ICMPv6 Internet Control Message Protocol version 6

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Use Cases

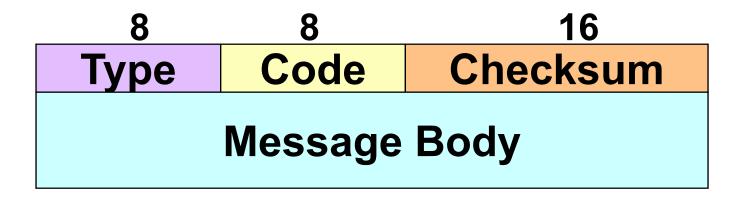
- Diagnostics **b断学**
- Neighbor Discovery
- Issue notification ISSUE
- Includes functions that in IPv4 were in
 - ARP (Address Resolution Protocol)
 - IGMP (Internet Group Membership Protocol)

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Message Format

- Encapsulated in IP packets
- At most 576 bytes



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Type Field

1	Destination Unreachable
2	Packet too big
3	Time exceeded
4	Parameter Problem
128	Echo Request
129	Echo Reply
130	Multicast Listener Query
131	Multicast Listener Report
132	Multicast Listener Done
133	Router Solicitation
134	Router Advertisement
135	Neighbor Solicitation
136	Neighbor Advertisement
137	Redirect

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Error Messages

- Destination Unreachable (type = 1)
- Packet too big (type = 2)
- Time exceeded (type = 3)
- Parameter Problem (type = 4)

8	8	16		
Type	Code	Checksum		
Parameter				
Header of the IP packet that caused				
the error				

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Echo Messages

- Echo request (type= 128)
- Echo reply (type= 129)

8	8	16
Type	Code	Checksum
Identifier		Sequence Number
Data		

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Neighbor Solicitation

Туре	Code	Checksum			
Reserved					
Town of Address					
Target Address					
Options					

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Neighbor Advertisement

Туре	Code	Checksum		
R S O Reserved				
Target Address				
Options				

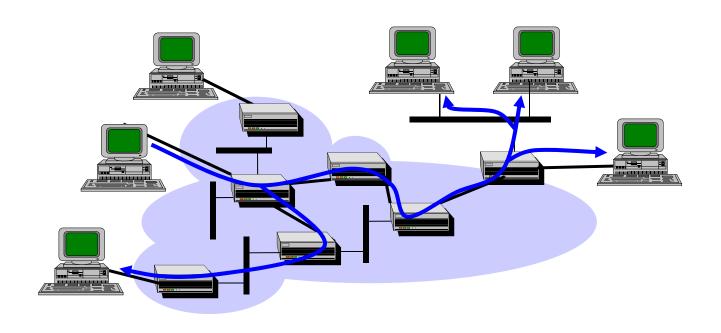
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What is it?

Packets addressed to a multicast address



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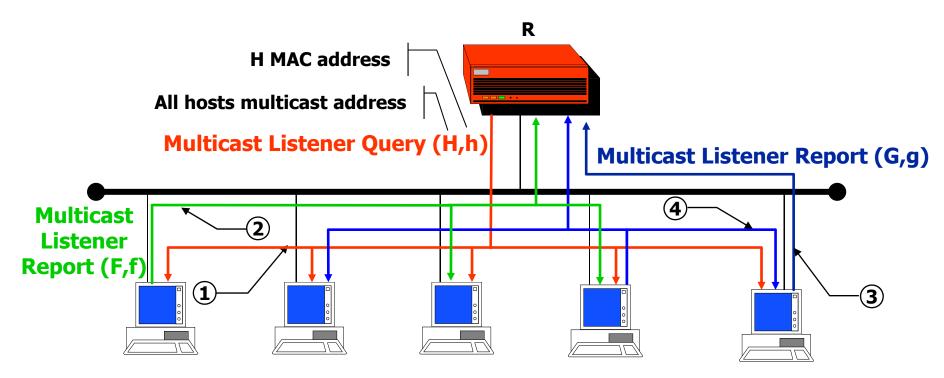


How it works

- Within a link, rely on data link layer multicasting service
 - Mapping of IPv6 multicast addresses onto MAC multicast addresses
- Among links, packets routed by routers
 - ICMPv6 to know on-link members
 - Hosts interests in receiving packets
 - Multicast routing protocols to know where there are off-link members



Host Membership Discovery



- R to announce multicast groups G and F
- R to forward packets to G and F

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ICMPv6: Group Management

- Multicast Listener Query (type=130)
 - General
 - Multicast group (address) specific
- Multicast Listener Report (type=131)
- Multicast Listener Done (type=132)

Type	Code	Checksum
Maximum Re	sponse Delay	Unused
Multicast Address		

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