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# IPv6 Fundamentals

## Training Course

December 2024



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09:00 - 09:30

Coffee, Tea

11:00 - 11:15

Break

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

15:30 - 15:45

Break

17:30

End



# Introductions



- Name
- Experience with IPv6
- Goals



# Overview



- IPv4?
- IPv6 Address Basics
- Getting it
- Exercise: Making Assignments
- IPv6 Protocol Basics
- Exercise: Addressing Plan
- IPv6 Packets
- Deploying
- Exercise: Configuring IPv6
- Real Life IPv6 Deployment
- Tips





# IPv4?

## Section 1



# Reaching the next billion



- Around 5,385 billion Internet users now
  - around 67.9 % of all people in the world
- Phones, IP Cameras, “Smart” devices / Gateways are Internet devices
- The Internet of Things
  - How will the Internet look like in 5 - 10 years?



# The Internet of Things



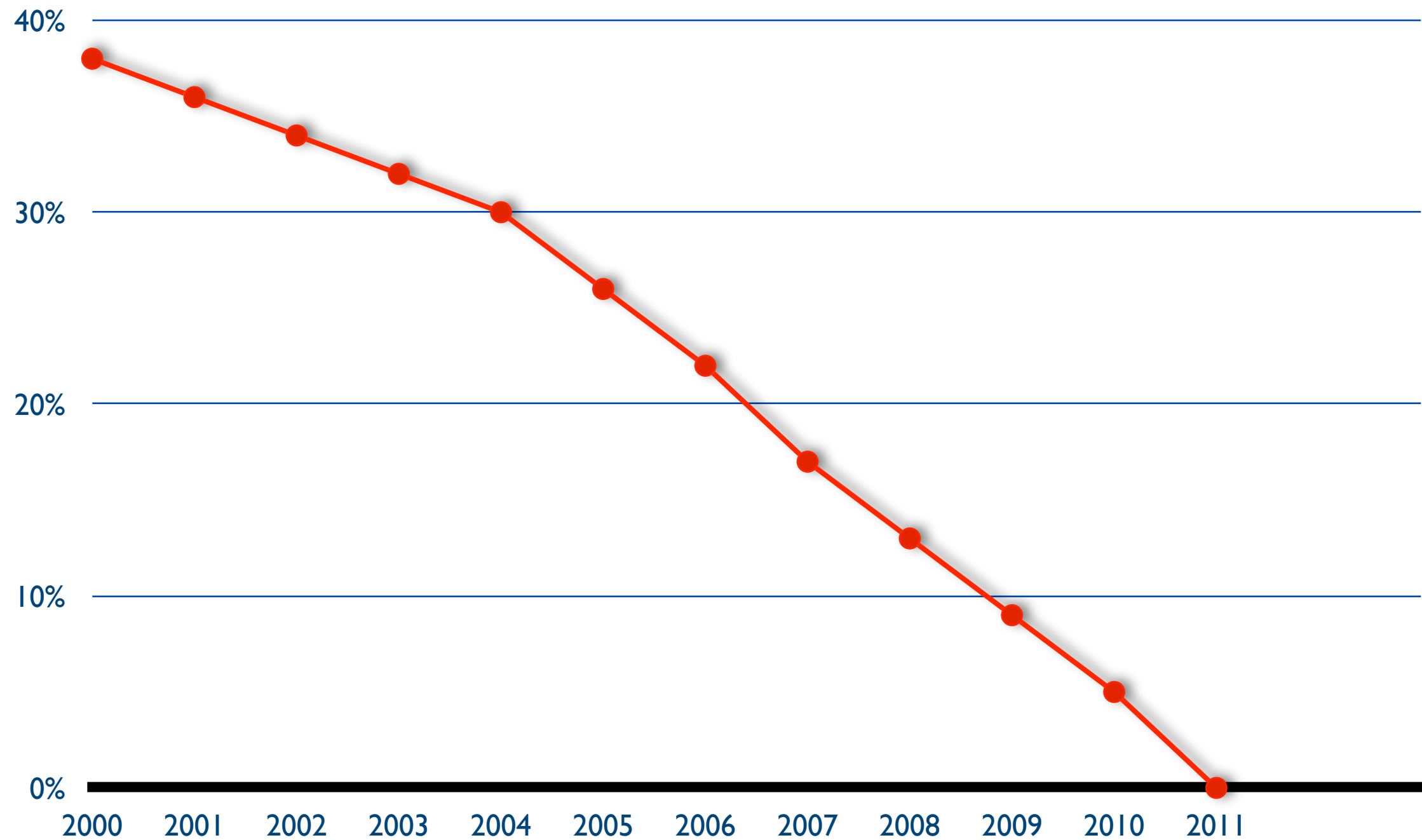
## Libelium Smart World



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# IANA IPv4 Pool





# IPv4 Exhaustion



**“On 14 September 2012, the RIPE NCC ran out of their regular pool of IPv4”**





# IPv4 run-out



**“Today, at 15:35 (UTC+1) on 25 November 2019, we made our final /22 IPv4 allocation from the last remaining addresses in our available pool. We have now run out of IPv4 addresses.”**





# Our Reality: The Waiting List



1. Submit the IPv4 allocation request form at the LIR Portal (/24)
2. Wait





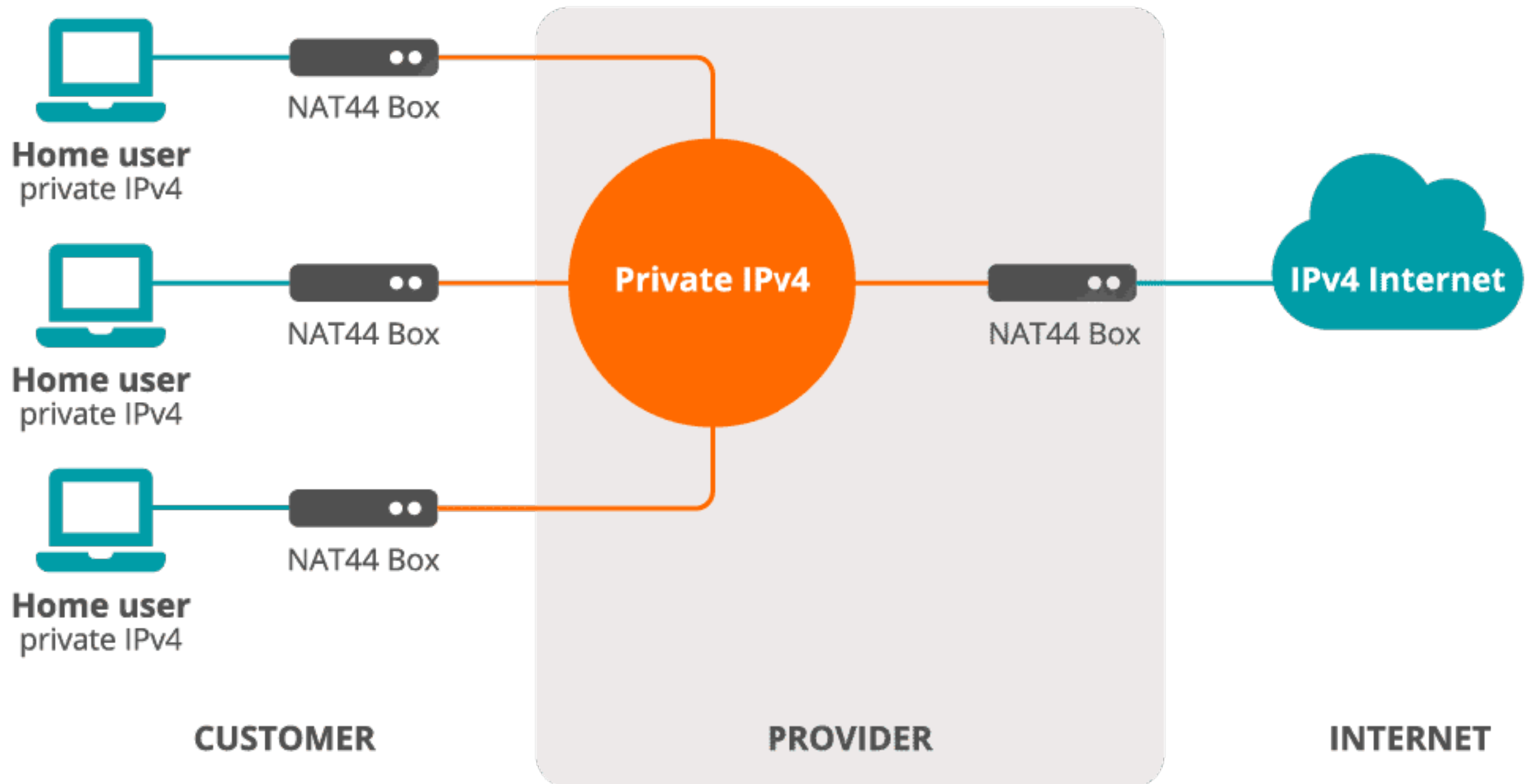
# Network Address Translation



- Extends the capacity of the IPv4 address space by sharing an IPv4 address between clients
- Fairly common technology, used everywhere
- Breaks the end to end connectivity model
- It doesn't allow communication with IPv6!
- You are probably going to need it in some form



# Large Scale NAT





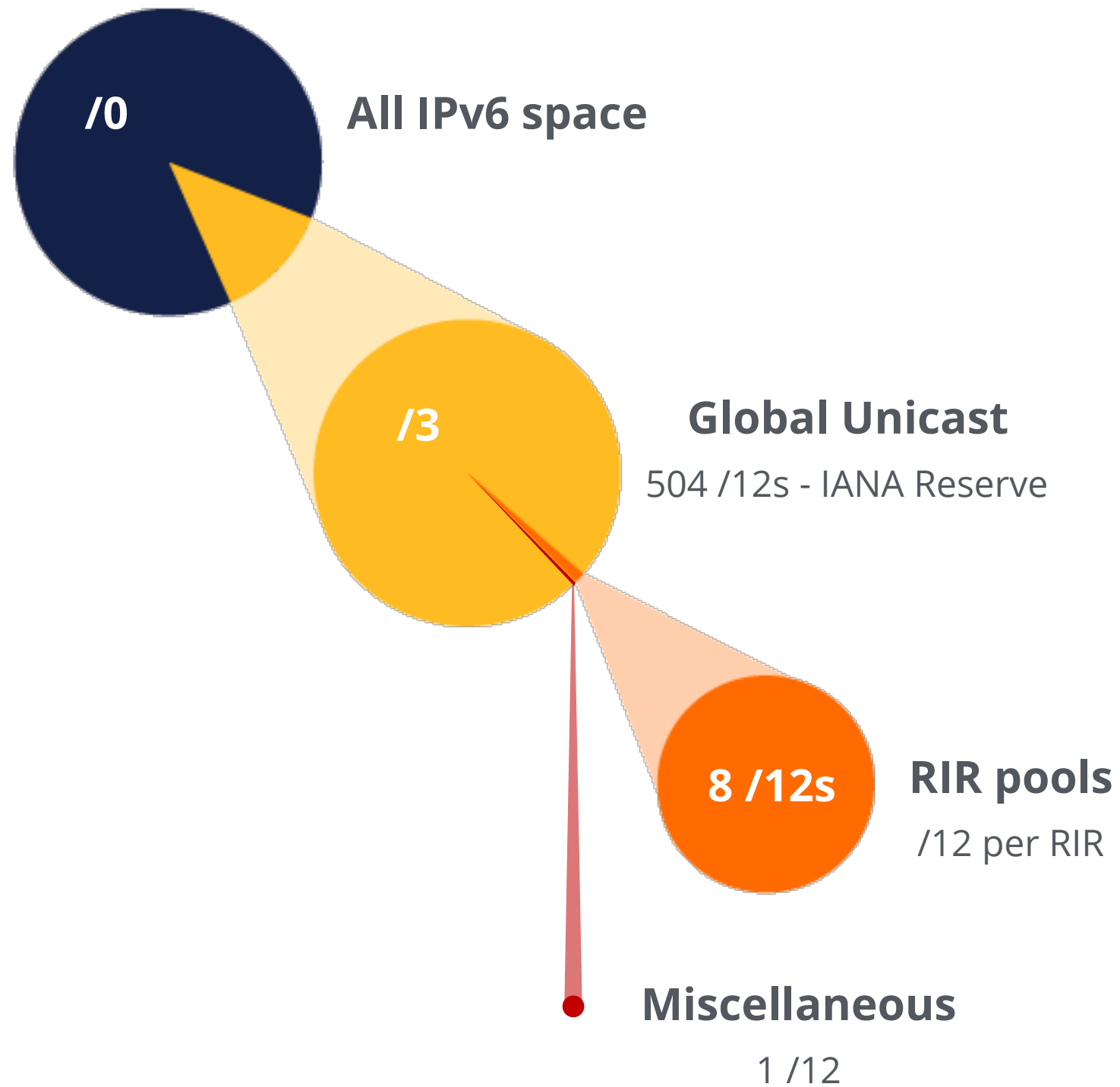


# IPv6 Address Basics

## Section 2



# IP Address Distribution





# RIR Pools



**October 2006**

<b>RIR</b>	<b>IPv6 Range</b>
<b>AFRINIC</b>	2C00:0000::/12
<b>APNIC</b>	2400:0000::/12
<b>ARIN</b>	2600:0000::/12
<b>LACNIC</b>	2800:0000::/12
<b>RIPE NCC</b>	2A00:0000::/12

**June 2019**

<b>RIPE NCC</b>	2A10:0000::/12
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**November 2019**

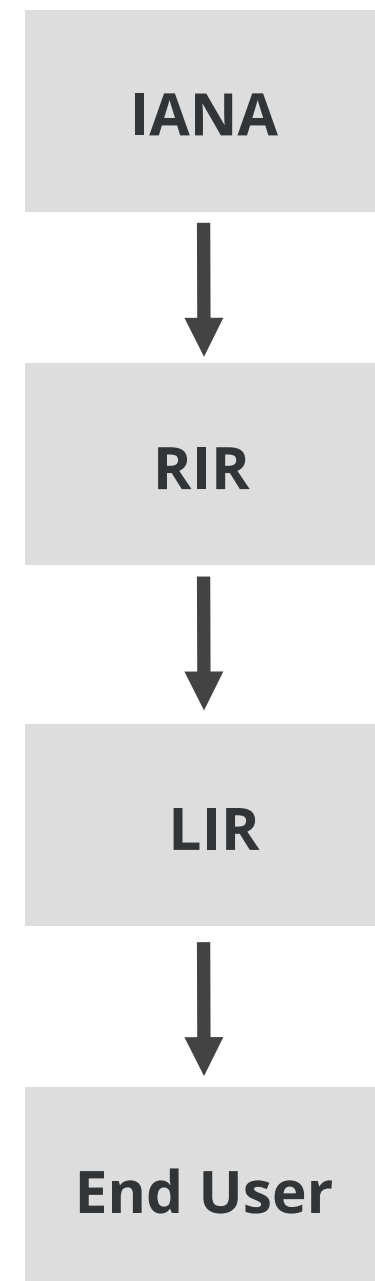
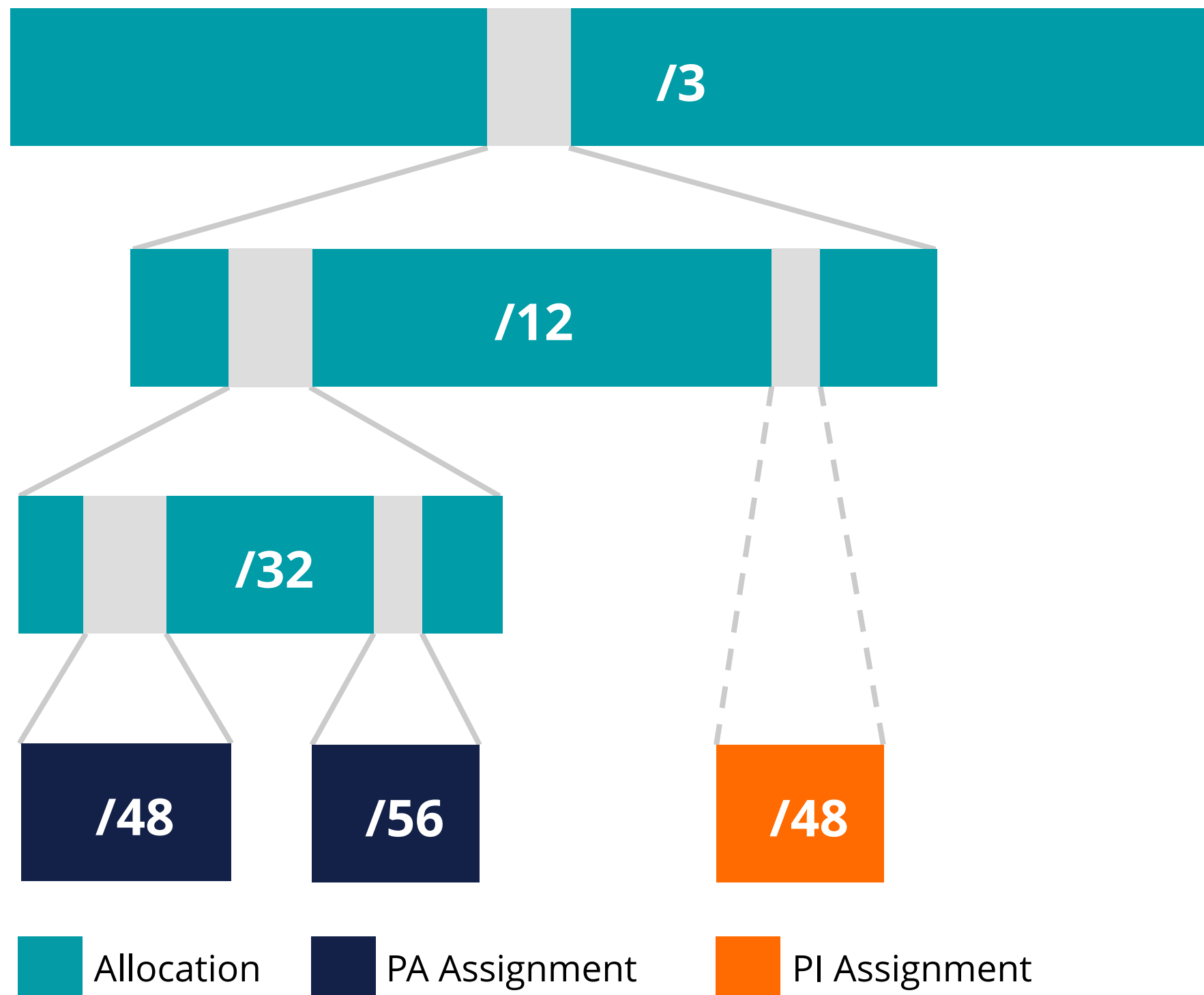
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**November 2024**

<b>APNIC</b>	2410:0000::/12
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# IP Address Distribution







# IPv6 Address Basics

- IPv6 address: **128 bits**
  - 32 bits in IPv4
- Every subnet should be a **/64**
- Customer assignments (sites) between:
  - **/64** (1 subnet)
  - **/48** (65,536 subnets)
- Minimum allocation size **/32**
  - 65,536 /48s
  - 16,777,216 /56s



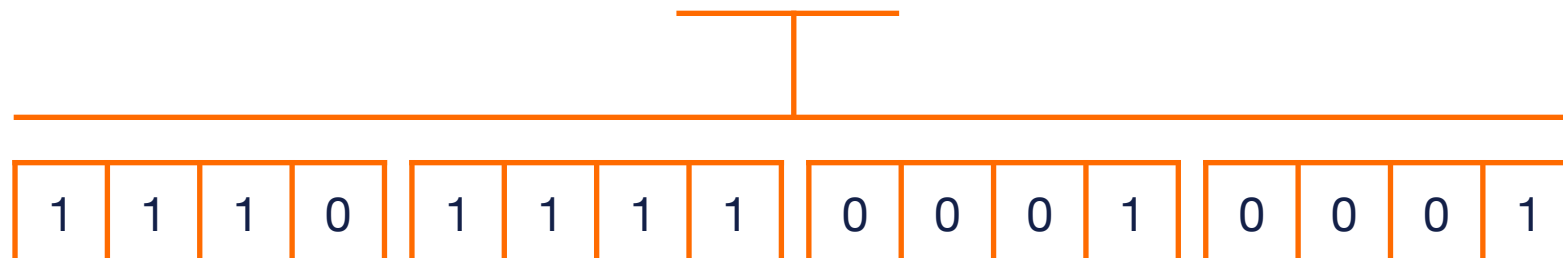
# Address Notation



2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d

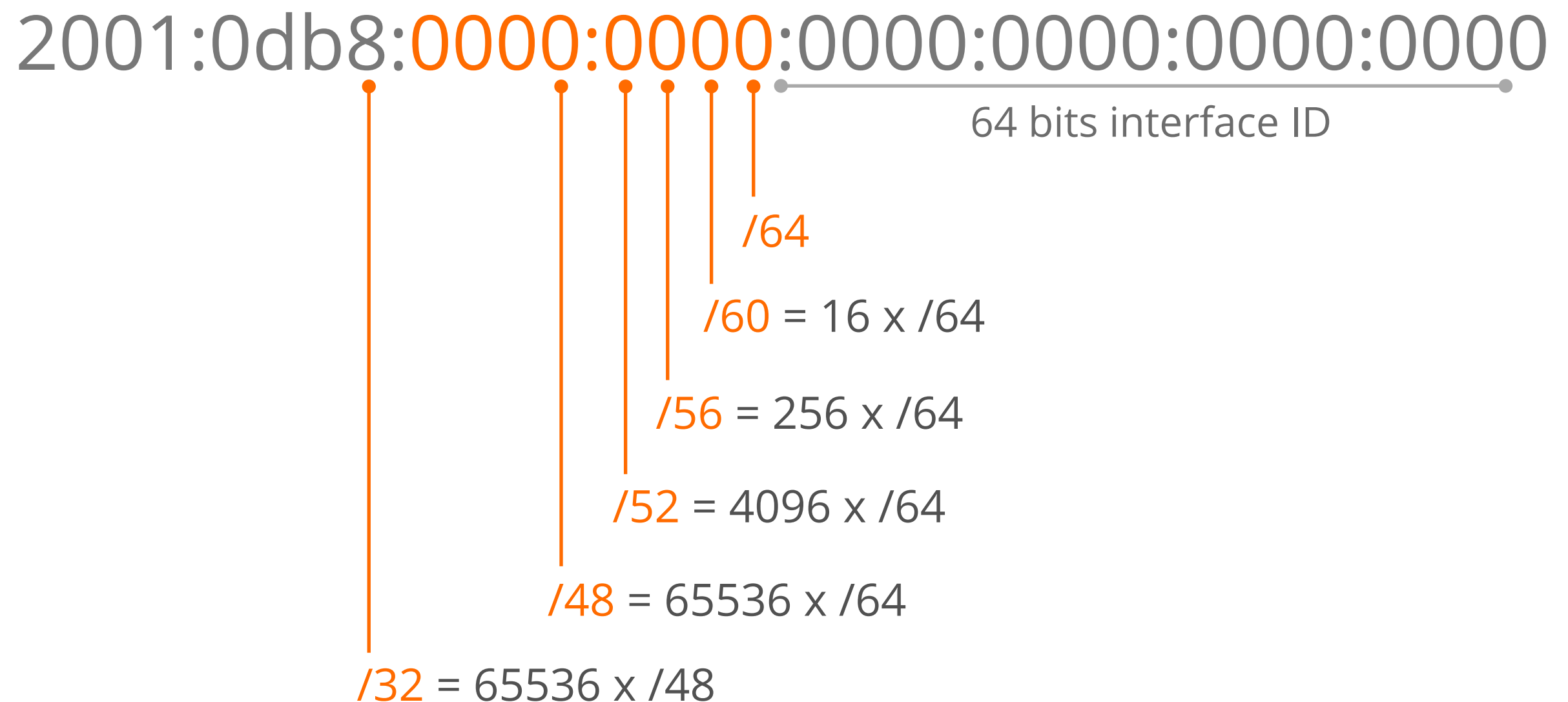
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2001:db8:3e:ef11:0:0:c100:4d





# IPv6 Subnetting





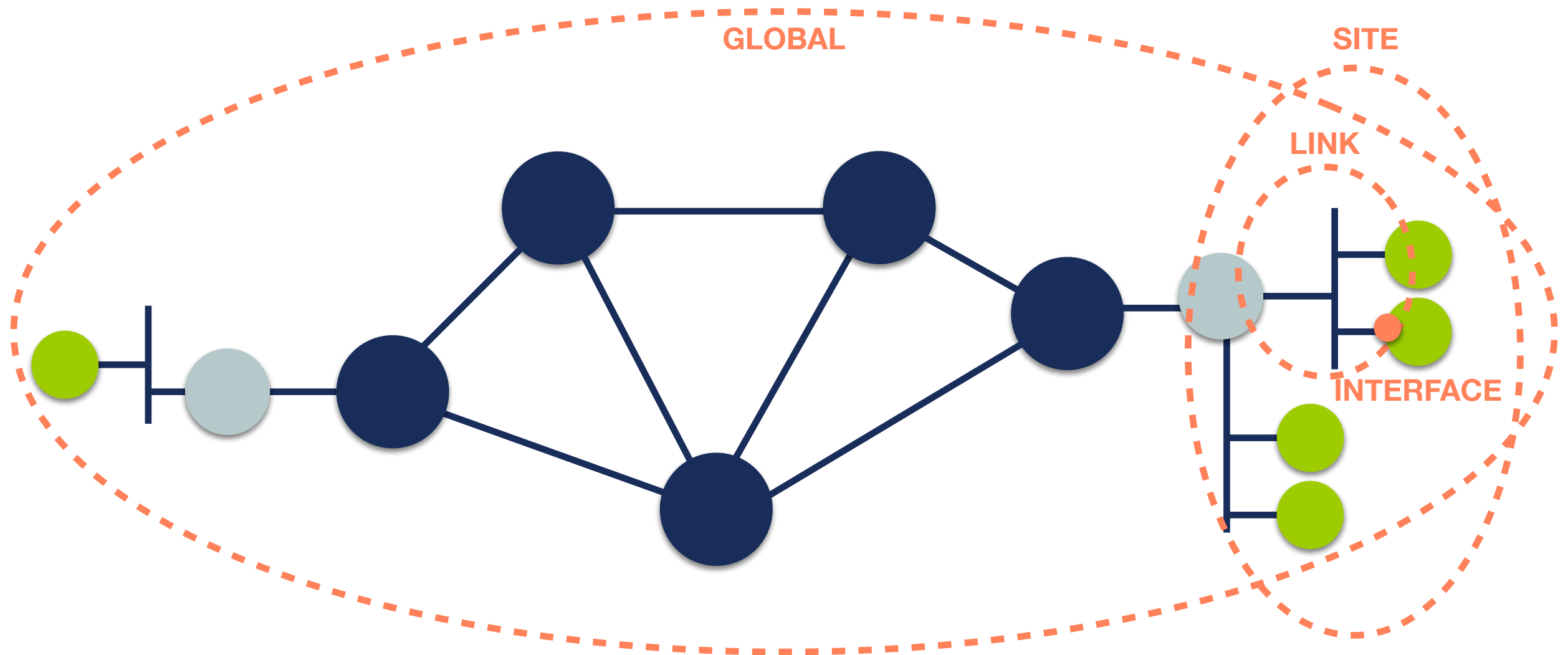
# Multiple address types



Addresses	Range	Scope
Unspecified	::/128	n/a
Loopback	::1	host
IPv4-Embedded	64:ff9b::/96	n/a
Discard-Only	100::/64	n/a
Link Local	fe80::/10	link
Global Unicast	2000::/3	global
Unique Local	fc00::/7	global
Multicast	ff00::/8	variable



# IPv6 Address Scope



FE80::A:B:100

FF01::2

2001:67C:2E:1::C1

FD00:A:B::100

FF05::1:3

FF02::1





# IPv6 Address Notation

Exercise



# Question #1

You have a /32 prefix starting with **2001:0db8**.

How do you search for it in the RIPE Database?

- a. 2001:0db8
- b. 2001:0db8/32
- c. 2001:0db8::/32
- d. 2001:db8::/32



# Question #1 Answer

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- d. 2001:db8::/32



## Question #2

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0c50

- a. 2001:0db8:0:0:0:0:0:0c50
- b. 2001:0db8::0c50
- c. 2001:db8::c50
- d. 2001:db8::c5



# Question #2 Answer

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0c50

- a. 2001:0db8:0:0:0:0:0:0c50
- b. 2001:0db8::0c50
- c. 2001:db8::c50 \*
- d. 2001:db8::c5



# Question #3

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0000:0000:b450:0000:0000:00b4

- a. 2001:db8::b450::b4
- b. 2001:db8::b450:0:0:b4
- c. 2001:db8::b45:0000:0000:b4
- d. 2001:db8:0:0:b450::b4



# Question #3 Answer

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2001:0db8:0000:0000:b450:0000:0000:00b4

- a. 2001:db8::b450::b4
- b. 2001:db8::b450:0:0:b4 \*
- c. 2001:db8::b45:0000:0000:b4
- d. 2001:db8:0:0:b450::b4



## Question #4

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:00f0:0000:0000:03d0:0000:00ff

- a. 2001:0db8:00f0::3d0:0:00ff
- b. 2001:db8:f0:0:0:3d0:0:ff
- c. 2001:db8:f0::3d0:0:ff
- d. 2001:0db8:0f0:0:0:3d0:0:0ff



# Question #4 Answer

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- b. 2001:db8:f0:0:0:3d0:0:ff
- c. 2001:db8:f0::3d0:0:ff \*
- d. 2001:0db8:0f0:0:0:3d0:0:0ff



# Question #5

How do you correctly compress the following IPv6 address:

2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d0:0000:00ff

- a. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d:0:ff
- b. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0:0:ff
- c. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0::ff
- d. 2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d::00ff



# Question #5 Answer

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- c. 2001:db8:f3c:d7:7dab:3d0::ff
- d. 2001:0db8:0f3c:00d7:7dab:03d::00ff



## Question #6

How do you access your IPv6 web server at **2001:db8::8080** on port 8080 using a web browser?

- a. `https://2001:db8::8080:8080`
- b. `https://2001:0db8:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:8080:8080`
- c. `https://[2001:db8::8080]:8080`
- d. You cannot use the IPv6 address, you have to rely on DNS



# Question #6 Answer

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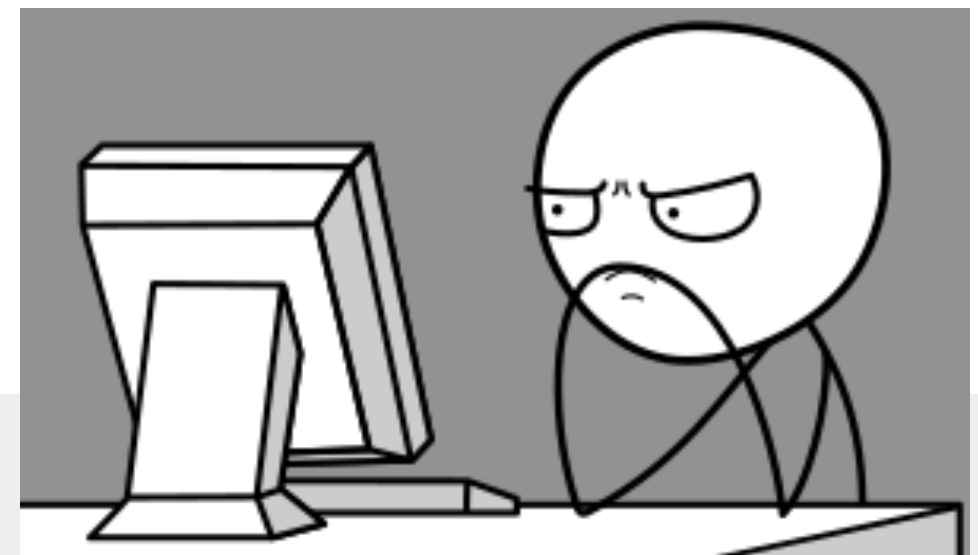


# IPv6 Notation - RFC 5952



For more information, please read RFC 5952:

“A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text Representation”



**Link to the RFC:**

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc5952>





# Questions







# Getting It

## Section 3



# Getting an IPv6 allocation



- To qualify, an organisation **must**:
  - Be an LIR
  - Have a plan for making assignments within two years
- Minimum allocation size **/32**
  - **Up to a /29** without additional justification
  - More if justified by customer numbers and network extension
  - Additional bits based on hierarchical and geographical structure, planned longevity and security levels





# Customer Assignments

- Give your customers enough addresses
  - **Minimum /64**
  - There is **no maximum assignment size**
- Keep good documentation in case of an audit or if you request a subsequent allocation
- Every assignment **must be registered** in the RIPE Database



# Comparison IPv4 and IPv6 status



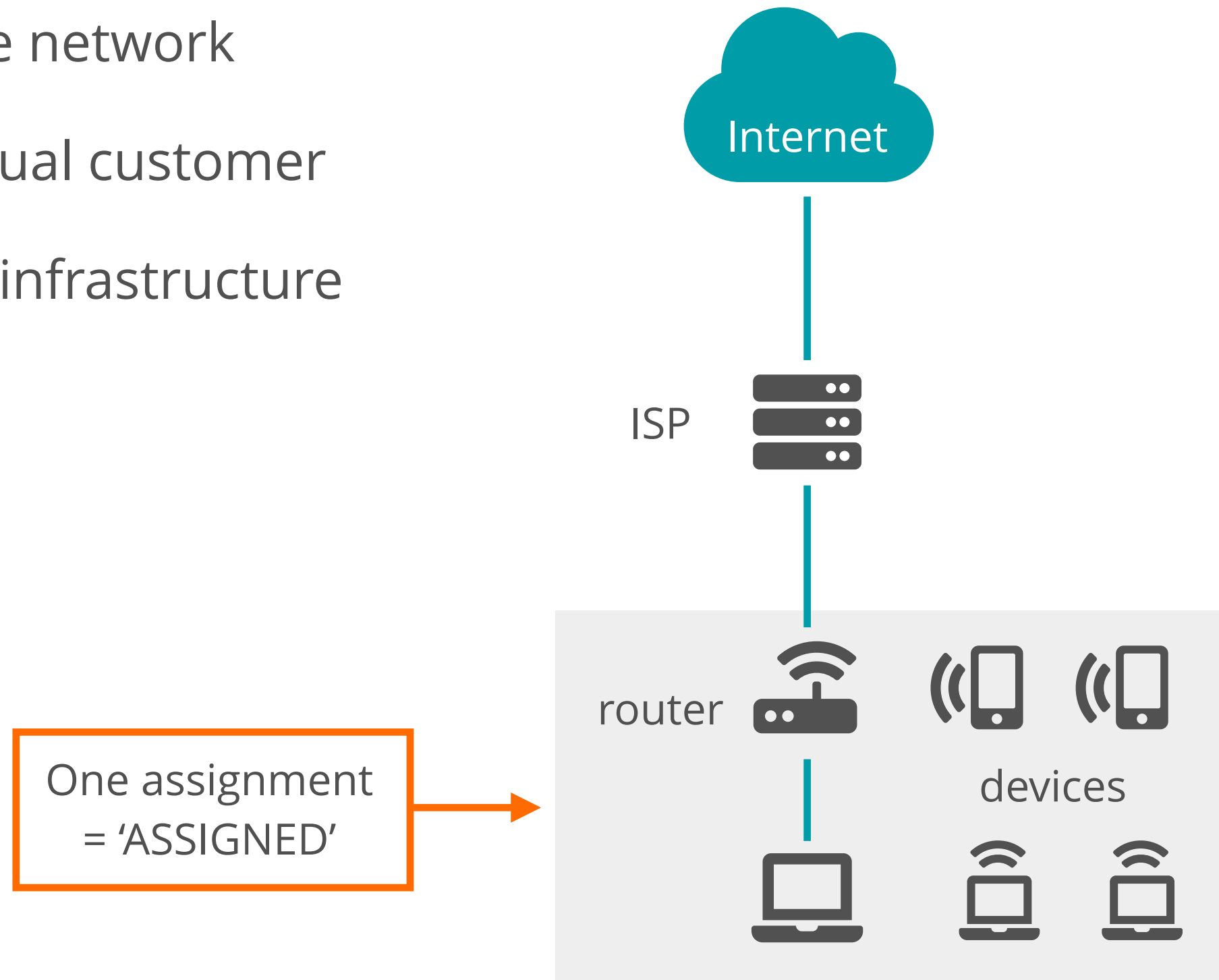
IPv4		IPv6
ALLOCATED PA	<b>Allocation</b>	ALLOCATED-BY-RIR
ASSIGNED PA	<b>Assignment</b>	ASSIGNED
AGGREGATED-BY-LIR	<b>Group of Assignments</b>	AGGREGATED-BY-LIR
SUB-ALLOCATED PA	<b>Sub-Allocation</b>	ALLOCATED-BY-LIR
ASSIGNED PI	<b>PI Assignment</b>	ASSIGNED PI



# Examples ASSIGNED



- One single network
- An individual customer
- Your own infrastructure

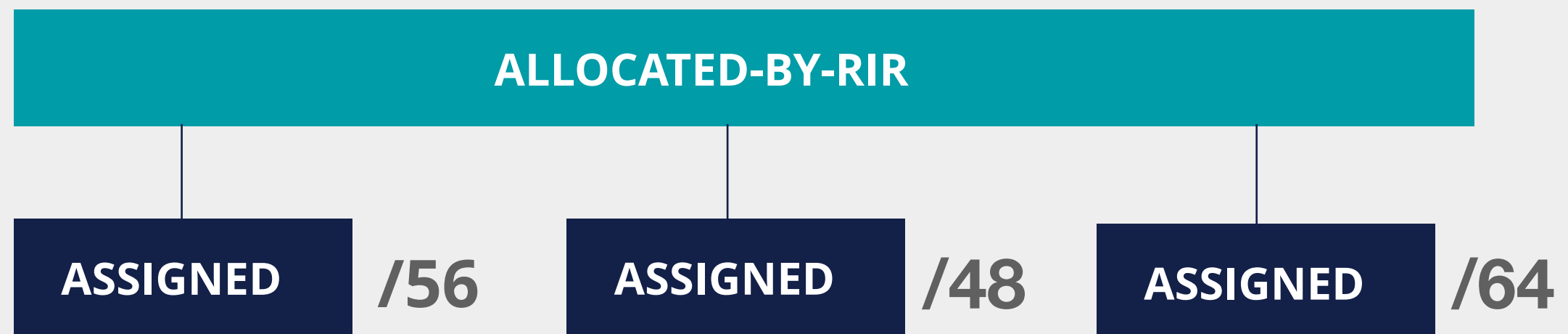




# Using ASSIGNED



- Represents one assignment
- Minimum assignment size is a /64





# Using ASSIGNED - Example Object



**inet6num:** 2001:db8:1000::/48

netname: CUSTOMER-NET

country: NL

admin-c: ADM321-RIPE

tech-c: NOC123-RIPE

**status: ASSIGNED**

mnt-by: LIR-MNT

created: 2015-05-31T08:23:35Z

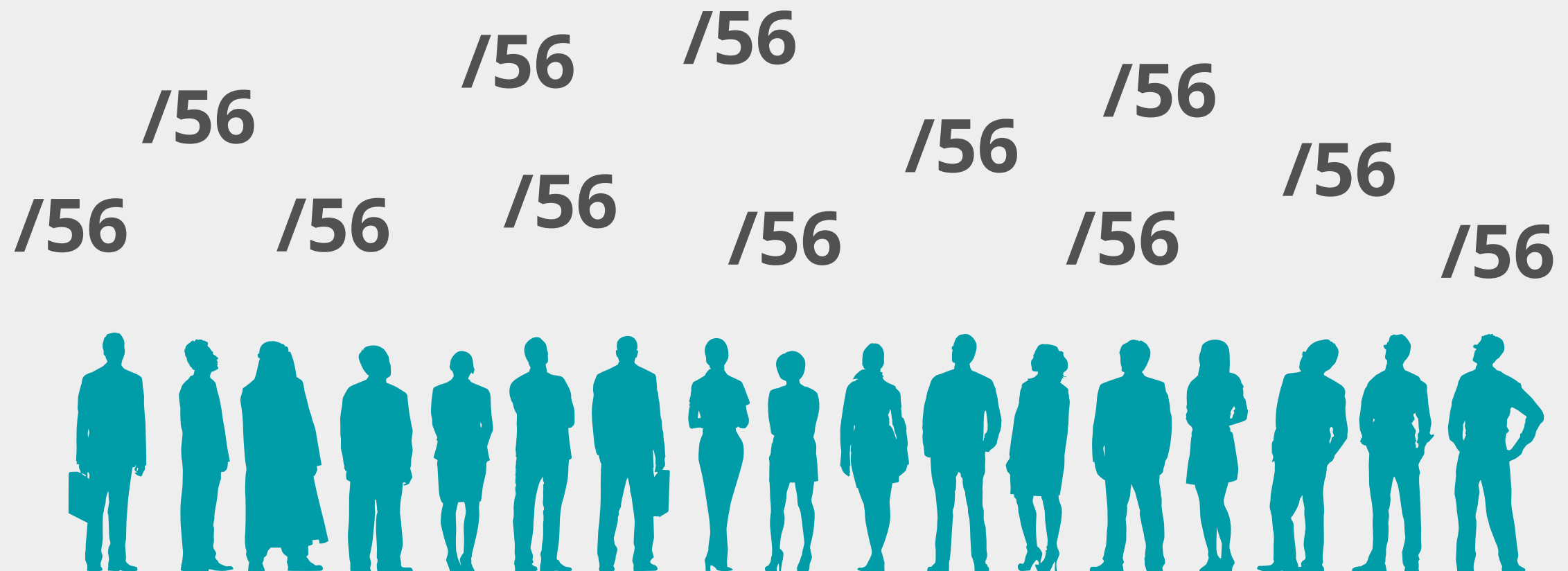
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# Examples AGGREGATED-BY-LIR



- Group of customers
- Same assignment size

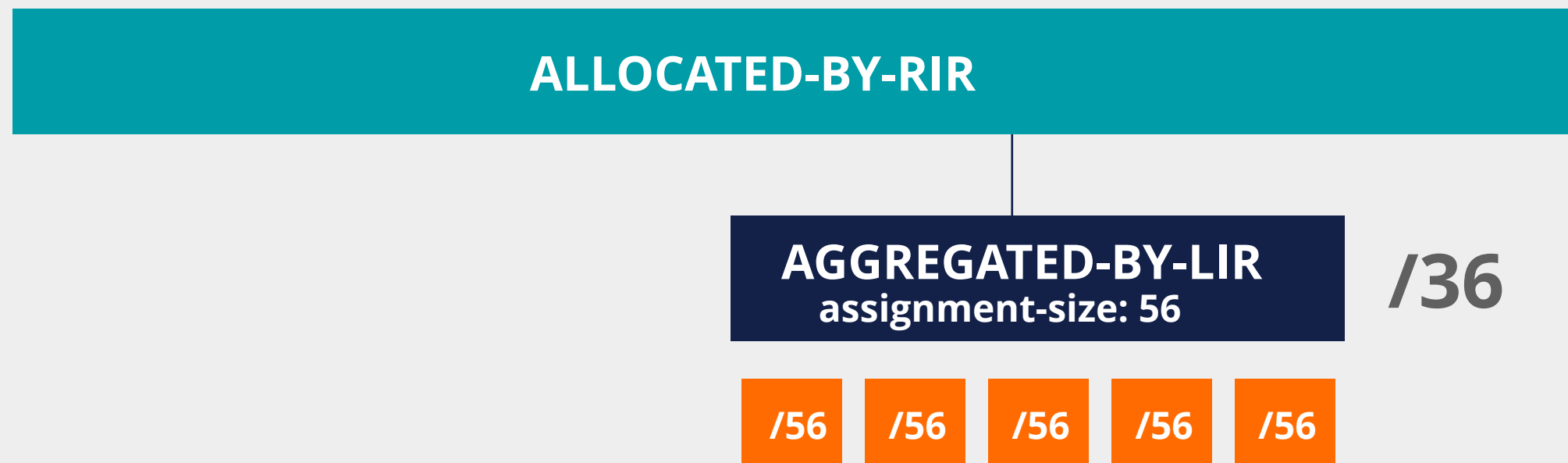




# Using AGGREGATED-BY-LIR



- Can be used to group customers
  - For example: Residential broadband customers
- **"assignment-size:"** = assignment of each customer





# Using AGGREGATED-BY-LIR - Example



inet6num:	2001:db8:1000::/36
netname:	DSL-Broadband-Pool
country:	NL
admin-c:	ADM321-RIPE
tech-c:	NOC123-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>AGGREGATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>assignment-size:</b>	<b>56</b>
mnt-by:	LIR-MNT
notify:	noc@example.net
created:	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
last-modified:	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
source:	RIPE



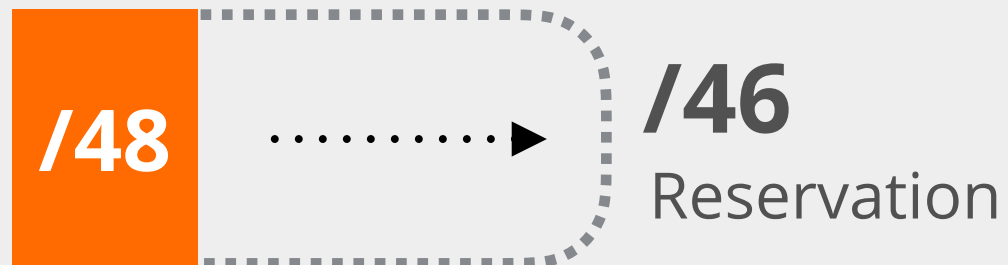
# Examples ALLOCATED-BY-LIR



## Reservation for a large customer



Large Customer



## Branch office or department



Branch Office



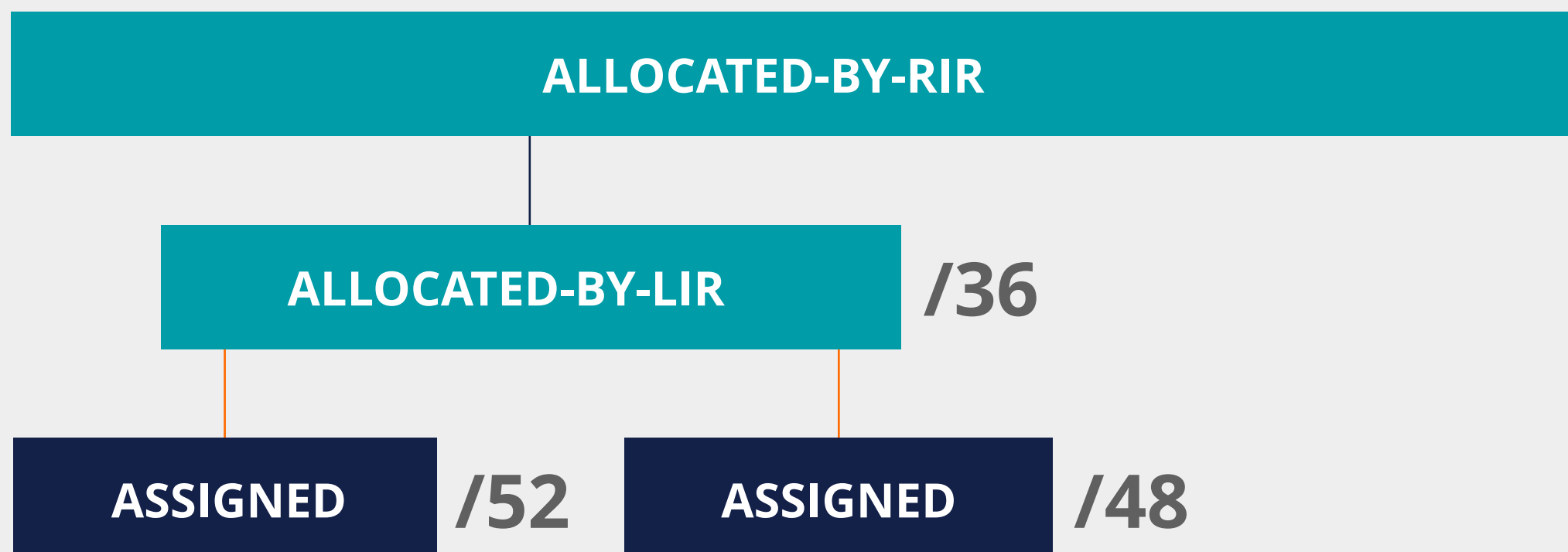


# Using **ALLOCATED-BY-LIR**



Can be used for customers with **potential for growth**

- Or for your own infrastructure
- Or to delegate address space to a downstream ISP





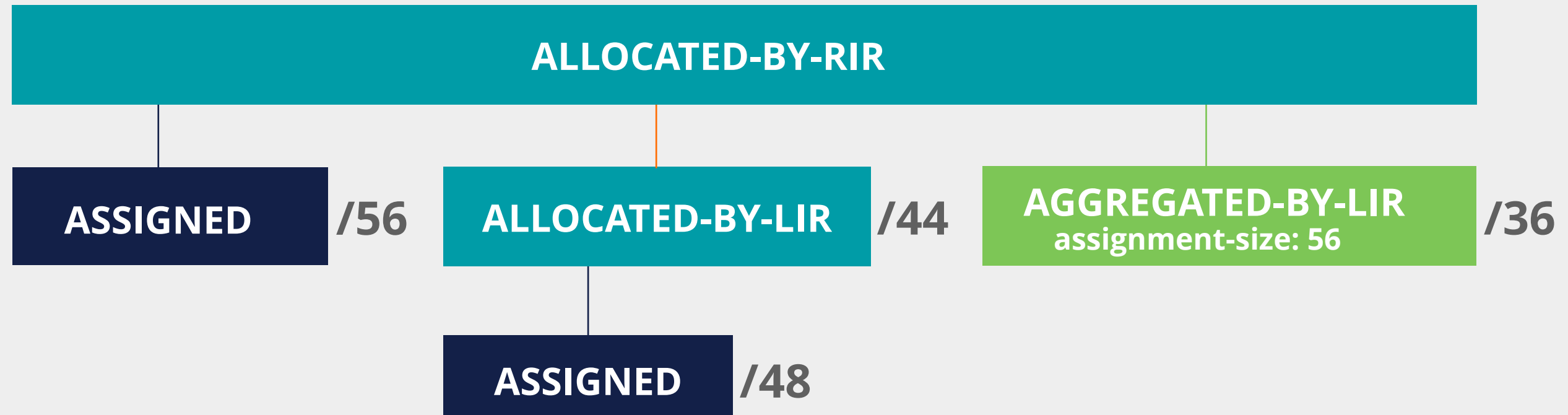
# Using ALLOCATED-BY-LIR - Example



<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:db8:50::/44</b>
netname:	Branch-Office-Network
country:	NL
admin-c:	ADM321-RIPE
tech-c:	NOC123-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	<b>LIR-MNT</b>
<b>mnt-lower:</b>	<b>BRANCH-OFFICE-MNT</b>
notify:	noc@example.net
created:	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
last-modified:	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
source:	RIPE



# Overview





# Getting IPv6 PI Address Space



- To qualify, an organisation must:
  - **Meet** the contractual **requirements** for provider independent resources
  - LIRs must demonstrate special **routing requirements**
- Minimum assignment size: **/48**
- PI space **cannot** be used for sub-assignments





# Unique Local Addresses

- Prefixes from fc00::/7
  - Only from the **fd00::/8** block
- Should **not** be routed on the Internet
- Generate a random 40-bit Global ID and insert it into fd**xx:xxxx:xxxx**

Global ID:      da24154e1d

Prefix:          fd**da:2415:4e1d**::/48





# Making Assignments

Exercise



# Create assignments for a smart city!





# Context



- You work for the LIR: **nl.ripencc-ts**
- Your LIR has a /32 allocation: **2001:db8::/32**
- Your customer Future Casa is working on a project called “Smart Home 6”
- They need IPv6 addresses from your address space
- Future Casa wants to connect **1 million** Smart Homes



# Product Description



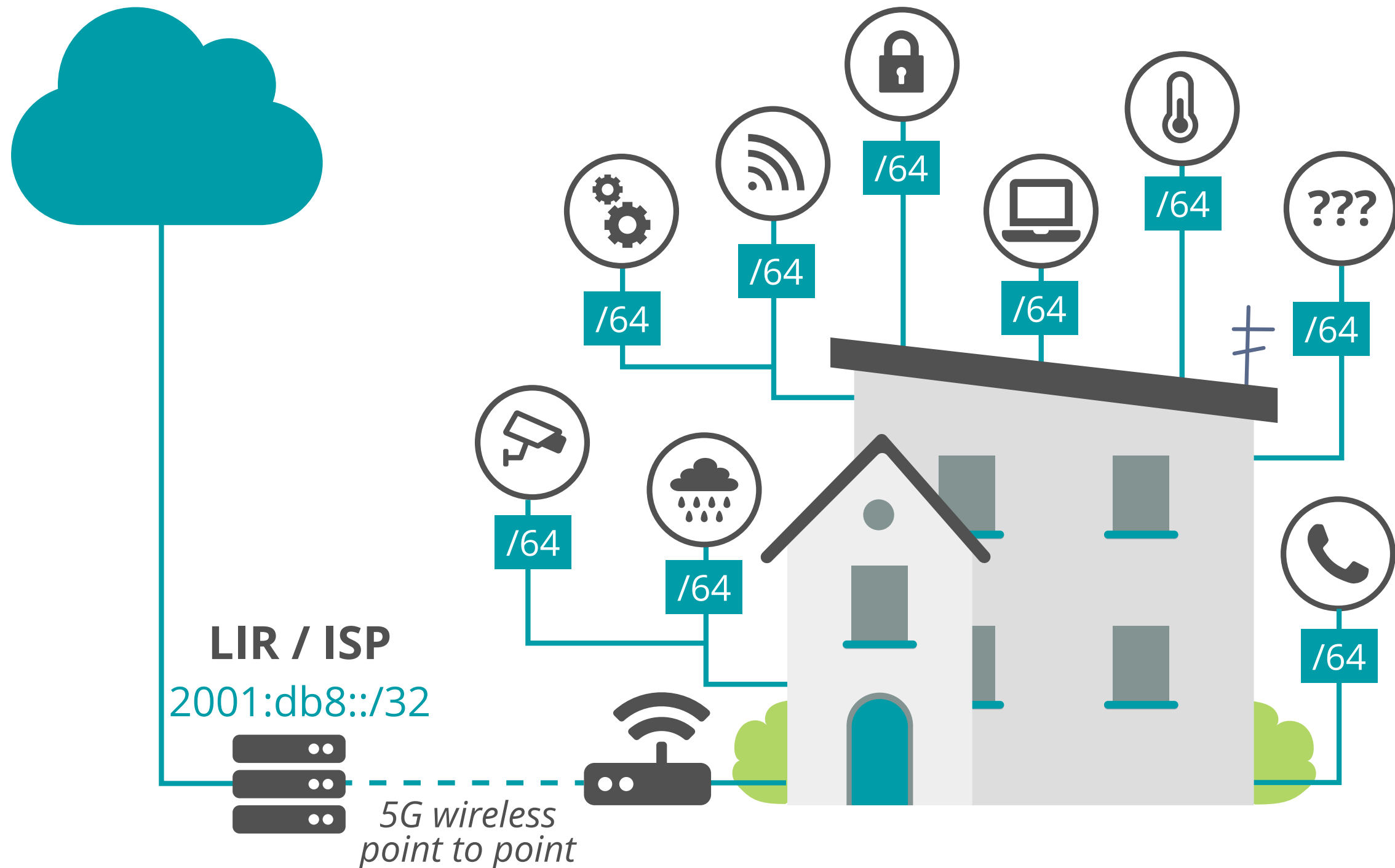
- Each home will be equipped with a 4G-enabled base unit
- The base unit will be the central gateway for smart services inside the house
- Each smart service runs on a **dedicated subnet**
- Services can be enabled or disabled at any point from a user's smartphone app
- Future Casa will be rolling out **new services in the future**



# Smart Home 6 Network Diagram



## IPv6 Internet







# Calculations...

- **/64 = 1 subnet**
  - Not enough. We need one subnet alone for the p2p conn.
- **/63 = 2 subnets**
  - Not enough subnets.
  - Not on the 4-bit boundary!
- **/60 = 16 subnets**
  - Is it enough to meet the future needs?
  - You want to avoid having to renumber!





# Calculations...

- **/56 = 256 subnets**

- Sounds reasonable. How many subnets can a house need?

- **/52 = 4096 subnets**

- More than enough.

- **/48 = 65K subnets**

- Definitely more than enough.



# Calculations...



One million smart homes

X

/56 per home

=

**/36**



# Possible options for /36 subnets



2001:db8::/32

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2001:db8:8000::/36

2001:db8:9000::/36

2001:db8:a000::/36

2001:db8:b000::/36

2001:db8:c000::/36

2001:db8:d000::/36

2001:db8:e000::/36

2001:db8:f000::/36



# Solution RIPE Database object



```
inet6num:                2001:db8:1000::/36

netname:                  SMART-HOME-6
descr:                    Smart Home 6 network
country:                  NL
admin-c:                  RM1204-RIPE
tech-c:                   RM1204-RIPE
status:                  AGGREGATED-BY-LIR
assignment-size:        56
mnt-by:                  LIR-MNT
notify:                   noc@lir-example.com
created:                  2015-05-31T12:34:01Z
last-modified:            2015-05-31T12:34:01Z
source:                   RIPE
```



# Solution RIPE Database object



inet6num:	2001:db8:1000::/36
netname:	SMART-HOME-6
descr:	Smart Home 6 network
country:	NL
admin-c:	RM1204-RIPE
tech-c:	RM1204-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	<b>LIR-MNT</b>
<b>mnt-lower:</b>	<b>SMART-CASA-MNT</b>
notify:	noc@lir-example.com
created:	2015-05-31T12:34:01Z
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# IPv6 Protocol Basics

## Section 4



# IPv6 Protocol Functions



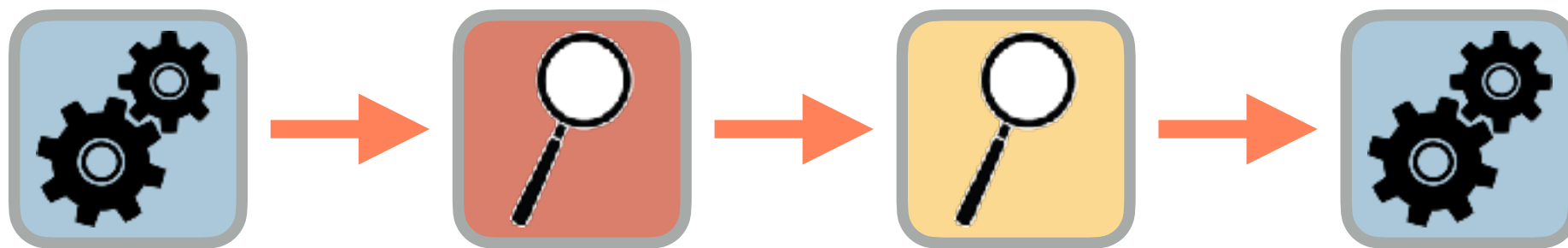
- **Address Autoconfiguration**
  - Supported by Neighbor Discovery
  - Stateless - with SLAAC
  - Stateful - with DHCPv6
- **Neighbor Discovery Protocol**
  - Replaces ARP from IPv4
  - Uses ICMPv6 and Multicast
  - Finds the other IPv6 devices on the link
  - Keeps track of reachability



# The Autoconfiguration Process



1. Make a Link-Local address
2. Check for duplicates on the link
3. Search for a router
4. Make a Global Unicast address

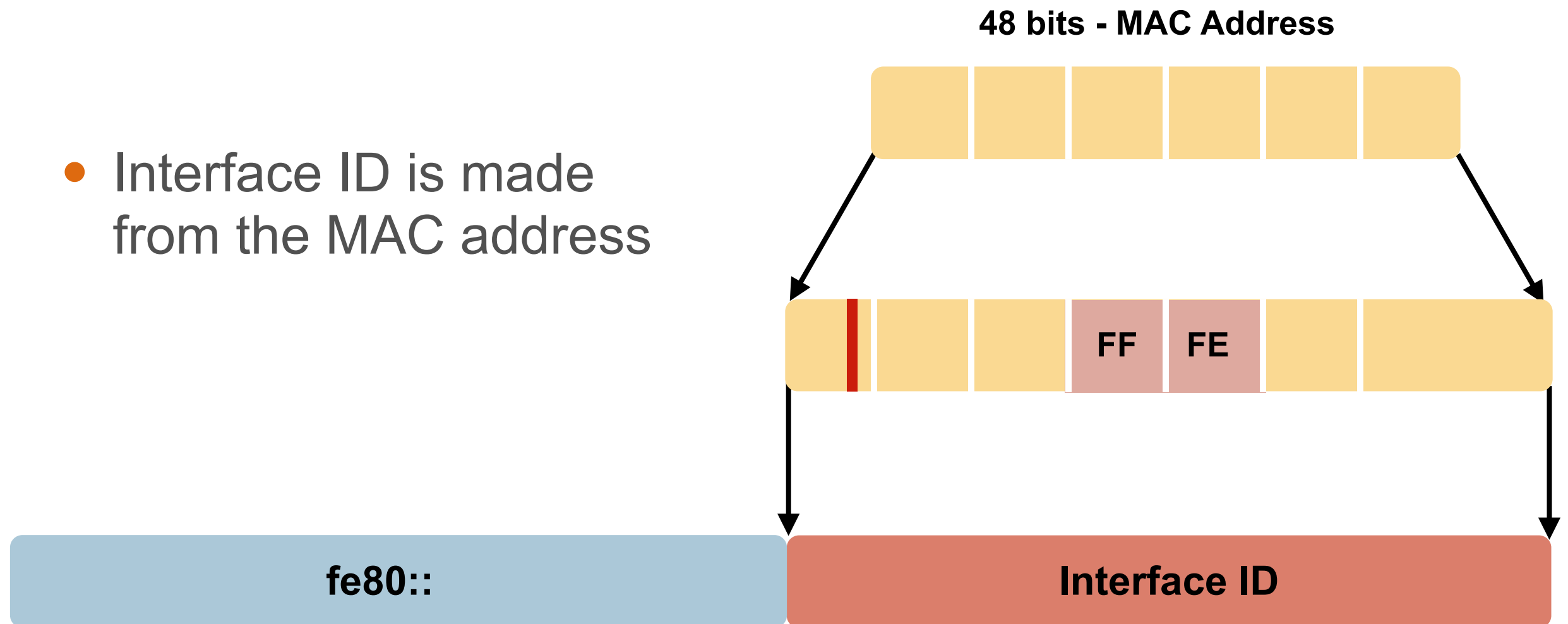




# Making a Link-Local Address



- Interface ID is made from the MAC address



- $\text{fe80::} + \text{Interface ID} = \text{Link-Local address for the host}$



# Checking for Duplicates



## Neighbor Solicitation

Hello! Is this IPv6 address in use?  
Can you tell me your MAC address?



## Neighbor Advertisement



Hello! Yes, I'm using that IPv6 address.  
My MAC address is 72:D6:0C:2F:FC:01



If nobody replies to the Neighbor Solicitation,  
the host uses the generated link-local address



# Solicited Node Multicast Address



- Used in Neighbor Discovery Protocol for obtaining the layer 2 link-layer (MAC) addresses

IPv6 unicast address



Solicited-node multicast address

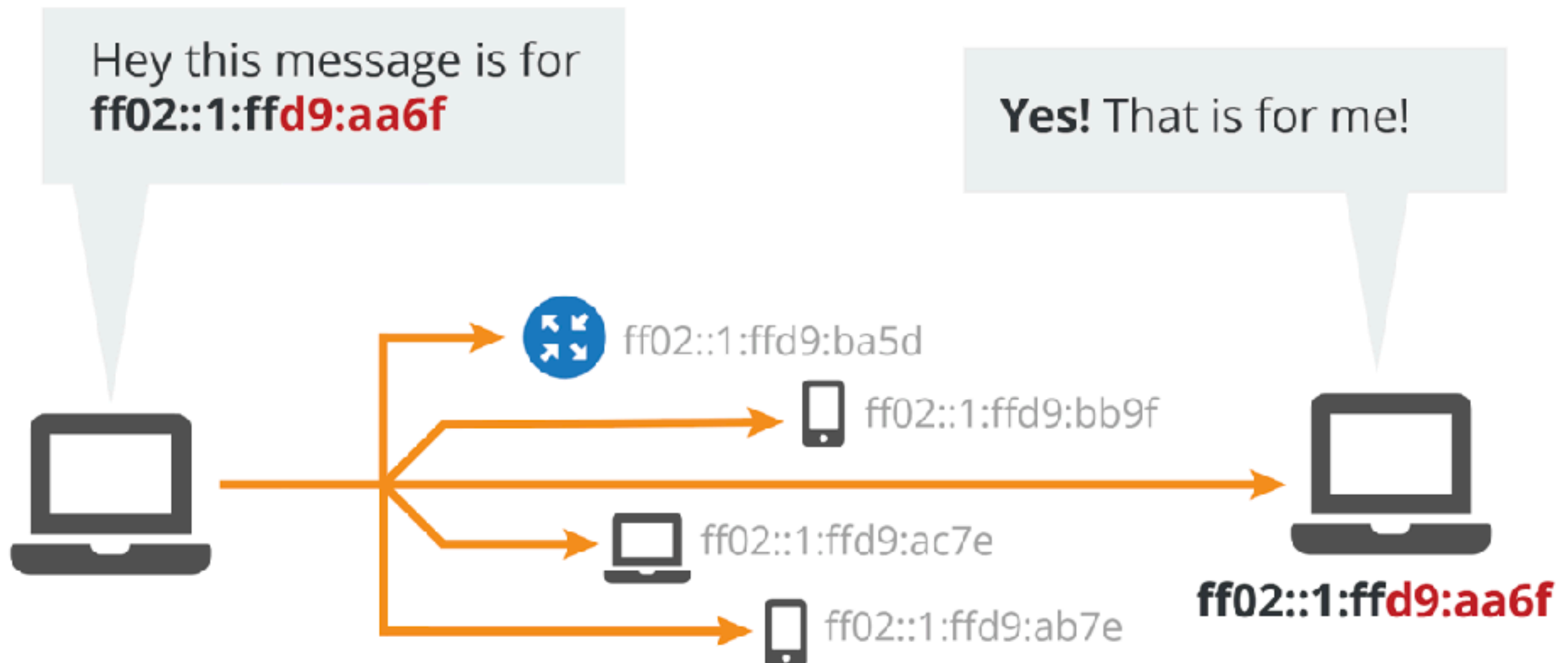


128 bits





# Solicited Node Multicast Address





# Searching for Routers



## Router Solicitation

Hello! Is there a router out there?



## Router Advertisement



Hello! I'm a router and I have some information for you...



**The Router Advertisement gives the host more information to get an IPv6 address and set up a connection**



# Stateless Address Auto-Configuration



- **The Router Advertisement message tells the host:**
  - Router's address
  - Zero or more link prefixes
  - SLAAC allowed (yes/no)
  - DHCPv6 options
  - MTU size (optional)

**Link Prefix**

**Interface ID**

Global Unicast IPv6 Address



# Interfaces will have multiple addresses



- Unicast

- Link Local `fe80::5a55:caff:fef6:bdbf/64`
- Global Unicast `2001::5a55:caff:fef6:bdbf/64` (multiple)

- Multicast

- All Nodes `ff02::1` (scope: link)
- Solicited Node `ff02::1:ff6:bdbf` (scope: link)

- Routers

- All Routers `ff02::2` (scope: link)



# Verifying Reachability



## Neighbor Solicitation

Hello! Are you still out there?  
Is your MAC address still valid?



## Neighbor Advertisement



Hello! Yes, I'm still online.  
My MAC address is 72:D6:0C:2F:FC:01



If the target does not reply to the Neighbor Solicitation,  
the sender removes the MAC address from the cache



# Redirects



## IPv6 Packet

This packet is for an IPv6 host.



## Redirect



Hello! That destination you wanted?  
I know a better way to reach it.



- Hosts can be redirected to a better first-hop router
- They can also be informed that the destination is a neighbor on the link





# Questions







# Addressing Plans

## Section 5



# Why Create an Addressing Plan?



- **Benefits of an IPv6 addressing plan**
  - Mental health during implementation (!)
  - Easier implementation of security policies
  - Efficient addressing plans are scalable
  - More efficient route aggregation



# IPv6 Address Management



- **Your spreadsheet might not scale**
  - There are 65.536 /64s in a /48
  - There are 65.536 /48s in a /32
  - There are 524.288 /48s in a /29
  - There are **16.777.216** /56s in a /32
  - There are **134.217.728** /56s in a /29
- Find a suitable IPAM solution





# Addressing Plan

Exercise



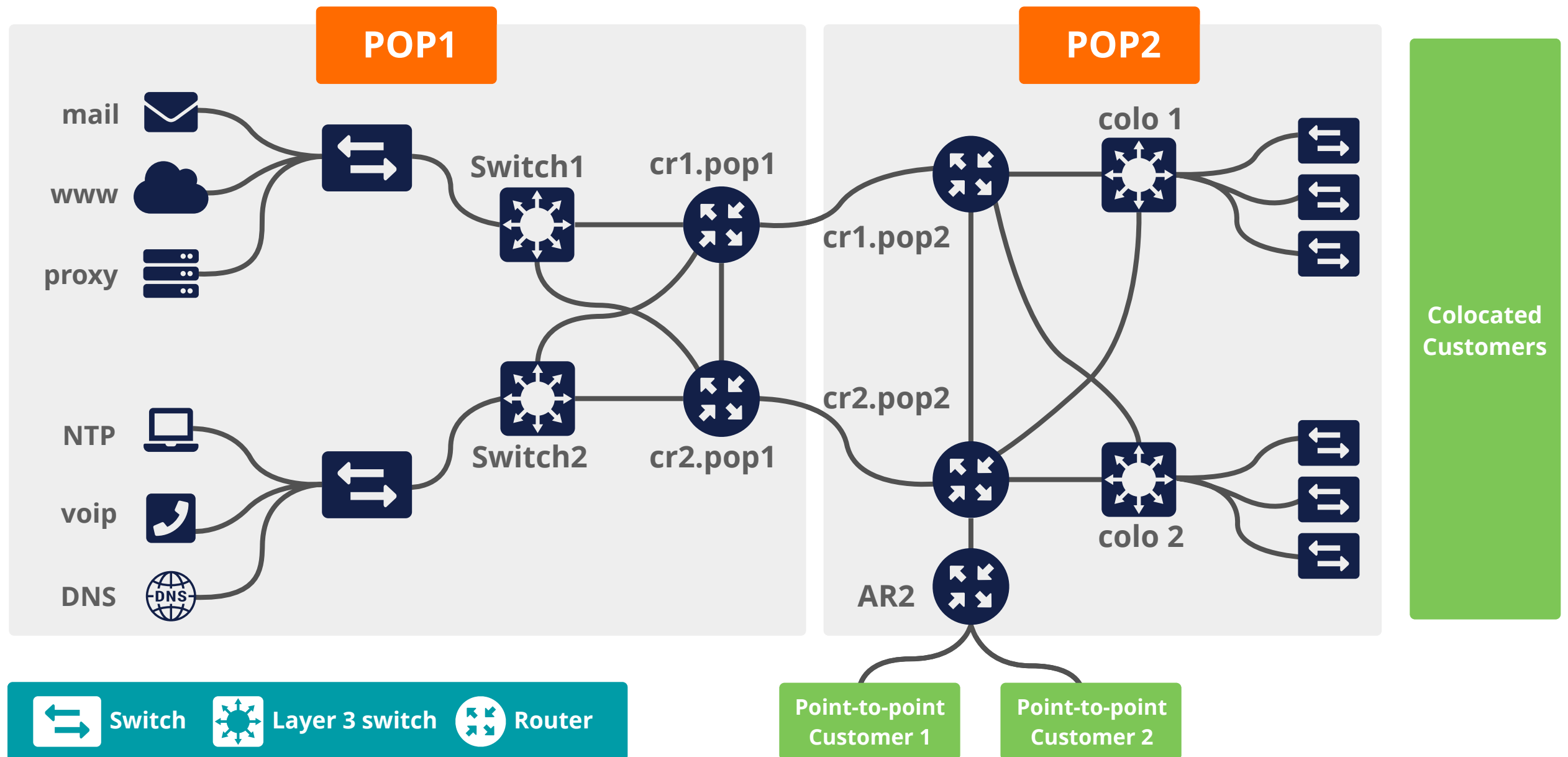
# Addressing Plan Exercise



- Things to consider
  - administrative ease!
  - use assignments on 4 bit boundary
  - 2 possible scenarios for network
  - 5 possible scenarios for customer assignments
- 20 minutes preparation time
- 10 minutes discussion

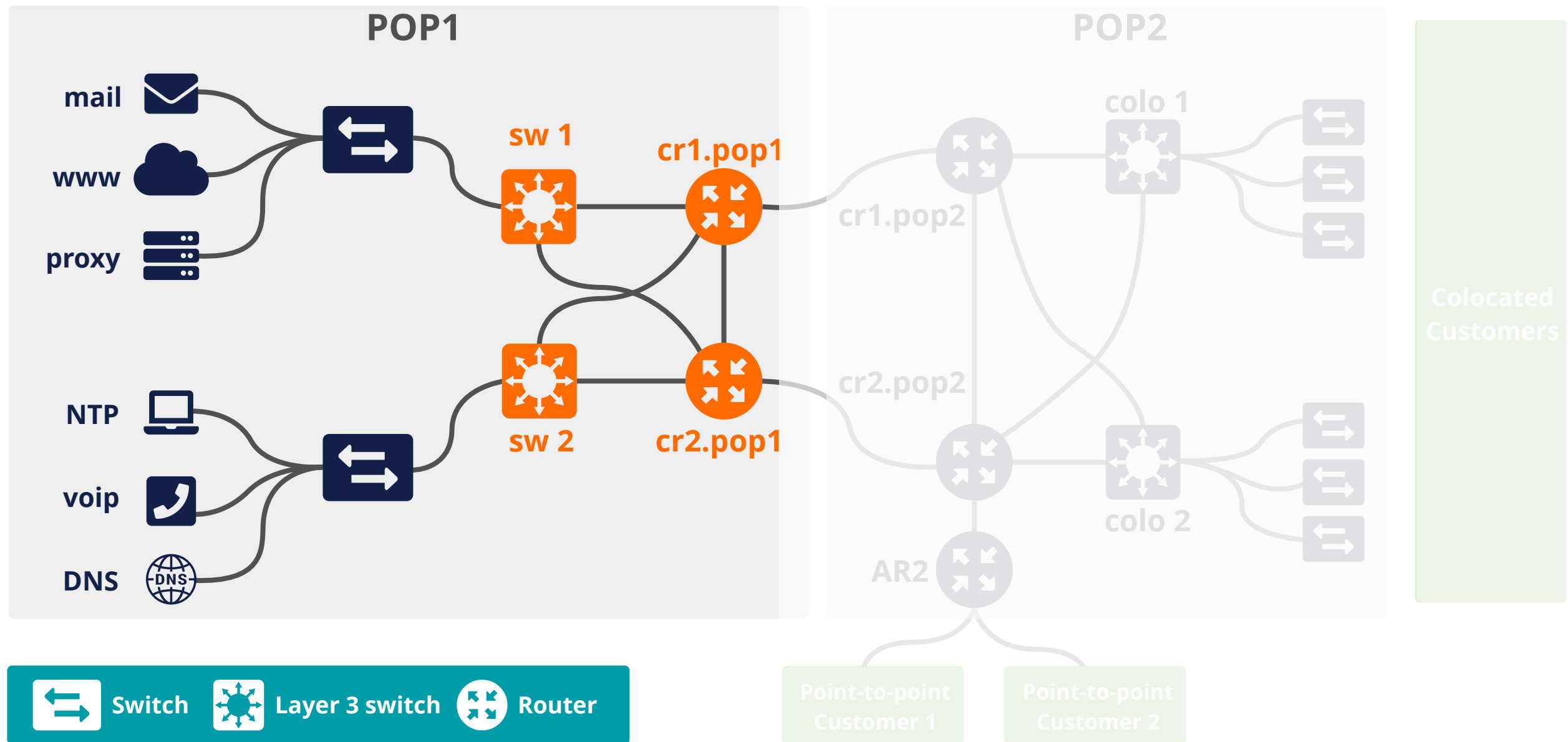


# Network Diagram - POPs



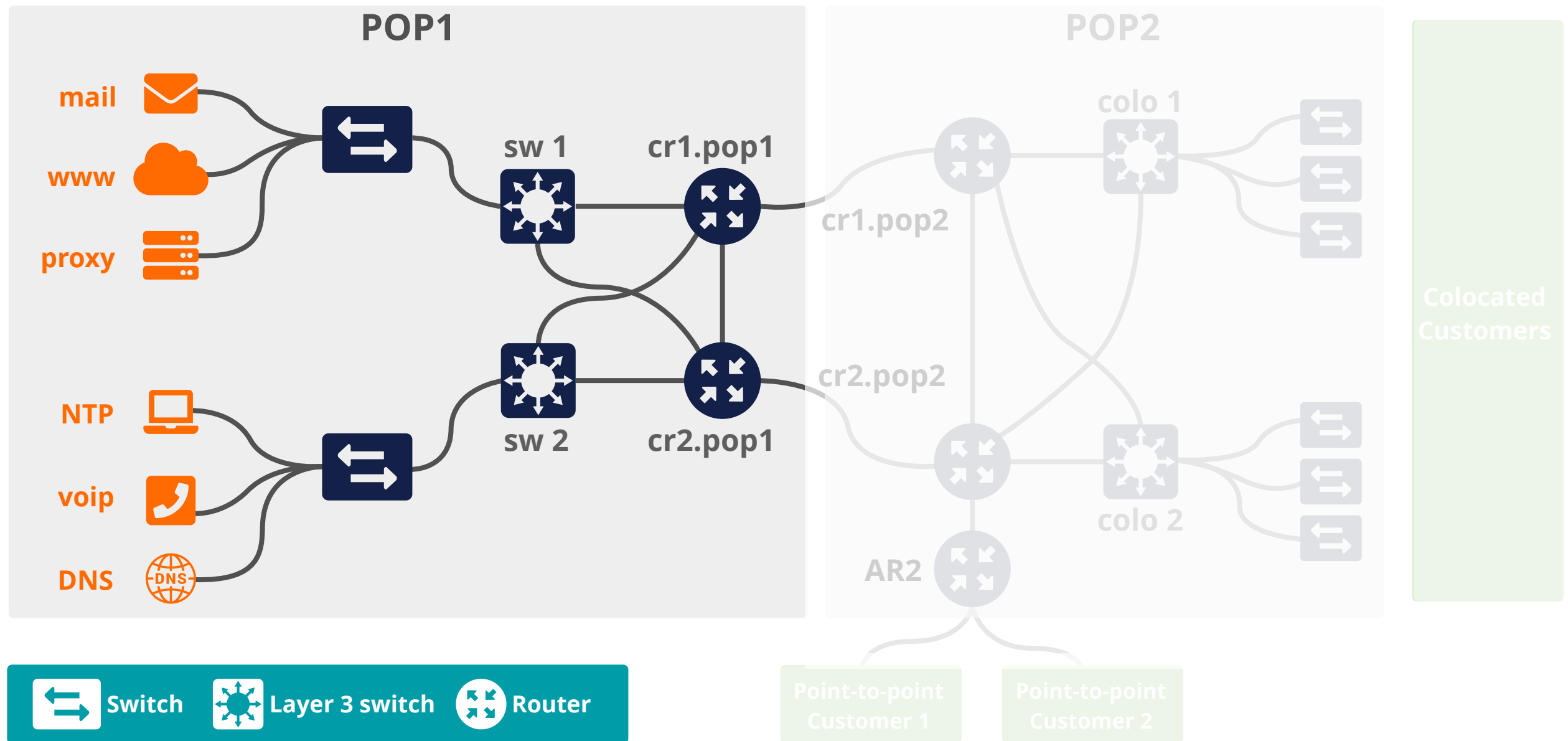


# Network Diagram - POP1



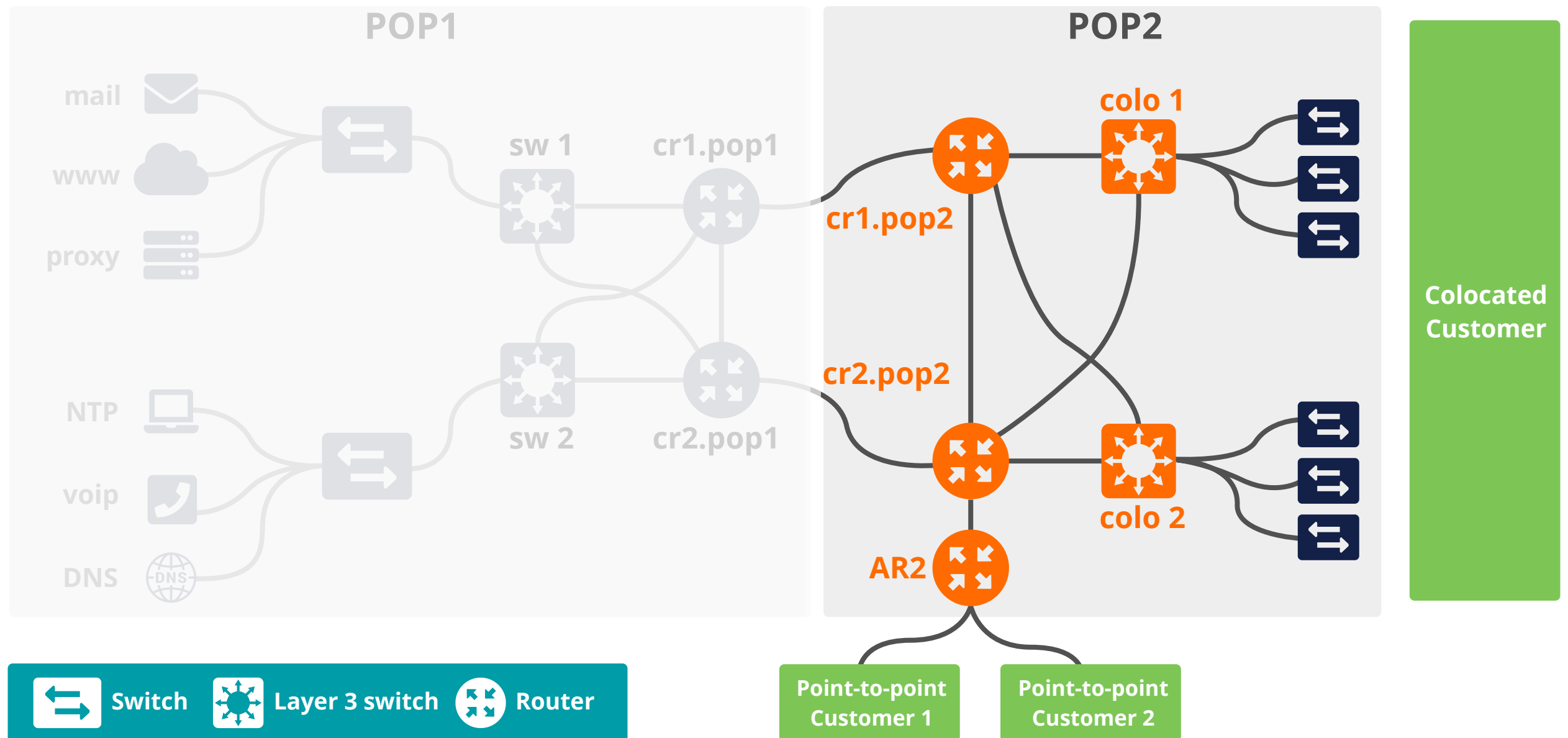


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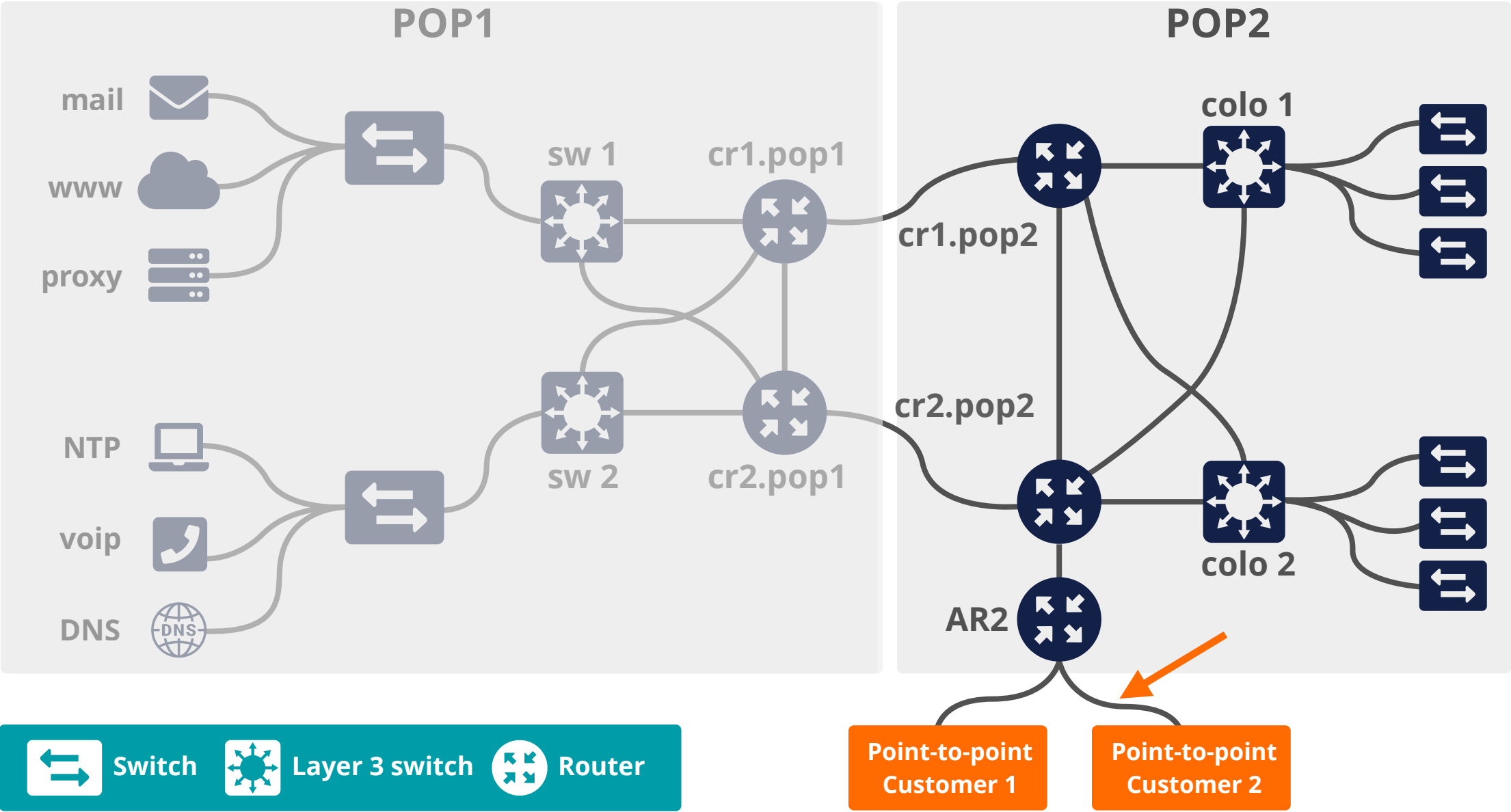


# Network Diagram - POP2





# Network Diagram - POP2





# Addressing plans



- /64 for each subnet
- Number of hosts in a /64 is irrelevant
- Multiple /48s per pop can be used
  - separate blocks for infrastructure and customers
  - document address needs for allocation criteria
- Use one /64 block per site for loopbacks



# The /64 story



- “Every interface ID must be a /64” (RFC 4291)
- Because of SLAAC
- Other RFCs followed this
- The **only** exception is a /127 for point-to-point links



# More on Addressing Plans



- For private networks, consider ULA
- For servers you want a manual configuration
- Avoid embedding service information in IP addresses
  - pop server = 2001:db8:1::110 ✗
  - dns server = 2001:db8:1::53 ✗
- Instead, use DNS for service discovery
  - POP server: 2001:db8:1::1 (resolvable as pop.example.com)
  - DNS server: 2001:db8:1::2 (resolvable as dns.example.com)





# Questions







# IPv6 Packets

## Section 6



# IPv6 Header Format



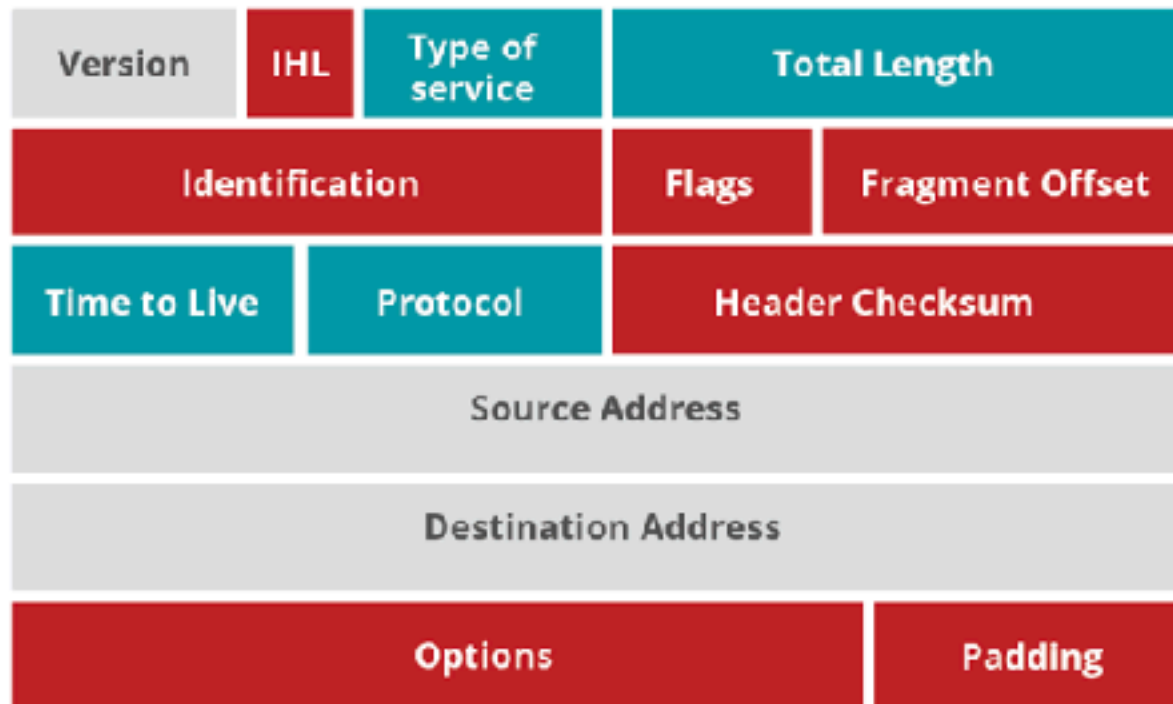
- Fixed length
  - Optional headers are daisy-chained
- IPv6 header is twice as long (40 bytes) as IPv4 header without options (20 bytes)



# IPv6 Header



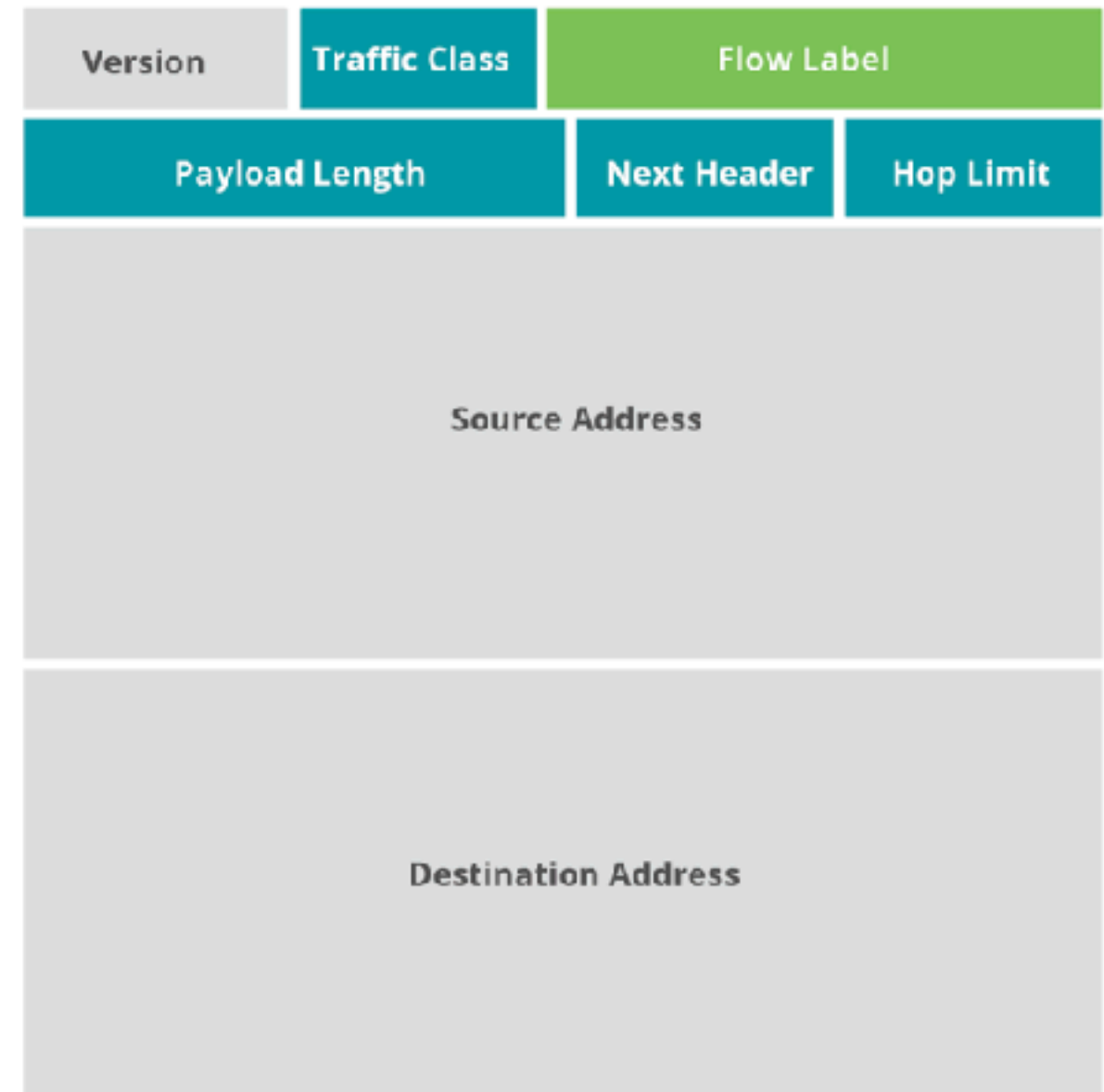
**IPv4 Header**



## LEGEND

- Field's name kept from IPv4 to IPv6
- Field not kept in IPv6
- Name and position changed in IPv6
- New field in IPv6

**IPv6 Header**

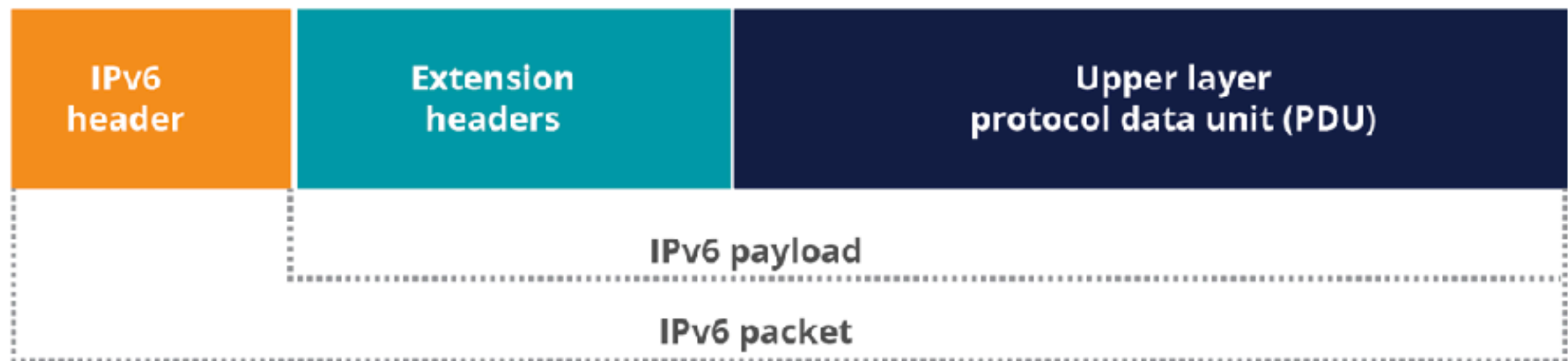




# IPv6 Header



- Optional fields go into extension headers

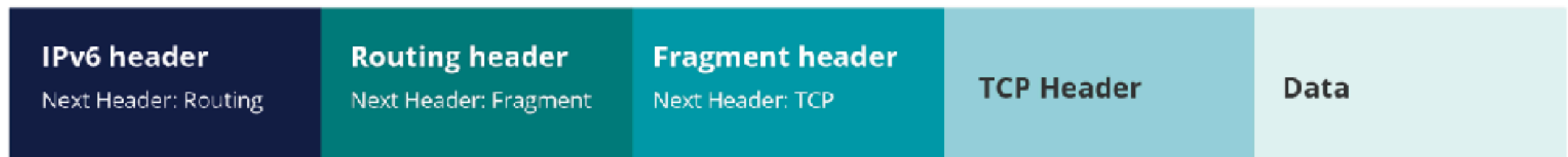
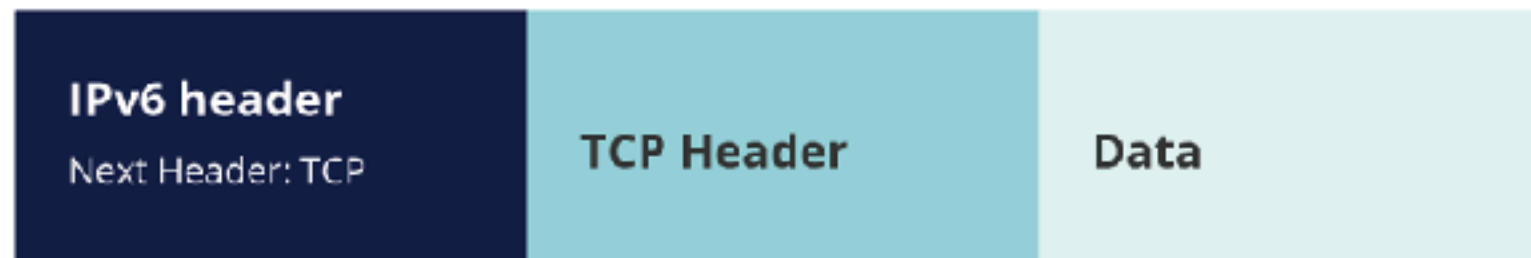




# IPv6 Header



- Daisy-chained after the main header





# Common Headers



- Common values of Next Header Fields:
  - 0 Hop-by-hop option (extension)
  - 6 TCP (payload)
  - 17 UDP (payload)
  - 43 Routing (extension)
  - 44 Fragmentation (extension)
  - 50 Encrypted Security Payload (extension)
  - 58 ICMPv6



# Fragmentation



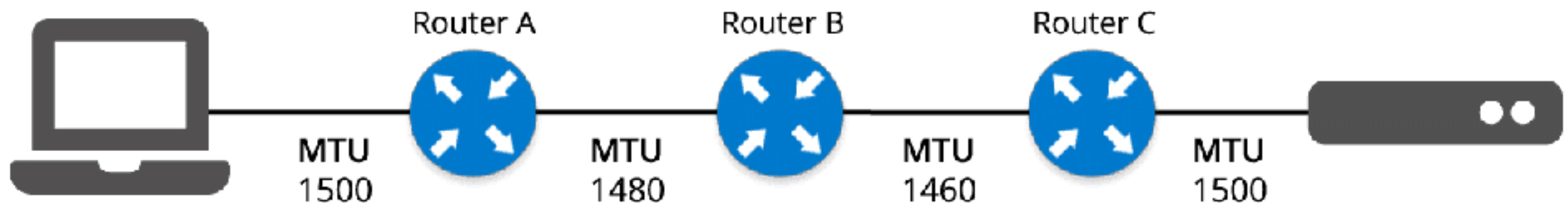
- Routers **don't** fragment packets with IPv6
  - More efficient handling of packets in the core
  - Fragmentation is being done by host
- If a packet is **too big** for next hop:
  - “Packet too big” error message
  - This is an ICMPv6 message
  - Filtering ICMPv6 causes problems



# Path MTU Discovery



- A sender who gets this “message-too-big” ICMPv6 error tries again with a smaller packet
  - A hint of size is in the error message
  - This is called Path MTU Discovery





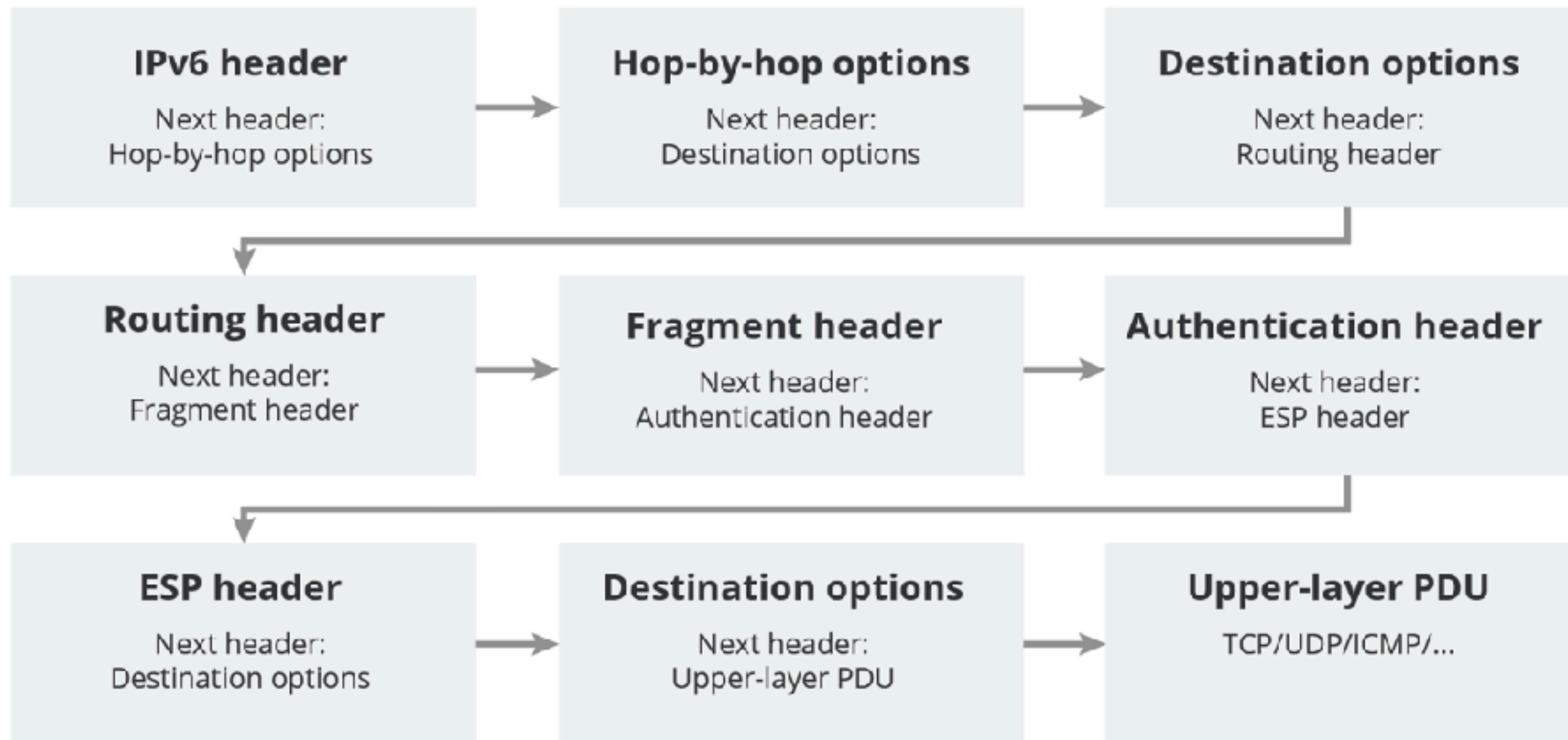
# Ordering of Headers



- Order is important:
  - Only hop-by-hop header has to be processed by every node
  - Routing header needs to be processed by every router
  - Fragmentation has to be processed before others at the destination



# Ordering of Headers







# Questions







# Deploying IPv6

## Section 7



# Assigning Addresses



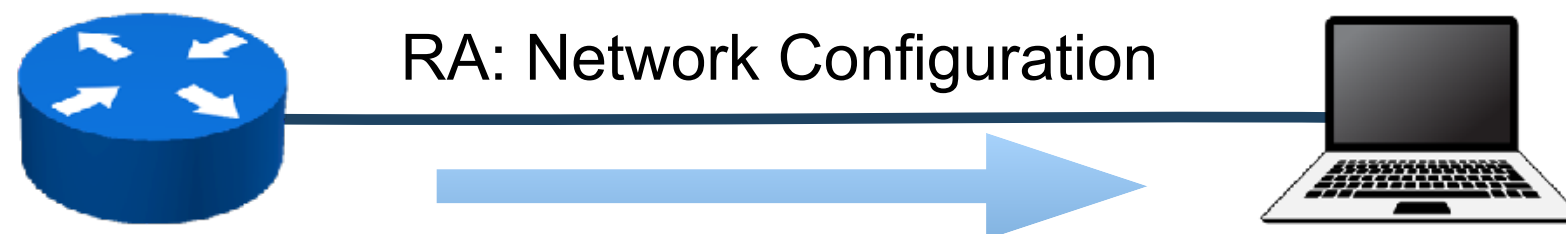
- **Routers influence how hosts connect to network**
- **Several options:**
  - Manual configuration
  - Router Advertisement only (SLAAC)
  - RA + DHCPv6 ('M' flag on)
  - RA + DHCPv6 ('O' flag on)
  - RA ('A' flag off) + DHCPv6 ('M' flag on)
- **Gateway is *always* provided by the RA**



# Router Advertisement Options

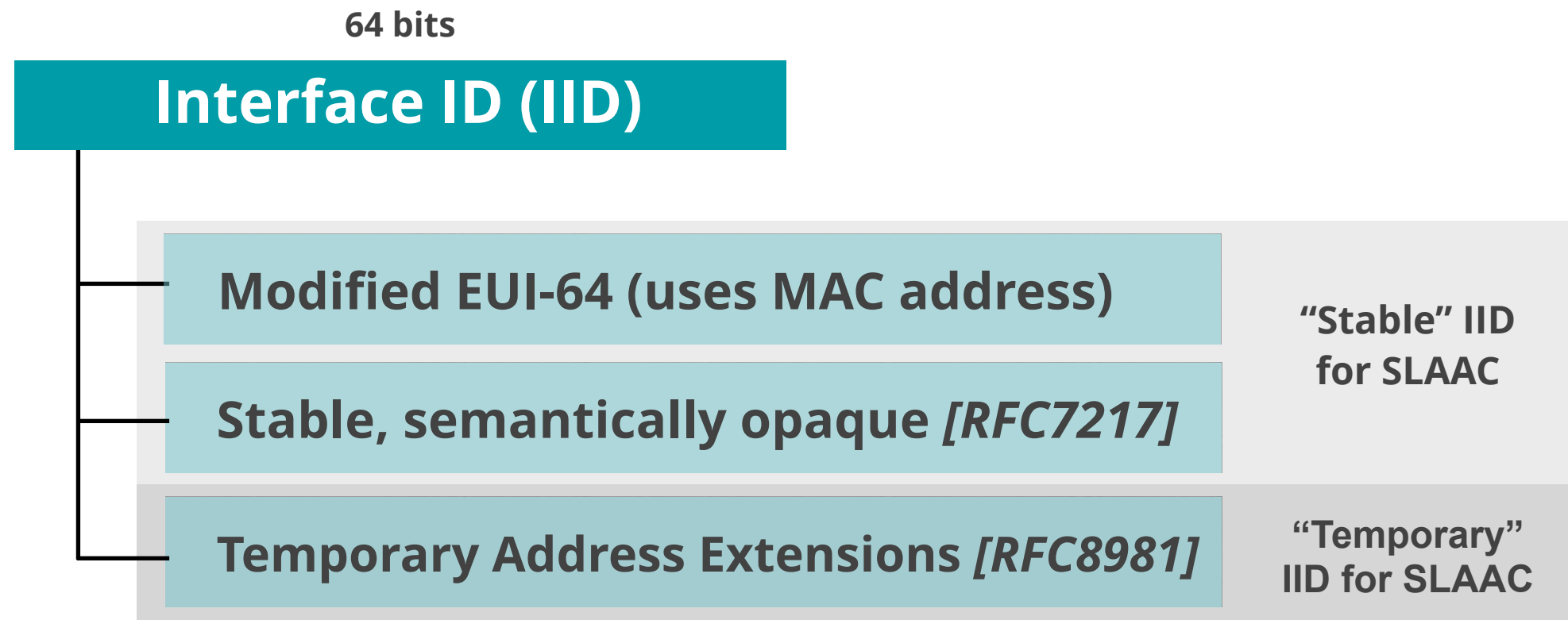


- **RA message** is used to provide configuration info
  - Default gateway address
  - Which prefix(es) to use on the link? Prefix length?
  - Is SLAAC allowed?
  - Is DHCPv6 available? For address/options? Only options?
  - What is the preference of a router on the link?
  - DNS servers / Domain (optional)
  - MTU size (optional)





# SLAAC IID Generation Options





# Stable, Semantically Opaque IID



- Consider IID bits “**opaque**”, no value or meaning *[RFC7136]*

## How to generate IIDs *[RFC7217]*

Different for each interface in the same network prefix

Not related to any fixed interface identifier

Always the same when same interface connected to same network

- Widely used and standardised for “**stable**” addresses *[RFC8064]*



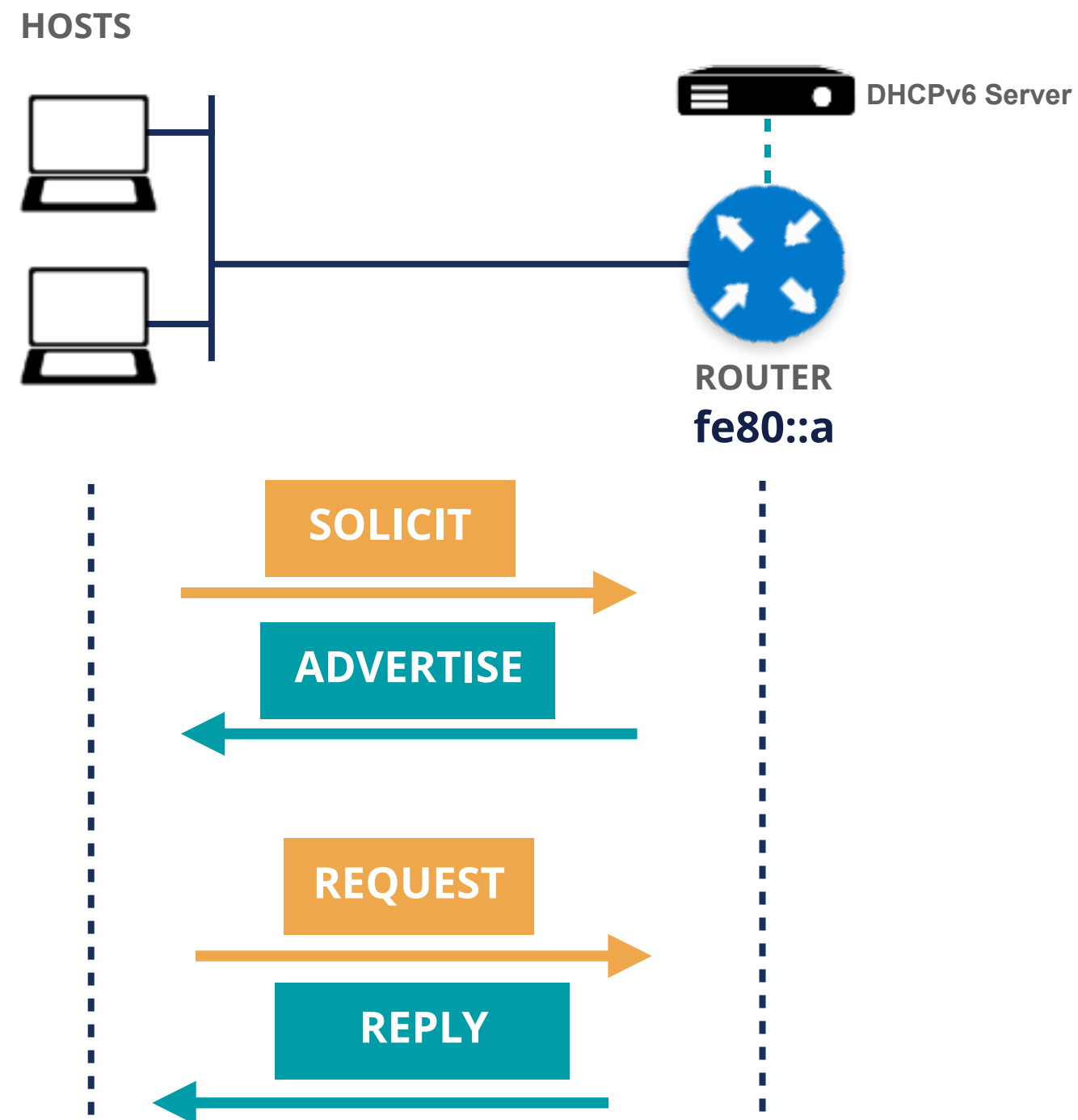
# DHCPv6



- Used to give additional information like DNS servers or to manage the address pool
- Router Advertisement message contains hints
  - If “managed” flag = ‘1’  $\Rightarrow$  can use DHCPv6 to get an address
  - Optionally provide the address of a DNS server (RFC 8106)
- Using additional flags, the network admin can disable SLAAC and force DHCPv6

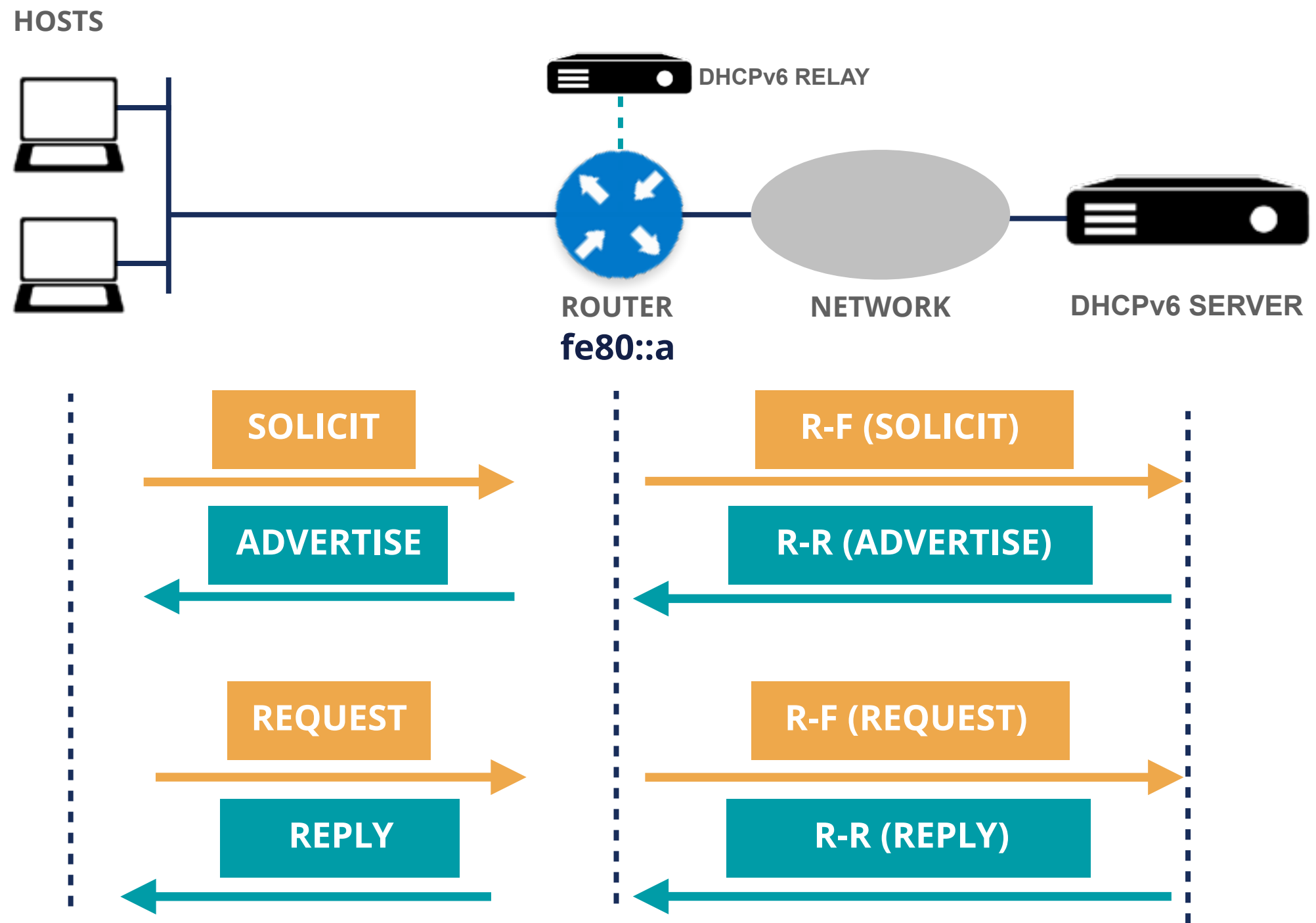


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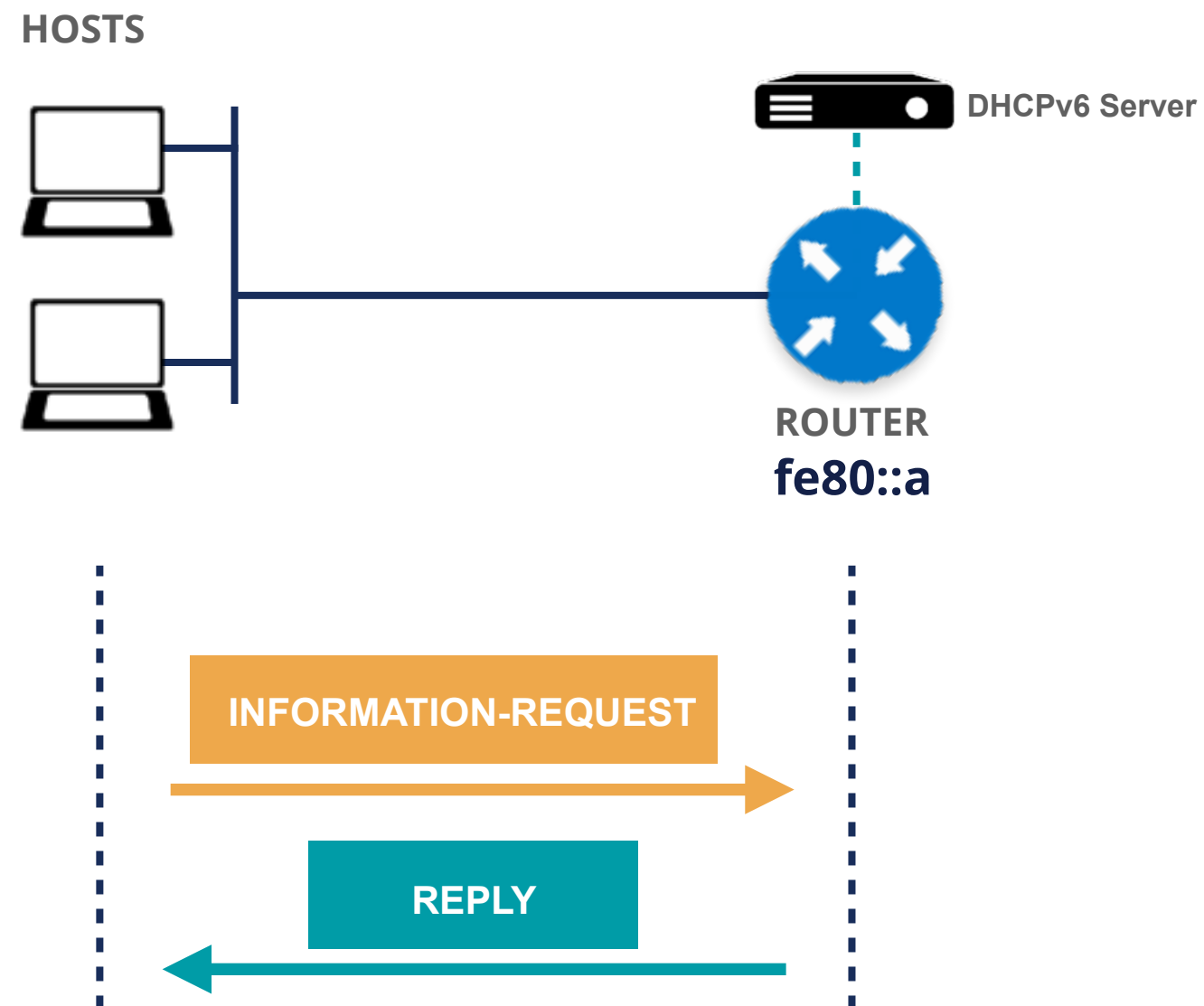


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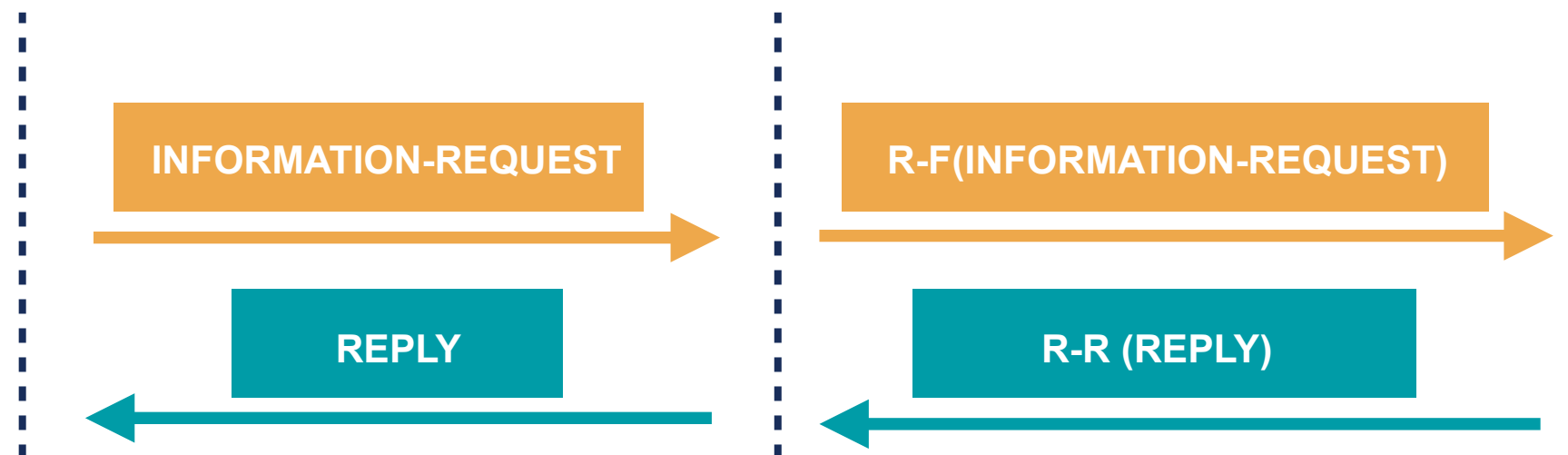
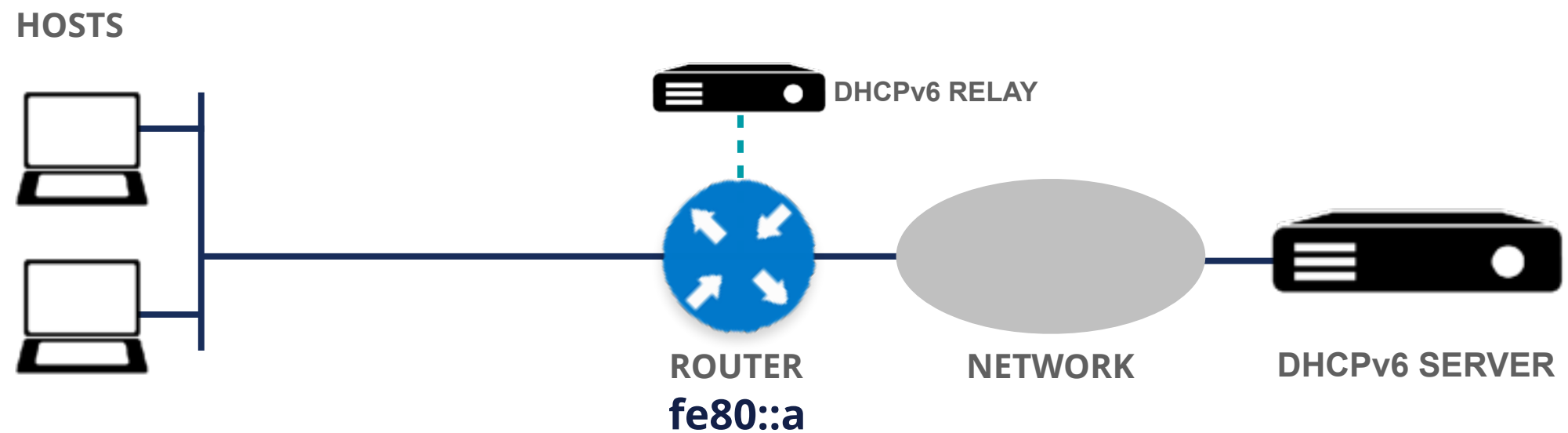


# DHCPv6 (M=0, O=1)





# DHCPv6 (M=0, O=1)





# MLD



- **Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD)** is an important component of IPv6
- IPv6 routers use MLD to discover multicast listeners on a directly attached link, similar to IGMP in IPv4
- MLD is embedded in ICMPv6. Two versions exist:
  - MLDv1 similar to IGMPv2
  - MLDv2 similar to IGMPv3



# MLD



- 3 types of messages: **Query, Report, Done**

MLD	IGMP	Message Type	ICMPv6 Type	Function
MLDv1 (RFC2710)	IGMPv2	Listener Query	130	Discover multicast listeners
		Listener Report	131	Response to a Query, joins a group
		Listener Done	132	Node reports that it has stopped listening
MLDv2 (RFC3810)	IGMPv3	Listener Query	130	Discover multicast listeners
		Listener Report	143	Current multicast listening state, or changes





# DNS in IPv6 is difficult?

- **DNS** is not IP layer dependent
- **A** record for **IPv4**
- **AAAA** record for **IPv6**
- Don't answer based on incoming protocol
- Only challenges are for translations
  - NAT64, proxies



# Reverse DNS



**2001:db8:3e:ef11::c100:4d**



# Reverse DNS



**2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d**

**. . . . .ip6.arpa.**

**d.4.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.**

**d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. PTR**

**yourname.domain.tld.**

**d.4.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. PTR yourname.domain.tld.**



# IPv6 and Domain Objects



- IPv6 prefix: **2001:db8::/32**
- Domain object:
  - domain: **8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa**
  - descr: rDNS for my whole IPv6 network
  - admin-c: NOC12-RIPE
  - tech-c: NOC12-RIPE
  - zone-c: NOC12-RIPE
  - nserver: pri.example.net
  - nserver: sns.company.org
  - ds-rdata: 45062 8 2 275d9acbf3d3fec11b6d6...
  - mnt-by: EXAMPLE-LIR-MNT
  - created: 2015-01-21T13:52:29Z
  - last-modified: 2016-02-07T15:09:46Z
  - source: RIPE



# Security Considerations



- Everybody can claim to be a router
  - **Use RA Guard to filter unauthorised RAs**
    - RFC 6105
  - **Secure Neighbour Discovery (SEND)**
    - RFC 3971
    - Neighbour Solicitation/Advertisement spoofing
    - DoS Attack
    - Router Solicitation and Advertisement Attacks



# Security Considerations



- **Leaking router advertisements**
  - Cisco enables RA by default
  - Windows, MacOS and others will default accept
  - A machine can easily get IPv6 unnoticed
- **Big threat today in IPv6 is human error**
  - lack of knowledge / training
  - typos
  - Maintaining two IP protocols





# Configuring IPv6

## Exercise



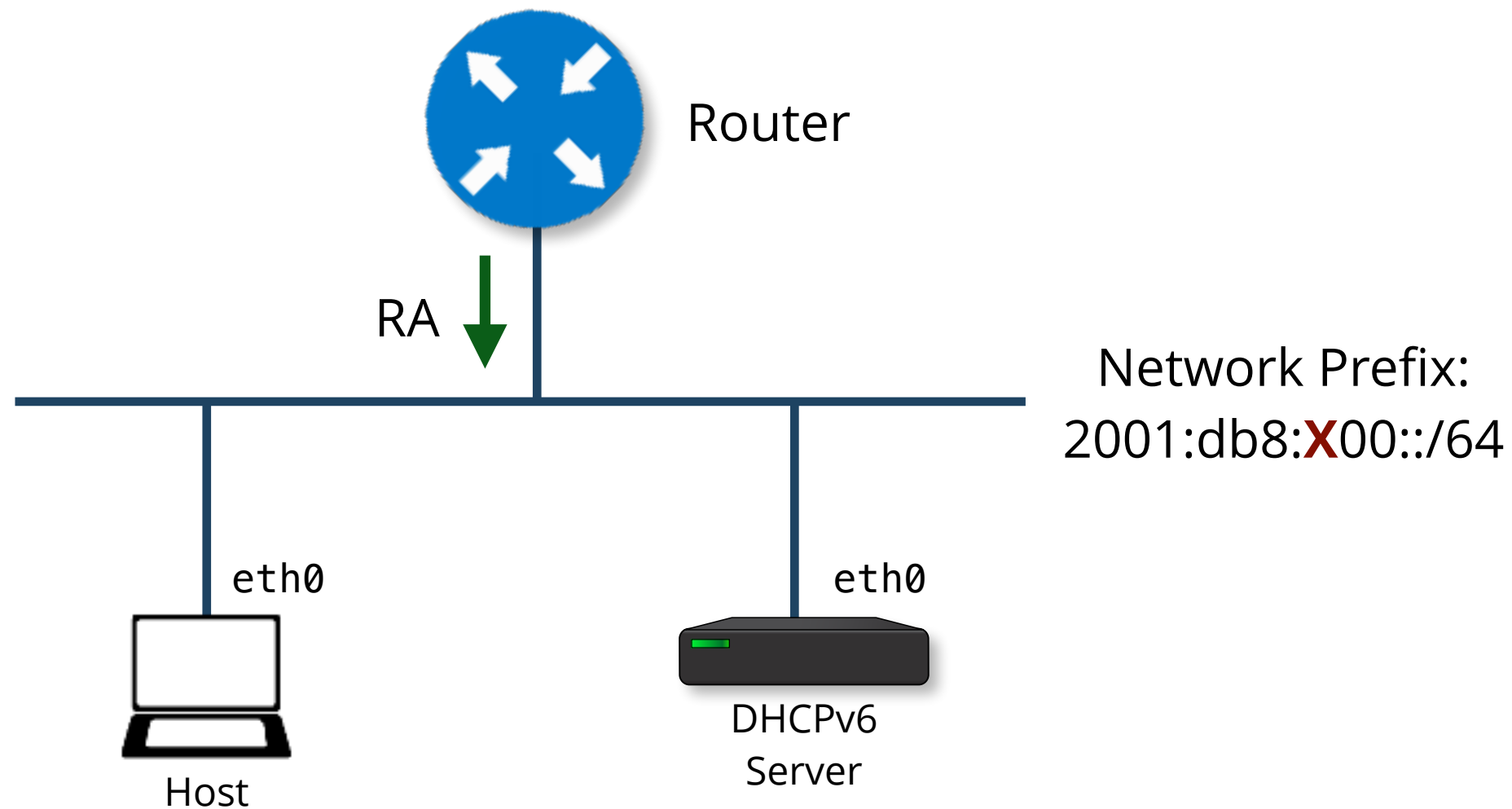
# Assigning Addresses



- **Router** will send the Router Advertisements
- **Host** will get IPv6 configuration info in four ways:
  - RA + SLAAC only
  - RA + SLAAC + RDNSS option for DNS servers
  - RA + SLAAC + 'O' flag (DHCPv6 Other Configuration)
  - RA + **no SLAAC** + 'M' flag (DHCPv6 Managed)
- The DHCPv6 server is already configured



# Network Diagram





# Exercise: IPv6 Host Configuration



- Make sure you have connectivity
- Go to: <https://workbench.ripe.net>
- Choose the lab (ask the trainers)
- Your login is your assigned number
- The trainers will provide the password
- Choose “**IPv6 Fundamentals**” from the menu



# Host: Check the Configuration



- Verify that the **Host** has **no IPv6 address or DNS servers configured**

```
ip addr
```

```
ip -6 route
```

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```



# Router : Enable RAs



- Enable the **RA** messages on eth0

```
router# configure
```

```
router(config)# interface eth0
```

```
router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# end
```



# Host: Check the Configuration



- Verify that the **Host** now has an **IPv6 address**
- But still **no DNS servers**

```
ip addr
```

```
ip -6 route
```

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```



# Router : Provide DNS via RDNSS



- Configure **RDNSS** and restart RA messages

```
router# configure
```

```
router(config)# interface eth0
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd rdnss 2001:db8::53
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# end
```



# Host: Check the Configuration



- Verify that the **Host** now has a **DNS server**

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```



# Router : Provide DNS via DHCPv6



- Enable the **O-flag** and restart RA messages

```
router# configure
```

```
router(config)# interface eth0
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd other-config-flag
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# end
```



# Host: Check the Configuration



- Verify that the **Host** now has two **DNS servers**

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```



# Router : Everything via DHCPv6



- Enable **M-flag** and disable **A-flag** (no-autoconfig)

```
router# configure
```

```
router(config)# interface eth0
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
```

```
# ipv6 nd prefix 2001:db8:X00::/64 no-autoconfig
```

```
router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd rdnss 2001:db8::53
```

```
router(config-if)# ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# no ipv6 nd suppress-ra
```

```
router(config-if)# end
```



# Host: Restart Network Manager



- We restart the network manager on Host to pick up new configuration faster

```
dhcpcd -k
```



# Host: Check the Configuration



- Verify that the **Host** has an **IPv6 address** and **DNS servers configured**

```
ip addr
```

```
ip -6 route
```

```
cat /etc/resolv.conf
```





# Questions







# Real Life IPv6 Deployment

## Section 8



# Colocation Provider



- 30 staff
- Routing
  - Dual Stack!
  - Possible IGP combinations were:
    - OSPFv2 for IPv4, IS-IS for IPv6 (only)
    - OSPFv2 for IPv4, OSPFv3 for IPv6
    - IS-IS for IPv4, OSPFv3 for IPv6
    - IS-IS for both IPv4 and IPv6 (**their solution**)
  - Check internal routing before going external!



# Colocation Provider



- Checklist
  - set access lists on network equipment
  - set up monitoring (SNMP)
  - have working DNS
- Subnetting tools
  - sipcalc, IPv6calc, apps
- Every customer gets a /48 assignment
  - and a /64 for the connection



# Colocation Provider



- Points of attention:
  - stateless auto configuration can assign a subnet “unexpectedly”
  - not all firewalls support IPv6
  - be careful with statement “*IPv6 ready*”



# ISP xDSL



- 200 staff
- 2 /32 prefixes (due to merger)
  - not enough
  - make a plan before requesting allocation
- /48 per POP
- /56 per router
- /64 per customer vlan



# ISP xDSL



- Servers
  - no EUI-64
  - no autoconfig
  - port number for services (i.e. POP3 at ::110)
  - default gateway manually set to, for example:
    - 2001:db8::1/64 (*usually*)



# ISP xDSL



- Network links (point-to-point)
  - core
    - /64 per link
    - ::1 - ::2
    - no auto configuration
    - easy to remember
- You don't want your router link at:
  - 2001:db8:cf9d:7631:cd01:fe55:4532:ae60/64
- You want your router link at:
  - 2001:db8:1:1::/64



# Large Enterprise



- Approx. 550 IT staff
- Several locations worldwide
- Most of their business processes rely heavily on the Internet
- Driven to IPv6 by need to continue doing business as usual



# Large Enterprise



- Make an inventory of IT needs
  - Hardware / Software / Services
  - Talk to your ISPs early during preparation
- Evaluate the current IPv6 offerings
  - Don't trust your vendor on "full IPv6 support"
  - Basic network functions are not the issue
  - Check cloud solutions
- Train your IT staff
  - Make them understand the WHY of IPv6
  - Focus on the people responsible for applications



# Large Enterprise



- Build a testlab (and start testing!)
- Make an IPv6 Roadmap
  - Dedicated IT group approves roadmap and tracks status
  - “IPv6 Readiness” required for all new purchases
  - Plan replacement of solutions that don’t do IPv6
  - Point out the risks of apps not doing IPv6
- Phased Approach to Deployment
  - Phase 1: dual stack all external facing services
  - Phase 2: datacenter and internal network





# Tips

## Section 9



# How to get started



- Change purchasing procedure (feature parity)
- Check your current hardware and software
- Plan every step and test
- One service at a time
  - face first
  - core
  - customers
- Create a lessons learned document
- Update your marketing team promptly and appropriately



# RIPE-772 Document



- “Requirements for IPv6 in ICT Equipment”
  - Best Current Practice describing what to ask for when requesting IPv6 Support
  - Useful for tenders and RFPs
  - Original version was ripe-554
  - Ripe-554 Originated by the Slovenian Government
  - Adopted by various others (Germany, Sweden)

**Link to the document:**

**<https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-772>**



# Troubleshooting for ISP Helpdesks



- Most ISP connectivity problems are not IPv6 related
- Helpdesks can get confused!
  - IPv6 is new for them
  - They don't have experience with IPv6 issues
- A generic troubleshooting guide can help!
- Based on the open source testipv6.com tool
- Customisable

<https://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-631>





# Customers And Their /48



- Customers have no idea how to handle **65,536 subnets!**
- Provide them with information!



Link to the document:

<https://www.ripe.net/support/training/material/basicipv6-addressing-plan-howto.pdf>



# Also useful



- Websites

- <http://www.getipv6.info>
- <http://www.ipv6actnow.org>
- <http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/v6ops/>
- <https://www.ripe.net/publications/docs/ripe-772>

- Mailing lists

- <http://lists.cluenet.de/mailman/listinfo/ipv6-ops>
- <http://www.ripe.net/mailman/listinfo/ipv6-wg>



# Don'ts



- Don't separate IPv6 features from IPv4
- Don't do everything in one go
- Don't appoint an IPv6 specialist
  - do you have an IPv4 specialist?
- Don't see IPv6 as a product
  - the Internet is the product!





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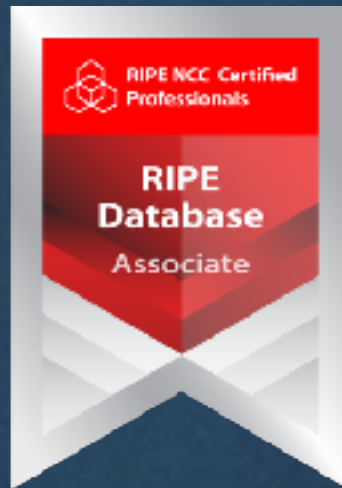
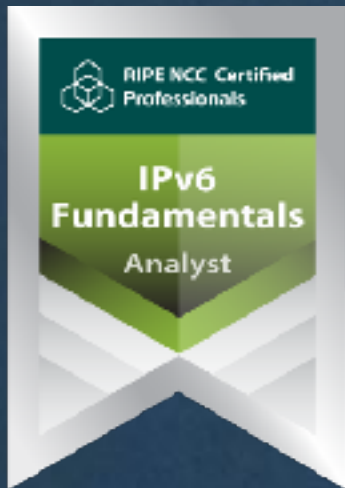
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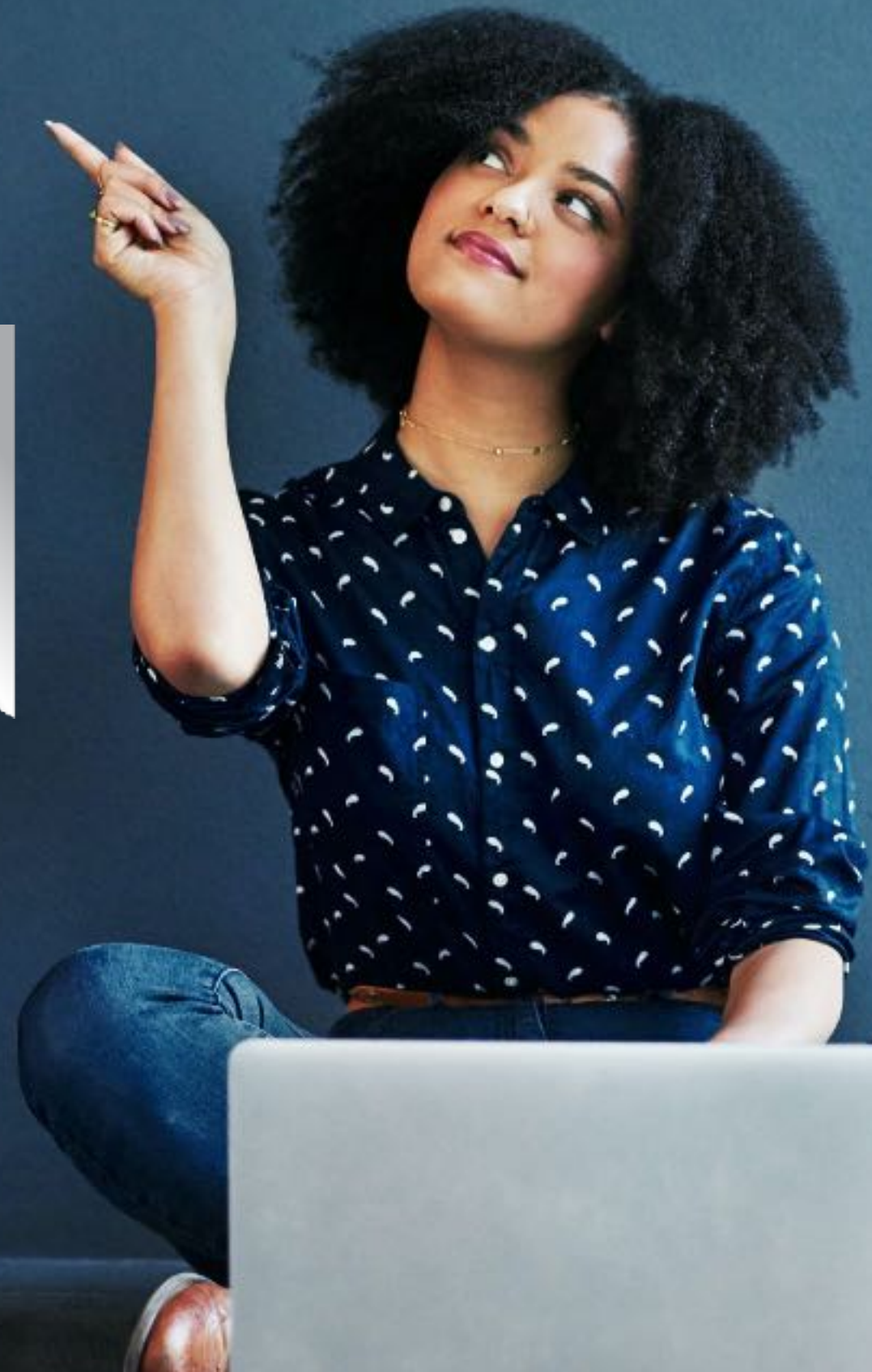




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