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The Internet's Best Kept Secret

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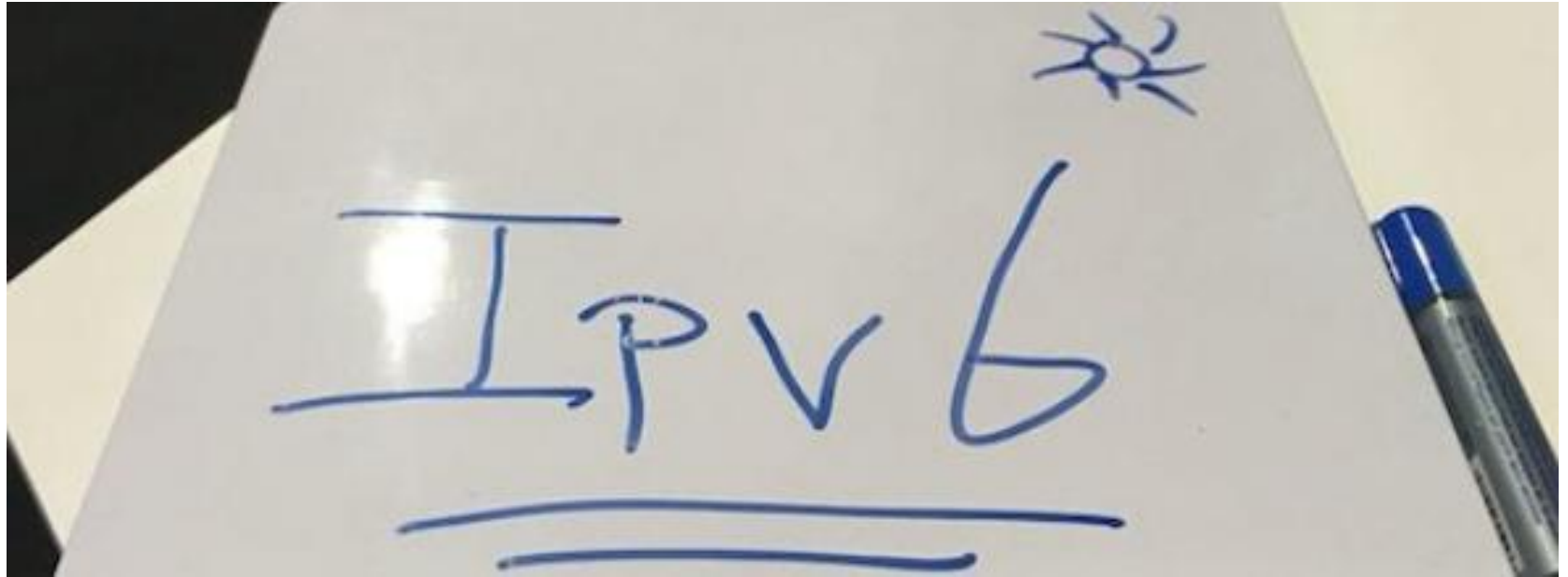
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How is IPv6 like Broccoli ?



Don't Panic: Welcome to the Galaxy of IPv6



The Answer to Life, the Universe, and Everything (But Nobody's Using It)

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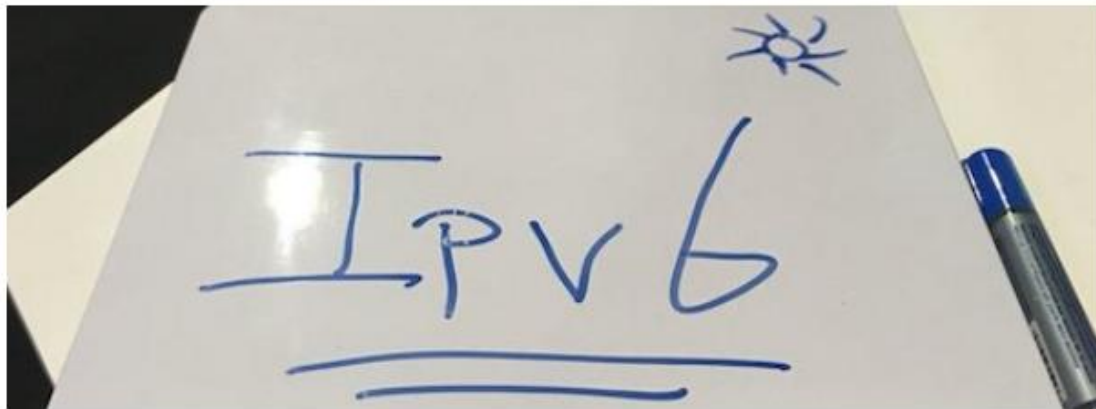
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IPv6? Nobody uses IPv6


By [Nicole Wajer](#) on 4 Sep 2018

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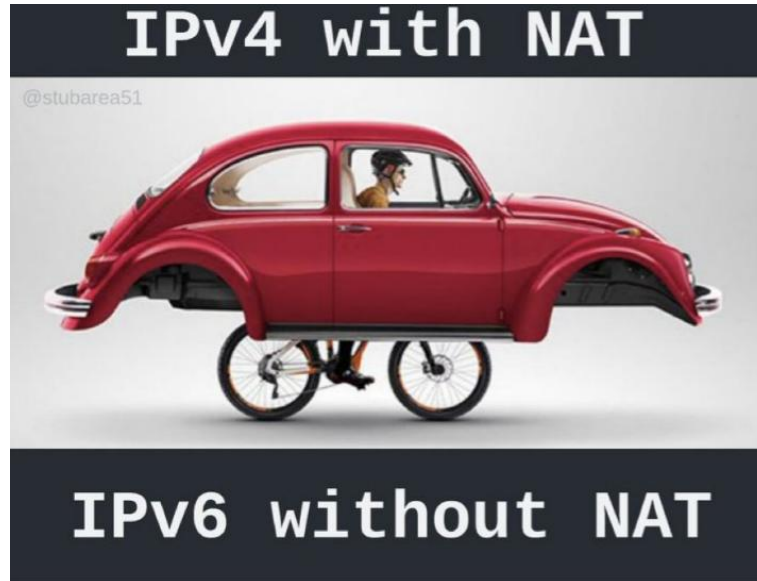
- <https://blog.apnic.net/2018/09/04/ipv6-nobody-uses-ipv6/>



This doesn't
scale. I want
everything
connected

I don't need
IPv6!
I have NAT!

The Vogons of the Internet: Understanding IPv4 vs IPv6



Two-Headed Beast: IPv6 Adoption in Enterprises vs. the Rest of the Galaxy



Should I
deploy IPv6 in
my Enterprise?

The Internet's Best Kept Secret: Mostly Harmless, Mostly Invisible

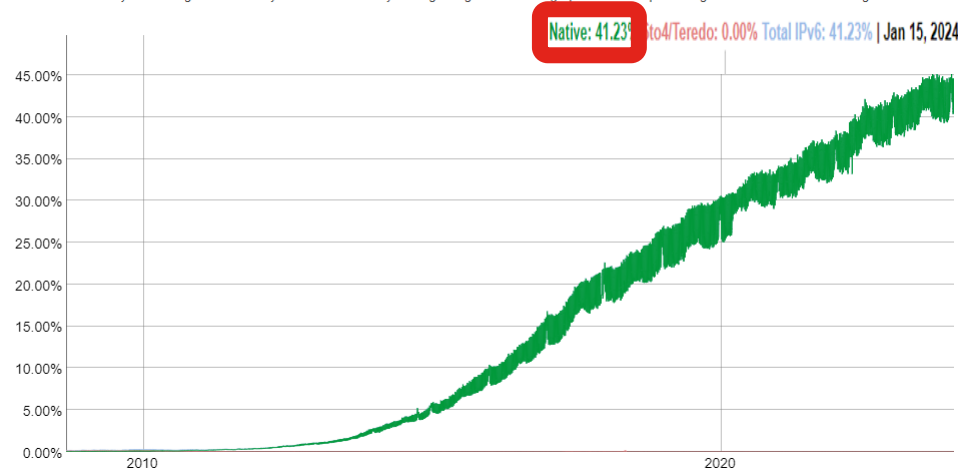
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Global Traffic %

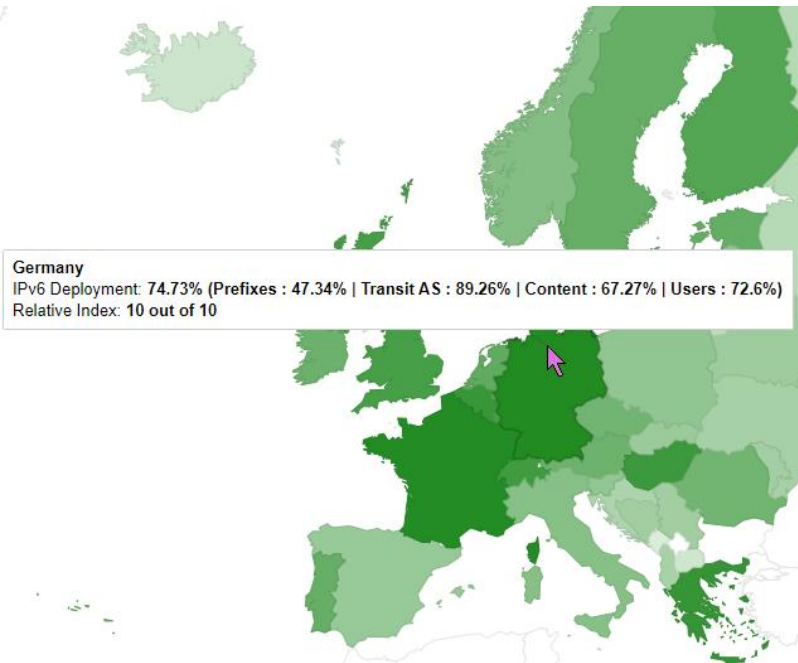
2024

Per country adoption (Germany)

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<https://6lab.cisco.com>

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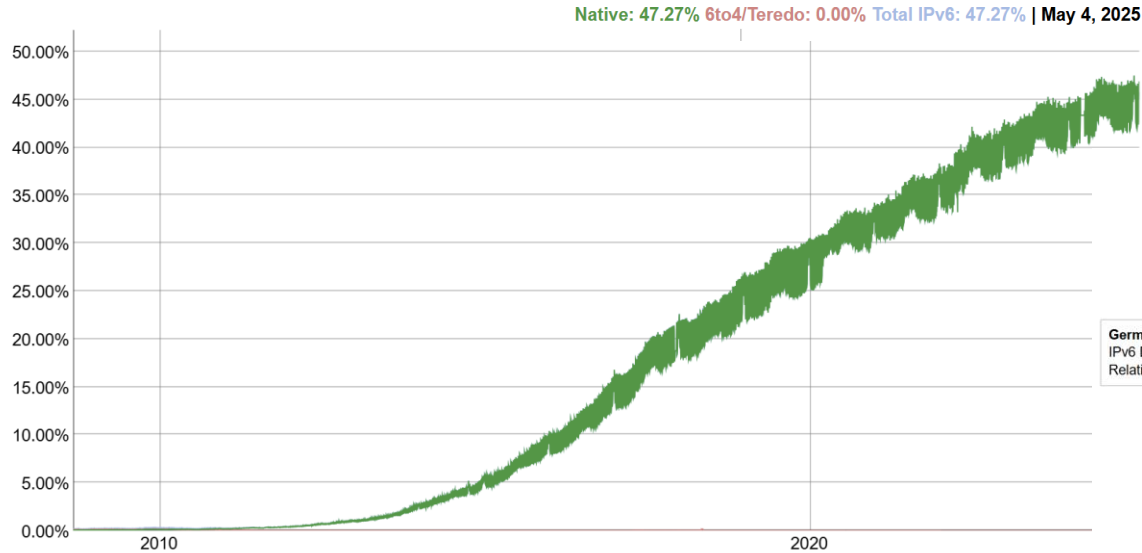
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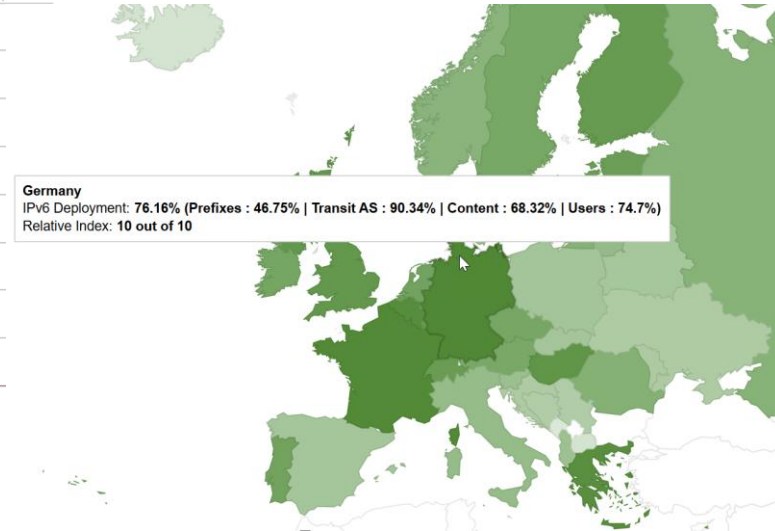
Google Global Traffic %



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2025

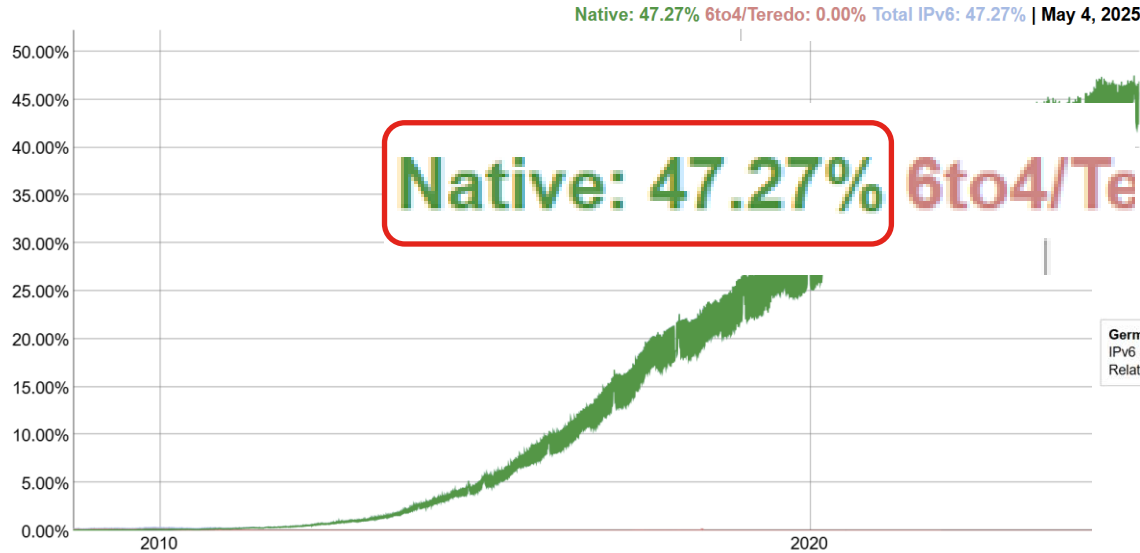
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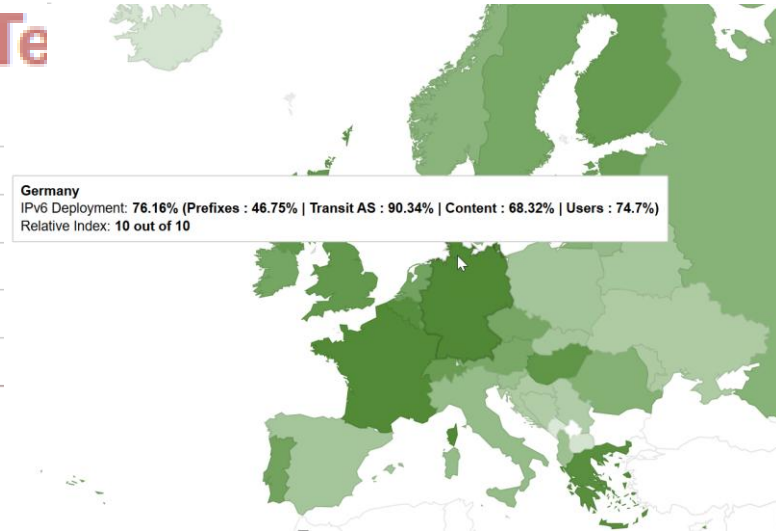
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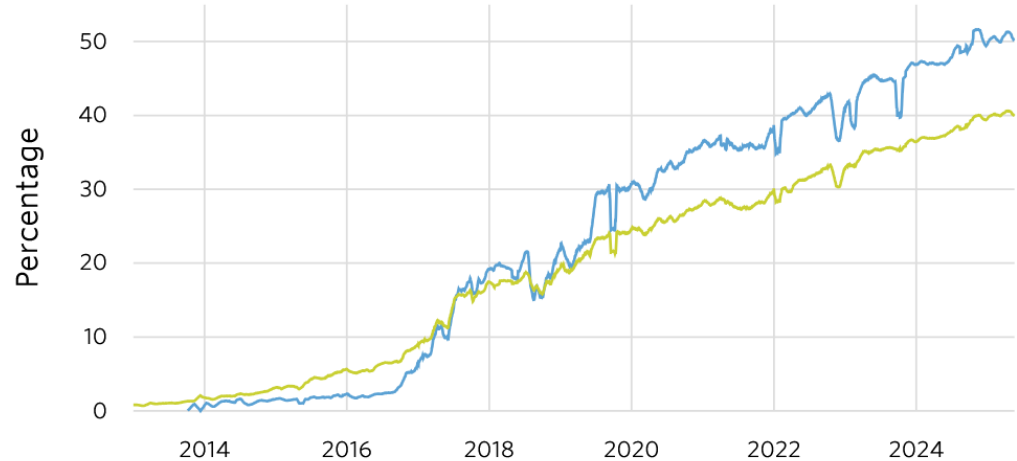
IPv6 capability
reaches 50% in the
Asia Pacific region

IPv6 deployment



Capable

Preferred



■ APNIC Economies ■ Whole World

The Reality Today*



Client OS



ISP



Internet



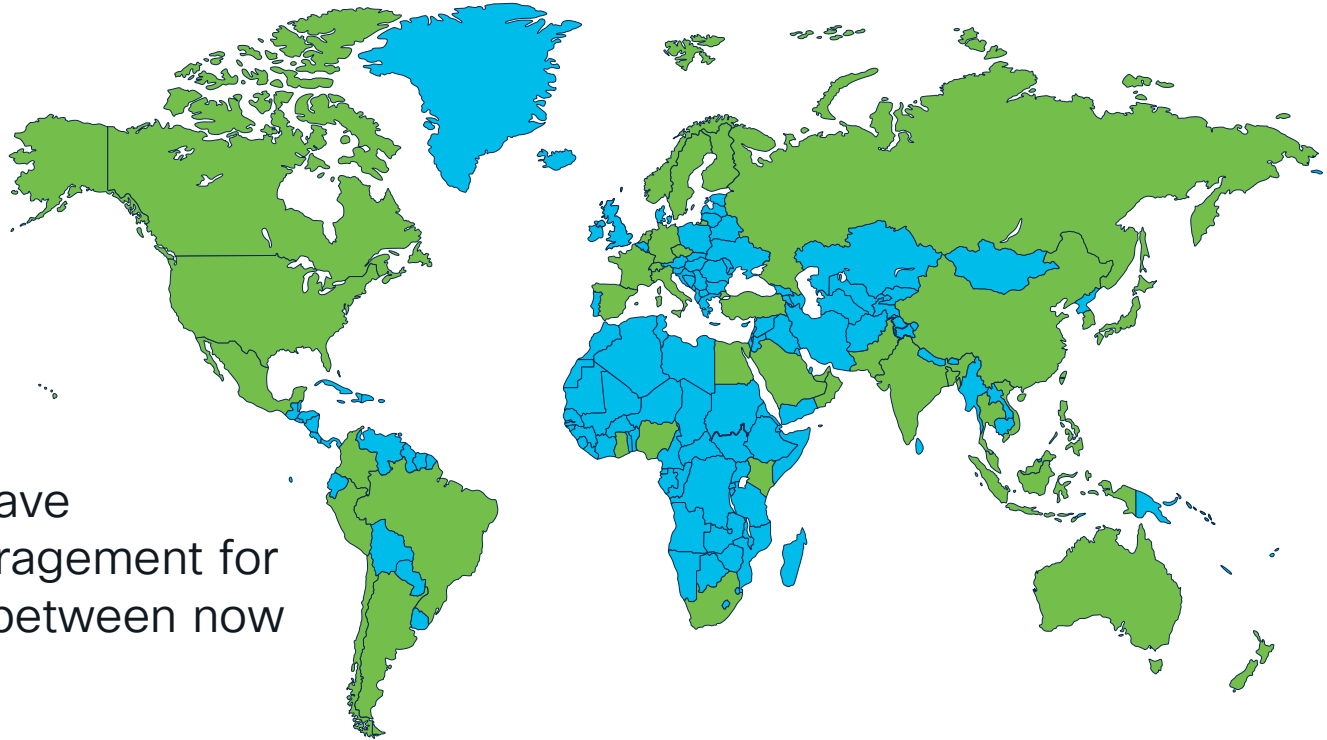
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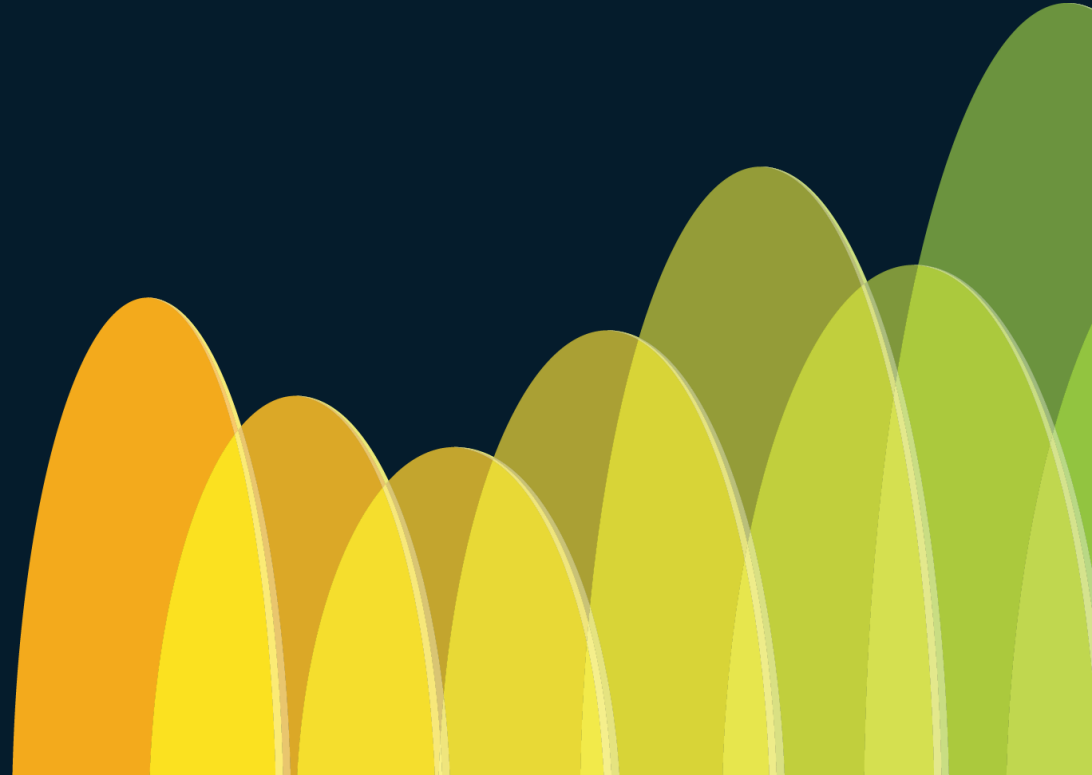
* A generalization

Country “Mandates”

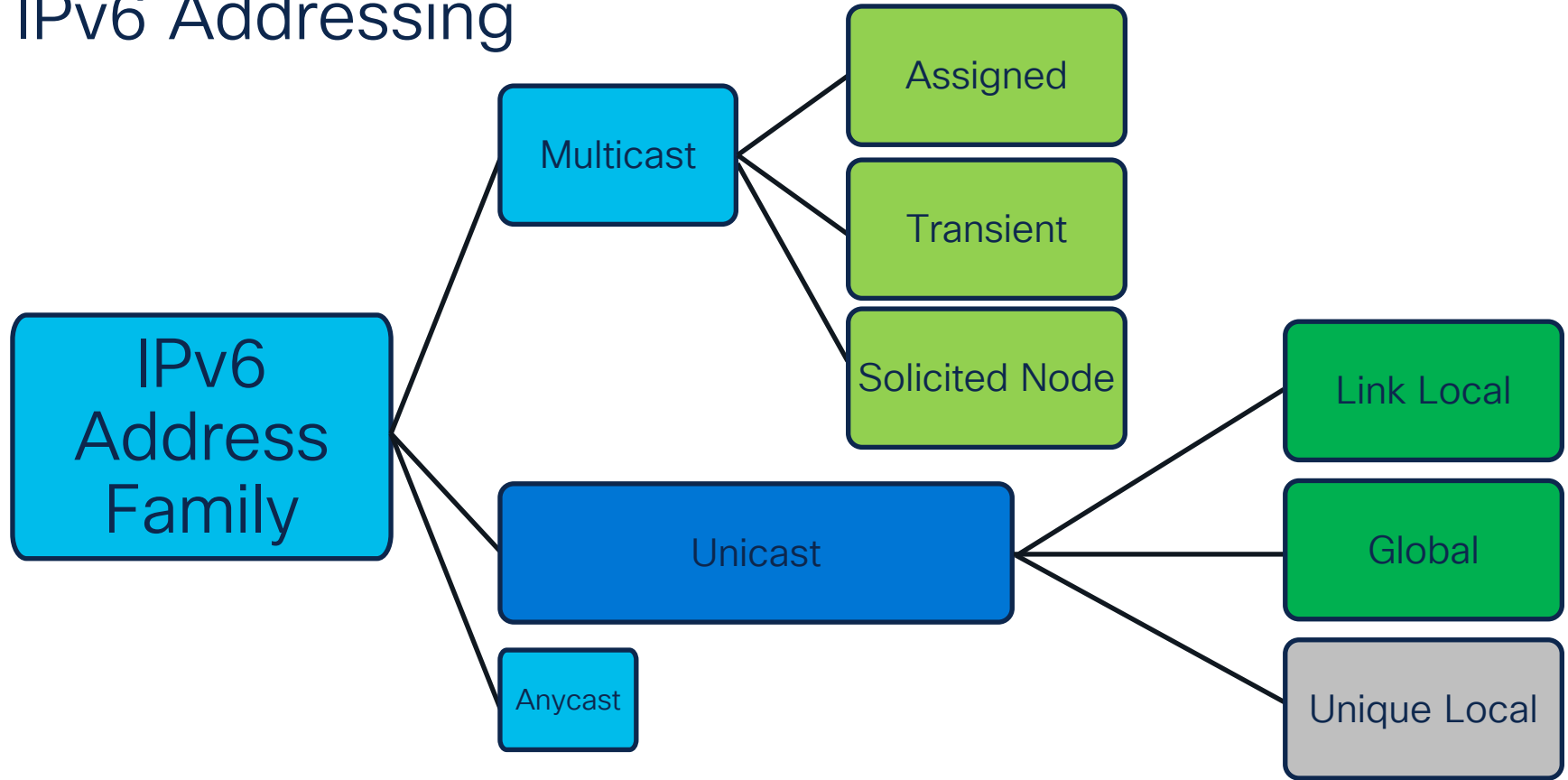
50+ countries have
mandate/encouragement for
IPv6/IPv6-only between now
and 2030+.



128 Bits of Addressing



IPv6 Addressing



IPv6 Address rules (RFC 5952)

Lower case, suppress leading / compress consecutive zeros

2001:0db8:0046:a1d1:0000:0000:0000:0001

2001:db8:46:a1d1:0:0:0:1

2001:db8:46:a1d1::1

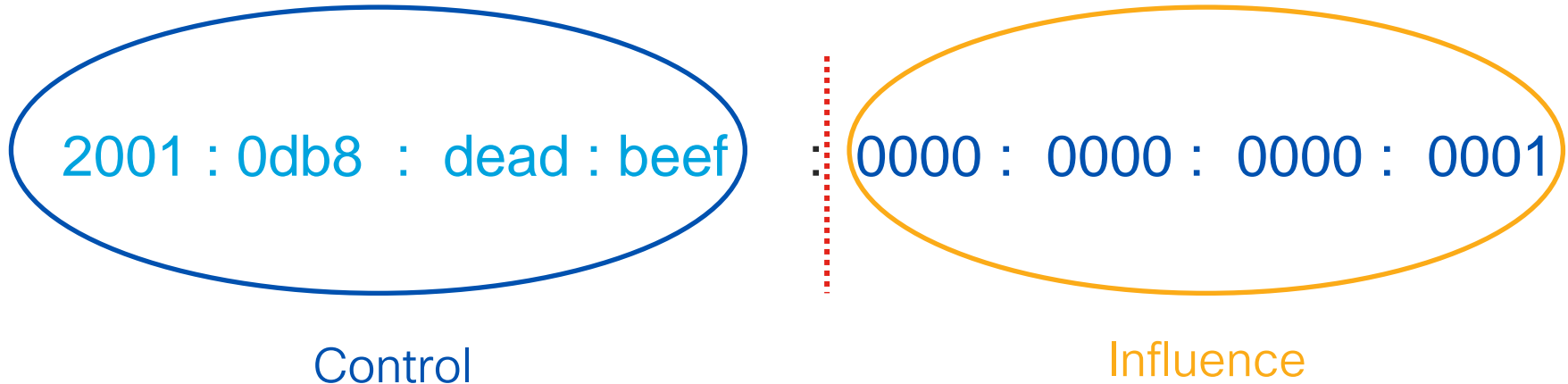
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Interface Id

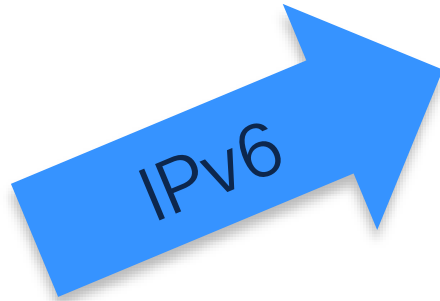
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16 bits		16 bits		16 bits		16 bits		16 bits		16 bits		16 bits		16 bits

The IPv6 Address – Practical View

- IPv6 addresses are 128 bits long
 - Segmented into 8 groups of four HEX characters
 - Separated by a colon (:)
 - Default is 50% for network ID (/64), 50% for interface ID



Bypassing the Hyperspace Bypass: How IPv6 Overcomes IPv4 Limitations



Different things I can do with IPv6

1. Expose every container with a public IPv6 address

2. Spin up 10M containers every second

3. Burn the address with the container !!



Different things I can do with IPv6

1. Expose a container with a public IPv6 address

2. Spin up containers on a second host

3. Burn the address with a container



Depleting a /64



Prefix of /64 has
18,446,744,073,709,600,000
IPv6 addresses

Depleting a /64



Let's attempt to exhaust all the available IPv6 addresses

Depleting a /64

We allocate
10,000,000
addresses per
second

There are
31,536,000
seconds per year

315,360,000,000,000
addresses per year



Depleting a /64


18,446,744,073,709,600,000
315,360,000,000,000



Depleting a /64



58,494 year

A photograph of two men in a server room. The man in the foreground, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, is holding a laptop. The man behind him, wearing a dark blue polo shirt, is holding a tablet. They are both looking at the devices. The background consists of rows of black server racks.

We allocate a /48
to a Data Centre
Network

Prefix of /64?
We need to
Scale!

Depleting a /48

A /48 contains
65,536 /64's

It takes 58,494
years to deplete a
/64 at 10M
addresses per
second

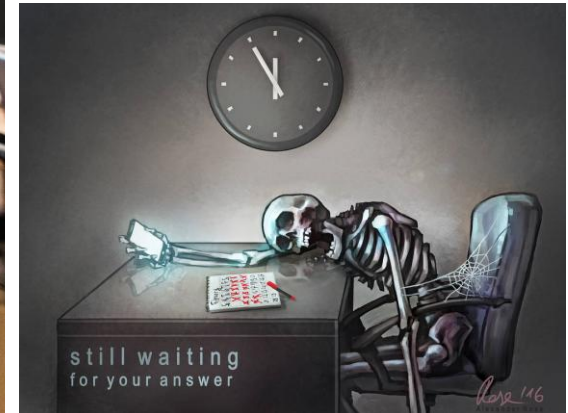
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addresses per year



Depleting a /48



3.8B years





Nobody
uses IPv6!

Marvin's Paradox: The Hidden and Underappreciated Usage of IPv6

Traffic @ Cisco Live Amsterdam 2024



Nicole Wajer @vlinder_nl · 13m

dropping a little towards 47% of [#IPv6](#) traffic at [#CiscoLiveEMEA](#) - who is using the legacy protocol more in the last hours? [#LetsDeployIPv6Now](#)



Jason Davis @SNMPguy · 2h

From the [#CiscoLiveEMEA](#) NOC - we just passed 50 Terabytes of Internet traffic! :)

Give me [#DevNet](#) or give me death...

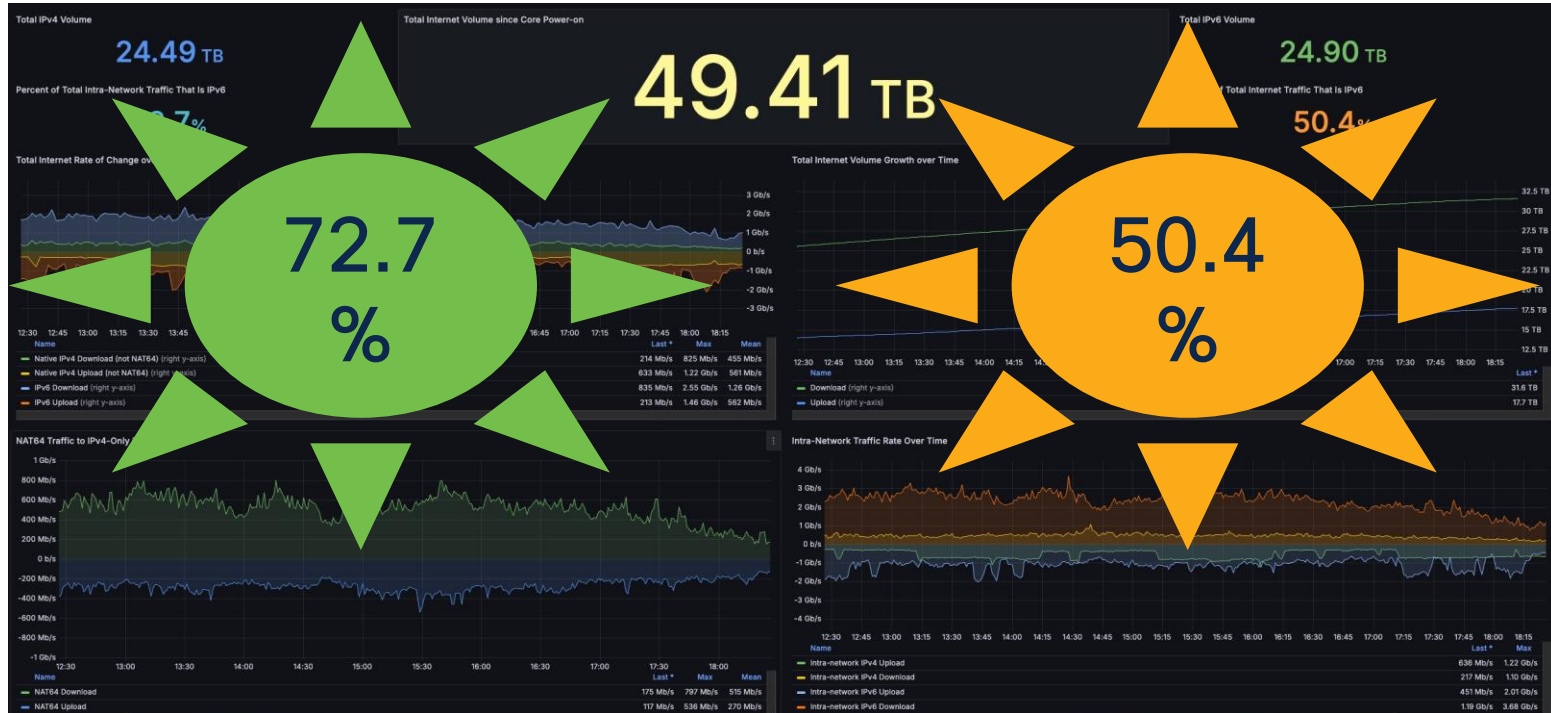



46.8%

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a black blazer over a black top, is looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. A thought bubble is positioned above her head, containing text. In the background, another person is blurred, working at a desk with a laptop.

Is there a
business case
deploying
IPv6?

Legacy IP (IPv4) more expensive than Broccoli

IPv4 Header				
Version	IHL	Type of Service	Total Length	
Identification			Flags	Fragment Offset
Time to Live	Protocol	Header Checksum		
Source Address				
Destination Address				
Options				Padding



AWS News Blog

New – AWS Public IPv4 Address Charge + Public IP Insights

by Jeff Barr | on 28 JUL 2023 | in [Amazon EC2](#), [Announcements](#), [Launch](#), [News](#) | [Permalink](#) | [Comments](#) | [Share](#)



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We are introducing a new charge for public IPv4 addresses. Effective February 1, 2024 there will be a charge of \$0.005 per IP per hour for all public IPv4 addresses, whether attached to a service or not (there is already a charge for public IPv4 addresses you allocate in your account but don't attach to an EC2 instance).

Public IPv4 Charge

As you may know, IPv4 addresses are an increasingly scarce resource and the cost to acquire a single public IPv4 address has risen more than 300% over the past 5 years. This change reflects our own costs and is also intended to encourage you to be a bit more frugal with your use of public IPv4 addresses and to think about accelerating your adoption of IPv6 as a modernization and conservation measure.

This change applies to all AWS services including [Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud \(Amazon EC2\)](#), [Amazon Relational Database Service \(RDS\)](#) database instances, [Amazon Elastic Kubernetes Service \(EKS\)](#) nodes, and other AWS services that can have a public IPv4 address allocated and attached, in all AWS regions (commercial, [AWS China](#), and [GovCloud](#)). Here's a summary in tabular form:

Public IP Address Type	New Price/Hour (USD)	
	Current Price/Hour (USD)	(Effective February 1, 2024)
In-use Public IPv4 address (including Amazon provided public IPv4 and Elastic IP) assigned to resources in your VPC, Amazon Global Accelerator, and AWS Site-to-site VPN tunnel	No charge	\$0.005
Additional (secondary) Elastic IP Address on a running EC2 instance	\$0.005	\$0.005
Idle Elastic IP Address in account	\$0.005	\$0.005



<https://auctions.ipv4.global/>

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/aws/new-aws-public-ipv4-address-charge-public-ip-insights/>

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€ 42.20
Per Year

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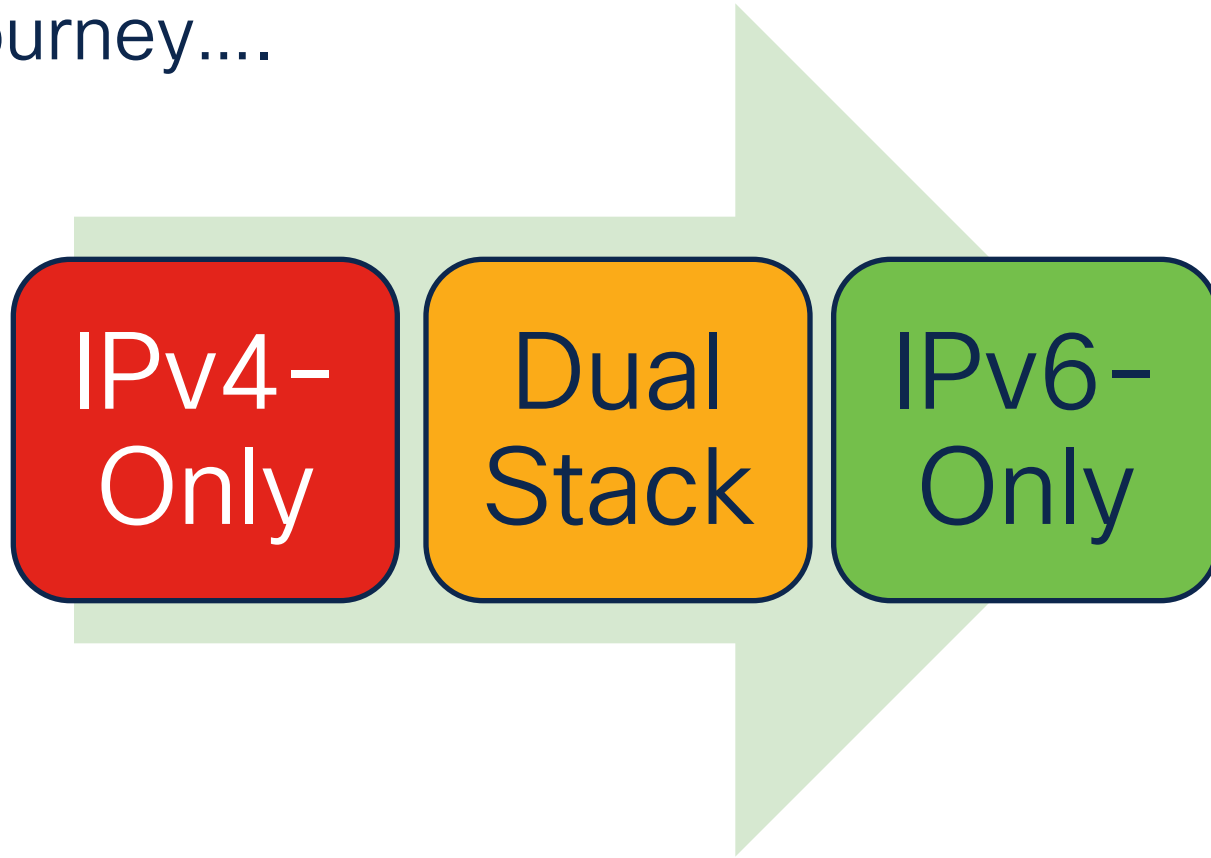
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The transition towards IPv6-only



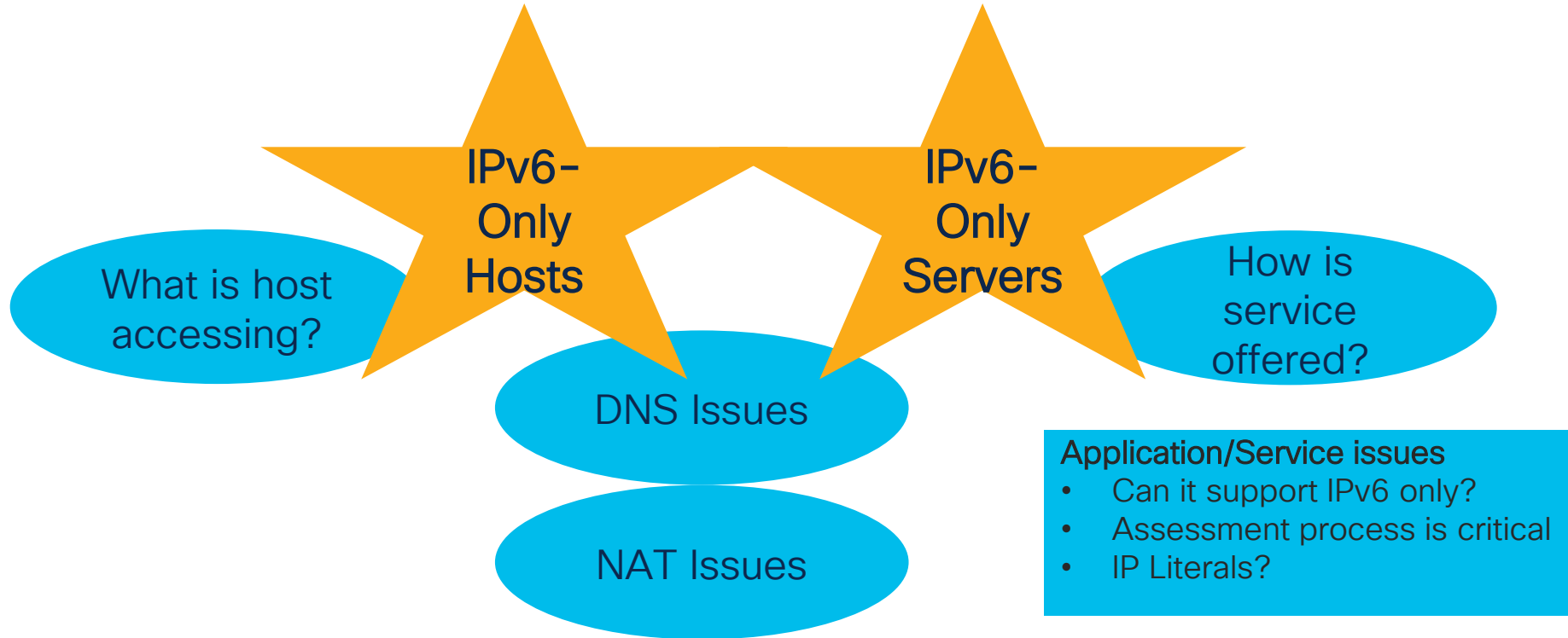
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The Journey....



The life on an IPv6-only island/world

What do I need to be concerned about?



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Updates: [2563](#)
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IPv6-Only Preferred Option for DHCPv4



RFC8925

Abstract

This document specifies a DHCPv4 option to indicate that a host supports an IPv6-only mode and is willing to forgo obtaining an IPv4 address if the network provides IPv6 connectivity. It also updates RFC 2563 to specify DHCPv4 server behavior when the server receives a DHCPDISCOVER not containing the Auto-Configure option but containing the new option defined in this document.

The Journey....

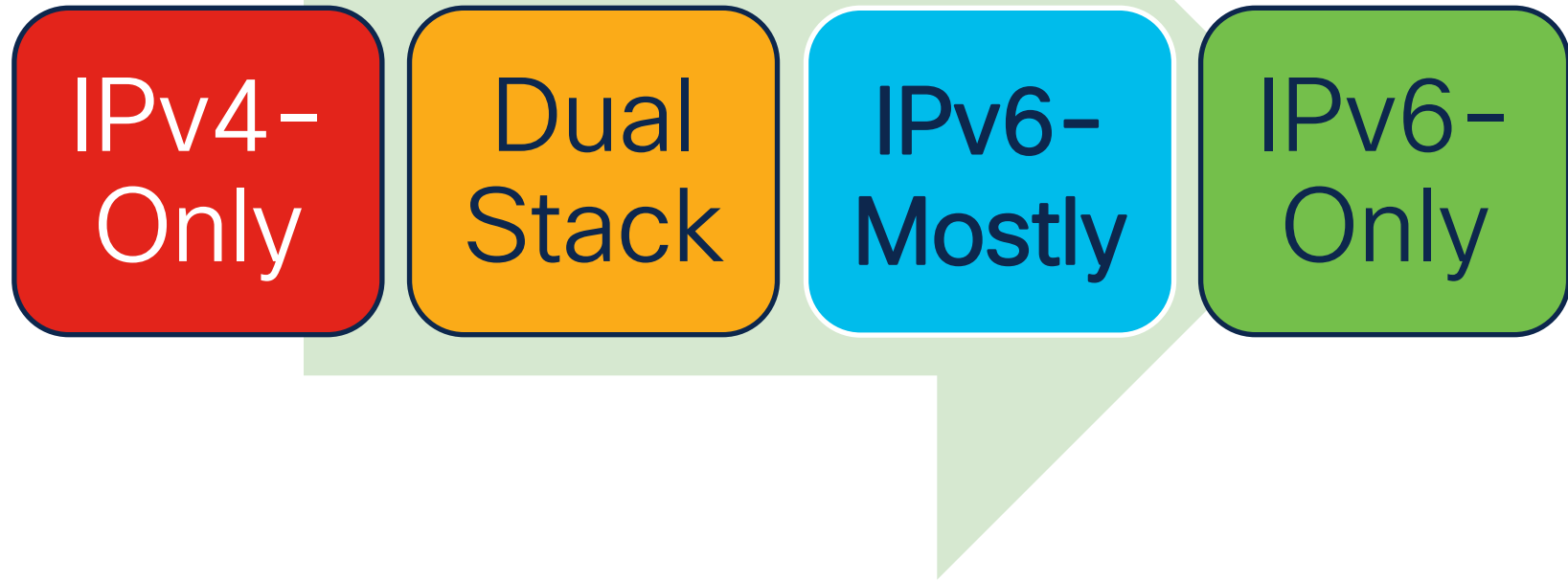


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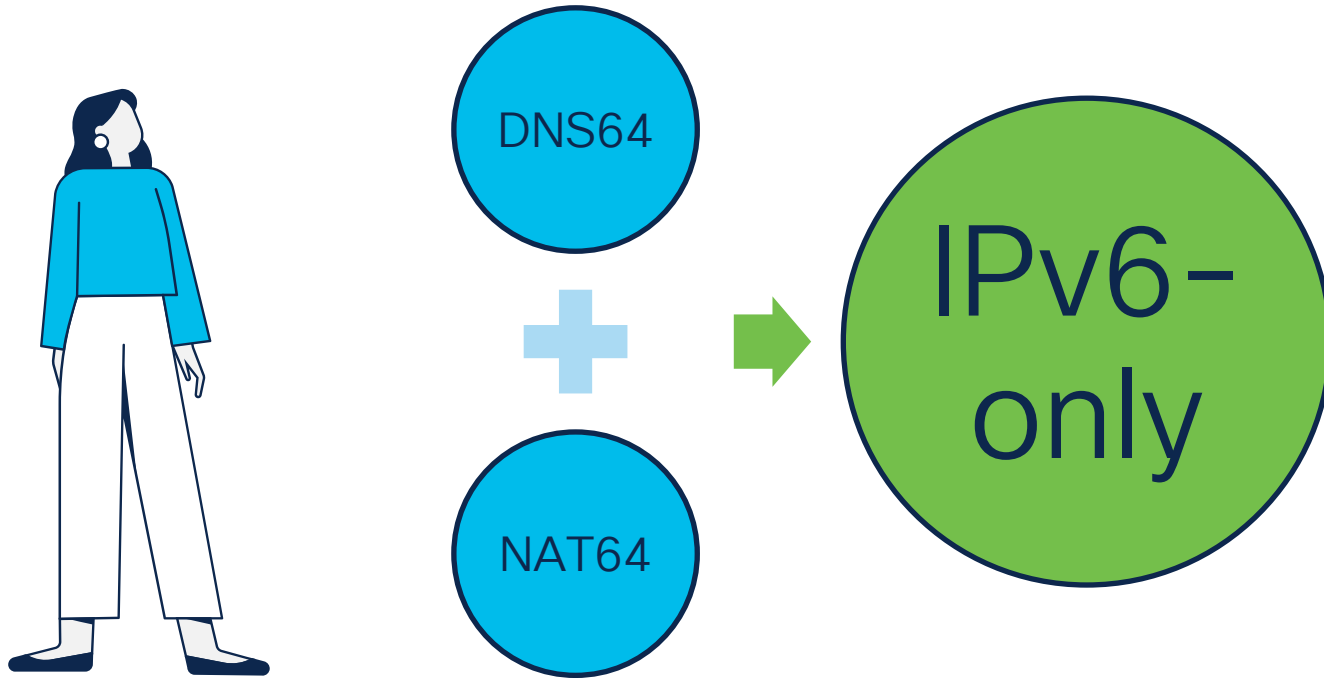
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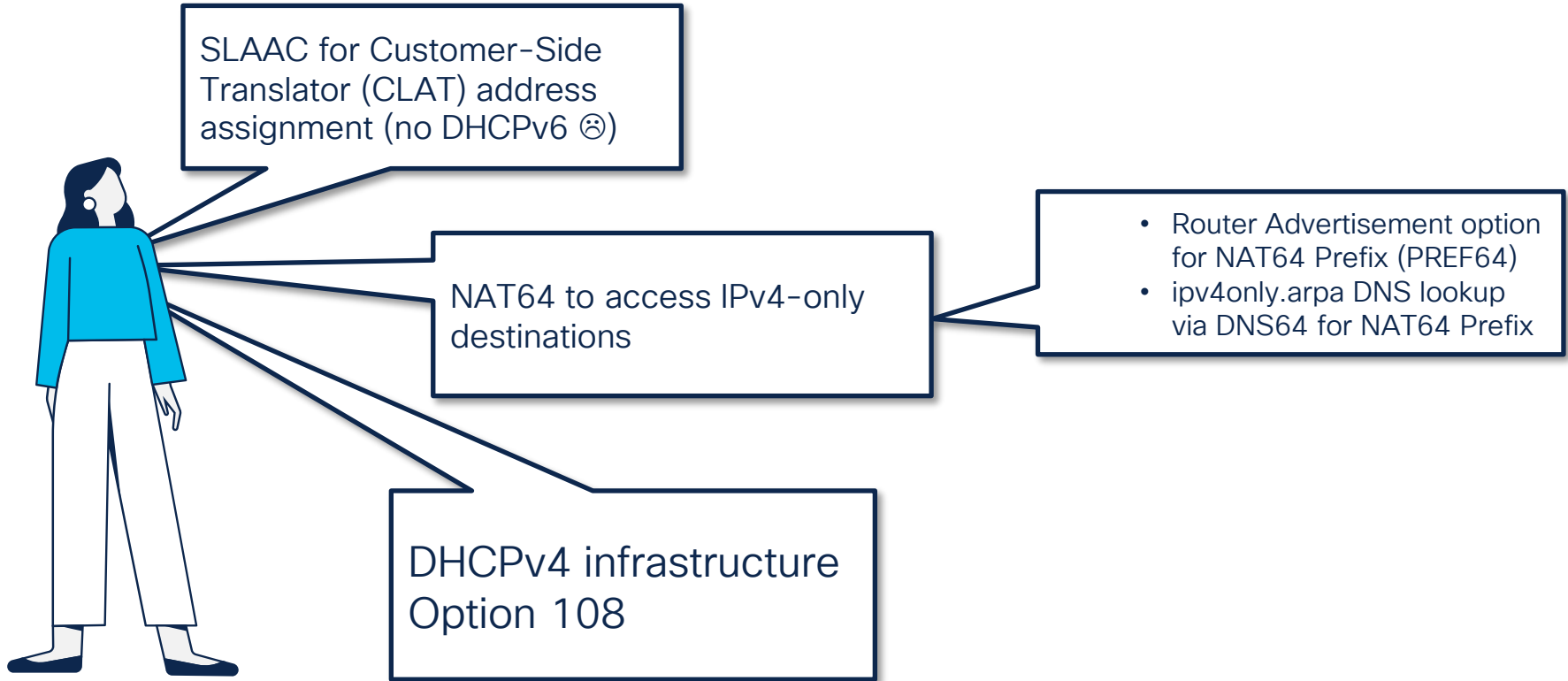
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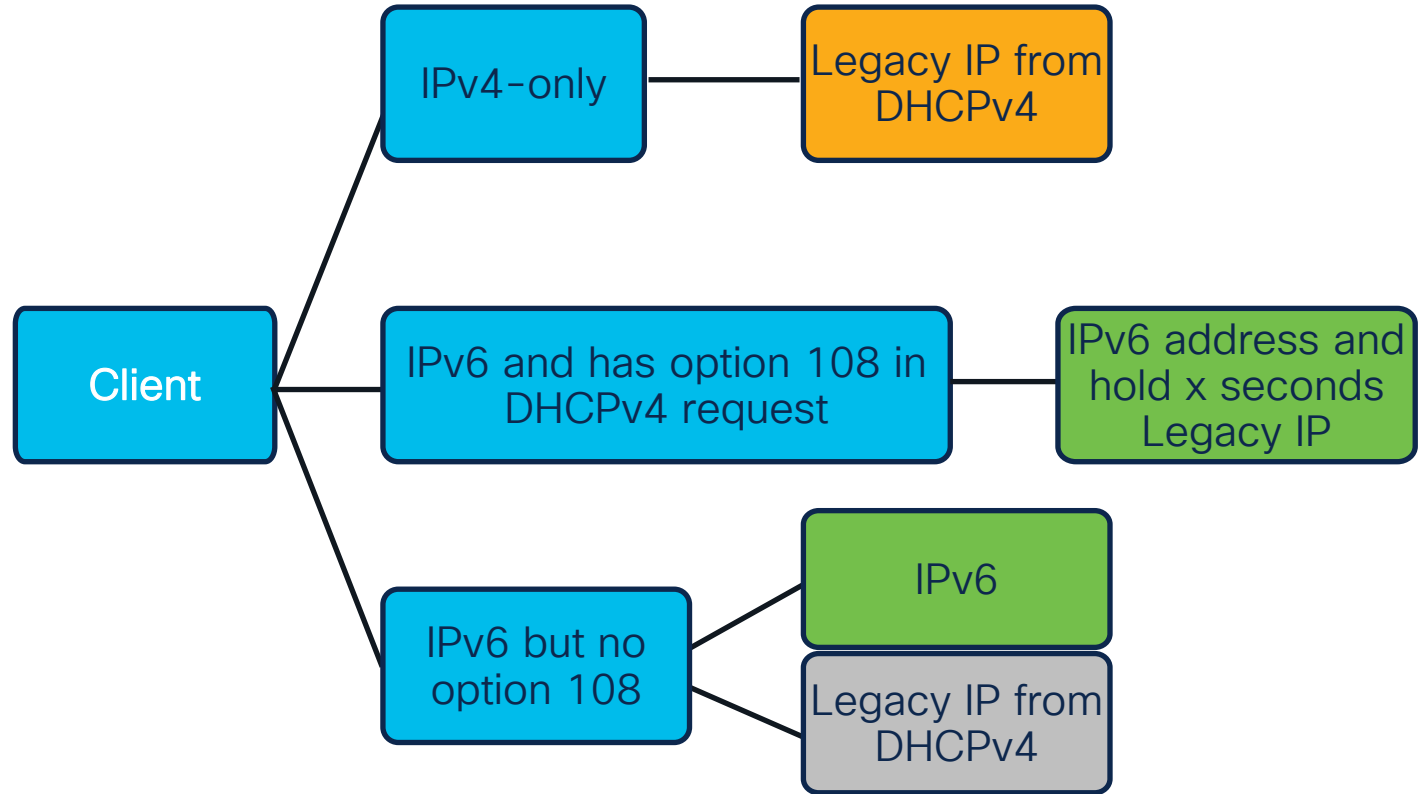
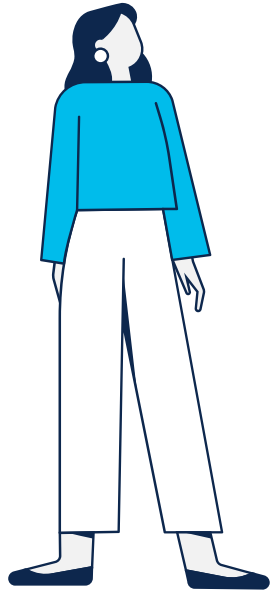
IPv6-only enterprise talking with Legacy World



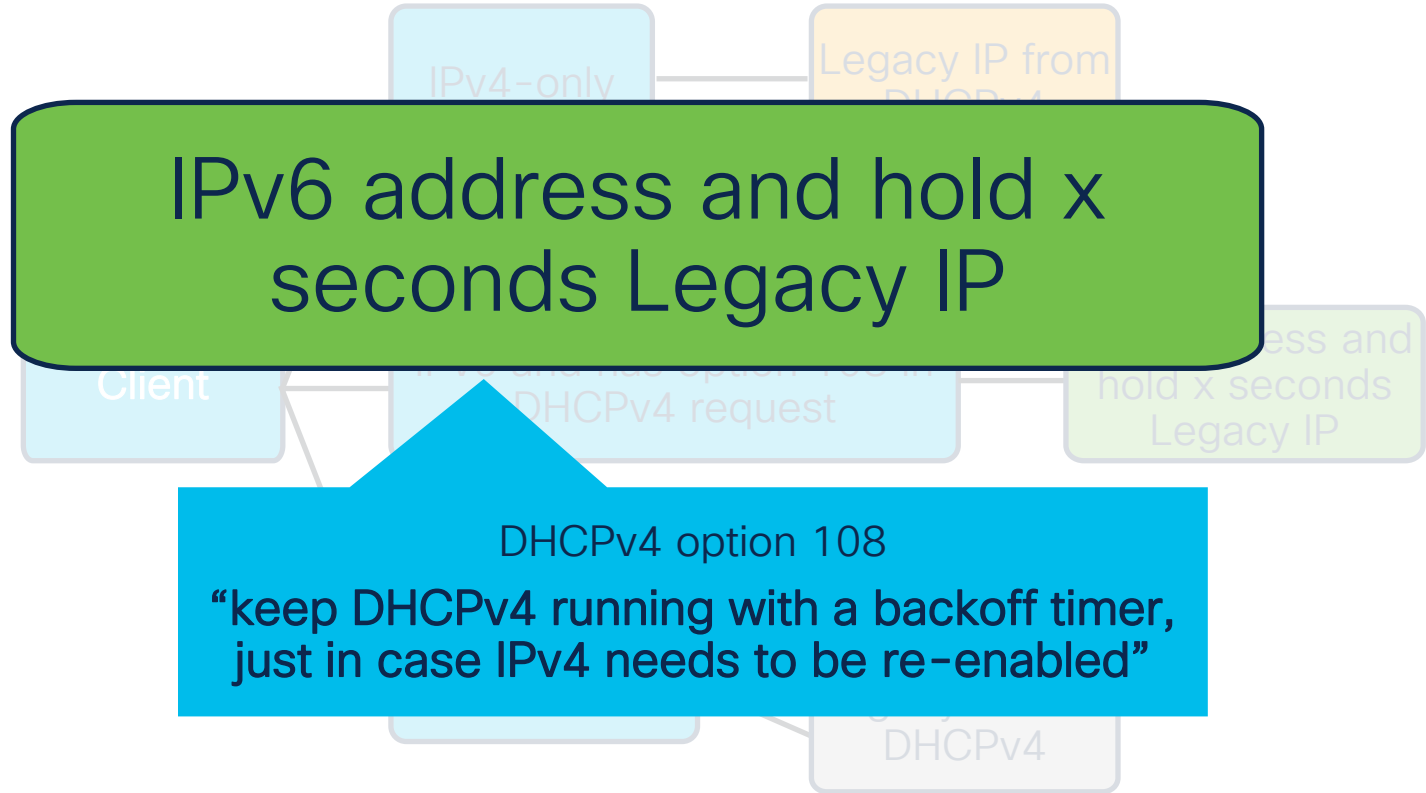
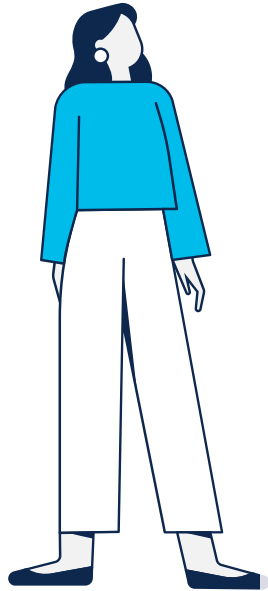
What is required in my network for IPv6-Mostly?



How does IPv6-mostly work?



How does IPv6-mostly work?





I would love
to Deploy
IPv6 NOW!

So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish: The Future of IPv6







*"IPv6 is Internet broccoli.
Good for us in the long
run but no immediate
sugar rush from
deploying it now"*

Shameless self promotion of my own Quotes – Nicole
Wajer





[EXT] Everything you always wanted to know about IPv6 but were a...

• Cisco's Internet Highway of IPv6

<https://eurl.io/#Pw7m5J7S->



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Thank you



Training Options

- HexaBuild
 - <https://hexabuild.arlo.co/w/>
- Pluralsight
 - <https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/ipv6-introduction-to-protocol>
 - <https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/ipv6-microsoft-windows>
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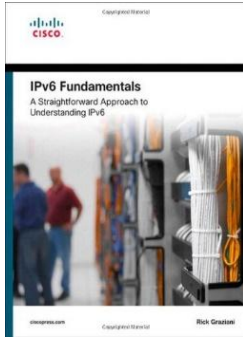
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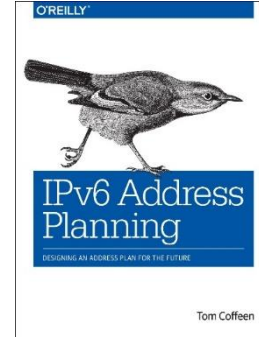
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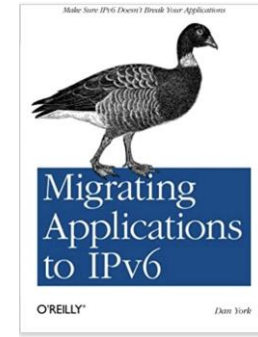
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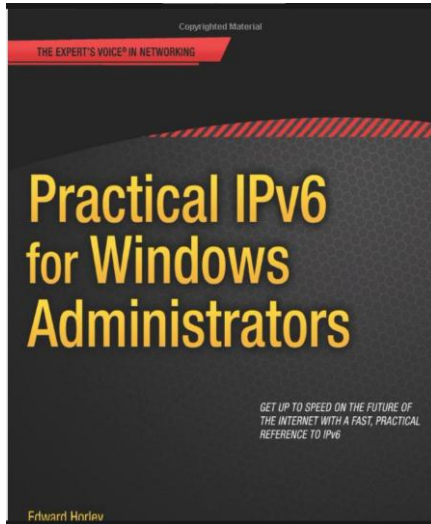
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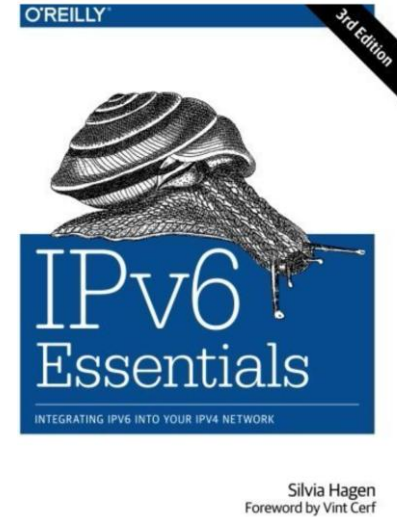
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World IPv6 Launch - <https://www.worldipv6launch.org/>

IPv6 troubleshooting for Helpdesks

- <http://isp.testipv6.com> →

Test IPv6

FAQ

Mirrors

Test your IPv6 connectivity.

For the Help Desk

Summary

Tests Run

Share Results / Contact

Other IPv6 Sites

Your Internet help desk may ask you for the information below.

Help desk code: 46

Dual Stack

IPv4: Good, AS109 - CISCOSYSTEMS - Cisco Systems, Inc.,US

IPv6: Good, AS109 - CISCOSYSTEMS - Cisco Systems, Inc.,US

OtherSites: 52/52 good

IPv4 address: 173.38.209.8

IPv6 address: 2001:420:c0c1:17:f121:40c4:c046:ce86

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