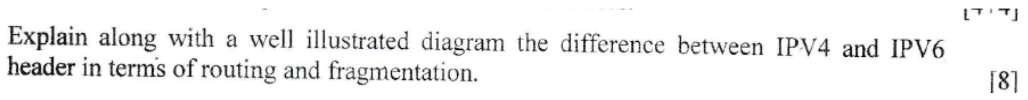
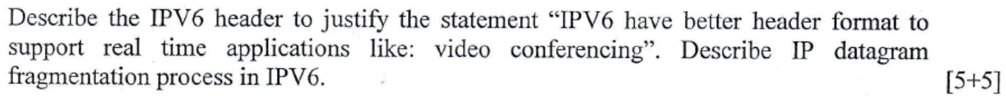
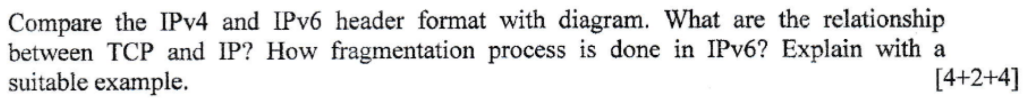
Chapter 2 (10 Marks)



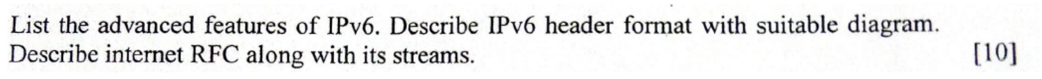
Explain along with a well illustrated diagram the difference between IPV4 and IPV6 header in terms of routing and fragmentation. [8]



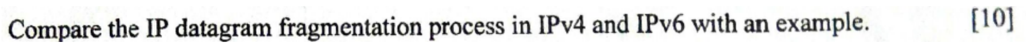
Describe the IPV6 header to justify the statement "IPV6 have better header format to support real time applications like: video conferencing". Describe IP datagram fragmentation process in IPV6. [5+5]



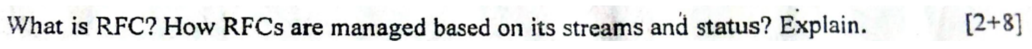
Compare the IPv4 and IPv6 header format with diagram. What are the relationship between TCP and IP? How fragmentation process is done in IPv6? Explain with a suitable example. [4+2+4]



List the advanced features of IPv6. Describe IPv6 header format with suitable diagram. Describe internet RFC along with its streams. [10]



Compare the IP datagram fragmentation process in IPv4 and IPv6 with an example. [10]



What is RFC? How RFCs are managed based on its streams and status? Explain. [2+8]

Internet Protocol

IP (Internet Protocol) is the the method or protocol or rule by which data is sent from one computer to another on the Internet.

It is a fundamental protocol within the Internet protocol suite, which also includes Transmission Control Protocol (TCP). Together, they are often referred to as

TCP/IP. IP's primary purpose is to deliver packets from the source host to the destination host based solely on the IP addresses in the packet headers.

Main Services of IP

1. **Addressing:**
   - **IPv4 and IPv6 Addresses:** IP provides unique addresses to devices on a network. IPv4 uses 32-bit addresses, typically shown in decimal format (e.g., 192.168.1.1), whereas IPv6 uses 128-bit addresses, shown in hexadecimal format (e.g., 2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334).
   - **Public and Private Addresses:** It distinguishes between public addresses (accessible from the global internet) and private addresses (used within a private network).
2. **Routing:**
   - **Path Determination:** IP determines the best path to route the packets through the network using routing tables and protocols like OSPF, BGP, and RIP.
   - **Forwarding:** Routers use IP addresses to forward packets from one network to another.
3. **Fragmentation and Reassembly:**
   - **Packet Fragmentation:** When packets are too large for the network's maximum transmission unit (MTU), IP divides them into smaller fragments.
   - **Reassembly:** At the destination, IP reassembles the fragments to reconstruct the original packet.
4. **Encapsulation:**
   - **Data Packaging:** IP encapsulates data segments into packets by adding an IP header containing essential information such as source and destination IP addresses.
5. **Error Handling:**
   - **Checksum:** IP includes a checksum in the header for error-checking of the packet header. If errors are detected, the packet is discarded.
   - **TTL (Time to Live):** The TTL field helps prevent packets from looping indefinitely by limiting the number of hops a packet can make before being discarded.
6. **Quality of Service (QoS):**

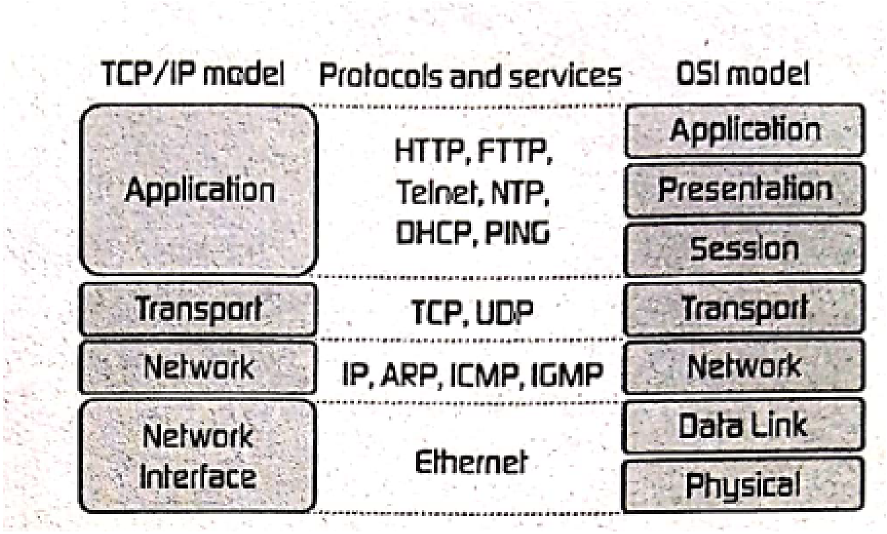
- **Prioritization:** IP can include Quality of Service mechanisms to prioritize certain types of traffic, ensuring that critical or latency-sensitive data (like VoIP or video streaming) is transmitted efficiently.

7. **Multicasting:**
   - **Group Communication:** IP supports multicast addressing, allowing a single packet to be delivered to multiple destinations, useful in applications like streaming media.
8. **Security:**
   - **IPsec:** Although not inherent in IP itself, the IP Security (IPsec) protocol suite provides secure communication by authenticating and encrypting each IP packet in a communication session.

Layered Architecture Needs

- **Modularity:** Simplifies design by separating functions into distinct layers.
- **Interoperability:** Ensures different systems and technologies can work together.
- **Scalability:** Facilitates network expansion and upgrades.
- **Manageability:** Eases troubleshooting and maintenance.
- **Flexibility:** Allows for the integration of new technologies.
- **Security:** Isolates functions for targeted security measures.
- **Abstraction:** Hides lower-level details from higher layers.
- **Reusability:** Promotes the reuse of protocols and components.
- **Standardization:** Encourages adherence to established standards.
- **Simplified Development:** Breaks down complex processes into manageable parts

TCP/IP Layer



The TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) model is a framework for understanding how data is transmitted over a network. It consists of four layers, each with specific functions that work together to enable network communication. Here's a detailed explanation of each layer:

1. Network Interface Layer (Link Layer)

- **Function**: Handles the physical connection between the computer and the network, including the hardware and how data is physically sent over the network.
- **Protocols**: Ethernet, Wi-Fi, ARP (Address Resolution Protocol), etc.
- **Responsibilities**:
  - Managing hardware addresses (MAC addresses).
  - Controlling how data packets are placed on and received from the network medium.
  - Ensuring error detection and correction at the hardware level.

2. Internet Layer

- **Function**: Manages the addressing, routing, and delivery of datagrams (packets) between devices across multiple networks.
- **Protocols**: IP (Internet Protocol), ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol), IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol).
- **Responsibilities**:
  - Logical addressing (IP addresses) to identify devices on the network.

    - Fragmentation and reassembly of data packets.
    - Routing packets through intermediate routers from the source to the destination.

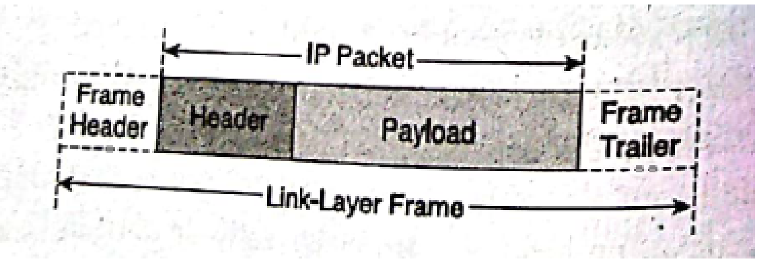
3. Transport Layer

- **Function**: Provides end-to-end communication services for applications, ensuring complete data transfer.
- **Protocols**: TCP (Transmission Control Protocol), UDP (User Datagram Protocol).
- **Responsibilities**:
    - Establishing and maintaining connections between devices.
    - Ensuring reliable data transfer with error checking and retransmission (TCP).
    - Providing flow control and congestion control.
    - Enabling multiplexing with port numbers to differentiate between multiple services on the same device.
    - Allowing connectionless data transfer (UDP) for applications that require speed over reliability.

4. Application Layer

- **Function**: Provides protocols and services that directly support user applications and facilitate communication between software applications.
- **Protocols**: HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol), FTP (File Transfer Protocol), SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol), DNS (Domain Name System), etc.
- **Responsibilities**:
    - Supporting network services and applications.
    - Handling high-level protocols that define how data is presented and exchanged.
    - Enabling user applications to interact with the network (e.g., web browsers, email clients).

IPv4 and IPv6 Address Types and Formats



IP Packet

An IP (Internet Protocol) packet is a fundamental unit of data transmitted over the Internet. It consists of two main parts:

1. **Header**: Contains metadata about the packet, such as the source and destination IP addresses, protocol information, and other control information needed for routing and delivery.
2. **Payload**: This is the actual data being transported.

Link-Layer Frame

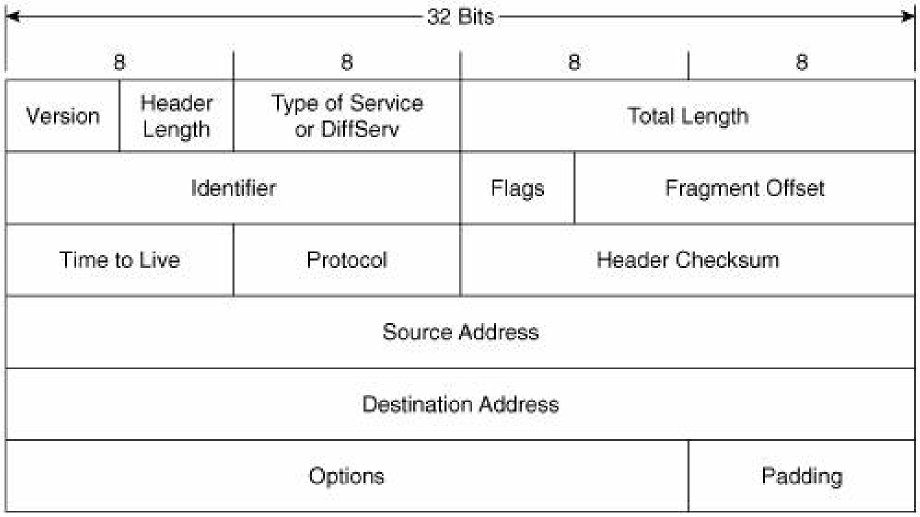
When an IP packet is transmitted over a physical network, it is encapsulated in a link-layer frame. This encapsulation process adds additional headers and trailers to the IP packet to ensure it can be properly delivered over the physical network.

The process of encapsulation involves wrapping the IP packet inside the link-layer frame, which enables it to be transmitted over the physical medium. When the frame reaches its destination, the encapsulation is reversed (decapsulation), and the original IP packet is extracted and processed by the receiving device.

Feature	IPv4	IPv6
Address Length	32 bits	128 bits
Address Format	Decimal (e.g., 192.168.1.1)	Hexadecimal (e.g., 2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334)
Number of Addresses	Approximately 4.3 billion (2^32)	Approximately 340 undecillion (2^128)
Header Size	20 bytes	40 bytes

Address Representation	Dotted decimal format	Colon-separated hexadecimal format
Header Complexity	Simple and fixed	More complex with optional extensions
Configuration	Manual (static) or DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol)	Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC) and DHCPv6
Broadcast Support	Supports broadcast	No broadcast; uses multicast and anycast instead
Security	Security is optional and typically added by IPsec	IPsec is built-in and mandatory
Fragmentation	Done by both sender and routers	Done only by sender
Checksum	Includes a header checksum	No header checksum (simplifies processing)
Address Allocation	Address depletion concerns	Vast address space eliminates depletion concerns

IPv4 Header structure



1. **Version (4 bits)**:
    - Indicates the IP version. For IPv4, this value is always 4.
2. **Header Length (4 bits)**:
    - Specifies the length of the IP header in 32-bit words.
3. **Type of Service (ToS) or Differentiated Services (DiffServ) (8 bits)**:
    - Used for specifying quality of service features, such as priority levels and type of traffic.
4. **Total Length (16 bits)**:
    - Specifies the total length of the IP packet (header + data) in bytes.
5. **Identifier (16 bits)**:
    - Used for uniquely identifying fragments of an original IP packet.
6. **Flags (3 bits)**:
    - Consists of 3 bits, with the following purposes:
        - **Reserved bit (1 bit)**: Must be zero.
        - **DF (Don't Fragment) bit (1 bit)**: Indicates if the packet can be fragmented.
        - **MF (More Fragments) bit (1 bit)**: Indicates if more fragments follow.
7. **Fragment Offset (13 bits)**:
    - Specifies the position of the fragment in the original IP packet. This is used for reassembling fragmented packets.
8. **Time to Live (TTL) (8 bits)**:
    - Specifies the maximum number of hops (routers) the packet can traverse. Each router decrements the TTL by 1, and the packet is discarded if TTL reaches zero.
9. **Protocol (8 bits)**:
    - Indicates the protocol used in the data portion of the IP packet (e.g., TCP, UDP, ICMP).
10. **Header Checksum (16 bits)**:

    - Used for error-checking the header to ensure data integrity.

11. **Source Address (32 bits)**:
    - Specifies the IP address of the sender.
12. **Destination Address (32 bits)**:
    - Specifies the IP address of the recipient.
13. **Options (variable length, typically 0-40 bytes)**:
    - Optional field used for various network testing, security, and management purposes.
14. **Padding (variable length)**:
    - Used to ensure the header length is a multiple of 32 bits.

This structured header ensures that IPv4 packets are delivered efficiently and accurately across diverse network architectures.

IPv6 Header Format

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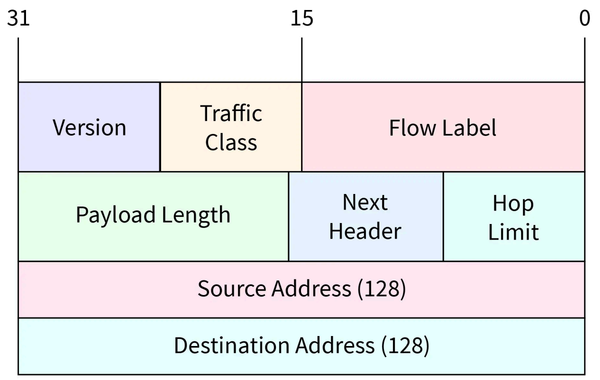


IPv6 Header Fields

1. **Version (4 bits)**:
    - Indicates the IP version. For IPv6, this value is always 6.
2. **Traffic Class (8 bits)**:
    - Similar to the IPv4 Type of Service (ToS) field, it is used to prioritize and classify the packet, allowing for Quality of Service (QoS) handling.
3. **Flow Label (20 bits)**:
    - Used to identify and manage traffic flows. This helps in the differentiation of packets belonging to the same flow for special handling, like real-time service.
4. **Payload Length (16 bits)**:
    - Specifies the length of the payload (i.e., data) in bytes, not including the header.
5. **Next Header (8 bits)**:
    - Identifies the type of the next header after the IPv6 header.
6. **Hop Limit (8 bits)**:
    - Specifies the maximum number of hops (routers) the packet can traverse. Similar to the Time to Live (TTL) field in IPv4, each router decreases the hop limit by one, and the packet is discarded if the hop limit reaches zero.
7. **Source Address (128 bits)**:
    - Specifies the IPv6 address of the sender.
8. **Destination Address (128 bits)**:
    - Specifies the IPv6 address of the recipient.

Key Features and Simplifications

- **Fixed Header Size**: The IPv6 header is a fixed 40 bytes, compared to the variable length (20-60 bytes) of the IPv4 header. This fixed size simplifies and speeds up header processing.
- **Simplified Header**: The IPv6 header removes several fields that were present in IPv4 (like header checksum, options field, etc.), streamlining the protocol and reducing processing overhead.

- **No Header Checksum**: IPv6 does not include a header checksum field, reducing the processing required at each hop. Data integrity is handled by upper-layer protocols and link-layer technologies.
- **Extension Headers**: IPv6 uses extension headers for optional information. These headers provide more flexibility and are only used when necessary, keeping the main header concise.

The streamlined design of the IPv6 header improves routing efficiency and supports advanced features like QoS and traffic management, making IPv6 more suitable for modern networking requirements.

IPv4 vs IPv6 Headers

IPv4 and IPv6 are both protocols used for sending data packets over the Internet, but they have several differences in their headers due to the evolution of networking technology and the need for more efficient and scalable solutions. Here's a comparison of their headers:

1. **Header Length:**
    - IPv4: The header length is fixed at 20 bytes, but options can extend it.
    - IPv6: The header length is fixed at 40 bytes.
2. **Addressing:**
    - IPv4: Uses 32-bit addresses, limiting the number of possible addresses to around 4.3 billion.
    - IPv6: Uses 128-bit addresses, allowing for an immensely larger address space, approximately 3.4 × 10^38 addresses.
3. **Header Format:**
    - IPv4: The header has 14 fields.
    - IPv6: The header has 8 fields.
4. **Fragmentation:**
    - IPv4: Supports packet fragmentation at routers when necessary.
    - IPv6: The fragmentation process is handled by the sender, and routers don't perform fragmentation. IPv6 mandates support for Path MTU Discovery to avoid fragmentation as much as possible.

5. **Checksum:**
    - IPv4: Includes a checksum field in the header.
    - IPv6: The checksum field is removed to reduce processing overhead at routers. Error detection is still achieved at higher layers of the network stack.
6. **Options:**
    - IPv4: Options are allowed but not often used due to their impact on performance.
    - IPv6: Options are implemented as separate extension headers, which are more efficiently processed than in IPv4.
7. **Security:**
    - IPv4: Originally lacked built-in security features.
    - IPv6: Includes support for IPsec (Internet Protocol Security) as a mandatory implementation.
8. **QoS (Quality of Service):**
    - IPv4: Provides a ToS (Type of Service) field for QoS handling.
    - IPv6: Incorporates a more robust flow label field for improved QoS capabilities.

In summary, IPv6 headers are more streamlined and efficient, designed to accommodate the growing needs of the Internet with a larger address space, improved security, and better support for quality of service compared to IPv4.

Fragmentation in IPv4 and IPv6

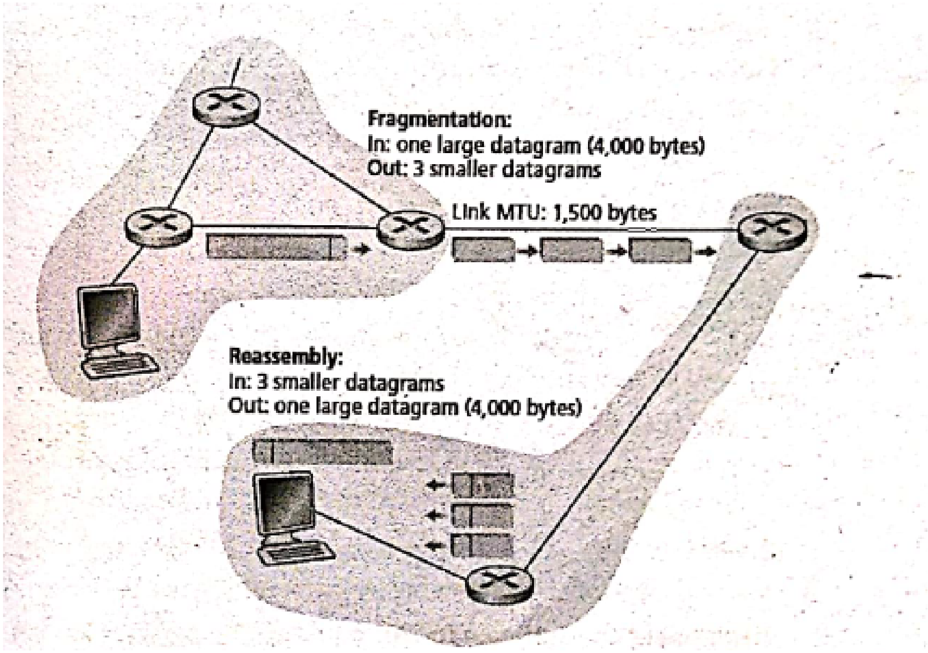
Fragmentation refers to the process of breaking packets into the smallest maximum size.

The Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) is the largest size of IP datagram which may be transferred.

Once a datagram is fragmented, it becomes multiple smaller datagrams, referred to as fragments. Each fragment is encapsulated within its own link-layer frame for transmission.

At the destination device, the fragments need to be reassembled into the original datagram in the correct order before they can be passed up to the transport layer. IPv4 delegates this reassembly task to the end systems (destination hosts) rather than intermediate routers.

Within the IPv4 header, specific fields such as identification, flags, and fragmentation offset are included to streamline the reassembly process. These fields provide essential information to help the destination host identify and reconstruct the original datagram from its constituent fragments.



1. **Initial Data Packet**: The process begins with a large data packet, which is represented by the "In: one large datagram (4,000 bytes)" box. This packet contains 4,000 bytes of data, which is too large to be transmitted over the network in one piece, especially if the network has a Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) limit.
2. **Fragmentation**: Since the original data packet exceeds the MTU limit of the network link (1,500 bytes in this case), it needs to be fragmented into smaller packets for transmission. This fragmentation process is shown at the top of the image. The large datagram is split into smaller datagrams, represented by the "Out: 3 smaller

datagrams." These smaller datagrams are each 1,500 bytes or less, ensuring they can be transmitted over the network without fragmentation.

3. **Transmission**: The smaller datagrams are then transmitted over the network link to reach their destination. This transmission can involve passing through various network devices such as routers or switches, as depicted by the circular icons in the image. These devices facilitate the routing of the packets towards their destination.
4. **Reassembly**: At the destination endpoint, the smaller datagrams are received. These smaller datagrams are depicted by the "In: 3 smaller datagrams" box at the bottom of the image. To reconstruct the original large data packet, these smaller datagrams need to be reassembled. The reassembly process involves combining the smaller datagrams in the correct order to reconstruct the original data packet.
5. **Final Data Packet**: Once the smaller datagrams are reassembled, the original large datagram is reconstructed. This reconstructed data packet contains the same information as the initial packet sent by the sender. It is represented by the "Out: one large datagram (4,000 bytes)" box at the bottom of the image.

Problems

- It complicates routers and end systems, which need to be designed to accommodate datagram fragmentation and reassembly.
- Fragmentation can be used to create lethal DoS attacks, whereby the attacker sends a series of bizarre and unexpected fragments.

Comparison between fragmentation in ipv4 and ipv6

Fragmentation in IPv4 and IPv6 is a mechanism used when a packet exceeds the maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of a network link. However, there are significant differences between how fragmentation is handled in IPv4 and IPv6.

IPv4 Fragmentation:

1. **Header Fields**: In IPv4, the "Identification", "Flags", and "Fragment Offset" fields in the IP header are used for fragmentation.
2. **Router Responsibility**: Routers along the path are responsible for fragmentation. If a router determines that a packet needs to be

fragmented to fit within the next hop's MTU, it will break it into smaller fragments.

3. **Overhead**: Fragmentation in IPv4 can lead to increased overhead due to the need to process and reassemble fragments at the destination. It also puts a burden on routers to perform fragmentation and reassembly.
4. **Example**:
   Suppose a router receives an IPv4 packet with a payload size larger than the MTU of the next hop. It will fragment the packet into smaller packets. For instance, if the original packet size is 2000 bytes, and the MTU of the next hop is 1500 bytes, the router will create two fragments: one with 1500 bytes (including the IP header) and another with 500 bytes (including the IP header).

IPv6 Fragmentation:

1. **Header Fields**: IPv6 routers do not fragment packets. Instead, fragmentation is performed by the source host when necessary. IPv6 routers do not have fields in the IPv6 header for fragmentation like in IPv4.
2. **Path MTU Discovery (PMTUD)**: IPv6 relies on Path MTU Discovery, a mechanism where the source node determines the path MTU to the destination and sends packets that fit within that MTU. If a packet is too large, the source will fragment it before transmission.
3. **Avoidance of Fragmentation**: IPv6 encourages avoiding fragmentation in the network by setting the minimum MTU size to 1280 bytes, ensuring that most packets will not need to be fragmented.
4. **Example**:
   Let's say a source host wants to send a packet with a payload size of 2000 bytes to a destination. The source first checks the path MTU to the destination using Path MTU Discovery. If the path MTU is, for example, 1500 bytes, the source will fragment the packet into smaller packets of appropriate size before transmission.

Comparison:

- IPv4 relies on routers for fragmentation, while IPv6 puts the responsibility on the source host.

- IPv6 discourages fragmentation by setting a minimum MTU size, whereas IPv4 fragmentation can occur at any router along the path.
- IPv6 generally results in less overhead and more efficient routing due to the avoidance of fragmentation in the network.

- **Location of Fragmentation**:
  - **IPv4**: Can occur at any router along the path.
  - **IPv6**: Only at the source node.
- **Headers**:
  - **IPv4**: Fragmentation information is part of the main header.
  - **IPv6**: Uses a separate extension header for fragmentation.
- **Handling of Fragmentation**:
  - **IPv4**: Routers handle fragmentation if necessary.
  - **IPv6**: Routers do not fragment packets; they notify the source to handle fragmentation.

In summary, IPv6 handles fragmentation differently, aiming to minimize its occurrence and push the responsibility to the source host, resulting in more efficient network utilization.

RFCs

RFC stands for "Request for Comments," which is a series of documents published by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and other related organizations. These documents are essentially blueprints or standards for the operation of the internet and related technologies.

An RFC can be many things: a proposal for a new standard, a discussion document, or a report of experience with the Internet. They cover a wide range of topics related to the internet, including protocols, procedures, programs, and concepts.

The RFC process allows anyone to submit a proposal for consideration. Once submitted, the document is reviewed by the Internet community and may go through several revisions before being accepted as an RFC. The

RFC Editor manages the publication process and assigns each RFC a unique number for reference.

RFS Status

The RFCs can be classified into several categories based on their status and purpose. Here's an explanation of each status:

1. **Standards Track**: RFCs in the Standards Track category define protocols or procedures that are intended to become internet standards. They are typically the result of extensive discussion, testing, and consensus within the IETF community. Standards Track RFCs include Proposed Standards, Draft Standards, and Internet Standards. Proposed Standards are early stage specifications, Draft Standards are more mature but still subject to change, and Internet Standards are stable and widely implemented.

2. **Informational**: Informational RFCs provide general information, guidelines, or best practices. They are not standards but may offer valuable insights, explanations, or historical context. Informational RFCs cover a wide range of topics, from network architecture to troubleshooting techniques.

3. **Experimental**: Experimental RFCs describe protocols, technologies, or approaches that are being tested but are not yet widely deployed or standardized. They are typically used to gather feedback and data on new ideas or innovations. Experimental RFCs often precede Standards Track RFCs if the experiments prove successful.

4. **Best Current Practice (BCP)**: BCP RFCs document best practices or recommendations for the internet community. They are not standards themselves but offer guidance on operational procedures, security practices, or other relevant topics. BCP RFCs are considered authoritative references for common practices in the internet engineering community.

5. **Historic**: Historic RFCs are documents that have become obsolete or irrelevant due to changes in technology, standards, or community consensus. They are retained for historical purposes but are no longer actively maintained or recommended for use. Historic RFCs may contain valuable historical context or insights into the development of internet technologies.

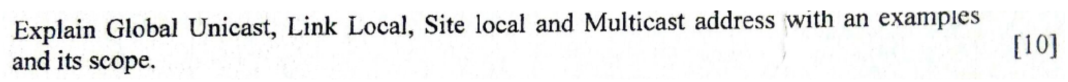
6. **Unknown**: This status typically refers to RFCs that are not categorized under any of the standard classifications mentioned above. It might indicate that the status of the RFC is ambiguous or has not been explicitly defined.

Each RFC status serves a distinct purpose within the internet standards process, helping to organize and categorize the vast array of documents that contribute to the development and maintenance of the internet.

RFC Streams

1. **IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)**: The IETF is the primary organization responsible for developing and promoting internet standards. The majority of RFCs are produced within the IETF. These RFCs cover a wide range of topics, including protocols, procedures, programs, and concepts relating to the internet and internet-connected systems.
2. **IRTF (Internet Research Task Force)**: The IRTF is a parallel organization to the IETF, but its focus is on longer-term research issues related to the internet. The RFCs produced by the IRTF often explore cutting-edge technologies and ideas that may not yet be ready for standardization or widespread implementation but are important for the future development of the internet.
3. **IAB (Internet Architecture Board)**: The IAB provides oversight and guidance to the IETF and IRTF. Its RFCs typically focus on architectural principles, overarching strategies, and high-level concerns related to the internet's design and operation. The IAB also plays a role in coordinating activities between different standards organizations and addressing broader policy and societal issues related to the internet.
4. **Independent Submission**: This stream allows individuals or groups to submit documents directly to the RFC Editor for publication as RFCs without going through the IETF or IRTF processes. These documents cover a wide range of topics and can come from researchers, developers, or anyone with relevant expertise. Independent Submission RFCs can provide valuable insights, proposals, or critiques related to internet technologies and standards.

Each of these streams contributes to the evolution and development of the internet by providing a platform for sharing knowledge, proposing standards, and fostering innovation.



Explain Global Unicast, Link Local, Site local and Multicast address with an examples and its scope. [10]

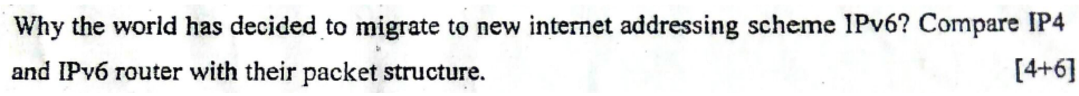
IPv6 addresses can be broadly categorized into different types based on their scope and purpose. Here's an explanation of each type along with examples:

1. **Global Unicast Address**:
   - **Scope**: Global unicast addresses are globally unique and routable addresses assigned to interfaces on the internet.
   - **Example**: `2001:0db8:85a3:0000:0000:8a2e:0370:7334`
   - **Scope**: These addresses are globally reachable and can be used for communication between hosts across the internet.
2. **Link-Local Address**:
   - **Scope**: Link-local addresses are used for communication within the same local network segment or link. They are not routable beyond the link they are assigned to.
   - **Example**: `fe80::1`
   - **Scope**: Limited to the local network segment, such as communication between devices on the same LAN.
3. **Site-Local Address**:
   - **Scope**: Site-local addresses were initially intended for communication within an organization's internal network (site). However, they have been deprecated in favor of Unique Local Addresses (ULAs).
   - **Example**: `fec0::1`
   - **Scope**: Limited to the local site or organization's network and not routable beyond it.
4. **Multicast Address**:
   - **Scope**: Multicast addresses are used for one-to-many or many-to-many communication. Data sent to a multicast address is delivered to multiple recipients simultaneously. The scope of

multicast addresses can vary, including link-local, site-local, organization-local, or global.

- **Example**: `ff02::1` (All Nodes Multicast)
- **Scope**: Depends on the specific multicast address. For example, some multicast addresses are limited to the local link, while others may be scoped to a particular organization or reach globally.

Understanding the scope and purpose of each type of IPv6 address is essential for proper network configuration and communication.



Why the world has decided to migrate to new internet addressing scheme IPv6? Compare IP4 and IPv6 router with their packet structure. [4+6]

The migration to IPv6 has been primarily driven by the exhaustion of IPv4 addresses. IPv4, with its 32-bit address scheme, can only support approximately 4.3 billion unique addresses. With the explosion of internet-connected devices, including smartphones, IoT devices, and more, this address space became insufficient.

IPv6, on the other hand, uses a 128-bit address scheme, which allows for an almost infinite number of unique addresses. This abundance of addresses ensures that every device can have its own unique identifier, facilitating the continued growth of the internet.

Additionally, IPv6 offers other benefits over IPv4, such as improved security features, better support for mobile devices, and more efficient routing. These advantages, combined with the necessity to accommodate the growing number of internet-connected devices, have led the world to migrate towards IPv6. While the transition has been gradual, it's seen as essential for the continued expansion and stability of the internet.
