

Enabling IPv6

Remember IPv6 is 128 bits:

340.282.366.920.938.463.463.374.607.431.768.211.456 unique values

For this workshop, we use a Unique Local Address (fc00::/7) (RFC4193)

We have registered: the prefix fdba:dc55:48c7::/48

In full notation: fdba:dc55:48c7:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000 prefixlen 48

/48 is what is given to each customer in an ISP environment.

Normally, LANs are 64 bits in size (18446744073709551616 IPs), so this leaves 16 bits - in total, 65536 LANs!

Note: We may also have a "real" routable prefix, which will be given in class.

I. Manual configuration

Manually, we will use the following addressing scheme:

fdba:dc55:48c7:0000:0000:0000:00xx:000y/64 (LANs are 64 bit in IPv6)
|<- prefix ->||site||<----- LAN ----->|

... where xx = your group number, and y is your host IP (i.e.: 1)

For example, for Group 25, this will be:

group IP
vv vv
fdba:dc55:48c7:0000:0000:0000:0025:0001/64 (LANs are 64 bit in IPv6)
|<- prefix ->||site||<----- LAN ----->|

Or, in short notation (consecutive 0's can be expressed as ::)

fdba:dc55:48c7::25:1 prefixlen 64 (LAN

1. On AUTH1, edit /etc/rc.conf, and add

```
ipv6_ifconfig_eth0="fdba:dc55:48c7::XX:YY/64"
```

Save the file & exit, and run the ip6addrctl script, which sets a source address selection policy:

```
# service ip6addrctl start
```

Run ip6addrctl and look at the output.

```
# ip6addrctl
```

2. Start IPv6:

Normally, to configure IPv6, we would need to restart the networking configuration, like this - BUT DON'T DO IT!

```
# service netif start
# service routing start
```

... if you do this now, you will lose connection to your machine!

So instead, let's do it manually:

```
# ifconfig eth0 inet6 fd5a:dc55:48c7::XX:YY/64
```

3. Check your interface:

```
# ifconfig eth0 inet6
```

-> do you see an IPv6 address starting with fd5a:... ?

4. Repeat steps 1 - 3 above for:

- auth2.grpX
- resolv.grpX

5. Check that the 3 hosts can ping each other:

```
# ping6 fd5a:dc55:48c7::XX:YY      (where XX = group number, YY = IP of host)
```

6. Can you ping the gateway ?

```
# ping6 fd5a:dc55:48c7::0000:254
```

7. What is another way to express:

```
fd5a:dc55:48c7::0000:254 ?
```

II. Auto configuration with RA/RS

1. On AUTH1, edit /etc/rc.conf, and add

```
ipv6_activate_all_interfaces="YES"
```

Save and exit, and re-run the ip6addrctl configuration:

```
# service ip6addrctl start
```

2. Force an IPv6 sollicitaion

```
# rtsol -F eth0
```

3. Check your IP configuration

```
# ifconfig eth0 inet6
```

-> You should now see an additional IPv6 address starting with fd5a:...

Try and ask other participants in the class to ping your autoconfigured IPv6 address.

4. If you see another prefix than fd5a:dc55:...

When you run "ifconfig eth0 inet", do you see another prefix than fdba:dc55:, then it is probable that you have a routable IPv6 prefix configured as well!

Test ipv6 connectivity to the Internet like this:

```
# dig +short @10.20.0.254 ipv6.google.com AAAA
```

Try and ping the IPv6 address returned by dig:

```
# ping6 2404:6800:8005::67
```

Try and use the "mtr" command to see the path:

```
# mtr -6 2404:6800:8005::67
```

...

BE AWARE that your machine is now connected, without filtering, to the IPv6 Internet!