

# Introduction to IPv6

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Structure and function of IPv6 addresses

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# Vision

- There is a federal mandate for IPv6.
- Let's get the training we need!
- Please put in the chat window (or email to me / Fred) any IPv6 terms or concepts which you find confusing, anywhere you find yourself stuck in implementation, or what information you feel would help you! This will allow us to think about follow-on activities / webinars.

# A few words about me

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- President: Industry Network Technology Council (<https://industriynetcouncil.org/>)
- Founder & CEO: Outside the Stacks, Inc. (<https://www.outsidethestack.net/>)
- Co-Founder & Advisory Board: India Internet Engineering Society (<https://www.iiesoc.in/>)
- RFCs: RFC8250 (Embedded performance and diagnostics for IPv6) and others
- Active in TLS and MLS IETF groups
- Product developer (OEMed by IBM and others)
- Working with IPv6 for 20 years
- Working with network management, diagnostic, performance issues at large brick-and-mortar enterprises for over 30 years



# Agenda

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- Introduction to addressing
- Overview of Binary, Hexadecimal, decimal addressing concepts
- Zero compression
- Address changes from IPv4 to IPv6
- Public and private addresses
- IPv6 Prefixes
- IPv6 Address Structure
- IPv6 Interface ID
- IPv6 Addressing and Address Allocation Methods (stateless, stateful)
- Address types, unicast, multicast, anycast
- Address categories: global, site local, link local
- Unique Local Unicast addresses
- Special addresses (loopback, unspecified, IPv4 mapped IPv6)
- Broadcast address elimination

# Network Addresses

Each one needs one!



Let's look at an address

**What is this?**



1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500



# Private vs. Public Addresses

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**Public:**

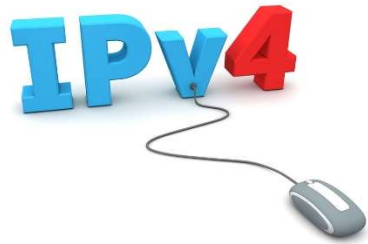
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
NW, Washington, DC 20500



**Private:**

P.O. Box 27624  
Washington, D.C. 20500

# Sample IPv4 Addresses



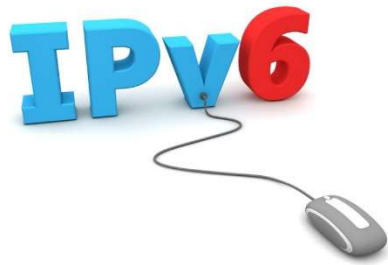
192.168.1.1

10.12.15.201

201.23.5.104



# Sample IPv6 Addresses



3FFE:52AB:2:ABC:123:56:DE:1  
2001::2:ABC:123  
FE80::1234:1  
FF01::2  
::

# Sample Private Addresses

192.168.1.1

- IPv4
- Private

FE80::1234:1

- IPv6
- Private (limited)

# Sample Public Addresses

201.23.5.104

- IPv4
- Public

2001::2:ABC:123

- IPv6
- Public

# TCP/IP Network

## Addresses



192.168.1.100  
2001:5c0:8fff:3::100



192.168.1.101  
2001:5c0:8fff:3::101



192.168.1.102  
2001:5c0:8fff:3::102

# Addressing Concepts

Decimal notation (IPv4)

1.2.3.4

Hexadecimal notation (IPv6)

00 - FF

Binary

1 byte = 8 bits

# Important IPv6 Prefix Notations

/8

```
11111111xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
```

00xx::  
FFxx::

/16

```
1111111111111111xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
```

0000::  
FFFF::

/32

```
1111111111111111.1111111111111111.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
```

0000:0000::  
FFFF:FFFF::

/48

```
1111111111111111.1111111111111111.
1111111111111111xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
```

0000:0000:0000::  
FFFF:FFFF:FFFF::

/56

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1111111111111111.1111111111111111.
1111111111111111.1111111xxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
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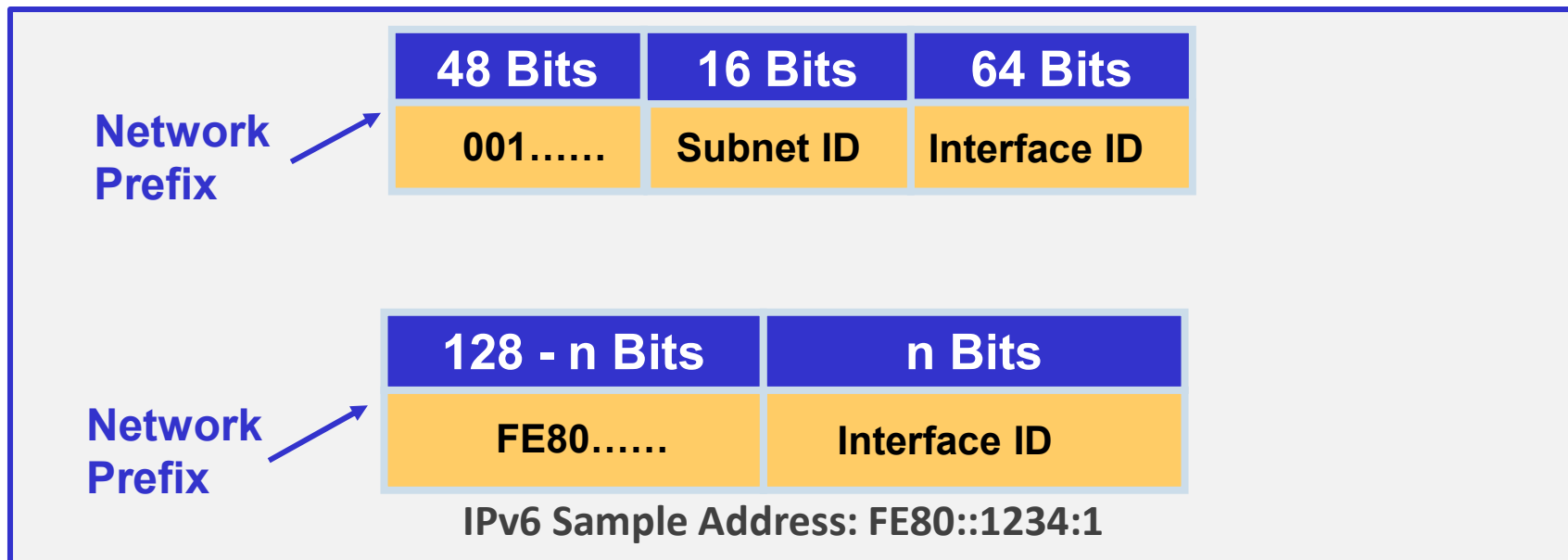
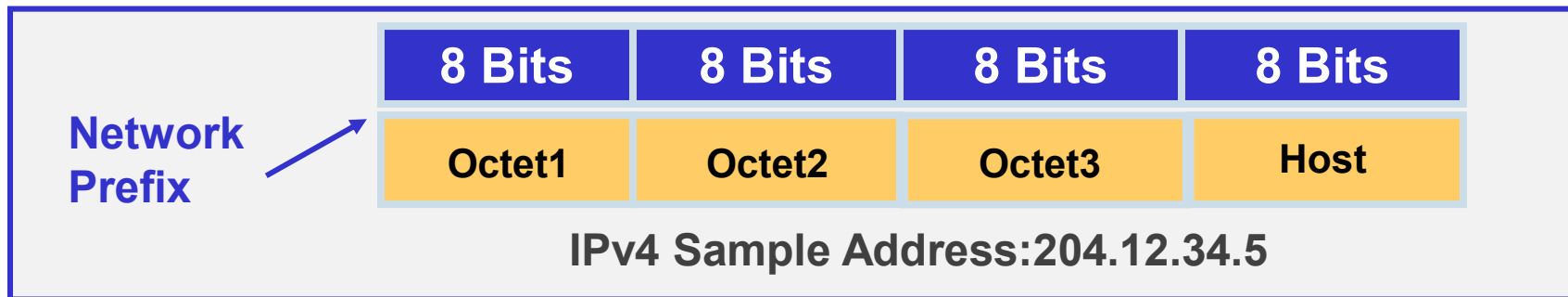
0000:0000:0000:00xx::  
FFFF:FFFF:FFFF:FFxx::

/64

```
1111111111111111.1111111111111111.
1111111111111111.1111111111111111.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.
```

0000:0000:0000:0000::  
FFFF:FFFF:FFFF:FFFF::

# IPv4 / IPv6 Address Structure



# IPv6 Address Representation

IPv4 Address : 32 bits – IPv6 address : 128 bits

- IPv6 address : 8 sections of 4 hex digits (16 bits)
  - 1111:2222:3333:4444:5555:6666:7777:8888
- Zero-compression
  - 1111:2222:**0:0**:5555:6666:7777:8888
  - 1111:2222::**5555:6666:7777:8888**
- Prefix length
  - 1111:2222::**5555:6666:7777:8888** /64
- Prefix alone
  - 1111:2222:: **/64**



# Zero Compression

- IPv6 addresses are zero compressed.
- Double colon can appear only once.
- Zero compression of special addresses.

805B:2D9D:DC28:0:0:FC57:0:0



805B:2D9D:DC28::FC57:0:0

or

805B:2D9D:DC28:0:0:FC57::

FF00:4501:0:0:0:0:0:32

FF00:4501::32

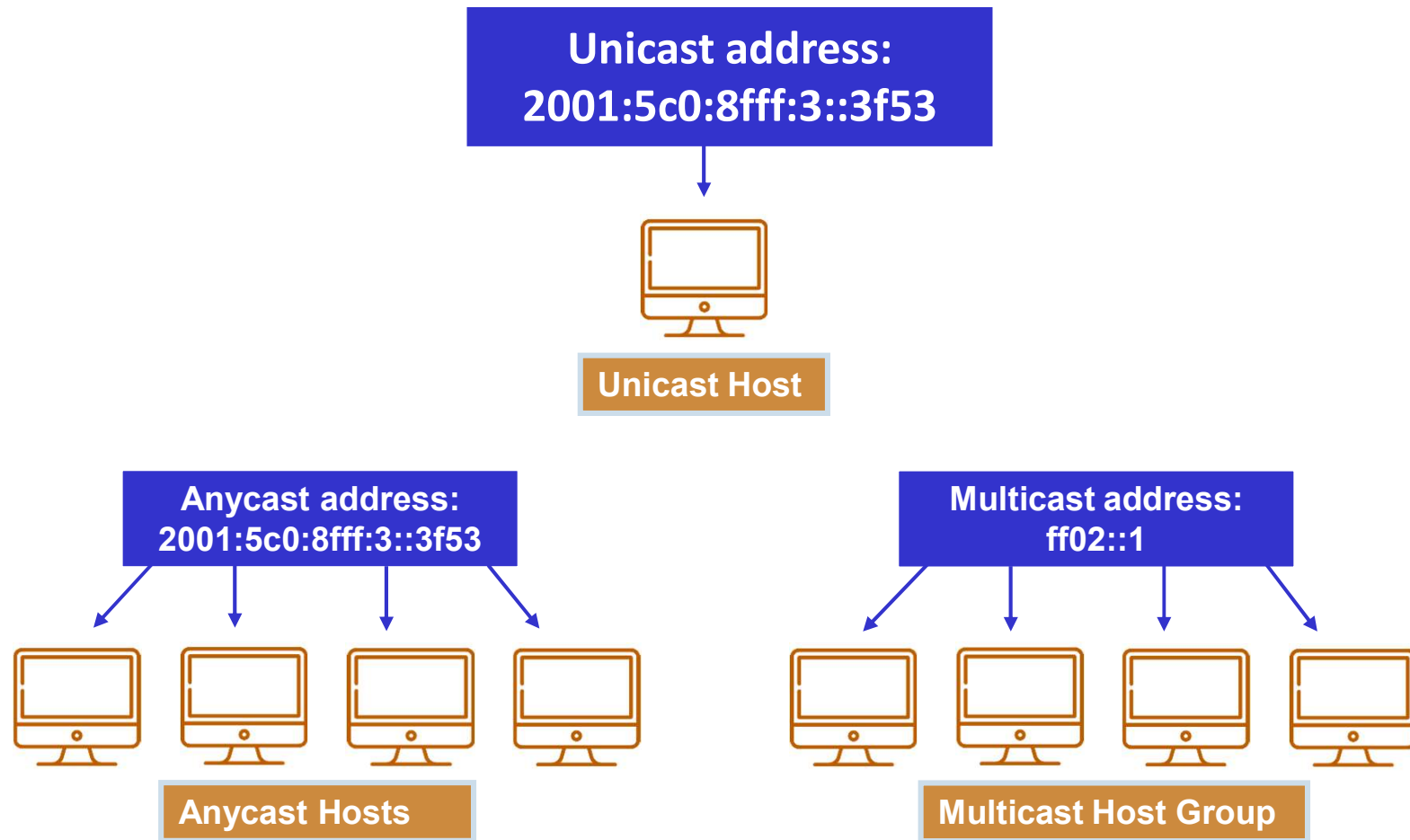
0:0:0:0:0:0:0:1

::1

0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0

::

# IPv6 Address Types



Anycast addresses appear the same as unicast addresses

# Importance of IPv6 Network Prefix

- First part of network prefix important!
- Example: **2001**:5c0:8fff:3::3f53
- Learn:
  - Can you go out on the internet with it,
  - What devices can you talk to,
  - Is it for special function.

**FE80 = Link Local**

**FFxx = Multicast**

**2001 = Global Unicast**

**0000 = Special**

# Addressing Changes

- No broadcast addressing in IPv6
- IPv6 multicast addressing used

IPv4 Broadcast Addresses

**192.168.1.255**

**255.255.255.255**

# Addressing Planning

- IPv6 address planning is different from IPv4
- IPv4: **final octet** 0 address is network, 1 address is gateway, 255 is broadcast (generally)
- IPv4 and IPv6 subnet structure is different
- Basically, you do not lose three addresses per subnet

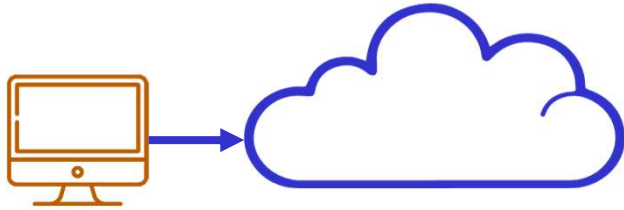
IPv4 Subnet

192.168.1.1  
(network)

192.168.1.255  
(broadcast)

**No need  
for these  
in IPv6.**

# Types of Unicast Addresses

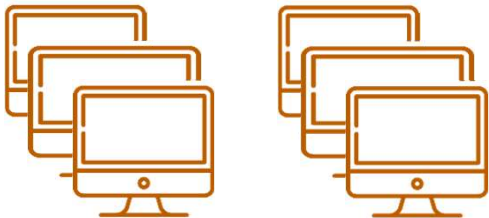


- global unicast



**FE8n - FEBn = Link Local**

- link-local unicast

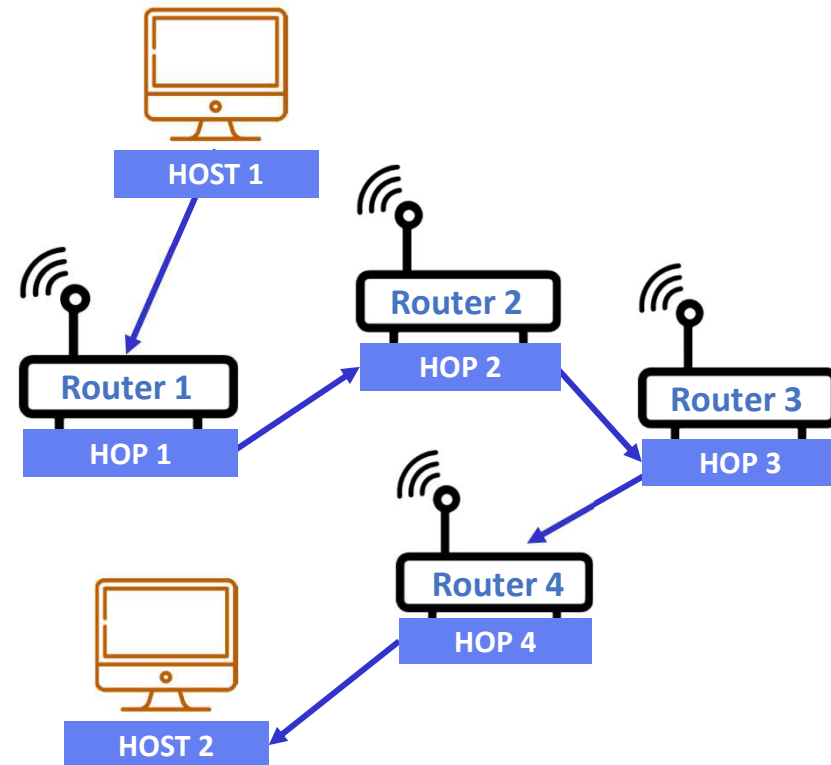


**FECn - FEFn = Site Local**

- site-local unicast.

# IPv6 Global Unicast Address

- IPv6 global unicast address (like) IPv4 global unicast address
- Current global unicast address allocation: 2000::/3 (binary 001)
- Plan network in hierarchy
- Limit routing table entries



## Windows IP Configuration

### Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected  
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

### Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection\* 2:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected  
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

### Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection\* 13:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected  
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

### Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :  
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2601:642:c201:bd::478d  
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2601:642:c201:bd:fcde:f576:4c8d:11f7  
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2601:642:c201:bd:c5f4:62a3:c9cd:500b  
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::fcde:f576:4c8d:11f7%9  
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.0.0.118  
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0  
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::5a19:f8ff:fef4:a74e%9  
10.0.0.1

### Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected  
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :



# Global Unicast Network Prefix



**Global Unicast Address**

**2001:5c0:8fff:3::3f53**

- Network Prefix: First part of an IPv6 address.
- Best practices: 48 bits

# Global Unicast Subnet Prefix

- Subnet prefix: standard is 16 bits
- 65,535 subnets



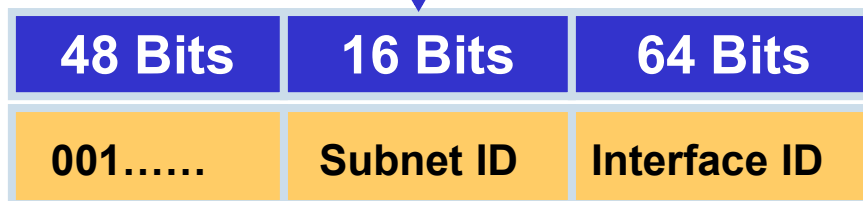
<b>48 Bits</b>	<b>16 Bits</b>	<b>64 Bits</b>
001.....	Subnet ID	Interface ID

**Global Unicast Address**

**2001:5c0:8fff:0003::35f3**

# Global Unicast Interface ID (IID)

- IID is for an interface
- IID must be unique
- IID: standard is 64 bits



**Global Unicast Address**

**2001:5c0:8fff:3::3f53**

# EUI-64 Format

- IID: based on the link-layer (MAC) address
- EUI-64 format : OUI field + FFFE + Serial Number

**Example on Windows PC: result of IPConfig**

**Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:**

**Description : Realtek Family Fast Ethernet NIC**

**Physical Address : 00-11-D8-39-29-2B**

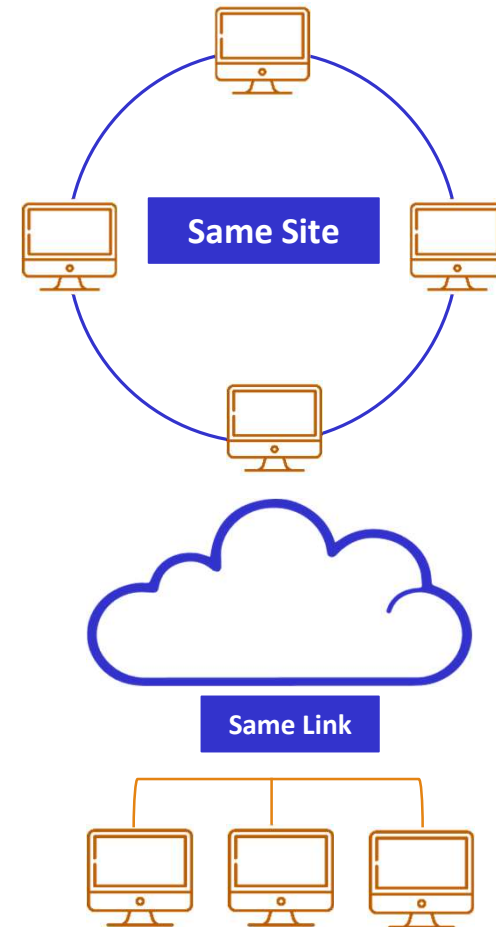
**Autoconfiguration Enabled . : Yes**

**IP Address : fe80::211:d8ff:fe39:292b%4**

# IPv6 Private Addresses

- Link-local or site-local
- Never routed outside an organization or link
- Start with hex FE then 8 to F (1111 1110 1)
- Most common: FE80 (link-local).
- Range is FE80::/10

**FE8n – FEFn = Private Addresses**



# Link-Local Unicast Address

- IPv6 devices always have link-local address
- IPv6 devices use link-local to communicate with 'on-link' devices
- IPv6 routers must not forward link-local packets

10 Bits	54 Bits	64 Bits
1111111010	zeroes	Interface ID

## Sample Link-Local Address

**fe80::211:d8ff:fe39:292b**

# Link-Local Address Explained

- Why do you need link-local addresses?
- How do you get a link-local address?

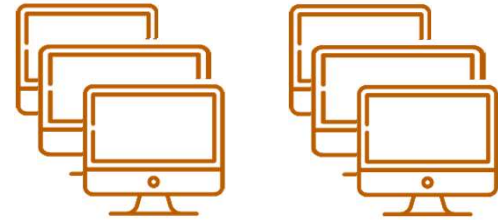
**Who am I? IPv6 Stateless autoconfiguration**



**FE8n - FEBn = Link Local**

# Site-Local Unicast Addresses

- IPv4 site-local private addresses = 10.0.0.0/8 or 192.168.0.0/16
- Site-local address + NAT used for topology hiding
- **IPv6 site-local unicast deprecated**
- Site scope multicast still available



FECn - FEFn = Site Local



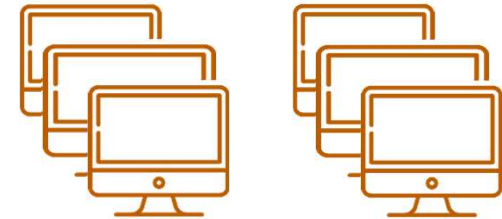
IPv6 Prefix	Allocation	Reference
0000::/8	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
0100::/8	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
0200::/7	Reserved by IETF	[RFC4048]
0400::/6	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
0800::/5	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
1000::/4	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
2000::/3	Global Unicast	[RFC3513]
4000::/3	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
6000::/3	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
8000::/3	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
A000::/3	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
C000::/3	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
E000::/4	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
F000::/5	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
F800::/6	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
FC00::/7	Unique Local Unicast	[RFC4193]
FE00::/9	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3513]
FE80::/10	Link Local Unicast	[RFC3513]
FEC0::/10	Reserved by IETF	[RFC3879]
FF00::/8	Multicast	[RFC3513]

**IPv6 Address Space Allocations**



# De facto Site-Local Unicast

- ULA (Unique Local Unicast) addresses
- Large address space!
- Conflicts?



**FC00:: /7 = ULA**

# An IPConfig from London

1. IPv6 Address. . . . :2a02:c7d:500e:f900:f5:8404:5e0:430e  
Global Unicast IPv6 : routable over the Internet
2. IPv6 Address. . . . :fd4f:f7d8:2459:0:f5:8404:5e0:430e  
Unique Local Unicast (ULA) IPv6 :not routable over Internet
3. Temporary IPv6 Address:2a02:c7d:500e:f900:a53a:5a06:130b:a2ff  
Privacy Global Unicast IPv6 :routable over the Internet
4. Temporary IPv6 Address:fd4f:f7d8:2459:0:a53a:5a06:130b:a2ff  
Privacy ULA IPv6 :not routable over the Internet
5. Link-local IPv6 Address:fe80::f5:8404:5e0:430e%13  
Private Interface IPv6: not routable over the Internet
6. IPv4 Address. . . . :192.168.0.6  
Site Local GUA IPv4 : not routable over the Internet

# IPv6 Reserved Addresses

- Defined by the IETF

## Includes:

- Unspecified,
- Loopback and
- IPv4 Embedded addresses

**:: /8 = Reserved**

## See:

<http://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv6-address-space/ipv6-address-space.xml>

# IPv6 Unspecified Address

- Who am I?
- IPv6 *unspecified address*.
- Stateless Autoconfiguration
- Represented as ::

0000 = Unspecified (::)

Who am I? (IPv4)

DHCP



Who am I? (IPv6)

Stateless Autoconfiguration

```
164 ADCD    PACKET    00000004 08:14:04.416323 Packet Trace
  From Interface    : ETH1            Device: LCS Ethernet    Full=342
  Tod Clock        : 2006/01/06 08:14:04.416317 Intfx: 4
  Sequence #       : 0                Flags: Pkt
  IpHeader: Version : 4                Header Length: 20
  Tos              : 00                QOS: Routine Normal Service
  Packet Length    : 342              ID Number: 0000
  Fragment         :                   Offset: 0
  TTL              : 128 ←              Protocol: UDP           CheckSum: 3998 FFFF
  Source           : 0.0.0.0
  Destination      : 255.255.255.255
```

#### UDP

```
Source Port       : 68    (bootpc) Destination Port: 67    (bootps)
Datagram Length   : 322    CheckSum: 93B0 FFFF
BOOTP Opcode      : REQUEST  HW Type: ETHERNET 10M HW Length: 6
HOP Count         : 0      Trans ID: 1047706584 Seconds: 0
Client IP         : 0.0.0.0 Your IP: 0.0.0.0
Server IP         : 0.0.0.0 Gateway: 0.0.0.0
Client HW Addr    : 0013D38D61FB000000000000000000000 Flags: 0
Server Host Name  :
Boot FileName     :
Vendor Info       : 638253633501033D07010013D38D61FB3204C0A801650C0C42617272792D636F
Vendor Info       : 6D706171511000000042617272792D636F6D7061712E3C084D53465420352E30
DHCPMSG          : DhcpREQUEST
CLIENTID         : 7 010013D38D61FB
REQIPADDR        : 192.168.1.101 ←
HOSTNAME         : Barry-compaq
DHCPCDDNS        : 16 00000042617272792D636F6D7061712E
CLASSID          : MSFT 5.0
PARMLIST         : 11 options
```

# IPv6 Stateless Autoconfiguration

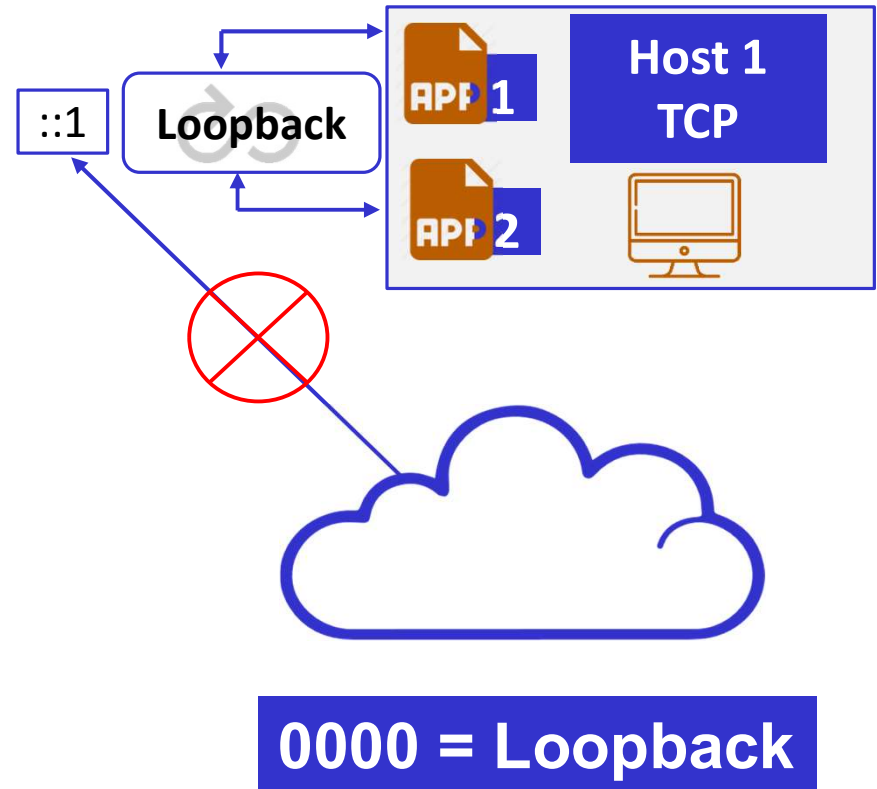
The image shows a Wireshark network traffic capture. The filter is set to 'icmpv6'. The packet list shows several ICMPv6 messages, with packet 40 selected. The packet details pane shows the following information:

- Frame 40 (78 bytes on wire (78 bytes captured))
- Ethernet II, Src: 192.168.1.102 (00:13:d3:8d:61:fb), Dst: IPv6-Neighbor-Discovery\_ff:8d:61:fb (33:33:ff:8d:61:fb)  
Destination: IPv6-Neighbor-Discovery\_ff:8d:61:fb (33:33:ff:8d:61:fb)  
Source: 192.168.1.102 (00:13:d3:8d:61:fb)  
Type: IPv6 (0x86dd)
- Internet Protocol Version 6  
Version: 6  
Traffic class: 0x00  
Flow label: 0x00000  
Payload length: 24  
Next header: ICMPv6 (0x3a)  
Hop limit: 255  
Source address: ::  
Destination address: ff02::1:ff8d:61fb
- Internet Control Message Protocol v6  
Type: 135 (Neighbor solicitation)  
Code: 0  
Checksum: 0xe302 [correct]  
Target: fe80::213:d3ff:fe8d:61fb

A red circle highlights the source IP address '192.168.1.102' in the Ethernet II section. A red arrow points to the target IPv6 address 'fe80::213:d3ff:fe8d:61fb' in the ICMPv6 section.

# Loopback Address

- IPv6 loopback address is 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:1 (:::1)
- Acts like IPv4 loopback.
  - Can't be assigned to physical interface.
  - Used by local applications
  - Can't travel outside node
  - Can't be forwarded by router





# IPv4 Addresses in IPv6

- From reserved space (0000::/8)
- IPv4 Mapped (Embedded) IPv6 Addresses.
- Last 32 bits = IPv4 address
- Shown in IPv4 notation



**IPv4 Mapped IPv6 Address**

**::ffff:192.168.0.1**

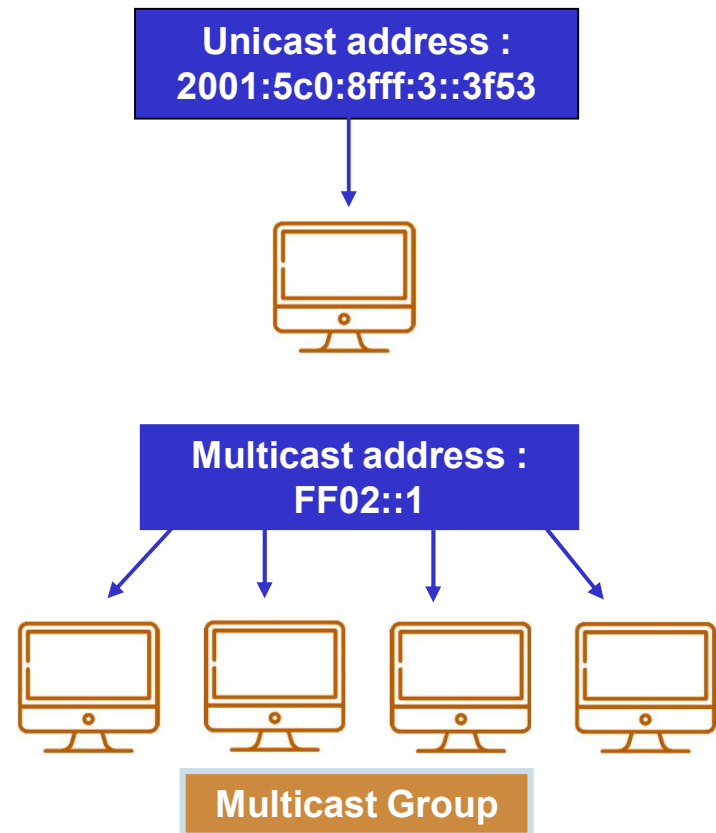
**IPv4 Compatible IPv6 Address**

**::192.168.0.1**

**Should not  
be used.**

# IPv6 Multicast

- In IPv6, multicasting used widely
- Multicast is like a newsletter subscription.
- Devices belong to a multicast group
- IPv4 multicast uses Class D range: (224.xx.xx.xx – 239.xx.xx.xx)



# IPv6 Multicast Scope

- IPv6 multicast addresses start with FF.
- Last 4 bits is scope. (Ex. FF01, FF02, etc).
- FF01:: means on same interface
- FF02:: means on same link
- FF05:: means in the same site
- FF0E:: means in the Internet.

(From RFC 4291)

# Common IPv6 Multicast Groups

- Multicast addresses are registered with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

**See:**

<http://www.iana.org/assignments/ipv6-multicast-addresses/ipv6-multicast-addresses.xml>

<u>IPv6 multicast address</u>	<u>Description</u>
FF02::1	The all-nodes address
FF02::2	The all-routers address
FF02::5	The all-Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routers address
FF02::6	The all-OSPF designated routers address

# IPv6 Address Summary

- IPv6 is more than a bigger address!
- Many changes to protocol.

2001:5c0:8fff:ffe::1

2001::11:22:33:44

ff02::1



fe80::211:d8ff:fe39:292b

fe80::192:168:1:100

fe80::169.254.1.100

Winston Churchill famously said:

Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

For us, as far as IPv6:

Now this is not the end. It is not even the end of the beginning. It is only the beginning of the beginning.

# Things Yet to Learn

- IPv6 Neighbor Discovery
- IPv6 address planning
- IPv6 security
- DHCPv6
- DNSv6
- IPv6 migration planning
- Setting up an IPv6 lab
- Application migration
- How to segment your network
- Getting an IPv6 address range

**In no particular order and off the top of my head.**





# Next Steps

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- Join INTC Enterprise Advisory Council
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  - More information at: <https://industriy.netcouncil.org/eac/>
- Join INTC to get more on other webinars
  - <https://industriy.netcouncil.org/supporters/>
- Please email to me / Fred any IPv6 terms or concepts which you find confusing, where you find yourself stuck in implementation, or what you feel would help you! This will allow us to think about follow-on activities / webinars. Or comments about this class!



# Questions?

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