ARIN effectively ran out of IPv4 in 2015, by design. They chose to not reserve ANY IPv4 for future needs, in part to force the adoption of IPv6.



Source: <http://www.potaroo.net/tools/ipv4/>

# Cisco Visual Networking Index - 2017

By The End of 2021:

- 4.6B Internet users
- 5.5B Mobile users
- 12B Mobile-ready devices
- 27.1B Networked devices
- 82% of all traffic will be video
- 95% of data center traffic from the cloud
- 20.6ZB per year in global data center traffic

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/service-provider/visual-networking-index-vni/index.html>

# Internet Protocol Version 6

Next generation computer network protocol for use on the Internet & within private networks.

IPv6 draft standard defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) in 1995, now full Internet Standard (RFC 8200).

IPv6 has had more than a decade to mature and is now ready for wide-scale deployment.

IPv6 is designed to replace IPv4 but IPv6 is a different protocol, yet they can both coexist.

Organizations that connect to the Internet need to prepare their systems to communicate using IPv6.

# 5 Stages of Grief for IPv6

Denial – IPv6 will never happen. We don't need IPv6, we've got plenty of IPv4 space.

Anger – Why did they have to make the addresses so complicated?

Bargaining – If I go to IPv6 training then maybe the boss will quit bugging me about IPv6. I'll start on IPv6 when Google reaches 50% IPv6 traffic.

Depression – I have my work cut out for me to enable IPv6 on everything in our environment.

Acceptance – Maybe I should start at the Internet perimeter and start making some progress. Why didn't I deploy IPv6 sooner?

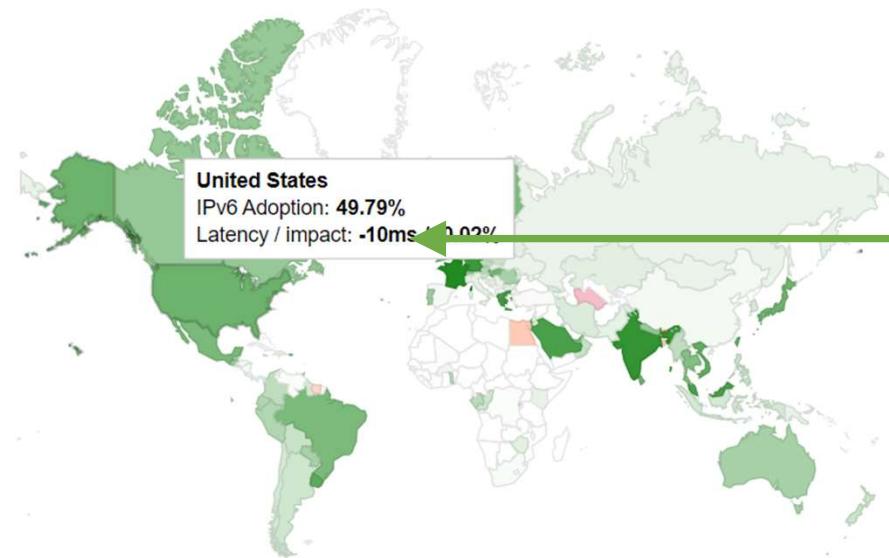
# Where are we at?

\*Country data ranked by % of IPv6 connections from that country.

RANK	IPv6%	COUNTRY / REGION
1	100%	Bahrain
2	58.4%	Saudi Arabia
3	58%	Montserrat
4	55.2%	Uruguay
5	54.8%	Germany
6	54.6%	France
7	54.2%	Malaysia
8	52.1%	United States
9	51.4%	Belgium
10	50.9%	Greece

IPv6 Adoption    Per-Country IPv6 adoption

Per-Country IPv6 adoption



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# IPv6 is SIMILAR to IPv4

Both IP versions are:

Same 4-layer protocol model

Connectionless datagram delivery protocols

End-to-end routed protocols – support for unicast, multicast, anycast

Carried on many Layer-2 protocols

Ethernet, PPP, SONET, Frame Relay, Fibre Channel, L2TP, FDDI, ARCNET

Supports popular TCP, UDP, SCTP, DCCP applications

DNS, DHCP, FTP, HTTP, etc. are similar

Same routing protocol & algorithms

ICMPv6 – similar

QoS (DiffServ, IntServ)

# IPv6 is DIFFERENT than IPv4

## IPv6:

IPv6 header has 128-bit source/destination addresses

IPv6 header has 20-bit Flow Label field

IPv6 does not use broadcast – multicast is used for all one-to-many communications

IPv6 hosts have multiple IPv6 addresses

Link-Local addresses (fe80::/10)

SLAAC

DHCPv6, Prefix Delegation

IPv6 has extension headers (e.g. IPsec AH and ESP)

Mobile IPv6 is much improved – but not really being used

IPv6 routers don't fragment packets - PMTUD

# Comparing IPv4 and IPv6

## IPv4:

192.0.2.1/24

$2^{32}$

Or 32-bit address space

We use NAT to hide our RFC 1918 private IPv4 addresses behind one or more public IPv4 addresses, we use a stateful firewall often at the same location as NAT

## IPv6:

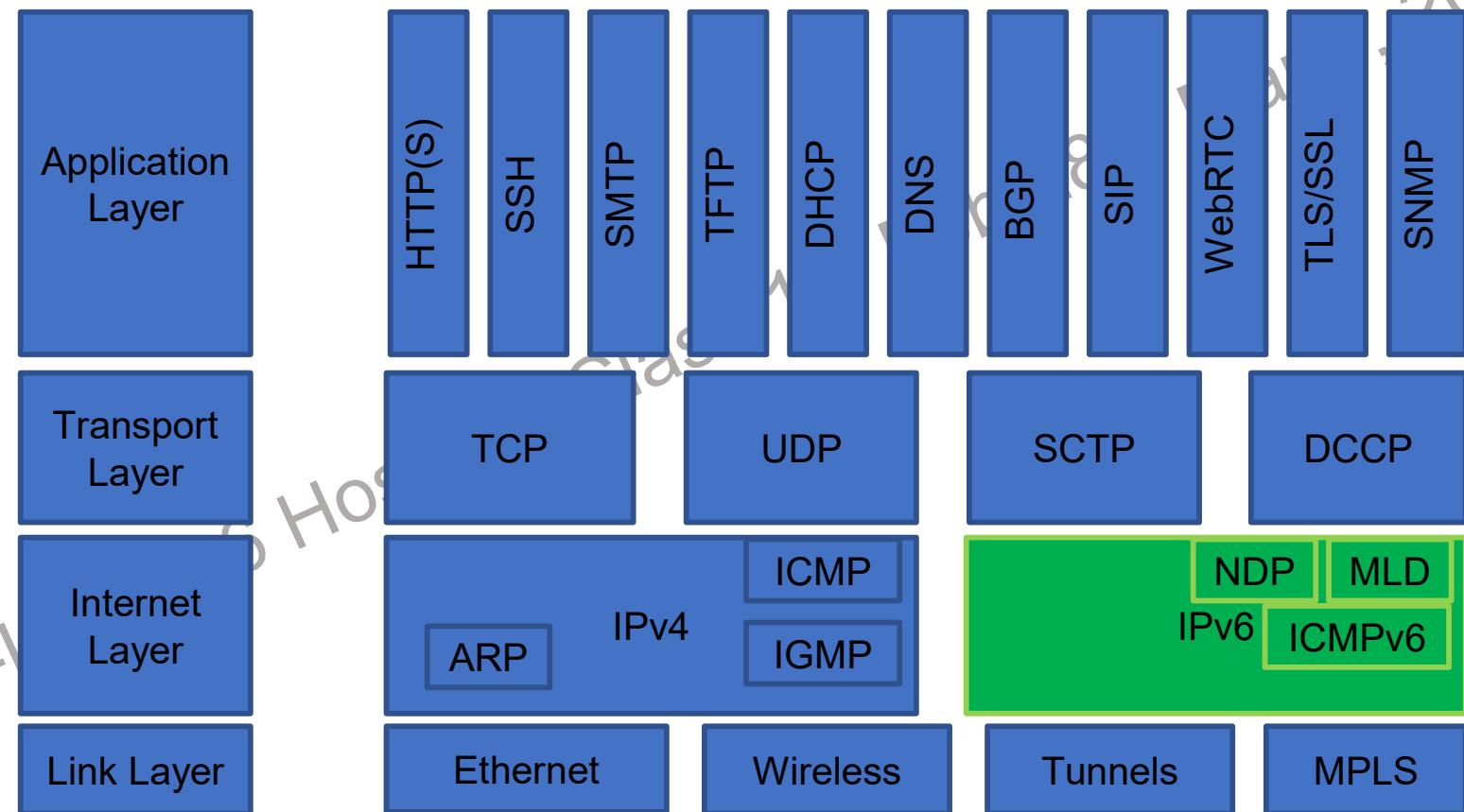
2001:db8:1234:abcd::1/64

$2^{128}$

Or 128-bit address space

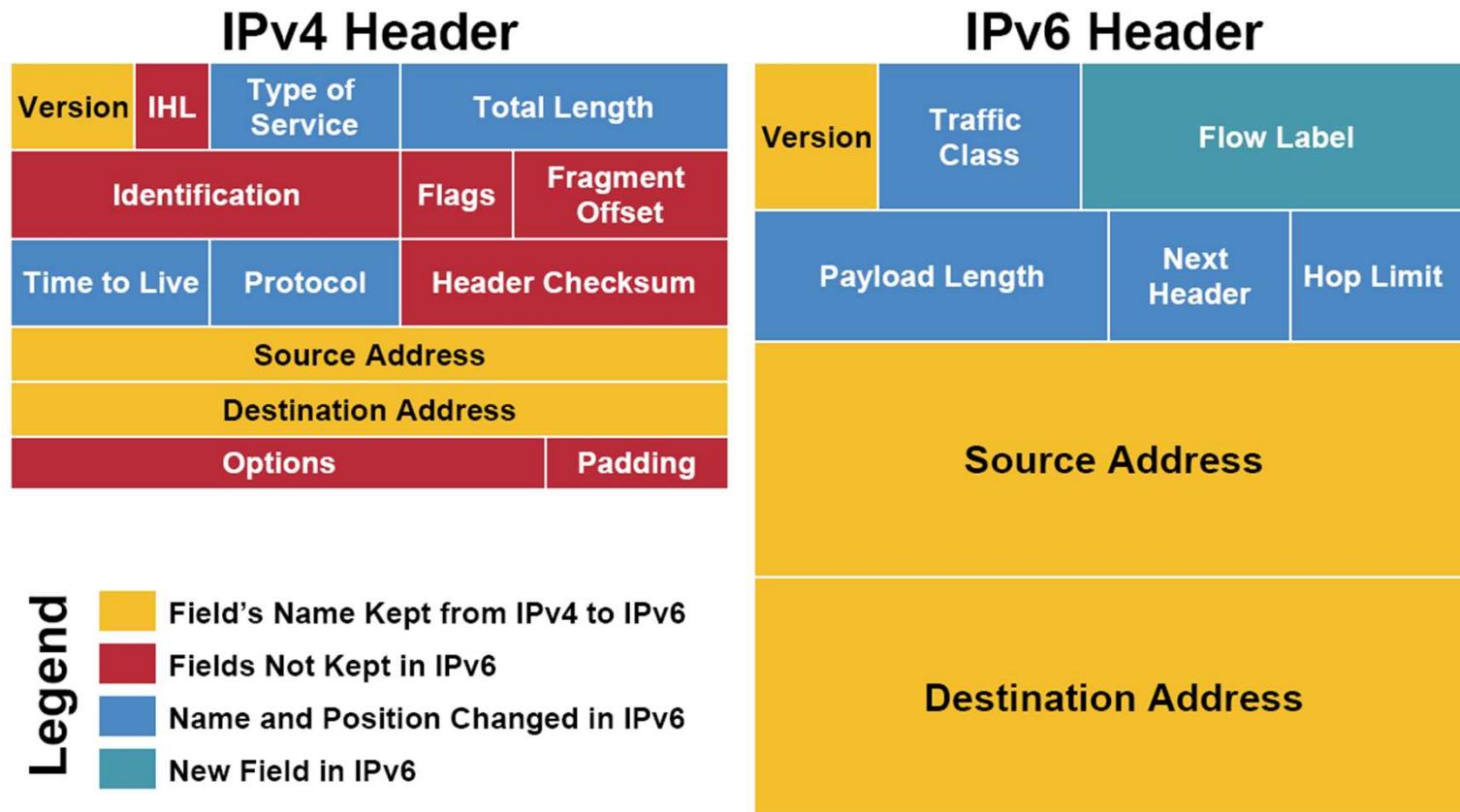
We use global IPv6 addresses so there is no need for NAT, but you will still use a stateful firewall to protect your network

# TCP/IP Protocol Stack

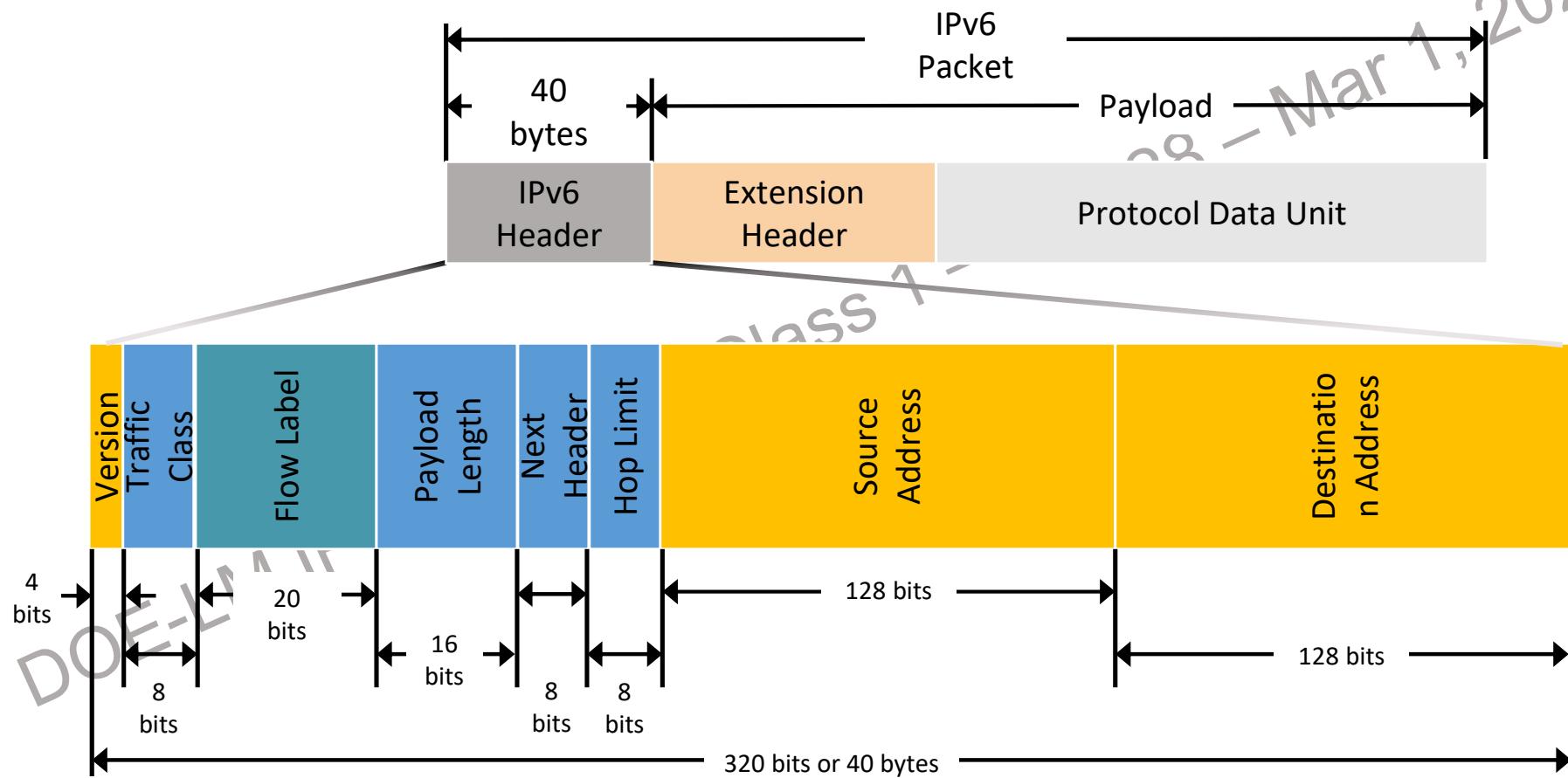


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# TCP/IP Protocol Headers Comparison



# IPv6 Packet



# Flow Label

## What is a Flow Label?

Flow Label is a 20-bit field (new in IPv6) that labels all packets in a single flow  
Flow Label is set by the source host (or first-hop router) and must not be changed in transit.

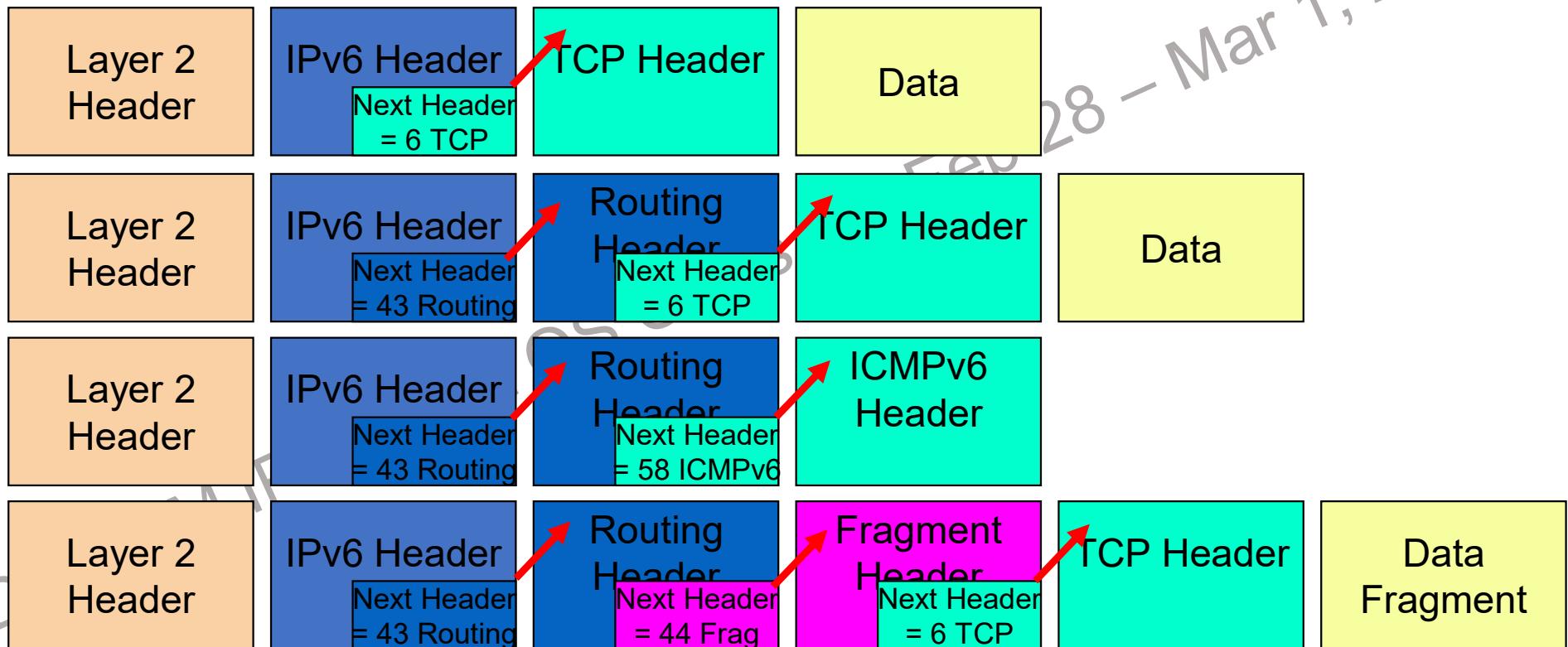
All packets belonging to the same stream must have the same flow label

Can be a 2/3/5-tuple

source/destination IP address, protocol type, and source/destination port numbers of transport protocol

Flow Label can help introduce entropy so that load balancing across link aggregation connections can operate more efficiently

# IPv6 Extension Headers – RFC 8200



<http://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv6-parameters/ipv6-parameters.xhtml>

# IPv6 Extension Header Numbers

- 0 - Hop-by-Hop Options, RFC 8200, Router Alert, RFC 2711
- 6 - Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), RFC 8200
- 17 - User Datagram Protocol (UDP), RFC 8200
- 41 - Generic Packet Tunneling in IPv6, RFC 2473
- 43 - Routing Options, RFC 8200 (RH0 – deprecated RFC 5095)
- 44 - Fragmentation Options, RFC 8200
- 50 - Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP), RFC 2406

# IPv6 Extension Header Numbers

51 - Authentication Header (AH), RFC 2402

58 - ICMPv6, RFC 2463 (now RFC 4443)

59 - No next header (NULL), RFC 8200

60 - Destination Options, RFC 8200

88 - Enhanced IGRP (EIGRP) for IP version 6

89 - Open Shortest Path First version 3 (OSPFv3), RFC 5340

103 - PIM-SM, RFC 4601

# Abundance of IPv6 Addresses

IPv4 is 32-bit address

$2^{32}$  is

4,294,967,296

or about 4.3 billion addresses total (~3.7B useable)

IPv6 Increased Src/Dst addresses to 128 bits

$2^{128}$  is

$3.4 \times 10^{38}$  is

340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456

or ~340 undecillion addresses

# How Big Is the IPv6 Address Space?

If each IP address equaled one gram:

IPv4 would be 1/76th the weight of the Empire State Building

IPv6 would be 56.7 billion times the Earth's weight!

There are 1,246 IPv6 addresses per square meter of the area of the Milky Way galaxy

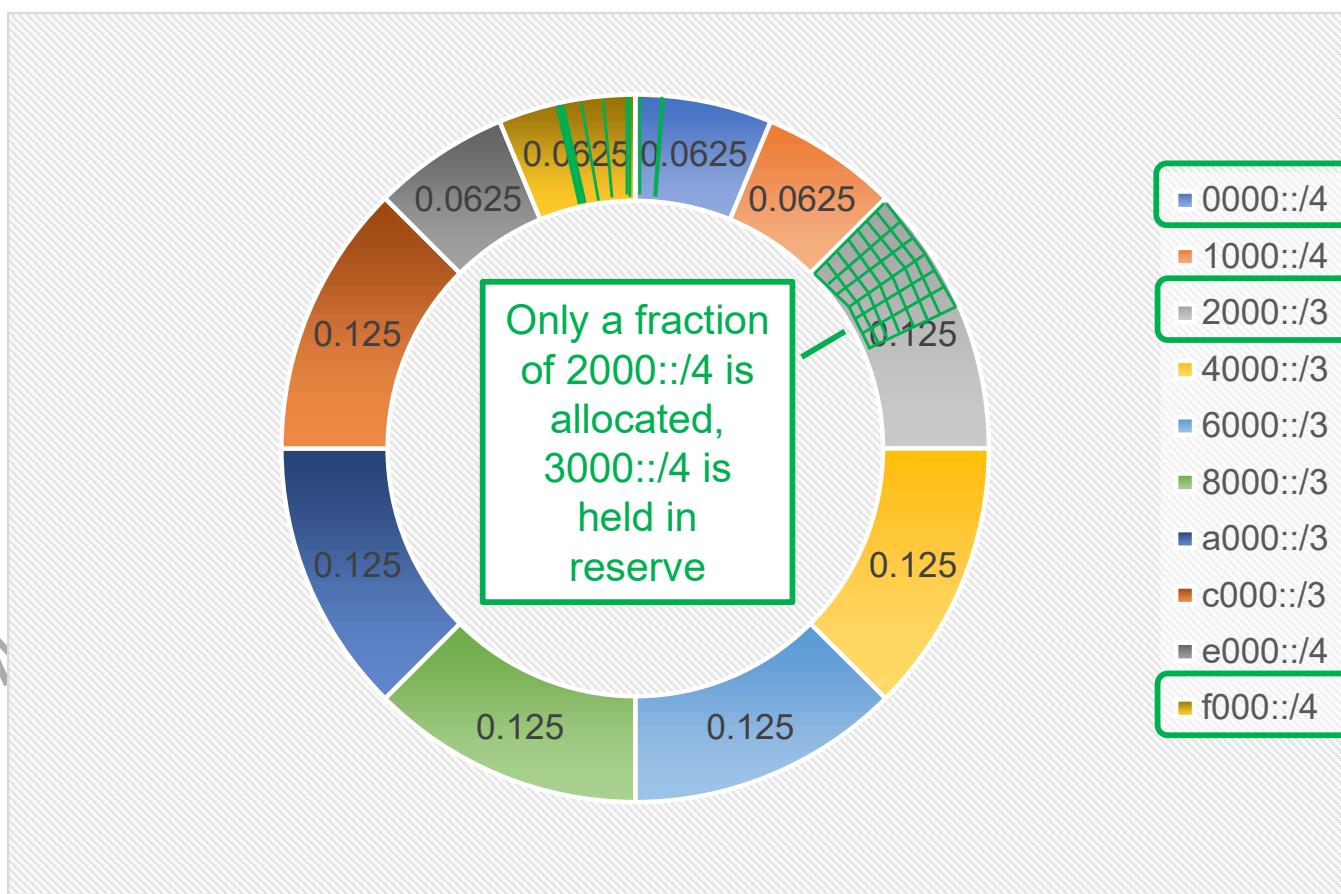
Every node on the IPv4 Internet can have its own IPv4 Internet  $2^{64}$  times (the existing Internet squared!)

That ought to be enough!



# How much IPv6 Address Space in Use?

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# IPv6 Addressing Notation

128 bits get converted into more readable form

0010 0000 0000 0001 1001 0000 1110 0000 0000 0000 0000 0011 0000 0000 0000  
0000 / 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0101 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000  
0000 0000 0000

Convert bits to hex, 8 “chunks” each with 4 hex digits

Also referred to as hextets, words, groups, quads

Fully-expanded format with all leading zeros shown

2001:90e0:0003:0000:0000:0050:0000:0000

# IPv6 Addressing Notation Continued

2001:90e0:0003:0000:0000:0050:0000:0000

Reduce by removing leading zeros

2001:90e0:3:0:0:50:0:0

Use :: to consolidate multiple zeros – only once

Fully-compressed format

2001:90e0:3::50:0:0 <- prefer compressing the leftmost zeros

But you can also do – both are acceptable

2001:90e0:3:0:0:50::

Prefix format/notation

2001:90e0:3::/64

# IPv6 Address Formatting

Store IPv6 addresses uncompressed – no zero compression and w/ leading zeros  
2001:90e0:0003:0000:0050:0000:0000

Prefix format/notation should be used for expressing a route

Lowercase letters of **a** through **f** should be used in addresses

Note: some operating systems and network equipment use uppercase **A** through **F** in addresses and prefix/routes. No idea why, just be aware

IPv4 addresses should just be expressed as IPv6 addresses via Mapped Addresses  
::ffff:**0:0**/96

# IPv6 Address Formatting Continued

When using an IPv6 address in an application it may require:

Square brackets around it, i.e.: [2001:db8:cafe:abcd:0001:0002:0003:0004]

A % to indicate the scope id (which interface to use), i.e.: 2001:db8:cafe::1%13

If a port is required, then brackets MUST be used, i.e.: [2001:db8:cafe::1]:8080

When in doubt, use brackets, but don't be surprised if things are not consistent

While it is possible to use IPv4 address notation for mapped addresses, it isn't guaranteed to always work so convert them to HEX

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# Hexadecimal Refresher

Decimal	Hex	Binary
0	0	0000
1	1	0001
2	2	0010
3	3	0011
4	4	0100
5	5	0101
6	6	0110
7	7	0111
8	8	1000
9	9	1001
10	A	1010
11	B	1011
12	C	1100
13	D	1101
14	E	1110
15	F	1111

# Can You Find Something Odd?

2001:0db8:0011:0000:abcd:0120:0000:0000

- 1) 2001;db8;0011;0000;abcd;0120;0000;0000
- 2) 2001:db8:0011:0:abcd:120::0000
- 3) 2001:db8:11::abcd:12:0:0
- 4) 2001:db8:11:0:abcd:120:0:0
- 5) 2001:db8:11::abcd:120::
- 6) 2oo1:db8:11:0:abcd:012o:0:0
- 7) 2001:db8:11:0:abcd:120::

# Addressing: Format Prefix

Reserved (::0/128)	0000 0000
Unassigned	0000 0001
Reserved for NSAP Allocation	0000 001
Reserved for IPX Allocation – later deprecated	0000 010
Unassigned	0000 011
Unassigned	0000 1
Unassigned	0001
Aggregatable Global Unicast Addresses (2000::/3)	001
Provider-Based Unicast Address	010
Unassigned	011
Rsvd for Neutral-Interconnect-Based Unicast Addrs	100
Unassigned	101

# Addressing: Format Prefix

Unassigned	110
Unassigned	1110
Unassigned	1111 0
Unassigned	1111 10
Unique Local (fc00::/7 = fc00::/8 & fd00::/8)	1111 110
Unassigned	1111 1110 0
Link Local Use Addresses (fe80::/10)	1111 1110 10
Site Local Use Addresses (fec0::/10) - deprecated	1111 1110 11
Multicast Addresses (ff00::/8)	1111 1111

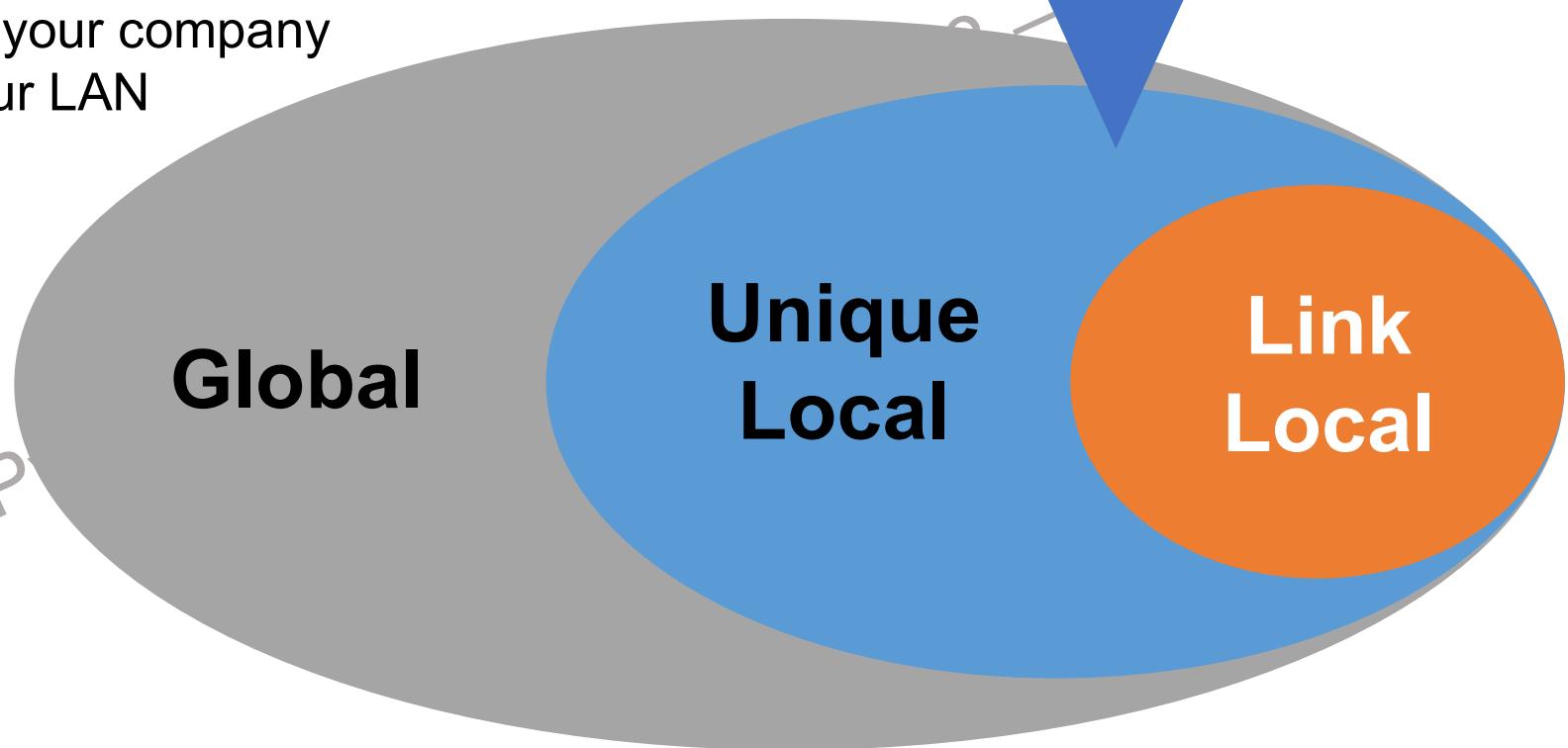
# IPv6 Address Scopes

Global = whole Internet

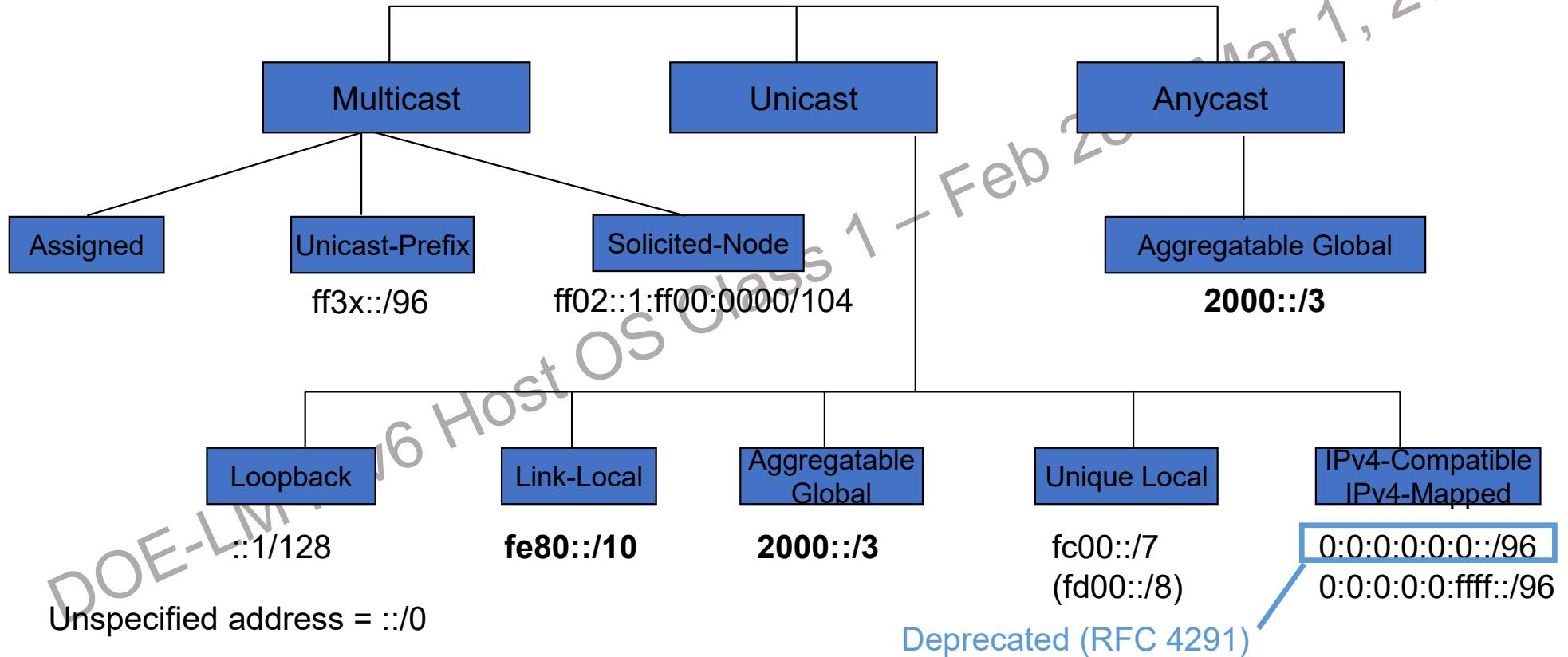
Unique Local = your company

Link Local = your LAN

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# IPv6 Address Types and Scope



# IPv4 Compatible/Mapped IPv6 Addresses

Addresses used for transition between IPv4 and IPv6

Both have first 80 bits of “0”s

IPv4-Mapped IPv6 Addresses

For IPv4-only-capable devices

192.168.12.34 gets mapped to

0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:**ffff**:192.168.12.34

IPv4-Compatible IPv6 Addresses (Deprecated)

192.168.12.34 gets mapped to

0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:**0000**:192.168.12.34

::ffff:c0a8:017b = ::ffff:192.168.1.123 = 192.168.1.123

# RIR Global Unicast Addresses - 2021

2001:0000::/23	IANA
2001:0200::/23	APNIC
<b>2001:0400::/23</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
2001:0600::/23	RIPE NCC
2001:0800::/22	RIPE NCC
2001:0c00::/23	APNIC (2001:db8::/32)
2001:0e00::/23	APNIC
2001:1200::/23	LACNIC
2001:1400::/22	RIPE NCC
<b>2001:1800::/23</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
2001:1a00::/23	RIPE NCC
2001:1c00::/22	RIPE NCC

# RIR Global Unicast Addresses

2001:2000::/19	RIPE NCC
2001:4000::/23	RIPE NCC
2001:4200::/23	AFRINIC
2001:4400::/23	APNIC
2001:4600::/23	RIPE NCC
<b>2001:4800::/23</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
2001:4a00::/23	RIPE NCC
2001:4c00::/23	RIPE NCC
2001:5000::/20	RIPE NCC
2001:8000::/19	APNIC
2001:8000::/19	APNIC
2001:a000::/20	APNIC

# RIR Global Unicast Addresses

2001:b000::/20	APNIC
2002:0000::/16	6to4
2003:0000::/18	RIPE NCC
2400:0000::/12	APNIC
<b>2600:0000::/12</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
<b>2610:0000::/23</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
<b>2620:0000::/23</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
<b>2630:0000::/12</b>	<b>ARIN</b>
2800:0000::/12	LACNIC
2a00:0000::/12	RIPE NCC
2a10:0000::/12	RIPE NCC
2c00:0000::/12	AFRINIC

# ARIN GUA IPv6 Prefix Allocation

If you are an enterprise with an IPv4 ARIN address block and an ASN

<https://www.arin.net/policy/nrpm.html>

<https://www.arin.net/resources/request.html>

Then you qualify for a /48 per “site”, rounded up to next nibble boundary of Provider Independent (PI) space

1 site = /48

≤12 sites = /44

≤ 192 sites = /40

≤ 3072 sites = /36

≤ 49152 sites = /32

Many SMB will be  
a /44 to /40 by  
default



# Additional IPv6 Addressing Thoughts

Typically break up IPv6 addresses on a hex-character boundary (nibble)  
Enterprise Solution

/44 allocation would be typical for 12 sites or less

/48 for each campus/office – min. Internet route – allows high availability

/56 for each building

/64 for each VLAN and Pt-2-Pt link

IP Address Management Solutions are required

Excel spreadsheets are not a good plan

Get your staff to think/dream in hex – for nibble prefix, count by 4

# Wasting a /64 – Let's Do Some Math

Many people can't seem to get past the fact that a /64 is considered "wasteful"

A single /64 can have 18 quintillion nodes or 18,446,744,073,709,551,616 nodes

If you had a network with 1M nodes, your efficiency is infinitesimally small

$$n = \frac{x}{1.8 \times 10^{19}} = \frac{1.0 \times 10^6}{1.8 \times 10^{19}} = 0.0000000000005421011$$

Whether you have 2 or 2M nodes, you are using only a small fraction of the /64

When the human population reaches 10B, each person could receive 1,844,674,407 /64s

<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-Center-of-Excellence/How-Many-IPv6-Nodes-Can-You-Have-on-a-LAN/ba-p/6092>

# IPv6 Address Simplicity

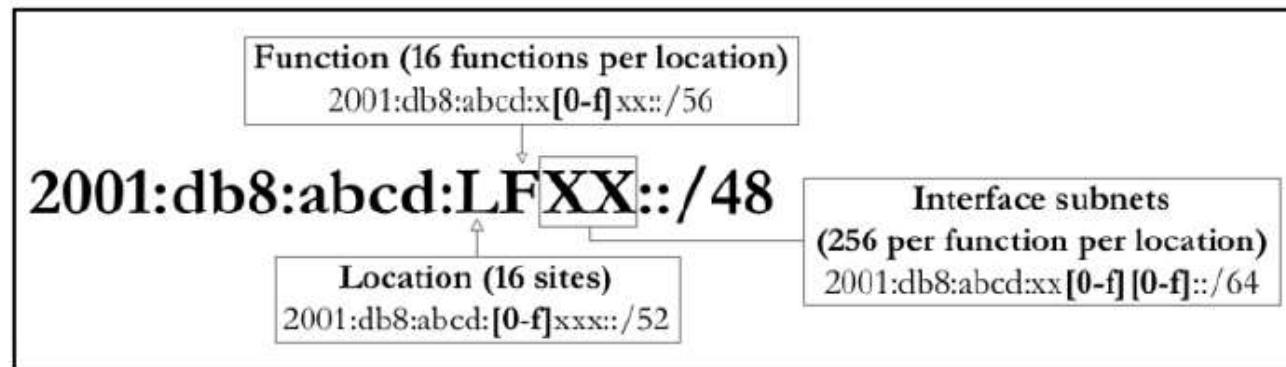
Abundance of IPv6 address prefixes means addressing for simplicity rather than scarcity

IPv6 addresses naturally relate to location/topology

IPv6 addressing and routing area BFFs

Location represented in high-order hex digits

Opportunity to assign function within locations



Source: IPv6 Address Planning: Designing an Address Plan for the Future, by Tom Coffeen

# IPv6 Addressing Principles

Plan for number of **subnets** not number of host addresses (subnets are a /64)

Allocate or assign subnets in a way that leave additional in reserve for future use (sparse allocation)

Define a site in a way that best fits your organization's operational and administrative needs (a typical site allocation is a /48)

Though consistency within sites can increase operational efficiency, not every site must have the same plan internally (but start off that way – keep it simple)

[http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/SBA/February2013/Cisco\\_SBA\\_BN\\_IPv6AddressingGuide-Feb2013.pdf](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/solutions/SBA/February2013/Cisco_SBA_BN_IPv6AddressingGuide-Feb2013.pdf)

# IPv6 Addressing Principles Continued

For instance, a remote office is unlikely to have the same hierarchical requirements (or function or location assignments) as a data center

Just because you have the bits to accommodate it doesn't mean that you need to use them to create hierarchy for its own sake

Try to make your plan as simple as possible with as few levels of hierarchy as absolutely necessary (but no fewer than that – ying & yang and inner Zen help!)

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# IPv6 Address Planning Book

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Chapter 1 Where We've Been, Where We're Going

Chapter 2 What You Need To Know About IPv6 Addressing

Chapter 3 Planning Your IPv6 Deployment

Chapter 4 IPv6 Subnetting

Chapter 5 IPv6 Address Planning Concepts

Chapter 6 Getting IPv6 Addresses

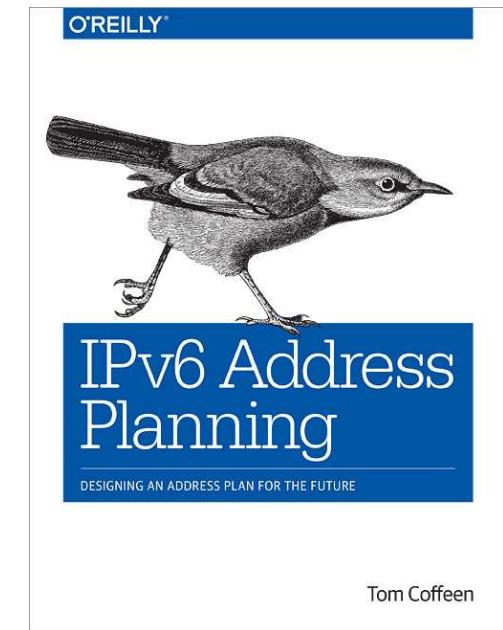
Chapter 7 Creating an IPv6 Addressing Plan

Chapter 8 Working with IPAM and DDI

Chapter 9 Managing Growth and Change

Chapter 10 Keeping Your IPv6 Addresses

<http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920033622.do>



# Unique Local Addresses (ULA)

RFC 4193 - Unique Local IPv6 Unicast Addresses -  
fc00::/7

Unicast addresses for private use – not for use on the Global Internet  
Unique to an organization to avoid address overlaps when organizations connect  
fd00::/8 – then 40-bit Global ID is pseudo-random to avoid conflicts

fdxx:xxxx:xxxx:yyyy:abcd:abcd:abcd

ULA-Centralized – Registered ULA – no longer active – it sort of defeated the purpose of ULA!!!

<https://www.sixxs.net/tools/grh/ula/> - Even SixXS realized this was dumb  
Global Unique Addresses (GUA) are preferred

<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-Center-of-Excellence/3-Ways-to-Ruin-Your-Future-Network-with-IPv6-Unique-Local/ba-p/6177>

# IPv6 Multicast Addresses

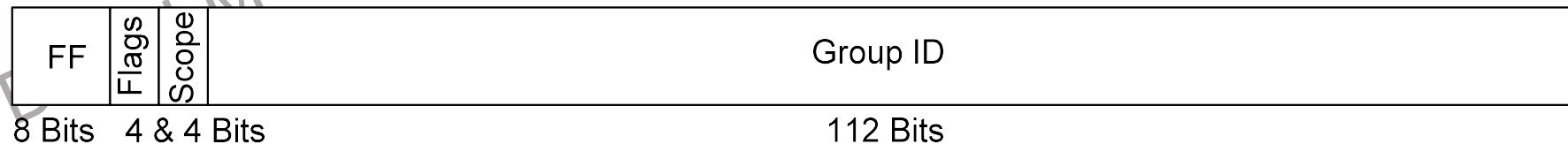
## Flags Field: [0|R|P|T] (RFC 7371)

Bit 1 = Reserved must be zero

Bit 2 = Set to 1 if Embedded RP is used

Bit 3 = 1 if address is assigned based on network prefix

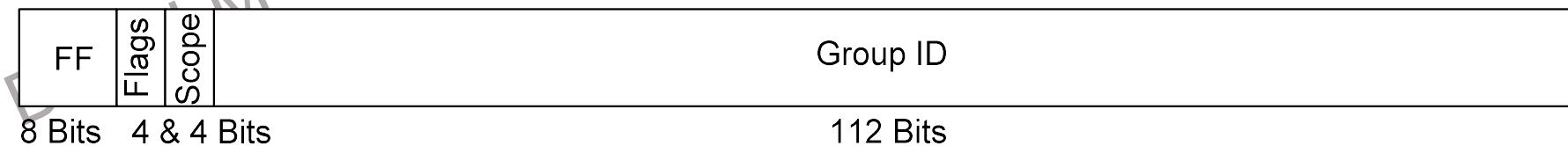
Bit 4 = Set to 0 if it is a well-known multicast address – Permanently assigned, Set to 1 if this is a non-permanently-assigned ("transient") – Temporarily assigned



# IPv6 Multicast Addresses

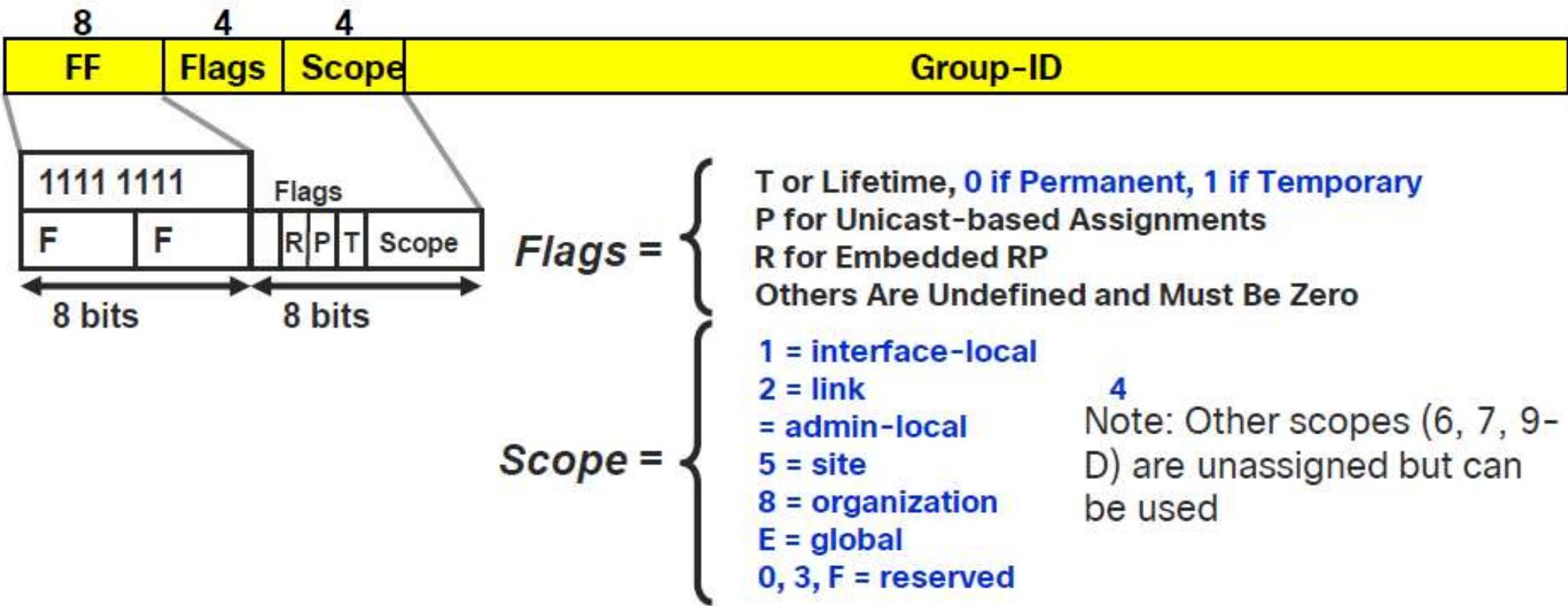
## Scope Field: (RFC 4291, RFC 7346)

- 1 – Interface/Node-Local – ff01
- 2 – Link-Local – ff02
- 3 – Realm-Local – ff03 (RFC 7346)
- 4 – Admin-Local – ff04
- 5 – Site-Local – ff05
- 8 – Organization-Local – ff08
- E – Global – ff0e



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# IPv6 Multicast Addresses



Source: Cisco Live BRKRST-2095

# IPv6 Multicast Addresses

## Permanently assigned multicast addresses

ff02:0:0:0:0:0:1 - All Nodes Address (ff02::1)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:2 - All Routers Address (ff02::2)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:5 - OSPFIGP (ff02::5)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:6 - OSPFIGP DR (ff02::6)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:9 - RIPng Routers (ff02::9)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:A - EIGRPv6 Routers (ff02::A)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:B - Mobile-Agents (ff02::B)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:D - All PIM Routers (ff02::D)  
ff02:0:0:0:0:0:12 – VRRP (ff02::12)

# IPv6 Multicast Addresses

## Permanently assigned multicast addresses

ff02:0:0:0:0:0:16 - All MLDv2 capable Routers (ff02::16)

ff02:0:0:0:0:1:2 - All-dhcp-agents (ff02::1:2)

ff02:0:0:0:0:1:3 - Link Local multicast name resolution (ff02::1:3)

ff02:0:0:0:0:1:ff00:0000/104 - Solicited-Node Address for NDP

ff02:0:0:0:0:2:ff00::/104 - Node Information Queries (NIQ)

ff05:0:0:0:0:0:2 - All Routers Address (ff05::2)

ff05:0:0:0:0:1:3 - All DHCP servers (ff05::1:3)

# IPv6 Anycast Addresses

Anycast is the method of sending a packet to the topologically “nearest” node from a group of potential receivers all using the same address

Anycast is “one-to-one-of-many”

Anycast addresses violate the “laws of uniqueness” of IP addresses

Only routers and special servers should respond to an anycast address

IPv6 anycast addresses look the same as an IPv6 unicast address

Anycast is used for DNS root name servers

Subnet Router Anycast Addresses (RFC 4291)

Reserved Subnet Anycast Addresses (RFC 2526)

# IPv6 Link-Local Addresses

These are the IPv6 addresses that every host has on its interfaces

When a host boots up it assigns a fe80::/10 IPv6 address to its interfaces, the last 64 bits are the IID

fe80:0000:0000:0000:abcd:abcd:abcd:abcd

You can think of these like APIPA (169.254.0.0/16)

They are only used for communication on the local link (local “broadcast” domain) – not used for off-link communications

The same link-local address can be used on a node's multiple interfaces  
A link-local address is a perfectly valid next-hop address

# ICMPv6

ICMPv6 uses IPv6 extension header #58 (RFC 4443)

Type Description

1	Destination Unreachable
2	Packet to Big
3	Time exceeded
4	Parameter problem
128	Echo Request
129	Echo Reply
130	Multicast Listener Query – sent to ff02::1 (all nodes)
131	Multicast Listener Report
132	Multicast Listener Done – sent to ff02::2 (all routers)

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ICMPv6 uses IPv6 extension header #58 (RFC 4443)

- 133 Router Solicitation (RS) – sent to ff02::2 (all routers)
- 134 Router Advertisement (RA) – sent to ff02::1 (all nodes)
- 135 Neighbor Solicitation (NS)** – sent to ff02:0:0:0:0:1:ff00::/104
- 136 Neighbor Advertisement (NA)**
- 137 Redirect message**

Router  
Redirection

ARP  
Replacement

# IPv6 Router Advertisements

IPv6 uses Router Advertisements (RAs)

An RA is sent out every 200 seconds or in response to a Router Solicitation (RS)

An RA uses ICMPv6 Type 133 and an RS uses ICMPv6 Type 134

The RA is used to tell all the host who is the default gateway for the network

The RA us also used to tell the hosts how to provision an address (SLAAC or DHCPv6)

The RA can also provide DNS server information

You may not always have an RA, think a Data Center deployment, but otherwise, it is likely being used

# Router Solicitation and Advertisements



Nodes send RSs (Type 133)  
On bootup when they can't wait  
200 seconds for the next RA

Source: fe80::/10  
Link-Local address of Node  
Destination: ff02::2 (all routers)

Data: Query to send RA,  
Source LL Addr

<https://community.infoblox.com/blogs/2014/06/16/why-you-must-use-icmpv6-router-advertisements-ras>

Routers send RAs (Type 134)  
Every 200 seconds or  
Responding to an RS message

Source: fe80::/10  
Link-Local address of Router  
Destination: ff02::1 (all nodes)

Data: Options, subnet prefix,  
lifetime, autoconfig flags (M&O bits)

# RA Message Data

RA messages contain valuable information for nodes to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and get on the network

- Router Lifetime
- Reachable Time
- Retransmission Timer
- Source Link-Layer Address
- MTU size for the link
- Prefix Information
- Address Autoconfiguration Flag – A flag
- On-Link Flag – L flag
- Managed Address Configuration Flag - M flag
- Other Stateful Configuration Flag - O flag

# RA Message Information

Address Autoconfiguration Flag – A-bit (AdvAutonomousFlag) – Indicates SLAAC  
A = 0 = Node should not perform stateless address assignment  
A = 1 = Node should perform stateless address assignment

On-Link Flag - L-bit (AdvOnLinkFlag) – Indicates Link-Status  
L = 1 = Prefix is “on-link”, hosts can directly reach each other in same prefix without using local router  
L = 0 = Hosts in same prefix may be on a different physical/virtual link, use the local router

# RA Message Information

Managed Address Configuration Flag – M-bit (AdvManagedFlag) – Indicates DHCPv6 use

M = 0 = No managed address assignment

M = 1 = User managed address assignment with DHCPv6

Other Stateful Configuration Flag – O-bit (AdvOtherConfigFlag) – Indicates other info is available

O = 0 = No other information is available

O = 1 = Host should use DHCPv6 to get other config info

# RA Message Parameters

A = 1, L = 1, M = 0, O = 0

End host use stateless address auto-configuration (SLAAC)

A = 1, L = 1, M = 0, O = 1

End hosts use SLAAC, but also use DHCPv6 stateless to learn DNS and other information DHCPv6 from local router

A = 0, L = 1, M = 1, O = 0

End hosts or subscriber devices should use stateful DHCPv6 for all information and other optional data

A = 0, L = 1, M = 0, O = 0

Servers using static address assignment

# Renumbering Still Needs Work – RFC 5887

Site renumbering for IPv4 and IPv6 can be burdensome

Static addresses must be renumbered

DHCP/DHCPv6/SLAAC can help

Public IPv6 addresses must change, but IPv4 private addresses don't because they are NAT'ed

Preference to use PI IPv6 addresses rather than PA IPv6 addresses

Even static private IPv4 renumbering can still be difficult

# Neighbor Solicitation and Advertisements



Nodes send NSs (Type 135)  
When sending IPv6 packet to  
Another node

Source: Unicast IPv6 Address  
Destination: Solicited Node  
Multicast Address  
ff02::1:ffaa:bbcc

Data: Target link-layer address  
Query: What is your link-layer address?

Routers send NAs (Type 136)  
Responding to an NS message

Source: Unicast IPv6 Address  
Destination: Unicast Address of  
Requestor or ff02::1 (all nodes)

Data: R/S/O Flags, Target's Link-layer  
address  
Response: Here is my IPv6 and link-  
layer address.

# Solicited Node Multicast Address

Multicast addresses used for Neighbor Discovery

Destination IPv6 address in ICMPv6 NS message

ff02::1:ff00::1/104

ff02:0:0:0:0:1:ff~~XX:XXXX~~

Last 24-bits of queried IPv6 address is copied into last bits of solicited node multicast address

Destination MAC address of NS packet uses IPv6 multicast address

33-33-~~00-00-00-00~~ to 33-33-~~FF-FF-FF-FF~~

Last 32-bits of destination IPv6 address is copied into MAC address

2001:db8:1000:2000:1234:5678:9abc:1234

ff02::1:~~ffbc:1234~~

33-33-~~FF-BC-12-34~~

# Duplicate Address Detection – DAD Rules

Must be performed by all nodes

Performed with both stateless and stateful autoconfiguration

Performed before assigning a unicast address to an interface

Performed on interface initialization

Not performed for anycast addresses

Link must be multicast capable

New address is called "tentative" as long as duplicate address detection takes place

# DAD Process

1. Interface joins all-nodes multicast group
2. Interface joins solicited-node multicast group
3. Node sends one NS with
  - Target address = tentative IP address
  - Source address = unspecified (::)
  - Destination address = tentative solicited-node address

# DAD Resolution

If address already exists, the particular node sends a NA with

Target address = tentative IP address

Destination address = tentative solicited-node address

If soliciting node receives NA with target address set to the tentative IP address, the address must be duplicate

The host does not configure or use the address



# DAD Issues

What if you were to ping your own link-local from yourself?

Would that trigger DAD detection?

What if a node on the local network used that same technique to take you offline?

For statically assigned hosts, you may not need the DAD process to function.

Some devices now allow disabling of DAD

Highly unlikely to be a conflict when using a dynamic addressing method

# Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC)

## RFC 4862, IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration

If the Address Autoconfiguration Flag ("A" flag) = 1

If the Managed Address Configuration Flag ("M" flag) = 0

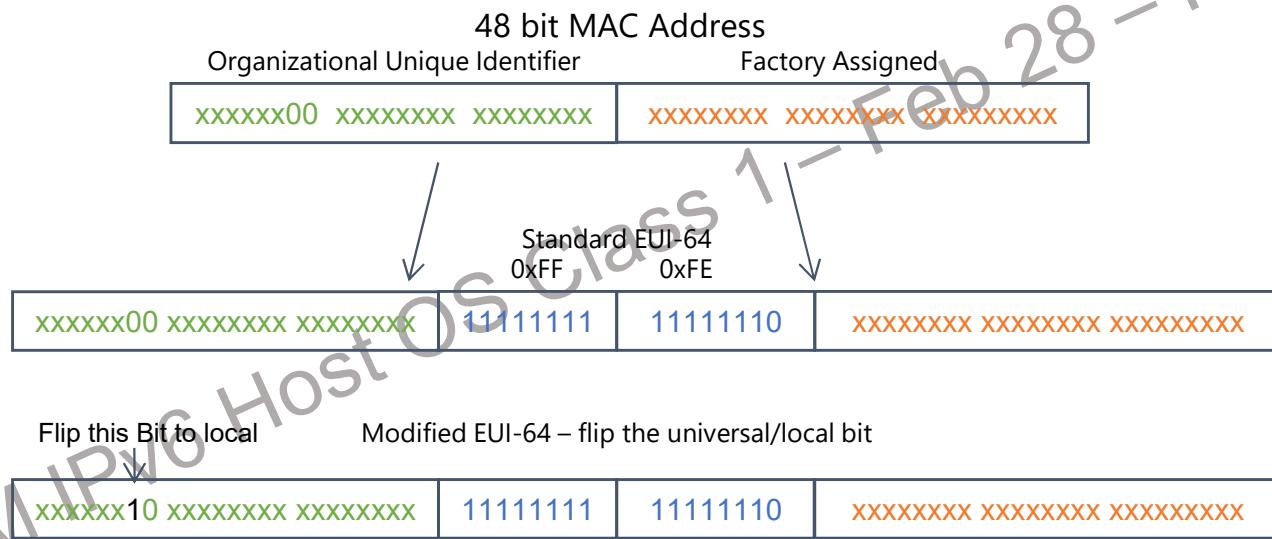
If the Other Stateful Configuration Flag ("O" flag) = 0

Then host then uses the prefix information from the RA for the network portion of the node's IPv6 address

Statelessly configures its own Interface Identifier (Interface ID)

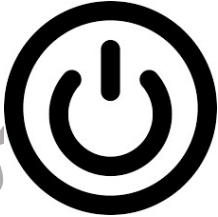
Using either EUI-64, privacy, or temporary addressing

# EUI-64 Interface ID



# SLAAC Cisco Router Configuration Example

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
ipv6 multicast-routing
ipv6 cef
!
interface GigabitEthernet 0/2
    description Dual-Protocol, RA A=1, L=1, M=0, O=0
    ip address 192.168.123.1 255.255.255.0
    ipv6 address 2001:db8:1234:5678::1/64
! Or
    ipv6 address 2001:db8:1234:5678::/64 eui-64
!
show ipv6 interface
show ipv6 neighbors
show ipv6 routers
```



# Recap IPv6 Host Startup

Host sends ICMPv6 type 135 NS for DAD of its link-local address

If this succeeds (no ICMPv6 type 136 NA reply) then it sends an ICMPv6 type 133 RS message to all routers (ff02::2)

The router sends the ICMPv6 type 134 RA message to all nodes (ff02::1)

The host interprets the A/M/O/L bits and proceeds with address configuration (SLAAC or DHCPv6)

# IPv6 Addressing Methods

Servers/appliances in data centers or DMZ:

- Statically assigned

- Stateful DHCPv6 – very rare cases and only by approval

- SLAAC – never allowed

Host based systems on internal Networks:

- Stateful DHCPv6

- Stateless DHCPv6

- Full Statically assigned – must be obtained from appropriate authority (define the authority(ies)). DNS and other critical items are manually assigned

- SLAAC – only if no other means is supported.

- Privacy addresses are not allowed at all.

# Other IPv6 Features

IPv6 requires every network link be capable of minimum MTU of 1280 bytes

IPv6 routers don't fragment packets

Hosts perform their own Path MTU Discovery

MTU path discovery uses ICMP "packet too big" error messages

Provider selection (based on policy, performance, cost, ...)

Host mobility (route to current location)

Auto-readdressing (route to new address)

(Use IPv6's routing extension header)



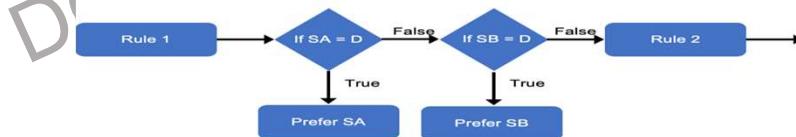
# IPv6 Address Selection

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# RFC 6724 Pairwise Sorting

## Source Address Selection

1. Prefer same address
2. Prefer appropriate scope
3. Avoid deprecated addresses
4. Prefer home addresses
5. Prefer outgoing interface
6. Prefer matching label
7. Prefer privacy addresses
8. Use longest matching prefix



## Destination Address Selection

1. Avoid unusable destinations
2. Prefer matching scope
3. Avoid deprecated addresses
4. Prefer home addresses
5. Prefer matching label
6. Prefer higher precedence
7. Prefer native transport
8. Prefer smaller scope
9. Use longest matching prefix
10. Otherwise, leave the order unchanged

# RFC 6724 – Source Address Selection

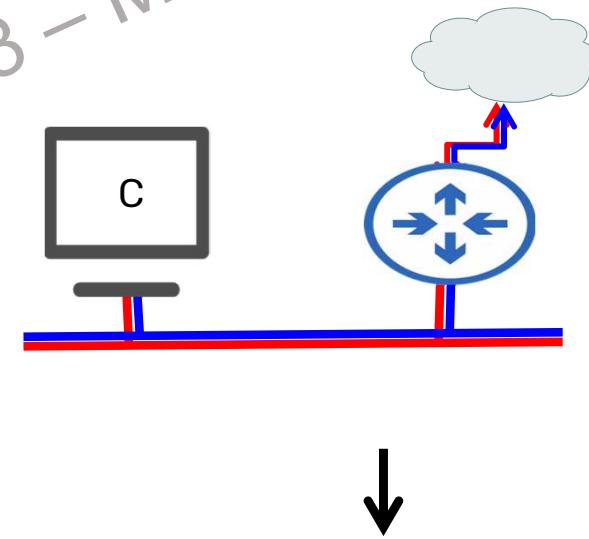
- IPv6 over IPv4, but which IPv6 first..
- Scope = Local, ULA, Global
- State = Preferred over Deprecated
- Interface = Assigned vs. another
- Privacy = Temporary over Public



Public  
Temporary  
Link



Preferred 2001:db8:4646:1:4f02:8a34:bead:a136 Ix  
Preferred 2001:db8:4646:1:bd86:ea49:41f1:39c1 Ix  
Preferred fe80::4f02:8a34:bead:a136

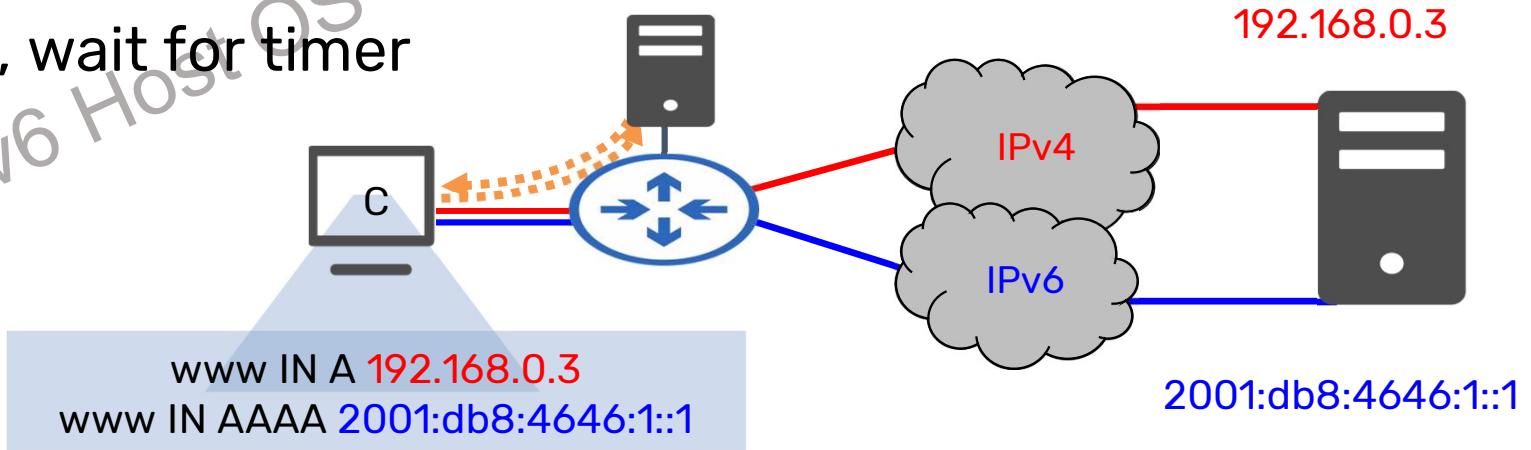


# Dual Stack OS Consideration

RFC 6555 8305

Happy Eyeballs

- In a dual stack case, an application can:
  - Query DNS (AAAA/A) over **IPv6** then **IPv4**
  - Resolution delay (50ms) IPv6 head start
    - AAAA first, send TCP SYN
    - A first, wait for timer



# Address, Which Address?

- Link Local (fe80::/10) is required for any device with IPv6 enabled
- At least 2 IPv6 addresses per interface for global connectivity
- Majority of access layer devices will have LL as their DfGw



Host	Addresses	Router	Addresses
Ethernet	B8:E8:56:1A:2B:3C	Ethernet	00:00:0C:3A:8B:18
IPv6 Link Local	fe80::bae8:56ff:fe1a:2b3c	IPv6 Link Local	fe80::0200:0cff:fe3a:8b18
IPv6 Global	2001:db8:1:46:1b2:c:3:4e5	IPv6 Global	2001:db8:1:46::1
Default Gwy.	fe80::0200:0cff:fe3a:8b18	RA Prefix	2001:db8:1:46::/64

# Transition and Translation



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# IPv6 Transition Techniques

Dual Stack

Tunnel/Encapsulation

Configured Tunnels

Automatic Tunnels (Dynamic Tunneling)

6to4

ISATAP

Teredo

Tunnel Broker with TSP

Translation, Application Layer Gateways

Proxy

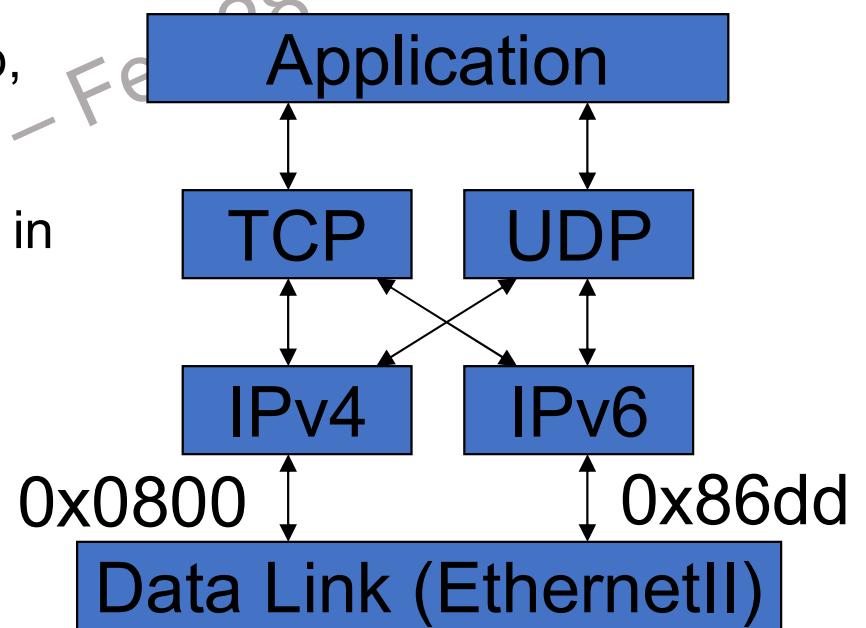
NAT-PT (deprecated), NAT64/DNS64, NPT

# Dual-Stack Model

## Dual-Stack Architecture – RFC 1933

Choice of the IP version is based on name lookup, application or operating system preference

IPv4 and IPv6 packets flow in Ethernet like “ships in the night”



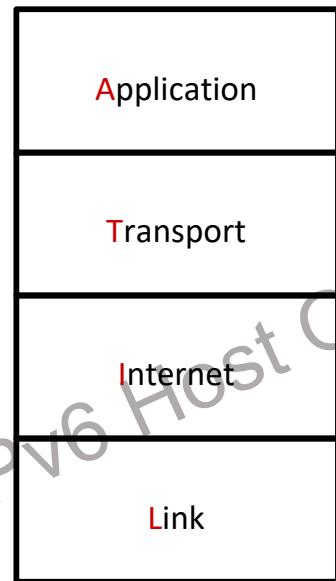
# Node-to-Node Communication

For two nodes to communicate they must support one common protocol

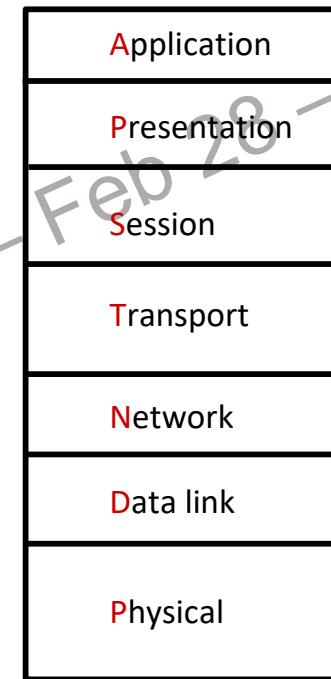
An IPv4-only node cannot communicate with an IPv6-only node

	IPv4-Only	Dual Protocol	IPv6-Only
IPv4-Only	Yes (IPv4)	Yes (IPv4)	No
Dual Protocol	Yes (IPv4)	Yes (IPv6, IPv4)	Yes (IPv6)
IPv6-Only	No	Yes (IPv6)	Yes (IPv6)

# TCP/IP Verses OSI Model



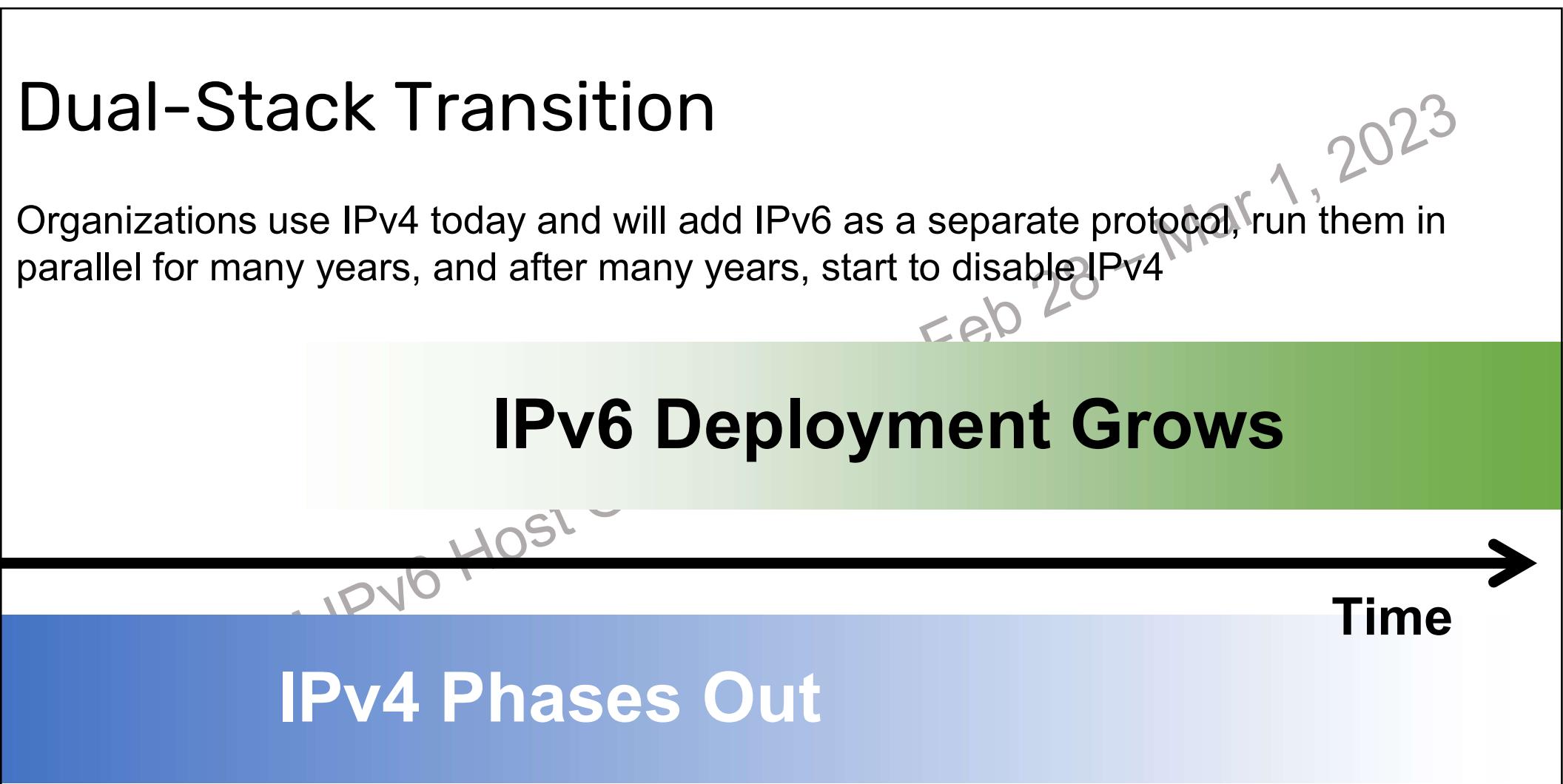
TCP/IP Model



OSI Model

# Dual-Stack Transition

Organizations use IPv4 today and will add IPv6 as a separate protocol, run them in parallel for many years, and after many years, start to disable IPv4



## IPv6 Deployment Grows

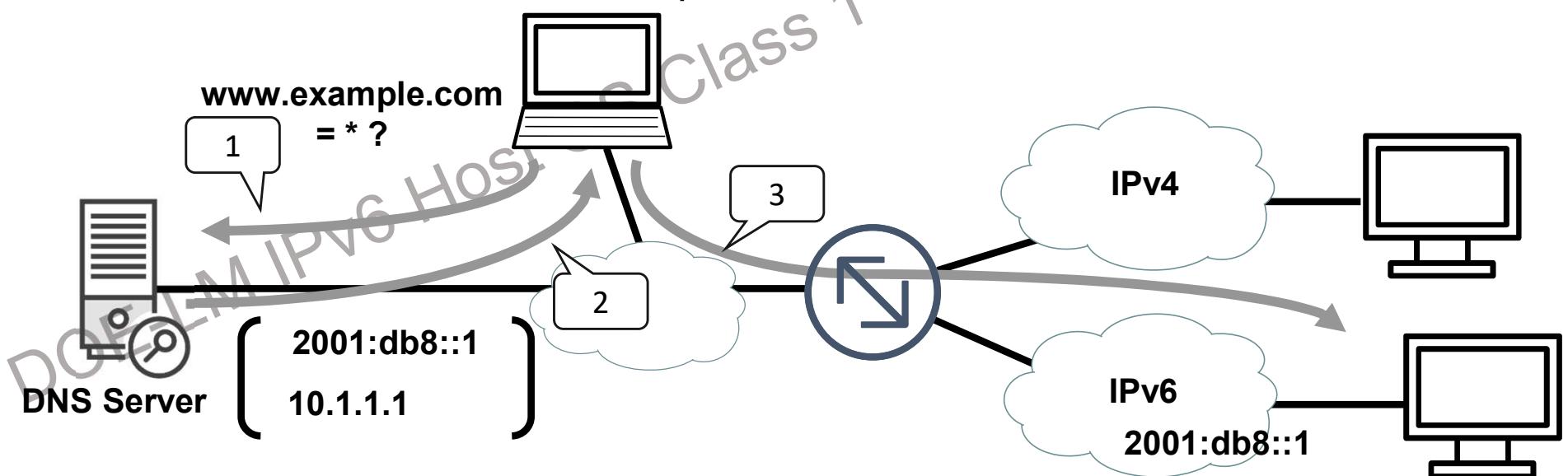
Time

## IPv4 Phases Out

# Dual-Stack Behavior

In a Dual Stack Case, an Application that:

- Is IPv4 and IPv6-enabled
- Asks the DNS for all types of addresses
- Chooses one address and, for example, connects to the IPv6 address



# Simple Cisco IOS Dual-Stack Router Example

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
ipv6 multicast-routing
ipv6 cef
!
interface Loopback0
 ip address 200.100.1.3 255.255.255.255
 ipv6 address 2001:db8:10:10::10/128
!
interface Ethernet 0
 ip address 192.168.100.1 255.255.255.0
 ipv6 address 2001:db8:1:1::1/64
!
ipv6 route ::/0 2001:db8:1:1::100
```

# Simple JunOS Dual-Stack Router Example

```
interfaces {  
    ge-0/0/0 {  
        unit 0 {  
            family inet {  
                address 192.168.4.2/24;  
            }  
            family iso {  
                mtu 1492;  
            }  
            family inet6 {  
                address 2001:db8:4::2/64;  
            }  
        }  
        ge-0/0/1 {  
            unit 0 {  
                family inet {  
                    address 192.168.64.1/24;  
                }  
                family iso {  
                    mtu 1492;  
                }  
                family inet6 {  
                    address  
                    2001:db8:64::1/64;  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

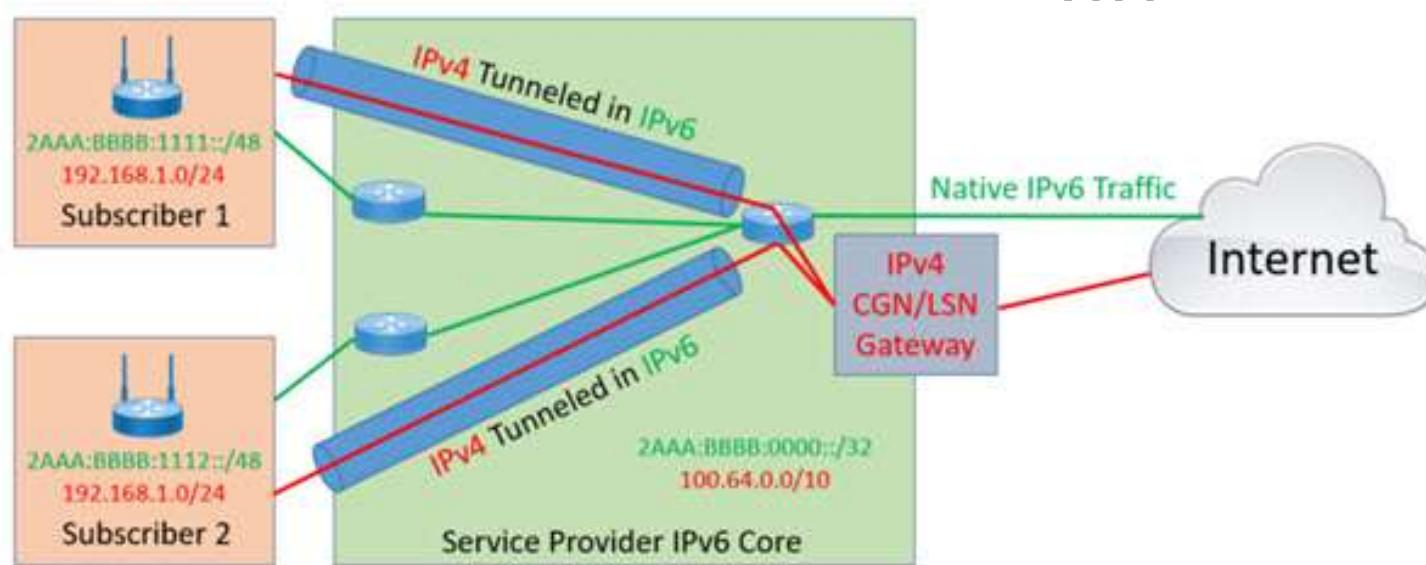
# Simple JunOS Dual-Stack Router Example Cont

```
protocols {  
    router-advertisement {  
        interface ge-0/0/0.0 {  
            prefix 2001:db8:4::/64;  
        }  
        interface ge-0/0/1.0 {  
            prefix 2001:db8:64::/64;  
        }  
        interface ge-0/0/3.0 {  
            prefix 2001:db8:5::/64;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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# IPv4 As A Service (v4aaS)

IPv4 packets are tunneled over an IPv6-only core network through an edge gateway so NAT44 is only performed once



<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-Center-of-Excellence/IPv4-as-a-Service-IPv4aaS-Part-1/ba-p/8279>

<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-Center-of-Excellence/Methods-of-Providing-IPv4-as-a-Service-IPv4aaS-Part-2/ba-p/8744>

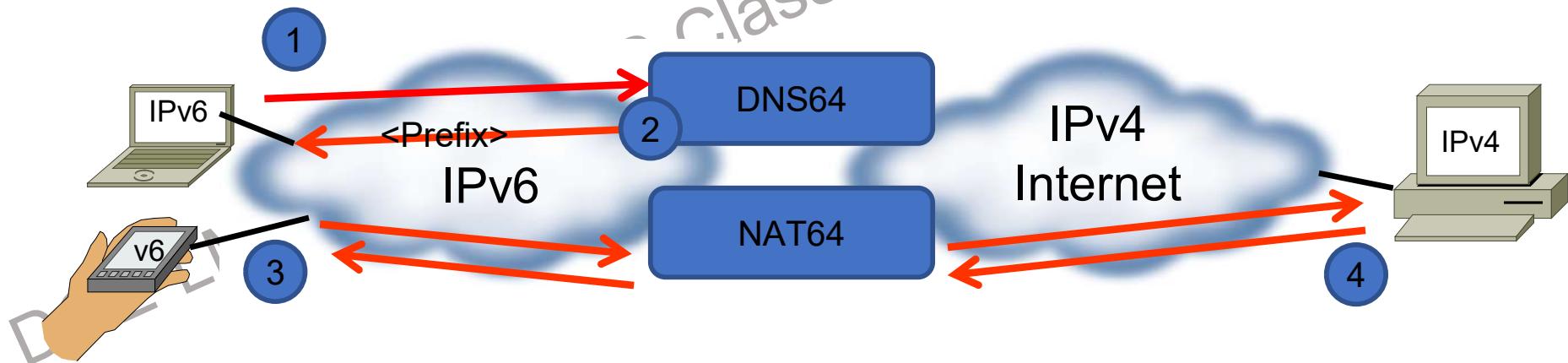
<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-CoE-Blog/Even-More-Methods-of-Providing-IPv4-as-a-Service-IPv4aaS-Part-3/ba-p/8986>

# NAT64 and DNS64

Translation that uses NAT and DNS in combination

Uses an IPv6 prefix to map the 32-bit IPv4 DNS responses into an IPv6 address

DNS64 (RFC 6147) and NAT64 (RFC 6146) “appear” to share state information about connections but they do not directly share state information



<http://www.networkworld.com/article/2231256/cisco-subnet/testing-nat64-and-dns64.html>

# NAT64/DNS64 Drawbacks

NAT64 only works for applications that start with a DNS lookup

Breaks with applications that embed an IPv4 address in the URL (embedded literals)  
(e.g. <http://192.168.1.1>)

Breaks for domains that have IPv4-only DNSSEC signed domains

~15% of applications break with IPv6 native or break with NAT64

- Spotify, WhatsApp, Skype, SIP, RTSP, H.323, XMPP peer to peer
- <http://tinyurl.com/nat64-breakage>

NetFlix blocks 6in4 tunnels to reduce geounblocking

# NAT64Check2

NAT64Check is an ISOC-developed tool to validate dual-protocol and NAT64 reachability of a web site.

Browse to the nat64check site, enter the URL that you want it to test  
<https://www.nat64check.org/>

<https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/2019/01/nat64check-version-2-is-launched/>

nat64**check**

# NAT64/DNS64 Systems

Systems that can perform NAT64 and DNS64

- Internet Systems Consortium (ISC) Address Family Transition-Router (AFTR)
- Viagenie Ecdysis LiveCD
- Microsoft Forefront UAG SP1 Direct Access

Systems that can perform DNS64

- ISC BIND 9.8
- Infoblox
- Secure64
- Trick or Treat Daemon (TOTD)

DNS64/NAT64 Services

- TREX (Tampere Region Exchange – Finland)
- LITNET (Lithuania)

# NAT64/DNS64 Systems

Systems that can perform Stateless NAT64

- Cisco Routers (IOS-XE and CGSE with IOS-XR)  
Stateless NAT64, IOS XE 3.2S, IOS XR 3.9.3  
Stateful NAT64, IOS XE 3.4S, IOS XR 4.1.2
- Juniper Routers, MX-series 3D, Juniper SSG 6.2.0R7
- Brocade ServerIron ADX
- A10 Networks AX Series Application Delivery Controller
- F5 Networks BIG-IP LTM
- Fortinet FortiGate
- Citrix NetScaler 9.2
- Cisco ACE (with optional NAT64 license)
- TAYGA (Linux)
- OpenBSD 5.1 (PF packet filter)
- [http://ipv6.lt/nat64\\_en.php](http://ipv6.lt/nat64_en.php) (public NAT64 service LITNET)

# NAPT/NPT/NPTv6 (NAT66)

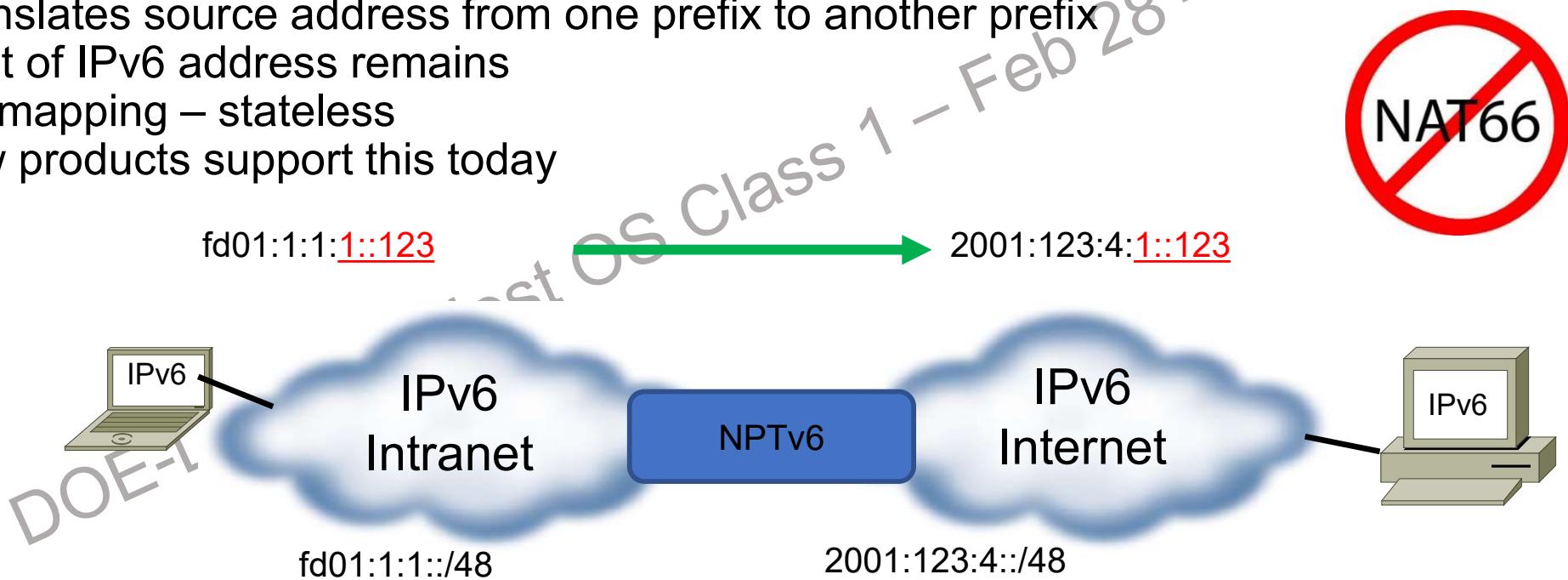
## Network Prefix Translation (NPT) (RFC 6296)

Translates source address from one prefix to another prefix

Rest of IPv6 address remains

1:1 mapping – stateless

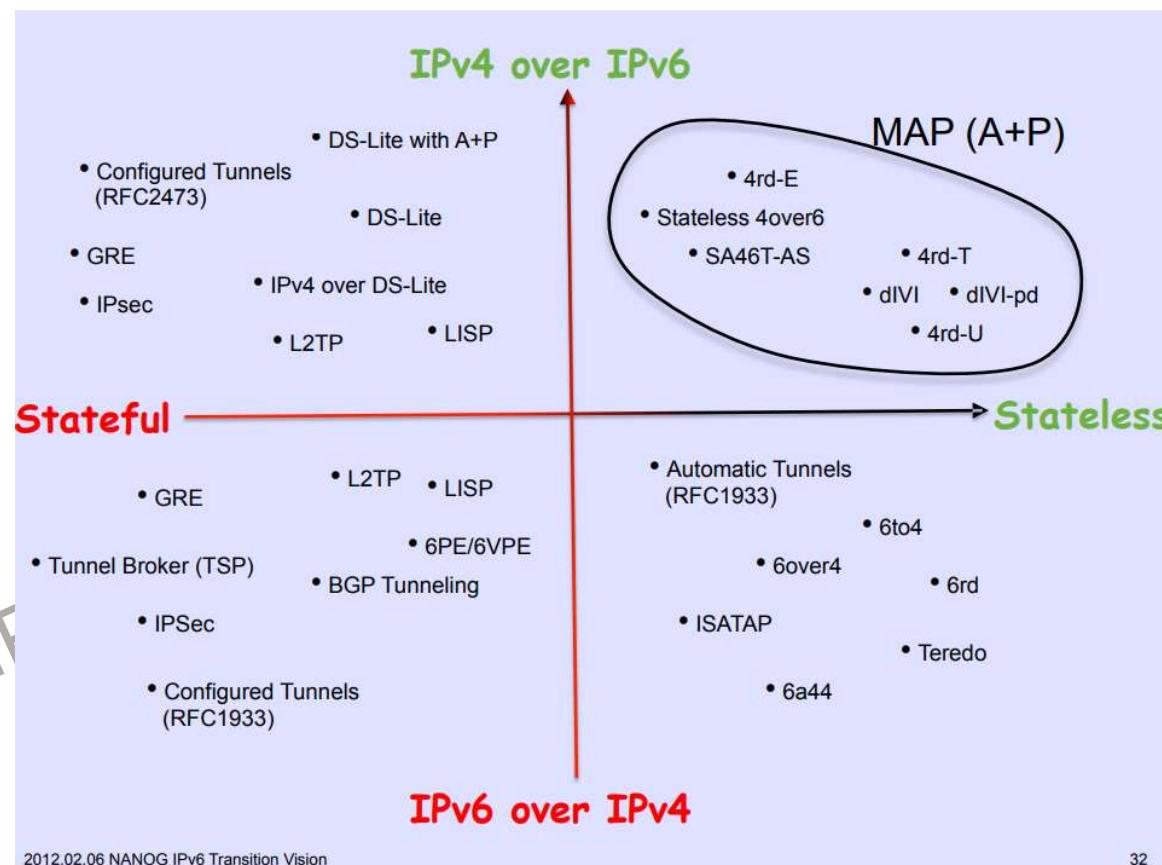
Few products support this today



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# IPv6 Transition Universe



Source: NANOG54 Randy Bush - <https://www.nanog.org/meetings/nanog54/presentations/Monday/Bush.pdf>

# Comparison of IPv6-Only

	6RD	Softwires v2	NAT444	DS-Lite	Lw4o6	NAT64	464XLAT	MAP-E	MAP-T
Tunel/Translation (X)	T 6in4	T 6in4	X	T 4in6	T 4in6	X	X	T 4in6	X
Dual-stack LAN	YES	YES	optional	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
IPv4 Multicast	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Access Network	IPv4	IPv4	IPv4 / dual	IPv6	IPv6	IPv6	IPv6	IPv6	IPv6
Overhead	20 bytes	40 bytes	-	40 bytes	40 bytes	20 bytes	20 bytes	40 bytes	20 bytes
Impact in IPv6 addressing plan	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
CPE Update	YES	YES	optional	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
NAT44/NAPT	CPE	CPE	CPE + CGN	CGN	CPE	CPE	CPE	CPE	CPE
46/64 Translation	-	-	-	-	-	ISP	ISP +/or CPE	-	CPE + ISP
Translation at ISP with or w/o state	-	-	with	-	-	with	with	w/o	w/o
Scalability	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	High
Performance	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Medium	High	High	High
ALGs	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Any Protocol or only-TCP/UDP/ICMP	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Sharing IPv4 Ports	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
IPv6 Aggregation	NO	NO	optional	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
IPv4 Mesh	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
IPv6 Mesh	YES	NO	optional	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Impacts on logging	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
HA simplicity	High	Low	Low	Low	High	Medium	High	High	High
DPI simplicity	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low	High
Support in cellular	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Support in CPEs	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	15.5	12.5	10.5	9.5	15	12	14	13	13.5

Source: <https://www.slideshare.net/apnic/tutorial-ipv6only-transition-with-demo>

# IPv6-Only

This is not easily achievable because most of the content on the Internet is IPv4-only. This would require NAT64/DNS64 to access but only applications that use DNS may work.

There are many systems in environments that are IPv4-only

- Game consoles (PS3, Xbox 360/Live, Wii)
- Printers, Tivo, BlueRay, IP cameras
- UPSs, KVMs, iLO
- Windows XP/Win2k3 use IPv4 for DNS queries

RFC 6586 - Experiences from an IPv6-Only Network

RFC 7404 - Using Only Link-Local Addressing inside an IPv6 Network



# Benefits of IPv6-Only

- Reduced OPEX costs by running only a single IP protocol
- IPv6 addressing (operations) is simpler  
No NAT makes everything better
- Reduced dependence on increasingly expensive IPv4 addresses  
If you know you are going to need more IPv4, buy it now  
Sell your public IPv4 at the peak price
- No need to purchase and maintain CGN/LSN systems
- In some cases IPv6 performs better than IPv4

# IPv6-Only Environments

- Facebook data centers  
<https://code.fb.com/production-engineering/legacy-support-on-ipv6-only-infra/>
- LinkedIn data centers  
<https://engineering.linkedin.com/blog/topic/ipv6>
- Microsoft  
[http://www.rmv6tf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/02-MicrosoftIT\\_IPv6-NA-IPv6-Summit-2017\\_VMcKillop-min.pdf](http://www.rmv6tf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/02-MicrosoftIT_IPv6-NA-IPv6-Summit-2017_VMcKillop-min.pdf)  
<https://labs.ripe.net/Members/mirjam/microsoft-making-progress-towards-ipv6-only>
- Cisco – Building 23  
<http://www.rmv6tf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/06-IPV6-Summit-Cisco-min.pdf>

# IPv6-Only RA

IPv6 Router Advertisement IPv6-Only Flag

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-6man-ipv6only-flag-05>

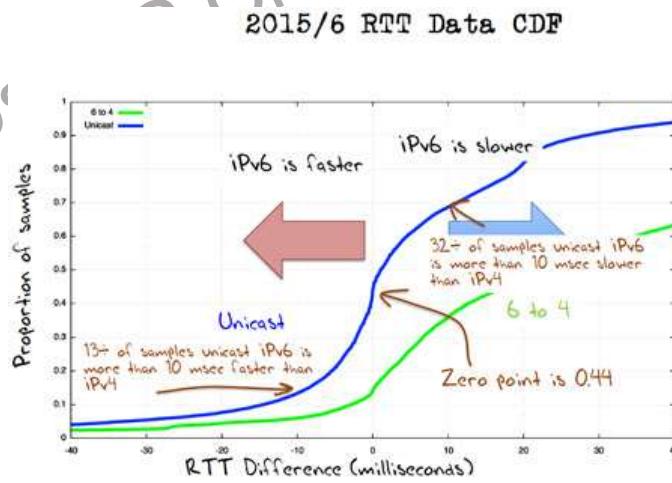
Will need implementation support in RA-Guard, otherwise someone could set this proposed S flag on an IPv4 only network and kill ALL network traffic

Keep an eye on this one, my guess is that it will be move to a full RFC, it is currently in draft status

I expect major OS's to implement supporting it within 6mo to a year from when it is accepted

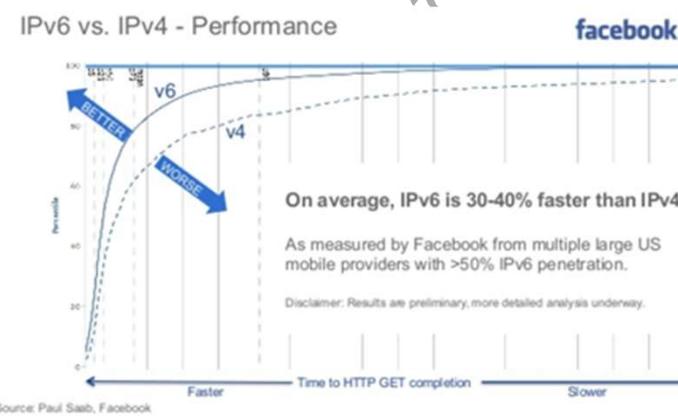
# Is IPv6 Faster Than IPv4?

- There are now several studies analyzing if IPv6 is faster than IPv4.  
Google's 2010 paper titled "Evaluating IPv6 Adoption in the Internet"
- Geoff Huston of APNIC at NANOG 66  
6to4 and Teredo are responsible for most of the connection failures  
He concluded that native IPv6 can be as-fast as IPv4



# Is IPv6 Faster Than IPv4?

- Paul Saab at Facebook has shows data from Mobile Proxygen that shows IPv6 is faster for them.  
“Facebook says it has seen users’ News Feeds loading 20 percent to 40 percent faster on mobile devices using IPv6”.



- Hurricane Electric Global IPv6 Deployment Progress Report  
“Percentage of IPv6 rDNS Nameservers where IPv6 is as fast or faster than IPv4 (within 1ms): 74.9%”

# Adoption Status

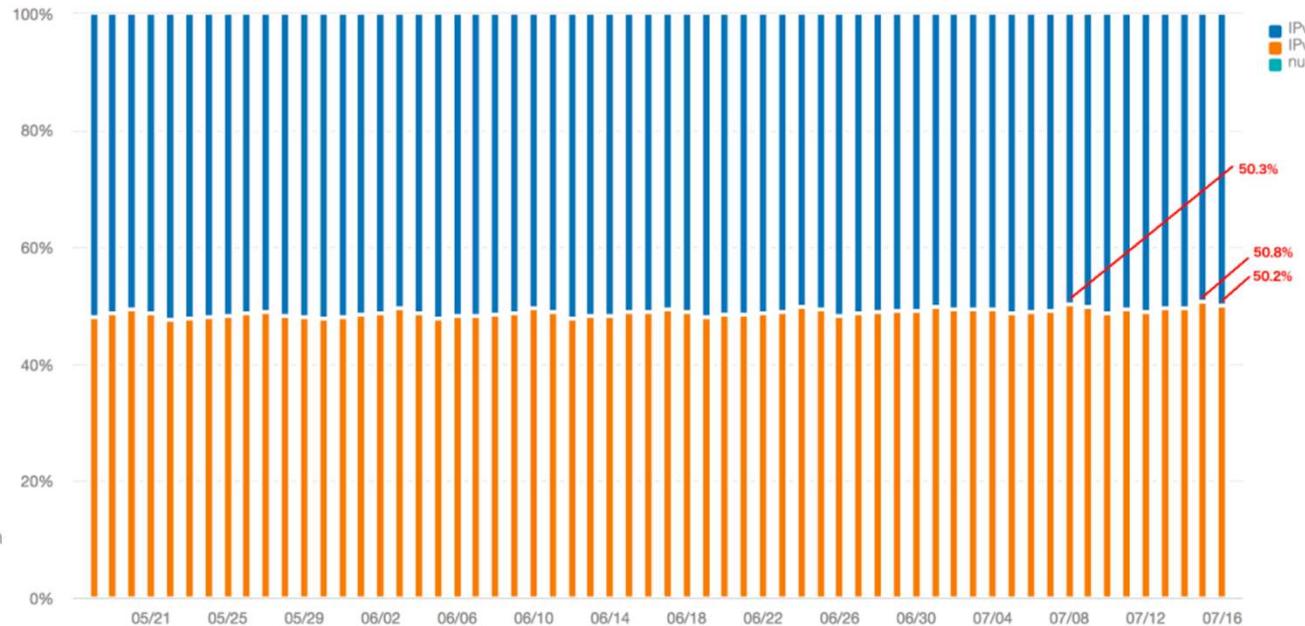


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# LinkedIn IPv6 Traffic is Greater Than 50%

- LinkedIn IPv6 traffic passed 50%



- Percentage of page views over IPv6 for LinkedIn over the last two months  
<https://engineering.linkedin.com/blog/2017/07/linkedin-passes-ipv6-milestone>

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# Facebook Traffic is Greater Than 50%

- Passed 50% IPv6 traffic on May 26, 2018

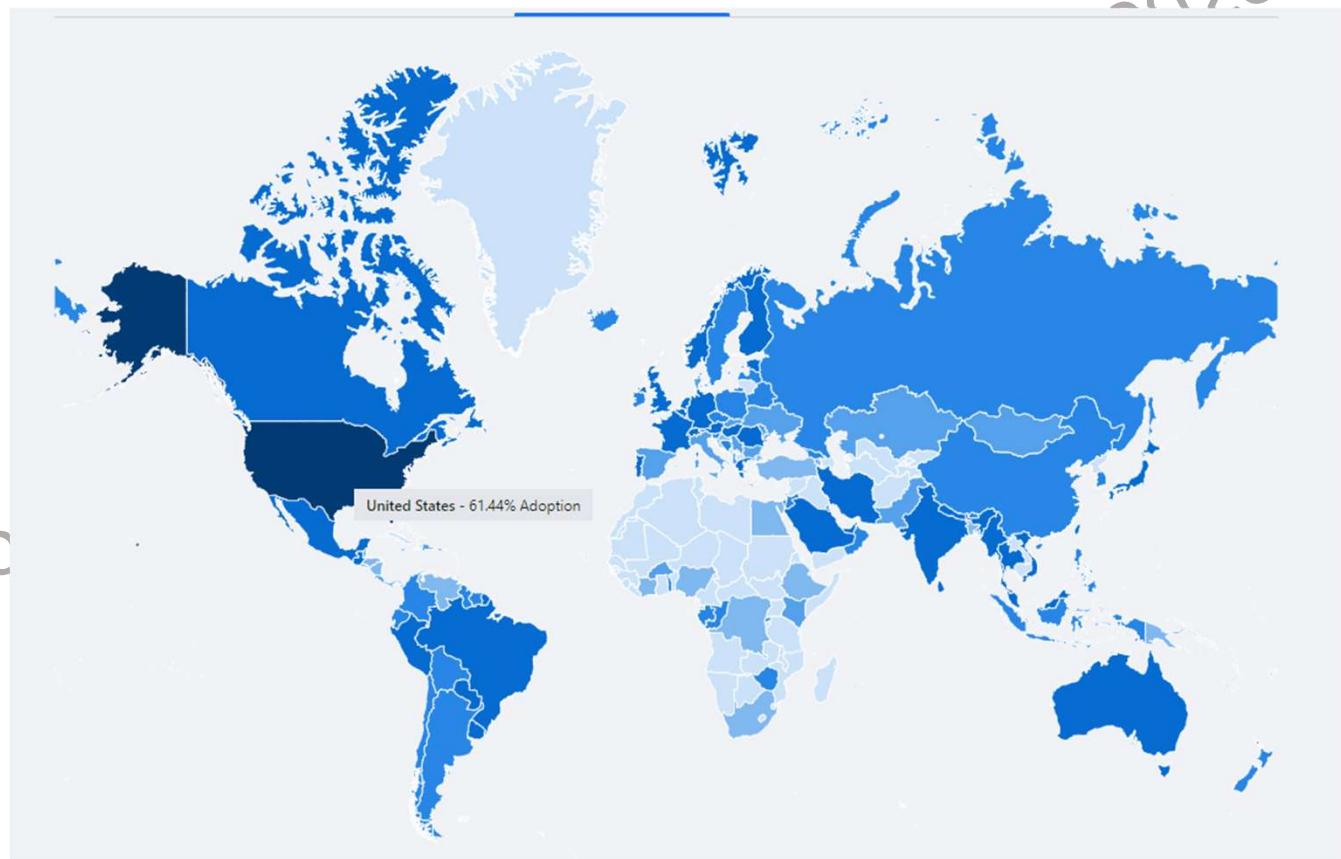


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# Facebook Traffic

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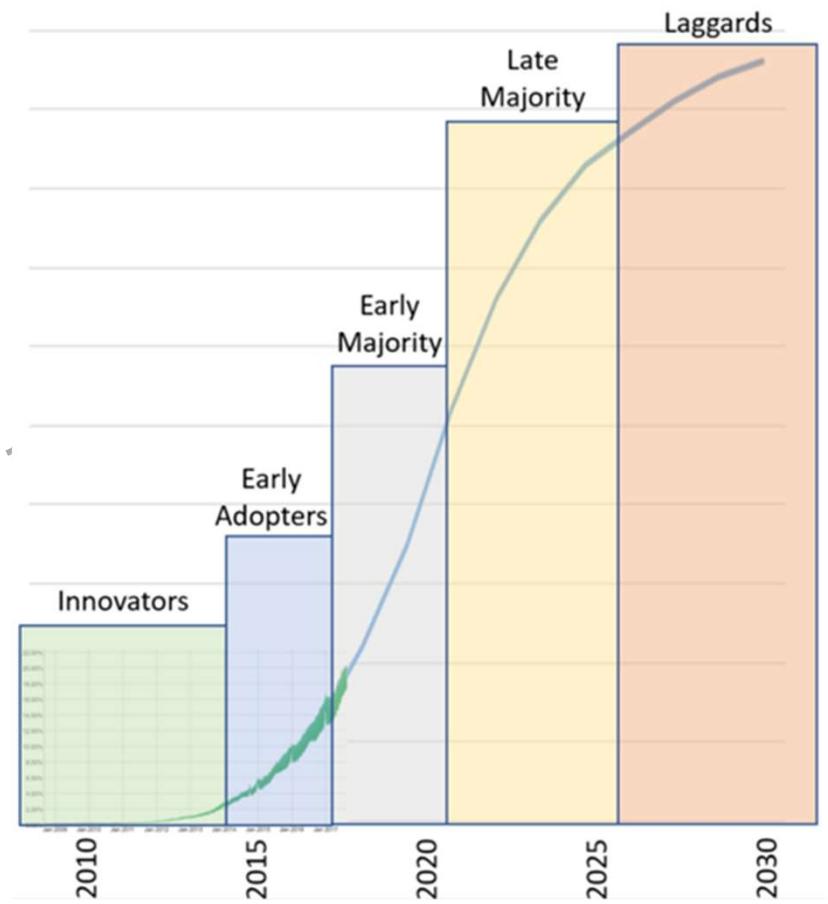
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# IPv6 Adoption Curve

Organizations adopt IPv6 based on the “diffusion of innovations”



<https://community.infoblox.com/t5/IPv6-CoE-Blog/Where-Are-You-On-The-IPv6-Adoption-Curve/ba-p/11116>  
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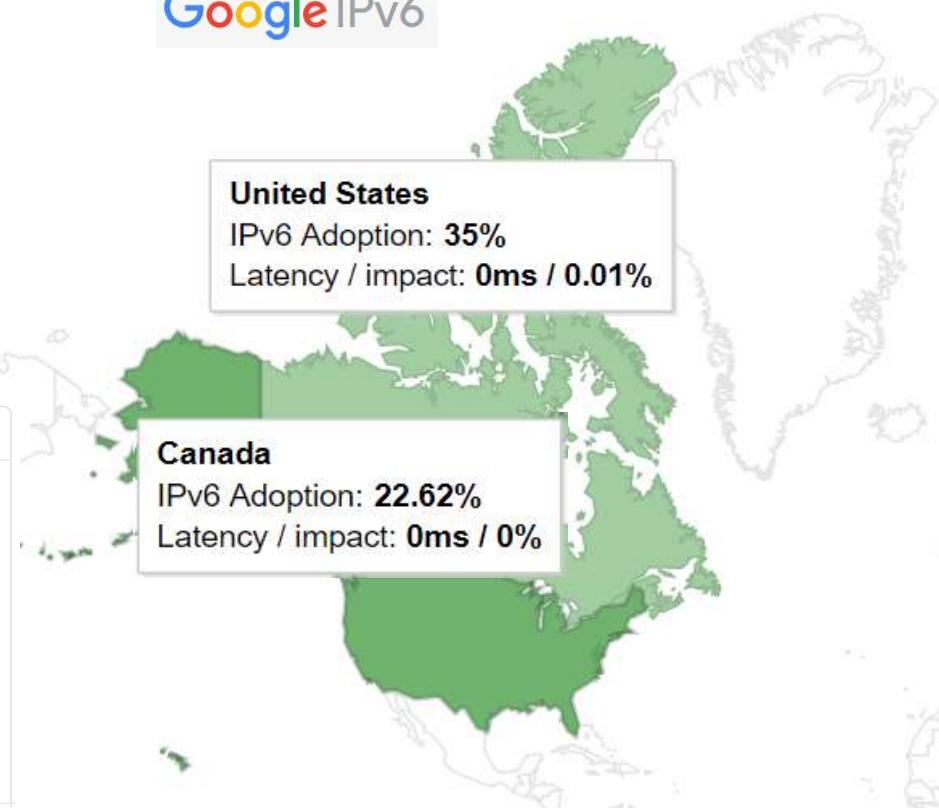
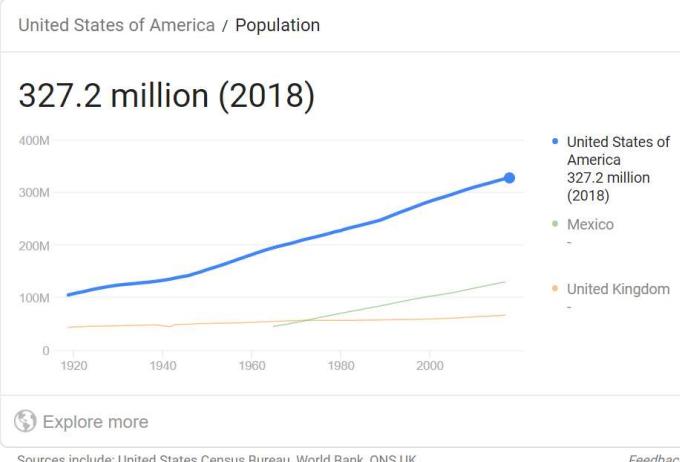
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# North America 2019

RANK	IPV6%	COUNTRY
1	61.9%	India
2	56.6%	Saint Barthelemy
3	47.3%	Belgium
4	45.3%	United States



Google IPv6



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# Worldwide - 2023



\*Country data ranked by % of IPv6 connections from that country.

RANK	IPV6%	COUNTRY / REGION
1	100%	Bahrain
2	58.4%	Saudi Arabia
3	58%	Montserrat
4	55.2%	Uruguay
5	54.8%	Germany
6	54.6%	France
7	54.2%	Malaysia
8	52.1%	United States
9	51.4%	Belgium
10	50.9%	Greece

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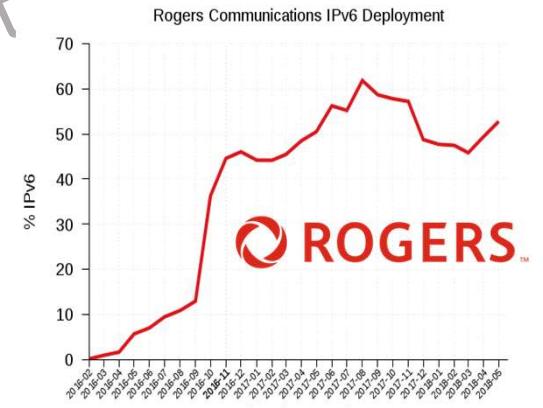
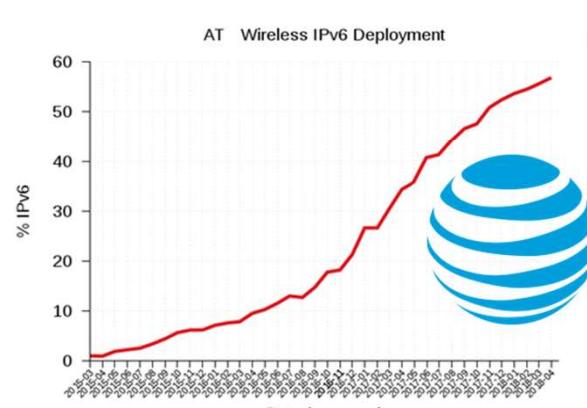
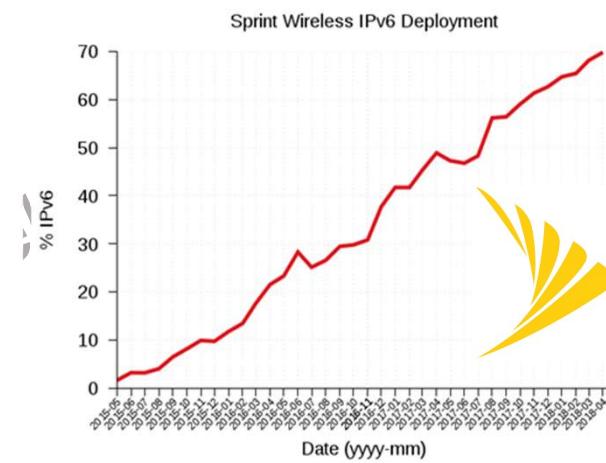
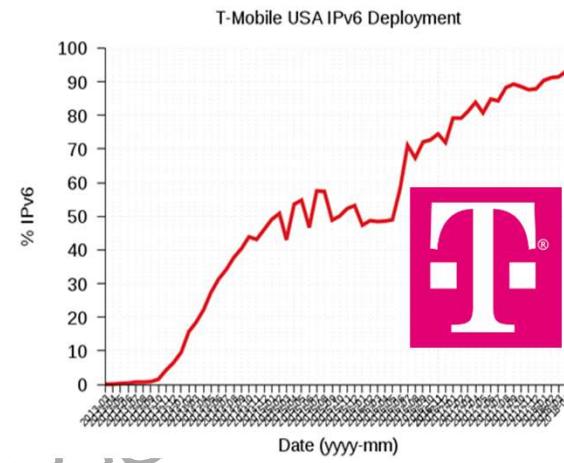
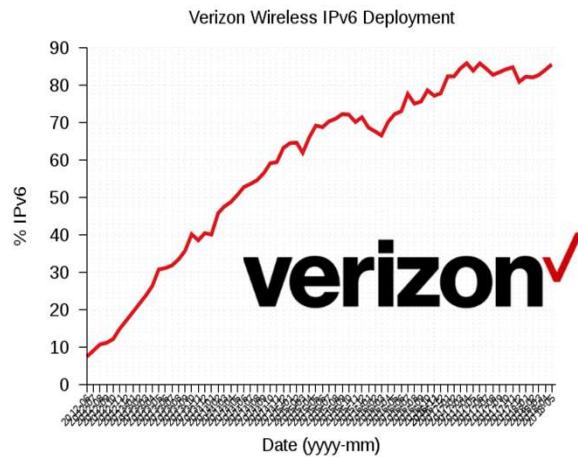
# Content and Cloud Providers



\*Soon

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# Mobile and Cable

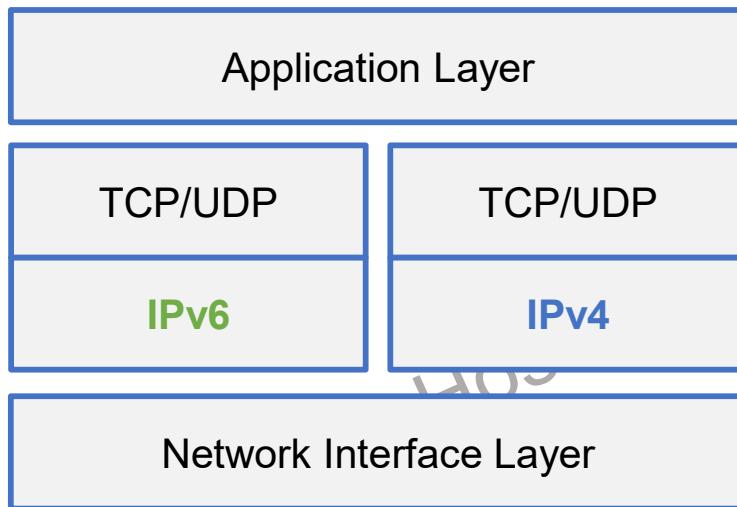


# Windows Networking Stack

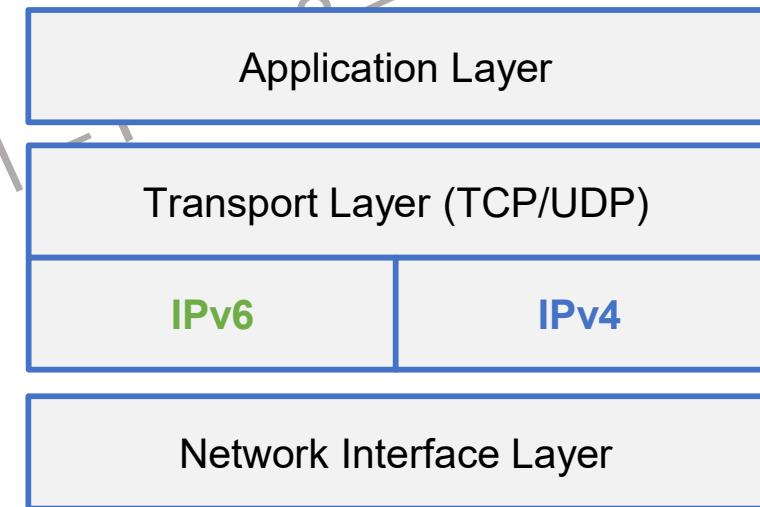


# Windows Networking

Since Windows Vista and Server 2008R2 there has been a new OS networking stack



Older TCP/IP Networking Stack (Dual-Stack)  
Prior to Vista and Server 2008R2

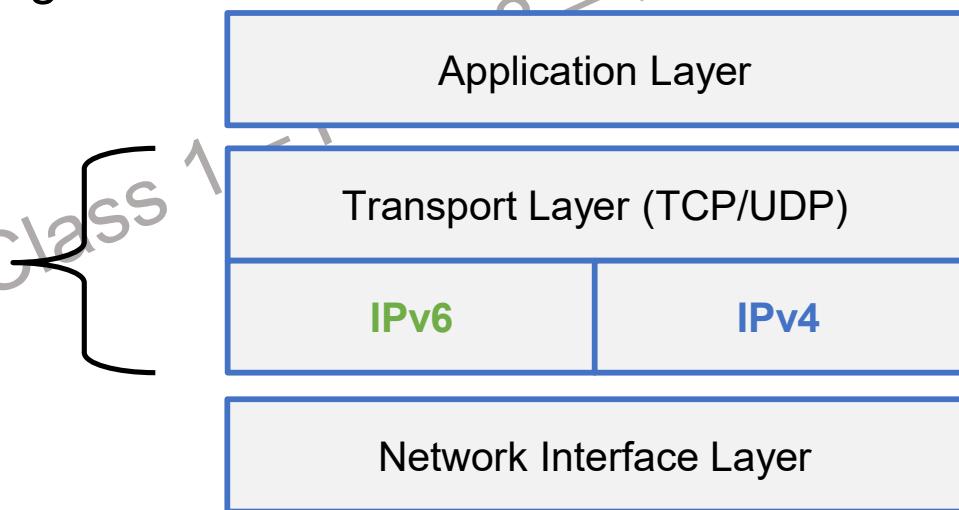


New TCP/IP Networking Stack (Dual IP Layer)  
Vista, Win7/8/10 Server 2012/R2/2016/2019

# Windows IPv6 Networking

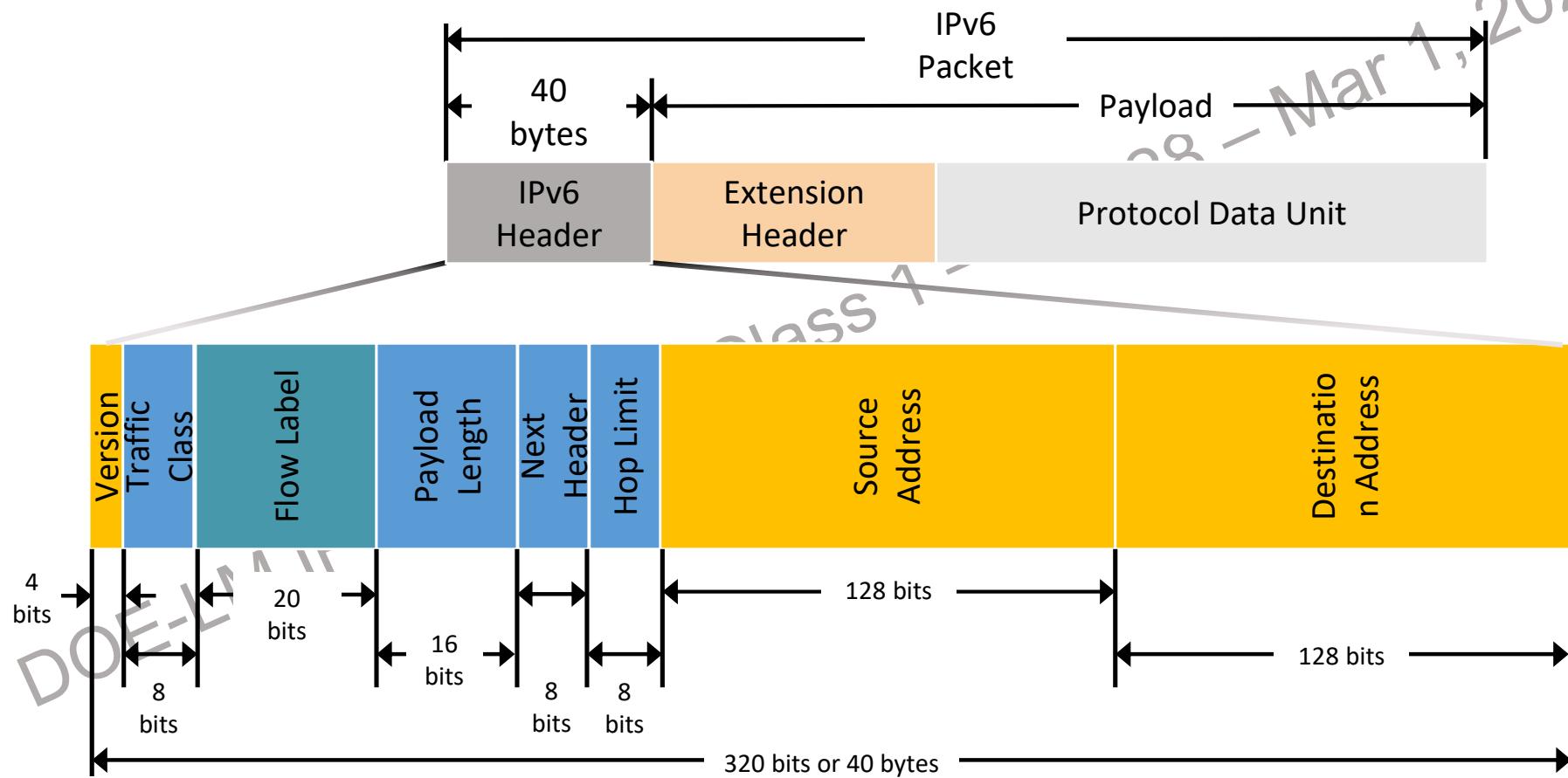
Because TCP/UDP straddle both IPv6 and IPv4 you cannot remove either IPv4 or IPv6 from the networking stack nor “disable” them

It is a dual IP stack!



New TCP/IP Networking Stack (Dual IP Layer)

# IPv6 Packet



# Unicast Address Types

## Unicast types

Global unicast addresses ([2000::/3](#) – RFC 4291 & RFC 3587) – it is only a fraction of the available global address space

Link-local addresses ([fe80::/64](#) – RFC 4007)

Special addresses (unspecified is :: & loopback is ::1 – RFC 5156)

Unique local addresses or ULA ([fc00::/7](#) – RFC 4193)

Transition addresses (6to4, ISATAP, Teredo)

Most common unicast IPv6 addresses you will see are Global and Link-local

You will see ULA, those addresses typically start with fd00::/8 and are intended to function like RFC 1918 IPv4 addresses

# In Use Global Unicast Address

## Per IANA

Global unicast addresses are currently assigned from **2000::/3**

Most of the GUA space is held in reserve, specifically:

0::/4

1000::/4 - hold

4000::/3 – 4000::/4 and 5000::/4 – for future growth

6000::/3 – 6000::/4 and 7000::/4 – for future growth

8000::/3 – 8000::/4 and 9000::/4 – for future growth

a000::/3 – a000::/4 and b000::/4 – for future growth

c000::/3 – c000::/4 and d000::/4 – for future growth

e000::/4 -

f000::/4 – fc00::/7 is ULA, fe80::/10 is Link-local, ff00::/8 is Multicast

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# Windows IPv6 unicast information

```
cmd: Command Prompt - cmd
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ipv6.howfunky.com
Description . . . . . Intel(R) 82579LM Gigabit Network Connection
Physical Address . . . . . F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DHCP Enabled. . . . . Yes
Autocountfiguration Enabled . . . . . Yes
IPv6 Address. . . . . 2001:470:1f05:d37:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
IPv6 Address. . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . 2001:470:1f05:d37:69d3:7a47:7301:d571<Preferred>
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:69d3:7a47:7301:d571<Preferred>
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . fe80::202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8%13<Preferred>
Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . . 169.254.79.168<Preferred>
Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.0.0
Default Gateway . . . . . fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bdca13
DHCPv6 IALD . . . . . 300998385
DHCPv6 Client DUID. . . . . 00-01-00-01-15-55-7D-47-F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DNS Servers . . . . . 2001:470:20::2
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . Enabled
Connection-specific DNS Suffix Search List :
ipv6.howfunky.com
```

Link-local will have a Zone ID (also called Scope ID) represented by the %<ID> after the IPv6 Address

“IPv6 Addresses” are unicast and global

“Temporary IPv6 Addresses” are unicast and global

“Link-local IPv6 Address” is unicast and local

# Scope or Zone ID – Why?

Link-local addresses are “locally” significant only

So how do you ping or forward a packet to a link-local address if you have multiple interfaces up and running with IPv6?

Each OS has a way to identify an interface – either a number or a string

Simply add that identifier to the link-local address to specify which interface to use  
fe80:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8%**13**

The interface ID is 13

Think of it as an extension of the routing table

# Why Do We Need a Zone ID?

- Ambiguity exists when using link-local addresses
  - Particularly when a host has 2 or more interfaces
  - Link local is required and of the same scope
- **Zone ID** is used to link neighbors table to a specific interface
  - ping fe80::1:2:3:4%12



# IPv6 Address Options in Windows

By default Windows will do:

Temporary Address (RFC 4941) – used for outbound connections

Stateful autoconfiguration (DHCPv6)

Permanent (randomly generated) – doesn't do EUI-64 – known as Privacy

You can optionally set Windows to do:

Manual (statically assigned)

EUI-64 (RFC 4291) – turn off Privacy

Turn off Temporary Addresses

Or combinations of the above depending on OS setting

# Windows IPv6 unicast commands

## PowerShell:

```
Get-NetIPAddress -AddressFamily IPv6 -InterfaceIndex <#>
Get-NetIPConfiguration -InterfaceIndex <#>
New-NetIPAddress -InterfaceIndex <#> -IPAddress 2001:0db8:cafe:0010::1 -
PrefixLength 64 -DefaultGateway 2001:0db8:cafe:0010::254
Set-NetIPAddress -InterfaceIndex <#> -IPAddress 2001:0db8:cafe:0010::2 -
PrefixLength 64
Remove-NetIPAddress -InterfaceIndex <#> -Confirm:$false
```

## Command line:

```
ipconfig /all
netsh interface ipv6 show addresses <#>
```

# IPv6 Interface id options

The last 64 bits of a unicast address is the Interface ID:

Interface ID is a fixed length and is the host portion of the IPv6 address

## Interface ID options:

EUI-64 (RFC 4291) – stateless autoconfiguration

Random Address (RFC 4941) – stateless autoconfiguration

Default

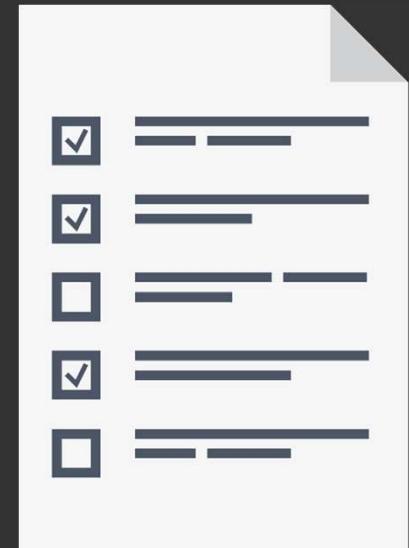
Stateful autoconfiguration (DHCPv6)

Manual (statically assigned)

# IPv6 Unicast Configuration Demo



- Lab #1 & 2
- Connect your system to the lab
- Connect to your GCP EVE-NG VM
- Goal: Basic IPv6 commands and set up of Host OS



# Windows IPv6 multicast address types

Multicast addresses have the first 8 bits set to 1:

So multicast addresses start with **ff** (ff00::/8)

Multicast also has a 4 bit flag field and 4 bit scope field

Solicited-node address (ff02::1:ff00:0/104)

This address is special and built for every IPv6 address you have on a host

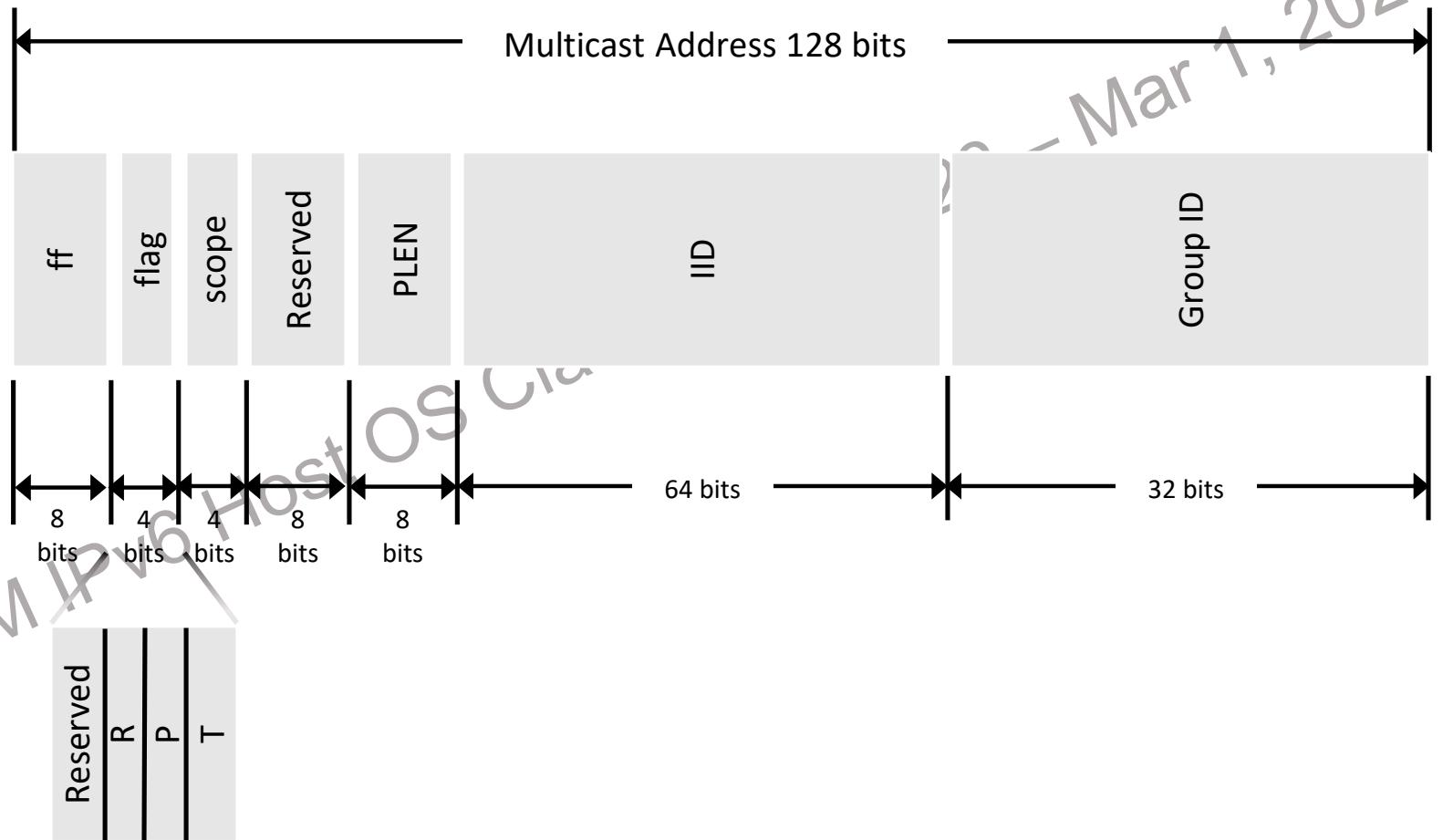
## Some example multicast addresses:

ff01::1 – interface-local scope all-nodes

ff02::1 – link-local all-nodes

# IPv6 multicast Packet

IPv6 Multicast Fields

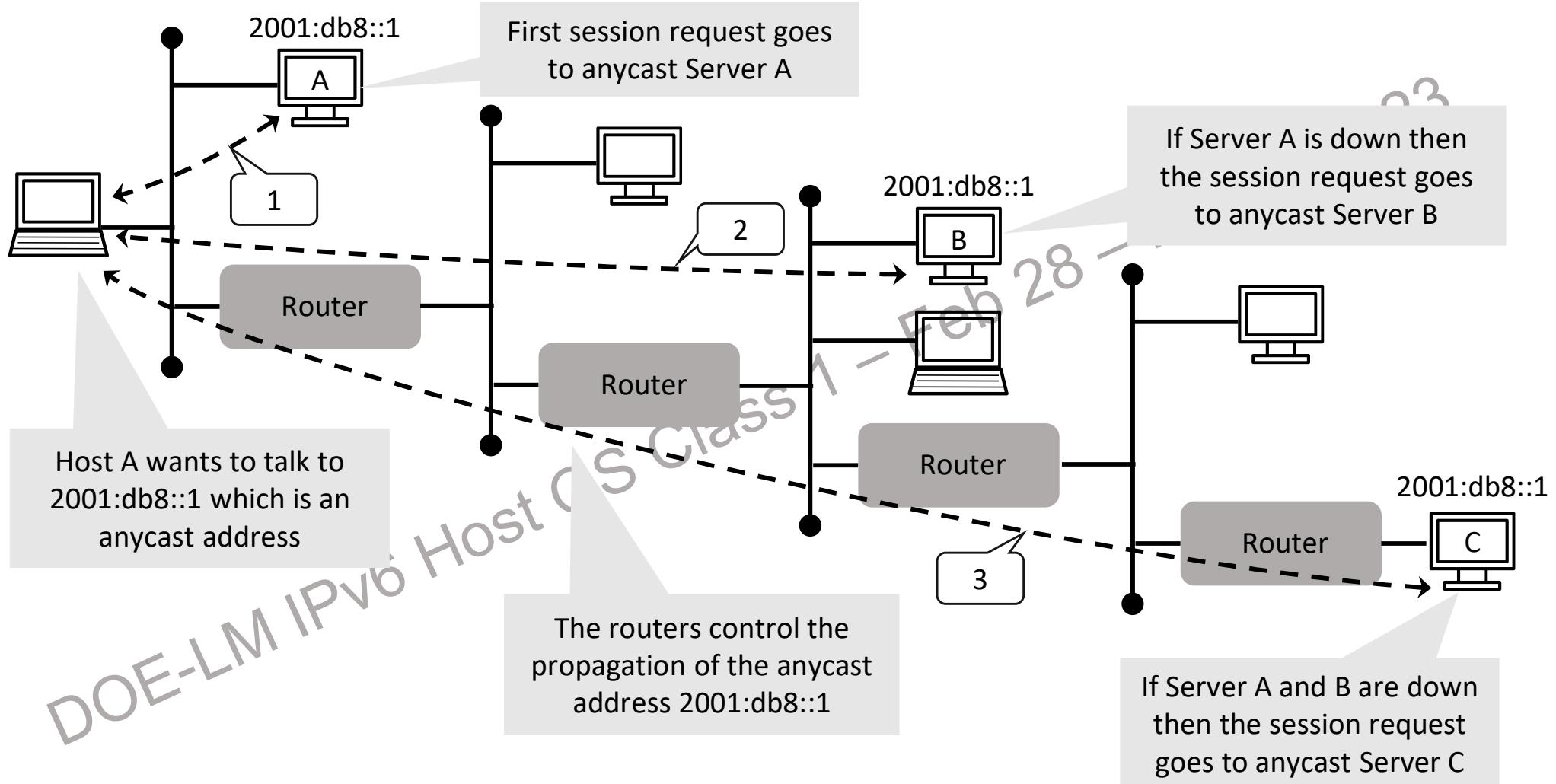


# IPv6 Anycast

Anycast addresses are basically special use case  
Unicast addresses

You can't tell they are Anycast unless you see how they function in a network

Designed to make a Unicast address highly available



# Windows IPv6 Address Configuration



# Permanent IPv6 addresses

SLAAC:

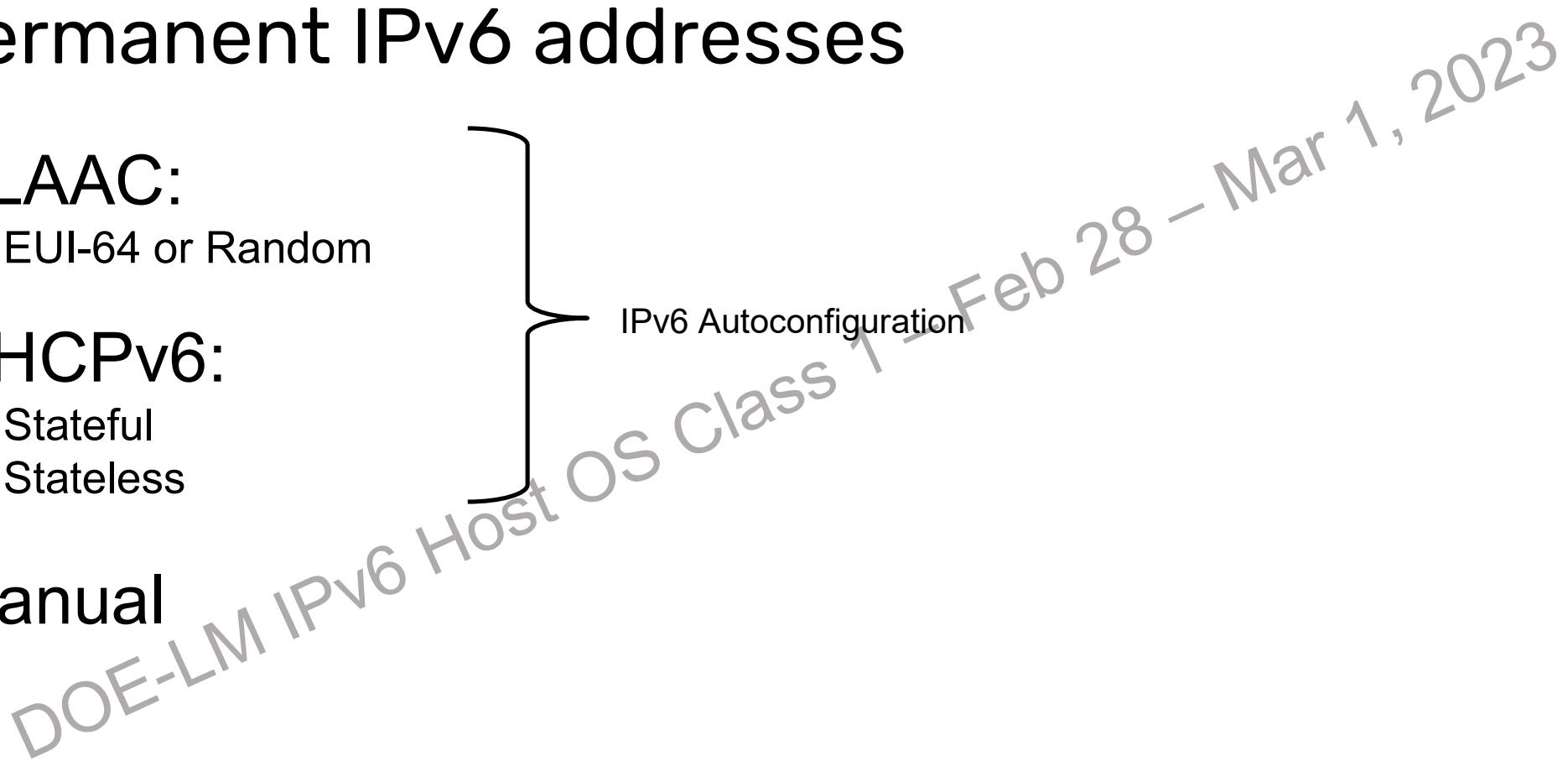
EUI-64 or Random

DHCPv6:

Stateful  
Stateless

Manual

IPv6 Autoconfiguration



# IPv6 Autoconfiguration

There are multiple ways to do autoconfiguration:

Stateless (SLAAC) – A flag

Stateful (DHCPv6 stateful) – M and O flags

Both (DHCPv6 stateless) – A and O flags

Router Advertisements include flags (**A, M and O**) that determine what the host will do:

Autonomous flag (A flag)

Managed Address Configuration flag (M flag)

Other Stateful Configuration flag (O flag)

There are other combos – avoid them

# IPv6 interface ID

## Interface ID options:

EUI-64 (RFC 4291) – stateless autoconfiguration

Random Address (RFC 4941) – stateless autoconfiguration

Stateful autoconfiguration (DHCPv6)

Manual (statically assigned)

Windows will generate Random Interface IDs by default  
(not EUI-64)

# Permanent IPv6 Address

A **permanent** IPv6 address is a:

Global Unicast or ULA that is assigned to the interface either via autoconfiguration (SLAAC or DHCPv6) or  
manually that doesn't change for as long as the interface is active (enabled)  
Potentially an ISATAP address (DirectAccess use cases)

A **permanent** IPv6 address is registered in:

DNS (like for Active Directory joined hosts)

# Temporary IPv6 Address

## A **temporary** IPv6 address:

Is a Global Unicast or ULA that uses a random interface ID in order to build an IPv6 address that will have a limited lifetime and is designed to provide more privacy for a client

Can change while the interface is active

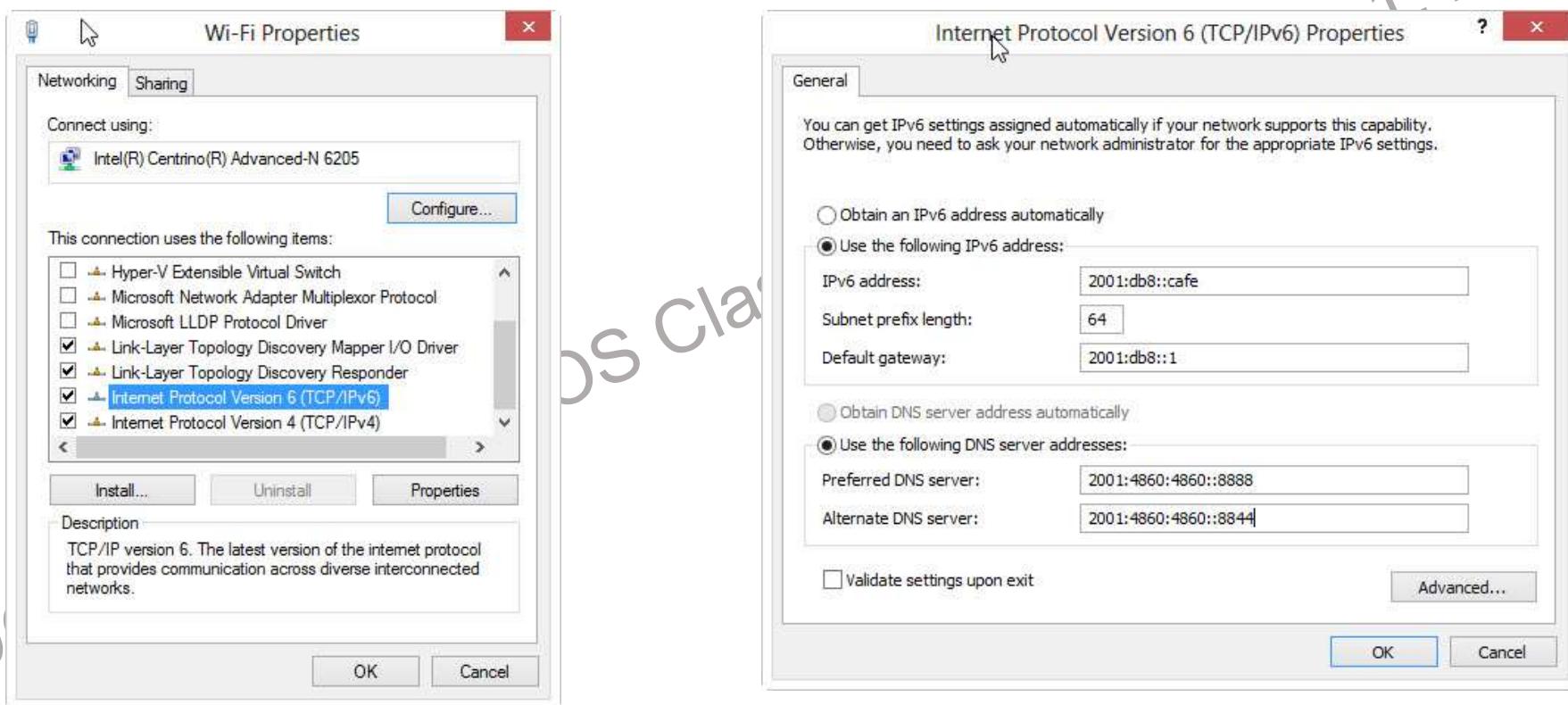
There can be more than one temporary IPv6 address active on an interface at the same time

## A **temporary** IPv6 address:

Is used for outbound sessions (like browsing website content)

Will not be registered in DDNS

# Windows IPv6 manual configuration



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# Windows IPv6 Addressing

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ipv6.howfunky.com
Description . . . . . Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop Gigabit Network Connection
Physical Address . . . . . F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DHCP Enabled . . . . . Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . Yes
IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:41a6:5976:37ac:4f54(PREFERRED)
Lease Obtained . . . . . Saturday, May 05, 2012 4:45:01 PM
Lease Expires . . . . . Saturday, May 12, 2012 4:45:01 PM
IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:f2de:f1ff:fe5b:b324(PREFERRED)
Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:3d1f:ad49:ee12:4880(PREFERRED)
Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:f2de:f1ff:fe5b:b324x13(PREFERRED)
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . fe80::f2de:f1ff:fe5b:b324x13
Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . .
Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.0.0
Default Gateway . . . . . fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bd0x13
DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . 300998385
DHCPv6 Client DUID . . . . . 00-01-00-01-15-55-7D-47-F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DNS Servers . . . . . 2001:470:20::2
NetBIOS over Tcpip . . . . . Enabled
Connection-specific DNS Suffix Search List :
ipv6.howfunky.com
```

Look for the FF:FE in the address, then it is likely EUI-64

2001:470:82a9:7:**f2de:f1ff:fe5b:b324**

MAC address: **F0**-DE-F1-5B-B3-24

Take MAC and split it, stuff in **FF:FE** and set the **7<sup>th</sup> bit** to “local”

# Windows IPv6 Interface ID Commands

## PowerShell:

```
Set-NetIPv6Protocol -RandomizeIdentifiers Disabled  
Set-NetIPv6Protocol -RandomizeIdentifiers Enabled
```

## Command line:

```
netsh interface ipv6 set global randomizeidentifiers=disabled store=active  
netsh interface ipv6 set global randomizeidentifiers=disabled store=persistent
```

# Have you noticed anything odd yet?

Why is it  
always /64?

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# Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC)

IPv6 hosts can self provision an IPv6 address

A host uses router discovery to do:

- Router Solicitation messages

- Router Advertisement messages (RA's are sent via ICMPv6)

- Host gets information like on-link prefixes and other routers

SLAAC **requires** the prefix be a /64:

- If the network prefix is larger the host cannot do EUI-64 or privacy

- This **breaks** the ability of the host to do SLAAC or to self provision

# SLAAC Only Pre Windows10

```
Windows Command Prompt
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . .
  Description . . . . . Intel(R) 82579LM Gigabit Network Connection
  Physical Address . . . . . F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
  DHCP Enabled . . . . . Yes
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . .
    IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:f2de:fiff:fe5h:b324<Preferred>
    Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:e876:7d12:8f50:5899<Preferred>
    Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . . 169.254.79.168<Preferred>
    Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.0.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bdc%13
    DNS Servers . . . . .
      NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . Enabled
```

2001:470:82a9:7::/64 is the prefix

This typically indicates SLAAC – the host lacks DNS server info

Notice there are no **global** DNS Servers – if older

Also indicates poorly implemented IPv6

Notice there is no **FQDN** information

# SLAAC Windows 10

## Windows 10 post Creators Update:

Supports RFC 6106 – Also called RDNSS (Recursive DNS Server)

Accept RA's with DNS info

Will still prefer the DNS server information from DHCPv6 over RDNSS

You can still manually assign a DNS server which will be preferred over DHCPv6 and RDNSS

Things get interesting with VPN

# DHCPv6 – RFC 3315

DHCPv6 supports both stateful and stateless address configuration for IPv6 hosts

## What is Stateful?

The DHCPv6 server is assigning the IPv6 address

The RA has the M and O flag set (A flag may or may not be set – typically don't set)

All options except default gateway come from DHCPv6 scope

## What is Stateless?

The DHCPv6 server is used for options only (like DNS or NTP)

The RA has the O flag set and the A flag

# DHCPv6 – RFC 3315

The typical flag settings combination:

SLAAC: **A** flag = 1, M flag = 0, O flag = 0

DHCPv6 Stateful: A flag = 0, **M** flag = 1, **O** flag = 1

DHCPv6 Stateless: **A** flag = 1, M flag = 0, **O** flag = 1

For all situations a host link-local address is configured automatically (exception maybe routers)

# DHCPv6 w/ A, O and M Flags

```
cmd Command Prompt - cmd

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ipv6.howfunky.com
Description . . . . . : Intel(R) 8257LM Gigabit Network Connection
Physical Address . . . . . : F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DHCP Enabled . . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8 Preferred
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:41a6:5976:37ac:4f54 Preferred
Lease Obtained . . . . . :
Lease Expires . . . . . :
Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:3d1f:ad49:ee12:4880 Preferred
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . :
Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . . :
Subnet Mask . . . . . : fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bdc%13
Default Gateway . . . . . : 300998385
DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . : 00-01-00-01-15-55-7D-47-F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DNS Servers . . . . . : 2001:470:20::2
NetBIOS over Tcpip . . . . . : Enabled
Connection-specific DNS Suffix Search List :
ipv6.howfunky.com
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2001:470:82a9:7:41a6:5976:37ac:4f54 is from DHCPv6

2001:470:82a9:7:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8 is from SLAAC

2001:470:82a9:7:3d1f:ad49:ee12:4880 is from SLAAC

# Windows specific Autoconfiguration behavior

By default Windows generates a random interface ID for:

Autoconfiguration addresses (permanent & temporary)

It does this for Link-local, Global Unicast and Unique Local Addresses

In other words – it doesn't do EUI-64

# Windows specific Autoconfiguration behavior

Because the host randomly built an interface ID:

It starts using it right away

It doesn't wait for duplicate address detection (DAD)

This is called **Optimistic DAD**

Autoconfiguration is used to build:

link-local

and can be used for global and ULA (depending on the flag combinations **A/M/O**)

# Windows specific Autoconfiguration behavior

If you are using a Windows Server as an IPv6 Router\*:

Windows always sets the A flag

This means that the Windows Server is doing an RA and is enabling SLAAC

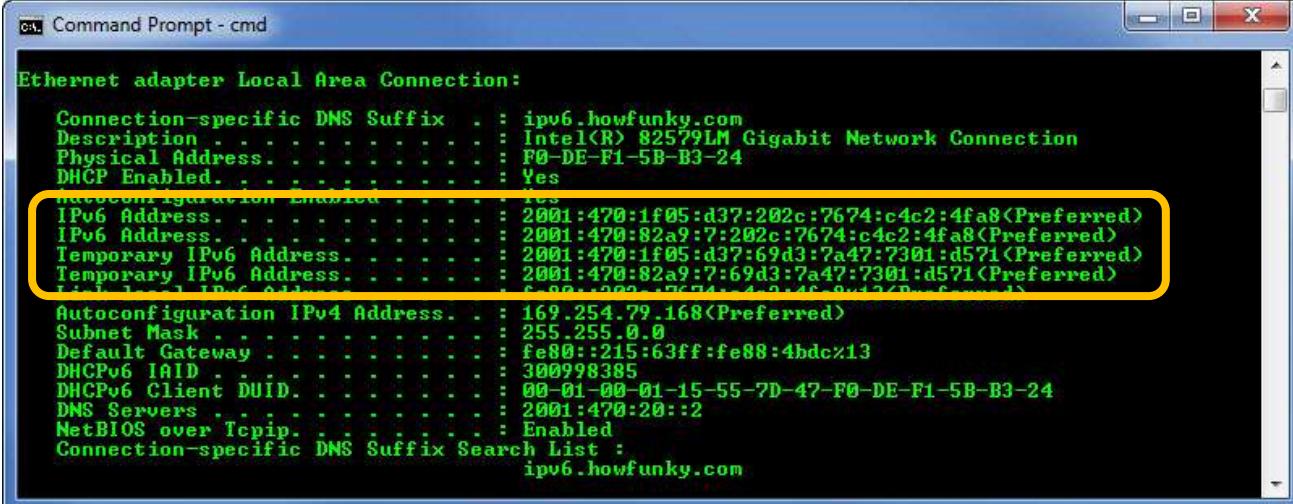
By default all hosts on that subnet will build out a random permanent address and random temporary address

Windows Server 2008 and Window Vista do not attempt stateful DHCPv6 if no RA advertisement are received

# Windows specific Autoconfiguration behavior

- \* We don't recommend running a Windows Server as a **router**, but just know the behavior to expect from the server if you do use it that way

# SLAAC + DHCPv6 w/ O flag



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Description . . . . . : Intel(R) 82579LM Gigabit Network Connection
Physical Address . . . . . : F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled : yes
IPv6 Address . . . . . : 2001:470:1f05:d37::202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
IPv6 Address . . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
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Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8%13<Preferred>
Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . . : 169.254.79.168<Preferred>
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
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DHCPv6 IUID . . . . . : 300998385
DHCPv6 Client DUID . . . . . : 00-01-00-01-15-55-7D-47-F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
DNS Servers . . . . . : 2001:470:20::2
NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled
Connection-specific DNS Suffix Search List :
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2001:470:1f05:d37::/64 gets a permanent and temporary

2001:470:82a9:7::/64 gets a permanent and temporary

The router only has 2001:470:82a9:7::/64 as an address

# IP Address Management (IPAM)

It is **normal** for a single host to have 3 or more IPv6 addresses

Each /64 subnet can have 18 million trillion addresses

You don't want to manage a spreadsheet with 18 million trillion fields for 128 bit long addresses in HEX – network or hosts!

If you don't want to do that use an IPAM solution!

Bluecat Networks, BT Diamond, Cisco Prime Network Registrar, Infoblox, Other...

# IPv4 and Equivalent IPv6 properties

IPv4

Multicast (224.0.0.0/4)

Broadcast

APIPA (169.254.0.0/16)

Public Address Space

Loopback (127.0.0.1)

Unspecified (0.0.0.0)

Dotted decimal

RFC 1918 (10.0.0.0/8,  
172.16.0.0/12, 192.168.0.0/16)

IPv6

Multicast (ff00::/8)

Replaced with Multicast groups

Link-local (fe80::/64)

Global Unicast Space

Loopback (::1)

Unspecified (::)

Colon HEX format

ULA (fd00::/8)

IPv4	IPv6
Multicast (224.0.0.0/4)	Multicast (ff00::/8)
Broadcast	Replaced with Multicast groups
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Dotted decimal	Colon HEX format
RFC 1918 (10.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, 192.168.0.0/16)	ULA (fd00::/8)

# ICMPv4 vs. ICMPv6 properties

## ICMPv4

Destination Unreachable – Network  
Unreachable (Type 3, Code 0)

Destination Unreachable – Host  
Unreachable (Type 3, Code 1)

Destination Unreachable – Protocol  
Unreachable (Type 3, Code 2)

Destination Unreachable – Port  
Unreachable (Type 3, Code 3)

Destination Unreachable – Fragmentation  
Needed and DF Set (Type 3, Code 4)

## ICMPv6

Destination Unreachable – No Route to  
Destination (Type 1, Code 0)

Destination Unreachable – Address  
Unreachable (Type 1, Code 3)

Parameter Problem – Unrecognized  
Next Header Type Encountered (Type  
4, Code 1)

Destination Unreachable – Port  
Unreachable (Type 1, Code 4)

Packet Too Big (Type 2, Code 0)

Table 5-3 Chapter 5 – ICMPv6 from Understanding IPv6, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. By Joseph Davies, Microsoft Press

# ICMPv4 vs. ICMPv6 properties

## ICMPv4

Destination Unreachable – Communication with Destination Host Administratively Prohibited (Type 3, Code 10)

Source Quench (Type 4, Code 0)  
Redirect (Type 5, Code 0)

Time Exceeded – TTL Exceeded in Transit (Type 11, Code 0)

Time Exceeded – Fragment Reassembly Time Exceeded (Type 11, Code 1)

Parameter Problem (Type 12, Code 0)

## ICMPv6

Destination Unreachable – Communication with Destination Administratively Prohibited (Type 1, Code 1)

This message is not present in IPv6.

Neighbor Discovery Redirect message (Type 137, Code 0)

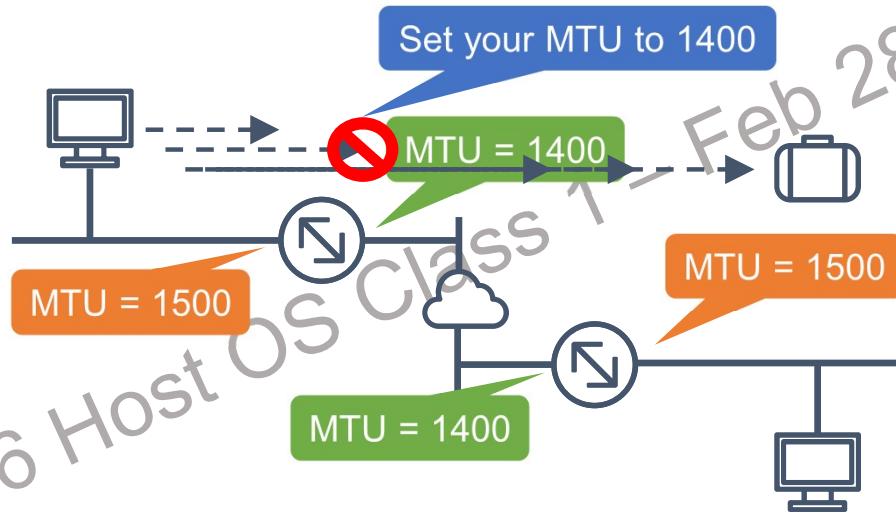
Time Exceeded – Hope Limit Exceeded in Transit (Type 3, Code 0)

Time Exceeded – Fragment Reassembly Time Exceeded (Type 3, Code 1)

Parameter Problem (Type 4, Code 0 or Code 2)

Table 5-3 Chapter 5 – ICMPv6 from Understanding IPv6, 3rd Ed. By Joseph Davies, Microsoft Press

# Why is Path MTU so important in IPv6?



# Important ICMPv6 Things to Know

Path MTU **must** be allowed or IPv6 will **break**

This means you need to allow **ICMPv6** traffic through your network

RFC 4890 outlines firewall rules for ICMPv6

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4890>

# Must Permit ICMPv6 Traffic

Destination Unreachable (Type 1 – all codes)

Packet Too Big (Type 2)

Time Exceeded (Type 3 – code 0 only)

Parameter Problem (Type 4 – code 1 and 2 only)

Echo Request (Type 128)

Echo Reply (Type 129)

# Disabling IPv6 in Windows

You need to modify the registry using:

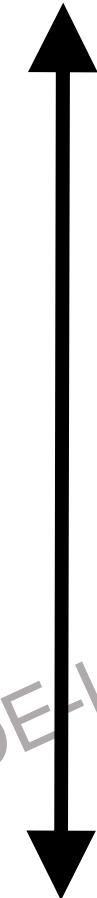
GPO  
Registry  
PowerShell  
netsh

The registry key is:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\tcpip6\Parameters\DisabledComponents

# Registry key values

“DisabledComponents”  
Registry Value (type DWORD) for



Bit 7	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disables all IP-HTTPS interfaces.
Bit 6	Default value is 0 or off. It is reserved.
Bit 5	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it sets the default prefix policy table to prefer IPv4 over IPv6.
Bit 4	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disables all LAN and PPP interfaces but NOT tunnel based interfaces like 6to4, ISATAP, Teredo and IP-HTTPS.
Bit 3	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disables all Teredo interfaces.
Bit 2	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disables all ISATAP interfaces.
Bit 1	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disable all 6to4 interfaces.
Bit 0	Default value is 0 or off. If set to 1 then it disables all the tunnel interfaces which include 6to4, ISATAP, Teredo and IP-HTTPS.

# Window Prefix Policy Table



# Windows Prefix Policy Table

**Windows maintains a Prefix Policy Table:**

That controls IPv6 and IPv4 behavior

It is based on RFC 6724 (RFC 3484 is the older version)

**Using PowerShell you can display the current table:**

```
Get-NetPrefixPolicy
```

**Using netsh to modify the table:**

```
netsh interface ipv6 show prefixpolicies  
netsh interface ipv6 add prefixpolicy <prefix> <precedence> <label>  
netsh interface ipv6 set prefixpolicy <prefix> <precedence> <label>  
netsh interface ipv6 remove prefixpolicy <prefix> <precedence> <label>
```

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# RFC 6724 to 3484 Table Difference

IPv6 Prefix Range	RFC 3484 Precedence	RFC 6724 Precedence
3ffe::/16	40	1
fec0::/10	40	1
fc00::/7	40	3
::/96	20	1
::ffff:0:0/96	10	5

# Prefix Policy Table Management

Use the following netsh command to update an RFC 3484 host to RFC 6724:

```
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy 3ffe::/16 1 12 store=persistent  
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy fec0::/10 1 11 store=persistent  
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy fc00::/8 4 13 store=persistent  
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy fd00::/8 3 14 store=persistent  
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy ::/96 1 3 store=persistent  
netsh int ipv6 add prefixpolicy ::ffff:0:0/96 35 4 store=persistent
```

# Example Prefix Policy Table

```
PS C:\> Get-NetPrefixPolicy
```

Prefix	Precedence	Label
-----	-----	-----
3ffe::/16	1	12
fec0::/10	1	11
::/96	1	3
fc00::/7	3	13
2001::/32	5	5
2002::/16	30	2
::ffff:0:0/96	35	4
::/0	40	1
::1/128	50	0

ULA

IPv4

# Protocol Selection Process



# Windows Protocol selection

**By default Windows prefers IPv6**

You can modify this behavior by changing the prefix policy table

**It checks if IPv6 is working using NCSI**

This check happens each time Windows connects to a network

Wireless join / Wired connection

It will recheck in 30 days if the interface stays connected that long (servers and workstations are the common situation for that)

NCSI can be set to a custom value

**NCSI = Network Connectivity Status Indicator**

# Windows protocol selection considerations

## If you use ULA

If you have IPv4 (dual-stack) then all hosts will prefer IPv4 due to the preference settings in RFC 6724

## If you want to use ULA and prefer IPv6

Change the prefix policy table

Or turn off IPv4

Or assign an GUA in addition to the ULA

# Auto Address Configuration



# IPv6 Automatic Address Method

## Stateless Address Auto Configuration (SLAAC):

Very common for in wireless environments

Often used in home or smaller network situations

## Stateful (DHCPv6 stateful):

Matches how DHCP is utilized today in IPv4

Requires the correct RA flags be set

## Both (DHCPv6 stateless):

Will be more common for wireless environments, home and smaller networks

DHCPv6 server is providing simple information like DNS servers

Host still uses SLAAC to set up an address automatically

# IPv6 Manual Method

You can always assign a static address to the host, even in IPv6

A pseudo method that essentially functions like the manual method is to use static reservations in DHCPv6

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# SLAAC Only

```
Command Prompt

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

  Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
  Description . . . . . : Intel(R) 82579LM Gigabit Network Connection
  Physical Address . . . . . : F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
  DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
  Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes
  IPv6 Address . . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:f2de:f1ff:fe5b:b324<Preferred>
  Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2001:470:82a9:7:e876:7d12:8f50:5899<Preferred>
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . . . . : 169.254.79.168<Preferred>
  Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bdc%13
  DNS Servers . . . . . : fec0::0:0:ffff::1%1
                           fec0::0:0:ffff::2%1
                           fec0::0:0:ffff::3%1
  NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled
```

2001:470:82a9:7::/64 is the prefix

Notice there are no global DNS Servers

Notice there is no FQDN information

# Source Address Selection

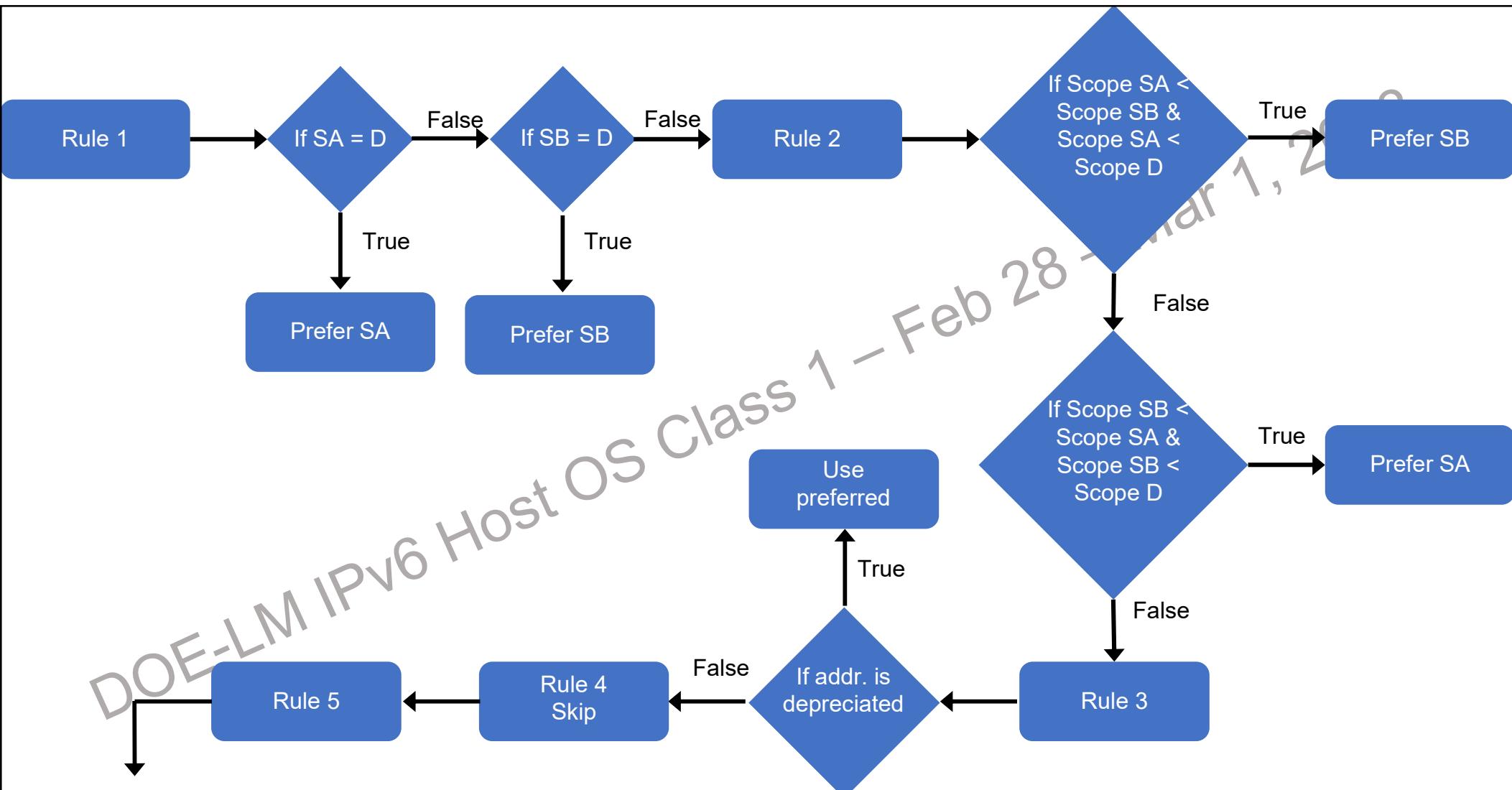


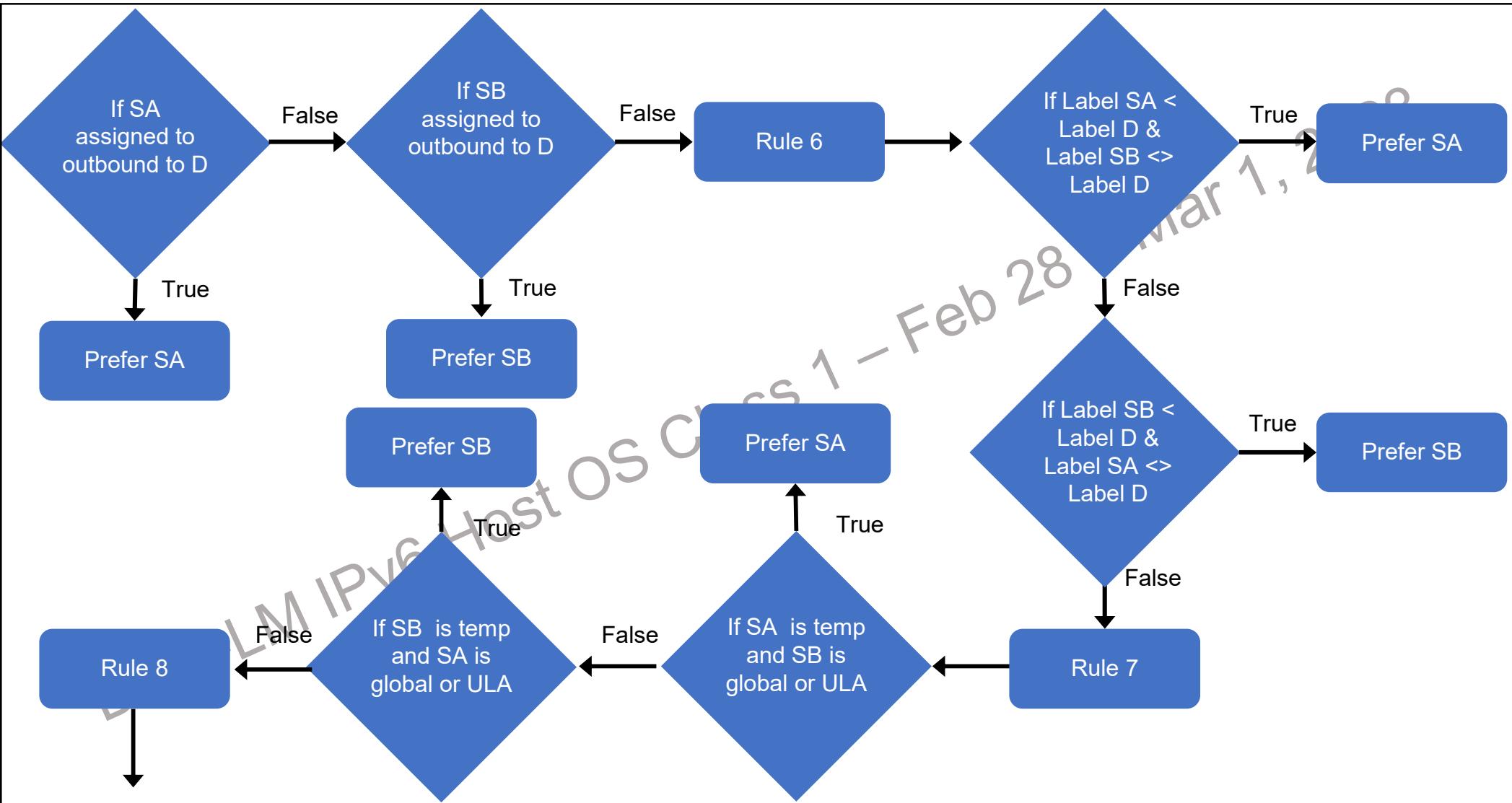
# Default Address Selection for IPv6

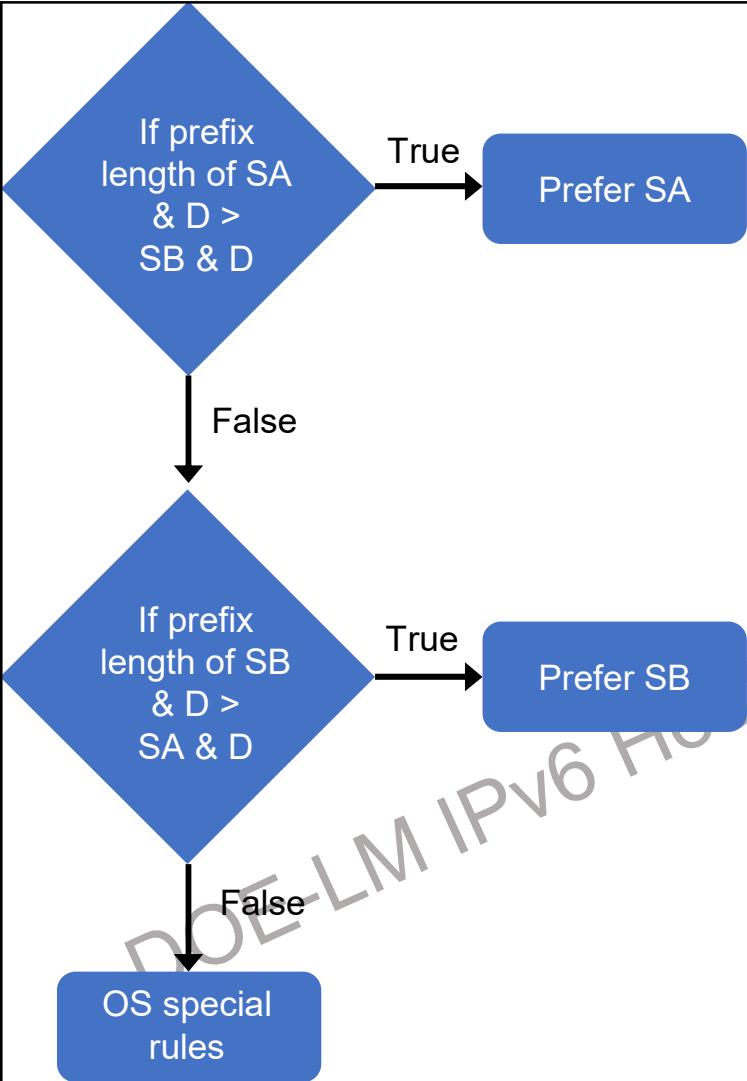
This process is defined in RFC 6724

Not all OS versions conform to RFC 6724 – it was released in September 2012

Older RFC was 3484 – many OS versions still use that RFC







# Transition Technologies in Windows



# Windows Transition Technologies

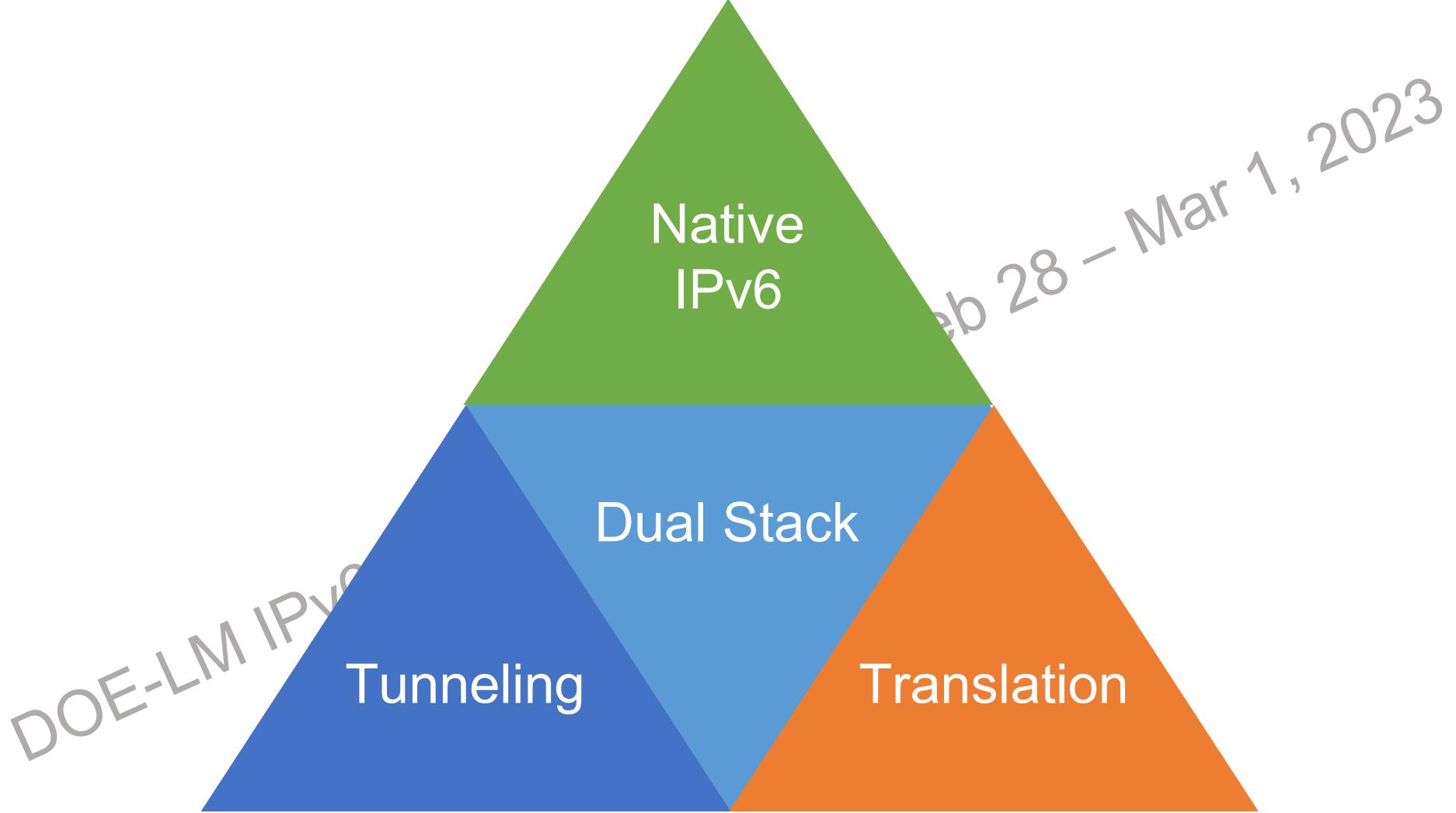
Windows was designed to leverage several methods of transition technologies

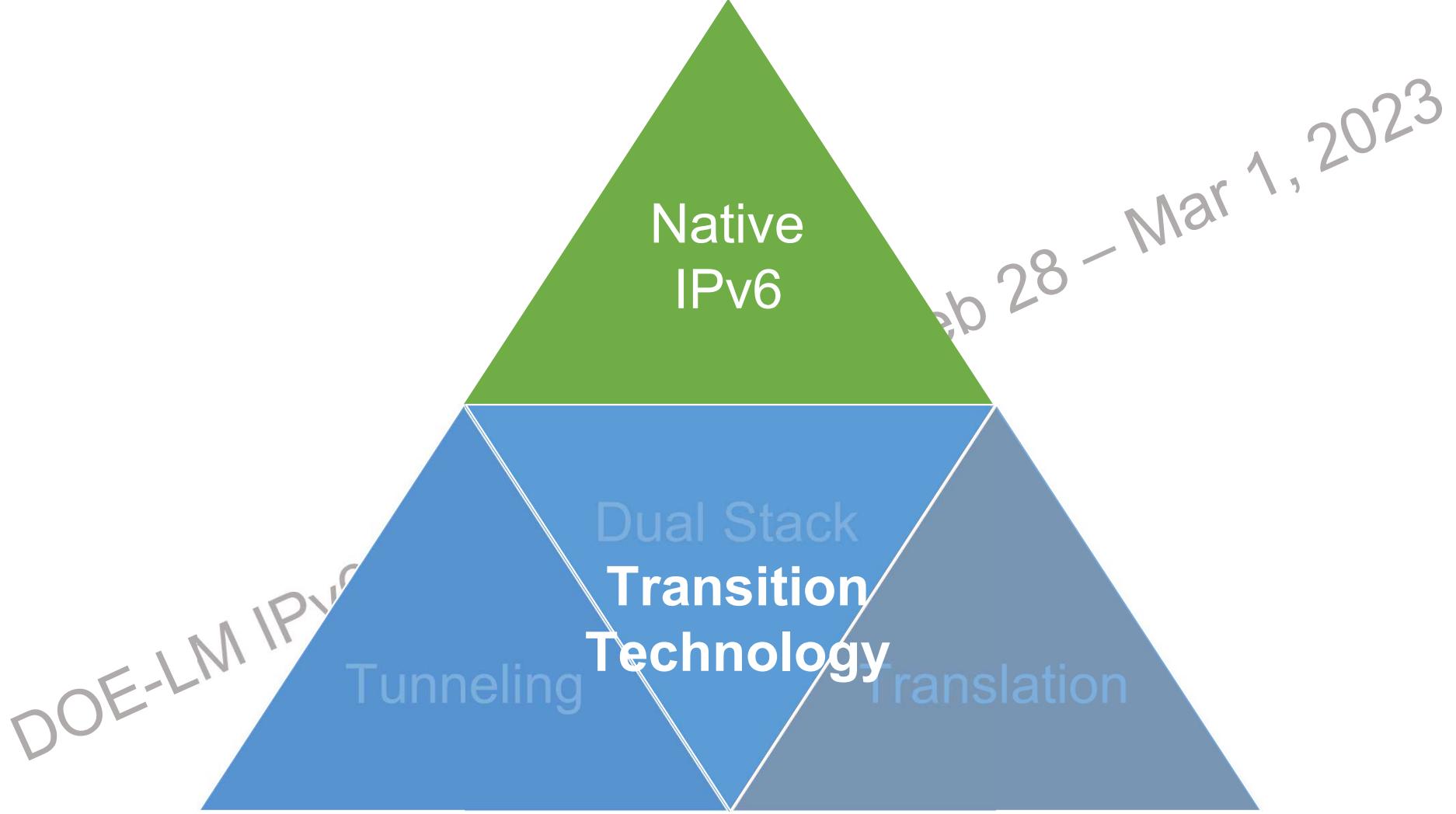
Microsoft invented several transition methods to speed up the adoption of IPv6

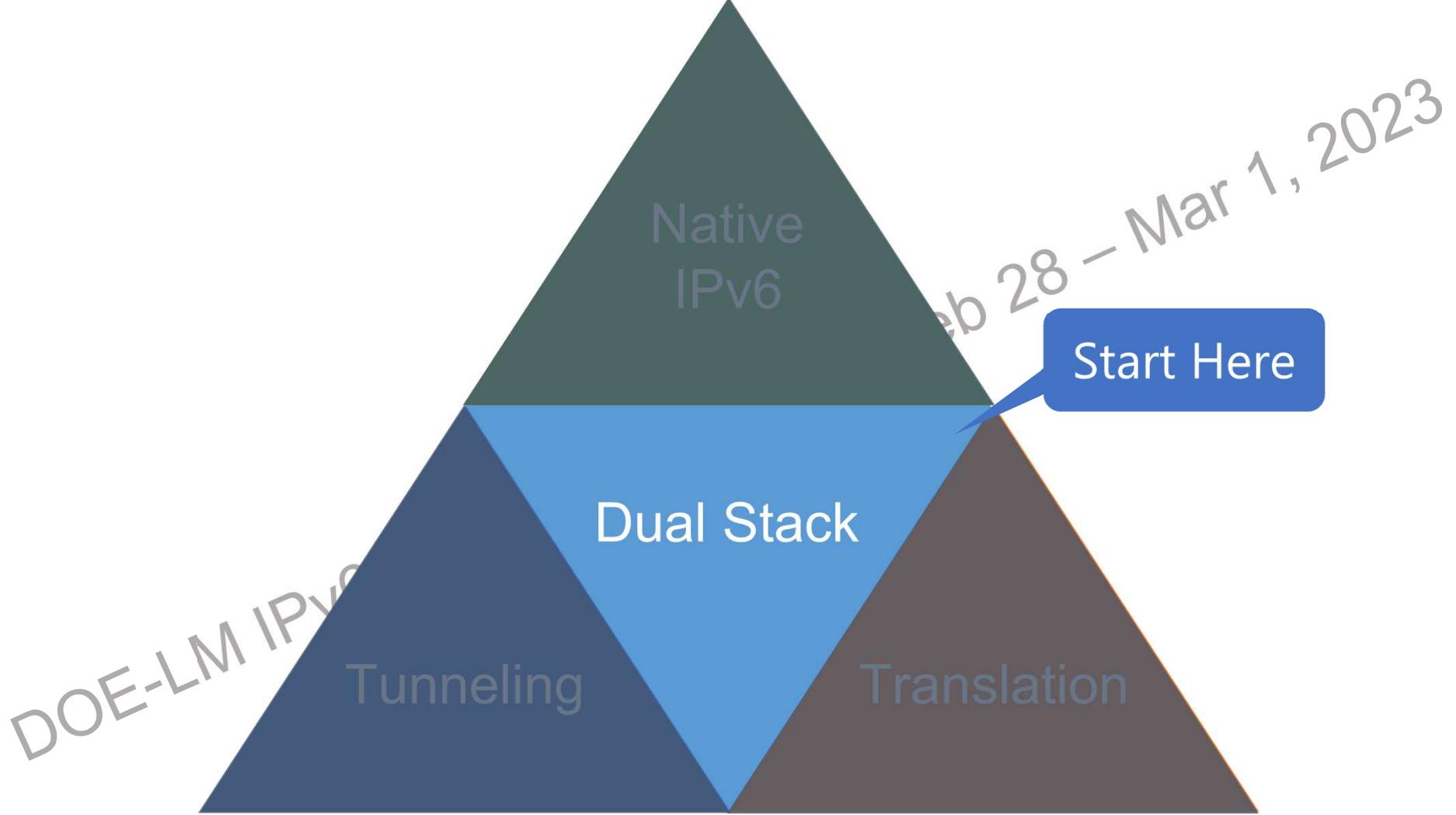
There are many other transition methods

The goal of a transition technology is to help in the **migration** of IPv4 to IPv6

Remember, the end goal is native IPv6!!!







# Dual Stack

You run IPv6 and IPv4 side by side

You let the host decide which protocol to use

For routing the two protocols operate like ships in the night (for the most part)

You **will** consume more resources to run dual stack

You have to understand how your applications behave

# Dual Stack

Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 have partial RFC 6555/8305 implemented (readiness update for Windows 7 and Server 2008R2) - NCSI

All applications benefit from Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 having partial RFC 6555/8305 behavior enabled

Windows uses RFC 6724 [and NCSI](#)

Dual stack is a [transition](#) method – the eventual goal is only IPv6

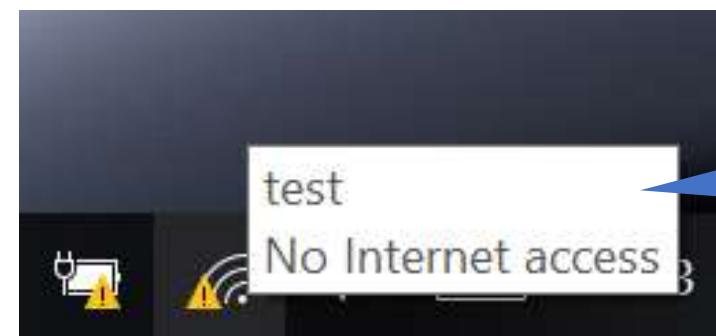
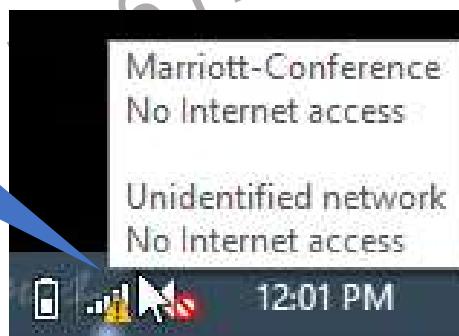
# Network Connectivity Status Indicator

Windows 7 and Server 2008R2 w/ Readiness Update to current release uses NCSI -

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2750841>

NCSI tests connectivity via a DNS lookup to an IPv6 specific URL: <http://ipv6.msftncsi.com/ncsi.txt>

Windows  
7/8



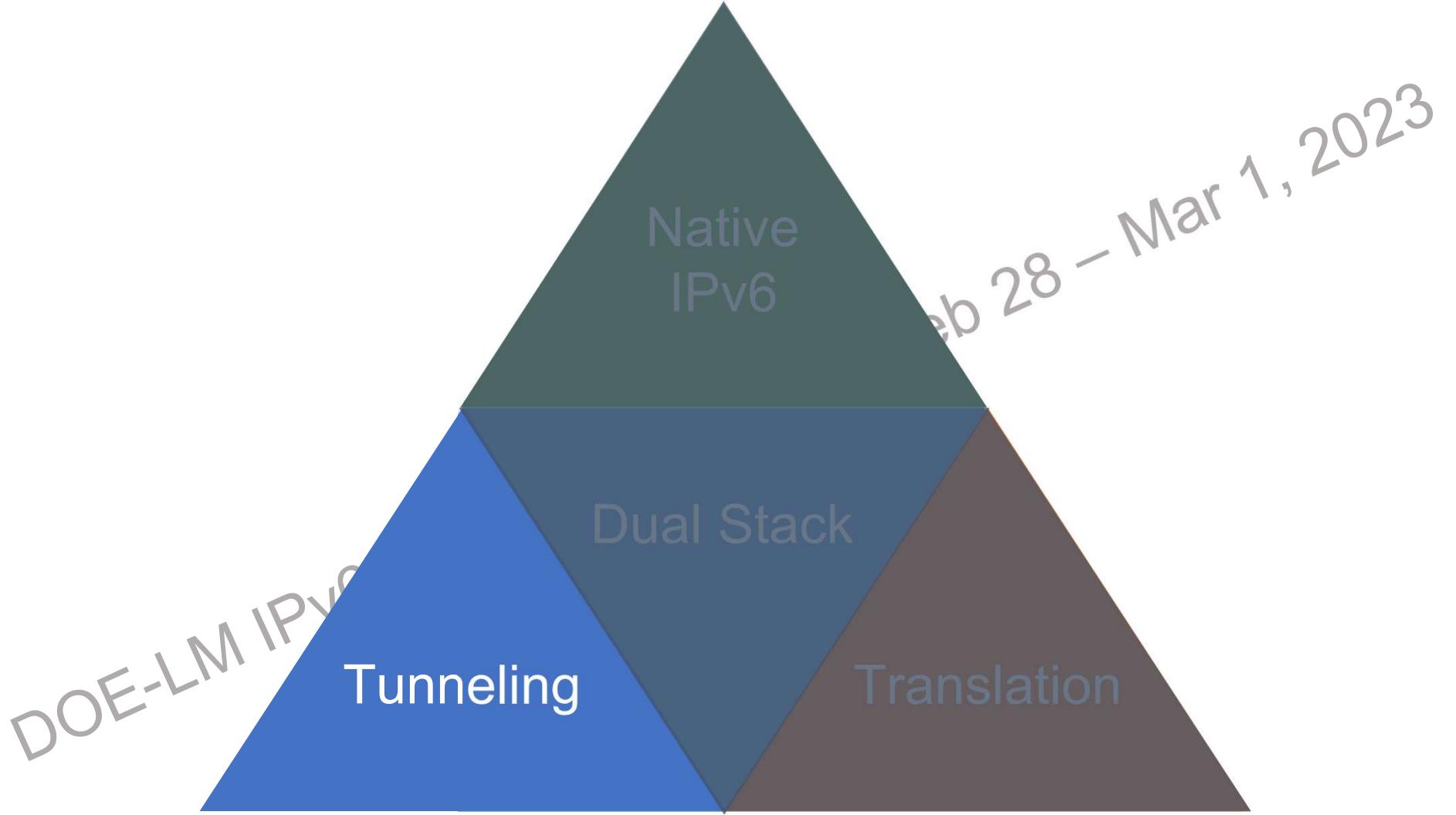
Windows  
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# Network Connectivity Status Indicator

Every time a network configuration event occurs (meaning that something has changed in the network configuration), the NCSI process performs several tests to check for IPv6 connectivity

If IPv6 access can't be established NCSI fails back to IPv4

The results of the test are cached for 30 days



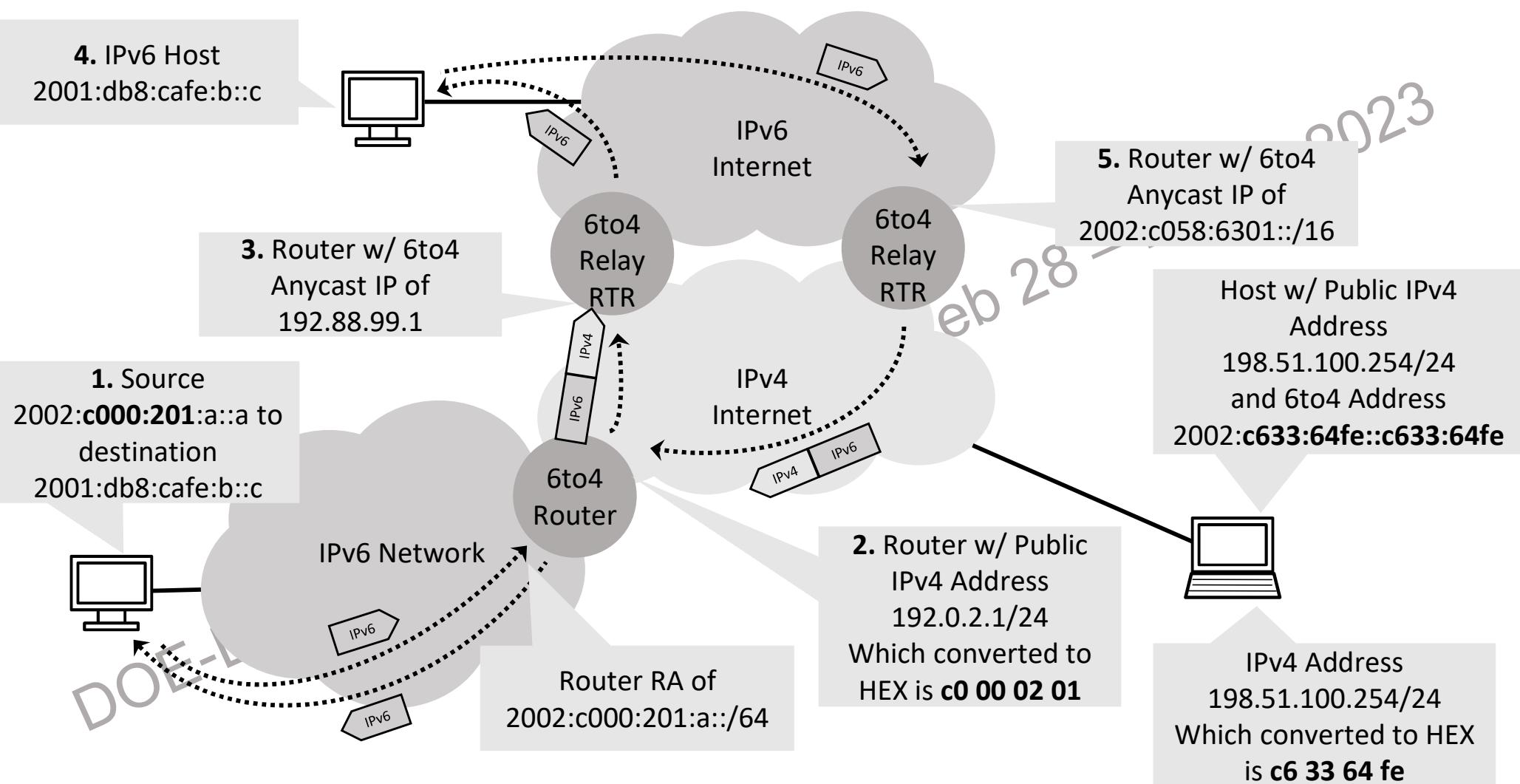
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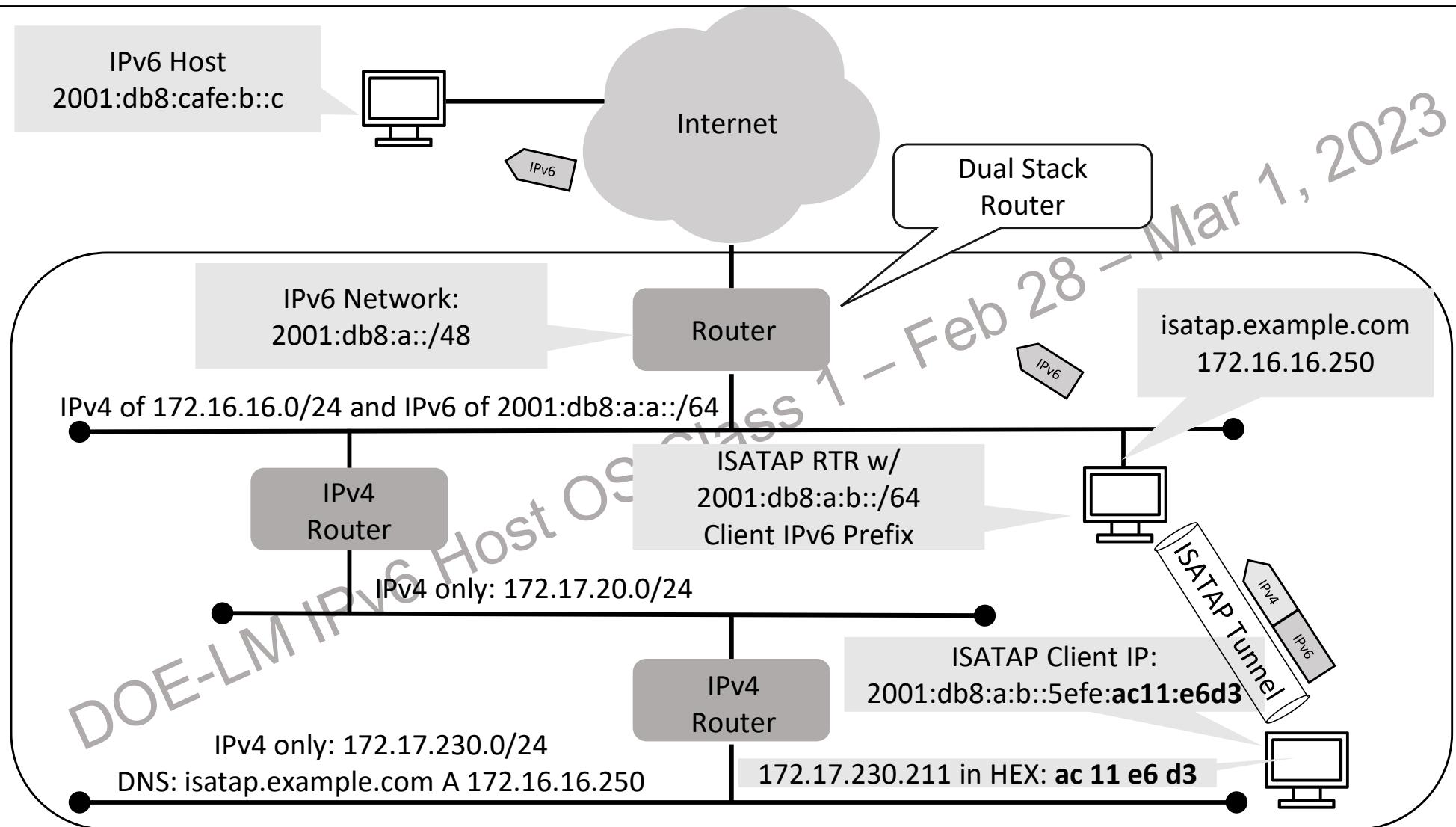
In Windows there are three main tunneling transition technologies

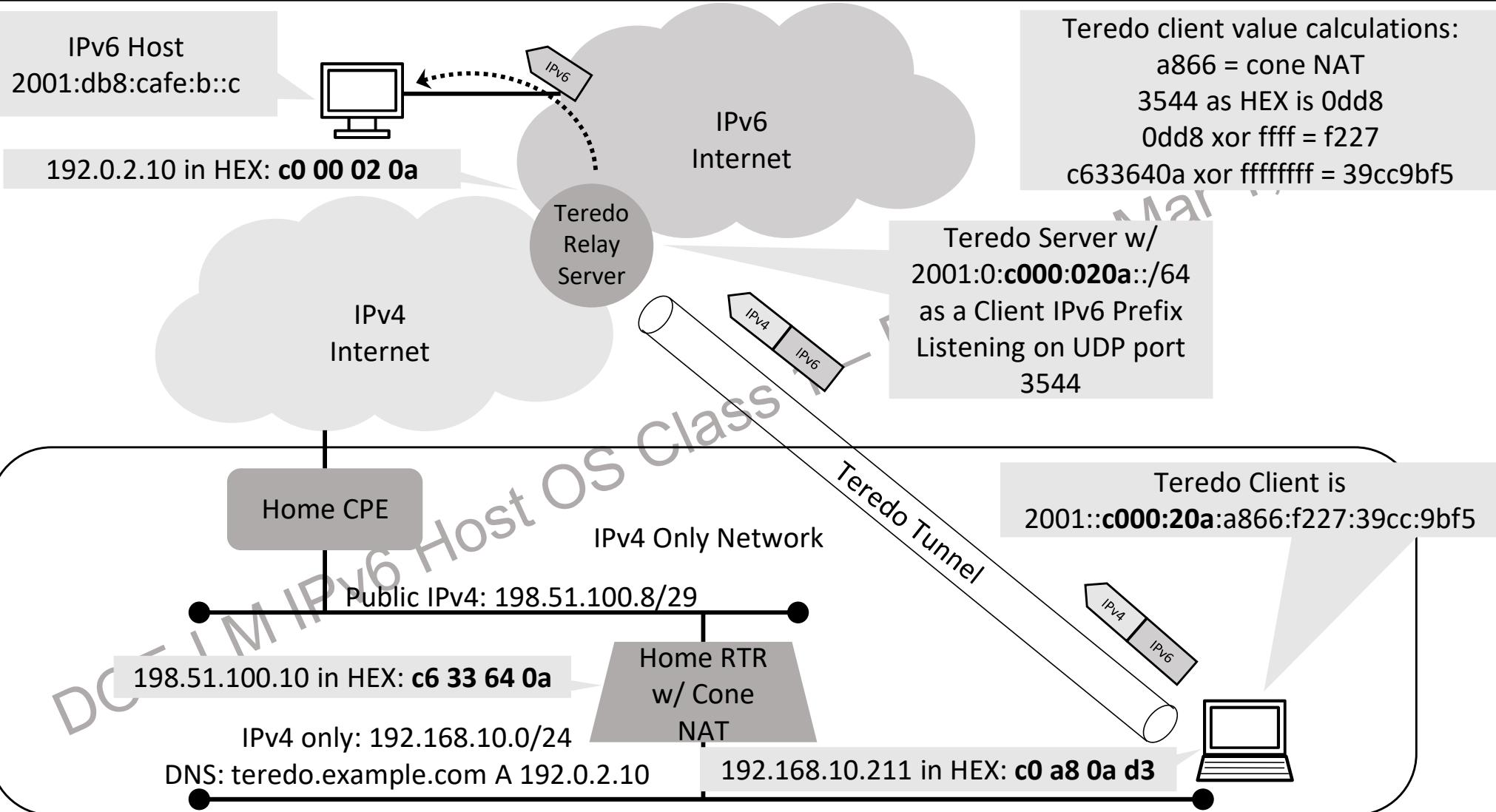
- 6to4
- ISATAP
- Teredo

All of these enable IPv6 to IPv6 communication, they just use IPv4 as a transport

We recommend turning off **all** the transition tunneling technologies to avoid problems troubleshooting IPv6





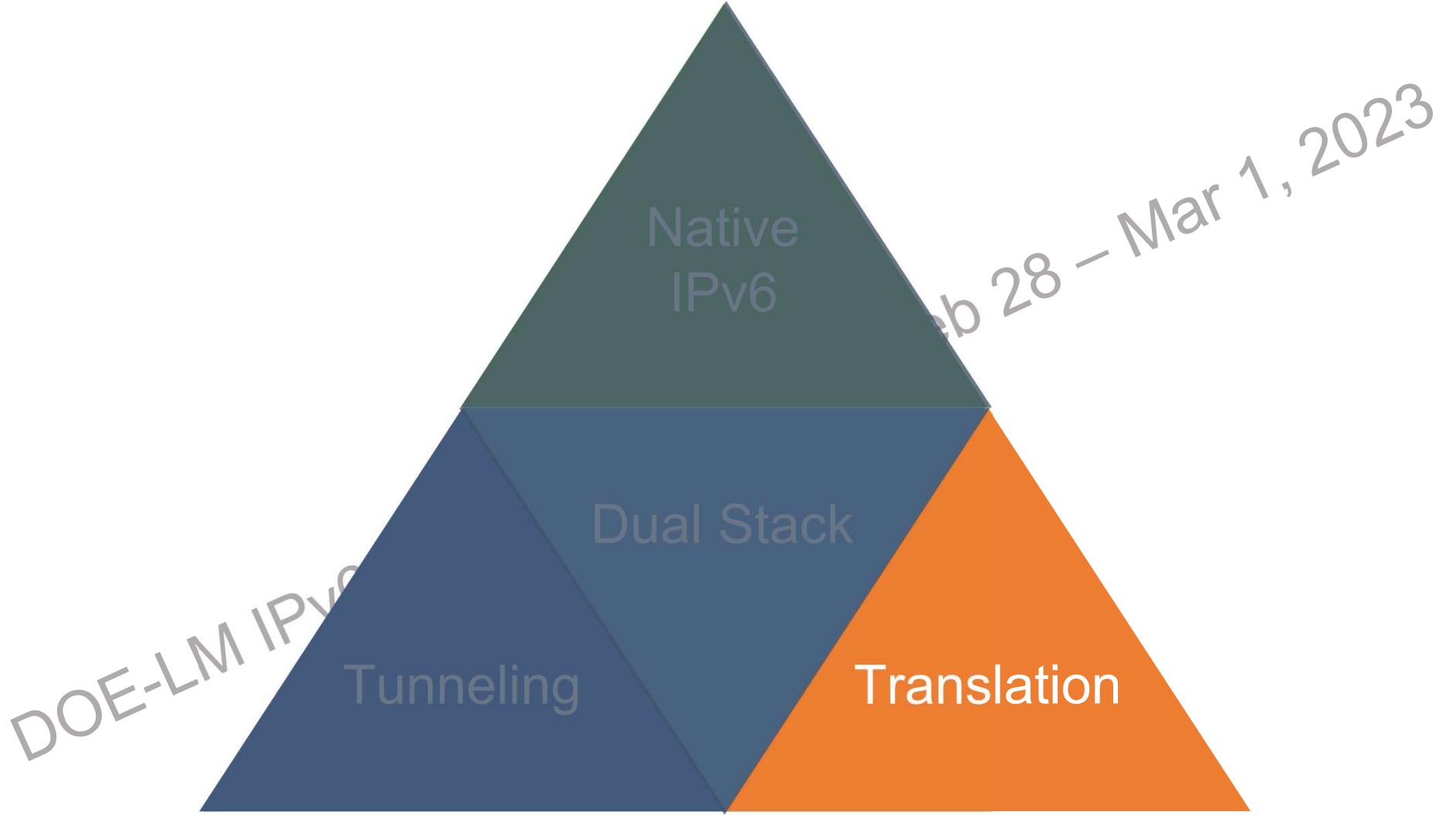


# Tunneling

So why do I recommend turning off all the transition tunneling technologies?

Unless you have a specific design build around them they introduce **unpredictable** behavior

Still leave IPv6 enabled, just disable the transition tunneling, that way when it is time to deploy IPv6 you don't have to touch the hosts again



# Translation

In Windows there is one main translation technology  
NAT64/DNS64

Additional Enterprise translation technologies to know  
SLB64 & NPTv6

These do IPv6 to IPv4 translation (think of them as a proxy)

NAT64/DNS64 and SLB64

# NAT64/DNS64

Windows Server 2008 R2 with Forefront UAG is capable of doing NAT64/DNS64

Windows Server 2012/R2+ is capable of doing NAT64/DNS64 (DirectAccess)

NAT64 allows an IPv6 host to access an IPv4 host through a NAT64 devices that proxies the session

DNS64 builds synthetic AAAA records for an IPv4 A record if no IPv6 AAAA record already exists

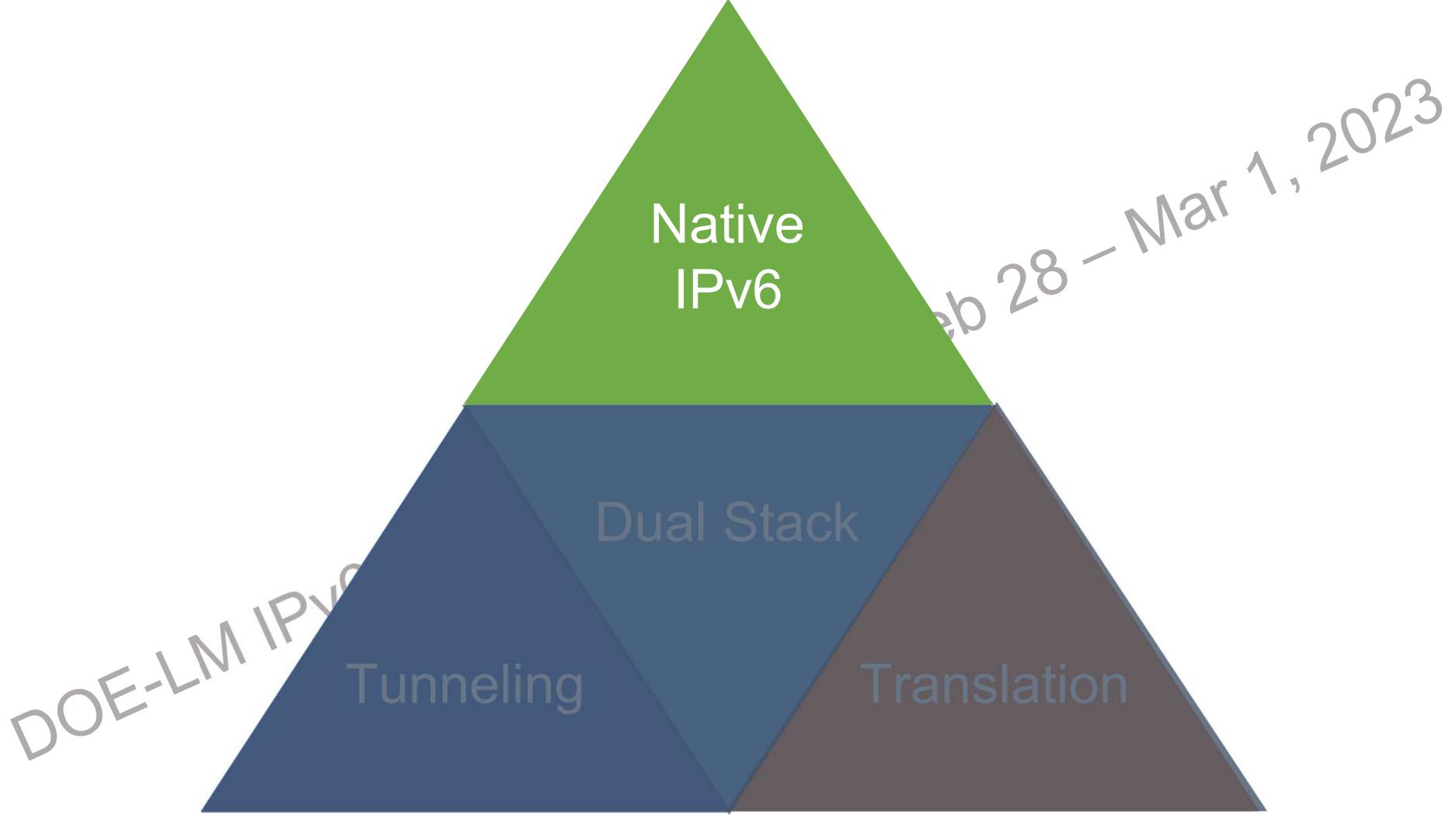
# NAT64/DNS64 – Common Deployment

Run DNS64 on a commercial solution like Infoblox or Bluecat

Run NAT64 on a Cisco router or Palo Alto Networks firewall

It is possible to run it all in Windows. For a lab, that is fine, but do not use it for production





# Migration

You want to move away from

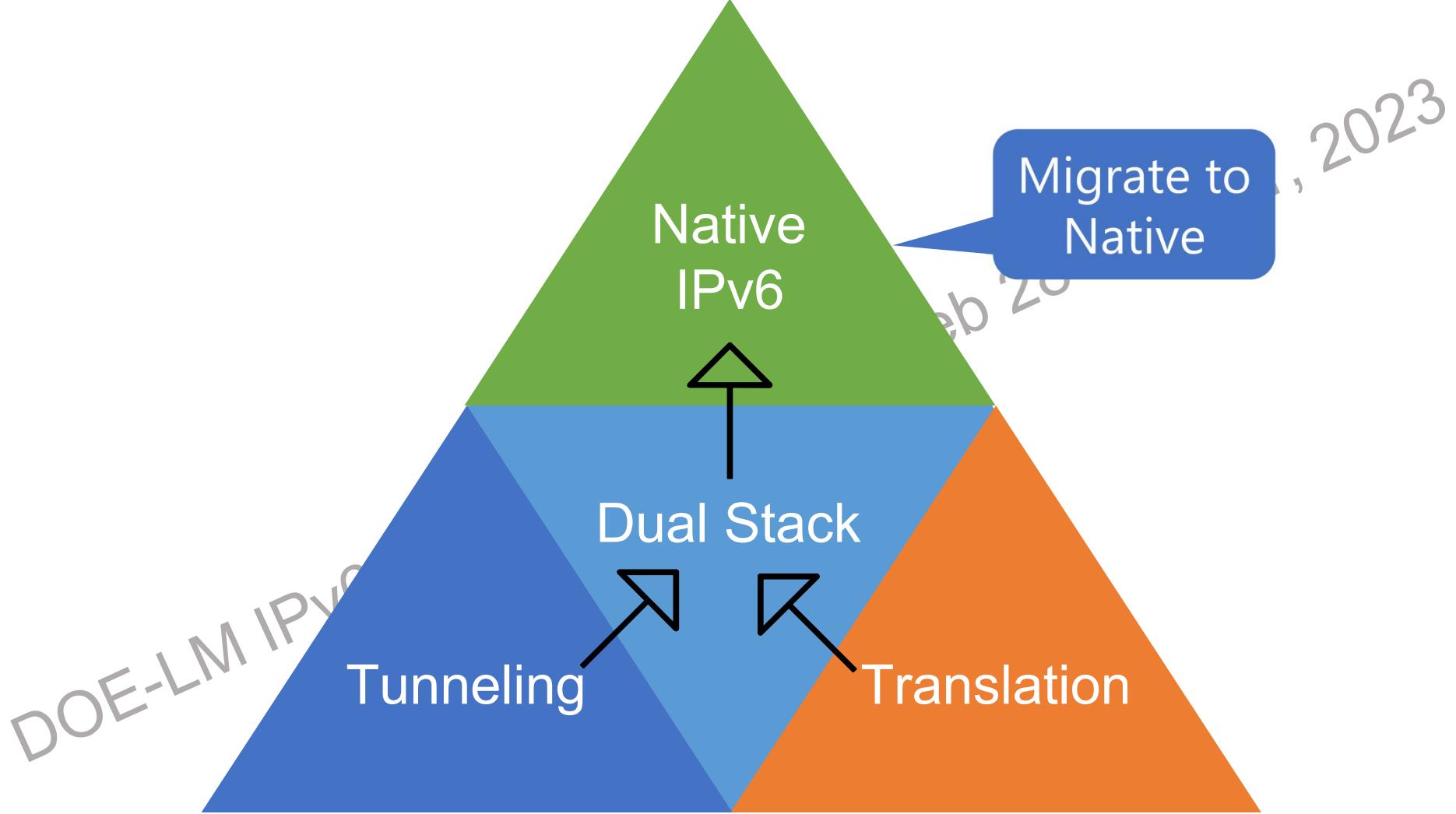
- Tunneling
- Translation

To Dual-Stack

Eventually you will want to move from Dual-Stack to:

**Native**

Translation (as needed) for older IPv4 only hosts



# Disabling Transition Technologies



# Turning off 6to4

PowerShell for Windows Server 2012R2, 2012, 8.1, 8

```
Set-Net6to4Configuration -State Disabled
```

Netsh for Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Vista

```
Netsh interface 6to4 set state disabled
```

## Registry Key

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\tcpip6\Parameters\DisabledComponents registry value to 0x2 (DWORD)

(and then restart the computer)

# Turning off 6to4

Windows Server 2012R2, 2012 and 2008 R2 Windows 8.1, 8 and 7

Set the 6to4 State Group Policy setting in Computer Configuration|Policies|Administrative Templates|Network|TCP/IP Settings|IPv6 Transition Technologies to Disabled

Windows Server 2016, 2019 and Windows 10 both with creators updates have 6to4 disabled

# Turning off ISATAP

PowerShell for Windows Server 2012R2, 2012, 8.1, 8

```
Set-NetIsatapConfiguration -State Disabled
```

Netsh for Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Vista

```
Netsh interface isatap set state disabled
```

## Registry Key

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\tcpip6\Parameters\DisabledComponents registry value to 0x4 (DWORD)

(and then restart the computer)

# Turning off ISATAP

Windows Server 2012R2, 2012 and 2008 R2 Windows 8.1, 8 and 7

Set the ISATAP State Group Policy setting in Computer Configuration|Policies|Administrative Templates|Network|TCP/IP Settings|IPv6 Transition Technologies to Disabled

Windows Server 2016, 2019 and Windows 10 both with creators updates have ISATAP disabled

# Turning off Teredo

PowerShell for Windows Server 2012R2, 2012, 8.1, 8

```
Set-NetTeredoConfiguration -Type Disabled
```

Netsh for Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7, Windows Vista

```
Netsh interface teredo set state type = Disabled
```

Teredo client on managed networks (AD is present) is disabled by default

# Turning off Teredo

Windows Server 2012R2, 2012 and 2008 R2 Windows  
8.1, 8 and 7

Set the Teredo State Group Policy setting in Computer Configuration|Policies|  
Administrative Templates|Network|TCP/IP Settings|IPv6 Transition Technologies

Windows Server 2016, 2019 and Windows 10 both with  
creators updates have Teredo disabled

# DHCPv6 - Windows



# DHCPv6 in Windows

Once the DHCP service is installed it can function for both DHCP and DHCPv6

The main difference is you will need new values for DHCPv6 reservations

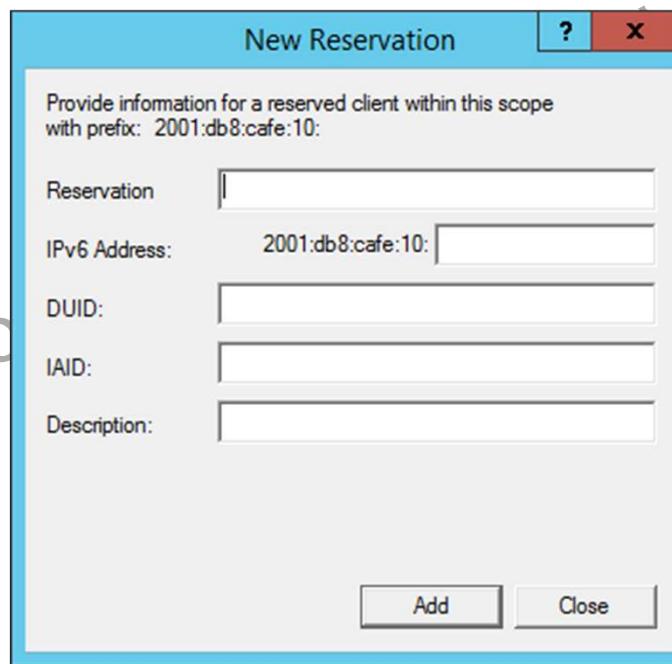
The option codes are different – they do NOT carry over from IPv4

# DHCPv6 Reservation Parameters

You will need to following information from the host

DUID value

IAID value



# DHCPv6 Problems

Sysprep images or duplicate DUID values will occur

Difficult to determine DUID and IAID values from hosts –  
they are generated at initial boot/runtime

Only knowing the MAC address will NOT allow you to  
build a reservation

# Cisco IPv6 SLAAC + DHCPv6 w/ O flag config

```
interface Vlan7
  description - work - ipv6 address 2001:470:82a9:7::/64 and 2001:470:1f05:d37::/64
  ipv6 address 2001:470:1F05:D37:2::1/64
  ipv6 enable
  ipv6 nd prefix 2001:470:1F05:D37::/64 300 300
  ipv6 nd prefix 2001:470:82A9:7::/64 300 300
  ipv6 nd other-config-flag
  ipv6 dhcp server HE
```

Setting the O flag

# Cisco IPv6 DHCPv6 w/ M & O flag config

```
interface Vlan7
  description - work - ipv6 address 2001:470:82A9:7::1/64
  ipv6 address 2001:470:82A9:7::1/64
  ipv6 enable
  ipv6 nd prefix 2001:470:82A9:7::/64 300 300
  ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
  ipv6 nd other-config-flag
  ipv6 dhcp server HE
```

Setting the M & O flag

# Cisco IPv6 SLAAC config

```
interface Vlan7
  description - work - ipv6 address 2001:470:82a9:7::/64
  ipv6 address 2001:470:82A9:7::1/64
  ipv6 nd prefix 2001:470:82A9:7::/64 300 300
  ipv6 enable
```

By default the A flag is enabled

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# Windows IPv6 DHCPv6 Demo



- Lab #3
- Windows Server 2016R2
- Check binding for service
- Build a IPv6 scope
- What does the host OS get?



# Best Practices for Windows



# Windows Logging Best Practices

**Logging may have issues with AAAA records**

You should store addresses in binary format (avoid integer or strings)

You should normalize the IPv6 address format (expand the address, no compression)

**You many have to aggregate logs**

Depending on your logging, you many have two different files for the same protocol (i.e. port 80)

You will have to aggregate the logs for business analytics

**Splunk supports IPv6**

Many deployments use Splunk which does the expected behavior and regular expression processing

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# Deployment

## Start with forgiving applications

DNS and SMTP vs. Web Services

## You need to understand

Dual Stack behavior

Transition technology behavior

Impact on your hardware and software

Do the heavy lifting in the lab – don't try out IPv6 in your production network!

Remember – IPv6 is used FIRST so mistakes have immediate impact!

# Windows IPv6 Caveats and Notes

Windows will use 6to4 if it has a **public** IPv4 address  
Make sure to add your IPv6 Prefixes to AD Sites and Services/Sites/Subnets

Older Windows does NOT support RFC 6106/8106 (RDNSS)

Windows has a native DHCPv6 client

Windows 10 currently prefers the DHCPv6 supplied DNS over the RDNSS one, per Section 5.3.1 of the RFC 8106

# Exchange and IPv6

Exchange 2007 and 2010 will prefer IPv6 for same subnet traffic

Even if you only have static IPv4 addresses configured

You likely didn't even notice unless you disable IPv6

**Exchange Edge Transport role is a special IPv6 case**

If you have it running in a DMZ that uses Public IPv4 addresses it will attempt to use 6to4

This means if someone has a AAAA record published for their MX in DNS the Exchange server will FIRST use 6to4 to attempt delivery

This behavior is likely NOT desirable – disable 6to4 on the Exchange Server

# Exchange and IPv6

If IPv6 is enabled and is being routed properly make sure your advanced firewall is ON!

Make sure to test reachability from all networks prior to turning up IPv6 for client access networks

Test all Exchange services for both IPv4 and IPv6

If you are using IPv4 Load Balancers make sure you do the same for IPv6 or you might get strange behavior in clients

# What Does Microsoft Recommend?

Microsoft no longer tests their software with IPv4 ONLY networks, they expect dual stack

Microsoft has standardized on dual stack support

There are only three products that have been delayed in broad IPv6 support – all are no longer current products

Forefront TMG, Lync, Windows Phone 7

# Impacts of disabling IPv6

Recent anecdotal information about Microsoft support cases indicates customers disabling IPv6 and then having operational problems has grown

Make sure you test the planned configuration with IPv6 disabled in a lab

Do NOT randomly turn it off in your production environment – bad things can happen!

# Troubleshooting IPv6 in Windows



# Windows DNS Problems

## Applications may have issues with AAAA records

You have to test your application to see if it supports AAAA records or if it fails  
You also should test if hosts can fail back and forth between IPv4 and IPv6

## Getaddrinfo()

Will respond with an ordered list – apps will walk the list until it can connect

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms738520%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

## Not all hosts require an AAAA record

Decide if you want AD DDNS for host registration, decide if you want a host to respond on IPv6, etc.

GUA permanent, ULA and ISATAP will register in DDNS

# Windows and NCSI

## Network Connection Status Indicator

Determines if you are connected to the Internet

Used to detect IPv6 connectivity

<http://ipv6.msftncsi.com/ncsi.txt>

Get-NCSIPolicyConfiguration

Set-NCSIPolicyConfiguration -CorporateWebsiteProbeURL http://ipv6.ncsi.example.com -PolicyStore Howfunky

Reset-NCSIPolicyConfiguration -PolicyStore Howfunky

# Network Connectivity Status Indicator

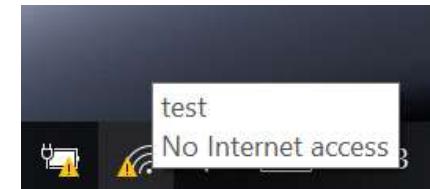
Windows 7 and Server 2008R2 w/ Readiness Update to current release uses NCSI

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2750841>

Every time a network configuration event occurs (meaning that something has changed in the network status), NCSI performs several tests

If IPv6 access can't be established, NCSI uses IPv4

Value is cached for 30 days





# Windows IPv6 Name Resolution

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# Windows IPv6 DNS



# IPv6 DNS

An IPv6 address record type in DNS is AAAA

The PTR zone is IP6.ARPA.

Why is it AAAA?

An A record in IPv4 represents 32 bits

IPv6 has 128 bits so 4 A's make it 128 (4x32)

# IPv6 Reverse DNS

## Examples:

2001:470:1f05:d37:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8

2001:470:1f05:d37::1

The reverse entry in IP6.ARPA. looks like:

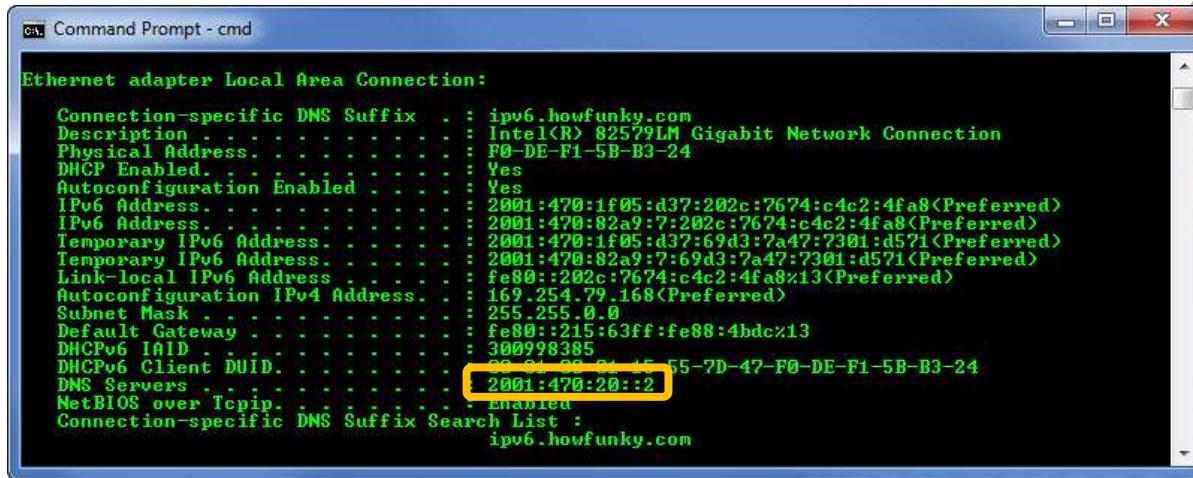
8.a.f.4.2.c.4.c.4.7.6.7.c.2.0.2.7.3.d.0.5.0.f.1.0.7.4.0.1.0.0.2.IP6.ARPA.

**Every nibble must be included so:**

Zero compression has to be expanded back out

Leading zeros must be added back in

# How Does a Windows Client get DNS Servers?



```
cmd Command Prompt - cmd
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ipv6.howfunky.com
  Description . . . . . Intel(R) 82579LM Gigabit Network Connection
  Physical Address . . . . . F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
  DHCP Enabled . . . . . Yes
  Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . Yes
  IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:1f05:d37:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
  IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8<Preferred>
  Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:1f05:d37:69d3:7a47:7301:d571<Preferred>
  Temporary IPv6 Address . . . . . 2001:470:82a9:7:69d3:7a47:7301:d571<Preferred>
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . fe80::202c:7674:c4c2:4fa8%13<Preferred>
  Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . . . . . 169.254.79.168<Preferred>
  Subnet Mask . . . . . 255.255.0.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . fe80::215:63ff:fe88:4bdc%13
  DHCPv6 IAID . . . . . 300998385
  DHCPv6 Client DUID . . . . . 00:01:00:00:00:05-55-7D-47-F0-DE-F1-5B-B3-24
  DNS Servers . . . . . 2001:470:20::2
  NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . Enabled
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix Search List :
    ipv6.howfunky.com
```

DNS Servers are obtained via DHCPv6 w/ O or M flag

If there is no DHCPv6 then:

the DNS is manually configured or via RDNSS

# Windows DNS Behavior

A permanent IPv6 address is registered by DDNS for an Active Directory joined hosts (server or client)

Every interface of a host that has a permanent IPv6 address will be registered

Windows will prefer to use an IPv6 DNS name caching resolvers

# Windows DNS Behavior

Windows can leverage DNS64/NAT64 natively in Server 2012 R2

Windows will register Global Unicast and ULA (ISATAP if they are in use)

Window will not register temporary, 6to4, Teredo, loopback and link-local

Exception is DirectAccess which will register Teredo or IP-HTTPS with DDNS

# Other IPv6 Name Resolution Methods

Windows can also use Link Local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR), mDNS, and WS-Discovery

Similar to Apple's mDNS, it is a Zeroconf multicast solution – RFC 4795

WS-Discovery and SOAP-over-UDP <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/wsdapi/ws-discovery-specification-compliance>

Windows also uses IPv6 Literals

Created because Windows cannot use colons in a UNC pathname

Replace the ":" with a "-" and append [ipv6-literal.net](#) to the end

Name Resolution Policy Table (NRPT)

Used by DirectAccess and DNSSEC

# Windows IPv6 DNS Demo



- Windows Server 2016R2
- Check binding for service
- Build a AAAA record
- Does automatic PTR work?
- What host address gets entered?



# Sample DNS PowerShell cmdlets

## DNS Client cmdlets

Get-DnsClientServerAddress

Set-DnsClientServerAddress

Resolve-DnsName

## DNS Server Role and cmdlets

Add-WindowsFeature DNS

Get-WindowsFeature DNS

Add-DnsServerPrimaryZone

Add-DnsServerResourceRecordAAAA

Remove-DnsServerResourceRecord

Get-DnsServerGlobalQueryBlockList

Get-DnsServerRootHint

Import-DnsServerRootHint

Add-DnsServerRootHint

Remove-DnsServerRootHint

Get-DnsServerSetting

Test-DnsServer

# Windows DNS Name Resolution with IPv6

## Sample PowerShell cmdlets:

```
Resolve-DnsName -Name www.cav6tf.org -Type AAAA -Server 2001:4860:4860::8888
```

```
$rn = Resolve-DnsName -Name www.cav6tf.org -Type AAAA  
Find-NetRoute -RemoteIPAddress $rn.ip6address
```

# Windows IPv6 Literals



# Windows IPv6 Literals

Used as a hostname resolvers, specifically for UNC  
pathnames because they do not support ":"

Replace ":" with a "-" and append ipv6-literal.net

2001:470:0:0:11a:403e:a5c5 becomes

2001-470-0-0-11a-403e-a5c5.ipv6-literal.net

Replace "%" with "s" with link-local addresses

fe80::6085:be82:8442:9b54%4 becomes

fe80--6085-be82-8442-9b54s4.ipv6-literal.net

# Windows IPv6 Literals Continued

Microsoft used to have `ipv6-literal.net` registered – they let it go (no idea why) so this is just an internal OS function for the OS to resolve IPv6 to UNC pathnames

So, effectively `ipv6-literal.net` is a special domain name space that is local to the OS

# Windows IPv6 LLMNR and mDNS



# Windows Link-local Multicast Name Resolution

LLMNR is used for IPv4 and IPv6 peer-to-peer

Multicast address **ff02::1:3** with UDP port 5355 is used for LLMNR

Similar to mDNS (**ff02::fb**) from Apple – Microsoft's Zeroconf standard implementation

# Windows mDNS

mDNS is used for IPv4 and IPv6 peer-to-peer

Multicast address **ff02::fb**

RFC 6762 from Apple, think bonjour (used to be called rendezvous) that allows AirPlay, AirDrop, and AirPrint

# Apple OSX Networking



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# OSX Networking

Since Mac OS X v10.2 (Jaguar – May 2002) Apple has had IPv6 support (in some form) in the OS

If you are using older versions of OSX you will likely have unpredictable behavior even among sub-releases of a major release. There was a lot of work being done and the regression testing was not as good as it should have been.

IPv6 support was variable until 10.6.7 (Snow Leopard – August 2009)

Essentially the first “usable” and “predictable” OS version with IPv6

# OSX IPv6 Address Configuration

DHCPv6 client support was added in 10.7 (Lion – July, 2011)

IPv6 privacy addresses are enabled by default in 10.7

*Automatically (SLAAC & DHCPv6), Manually, and Link-local only*  
configurations are supported (System Preferences > Network >  
Advanced > TCP/IP > Configure IPv6)

# OSX Manual IPv6 Configuration

Choose Apple menu > System Preferences, and then click Network

If the Network Preference is locked, click on the lock icon and enter your Admin password to make further changes

Choose the network service you want to use with IPv6, such as Ethernet or AirPort.

Click Advanced, and then click TCP/IP

Click on the Configure IPv6 pop-up menu (typically set to Automatically) and select Manually

Enter the IPv6 address, router address, and prefix length you received from your network administrator or Internet service provider. Your router address may be referred to as your gateway address by some ISPs

Reference: <https://support.apple.com/guide/mac-help/use-ipv6-on-mac-mchlp2499/mac>

# OSX Disabling IPv6

- Open System Preferences and click the Network icon.
- Select the network you are using - It will usually be labeled Wi-Fi.
- Click the Advanced.. button.
- Click the TCP/IP tab.
- Select the Configure IPv6 drop-down menu and set it to Link-local only.
- Click the OK button.

Reference: <https://support.blindsidenetworks.com/hc/en-us/articles/360050168052-How-to-disable-IPv6>

# Mac OS X Server

Mac OS X Server shares many components with Mac OS X however it has unique IPv6 issues. These issues are documented in the Network Services Administration guide for Leopard

Services that support IPv6 (DNS, firewall, POP, IMAP, SMTP, AFP, HTTP)

There is no support in the Server Admin GUI for IPv6

Reference: <https://wikispaces.psu.edu/display/ipv6/IPv6+on+OS+X>

# Mac OS X Server continued

The FTP daemon on OS X server does not support IPv6 (see Apple bug 3060157). Specifically, it does not support RFC 2428, which defined IPv6 extensions for IPv6. Despite this, the FTP daemon on OS X Server will bind to an IPv6 socket. So an IPv6-enabled FTP client will connect to the FTP daemon but will be unable to perform basic tasks. (see Apple bug 3060157).

The graphical firewall rule editor in Server Admin can only create rules for IPv4. If you manually create IPv6 rules using i6fw(8), those rules will be deleted the next time the graphical firewall rule editor is launched.

The graphical DNS editor does not allow AAAA records or ip6.arpa PTR records. The named daemon does bind to an IPv6 socket on 10.5 Server, however. On 10.4 Server, it only listens on IPv4.

Reference: <https://wikispaces.psu.edu/display/ipv6/IPv6+on+OS+X>

# OSX Multicast

Apple utilizes mDNS (RFC 6762) for name resolution for AirPlay, AirPrint and other Bonjour services

mDNS will work for both IPv4 and IPv6 but like all modern OSs, OSX will prefer IPv6 – this can cause issues for IPv4 only Bonjour proxy services

Details at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multicast\\_DNS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multicast_DNS)

# References

Test IPv6 - <https://test-ipv6.com/broken.html>

DOD - <https://www.hpc.mil/index.php/2013-08-29-16-03-23/networking-overview/2013-10-03-17-24-38/ipv6-knowledge-base-ip-transport/enabling-ipv6-in-mac-os-x>

# Troubleshooting IPv6 in OSX



# OSX IPv6 Network Troubleshooting

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Some applications ignore the getaddrinfo() sequence order

# OSX IPv6 mDNS Troubleshooting

## OSX prefers IPv6 for mDNS

This means it will try IPv6 multicast for mDNS (`ff02::fb`) process first

There can be a long fallback timeout

It will cache entries – so once it works with IPv4 multicast (224.0.0.251) it will stay on IPv4

## OSX mDNS will impact wireless networks

Because wireless is a broadcast media

mDNS is multicast – keep the number of hosts to a minimum

Tune your wireless network accordingly

# Linux Networking



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# Linux Networking

Since Kernel version 2.6.12 (2005) Linux has had IPv6 support, in some form, in the OS

If you are using older versions of Linux you will likely have unpredictable behavior even among sub-releases of a major release. Don't be surprised if it doesn't work at all or you get strange behavior.

**IPv6 support is variable between distributions**

Pay attention to distribution notes (Debian vs. Redhat vs. others)

Recent distributions should universally have IPv6 support, they vary in commands to implement (same issue w/ general networking commands)

# Linux IPv6 Address Configuration

DHCPv6 client support is mixed for different versions –  
your mileage will vary

Edit /etc/dhcp/dhclient.conf to modify behavior or turn off DHCPv6 client

IPv6 temporary addresses are enabled by default in  
Ubuntu server and client in 12.04 and 14.04 LTS

SLAAC and manual address is supported

# Linux IPv6 Address Configuration

The move to **systemd** on Linux has changed the network interface names. You no longer have the traditional eth0, eth1, wlan0, etc.

VMware has a bug and will give random long numbers to interfaces: enoXXXX or ensXXXX

Older systems may use GUA as Default Gateway

# Linux IPv6 Basics

## Ubuntu – check for an IPv6 address:

```
ip -6 addr show dev eth0  
cat /proc/net/if_inet6
```

## Ubuntu – check for IPv6 temporary addresses:

```
sudo sysctl -a | grep tempaddr
```

## Ubuntu – check for your IPv6 address

```
Ifconfig eth0 | grep "inet6 addr:"
```

## Ubuntu – check for IPv6 neighbors:

```
ip -6 neigh show
```

# Linux Manual IPv6 Address Configuration

## Ubuntu – set up a manual IPv6 address:

```
sudo vi /etc/network/interfaces
iface eth0 inet6 static
address 2001:db8:<prefix>::ff
netmask 64
up ip -6 route add 2001:db8:<prefix>::<rtr> dev eth0
down ip -6 route del 2001:db8:<prefix>::<rtr> dev eth0
gateway 2001:db8:<prefix>::<rtr>
```

Notice the default gateway is static and using the global unicast IPv6 address

# Linux IPv6 Prefix Behavior

Linux still just uses route to manage everything:

```
Route -A inet6 -n
```

Linux will use the link-local IPv6 address as the next hop with SLAAC and DHCPv6 (RA)

If you set up things Manually double check your default gateway (consider HA for the gateway)

# Linux IPv6 Host Behavior Configuration

**Edit the /etc/sysctl.conf file to change host behavior:**

```
#turn on IPv6 forwarding (not routing per say)
net.ipv6.conf.all.forwarding=1
#turn off auto configuration (SLAAC)
net.ipv6.conf.all.autoconf=0
#turn off RA learning - don't recommend
net.ipv6.conf.all.accept_ra=1
```

**For manual configuration use the above settings**

# Linux IPv6 Behavior Continued

## Ubuntu - Turning off privacy addressing:

```
# Disable IPv6 Privacy Extensions  
net.ipv6.conf.all.use_tempaddr = 0  
net.ipv6.conf.default.use_tempaddr = 0
```

## Turning it back on:

```
# Enable IPv6 Privacy Extensions  
net.ipv6.conf.all.use_tempaddr = 2  
net.ipv6.conf.default.use_tempaddr = 2
```

# Linux Disabling IPv6

Ubuntu - you can disable IPv6 by editing:

```
sudo vi /etc/sysctl.conf
```

```
#disable IPv6
net.ipv6.conf.all.disable_ipv6 = 1
net.ipv6.conf.default.disable_ipv6 = 1
net.ipv6.conf.lo.disable_ipv6 = 1
```

## Restart the network interfaces

```
sudo sysctl -p
sudo ifdown eth0
/etc/init.d/networking restart
sudo ifup eth0
```

# Linux Server w/ Tunnelbroker

Connect directly to Tunnelbroker.net as long as it has a public IPv4 address and access to the Internet

```
sudo vi /etc/network/interfaces
```

```
auto he-ipv6
iface he-ipv6 inet6 v4tunnel
    endpoint <public IPv4 address of Linux host>
    address 2001:470:<prefix from HE>::2
    netmask 64
    up ip -6 route add default dev he-ipv6
    down ip -6 route del default dev he-ipv6
sudo ifup he-ipv6
```

# Ubuntu Linux Server as an IPv6 Router

By default Ubuntu Server is NOT a router so edit:

/etc/sysctl.conf

Uncomment the follow line:

net.ipv6.conf.default.forwarding=1

You can then install radvd:

Sudo aptitude install radvd

Edit the radvd file, but you need to know the prefix information prior to editing the file

# Ubuntu Linux Server radvd setup

Edit the radvd file if it exists, if not, you will have to create it and then add (sample config info):

```
sudo vi /etc/radvd.conf
interface eth0
{
    AdvSendAdvert on;
    prefix 2001:db8:a:b::/64
    {
        AdvOnLink on;
        AdvAutonomous on;
    };
};
```

# Ubuntu Linux Server Run radvd

After the edits you have to restart the service:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/radvd restart
```

## Caution:

If you do this the interface will start doing RA's for the prefix it is configured for per interface – make sure this is the behavior you actually want

# Ubuntu Linux Server Miredo Service

It is possible to run a Teredo service on Linux:

```
sudo aptitude install miredo
```

This will create a Teredo tunnel (IPv6 over UDP IPv4):

You will see an IPv6 address with a prefix of **2001::/32**

# Linux Multicast

Multicast is fully supported, and you can use it to discovery information

```
ping6 ff02::1%eth0
```

You can ping a GUA and ask for a link-local

```
ping6 -I <GUA> ff02::1
```

Details at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multicast\\_DNS](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multicast_DNS)

# Linux Commands for IPv6 Address

## Basic commands

```
ping6  
traceroute6  
route -A inet6  
netstat -nr -6  
dig @2001:4860:4860::8888 www.cav6tf.org AAAA  
ssh root@fe80::<lower64>%eth0  
ssh root@<prefix:address>
```

## How to reference:

[http://tldp.org/HOWTO/html\\_single/Linux+IPv6-HOWTO/](http://tldp.org/HOWTO/html_single/Linux+IPv6-HOWTO/)  
<https://wiki.kubuntu.org/IPv6>

# Linux Prefix Policy Table

It is possible to modify the prefix policy table

/etc/gai.conf

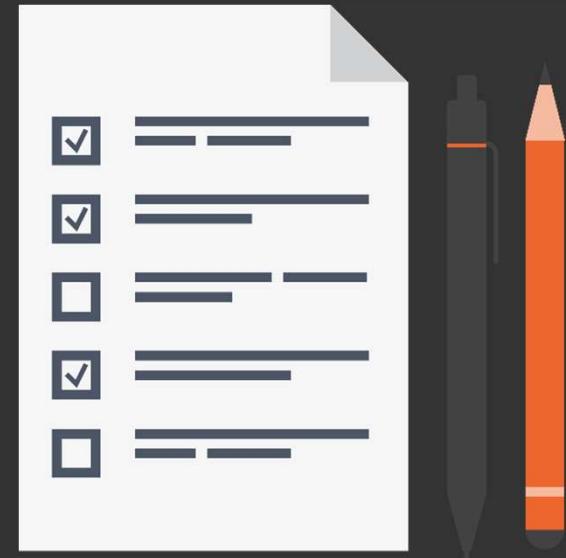
The default labels:

```
#label ::1/128          0
#label ::/0              1
#label 2002::/16         2
#label ::/96             3
#label ::ffff:0:0/96     4
#label fec0::/10          5
#label fc00::/7           6
#label 2001:0::/32        7
```

# IPv6 Linux Server Configuration



- Basic Ubuntu Server Setup
- Check IPv6 configuration
- Confirm IPv6 works



# CentOS Networking



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# CentOS IPv6 Address Configuration

DHCPv6 client support is mixed for different versions –  
your mileage will vary

Edit /etc/dhcp/dhclient.conf to modify behavior or turn off DHCPv6 client

IPv6 addresses in CentOS are enabled by default in  
server and client but utilize EUI-64, no temporary

SLAAC and manual address is supported

# CentOS IPv6 Basics

CentOS – check your version supports IPv6

/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/network-functions-ipv6

CentOS – check for an IPv6 address:

```
ip -6 addr show dev eth0  
cat /proc/net/if_inet6
```

# CentOS IPv6 Address Configuration

CentOS – turn on IPv6:

```
cat /etc/sysconfig/network
NETWORKING=yes
NETWORKING_IPV6=yes
HOSTNAME=YOURHOSTNAME
GATEWAY=YOURGATEWAY
```

Notice the default gateway is static and using the global unicast IPv6 address

Restart your interfaces:

```
/etc/init.d/network restart
services networks restart
```

# CentOS IPv6 Manual Configuration

## CentOS – edit:

```
cat /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth<x>
IPV6INIT=YES
IPV6_AUTOCONF=NO
IPV6ADDR=<prefix>/64
```

## You can also add it directly:

```
ifconfig eth0 inet6 add <prefix>/64
route -A inet6 add default gw <prefix>
```

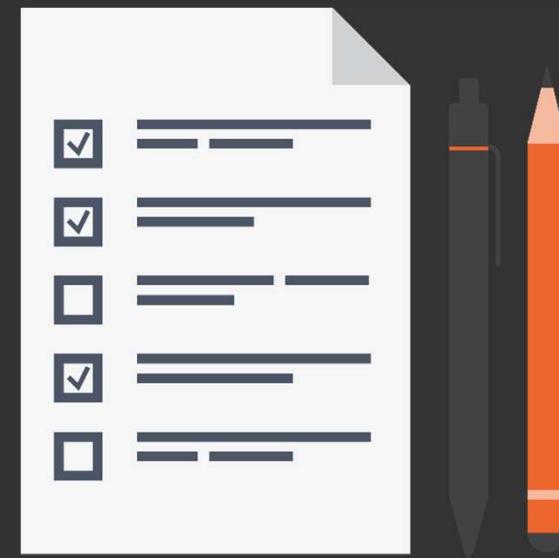
Or:

```
ip -f inet6 addr add <prefix>/64 dev eth0
ip -f inet6 route add default via <prefix>
```

# IPv6 Linux Server Configuration Demo



- Basic CentOS Server Setup
- Check IPv6 configuration
- Confirm IPv6 works



# Troubleshooting IPv6 in UNIX



# Linux IPv6 Network Troubleshooting

Linux uses RFC 6555/8305 in the core OS and browser

This means ALL applications use this behavior

It can be incredibly hard to know what is going on for some applications

You will need a packet sniffer in some cases to figure it out

## Linux will use both IPv6 and IPv4

Due to Happy Eyeballs it will prefer IPv6

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Some applications ignore the getaddrinfo() sequence order

# Linux Problems

## Limited routing table size

4096 currently

## It caches all connections in the routing table

This can cause performance problems

Lots of garbage collection for more than 512 entries

Therefore lots of churn

## IP -6 route show

This can be really slow – duplicate entries, too many adjoining entries

# Linux Problems Continued

If you change the options, it may require a reboot

options ipv6 disable = 1

Confirm you have turned off SLAAC before you start troubleshooting

options ipv6 autoconf = 0

Check to see if you have multiple GUA on eth0

Avoid this – causes application and monitoring issues. It is fine to have link-local and global unicast but having an additional ULA or GUA puts you at the mercy of RFC 6724 or 3484 and knowing which the OS actually uses!

# Linux Application Problems

## Curl

You have to use brackets in the address [2001:db8:a:b::1] or it will fail

You need a current version of curl – there are a lot of bugs still, they are fixing them

## MySQL 5.6 and newer

Older versions do NOT support IPv6 for either client or server connections

## MTAs will require DNS and AAAA records

You need to understand the application use cases but things like SMTP will attempt to use whatever DNS tells it so if you publish AAAA records then IPv6 needs to work or it will fail

# Linux DNS Problems

**Applications may have issues with AAAA records**

You have to test your application to see if it supports AAAA records or if it fails  
You also should test if hosts can fail back and forth between IPv4 and IPv6

## Getaddrinfo(3)

Will respond with an ordered list – apps will walk the list until it can connect  
<http://linux.die.net/man/3/getaddrinfo>

**Not all hosts require an AAAA record**

Decide if you want DDNS for host registration, decide if you want a host to respond on  
IPv6, etc.

# Linux Regex Problems

**String matching will likely fail**

“2001:db8:a::1” != “2001:0db8:000a:0000:0000:0000:0001”

**Formatting will impact you**

Different application methods do it slightly differently, Java InetAddress vs glibc for instance

**There is no one right way with regex**

There are many ways to use regex with IPv6

Beware code that uses a colon ":" as a delimiter to split an IP address from a host port number!!!

Remember that an IPv6 address may be passed in [ ] so you have to account for that in your regex (or what URI/URL string you return)

# Mobile Linux Problems

**Android has no IPv6 DHCP client!**

At least right now – this may change

**Android suffers from the same RFC 6555/8305 issues**

But behavior is different on cellular vs. Wi-Fi

**Android apps may not process getaddrinfo(3)**

Some apps are IPv4 only and will ignore all IPv6 entries

# Specific UNIX Lab Considerations



# SLAAC vs. Static Assignments

SLAAC may work for a quick lab or temporary configuration, otherwise, don't use it

SLAAC will change its IPv6 address if the NIC's change, even for the same host, not ideal

For a permanent lab configuration use Manual static address configuration

# IPv6 Address Assignments

Do not do IPv4 to IPv6 address embedding

There is no reason to encode IPv4 address information into an IPv6 address unless the IPv4 address is a public one – otherwise just don't do it

This method breaks when you don't have IPv4 anymore – like an IPv6 only network

# Q&A



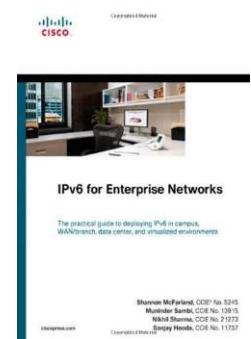
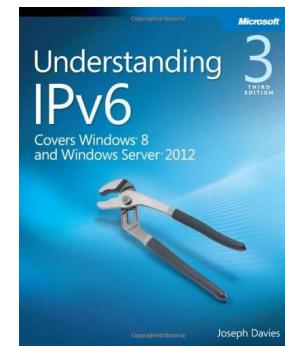
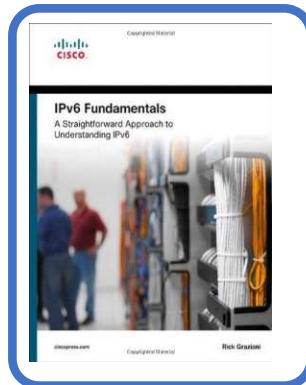
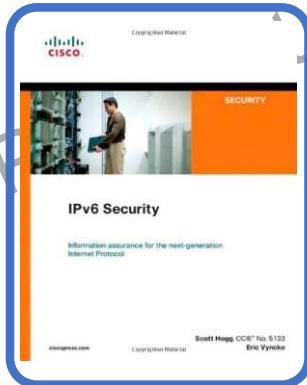
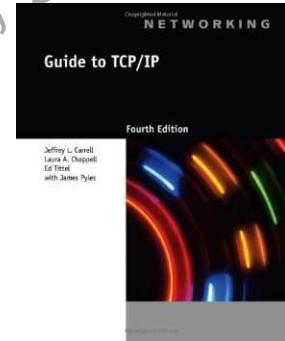
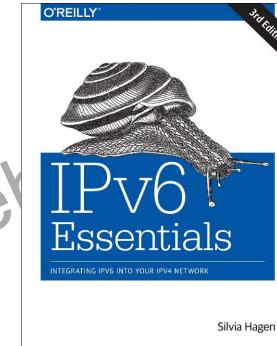
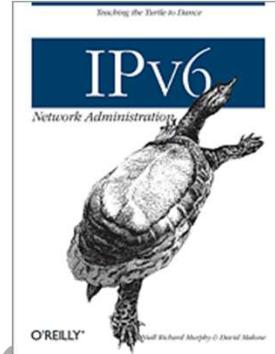
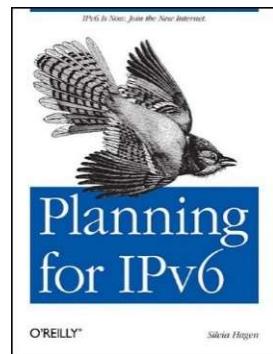
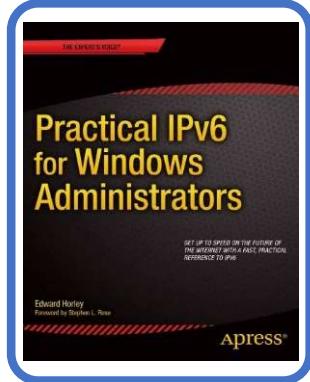
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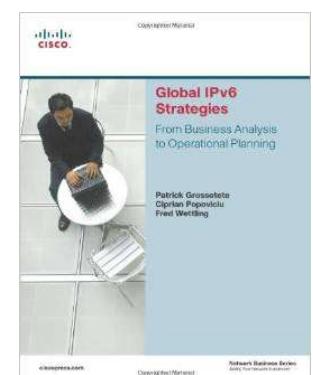
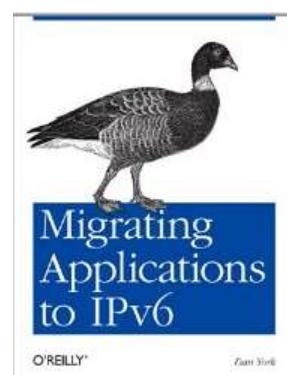
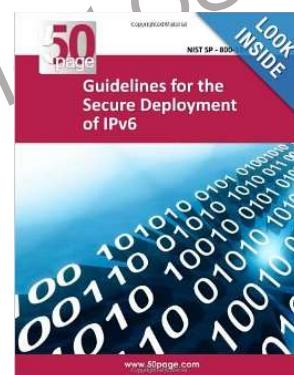
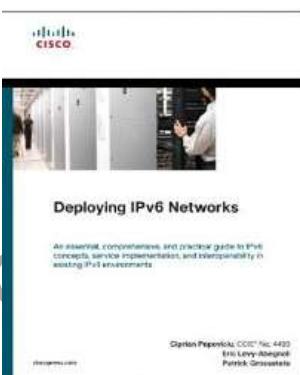
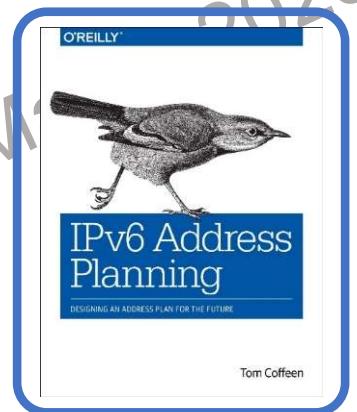
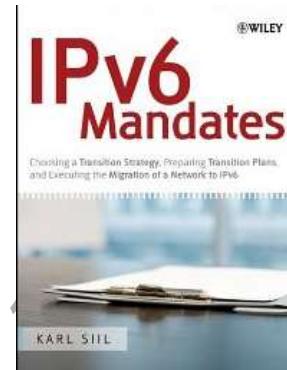
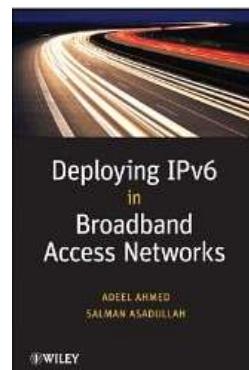
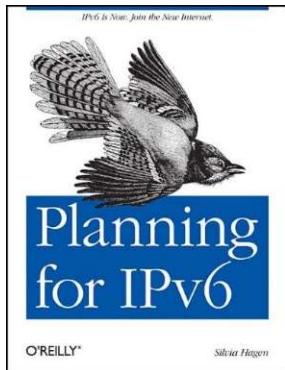


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# IPv6 Technical Resources



# IPv6 Deployment Resources



# IPv6 Online Training Resources

The image displays five distinct online training resources:

- A Cloud Guru**: Offers a course titled "Rapidly Deploying IPv6 on AWS".
- PLURALSIGHT**: Provides two courses: "IPv6: Introduction to the Protocol" and "IPv6 and Microsoft Windows".
- O'REILLY**: Features a video titled "Introduction to IPv6" by Tom Coffeen.
- O'REILLY**: Offers a "LiveLessons" series titled "IPv6 Fundamentals LiveLessons" by Rick Graziani.
- O'REILLY**: Provides another "LiveLessons" series titled "IPv6 Design and Deployment LiveLessons" by Tim Martin.

IPv6 on AWS - <https://acloud.guru/learn/aws-ipv6>

IPv6: Introduction to the Protocol - <https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/ipv6-introduction-to-protocol>

IPv6 and Microsoft Windows - <https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/ipv6-microsoft-windows>

Introduction to IPv6 - <https://player.oreilly.com/videos/9781771375269>

IPv6 Fundamentals LiveLessons - <https://player.oreilly.com/videos/9781587204579>

IPv6 Design and Deployment - <https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/ipv6-design-and/9780134655529/>

# IPv6 Book Reference

[\*IPv6 Fundamentals: A Straightforward Approach to Understanding IPv6 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition\*](#) by Rick Graziani (Cisco Press, 2017)

[\*IPv6 Address Planning\*](#) by Tom Coffeen (O'Reilly Media, 2014)

[\*IPv6 Essentials, Third Edition\*](#) by Silva Hagen (O'Reilly Media, 2014)

[\*Practical IPv6 for Windows Administrators\*](#) by Ed Horley (Apress, 2013)

[\*Understanding IPv6 Third Edition\*](#) by Joseph Davies (Microsoft Press, 2012)

[\*IPv6 in Enterprise Networks\*](#) by Shannon McFarland, Muninder Sambi, Nikhil Sharma, and Sanjay Hooda (Cisco Press, 2011)

[\*Planning for IPv6\*](#) by Silvia Hagen (O'Reilly Media, 2011)

[\*DNS and BIND on IPv6\*](#) by Cricket Liu (O'Reilly Media, 2011)

[\*Day One: Exploring IPv6\*](#) by Chris Grundermann (Juniper Networking Technologies Series, 2011)

[\*IPv6 Network Administration\*](#) by Niall Richard Murphy and David Malone (O'Reilly Press, 2009)

[\*IPv6 Security\*](#) by Scott Hogg and Eric Vyncke (Cisco Press, 2008)

[\*IPv6 Essentials, Second Edition\*](#) by Silva Hagen (O'Reilly Media, 2006)

[\*Deploying IPv6 Networks\*](#) by Ciprian Popoviciu, Eric Levy-Abegnoli, Patrick Grossetete (Cisco Press, 2006)

[\*Running IPv6\*](#) by Iljitsch van Beijnum (Apress, 2005) (an older book but a great reference)

[\*Global IPv6 Strategies: From Business Analysis to Operational Planning\*](#) by Patrick Grossetete, Ciprian Popoviciu, and Fred Wettling (Cisco Press, 2004)

# Other IPv6 Reference

Infoblox IPv6 Center of Excellence - <https://blogs.infoblox.com/category/ipv6-coe/>

Packet Pushers IPv6 Buzz Podcast - <https://packetpushers.net/series/ipv6-buzz/>

Wikipedia IPv6 page - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPv6>

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