IPv6 Addressing case study RENATER , NIIF/Hungarnet

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Outline of Presentation

- Overview of RENATER's network
- Case study of IPv6 address allocation at RENATER
- Overview of NIIF/Hungarnet's network
- Case study of IPv6 address allocation at NIIF/Hungarnet



Renater-3: national backbone



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RENATER's Production IPv6 service

Why a production-like IPv6 service ? ATM removed ...

- Move all network services on a unique topology
- Do we want to forget about IPv6, IPv4 multicast ... ?

Needs for an IPv6 transport

- Research projects using IPv6
- Sites with native IPv6 network
- \rightarrow install a native IPv6 core
- \rightarrow run both versions of IP on the same equipments

Monitor the IPv6 service in the same operational way than IPv4



Renater 3 : IPv6 Native support

2.5 Gbits/s backbone

30 Regional Nodes (NR)

Native IPv6 on all regional nodes

• Dual stack backbone \rightarrow IPv4 and IPv6

Global IP Service

- IPv4 unicast and multicast
- IPv6 unicast
- IPv6 and IPv4 carried without any distinction

Goal : achieve for both versions of IP an equal level of

- Performance
- Availability
- Management
- Support



Addressing

Hierarchical addressing Renater

- Prefix = 2001:0660::/32
- Allocated by the RIR (RIPE NCC)

Regional Nodes

• POP-ID =2001:0660:xy::/40

Site

- Site-ID : a /48
 - from RN's prefix (/40) it's connected to
- Site-IDs allocated by Renater (LIR)
- 16 bits are reserved for the site topology







Regional Nets Addressing

Two possibilities

- Uses its own prefix (Commercial ISP)
- Uses Renater's address space
 - **2001:0660:2---::/48**
- In both cases
 - Sites are addressed in Renater's sTLA
 - 2001:0660:{3-F}---::/48
 - Interco Network (site Regional / MAN)
 - First /64 from the NLA-ID





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IPv6 deployment at NIIF/Hungarnet

Initial IPv6 deployment:

 MPLS based backbone: 6PE with additional dual stack routers + sometimes tunnels at connected institutions

Second phase (2004):

- Router upgrade for HW based IPv6 forwarding
- Used features
 - Routing: IPv4 (unicast, multicast), IPv6 (unicast only), OSPFv2, OSPFv3, BGP, MPLS VPNs
 - Netflow, minimal QoS
 - IPv6 multicast with additional dual stack routers with tunnels

Third phase (2008):

- Software upgrade for IPv6 multicast support
- Netflow v9 support



IPv6 address space – based on flexible address allocation RFC3531

Location	IPv6 POP addressing:
CNTRL (Central)	2001:0738:0::/36
Gödöllő (Szent István University)	2001:0738:58::/44
BME (Budapest University of Technology and Economics)	2001:0738:2000::/44
KFKI (Research Institute on Physics	2001:0738:5000::/44
SZEGED (University of Szeged	2001:0738:7000::/44
MISKOLC (University of Miskolc)	2001:0738:6000::/44
PECS (University of Pécs)	2001:0738:7800::/44
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Site addressing

Each site (including site infrastructure) get /48:

- each NIIF managed site the 16 bit SLA is allocated based on the following convention: <SLA> = Address segmentation within the POP
- Where for <SLA>:
 - Range: 0000 till 00FF: Loopback addresses
 - Range: 0100 till 01FF: Intra-pop point-to-points (if it necessary to number it)
 - Range: 0200 till 02FF: connections to HUNGARNET member of institution
 - Range: 0300 till 03FF: external IPv6 connectivity (e.g. local IPv6 peering)
 - Range: 0400 till 04FF: POP Local Ethernets



IPv6 loopback addresses

loopback address will also be used for operational and management actions on the equipment, and for routing protocols like iBGP, which will use these addresses for terminating the peering-sessions.

Loopback addresses have typically a prefix mask of /128. This will avoid unnecessary unused addresses although address conservation is not really an issue in IPv6.



Link IPv6 addresses?

Not necessary!

- OSPFv3 is working with link-local
- IS-IS not necessary

IGP table can quite small! – helps on convergence! Customer network is propagated into BGP (even if static routes are used)

- not with redistribute
- with network statement

Drawback:

- Traceroute can pick up arbitrary IPv6 address as a reply source -
- Avoid configure on each point-to-pint links: ipv6 unnumbered loopback0



Link IPv6 addresses -other options

- /127: not a good idea, the all-zeros address is supposed to be the any router anycast address although this is not widely implemented today - see more RFC 3627
- /126: works, although the top 128 addresses are reserved for anycast stuff
- /120: no clashes with top 128 anycast addresses
- /112: subnet on nice colon boundary
- /64: based on RFC 3513 and you get to use EUI-64 addressing - usage advisable for point-multipoint and broadcast link scenarios



Customers' Nets Addressing

Two possibilities

- Uses its own prefix (Commercial ISP)
- Uses NIIF/Hungarnet's address space
 - 2001:0738:<cutomer id>::/48 (/44 pre-allocated, /48 assigned)



Conclusion

Preparing an IPv6 addressing plan is a bit complex Plan it in advance ...

• Not forgetting your PoPs equipment (loopbacks, admin LANs, interconnects ...)

Draw benefit from aggregation

- Smaller routing tables to manage (even in the core)
- Less prefixes to advertise to BGP peers

Lot of people have an experience yet ...

• Not necessary to reinvent the wheel ;)