8.2 IPv6 Network Addresses

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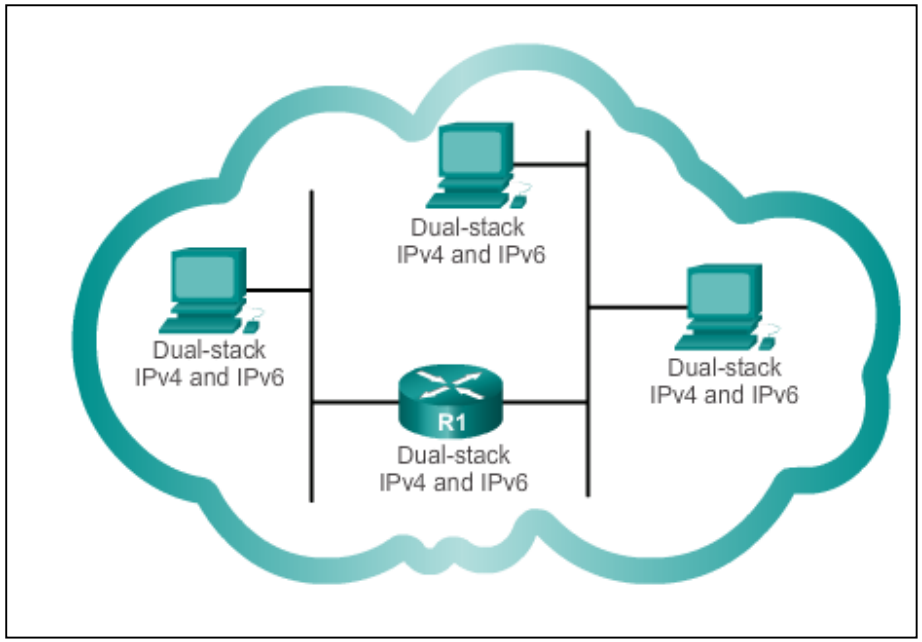
The Need for IPv6

- IPv6 is designed to be the successor to IPv4.
- Depletion of IPv4 address space has been the motivating factor for moving to IPv6.
- Projections show that all five RIRs will run out of IPv4 addresses between 2015 and 2020.
- With an increasing Internet population, a limited IPv4 address space, issues with NAT and an Internet of things, the time has come to begin the transition to IPv6!
- IPv4 has a theoretical maximum of 4.3 billion addresses, plus private addresses in combination with NAT.
- IPv6 larger 128-bit address space provides for 340 undecillion addresses.
- IPv6 fixes the limitations of IPv4 and includes additional enhancements, such as ICMPv6.

IPv4 and IPv6 Coexistence

The migration techniques can be divided into three categories: Dual-stack, Tunnelling, and Translation.

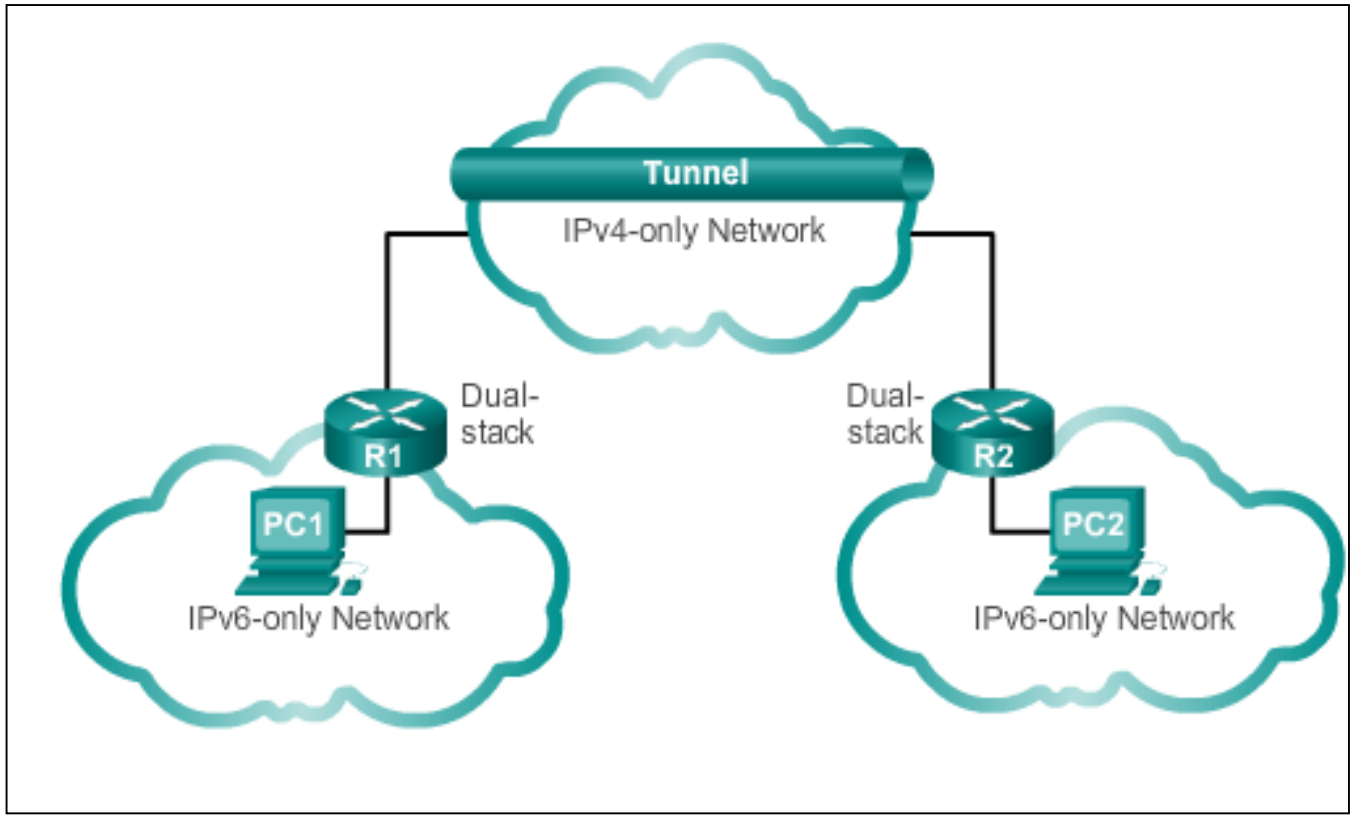
Dual-stack



Dual-stack: Allows IPv4 and IPv6 to coexist on the same network. Devices run both IPv4 and IPv6 protocol stacks simultaneously.

IPv4 and IPv6 Coexistence (cont.)

Tunnelling



Tunnelling: A method of transporting an IPv6 packet over an IPv4 network. The IPv6 packet is encapsulated inside an IPv4 packet.

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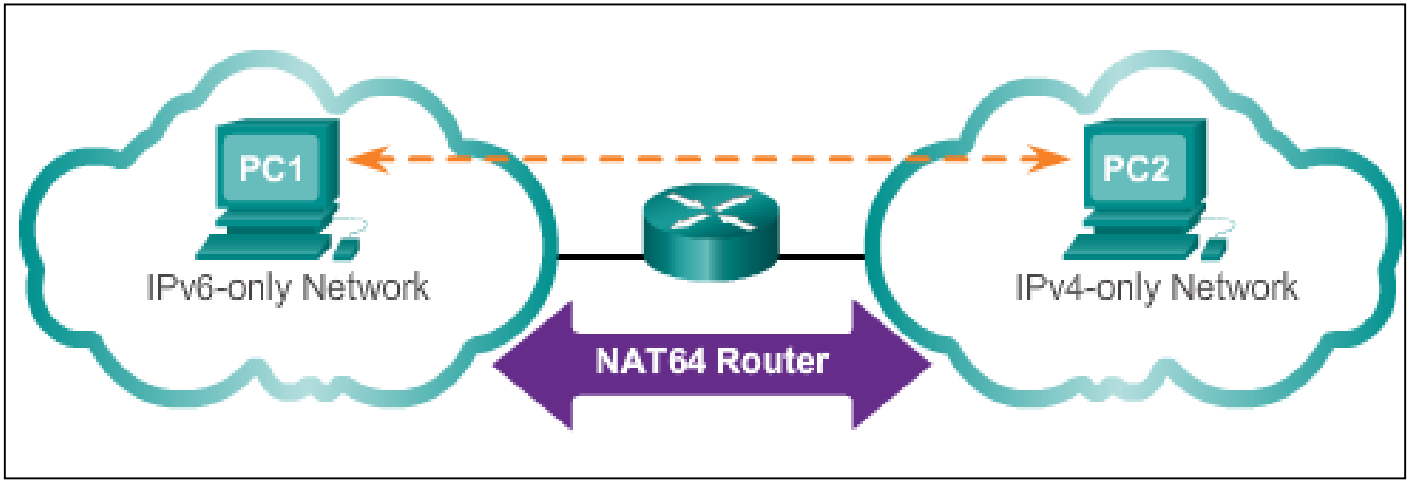
Translation



Translation: The Network Address Translation 64 (NAT64) allows IPv6-enabled devices to communicate with IPv4-enabled devices using a translation technique similar to NAT for IPv4. An IPv6 packet is translated to an IPv4 packet, and vice versa.

Hexadecimal Number System

- Hexadecimal is a base sixteen system.
- Base 16 numbering system uses the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to F.
- Four bits (half of a byte) can be represented with a single hexadecimal value.

Hexadecimal	Decimal	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
A	10	1010
B	11	1011
C	12	1100
D	13	1101
E	14	1110
F	15	1111

Hexadecimal Number System (cont.)

Look at the binary bit patterns that match the decimal and hexadecimal values

Hexadecimal	Decimal	Binary
00	0	0000 0000
01	1	0000 0001
02	2	0000 0010
03	3	0000 0011
04	4	0000 0100
05	5	0000 0101
06	6	0000 0110
07	7	0000 0111
08	8	0000 1000
0A	10	0000 1010
0F	15	0000 1111
10	16	0001 0000
20	32	0010 0000
40	64	0100 0000
80	128	1000 0000
C0	192	1100 0000
CA	202	1100 1010
F0	240	1111 0000
FF	255	1111 1111

IPv6 Address Representation

- 128 bits in length and written as a string of hexadecimal values
- In IPv6, 4 bits represents a single hexadecimal digit, 32 hexadecimal value = IPv6 address

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2001:0DB8:0000:1111:0000:0000:0000:0200
FE80:0000:0000:0000:0123:4567:89AB:CDEF
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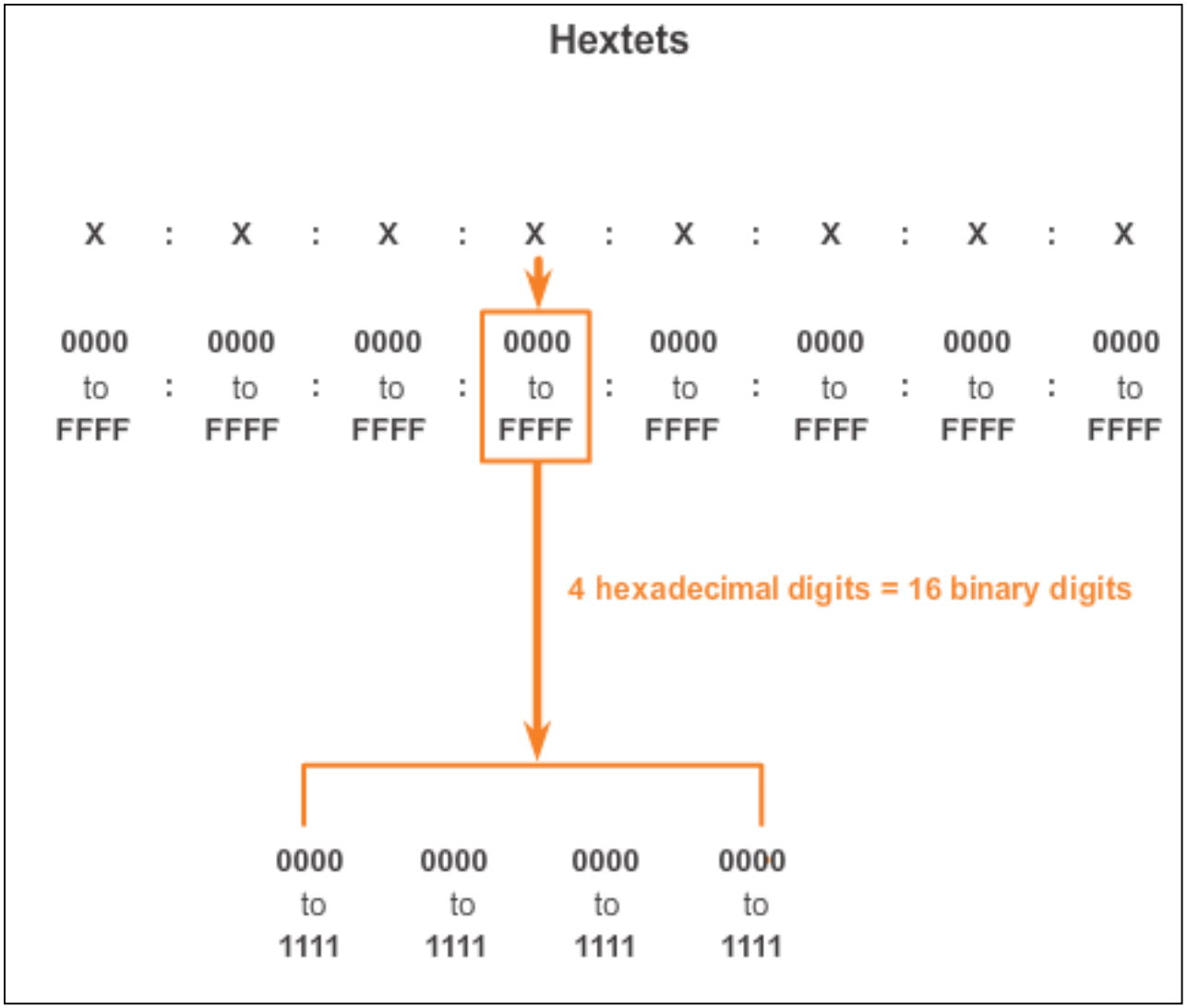
- Hextet used to refer to a segment of 16 bits or four hexadecimals
- Can be written in either lowercase or uppercase

IPv6 Address Representation (cont.)



Rule 1- Omitting Leading 0s

- The first rule to help reduce the notation of IPv6 addresses is any leading 0s (zeros) in any 16-bit section or hextet can be omitted.
- 01AB can be represented as 1AB.
- 09F0 can be represented as 9F0.
- 0A00 can be represented as A00.
- 00AB can be represented as AB.

Preferred	2001:0DB8:000A:1000:0000:0000:0000:0100
No leading 0s	2001: DB8: A:1000: 0: 0: 0: 100
Compressed	2001:DB8:A:1000:0:0:0:100

Rule 2 - Omitting All 0 Segments

- A double colon (::) can replace any single, contiguous string of one or more 16-bit segments (hextets) consisting of all 0's.
- Double colon (::) can only be used once within an address otherwise the address will be ambiguous.
- Known as the *compressed format.*

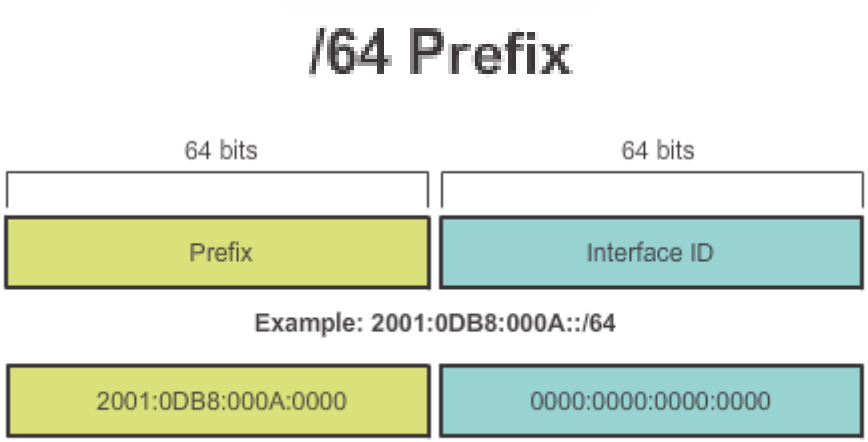
Preferred	2001:0DB8:0000:0000:ABCD:0000:0000:0100
Omit leading 0s	2001: DB8: 0: 0:ABCD: 0: 0: 100
Compressed	2001:DB8::ABCD:0:0:100
OR	
Compressed	2001:DB8:0:0:ABCD::100

Only one : : may be used.

Preferred	FE80:0000:0000:0000:0123:4567:89AB:CDEF
Omit leading 0s	FE80: 0: 0: 0: 123:4567:89AB:CDEF
Compressed	FE80::123:4567:89AB:CDEF

IPv6 Prefix Length

- IPv6 does not use the dotted-decimal subnet mask notation
- Prefix length indicates the network portion of an IPv6 address using the following format:
  - IPv6 address/prefix length
  - Prefix length can range from 0 to 128
  - Typical prefix length is /64



IPv6 Address Types

There are three types of IPv6 addresses:

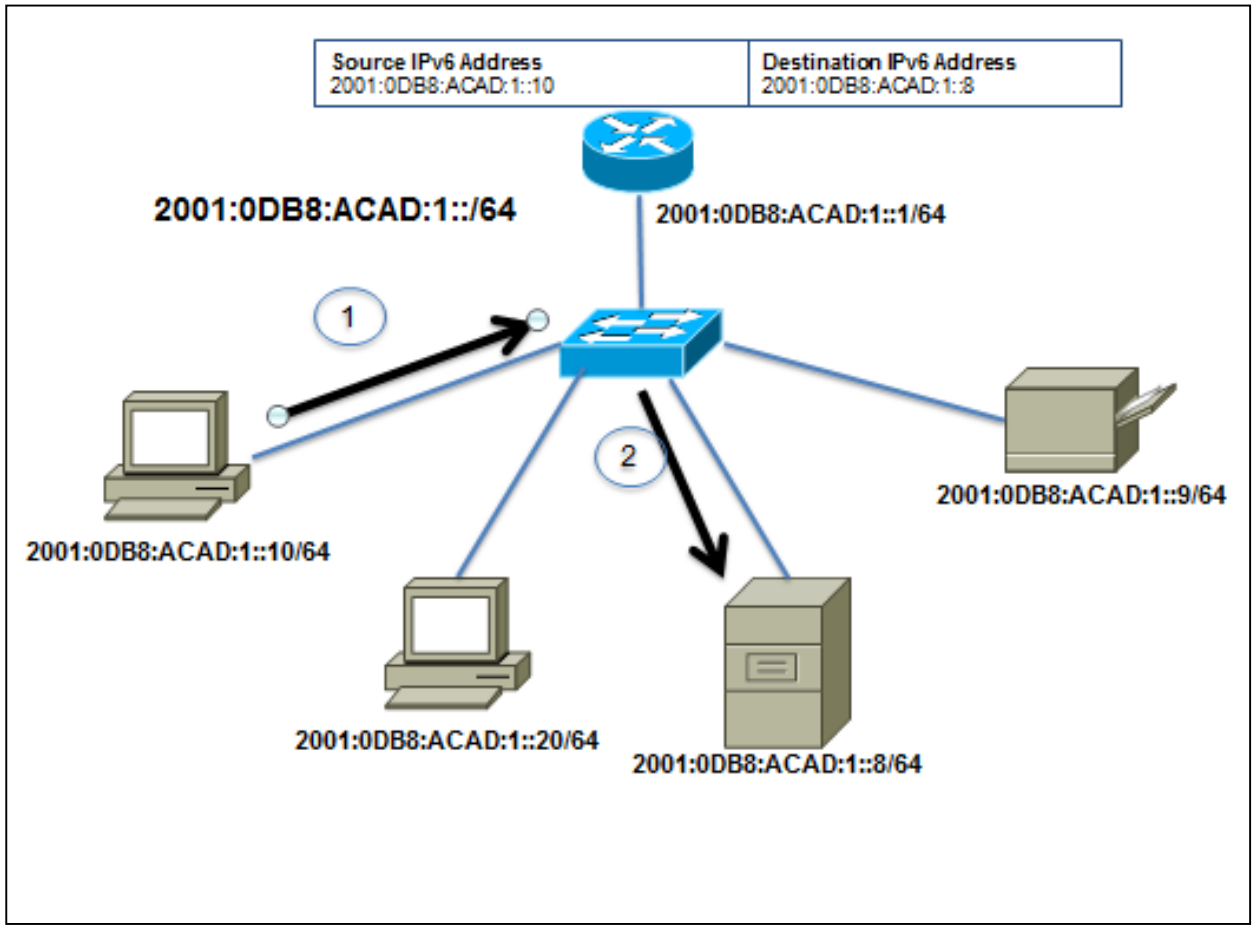
- Unicast
- Multicast
- Anycast.

Note: IPv6 does not have broadcast addresses.

IPv6 Unicast Addresses

Unicast

- Uniquely identifies an interface on an IPv6-enabled device.
- A packet sent to a unicast address is received by the interface that is assigned that address.



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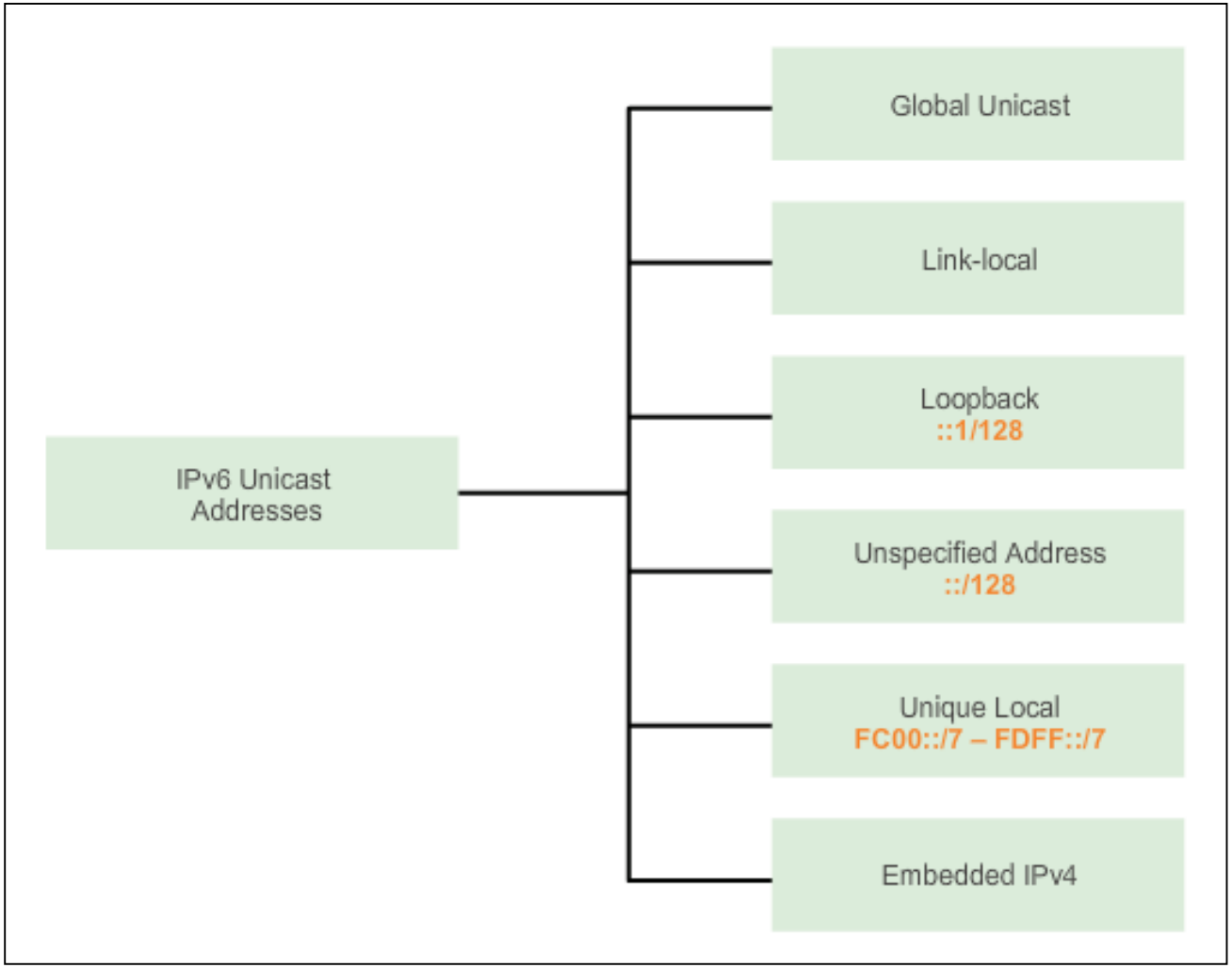


IPv6 Unicast Addresses

Global Unicast

- Similar to a public IPv4 address
- Globally unique
- Internet routable addresses
- Can be configured statically or assigned dynamically

Link-local

- Used to communicate with other devices on the same local link
- Confined to a single link; not routable beyond the link

Loopback

- Used by a host to send a packet to itself and cannot be assigned to a physical interface.
- All-0s except for the last bit, represented as ::1/128 or just ::1.

Unspecified Address

- All-0's address represented as ::/128 or just ::
- Cannot be assigned to an interface and is only used as a source address.
- An unspecified address is used as a source address when the device does not yet have a permanent IPv6 address or when the source of the packet is irrelevant to the destination.

Unique Local

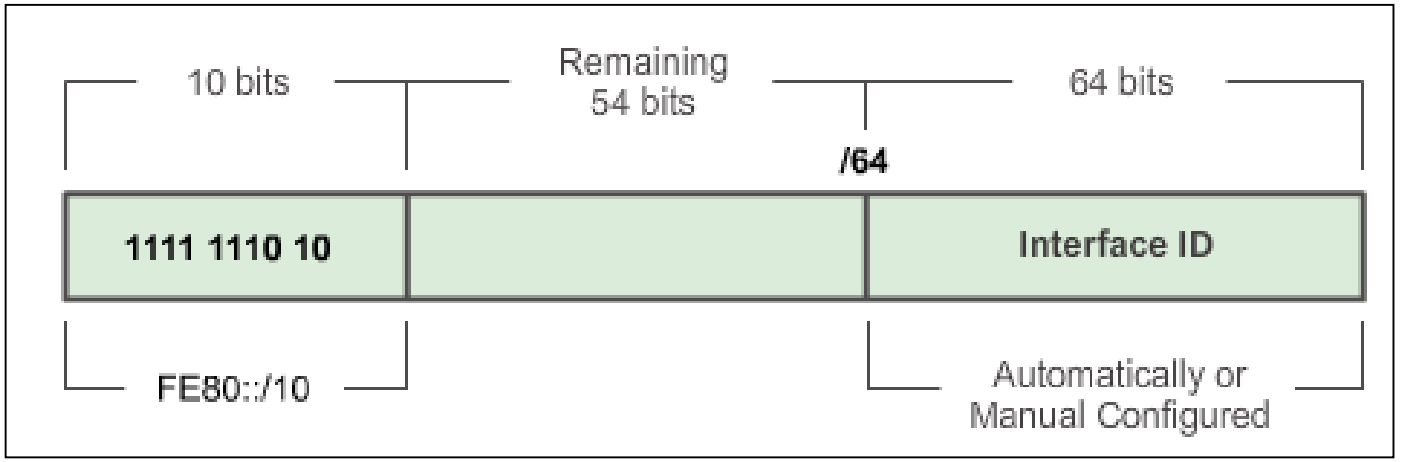
- Similar to private addresses for IPv4.
- Used for local addressing within a site or between a limited number of sites.
- In the range of FC00::/7 to FDFF::/7.

IPv4 Embedded (not covered in this course)

- Used to help transition from IPv4 to IPv6.

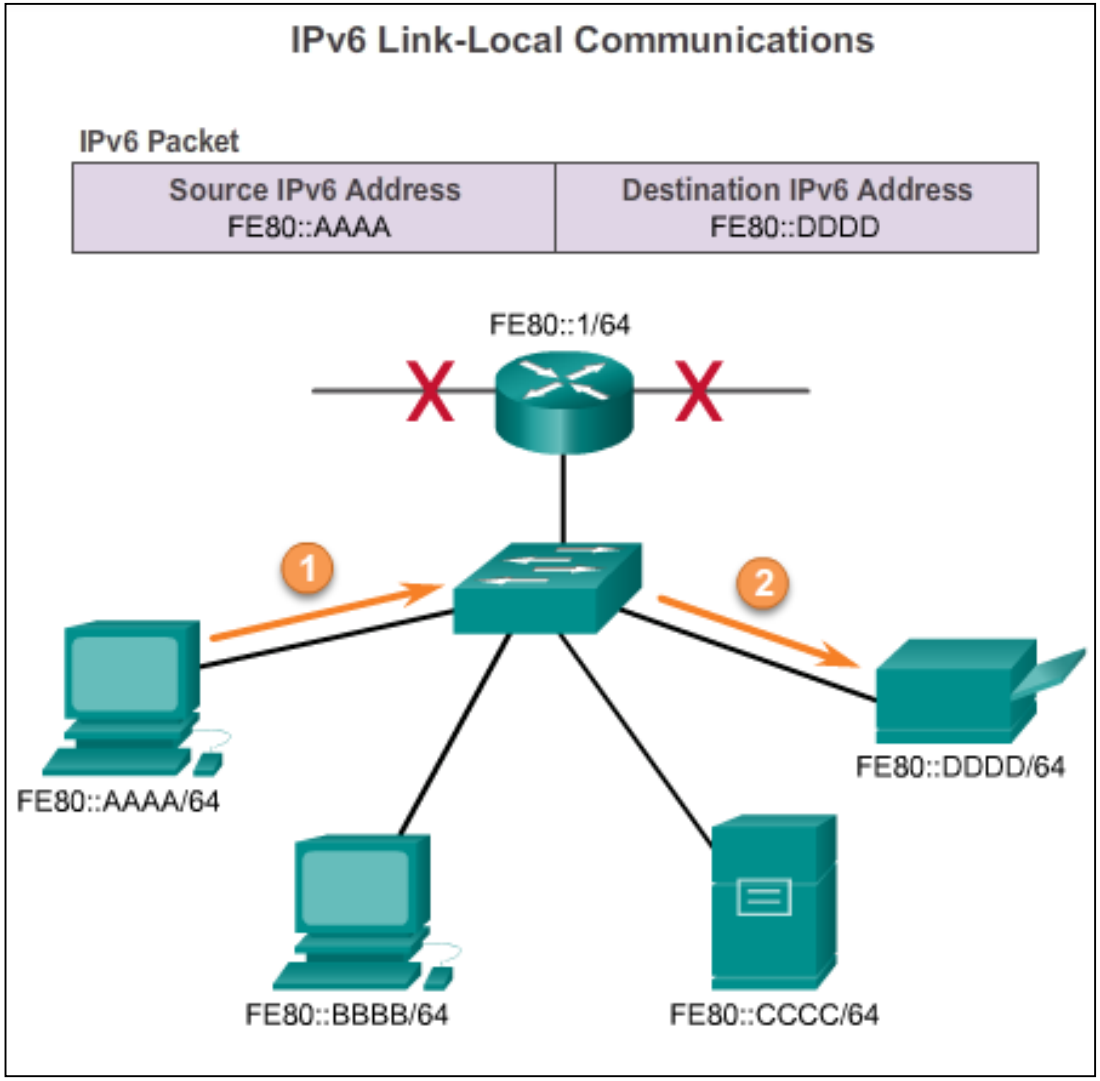
IPv6 Link-Local Unicast Addresses

- Every IPv6-enabled network interface is REQUIRED to have a link-local address
- Enables a device to communicate with other IPv6-enabled devices on the same link and only on that link (subnet)
- FE80::/10 range, first 10 bits are 1111 1110 10xx xxxx
- 1111 1110 10**00 0000** (FE80) - 1111 1110 10**11 1111** (FEBF)



IPv6 Link-Local Unicast Addresses

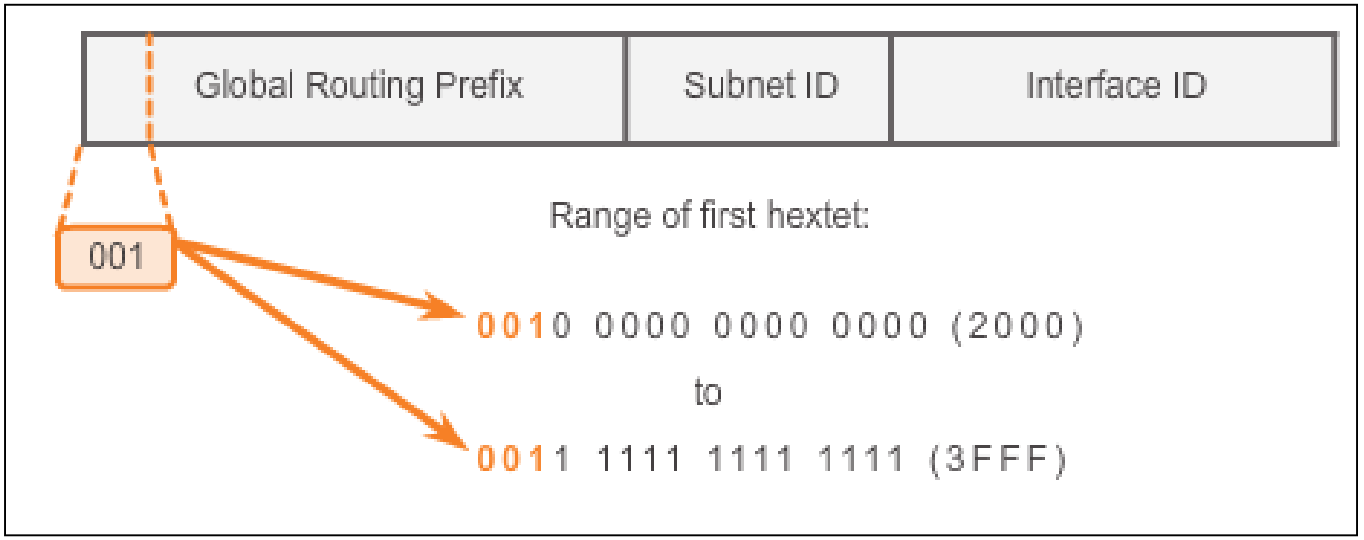
Packets with a source or destination link-local address cannot be routed beyond the link from where the packet originated.



Structure of an IPv6 Global Unicast Address

- IPv6 global unicast addresses are globally unique and routable on the IPv6 Internet
- Equivalent to public IPv4 addresses

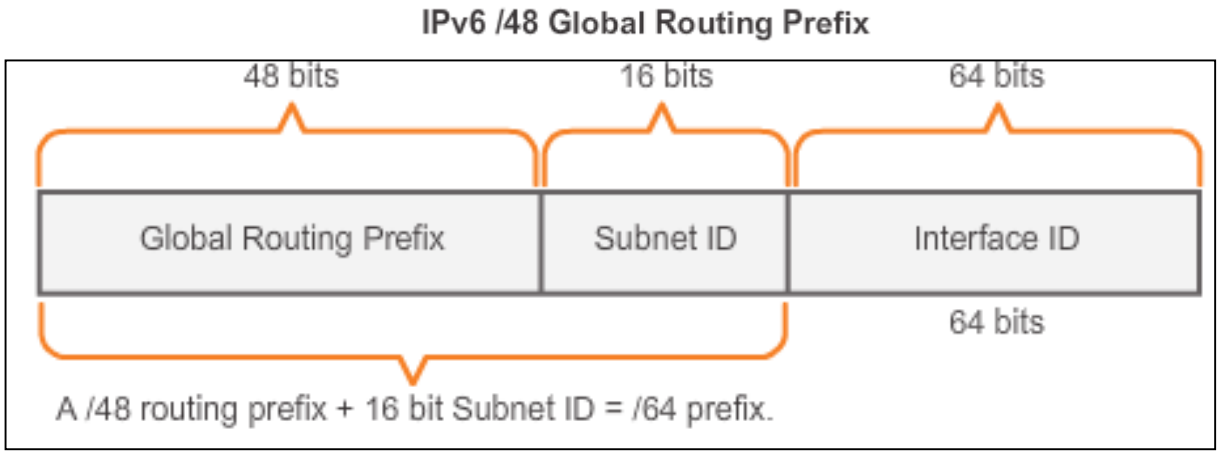
Currently, only global unicast addresses with the first three bits of 001 or 2000::/3 are being assigned



Structure of an IPv6 Global Unicast Address

A global unicast address has three parts: Global Routing Prefix, Subnet ID, and Interface ID.

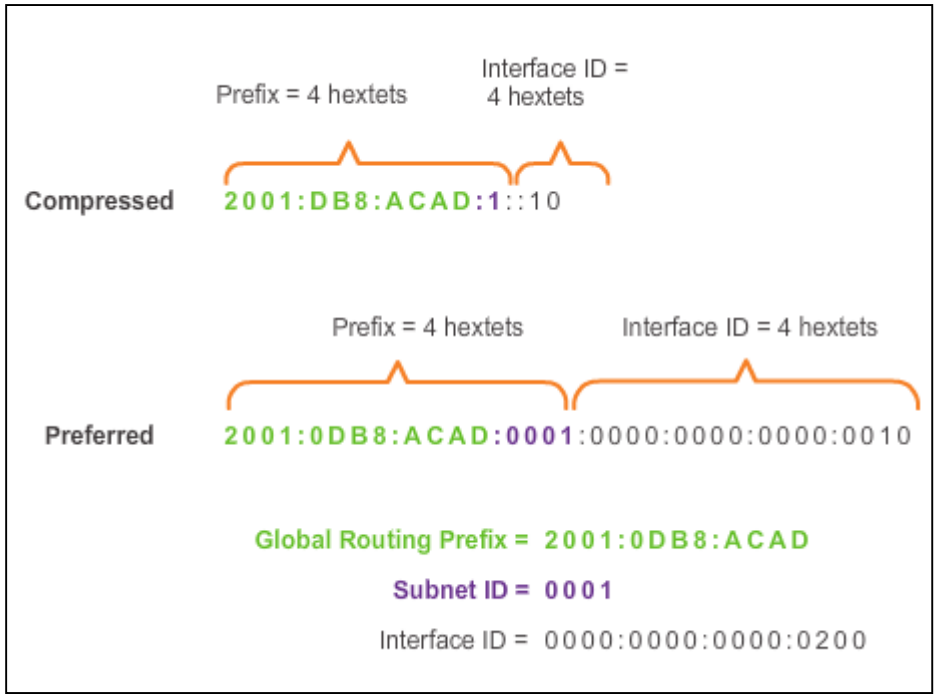
- **Global Routing Prefix** is the prefix or network portion of the address assigned by the provider, such as an ISP, to a customer or site, currently, RIR's assign a /48 global routing prefix to customers.
- 2001:0DB8:ACAD::/48 has a prefix that indicates that the first 48 bits (2001:0DB8:ACAD) is the prefix or network portion.



Structure of an IPv6 Global Unicast Address (cont.)

- **Subnet ID** is used by an organization to identify subnets within its site
- **Interface ID**
  - Equivalent to the host portion of an IPv4 address.
  - Used because a single host may have multiple interfaces, each having one or more IPv6 addresses.

Reading a Global Unicast Address



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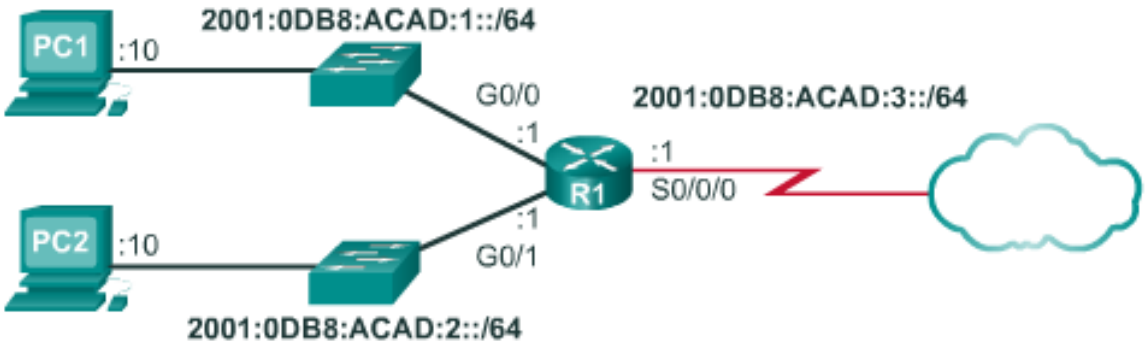


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R1(config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/0
R1(config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:acad:1::1/64
R1(config-if)#no shutdown
R1(config-if)#exit
R1(config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/1
R1(config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:acad:2::1/64
R1(config-if)#no shutdown
R1(config-if)#exit
R1(config)#interface serial 0/0/0
R1(config-if)#ipv6 address 2001:db8:acad:3::1/64
R1(config-if)#clock rate 56000
R1(config-if)#no shutdown
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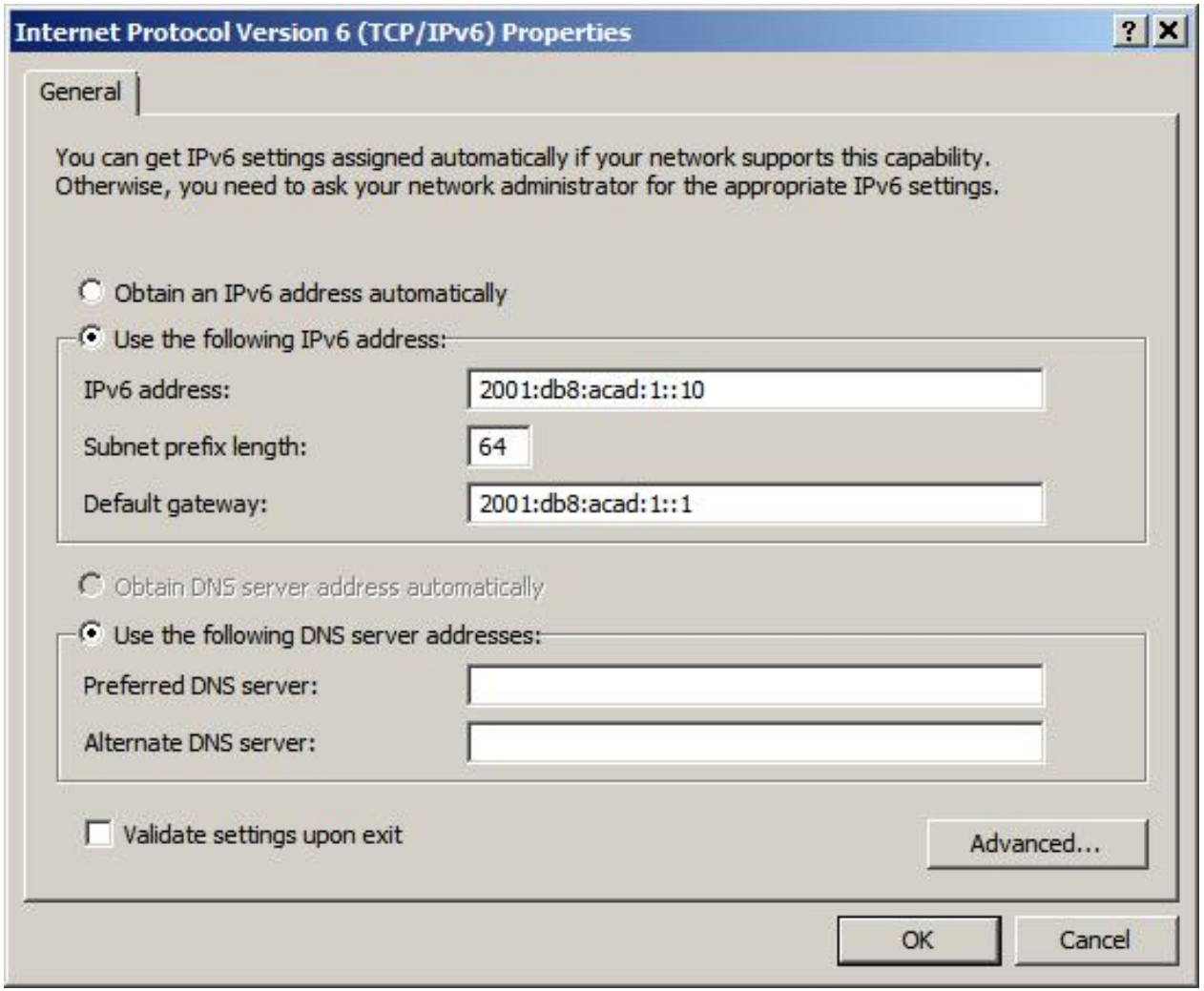
Static Configuration of an IPv6 Global Unicast Address

Windows IPv6 Setup



Dynamic Link-local Addresses

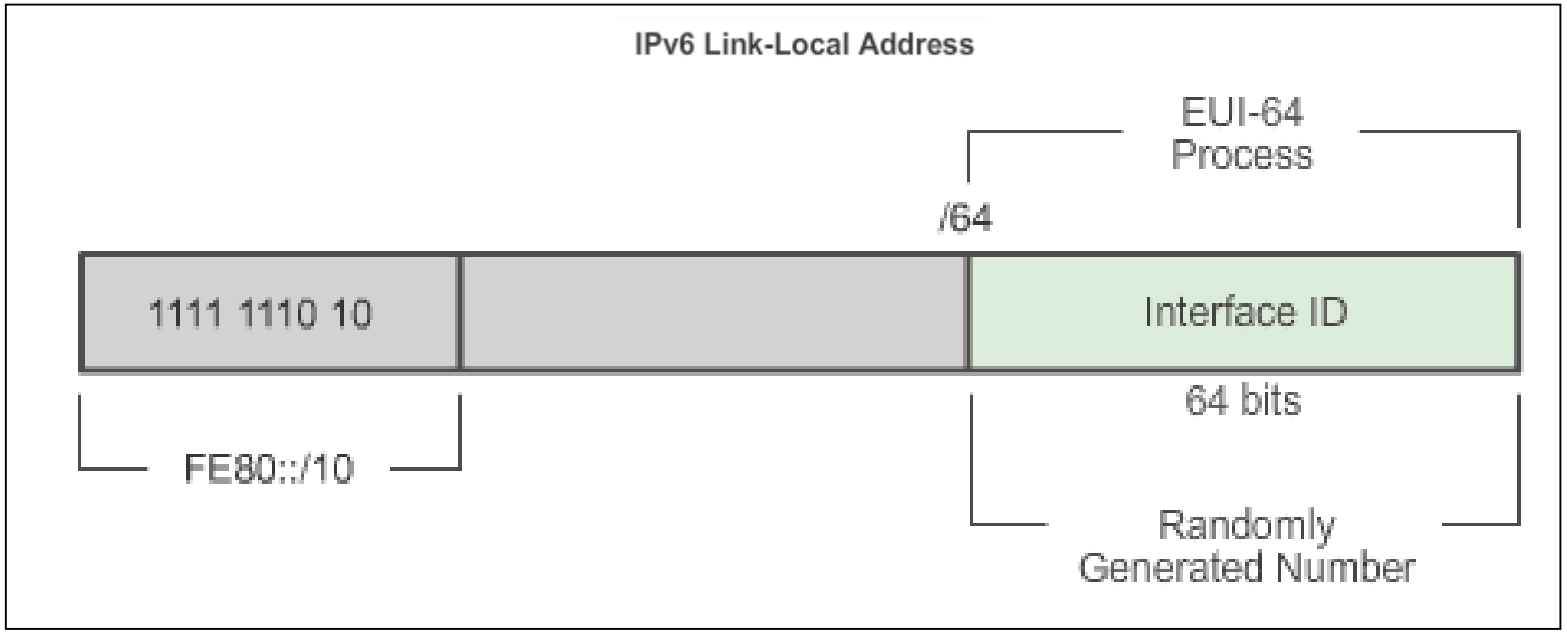
Link-Local Address

- After a global unicast address is assigned to an interface, an IPv6-enabled device automatically generates its link-local address.
- Must have a link-local address that enables a device to communicate with other IPv6-enabled devices on the same subnet.
- Uses the link-local address of the local router for its default gateway IPv6 address.
- Routers exchange dynamic routing protocol messages using link-local addresses.
- Routers' routing tables use the link-local address to identify the next-hop router when forwarding IPv6 packets.

Dynamic Link-local Addresses

Dynamically Assigned

The link-local address is dynamically created using the FE80::/10 prefix and the Interface ID.



Static Link-local Addresses

Configuring Link-local

```
R1(config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/0
R1(config-if)#ipv6 address fe80::1 ?
  link-local  Use link-local address

R1(config-if)#ipv6 address fe80::1 link-local
R1(config-if)#exit
R1(config)#interface gigabitethernet 0/1
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R1(config-if)#exit
R1(config)#interface serial 0/0/0
R1(config-if)#ipv6 address fe80::1 link-local
R1(config-if)#
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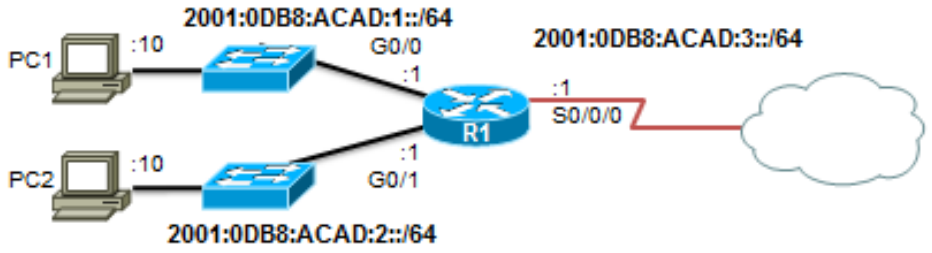
Verifying IPv6 Address Configuration

Each interface has two IPv6 addresses -

1. global unicast address that was configured
2. one that begins with FE80 is automatically added as a link-local unicast address

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R1#show ipv6 interface brief
GigabitEthernet0/0      [up/up]
    FE80::FE99:47FF:FE75:C3E0
    2001:DB8:ACAD:1::1
GigabitEthernet0/1      [up/up]
    FE80::FE99:47FF:FE75:C3E1
    2001:DB8:ACAD:2::1
Serial0/0/0             [up/up]
    FE80::FE99:47FF:FE75:C3E0
    2001:DB8:ACAD:3::1
Serial0/0/1             [administratively down/down]
    unassigned
R1#
```

IPv6 Global Unicast Addresses

Verifying IPv6 Address Configuration

```
R1#show ipv6 route
IPv6 Routing Table - default - 7 entries
Codes: C - Connected, L - Local, S - Static, U - Per-user
Static

<output omitted>

C   2001:DB8:ACAD:1::/64 [0/0]
     via GigabitEthernet0/0, directly connected
L   2001:DB8:ACAD:1::1/128 [0/0]
     via GigabitEthernet0/0, receive
C   2001:DB8:ACAD:2::/64 [0/0]
     via GigabitEthernet0/1, directly connected
L   2001:DB8:ACAD:2::1/128 [0/0]
     via GigabitEthernet0/1, receive
C   2001:DB8:ACAD:3::/64 [0/0]
     via Serial0/0/0, directly connected
L   2001:DB8:ACAD:3::1/128 [0/0]
     via Serial0/0/0, receive
L   FF00::/8 [0/0]
     via Null0, receive
R1#
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9.3 Design Considerations for IPv6

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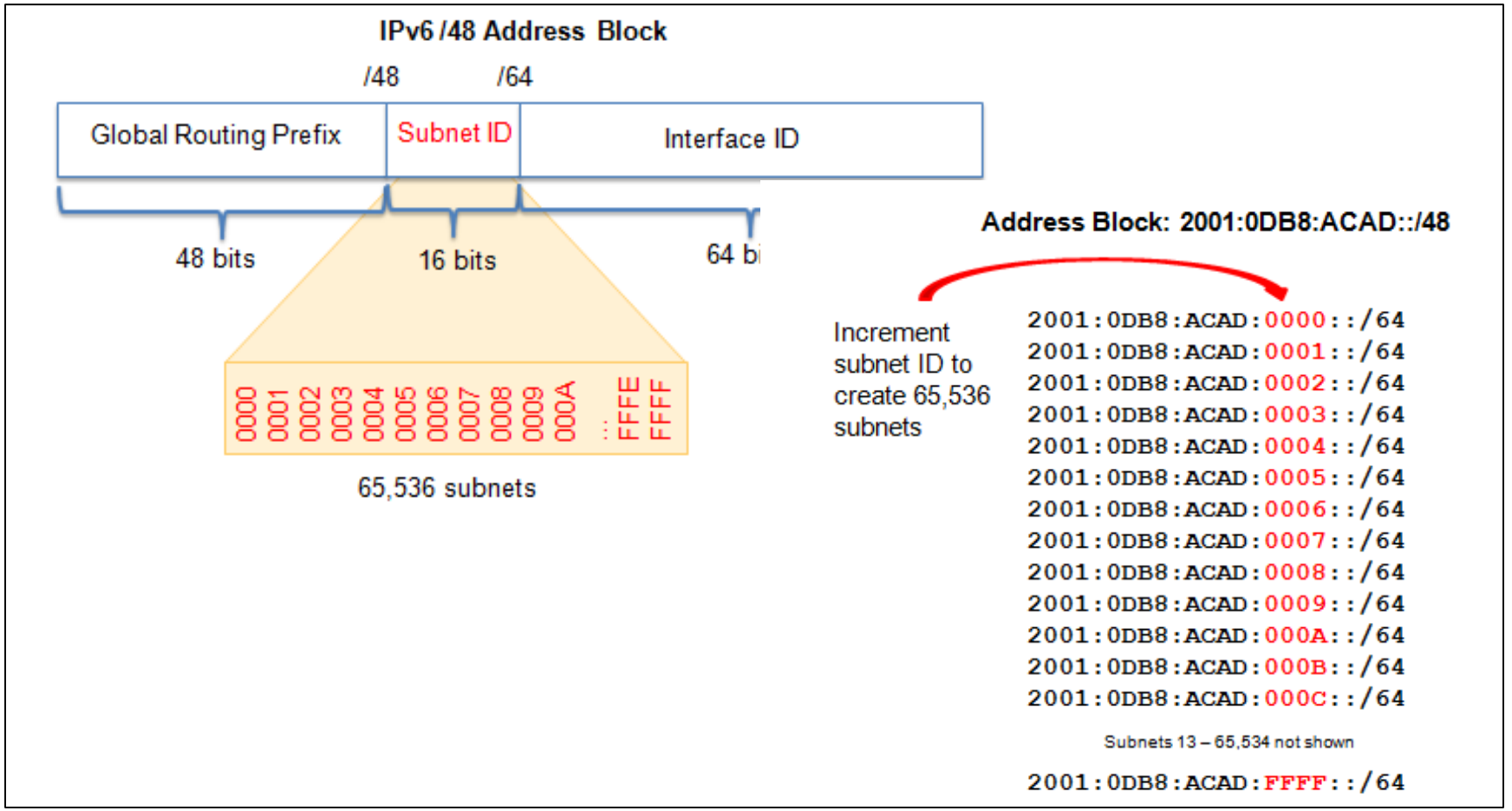
Subnetting Using the Subnet ID

An IPv6 Network Space is subnetted to support hierarchical, logical design of the network



Subnetting an IPv6 Network

IPV6 Subnet Allocation

IPv6 Subnetting

Address Block: 2001:0DB8:ACAD::/48

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2001:0DB8:ACAD:0002::/64
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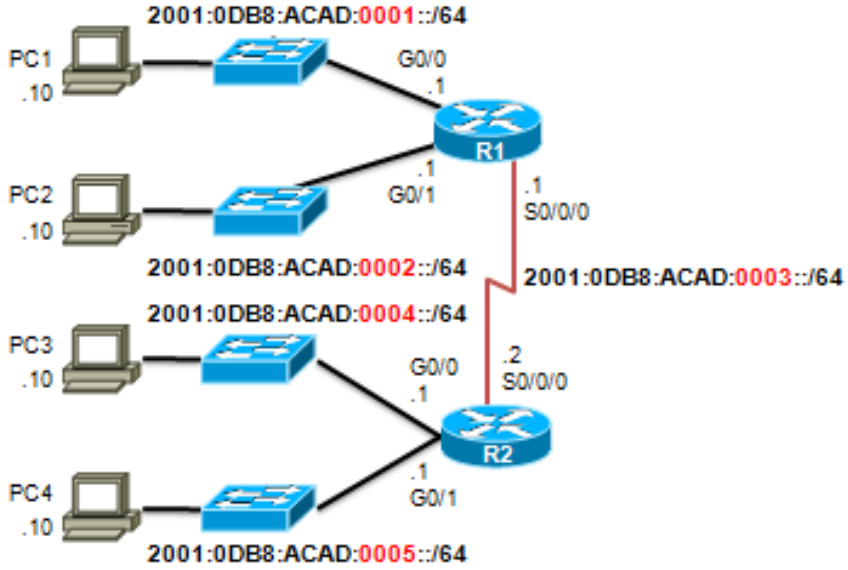
5 subnets allocated from 65,536 available subnets

IPv6 Subnet Allocation



Subnetting into the Interface ID

IPv6 bits can be borrowed from the interface ID to create additional IPv6 subnets.