

Practical Computer Networks and Applications

Exercise 2 – IP Version 6 Networks

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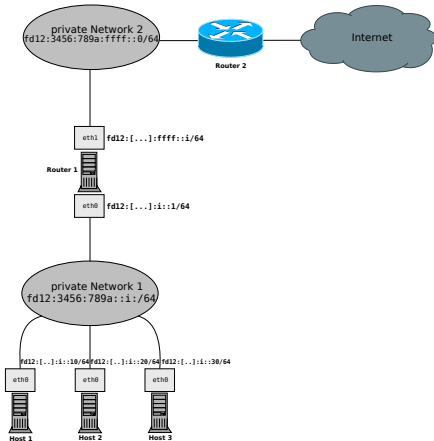
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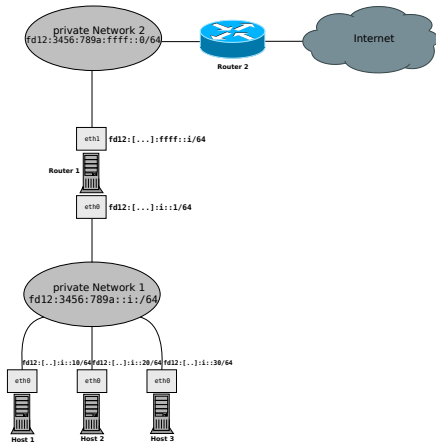
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Router 2:

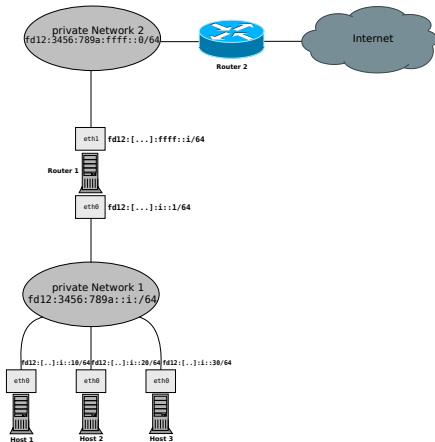
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Network Topology – Private Network 1



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Private Network 1:

fd12:3456:789a:i::0/64

Router 1:

1. eth0 –
fd12:3456:789a:i::1
2. eth1 –
fd12:3456:789a:ffff::i

Host Network:

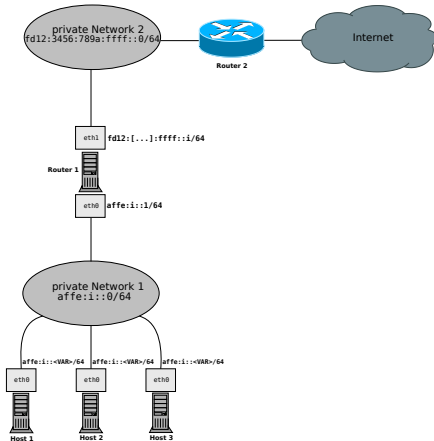
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fd12:3456:789a:i::1

Host 1 –
fd12:3456:789a:i::10

Host 2 –
fd12:3456:789a:i::20

Host 3 –
fd12:3456:789a:i::30

Network Topology – Exercise 2 – Autoconfiguration



Private Network 1:

`affe:i::0/64`

Private Network for host machines and router

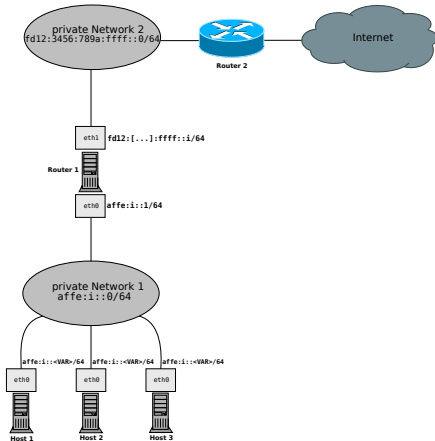
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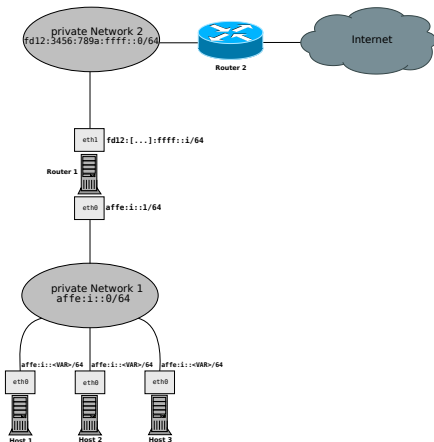
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Network Topology – Private Network 1



Private Network 1:

`affe:i::0/64`

Router 1:

1. Interface `eth0` – `affe:i::0/64`
2. Interface `eth1` – `fd12:3456:789a:ffff::i`

Host Network:¹

Router 1 – `affe:i::1`

Host 1 – `affe:i::<VAR>`

Host 2 – `affe:i::<VAR>`

Host 3 – `affe:i::<VAR>`

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¹`<VAR>` is the placeholder for a dynamically generated address!

Network Topology – Exercise 2 – Objectives

In the lab exercise you need to accomplish. . .

- ✓ a successful static configuration of the machines!
- ✓ successful autoconfiguration of the hosts!
- ✓ working static routing on the machines!
- ✓ reachability of all machines (all hosts including **Router 1** and **2**)!

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IPv6 Addresses

Tabelle: IPv6 address ranges

IPv6 Address	Purpose
2001:db8::/32	Documentation prefix used for examples
::1	Localhost
fc00::/7	Unique Local Addresses (ULA) - also known as "Private" IPv6 addresses. ^a
fd00::/8	Unique Local Addresses (ULA) - L-bit set to 1 for local IPv6 address prefix
fe80::/10	Link Local addresses, only valid inside a single broadcast domain.
2001::/16	Global Unique Addresses (GUA) - Routable IPv6 addresses.
ff00::0/8	Multicast addresses

^aCurrently not used! See source: RFC 4193 Section 3.2

IPv6 Addresses

Multicast-Scope – `ff00::0/8` multicast groups for specific services in a network. Starting with `ff` and followed by two flag bits for specific services. `ff01` for local interface (not leaving interface), `ff02` for link local address space e.g.:

`ff0X::1` : all IPv6 stations

`ff0X::2` : all router

`ff0X::f` : UPnP

`ff0X::101` : all timeserver (NTP)

`ff0X::1:2` : DHCPv6 Server

IPv6 Addresses

There are four way of configuring IPv6 addresses:

- static addressing with ULA (RFC 4193)

- SLAAC (RFC 4862)

- Stable Private (RFC 7217)

- Privacy Extension (RFC 4941)

IPv6 Addresses in Linux

The `ip2` command:

`ip addr ...` – configuration of IPv6 addresses

`ip route ...` – configuration of IPv6 routes

`-6` option in `ip`

The option `-6` specifies the use of IPv6 addresses. It is important to use this option because without the parameter `ip` defaults to IPv4!

²The manpage of `ip` gives you the full list of functions and options!

Static IPv6 unique local addresses – ULA

Tabelle: RFC 4193 Addressing Scheme

Machine	Prefix/L	Global ID	Subnet ID	Interface ID
Router 1	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0001
Host 1	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0010
Host 2	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0020
Host 3	fd00::/8	xx:xxxx:xxxx	i	0000:0000:0000:0030

Static IPv6 unique local addresses – ULA

Tabelle: RFC 4193 Lab Exercise 2

Prefix/L	Global ID	Subnet ID	Interface ID
fd00::/8	40 bits	16 bits	64 bits
fd00::/8	12:3456:789a	:0001	0000:0000:0000:0001

Resulting IPv6 address: fd12:3456:789a:0001:0000:0000:0000:0001

Short IPv6 address: fd12:3456:789a:1::1

Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)

The RFC 4862 defines the automatic stateless address generation

The Host uses its MAC address for the generation of the 64-bit Host-ID (**EUI-64**)

The Network Prefix is defined by the scope and or the router (e.g. `fe80::/64` for link-local)

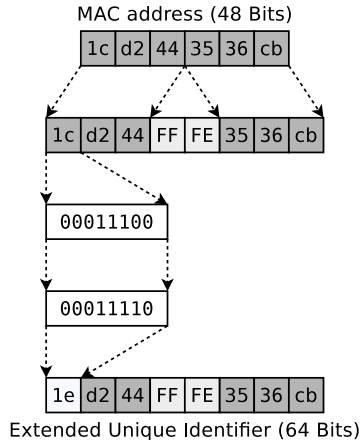
Benefit → Stateless generation without an external router

Router Advertisement Daemon (`radvd`)

For the automatic assignment of Network prefixes the router needs a `radvd` for the management of network prefixes in the network.

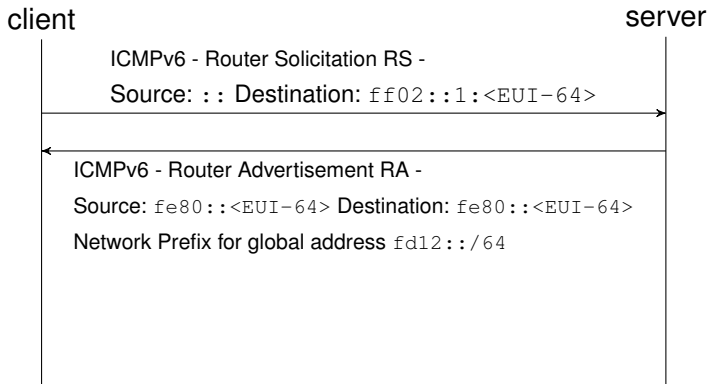
Without `radvd` the link local prefix `fe80::/64` is used!

Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)



EUI-64 calculation

Stateless Address Autoconfiguration – SLAAC (RFC 4862)



Message Sequence Diagramm for Router Solicitation

Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

The RFC 7217 defines the address generation without the use of a MAC address

In RFC 7217 a random secret key is generated and used for the generation of the Interface-ID

Once generated the Interface-ID is assigned and does not change anymore (until reboot!)

Benefit → Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!

Secret Key and Kernel parameter

The stable secret value is stored in the directory

`/proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/eth0/stable_secret` and is generated by setting the Kernel parameter `addr_gen_mode=3`!

Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

Example of a generated stable private address:

MAC: 86:3a:ea:8a:a7:d9

stable-privacy -> inet6 fe80::6f6d:80e:ab6c:65a0/64

link local -> inet6 fe80::843a:eaff:fe8a:a7d9/64

Example of stable secret parameter:

```
$ cat /proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/eth0/stable_secret  
c8c8:036d:9312:71e2:eadc:7c9f:0535:649a
```

Stable Privacy – RFC 7217

In contrast to SLAAC RFC 7217 brings the following benefits:

- + Host's MAC address is not exposed!
- + The address is stable for the Host

Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

The RFC 4941 defines the address generation with a random number

It is using the address in a temporary manner

A new Interface-ID is getting generated periodically

Old Interface-IDs can still be used for established connections

Benefit → Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!

Drawback → Address is not stable!

Random generation of Interface-ID

The RFC 4941^a defines a scheme for the generation of addresses where values for the lifetime are defined and the valid lifetime is calculated with the formula:

`CREATION_TIME + TEMP_PREFERRED_LIFETIME - DESYNC_FACTOR`

Where `CREATION_TIME` is the time at which the address was created,
`TEMP_PREFERRED_LIFETIME` (the maximum time of validity) and
`DESYNC_FACTOR` (a random number in the range of 0 to 600 seconds)!

^aSource:

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc4941#page-13>

Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

Example of a random generated address:

MAC: 86:3a:ea:8a:a7:d9

privacy-extension -> inet6 fd12::8992:3c03:d6e2:ed72/64

link local -> inet6 fe80::843a:eaff:fe8a:a7d9/64

Random generation of Interface-ID

The address shown above is generated randomly and temporary and cannot be traced back to any host characteristics!

Privacy Extension – RFC 4941

In contrast to SLAAC RFC 4941 brings the following benefits:

- + Host's MAC address is not exposed!
- + The address is generated dynamically over time!

Benefit → Increased security because no MAC address is used for generation!

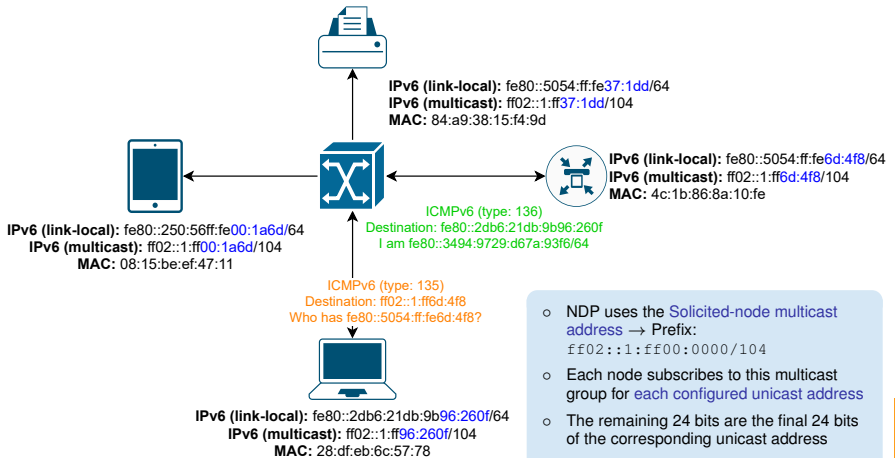
In contrast to Stable Privacy RFC 4941 brings the following benefits:

- + Host address is changed over time, therefore increased security!

Benefit → Increased security because address expires!

Drawback → Address is not stable!

Neighbor Discovery Protocol – NDP



- NDP uses the **Solicited-node multicast address** → Prefix: ff02::1:ff00:0000/104
- Each node subscribes to this multicast group for **each configured unicast address**
- The remaining 24 bits are the final 24 bits of the corresponding unicast address
- Only nodes registered to this address will receive the ICMP message

Configuration of the machines

Please follow these rules:

Make your configurations statically! Use the tool `ip` exclusively!

Save your configuration on file! Use an USB-Drive for the extraction!

Test your setup and document it accurately! Demonstrate it in the lab exercise!

Make slides of your configurations! Use the command-line snippets, screenshots and Wireshark captures for your documentation!

Non persistent configuration on machines

Please be aware, that the configurations on the machines are static and will be deleted after a reboot! Make sure to save your progress on an external drive!