



IPv6 Security

A quick overview

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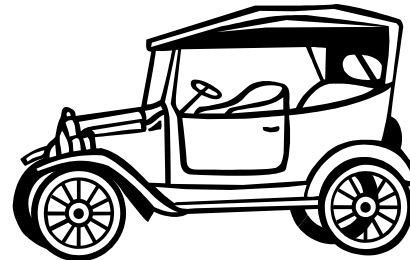
Agenda

- Debunking IPv6 Myths
- Shared Issues by IPv4 and IPv6
- Specific Issues for IPv6
 - Addresses, Extension headers, dual-stack, tunnels
- Summary



IPv6 Security Myths...

IPv6 Myths: Better, Faster, More Secure



Sometimes, newer means better and more secure

Sometimes, experience IS better and safer!



The Absence of Reconnaissance Myth

- Default subnets in IPv6 have 2^{64} addresses
 - 10 Mpps = more than 50 000 years

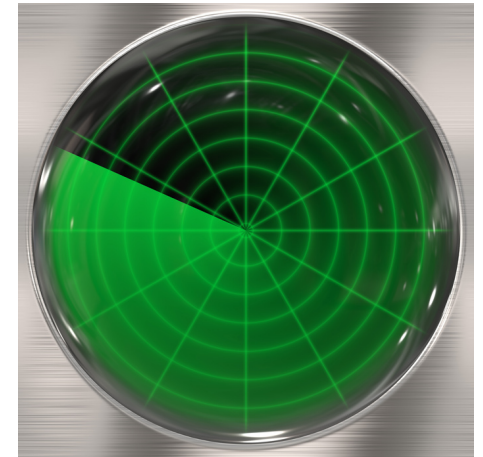


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Reconnaissance in IPv6

Scanning Methods Will Change

- If using EUI-64 addresses, just scan 2^{48}
 - Or even 2^{24} if vendor OUI is known...
- Public servers will still need to be DNS reachable
 - More information collected by Google...
- Increased deployment/reliance on dynamic DNS
 - More information will be in DNS
- Using peer-to-peer clients gives IPv6 addresses of peers
- Harvest NTP client addresses by becoming a member of pool.ntp.org
- Administrators may adopt easy-to-remember addresses
 - `::1`, `::80`, `::F00D`, `::C5C0`, `:ABBA:BABE` or simply IPv4 last octet for dual-stack
- By compromising hosts in a network, an attacker can learn new addresses to scan

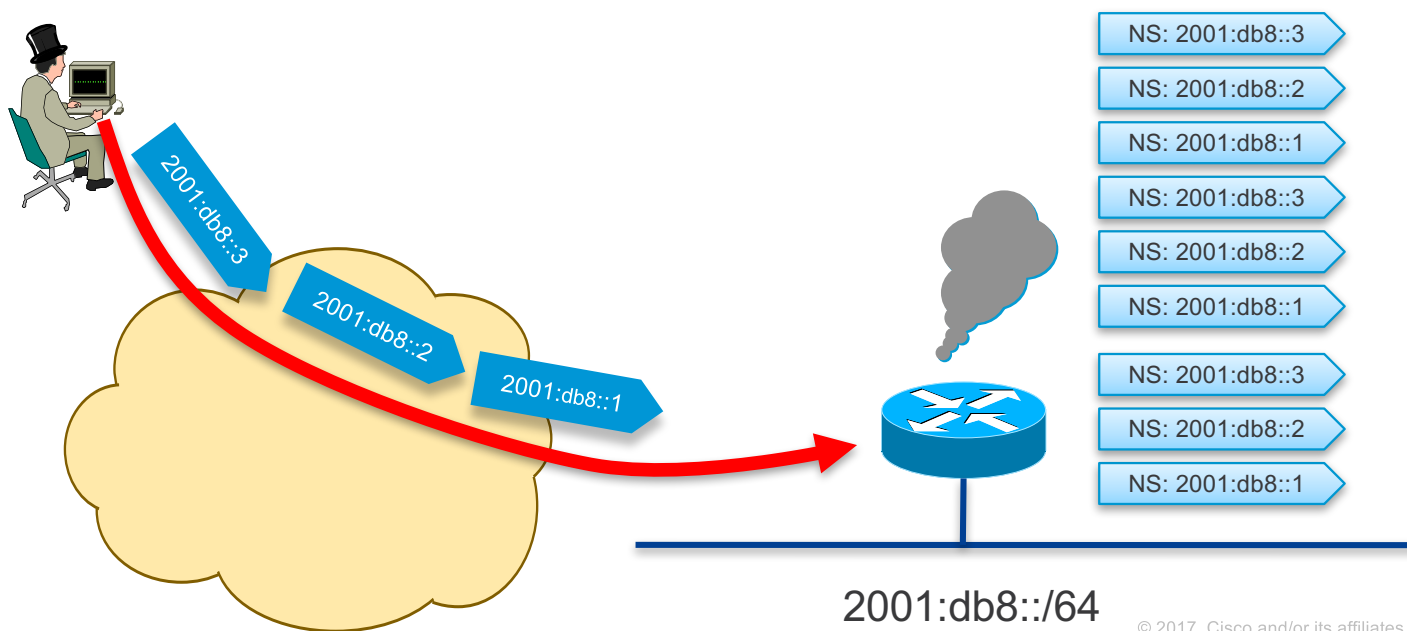


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Scanning Made Bad for CPU

Remote Neighbor Cache Exhaustion (RFC 6583)

- Potential router CPU/memory attacks if aggressive scanning
 - Router will do Neighbor Discovery... And waste CPU and memory
- Local router DoS with NS/RS/...



The IPsec Myth: IPsec End-to-End will Save the World

- IPv6 originally mandated the implementation of IPsec (but not its use)
- Now, RFC 6434 “*IPsec SHOULD be supported by all IPv6 nodes*”
- Some organizations still believe that IPsec should be used to secure all flows...
 - Need to **trust endpoints** and end-users because the network cannot secure the traffic: no IPS, no ACL, no firewall
 - Network **telemetry** is blinded: NetFlow of little use
 - Network **services** hindered: what about QoS or AVC ?

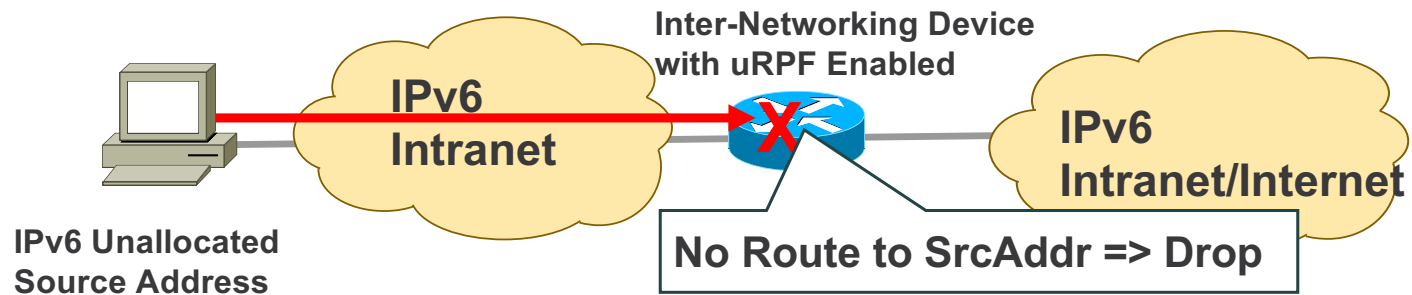
Recommendation: do not use IPsec end to end within an administrative domain.

Suggestion: Reserve IPsec for residential or hostile environment or high profile targets EXACTLY as for IPv4

Shared Issues

IPv6 Bogon and Anti-Spoofing Filtering

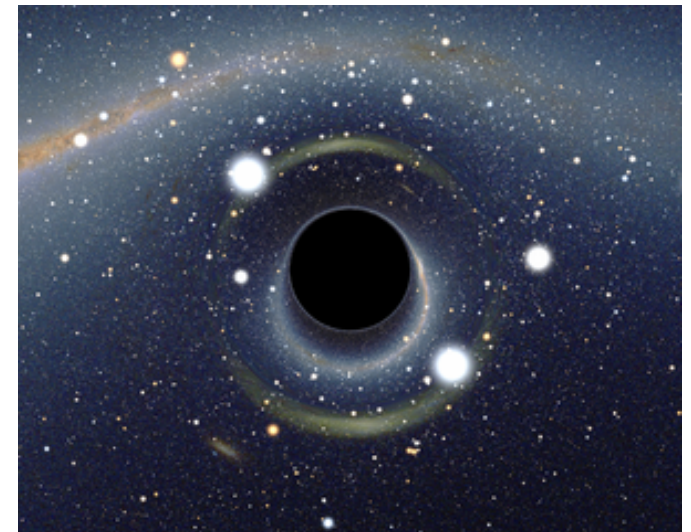
- Bogon filtering (data plane & BGP route-map): <http://www.cymru.com/Bogons/ipv6.txt>
- Anti-spoofing = uRPF



Remote Triggered Black Hole



- RFC 5635 RTBH is as easy in IPv6 as in IPv4
- uRPF is also your friend for black holing a source
- RFC 6666 has a specific discard prefix
 - 100::/64



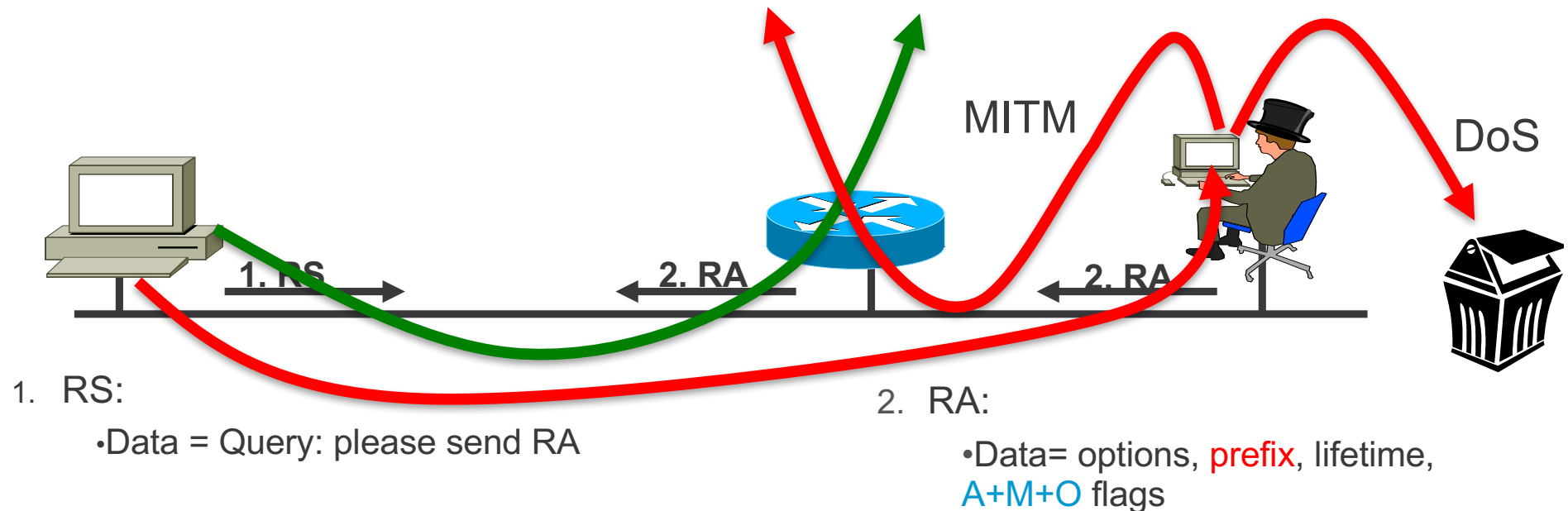
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- http://www.cisco.com/web/about/security/intelligence/ipv6_rtbh.html

Neighbor Discovery Issue#1 StateLess Address Auto Configuration SLAAC Rogue Router Advertisement

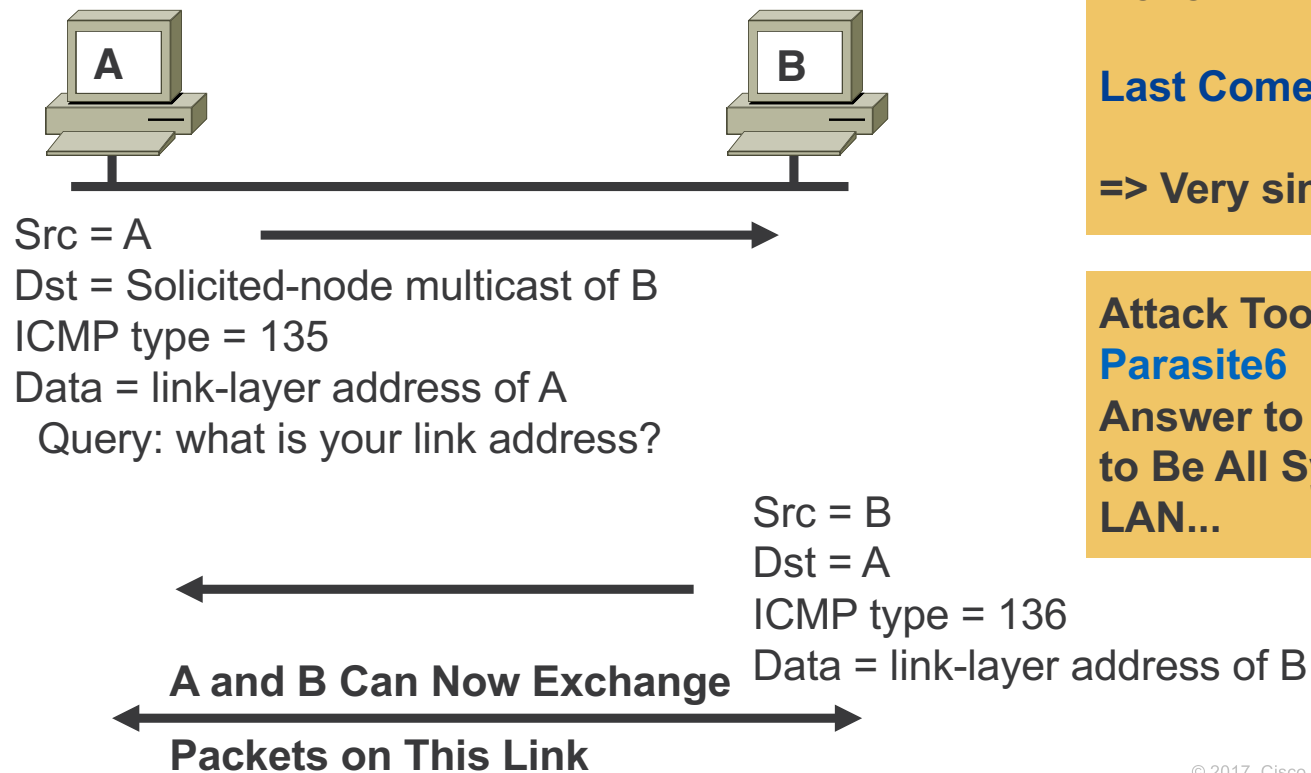
- **Router Advertisements (RA)** contains:
 - Prefix to be used by hosts
 - Data-link layer address of the router
 - Miscellaneous options: MTU, DHCPv6 use, ...

RA w/o Any Authentication Gives Exactly Same Level of Security as DHCPv4 (None)



Neighbor Discovery Issue#2

Neighbor Solicitation



Security Mechanisms Built into Discovery Protocol = None

Last Come is Used

=> Very similar to ARP

Attack Tool from THC:

Parasite6

Answer to all NS, Claiming to Be All Systems in the LAN...

ARP Spoofing is now NDP Spoofing: Mitigation

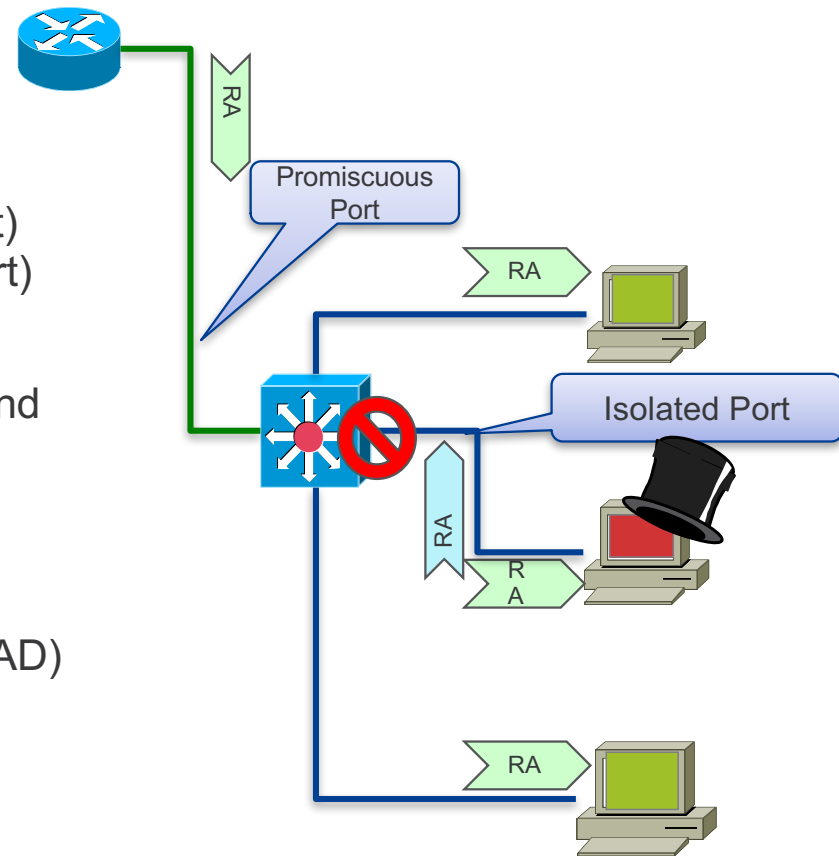


- **GOOD NEWS:** First-Hop-Security for IPv6 is available
 - First phase (Port ACL & RA Guard) available since Summer 2010
 - Second phase (NDP & DHCP snooping) available since Summer 2011
 - Third phase (Source Guard, Destination Guard) available since Summer 2013
 - http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/ipv6/configuration/guide/ip6-first_hop_security.html
- **(kind of) GOOD NEWS:** Secure Neighbor Discovery
 - SeND = NDP + crypto
 - IOS 12.4(24)T
 - But not in Windows 7, 2008, 2012 and 8, Mac OS/X, iOS, Android
- Other **GOOD NEWS:**
 - Private VLAN works with IPv6
 - Port security works with IPv6
 - IEEE 801.X works with IPv6 (except downloadable ACL)



Mitigating Rogue RA: Host Isolation

- Prevent Node-Node Layer-2 communication by using:
 - Private VLANs (PVLAN) where nodes (isolated port) can only contact the official router (promiscuous port)
 - WLAN in 'AP Isolation Mode'
 - 1 VLAN per host (SP access network with Broadband Network Gateway)
- Link-local multicast (RA, DHCP request, etc.) sent only to the local official router: no harm
 - Side effect: breaks Duplicate Address Detection (DAD)



First Hop Security: RAguard since 2010 (RFC 6105)



- **Port ACL**

blocks all ICMPv6 RA from hosts

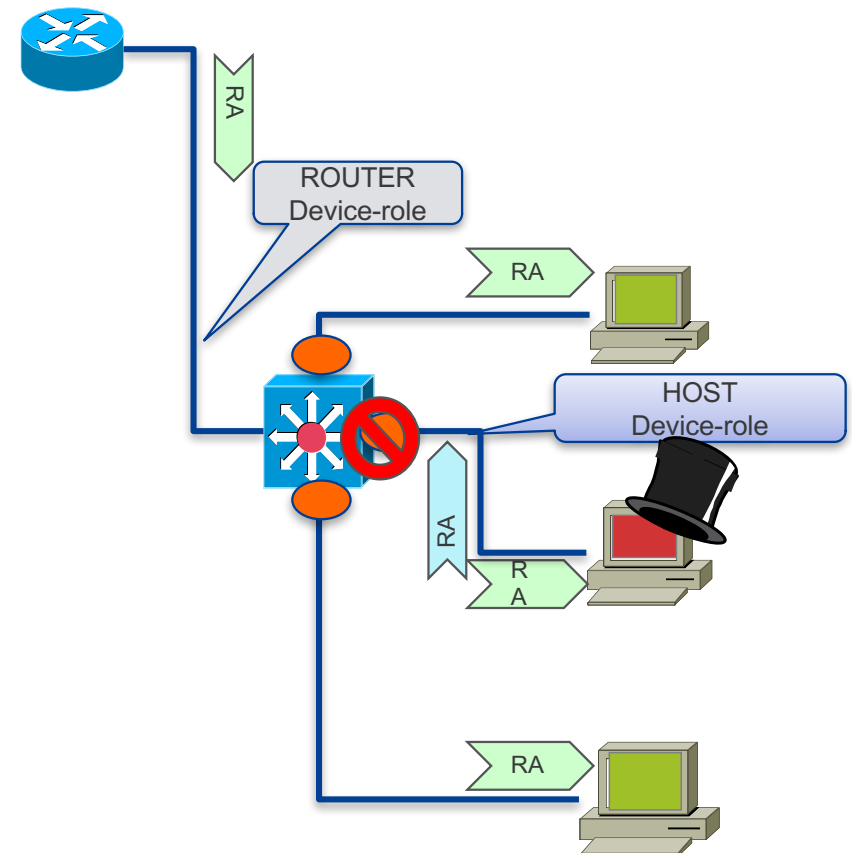
```
interface FastEthernet0/2
  ipv6 traffic-filter ACCESS_PORT in
  access-group mode prefer port
```

- **RAguard lite** (12.2(33)SXI4 & 12.2(54)SG)
also dropping all RA received on this port

```
interface FastEthernet0/2
  ipv6 nd raguard
  access-group mode prefer port
```

- **RAguard** (12.2(50)SY, 15.0(2)SE)

```
ipv6 nd raguard policy HOST device-role host
ipv6 nd raguard policy ROUTER device-role router
ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy HOST vlan 100
interface FastEthernet0/0
```



ICMPv4 vs. ICMPv6

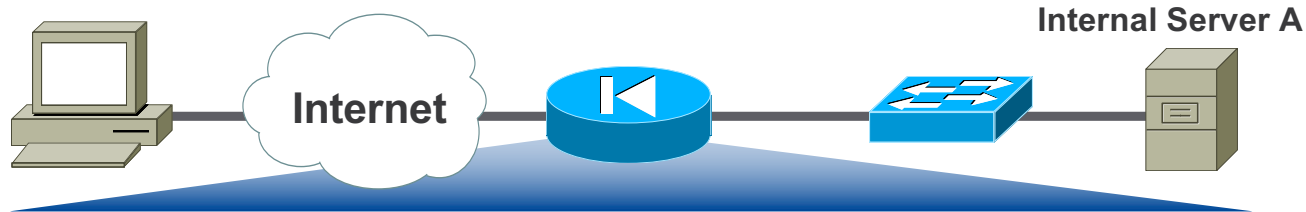
- Significant changes
- More relied upon

ICMP Message Type	ICMPv4	ICMPv6
Connectivity Checks	X	X
Informational/Error Messaging	X	X
Fragmentation Needed Notification	X	X
Address Assignment		X
Address Resolution		X
Router Discovery		X
Multicast Group Management		X
Mobile IPv6 Support		X

- => ICMP policy on firewalls

Generic ICMPv4

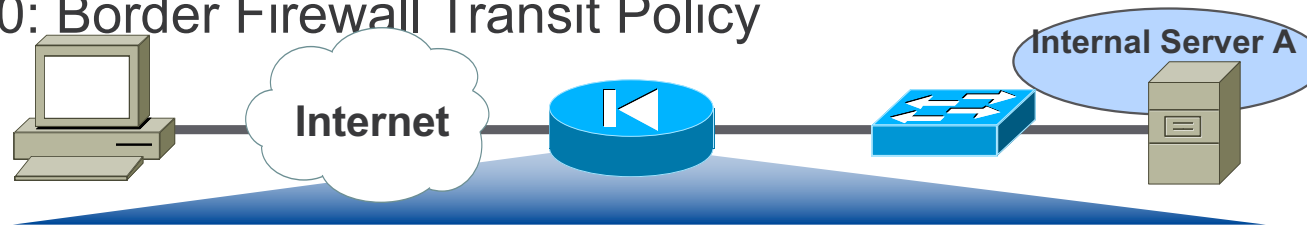
Border Firewall Policy



Action	Src	Dst	ICMPv4 Type	ICMPv4 Code	Name
Permit	Any	A	0	0	Echo Reply
Permit	Any	A	8	0	Echo Request
Permit	Any	A	3	0	Dst. Unreachable— Net Unreachable
Permit	Any	A	3	4	Dst. Unreachable— Frag. Needed
Permit	Any	A	11	0	Time Exceeded— TTL Exceeded

Equivalent ICMPv6

RFC 4890: Border Firewall Transit Policy

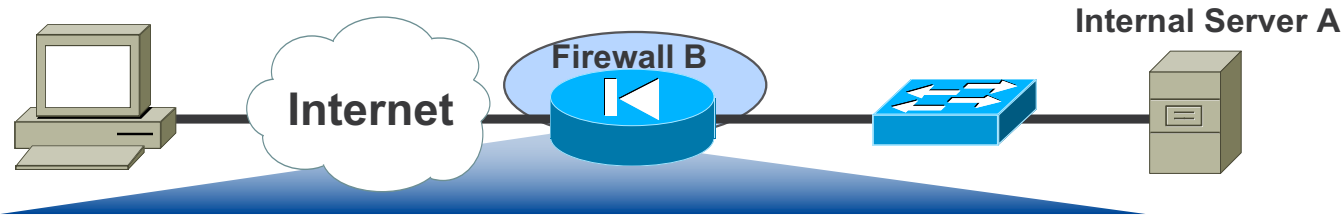


Action	Src	Dst	ICMPv6 Type	ICMPv6 Code	Name
Permit	Any	A	128	0	Echo Reply
Permit	Any	A	129	0	Echo Request
Permit	Any	A	1	0	Unreachable
Permit	Any	A	2	0	Packet Too Big
Permit	Any	A	3	0	Time Exceeded— HL Exceeded
Permit	Any	A	4	0	Parameter Problem

Needed for
Teredo traffic

Potential Additional ICMPv6

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Permit	Any	B	2	0	Packet too Big
Permit	Any	B	4	0	Parameter Problem
Permit	Any	B	130–132	0	Multicast Listener
Permit	Any	B	135/136	0	Neighbor Solicitation and Advertisement
Deny	Any	Any			

For locally generated by the device

Remote NDP Floods...



- <https://tools.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-20160525-ipv6> (May 2016)
- <http://www.huawei.com/en/psirt/security-advisories/huawei-sa-20160824-01-ipv6-en> (August 2016)
- <https://kb.juniper.net/InfoCenter/index?page=content&id=JSA10749> (September 2016)
- RFC 4890 is a little too open

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- RFC 4861 (Neighbor Discovery)
 - Hop Limit MUST be 255
 - Source should be link-local, unspecified or global address belonging to the link and not "any"

Preventing IPv6 Routing Attacks



Protocol Authentication

- BGP, ISIS, EIGRP no change:
 - An MD5 authentication of the routing update
- OSPFv3 has changed and pulled MD5 authentication from the protocol and instead rely on transport mode IPsec (for authentication and **confidentiality**)
 - But see RFC ~~6506~~ 7166 (*but not widely implemented yet*)
- IPv6 routing attack best practices
 - Use traditional authentication mechanisms on BGP and IS-IS
 - Use IPsec to secure protocols such as OSPFv3

IPv6 Attacks with Strong IPv4 Similarities

- Sniffing

- IPv6 is no more or less likely to fall victim to a sniffing attack than IPv4

- Application layer attacks

- The majority of vulnerabilities on the Internet today are at the application layer, something that IPsec will do nothing to prevent

- Rogue devices

- Rogue devices will be as easy to insert into an IPv6 network as in IPv4

- Man-in-the-Middle Attacks (MITM)

- Without strong mutual authentication, any attacks utilizing MITM will have the same likelihood in IPv6 as in IPv4

- Flooding

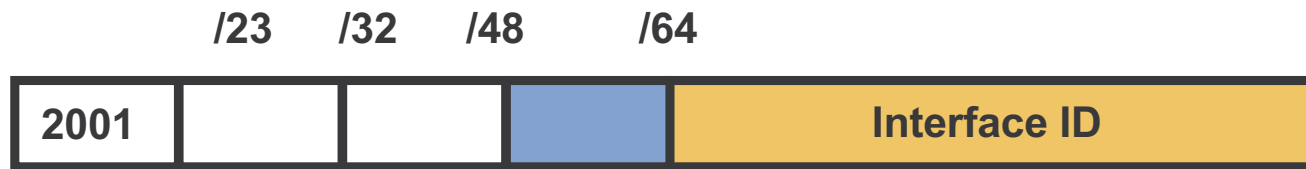
- Flooding attacks are identical between IPv4 and IPv6



Good news
IPv4 IPS
signatures can be
re-used

Specific IPv6 Issue #1 Addresses

IPv6 Privacy Extensions (RFC 4941) AKA Temporary Addresses



- Temporary addresses for IPv6 host client application, e.g. web browser
 - Inhibit device/user tracking
 - Random 64 bit interface ID, then run Duplicate Address Detection before using it
 - Rate of change based on local policy
- Enabled by default in Windows, Android, iOS 4.3, Mac OS/X 10.7

Recommendation: Use Privacy Extensions for External Communication but not for Internal Networks (Troubleshooting and Attack Trace Back)



Disabling Privacy Extension

- Alternatively disabling stateless auto-configuration and force DHCPv6
 - Send Router Advertisements with
 - all prefixes with A-bit set to 0 (disable SLAAC)
 - M-bit set to 1 to force stateful DHCPv6

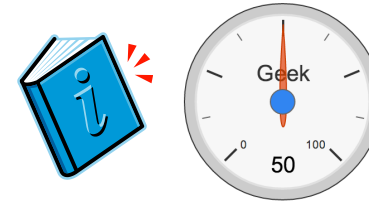
```
interface fastEthernet 0/0
  ipv6 nd prefix default no-autoconfig
  ipv6 dhcp server . . . (or relay)
  ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
```

- *Use DHCP to a specific pool + ingress ACL allowing only this pool*

Multiple Facets to IPv6 Addresses

- Every host can have multiple IPv6 addresses simultaneously
 - Need to do correlation!
 - Alas, no Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) supports IPv6
 - Usually, a customer is identified by its /48 😊
- Every IPv6 address can be written in multiple ways
 - 2001:0DB8:0BAD::0DAD
 - 2001:DB8:BAD:0:0:0:0:DAD
 - 2001:db8:bad::dad (this is the canonical RFC 5952 format)
 - => Grep cannot be used anymore to sieve log files...

Perl to Canonical IPv6 Addresses



```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict ;
use Socket ;
use Socket6 ;

my (@words, $word, $binary_address) ;

## go through the file one line at a time
while (my $line = <STDIN>) {
    @words = split /[ \n]/, $line ;
    foreach $word (@words) {
        $binary_address = inet_pton AF_INET6, $word ;
        if ($binary_address) {
            print inet_ntop AF_INET6, $binary_address ;
        } else {
            print $word ;
        }
        print " " ;
    }
    print "\n" ;
}
```

How to Find the MAC Address of an IPv6 Address?

- Easy if EUI-64 format as MAC is embedded
 - 2001:db8::0226:bbff:fe4e:9434
 - (need to toggle bit 0x20 in the first MAC byte = U/L)
- Is 00:26:bb:4e:94:34

How to Find the MAC Address of an IPv6 Address?

- DHCPv6 address or prefix... the client DHCP Unique ID (DUID) can be
 - MAC address: trivial
 - Time + MAC address: simply take the last 6 bytes
 - Vendor number + any number: no luck... next slide can help
 - No guarantee of course that DUID includes the real MAC address.

```
# show ipv6 dhcp binding
Client: FE80::225:9CFF:FEDC:7548
DUID: 000100010000000A00259CDC7548
Username : unassigned
Interface : FastEthernet0/0
IA PD: IA ID 0x0000007B, T1 302400, T2 483840
Prefix: 2001:DB8:612::/48
        preferred lifetime 3600, valid lifetime 3600
        expires at Nov 26 2010 01:22 PM (369)
```



DHCPv6 in Real Live...

- Not so attractive ☹️
- Only supported in Windows Vista, and Windows 7, Max OS/X Lion
 - Not in Linux (default installation), ...
- Windows Vista does not place the used MAC address in DUID but any MAC address of the PC
- See also: <https://knowledge.zomers.eu/misc/Pages/How-to-reset-the-IPv6-DUID-in-Windows.aspx>

```
# show ipv6 dhcp binding
Client: FE80::FDFA:CB28:10A9:6DD0
DUID: 0001000110DB0EA6001E33814DEE
Username : unassigned
IA NA: IA ID 0x1000225F, T1 300, T2 480
Address: 2001:DB8::D09A:95CA:6918:967
        preferred lifetime 600, valid lifetime 600
        expires at Oct 27 2010 05:02 PM (554 seconds)
```

Actual MAC address:
0022.5f43.6522

RADIUS Accounting with IEEE 802.1X (WPA)



- Interesting attribute: `Acct-Session-Id` to map username to IPv6 addresses
- Can be sent at the begin and end of connections
- Can also be sent periodically to capture privacy addresses
- Not available through GUI, must use CLI to configure
`config wlan radius_server acct framed-ipv6 both`

```
username=joe@example.org Acct-Session-Id=xyz Acct-Status-Type=Start  
Framed-IP-Address=192.0.2.1 Framed-IPv6-Address=fe80::cafe  
  
username=joe@example.org Acct-Session-Id=xyz Acct-Status-Type=Alive  
Framed-IP-Address=192.0.2.1 Framed-IPv6-Address=fe80::cafe Framed-IPv6-  
Address=2001:db8::cafe Framed-IPv6-Address=2001:db8::babe  
  
username=joe@example.org Acct-Session-Id=xyz Acct-Status-Type=Stop Framed-  
IP-Address=192.0.2.1
```


How to Find the MAC Address of an IPv6 Address?

- Last resort... look in the live NDP cache (CLI or SNMP)

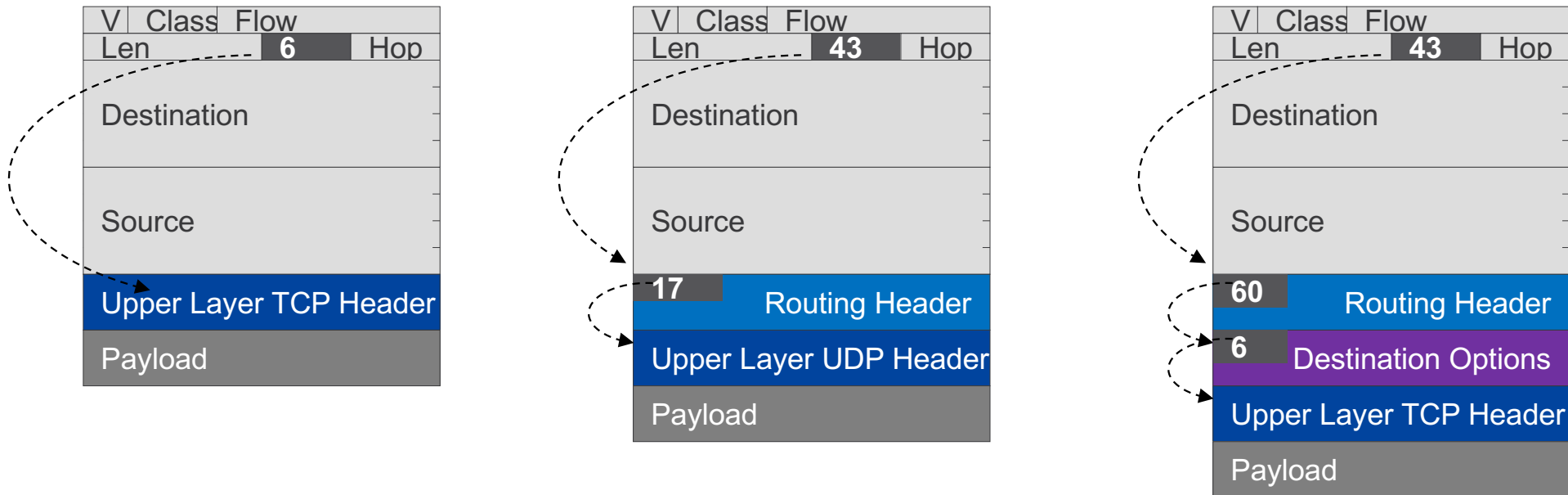
```
#show ipv6 neighbors 2001:DB8::6DD0
IPv6 Address      Age Link-layer Addr State Interface
2001:DB8::6DD0   8 0022.5f43.6522 STALE Fa0/1
```

- If no more in cache, then you should have scanned and saved the cache...
- EEM can be your friend
- First-Hop Security can generate a syslog event on each new binding
 - `ipv6 neighbor binding logging`

Specific IPv6 Issue #2

Extension Headers

Extension Headers



- Extension Headers Are Daisy Chained
- Upper Layer Headers, must be last, following extension headers

IPv6 Header Manipulation

- Unlimited size of header chain (spec-wise) can make filtering difficult
- Potential DoS with poor IPv6 stack implementations
 - More boundary conditions to exploit
 - Can I overrun buffers with a lot of extension headers?
 - Mitigation: a firewall such as ASA which can filter on headers

Perfectly Valid IPv6 Packet According to the Sniffer

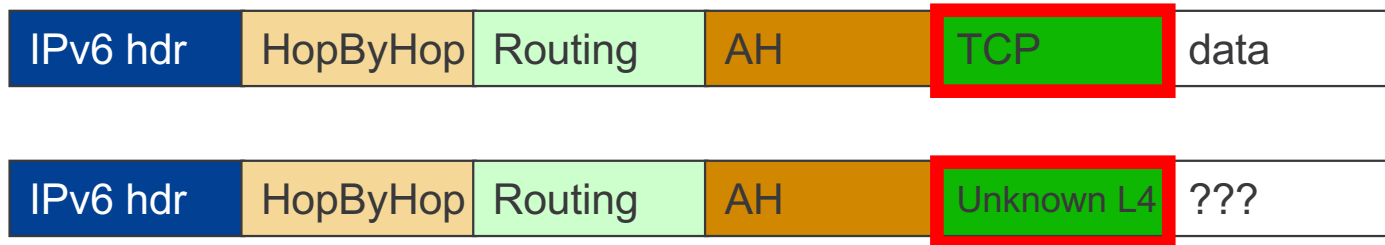
Header Should Only Appear
Destination Header Which Should Occur at Most Twice
Should Be the Last

Frame 1 (423 bytes on wire, 423 bytes captured)
Raw packet data
Internet Protocol Version 6
Hop-by-hop Option Header
Destination Option Header
Routing Header, Type 0
Hop-by-hop Option Header
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Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1024 (1024), Ds
Border Gateway Protocol



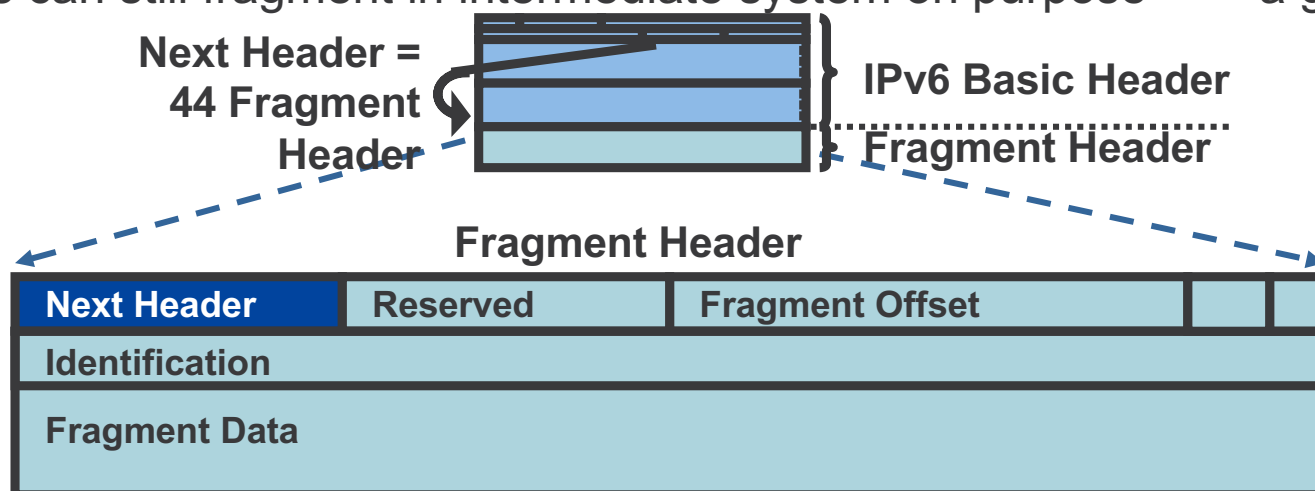
Parsing the Extension Header Chain

- Finding the layer 4 information is not trivial in IPv6
 - Skip all known extension header
 - Until either known layer 4 header found => **MATCH**
 - Or unknown extension header/layer 4 header found... => **NO MATCH**



Fragment Header: IPv6

- In IPv6 fragmentation is done only by the end system
 - Tunnel end-points are end systems => Fragmentation / re-assembly can happen inside the network
- Reassembly done by end system like in IPv4
- RFC 5722: overlapping fragments => MUST drop the packet. Most OS implement it in 2012
- Attackers can still fragment in intermediate system on purpose ==> a great obfuscation tool



Parsing the Extension Header Chain Fragmentation Matters!



- Extension headers chain can be so large than it must be fragmented!
- RFC 3128 is not applicable to IPv6
- Layer 4 information could be in 2nd fragment

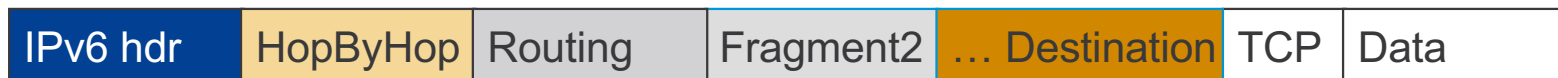


Layer 4 header is
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Parsing the Extension Header Chain Fragments and Stateless Filters



- Layer 4 information could be in 2nd fragment
- But, stateless firewalls could not find it if a previous extension header is fragmented
- RFC 3128 is not applicable to IPv6 but
 - RFC 6980 *'nodes MUST silently ignore NDP ... if packets include a fragmentation header' ;-)*
 - RFC 7112 *'A host that receives a First Fragment that does not satisfy ... SHOULD discard the packet' ;-)*

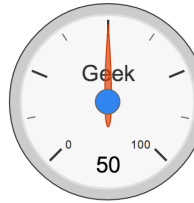


Layer 4 header is in 2nd fragment,
Stateless filters have no clue where
to find it!

Is it the End of the World?

- The lack of fast wirespeed stateless ACL is a bad news of course
- IETF made 1st IPv6 fragment without layer-4 invalid and it SHOULD be dropped by receiving host and MAY be dropped by routers
 - RFC 7112 (born as draft-ietf-6man-oversized-header-chain)
- Use of **undetermined-transport** is strongly recommended
- ASA always drops such initial fragment
- If not supported, consider
 - Bidirectional traffic (TCP, ...): block on the other direction using the source port
 - On an intermediate router: permit TCP, ICMP, UDP, ... Hence blocking everything else (including 1st fragment without layer-4)

IPv6 Fragmentation & IOS ACL Fragment Keyword



- This makes matching against the first fragment **non-deterministic**:
 - layer 4 header might not be there but in a later fragment⇒ Need for stateful inspection
- **fragment** keyword matches
 - Non-initial fragments (same as IPv4)
- **undetermined-transport** keyword does not match
 - If non-initial fragment
 - Or if TCP/UDP/SCTP and ports are in the fragment
 - Or if ICMP and type and code are in the fragment
 - Everything else matches (including OSPFv3, RSVP, GRE, ESP, EIGRP, PIM ...)
 - Only for deny ACE

RFC 7112 router MAY drop those packets ;-)

Extension Header Security Policy

- White list approach for your traffic
 - Only allow the REQUIRED extension headers (and types), for example:
 - Fragmentation header
 - Routing header type 2 & destination option (when using mobile IPv6)
 - IPsec ☺ AH and ESP
 - And layer 4: ICMPv6, UDP, TCP, GRE, ...
 - If your firewall is capable:
 - Drop 1st fragment without layer-4 header
 - Drop routing header type 0
 - Drop/ignore hop-by-hop



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Extension Header Loss over the Internet

- End users SHOULD filter packets with extension headers
- But, what are your ISP and its transit provider doing to your packets?



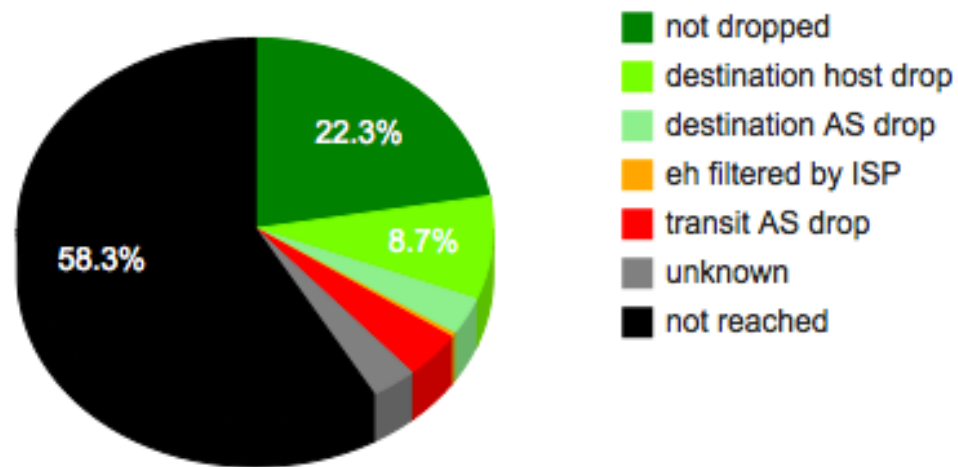
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- RFC 7872
 - About 20-40% of packets with Ext Hdr are dropped over the Internet

Things Keeps Improving Though



Ratio of outcome



- Current research by Polytechnique Paris (Mehdi Kouhen) and Cisco (Eric Vyncke)
 - And VM provided by Sander Steffann
- <http://btv6.vyncke.org/exthdr/index.php?ds=bgp&t=fh> (work in progress!)

The Dangerous Mix



- Atomic fragments (offset = 0, more fragment = 0) are generated when receiving 'packet-too-big' for MTU < 1280
 - Being changed with RFC 8021 (informational)
- Non authentication for ICMP 'packet-too-big' in most implementation
 - => a third party can force atomic fragmentation
 - => all packets are fragmented
- Sometime fragmentation headers are dropped...
- See <http://blog.si6networks.com/2017/01/a-tale-of-bad-decisions-weird-packets.html>

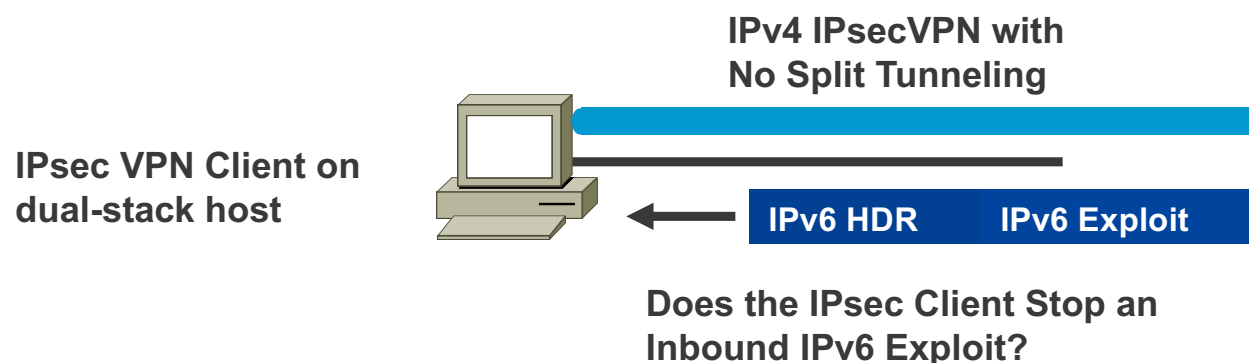


Specific IPv6 Issue #3

Dual-Stack Network

Dual Stack Host Considerations

- Host security on a dual-stack device
 - Applications can be subject to attack on both IPv6 and IPv4
 - **Fate sharing**: as secure as the least secure stack...
- Host security controls should block and inspect traffic from both IP versions
 - Host intrusion prevention, personal firewalls, VPN clients, etc.



Dual Stack with Enabled IPv6 by Default

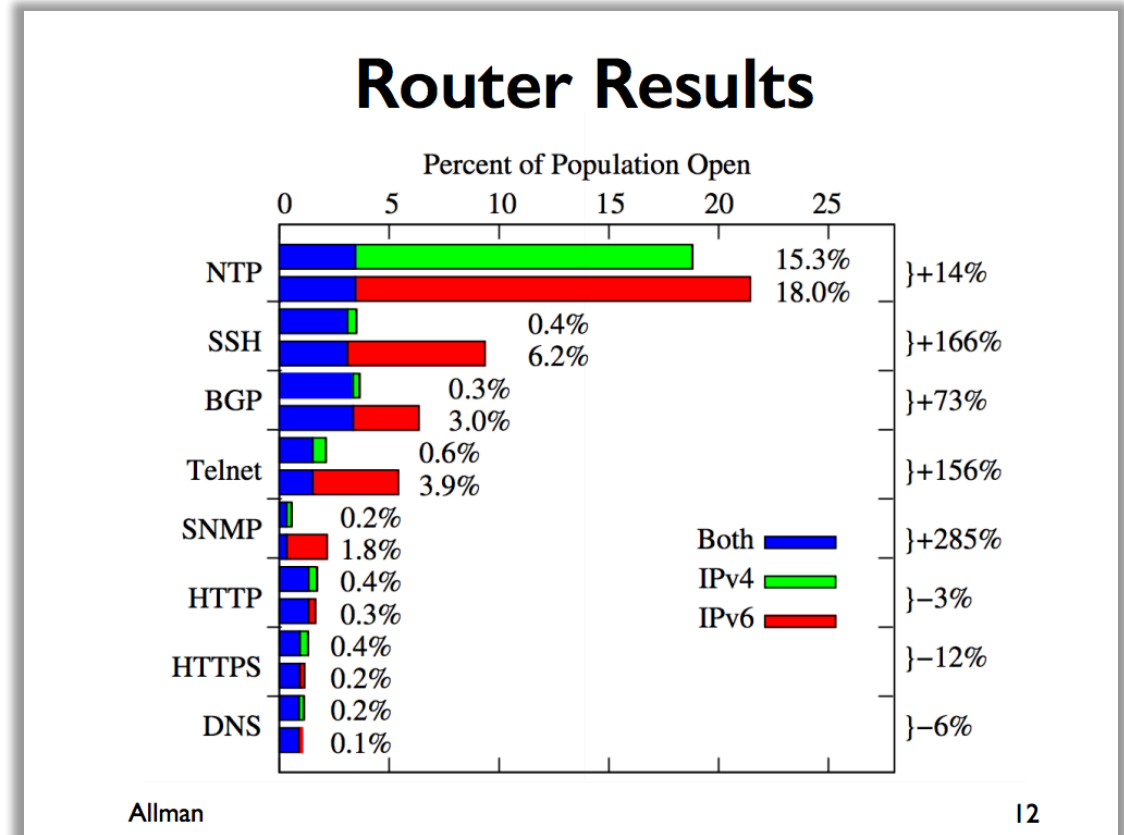
- Your host:
 - IPv4 is protected by your favorite personal firewall...
 - IPv6 is enabled by default (Windows7 & 8.x , Linux, Mac OS/X, ...)
- Your network:
 - Does not run IPv6
- Your assumption:
 - I'm safe
- Reality
 - You are **not** safe
 - Attacker sends Router Advertisements
 - Your host configures silently to IPv6
 - You are now under IPv6 attack

=> Probably time to think about IPv6 in your network

Non-Congruent Security Policies ☹️



- Test done in 2016 on 25K routers
- SSH is more open in IPv6 (9%) than IPv4 (4%)
- Telnet is more open in IPv6 (6%) than in IPv4 (3%)



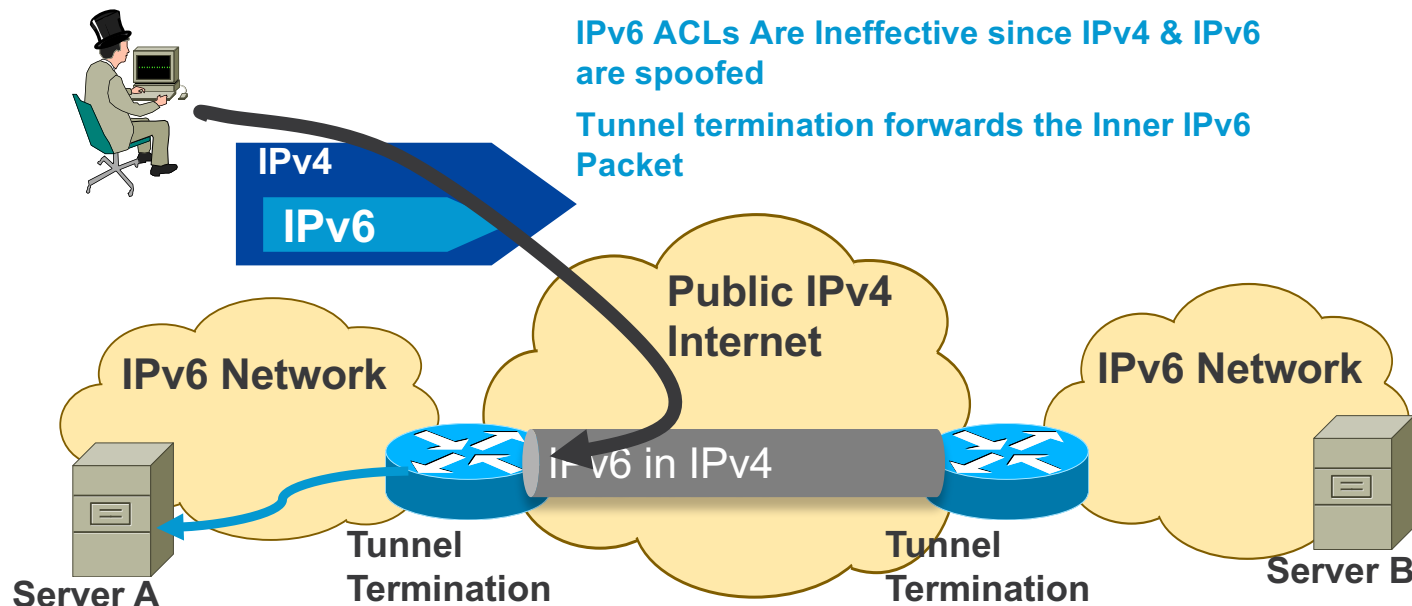
Vulnerability Scanning in a Dual-Stack World

- Finding all hosts:
 - Address enumeration does not work for IPv6
 - Need to rely on DNS or NDP caches or NetFlow
- Vulnerability scanning
 - IPv4 global address, IPv6 global address(es) (if any), IPv6 link-local address
 - Some services are single stack only (currently mostly IPv4 but who knows...)
 - Personal firewall rules could be different between IPv4/IPv6
- **IPv6 vulnerability scanning MUST be done for IPv4 & IPv6 even in an IPv4-only network**
 - IPv6 link-local addresses are active by default

Specific IPv6 Issue #4 Tunnels

L3-L4 Spoofing in IPv6 When Using IPv6 over IPv4 Tunnels

- Most IPv4/IPv6 transition mechanisms have no authentication built in
- => an IPv4 attacker can inject IPv6 traffic if spoofing on IPv4 and IPv6 addresses



Automatic Tunnels

- These were a real issues with very old Windows (XP & Vista)
- ISATAP: is mainly within an enterprise network, no more used, requires specific configuration
- 6to4 via Internet anycast relay is now historic
- Teredo: never initiated when in an Active Directory domain, default Internet relays are no more available

Can We Block / Detect Rogue Tunnels?

- Using AVC with NBAR2 with ISR G2 Routers
- Using NETFLOW with IPv6 on Routers & Switches

IPV6 SRC ADDR	IPV6 DST ADDR	TRNS SRC PORT	TRNS DST PORT
st	time last		
FE80::20C:29FF:FEEE:B5AB	FE80::207:7DFF:FE75:5C0	0	34810
2001:DB8:1:10::45	2001:DB8:1:10::66	2048	2048

- Using NGIPS

Rule State	Event Filtering	Dynamic State	Alerting	Comments
GID	SID	Message		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 12068	POLICY-OTHER Inbound Teredo traffic detected		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 12066	POLICY-OTHER Inbound Teredo traffic detected		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 12067	POLICY-OTHER Outbound Teredo traffic detected		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 12065	POLICY-OTHER Outbound Teredo traffic detected		

- Using NGFW

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Link-Local Addresses vs. Global Addresses

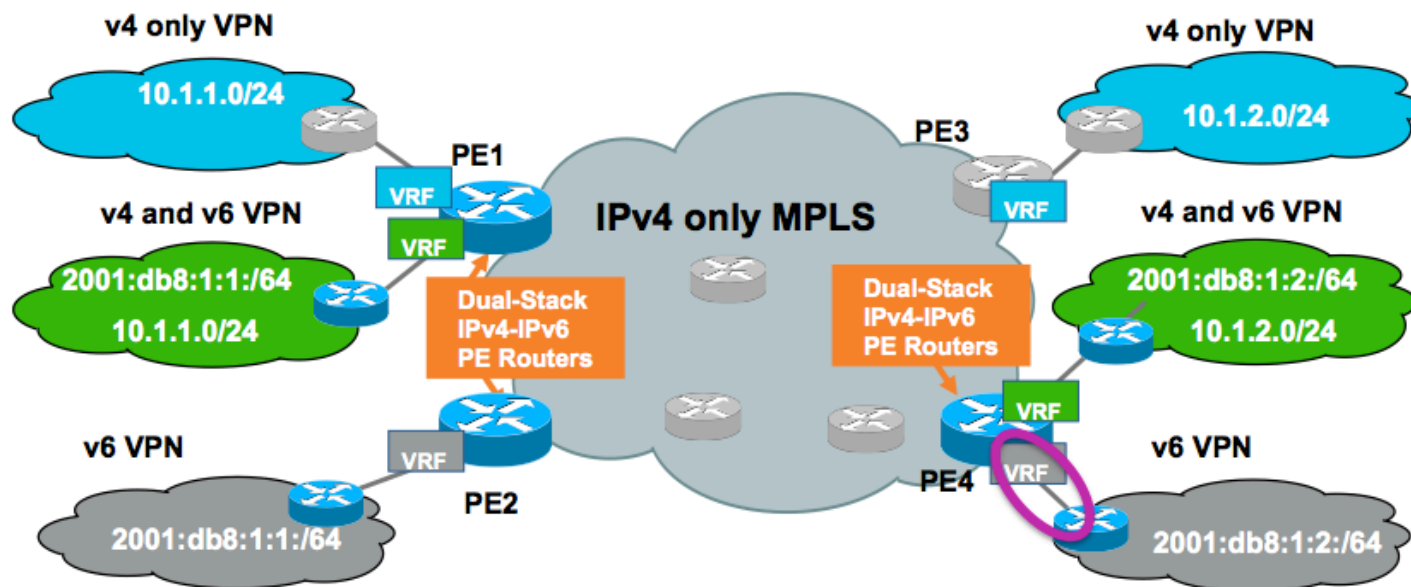


- Link-Local addresses, fe80::/16, (LLA) are isolated
 - Cannot reach outside of the link
 - **Cannot be reached from outside of the link** 😊
- Could be used on the infrastructure interfaces
 - Routing protocols (inc BGP) work with LLA
 - `neighbor FE80::1%Ethernet1/0`
 - Benefit: no remote attack against your infrastructure
 - Implicit infrastructure ACL
 - Note: need to provision loopback for ICMP generation (notably *traceroute* and PMTUD)
 - *See also: RFC7404*
 - LLA can be configured statically (not the EUI-64 default) to avoid changing neighbor statements when changing MAC



SP Transition Mechanism: 6VPE

- 6VPE: the MPLS-VPN extension to also transport IPv6 traffic over a MPLS cloud and IPv4 BGP sessions



6VPE Security



- 6PE (dual stack without VPN) is a simple case
- Security is identical to IPv4 MPLS-VPN, see RFC 4381
- Security depends on correct operation and implementation
 - QoS prevent flooding attack from one VPN to another one
 - PE routers must be secured: AAA, iACL, CoPP ...
- **MPLS backbones can be more secure than “normal” IP backbones**
 - Core not accessible from outside
 - Separate control and data planes
- PE security
 - Advantage: Only PE-CE interfaces accessible from outside
 - Makes security easier than in “normal” networks
 - IPv6 advantage: **PE-CE interfaces can use link-local for routing**
 - RFC7404 (born draft-ietf-opsec-lla-only)
- => completely unreachable from remote (better than IPv4)

More IPv6 Specifics

Is there NAT for IPv6 ? - “I need it for security”

- Network Prefix Translation, RFC 6296,
 - 1:1 stateless prefix translation allowing all inbound/outbound packets.
 - Main use case: multi-homing
- Else, IETF has not specified any N:1 stateful translation (aka overload NAT or NAPT) for IPv6
- Do not confuse stateful firewall and NAPT* even if they are often co-located
- Nowadays, NAPT (for IPv4) does not help security
 - Host OS are way more resilient than in 2000
 - Hosts are mobile and cannot always be behind your ‘controlled NAPT’
 - Malware are not injected from ‘outside’ but are fetched from the ‘inside’ by visiting weird sites or installing any trojanized application

“By looking at the IP addresses in the Torpig headers we are able to determine that 144,236 (78.9%) of the infected machines were behind a NAT, VPN, proxy, or firewall. We identified these hosts by using the non-publicly routable IP addresses listed in RFC 1918: 10/8, 192.168/16, and 172.16-172.31/16”

Stone-Gross et al., “Your Botnet is My Botnet: Analysis of a Botnet Takeover”, 2009
http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~rgilbert/pubs/torpig_ccs09.pdf

PCI DSS 3.0 Compliance and IPv6



- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (*latest revision November 2013*):
 - **Requirement 1.3.8** *Do not disclose private IP addresses and routing information to unauthorized parties.*
 - *Note: Methods to obscure IP addressing may include, but are not limited to: Network Address Translation (NAT)*
 - ...
 - *the controls used to meet this requirement may be different for IPv4 networks than for IPv6 networks.*
- → how to comply with PCI DSS
 - Application proxies or SOCKS
 - Strict data plane filtering with ACL
 - Strict routing plane filtering with BGP route-maps
- Cisco IPv6 design for PCI with IPv6

Using SNMP to Read IPv4/IPv6 Neighbors Cache



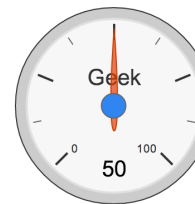
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evyncke@charly:~$ snmpwalk -c secret -v 1 udp6:[2001:db8::1] -m IP-MIB
ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.1.ipv4."192.168.0.2" = STRING: 0:13:c4:43:cf:e
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.1.ipv4."192.168.0.3" = STRING: 0:23:48:2f:93:24
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.1.ipv4."192.168.0.4" = STRING: 0:80:c8:e0:d4:be
...
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.2.ipv6."2a:02:05:78:85:00:01:01:02:07:e9:ff:fe:f2:a0:c6" =
STRING: 0:7:e9:f2:a0:c6
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.2.ipv6."2a:02:05:78:85:00:01:01:02:20:4a:ff:fe:bf:ff:5f" =
STRING: 0:20:4a:bf:ff:5f
IP-MIB::ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress.2.ipv6."2a:02:05:78:85:00:01:01:30:56:da:9d:23:91:5e:ea" =
STRING: 78:ca:39:e2:43:3
...
evyncke@charly:~$ snmptable -c secret -v 1 udp6:[2001:db8::1] -Ci -m IP-MIB
ipNetToPhysicalTable
```



For Your Reference

Flexible Flow Record: IPv6 Key Fields

IPv6		Routing		Transport	
IP (Source or Destination)	Payload Size	Destination AS	Peer AS	Destination Port	TCP Flag: ACK
Prefix (Source or Destination)	Packet Section (Header)	Traffic Index	Forwarding Status	Source Port	TCP Flag: CWR
Mask (Source or Destination)	Packet Section (Payload)	Is-Multicast	IGP Next Hop	ICMP Code	TCP Flag: ECE
Minimum-Mask (Source or Destination)	DSCP	BGP Next Hop		ICMP Type	TCP Flag: FIN
Protocol	Extension			IGMP Type	TCP Flag: PSH
Traffic Class	Hop-Limit			TCP ACK Number	TCP Flag: RST
Flow Label	Length			TCP Header Length	TCP Flag: SYN
Option Header	Next-header			TCP Sequence Number	TCP Flag: URG
Header Length	Version			TCP Window-Size	UDP Message Length
Payload Length				TCP Source Port	UDP Source Port
				TCP Destination Port	UDP Destination Port
				TCP Urgent Pointer	



Flexible Flow Record: IPv6 Extension Header Map

Bits 11-31	Bit 10	Bit 9	Bit 8	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
Res	ESP	AH	PAY	DST	HOP	Res	UNK	FRA0	RH	FRA1	Res

- FRA1: Fragment header – not first fragment
- **RH: Routing header**
- FRA0: Fragment header – First fragment
- UNK: Unknown Layer 4 header (compressed, encrypted, not supported)
- **HOP: Hop-by-hop extension header**
- DST: Destination Options extension header
- PAY: Payload compression header
- AH: Authentication header
- ESP: Encapsulating Security Payload header
- Res: Reserved

Cisco Threat Defense : Stealth Watch

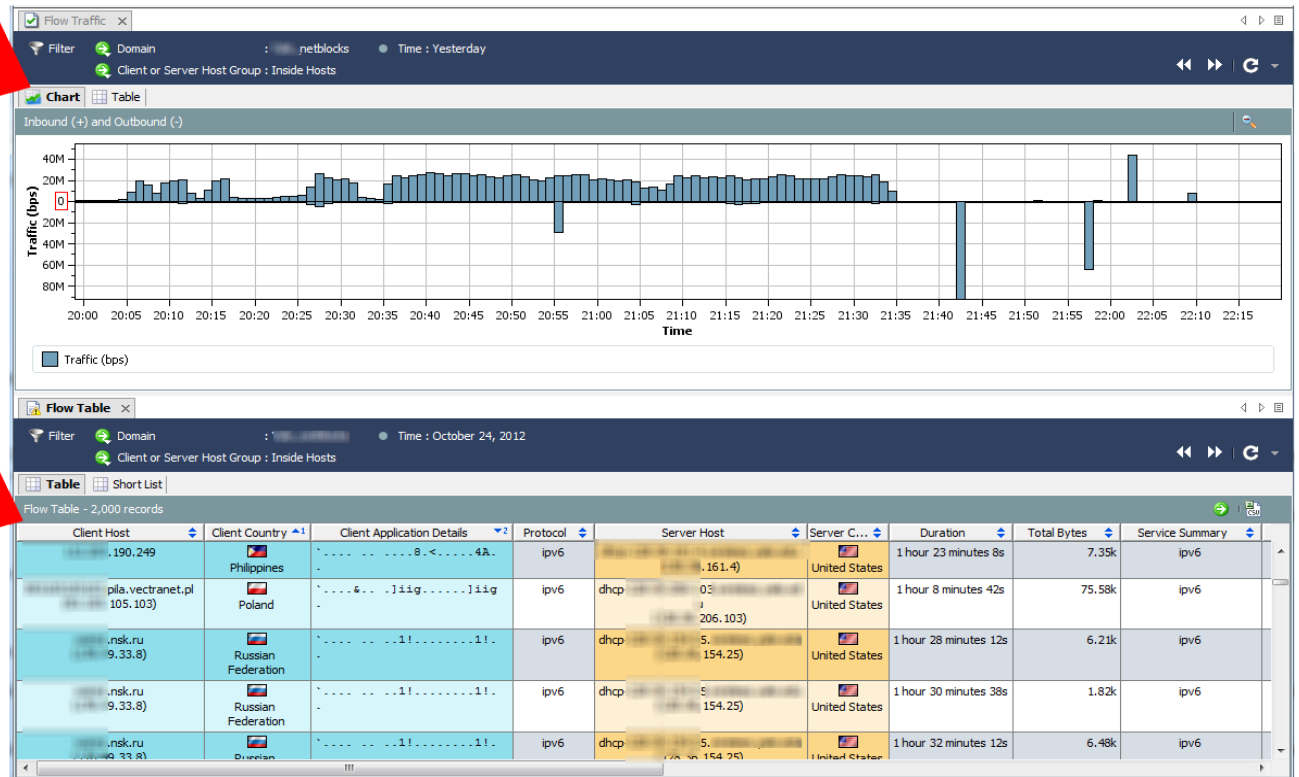
- NetFlow supports IPv6 fields & counters

- Detection & Analysis of IPv6 Traffic to find

- unknown IPv6 Routers
- unknown IPv6 Hosts
- tunneled traffic
- malware on Dual Stack Hosts

Tunneled IPv6 through IPv4 Traffic

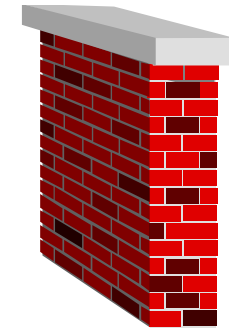
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Enforcing a Security Policy

IOS IPv6 Extended ACL

- Can match on
 - Upper layers: TCP, UDP, SCTP port numbers, ICMPv6 code and type
 - TCP flags SYN, ACK, FIN, PUSH, URG, RST
 - Traffic class (only six bits/8) = DSCP, Flow label (0-0xFFFFF)
- IPv6 extension headers
 - **routing** matches any RH, **routing-type** matches specific RH
 - **mobility** matches any MH, **mobility-type** matches specific MH
 - **dest-option** matches any destination options
 - **auth** matches AH
 - **hbh** matches hop-by-hop (since 15.2(3)T)
- **fragments** keyword matches
 - Non-initial fragments (same as IPv4)
- **undetermined-transport** keyword does not match
 - TCP/UDP/SCTP and ports are in the fragment
 - ICMP and type and code are in the fragment
 - Everything else matches (including OSPFv3)
- Only for deny ACE



Check your platform & release as your mileage can vary...

Control Plane Policing for IPv6 Protecting the Router CPU



- Against DoS with NDP, Hop-by-Hop, Hop Limit Expiration...
- Software routers (ISR, 7200): works with CoPPr (CEF exceptions)

```
policy-map COPPr
  class ICMP6_CLASS
    police 8000
  class OSPF_CLASS
    police 200000
  class class-default
    police 8000
!
control-plane cef-exception
  service-policy input COPPr
```

Cisco Threat Defence: all IPv6 Netflow

												Manage Columns	Filter Results	Export	
START	DURATION	SUBJECT IP ADDRESS	SUBJECT PORT/PROTOCOL	SUBJECT HOST GROUPS	SUBJECT BYTES	CONNECTION APPLICATION	CONNECTION BYTES	PEER IP ADDRESS	PEER PORT/PROTOCOL	PEER HOST GROUPS	PEER BYTES				
▶ Dec 18, 2016 3:19:25 AM	0s	2000:1:4:0:204:23ff:fe9e:f16e View URL Data	36110/TCP	Atlanta IPv6	724	HTTP (unclassified)	2.16K	2000:1:2:0:204:23ff:feb4:eb25 	80/TCP	Atlanta IPv6	1.45K				
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FIREpower NG IPS and IPv6

- FIREsight passive network discovery correlates Events & Host IP
- Very easy to find out the sender / destination in Dual Stacked environments!

IP Address	MAC Address	MAC Vendor	Current User	Host Criticality
172.16.10.13 (munlab-3560-2.munsec.com) + 1 More	44:03:A7:32:C5:41	Cisco		None
10.147.136.219 (dhcp-10-147-136-219.cisco.com)				None
172.16.10.10 (munlab-3560.munsec.com) + 2 More	44:03:A7:32:C5:41	Cisco		None
10.61.100.16 (dhcp-10-61-100-16.cisco.com)				None
10.55.61.3 (ams-tmayer-8712.cisco.com)				None
10.61.71.174 (ams3-vpn-dhcp1966.cisco.com)				None
10.155.120.48				None

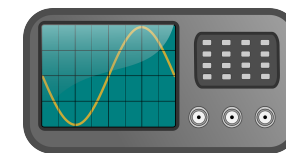
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IP Addresses

- [172.16.10.10 \(munlab-3560.munsec.com\)](#)
- [2001:db8:1:10::10](#)
- [fe80::46d3:caff:fe2f:f0c1](#)

Close

Spam over IPv6



- Spammers are also using IPv6 of course...
 - Probably even without knowing it!

Botnet member or open relay
from Germany

```
Nov 14 00:44:18 ks postfix/smtpd[22843]: connect from unknown[2a01:4f8:d16:4351::2]
Nov 14 00:44:18 ks postfix/smtpd[22843]: A5CDC155: client=unknown[2a01:4f8:d16:4351::2]
Nov 14 00:44:18 ks postfix/cleanup[22847]: A5CDC155: message-
id=<mw879m.1ci1jl@front.chemise-homme234.com>
Nov 14 00:44:18 ks postfix/qmgr[3578]: A5CDC155: from=<bck@chemise-homme234.com>,
size=27742, nrcpt=1 (queue active)
```

- So, we need to fight IPv6 spam!
 - Content filtering: nothing has changed
 - Sender authentication (DKIM, SPF, DMARC) works with IPv6
 - Sender reputation works with Cisco Senderbase

Summary of Cisco IPv6 Security Products

- **ASA Firewall** (Since version 7.0 released 2005)
 - Extension header filtering and inspection (ASA 8.4.2)
 - Dual-stack ACL & object grouping (ASA 9.0)
- **Email Security Appliance (ESA) IPv6 support since 7.6.1 (May 2012)**
- **Web Security Appliance (WSA) with explicit and transparent proxy**
- **FIREpower NGIPS provides Decoder for IPv4 & IPv6 Packets**
- **Cisco Threat Defense / StealthWatch: mostly forever including SMC**
- **FirePOWER Threat Defence (FTD) no IPv6 inspection support on the GUI**
- **FirePOWER Device Manager (FDM) no IPv6 support**
- **Cisco Cloud Web Security (ScanSafe) no IPv6**
- **Cisco Umbrella, answers AAAA but cannot manage policy for IPv6 network**
- **ISE does not support IPv6 (no IPv6 ACL, no IPv6 transport)**



Meraki growing IPv6 Support

Secure IPv6 over IPv4/6 Public Internet

- No traffic sniffing
- No traffic injection
- No service theft

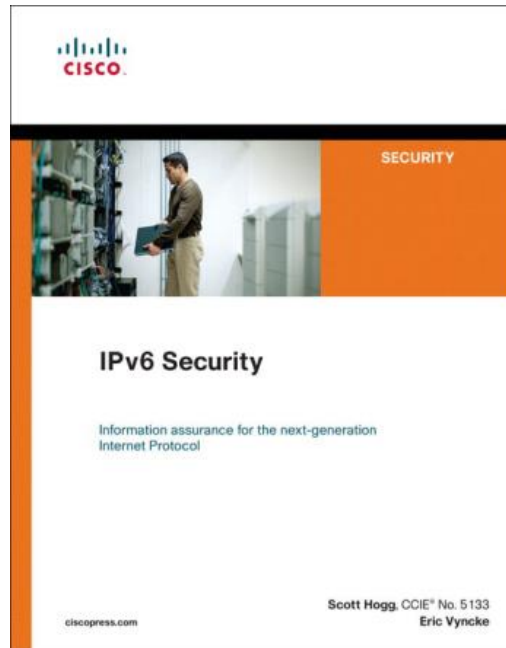
Public Network	Site 2 Site	Remote Access
IPv4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 6in4/GRE Tunnels Protected by IPsec▪ DMVPN 12.4(20)T▪ FlexVPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ISATAP Protected by RA IPsec▪ SSL VPN Client AnyConnect
IPv6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ IPsec VTI 12.4(6)T▪ DMVPN 15.2(1)T▪ FlexVPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SSL VPN Client AnyConnect 3.1 & ASA 9.0

Summary

Key Take Away

- So, **nothing really new in IPv6**
 - Reconnaissance: address enumeration replaced by DNS enumeration
 - NDP spoofing: RA guard and FHS Features
 - ICMPv6 firewalls need to change policy to allow NDP
 - Extension headers: firewall & ACL can process them
- Lack of operation experience may hinder security for a while:
Training is required
- Security enforcement is possible
 - Control your IPv6 traffic as you do for IPv4
- Leverage IPsec to secure IPv6 when suitable

Recommended Reading



OPSEC
Internet-Draft
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Expires: October 13, 2017

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