



IPv6 Deployment Made Simple

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Viagénie Team Credentials



- Consulting and R&D in IP networking
 - Customers such as providers, enterprises, manufacturers for IPv6/VoIP/Routing deployment, application porting, ...
- 20+ years in IP networking and Unix
- 14 years on IPv6
- Team wrote IETF drafts and RFCs. Co-chair of IETF WGs (idn, vcarddav)
- Wrote the “Migrating to IPv6” book, published by Wiley
- Gave IPv6 tutorials at many conferences. Authored and delivered the Cisco IPv6 course.
- Co-founder and member of the board, IPv6Forum
- Member of steering group of North American IPv6 Task Force
- VoIP developers, ported Asterisk and Freeswitch to IPv6. (Also ported NTP, Quake, ... to IPv6)
- Implemented NAT traversal server software (STUN/TURN):
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Plan



- Why?
- Key Operational Concepts
- IPv6 configs in hosts, routers and PBX
- Deployment considerations
 - addressing
 - routing/switching
 - ...
- Conclusion
- Talk is not about:
 - developing applications with IPv6 (see cluecon 2008 presentation)
 - Trying to convince you about IPv6...

Why IPv6?



- Initially designed for 2 main reasons: IPv4 address space depletion and global routing table scalability.
- Opportunity to enhance IP: mobility, security, simpler address configuration, enhanced multicast, ... IPv6 is a better IP compared to IPv4.
- But these improvements have not yet been sufficient to drive the general deployment of IPv6, except for some specific markets.
- Now, drive is the need for more IP address space, because of IPv4 address space depletion and large private networks:
 - Current estimate: IANA pool empty by Q2 2011. RIR pool empty by Q1 2012. Estimate will change.
- Some large scale networks are planning IPv6-only deployments because of lack of IPv4 address space already.
- Momentum: ipv6.google.com, ipv6.netflix.com, ...

IPv6 Key Operational Concepts



- IPv6 addresses:
 - Ex: 2001:1:2:3:a:b:c:d ; 128bits, 8 hex parts separated by “:”
 - Compressed forms: “::” means all zeros
 - With port number: [2001:1:2:3:a:b:c:d]:80
- Active interfaces automatically configure link-local addresses (fe80::....): link-local only used for communications on the directly connected link.
- Interfaces have multiple addresses
- Usual (and easiest) deployment: dual stack
 - Each interface has both an IPv4 address and IPv6 address.

IPv6 Key Operational Concepts (cont.)



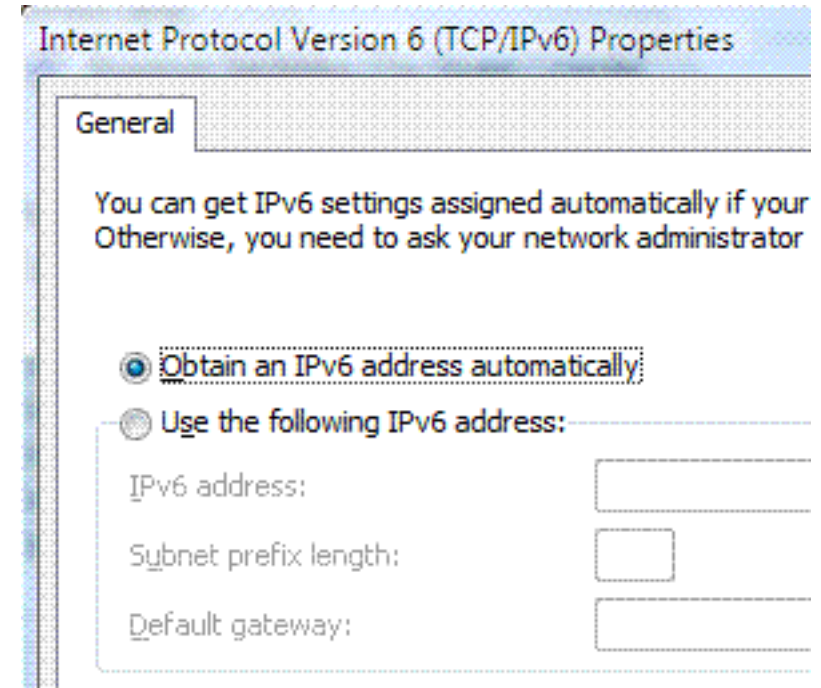
- Address autoconfig
 - known as SLAAC: stateless Address Autoconfiguration
 - supplemental config mechanism (dhcpv6, manual also)
 - Router sends router advertisements that includes prefix, default router and other info. Host uses its mac address as host part.
- Prefix assignments:
 - Subnets/links are /64; no need for VLSM or else.
 - Enterprises receive /48 (65K subnets)
 - Homes receive either /64 (1 subnet) or /56 (256 subnets).
 - Providers receive /32 (65K enterprise customers) to start

OS and PBX IPv6 Configurations

N.B. Using 2001:db8:: as documentation prefix in examples. Do not use it on your network.

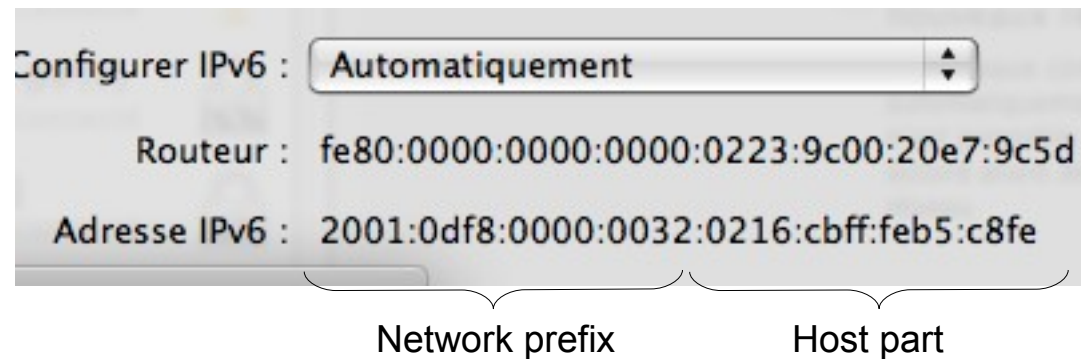
Windows

- Enabling IPv6:
 - XP: netsh interface ipv6 install (code is there, just enable it)
 - Vista: enabled by default
- By default, uses SLAAC
 - (and creates interfaces for Teredo and ISATAP: tunneling technologies)
- Network Connections->Interface->Properties->Networking->IPv6
- ipconfig; netsh interface ipv6
- Reference:
<http://www.microsoft.com/ipv6>



MacOSX

- Network Preferences->Advanced
- Supports: manual or SLAAC



```
# ifconfig en1
```

```
inet6 fe80::216:cbff:feb5:c8fe%en1 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x6
```

```
inet6 2001:df8::32:216:cbff:feb5:c8fe prefixlen 64 autoconf
```

```
ether 00:16:cb:b5:c8:fe
```

Linux



- Fedora as example
- `/etc/sysconfig/network`
 - `NETWORKING_IPV6=yes`
- `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-eth0`
 - `IPV6INIT=yes`
 - activate IPv6 on interface
 - listen to RA (i.e. SLAAC)
 - Manual address:
 - `IPV6ADDR=2001:db8:1:1::1/64`
 - `IPV6_DEFAULTGW=2001:db8:1:1::2/64`

FreeBSD (and *BSD)



- /etc/rc.local
 - ipv6_enable=yes
 - # enables ipv6 on all interfaces
 - #listens to RA (ie. SLAAC)
 - Manual address config:
 - ipv6_ifconfig_fxp0="2001:db8:1:1::1/64"
 - ipv6_defaultrouter="fe80::2"

Cisco IOS



- ipv6 unicast-routing
 - enables ipv6 forwarding.
- ipv6 cef/dcef
 - Enables Cisco express forwarding for IPv6
- interface gigabitethernet0
 - ipv6 address 2001:db8:1:1::1/64
 - ipv6 nd prefix-advertisement 2001:db8:1:1::/64
 - (not needed. By default, sends RA when interface has ipv6 address)
- ipv6 route ::/0 gigabitethernet0 (::/0 = default route)
- ipv6 access-list ...

Juniper JunOS



```
interfaces fe-0/0/1 { unit 0 {  
  family inet6 { address 2001:db8:1:1::1/64; } } }  
# enables IPv6 on the FE interface
```

```
protocols { router-advertisement {  
  interface fe-0/0/1 { prefix 3ffe:b00:0:1::/64; } } }  
# configures RA on FE interface
```

Asterisk IPv6



- IPv6 feature not yet in trunk.
- Get code from <http://www.asteriskv6.org>
- Only SIPv6 available (no IAXv6)
- sip.conf
 - Bindaddr:
 - If none specified, asteriskv6 binds to both v4 and v6 wildcards
 - Or specify v4 or v6 address with/without ports
 - bindaddr=2001:db8:1::1
 - bindaddr=[2001:db8:1::1]:5061
 - Can specify many bindaddr lines as needed

Freeswitch IPv6



- Since 1.0.1
 - (announced at Cluecon 2008. see presentation)
- Only SIP is IPv6 capable. (not yet IAX,...). IPv6 ACL mostly coded, not yet committed.
- Conf:
 - `$$local_ip_v6` refers to the binded IPv6 address
 - `<param name="">` may be set to IPv6 addresses:
 - rtp-ip
 - sip-ip
 - Ex: `<param name="sip-ip" value="2001:db8:1:1::1">`

Phones



- Many available as alpha-beta-or-soon-to-be-productized versions: Counterpath, Snom, Dlink, Polycom, ...
- Ask your preferred vendor...

Deployment Considerations

Addressing



- As enterprise, get IPv6 prefix (/48) from upstream, unless multihomed where you can get PI from RIR
- As provider, get IPv6 prefix (/32) from RIR
- Internal network:
 - Each subnet has /64
 - Only consideration for subnet assignments is IGP route prefix aggregation
- Efficient address plan method: RFC3531
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- RIR = (ARIN, RIPE, APNIC, LACNIC, AFRINIC)

IPv6 Private Address Space



- Known as ULA (Unique Local Address)
- $fd<40 \text{ bits random number}>::/48$
- (Shall be) non-overlapping private space.
- In addition to global address space:
 - ie. A link may have a global prefix and ULA prefix.
- May be used to number your network before you have an IPv6 upstream provider
- RFC4193

Routing/Switching



- OSPFv3:
 - different process/database/... than OSPFv2.
- ISIS:
 - same process; integrated topology. Be careful if v4 and v6 topologies are different: extension exists.
- BGP
 - Same process, new address family
- MPLS:
 - 6PE: PE are IPv6-enabled. P are unaware of IPv6.
 - 6VPE: for IPv6 VPN across MPLS core.

IPv4 and IPv6



- Dual-stack:
 - all links, hosts, routers run IPv4 and IPv6.
 - usual recommended approach for deployment
- IPv6-only:
 - Some starting to plan IPv6-only networks because depletion of IPv4 address space coming soon.
 - Ex: Large cable operators in North America
 - Easier for network operation: only one IP network to manage.
 - However, for application/service perspective, it is more difficult: need proxy or “smart” translators between the two address families. Scaling considerations.
 - IPv4 legacy nodes and applications.

Provisioning



- Infrastructure devices (servers, routers, vpn, switches, ...) shall have fixed (ie. manual) IPv6 addresses.
- Endpoints may use SLAAC. DHCPv6 is used when more control is needed.
- DNS IPv6 server addresses are sent either:
 - Through RA [RFC5006] (not implemented by all yet)
 - Through DHCPv6
 - Not so much a concern if you still run IPv4 DNS servers and dual-stack network
- While IPv6 stack supports multiple addresses per interface, try to provision the least number; makes operations simpler (logs, ACL, ...)

Upstream Provider



- If your upstream is not providing IPv6, you may use:
 - Tunnel brokers:
 - NAT traversal
 - Provides real IPv6 address and prefix
 - see: <http://freenet6.net>
 - 6to4: (v4 address embedded in v6 with automatic tunnelling). Be careful about:
 - RTT
 - dependency on your IPv4 external address
 - No NAT traversal
 - Teredo: for single hosts. NAT traversal.

Sample LAN



- Link: 2001:db8:1:1::/64
 - Router: 2001:db8:1:1::1
 - PBX: 2001:db8:1:1::2
 - Phone1: 2001:db8:1:1::3 (or SLAAC or dhcpv6)
 - Phone2: 2001:db8:1:1::4
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- NB. 2001:db8::/32 is a documentation prefix. Don't use it on your network. Use ULA or assigned prefix.

VoIP IPv4 - IPv6 Interoperability



- IPv4 and IPv6 UAs can communicate via a relay.
- Usually relay is a B2BUA (e.g. FreeSWITCH)
- Consider using a cross-protocol TURN server.
- SIP Protocol/Deployment considerations:
 - Three protocols: SIP, SDP, RTP. Different states. Sometimes on different boxes.
 - Negotiating different address families when not all pieces are at the same implementation levels may have “interesting” side effects.
 - Might want to consider single address family VoIP deployments for operational simplicity.
 - Not many people can claim to have good experience in mixed VoIP deployments. Be careful...

Conclusion



- Discussed:
 - IPv6 key operational concepts
 - Configurations for hosts, routers, PBXs
 - Deployment considerations
- Try IPv6 now!
 - <http://www.freeswitch.org>
 - <http://www.asteriskv6.org>
 - <http://freenet6.net>

Questions?



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