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If you've made it here, then at this point you should have a solid understanding of each of the **four types of translation** that can exist: **Static NAT**, **Static PAT**, **Dynamic PAT**, and **Dynamic NAT**. Moreover, you have an understanding of **Policy NAT** and **Twice NAT**, which are simply two different ways of implementing the four types of NAT.

The definitions and examples provided in this article series encompass every type of address translation that can possibly exist. That said, for marketing efforts, most vendors use their own distinct terminology to refer to each type of NAT we have discussed.

The purpose of this article is to provide a single page which lists all the types of address translation and what each vendor calls them. In the future, each vendor term will also link to a configuration guide for that specific vendor's syntax and implementation.

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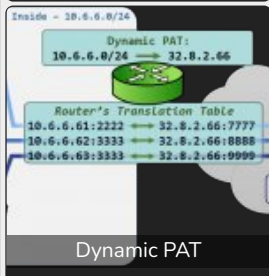
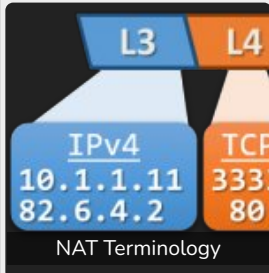
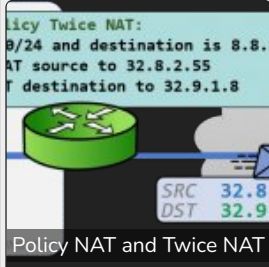
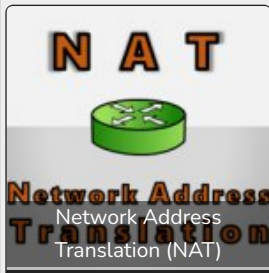
	Static NAT	Static PAT	Dynamic PAT	Dynamic NAT
RFC 2663	Static Address Assignment	Realm Specific Address and Port IP	Network Address Port Translation (NAPT)	Basic NAT
Wikipedia	Full Cone NAT	Full Cone NAT	Symmetric NAT	Address Restricted Cone NAT
Cisco Routers	Static NAT	Static PAT	Dynamic PAT	Dynamic NAT
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