



How to Securely Operate an IPv6 Network

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Foreword

- All topics common to IPv4/IPv6 are unchanged:
 - Physical security
 - Role Base Access Control
 -
- I took the liberty to include Cisco configuration (as it may be useful for you) but I will not detail them

Agenda

- Management Plane
- Control Plane
 - Routing Information
 - Neighbor Discovery
 - Control Plane Protection
- Data Plane
 - Anti-spoofing
 - Access Control List
 - Tunnel loops
- Telemetry
- Forensic
- Summary





Management Plane

Management over IPv6

- SSH, syslog, SNMP, NetFlow, RADIUS all work over IPv6
- Dual-stack management plane
 - More resilient: works even if one IP version is down
 - More exposed: can be attacked over IPv4 and IPv6
- As usual, infrastructure ACL is your friend (more to come) as well as out-of-band management

- So, protect all SNMP, SSH access from untrusted interfaces



Control Plane: Routing Protocols

Preventing IPv6 Routing Attacks

Protocol Authentication

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

BGP Route Filters



- Pretty obvious for customer links
- For peering, a relaxed one

```
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 3ffe::/16 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 2001:db8::/32 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX permit 2001::/32
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 2001::/32 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX permit 2002::/16
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 2002::/16 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 0000::/8 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny fe00::/9 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny ff00::/8 le 128
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX permit 2000::/3 le 48
ipv6 prefix-list RELAX deny 0::/0 le 128
```

Source: <http://www.space.net/~gert/RIPE/ipv6-filters.html>

Link-Local Addresses vs. Global Addresses

- Link-Local addresses, fe80::/10, (LLA) are isolated
 - Cannot reach outside of the link
 - **Cannot be reached from outside of the link** 😊
 - LLA can be configured statically (not the EUI-64 default) to avoid changing neighbor statements when changing MAC

```
interface FastEthernet 0/0
    ipv6 address fe80::1/64 link-local
```

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Using Only Link-Local Addressing Inside an IPv6 Network
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LLA-Only Pros and Cons

Benefits:

- no remote attack against your infrastructure links: implicit infrastructure ACL*
- Smaller routing table (links do not appear)
- Simpler configuration
- Easier to renumber

Special case for IXP:

- Usually a specific /64 which is not routed => uRPF will drop ICMP generated (PMTUd) by routers in the IXP
- LLA-only on the IXP interfaces => ICMP are generated from a non IXP interface

Cons:

- need to provision loopback for:
 - ICMP for Traceroute
 - ICMP for PMTUD
 - SNMP/NetFlow/syslog/ ...
- No interface ping

*: loopbacks are still routable/reachable

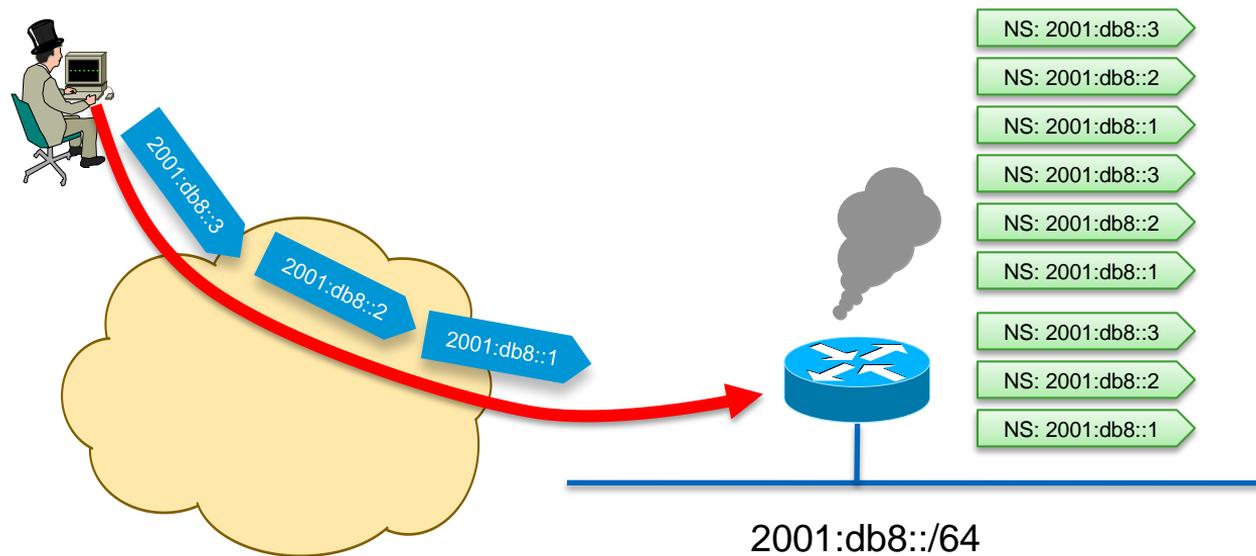


Control Plane: Neighbor Discovery

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/...

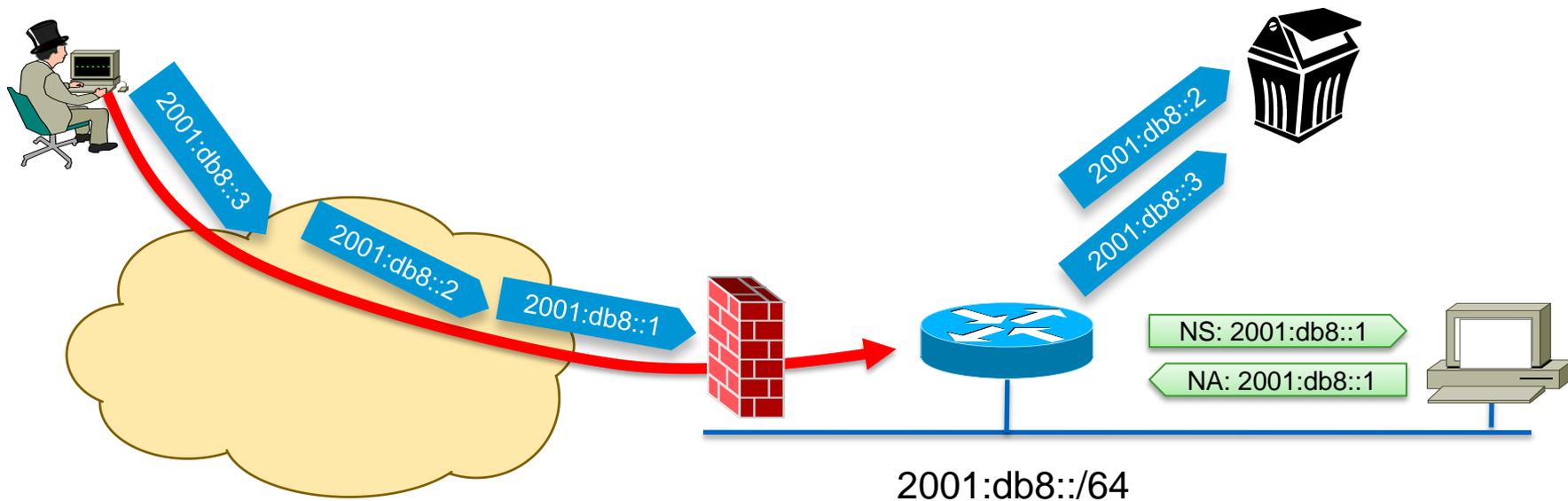


Mitigating Remote Neighbor Cache Exhaustion

- Built-in rate limiter with options to tune it
 - Since 15.1(3)T: `ipv6 nd cache interface-limit`
 - Or IOS-XE 2.6: `ipv6 nd resolution data limit`
 - **Destination-guard** is part of First Hop Security phase 3
 - Priority given to refresh existing entries vs. discovering new ones (RFC 6583)
- Using a /64 on **point-to-point links** => a lot of addresses to scan!
 - Using /127 could help (RFC 6164)
- **Internet edge/presence**: a target of choice
 - Ingress ACL permitting traffic to specific statically configured (virtual) IPv6 addresses only
- Using infrastructure ACL prevents this scanning
 - iACL: edge ACL denying packets addressed to your routers
 - Easy with IPv6 because new addressing scheme can be done 😊

Simple Fix for Remote Neighbor Cache Exhaustion

- Ingress ACL allowing only valid destination and dropping the rest
- NDP cache & process are safe
- Requires DHCP or static configuration of hosts



ARP Spoofing is now NDP Spoofing: Threats

- ARP is replaced by Neighbor Discovery Protocol
 - Nothing authenticated
 - Static entries overwritten by dynamic ones
- Stateless Address Autoconfiguration
 - rogue RA (malicious or not)
 - All nodes badly configured
 - DoS
 - Traffic interception (Man In the Middle Attack)
- Attack tools exist (from THC – The Hacker Choice)
 - Parasit6
 - Fakerouter6
 - ...

The Hacker's Choice

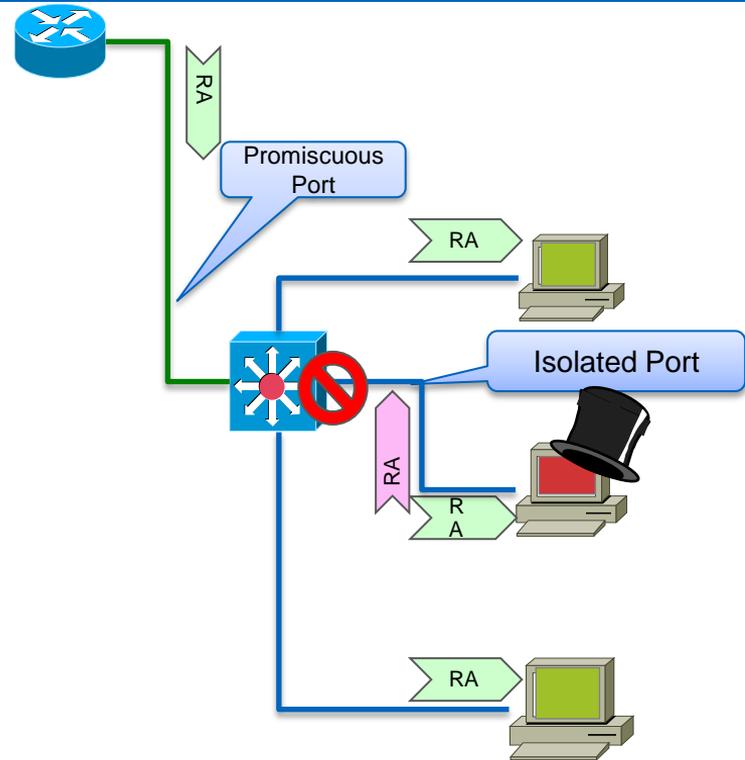


ARP Spoofing is now NDP Spoofing: Mitigation

- **GOOD NEWS:** dynamic ARP inspection for IPv6 is available
 - First phase (Port ACL & RA Guard) available since Summer 2010
 - Second phase (NDP & DHCP snooping) starting to be available since Summer 2011
 - 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 Vista, 2008 and 7, 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
- Can break DAD
 - Advertise the SLAAC prefix without the on-link bit to force router to do 'proxy-ND'



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
```

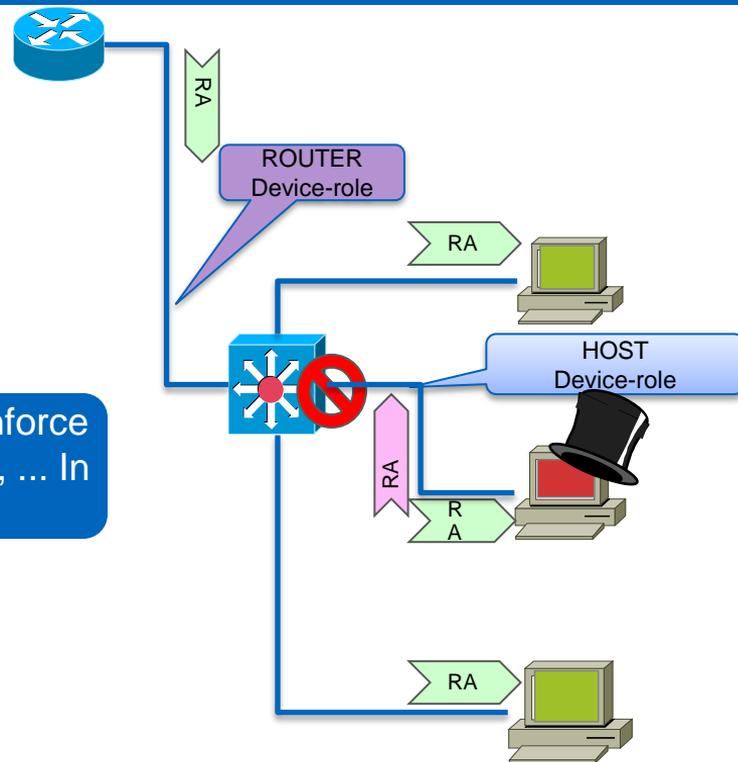
- **RA-guard lite** (12.2(33)SX14 & 12.2(54)SG): also dropping all RA received on this port

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

- **RA-guard** (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
  ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy ROUTER
```

Can also enforce
MTU, prefix, ... In
RA





Control Plane Protection

Control Plane Policing for IPv6

Protecting the Router CPU



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Reference

- Against DoS with NDP, Hop-by-Hop, Hop Limit Expiration...
- See also RFC 6192

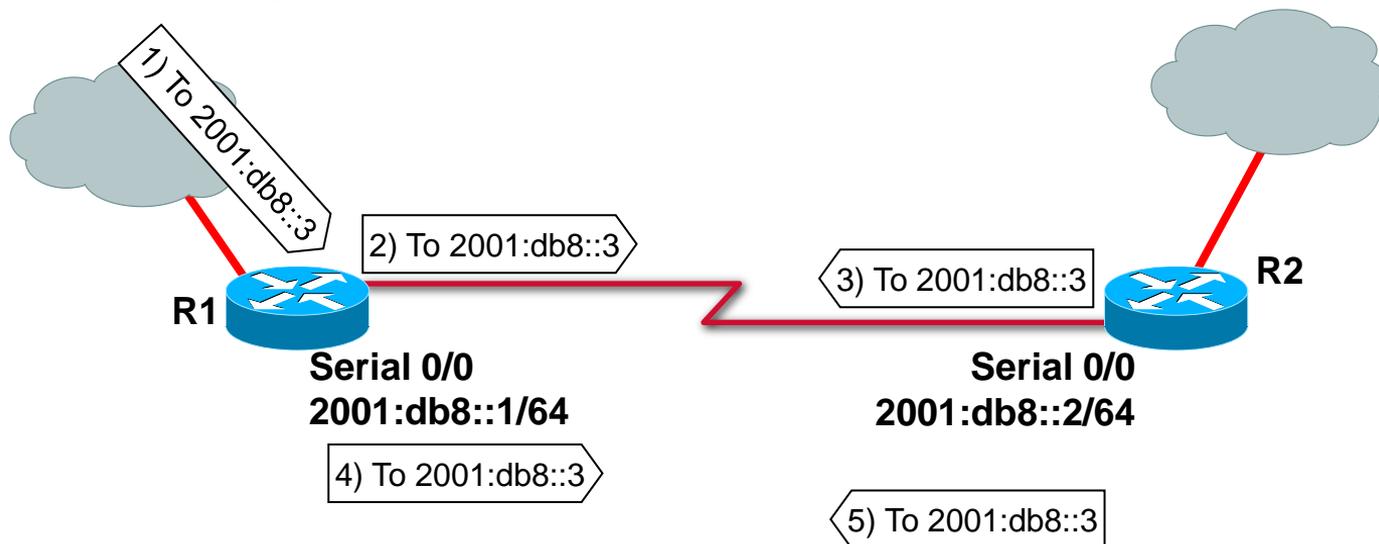


Data Plane

DoS Example

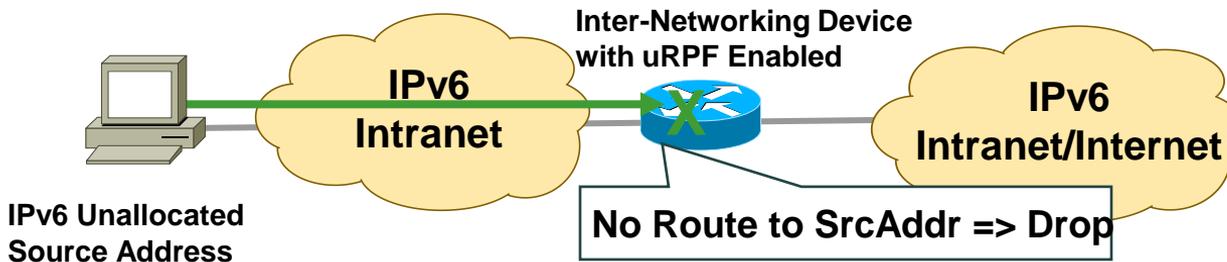
Ping-Pong over Physical Point-to-Point

- Same as in IPv4, on real P2P without NDP, if not for me, then send it on the other side... Could produce looping traffic
- Classic IOS and IOS-XE platforms implement RFC 4443 **so this is not a threat**
 - Except on 76xx see CSCtg00387 (tunnels) and few others
 - IOS-XR see CSCsu62728
 - **Else use /127 on P2P link** (see also RFC 6164)
 - Or use infrastructure ACL or only link-local addresses



IPv6 Bogon and Anti-Spoofing Filtering

- IPv6 nowadays has its bogons:
 - <http://www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/fullbogons-ipv6.txt>
- Every network should **implement two forms of anti-spoofing** protections:
 - Prevent spoofed addresses from entering the network
 - Prevent the origination of packets containing spoofed source addresses
- Anti-spoofing in IPv6 same as IPv4
 - => Same technique for single-homed edge= uRPF



Bogons Filtering

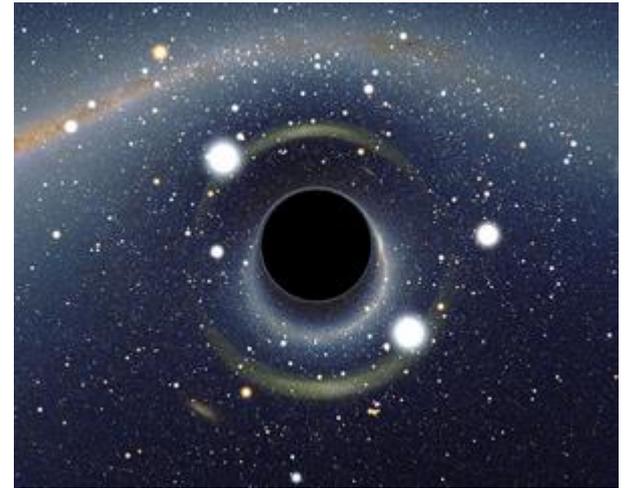
- Detailed & updated list at:
 - <http://www.team-cymru.org/Services/Bogons/fullbogons-ipv6.txt>
- Or simpler but more relaxed

```
ipv6 access-list NO_BOGONS
  remark Always permit ICMP unreachable (Path MTU Discovery & co)
  permit icmp any any unreachable
  remark Permit only large prefix blocks from IANA
  permit ip 2001::/16 any
  permit ip 2002::/16 any
  permit ip 2003::/18 any
  permit ip 2400::/12 any
  permit ip 2600::/10 any
  permit ip 2800::/12 any
  permit ip 2a00::/12 any
  permit ip 2c00::/12 any
  Remark implicit deny at the end (but see later)
```

Source: <http://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv6-unicast-address-assignments/ipv6-unicast-address-assignments.xml>

Remote Triggered Black Hole

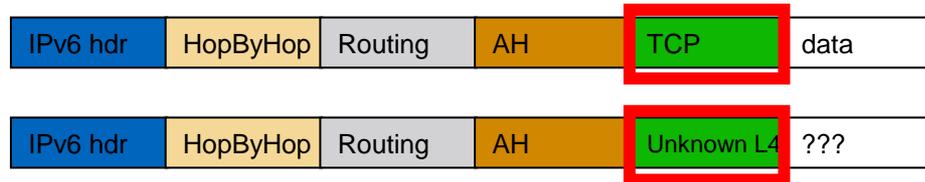
- RFC 5635 RTBH is easy in IPv6 as in IPv4
 - uRPF is also your friend for blackholing a source
 - RFC 6666 has a specific discard prefix
 - 100::/64
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- http://www.cisco.com/web/about/security/intelligence/ipv6_rtbh.html



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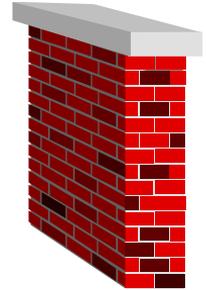
Parsing the Extension Header Chain

- 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**



IOS IPv6 Extended ACL

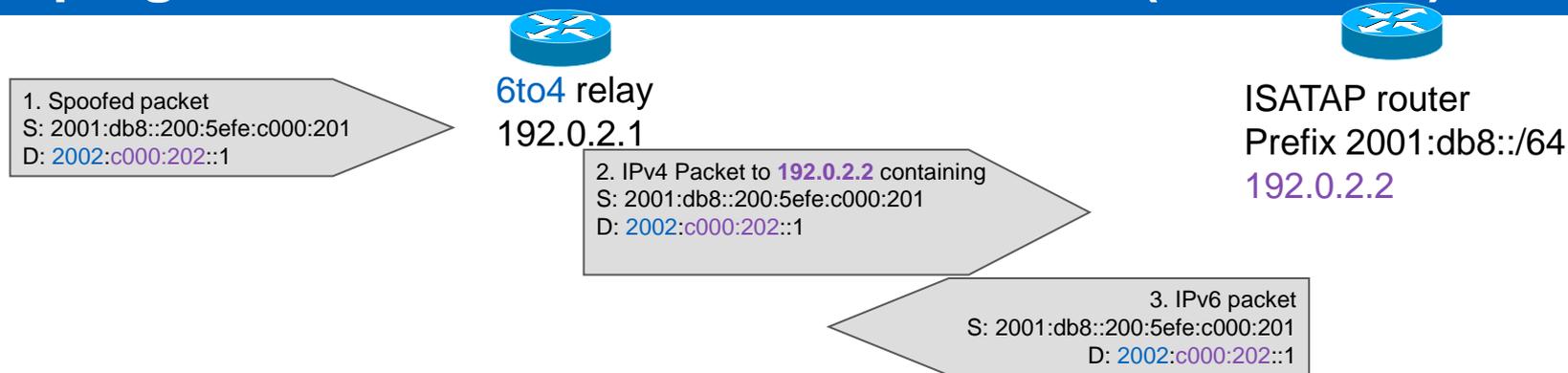
- Can match on
 - Upper layers: TCP, UDP, SCTP port numbers, ICMPv6 code and type
 - TCP flags SYN, ACK, FIN, PUSH, URG, RST
 - Traffic class (only six bits/8) = DSCP, Flow label (0-0xFFFFF)
- IPv6 extension header
 - **routing** matches any RH, **routing-type** matches specific RH
 - **mobility** matches 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
- **undetermined-transport** keyword does not match if
 - 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



CRITICAL without this, there is a way to bypass STATELESS ACL!

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

Looping Attack Between 6to4 and ISATAP (RFC 6324)



Repeat until Hop Limit == 0

- Root cause
 - Same IPv4 encapsulation (protocol 41)
 - Different ways to embed IPv4 address in the IPv6 address
- ISATAP router:
 - accepts 6to4 IPv4 packets
 - Can forward the inside IPv6 packet back to 6to4 relay
- Symmetric looping attack exists

Mitigation:

- Easy on ISATAP routers: deny packets whose IPv6 is its 6to4
- Less easy on 6to4 relay: block all ISATAP-like local address?
- Good news: not so many open ISATAP routers on the Internet
- Do not announce the 6to4 relay address outside of your AS and accepts protocol-41 packets only from your AS

6rd Relay Security Issues

- 6rd is more constrained than 6to4, hence more secure
- IPv4 ACL (or IPv4 routing) can limit the 6rd packets to the 6rd domain within the ISP
 - No more open relay
 - No more looping attacks

IPv6 security is similar to IPv4 security
No excuse to operate an insecure IPv6 network



Telemetry

Available Tools

- Usually IPv4 telemetry is available
- **SNMP** MIB
 - Not always available yet on Cisco gears
- **Flexible Netflow** for IPv6
 - Available in : 12.4(20)T, 12.2(33)SRE
 - Public domain tools: nfsen, nfdump, nfcpad...

IPv6 MIB Implementation



For Your Reference

| | IP FWD (ROUTES) | IP | ICMP | TCP | UDP |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Original IPv4 only | 2096 | 2011 | | 2012 | 2013 |
| IPv6 only | 2465 | | 2466 | 2452 | 2454 |
| Protocol Version Independent (PVI) | rfc2096-update = 4292 | rfc2011-update = 4293 = IP-MIB | | | |
| | | | | rfc2012-update = 4022 | rfc2013-update = 4113 |

- IPv4/IPv6 stats can be monitored from CLI “show interface accounting” on most platforms
- RFC 4292 and 4293 – Interface Stats table are added, also required HW support
- Tunnel MIB (RFC 4087)

Using SNMP to Read Interfaces Traffic



For Your
Reference

```
evyncke@charly:~$ snmpwalk -c secret -v 1 udp6:[2001:db8::1] -Cw 70 -m IP-MIB  
ipNetToPhysicalPhysAddress
```

```
SNMP table: IP-MIB::ipIfStatsTable
```

| index | ipIfStatsInReceives | ipIfStatsHCInReceives | ipIfStatsInOctets |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ipv4.1 | 683929 | ? | 55054803 |
| ipv4.2 | 1123281 | ? | 107467461 |
| ipv6.1 | 152612 | ? | 17261398 |
| ipv6.2 | 15083935 | ? | 2131680450 |

```
evyncke@charly:~$ snmpwalk -c secret -v 1 udp6:[2001:db8::1] -Cw 70 ifTable
```

```
SNMP table: IF-MIB::ifTable
```

| index | ifIndex | ifDescr | ifType | ifMtu | ifSpeed |
|-------|---------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | FastEthernet0/0 | ethernetCsmacd | 1500 | 100000000 |
| 2 | 2 | FastEthernet0/1 | ethernetCsmacd | 1500 | 100000000 |

Using SNMP to Read IPv4/IPv6 Neighbors Cache



For Your
Reference

```
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
```

Flexible Flow Record: IPv6 Key Fields



For Your Reference

| IPv6 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| IP (Source or Destination) | Payload Size |
| Prefix (Source or Destination) | Packet Section (Header) |
| Mask (Source or Destination) | Packet Section (Payload) |
| Minimum-Mask (Source or Destination) | DSCP |
| Protocol | Extension |
| Traffic Class | Hop-Limit |
| Flow Label | Length |
| Option Header | Next-header |
| Header Length | Version |
| Payload Length | |

| Routing |
|-------------------|
| Destination AS |
| Peer AS |
| Traffic Index |
| Forwarding Status |
| Is-Multicast |
| IGP Next Hop |
| BGP Next Hop |
| Flow |
| Sampler ID |
| Direction |
| Interface |
| Input |
| Output |

| Transport | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Destination Port | TCP Flag: ACK |
| Source Port | TCP Flag: CWR |
| ICMP Code | TCP Flag: ECE |
| ICMP Type | TCP Flag: FIN |
| IGMP Type | TCP Flag: PSH |
| TCP ACK Number | TCP Flag: RST |
| TCP Header Length | TCP Flag: SYN |
| TCP Sequence Number | TCP Flag: URG |
| TCP Window-Size | UDP Message 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

Netflow Reverse Usage

- Scanning an IPv6 network is impossible (address space too large)
- **How can we run a security audit?**
- Easy
 - Get all IPv6 addresses from Netflow
 - Note: scanning link-local addresses requires layer-2 adjacency, i.e.
 - Ping6 ff02::1

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



Forensic

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 Grep6



For Your
Reference

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

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

$address = inet_pton AF_INET6, $ARGV[0] ;
if (! $address) { die "Wrong IPv6 address passed as argument" ; }

## 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 and $binary_address eq $address) {
            print $line ;
            next ;
        }
    }
}
}
```

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

```
# 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
600 preferred lifetime 600, valid lifetime
seconds) expires at Oct 27 2010 05:02 PM (554
```

Actual MAC address:
0022.5f43.6522

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 phase II can generate a syslog event on each new binding
 - `ipv6 neighbor binding logging`



Summary

Our journey...

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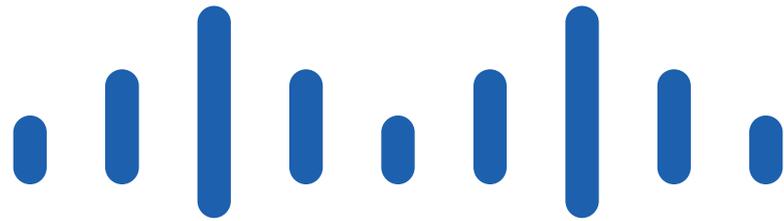
- **Management plane**
 - Protect management plane with access-class
- **Control plane**
 - Authenticate IGP
 - Consider the use of link-local on P-P links?
 - Mitigate rogue-RA with RA-guard
 - Configure control plane policing
- **Data plane**
 - Beware of ping-pong on not /127 real P2P link
 - Apply anti-spoofing, anti-bogons
 - Disable source routing
 - Use ACL where applicable
 - ACL must permit NDP

Key Takeaway /2

- **Telemetry**
 - SNMP MIB and Netflow v9 are your friends
 - Netflow can be used for inventory
- **Forensic**
 - Multiple addresses per node, multiple ways to write an IPV6 address
 - Finding MAC address from IPv6:
 - EUI-64,
 - DHCPv6 (not so trivial)
 - else periodic NDP cache dumps...
- **Lawful Interception**
 - implemented, missing mediation device



Questions and Answers?



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