

## **IPv6** Transition

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- Today:
  - Does IPv6 only access make sense?
  - How to give access for both IPv4 and IPv6 using the same equipments? Answer: Dual Stack.
  - How to access IPv6 destinations if my provider is IPv4 only? Answer: Tunnels.
- Tomorrow, after IPv4 Depletion:
  - How to access IPv4 content through IPv6 only transit?
  - How to setup new servers without IPv4 addresses?
  - What would happen with old (Win98, etc) equipments?



- You need native IPv6 and IPv4 support.
- IPv6 on top of link-layer (Ethernet, PPP, HSDPA, etc.)
- Needs supply of IPv4 address, ideally public.
- IPv6 network topology = IPv4 network topology.
- Equipment will prefer IPv6 from IPv4 if both are possible.





- Needs manual configurations in both sides.
- Used by ISP and Enterprises as need fix IPv4 addresses.
- Tunnel Brokers: Web application to perform the server side of the configuration.
- Not good for typical Residential customers.



- Automatic tunnels:
  - 6to4.
  - Teredo.
  - Other: ISATAP, etc.
- IPv6 over IPv4 Tunnels are set automatically.
- IPv6 addresses are also allocated automatically.
- Already available in Apple Airport, Linux,OSX and Vista even sometimes by default.

## 6to4 Basic Overview:

- In its basic configuration, 6to4 is used to connect two IPv6 islands across an IPv4 network
- Uses special 'trick' for the 2002::/16 IPv6 prefix that is reserved for 6to4 use
  - Next 32 bits of the prefix are the 32 bits of the IPv4 address of the 6to4 router
  - For example, a 6to4 router on 192.0.1.1 would use an IPv6 prefix of 2002:c000:0101::/48 for its site network
- When a 6to4 router sees a packet with destination prefix 2002::/16, it knows to tunnel the packet in IPv4 towards the IPv4 address indicated in the next 32 bits







## 6to4 Issues:

- In principle 6to4 is attractive
  - But there are operational concerns
- Problem 1: possible relay abuse
  - Relay could be used for a DoS attack
  - Tunnelled IPv6 traffic addresses may be spoofed
- Problem 2: asymmetric model/reliability
  - The 6to4 site may use a different 6to4 relay to the 'real' IPv6 site
  - One of the sites may not see a 6to4 relay at all, if ISPs choose to only deploy relays for their own customers, and thus filter routing information
- But for 6to4 relay to 6to4 relay operation, it's good



- No IPv4 addresses for new customers.
- Still will have old equipments which will not work with IPv6: Win98, Game Consoles, etc.
- Double NAT/ Triple NAT is a temptation for some people, but will not scale for service providers.



Ref: Alain Durand - Comcast - NANOG 44.



- Native and Dual Stack support for IPv6 is the cleaner solution for IPv6 support.
- Tunnels are a tool for quick access to the IPv6 network.
- Tunnels are set up automatically by modern operative systems, please run RELAYS! (6to4 and Teredo).
- You also need to think about architectures after the run out.