



# **From IPv4 Scarcity to IPv6 Abundance**

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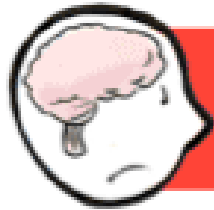
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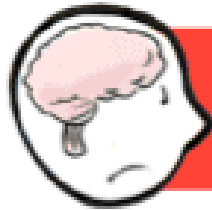




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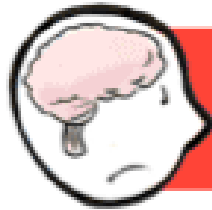


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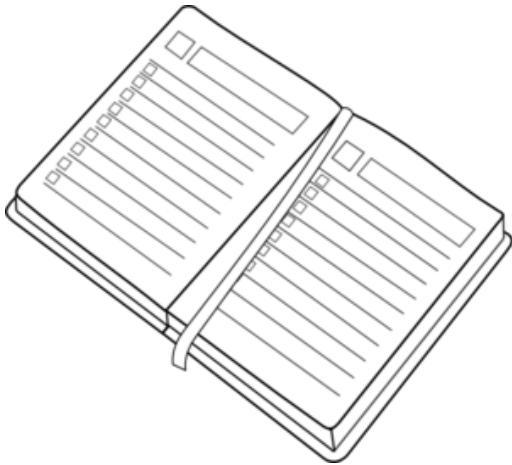
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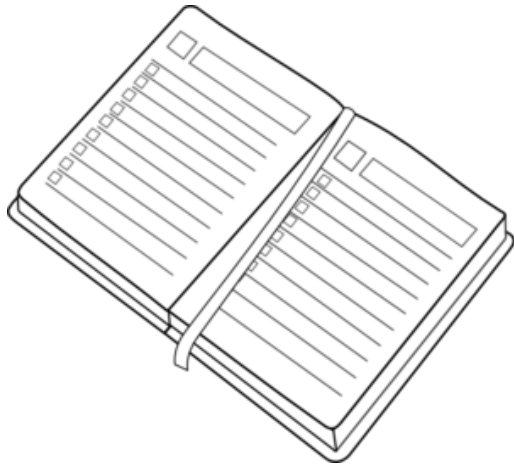
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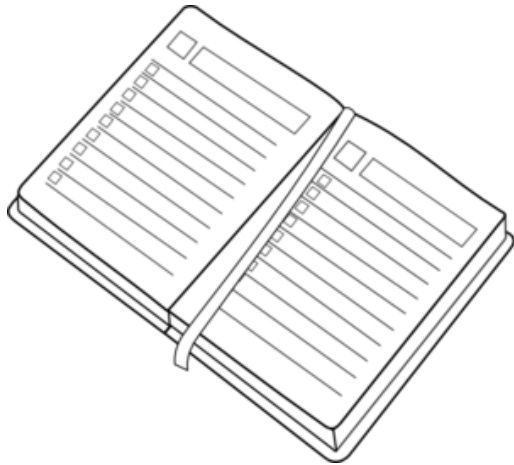


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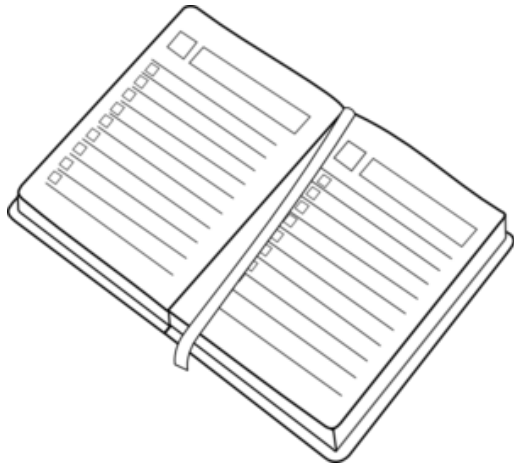
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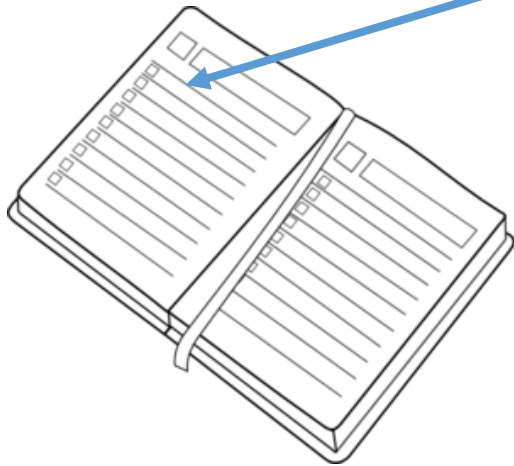
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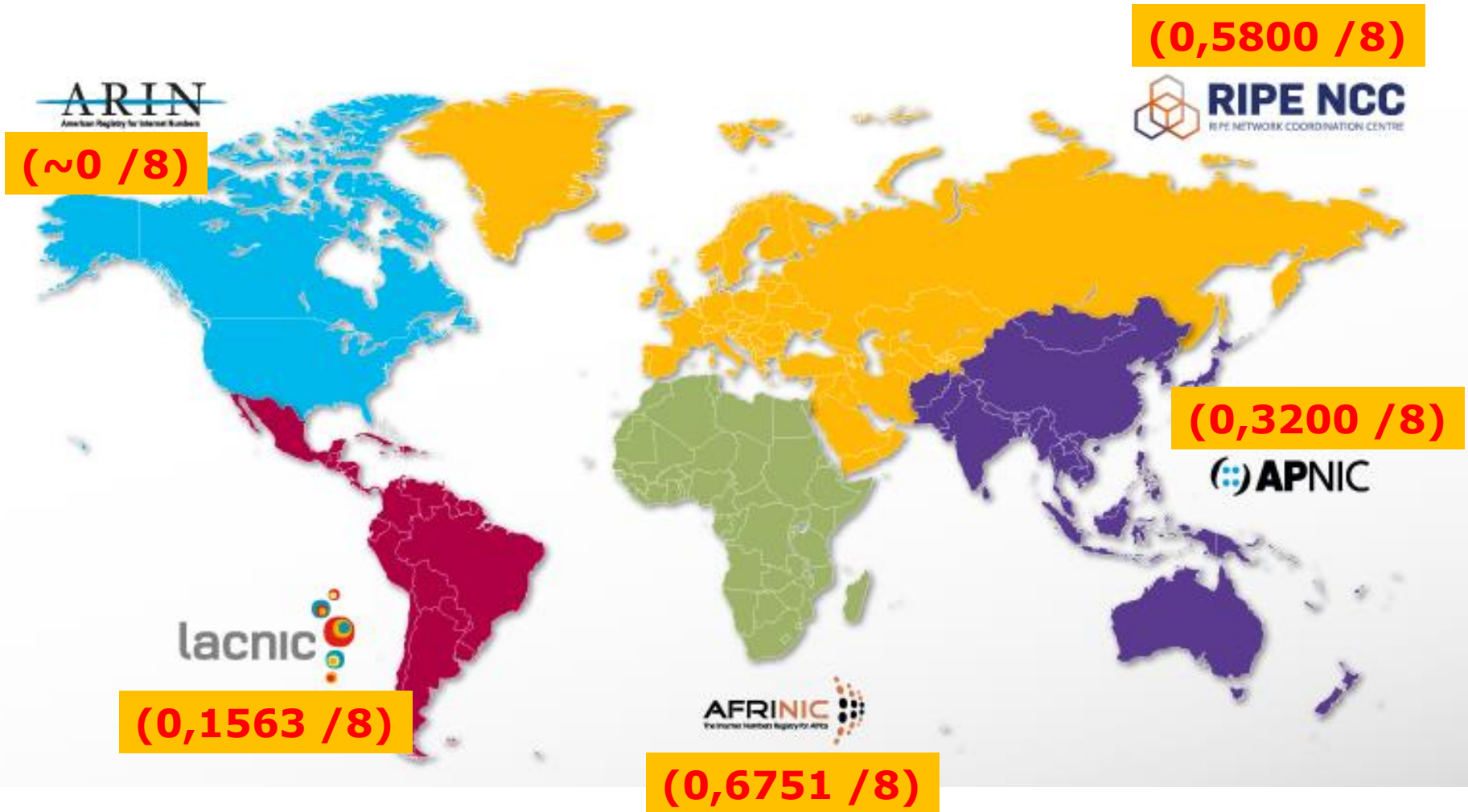
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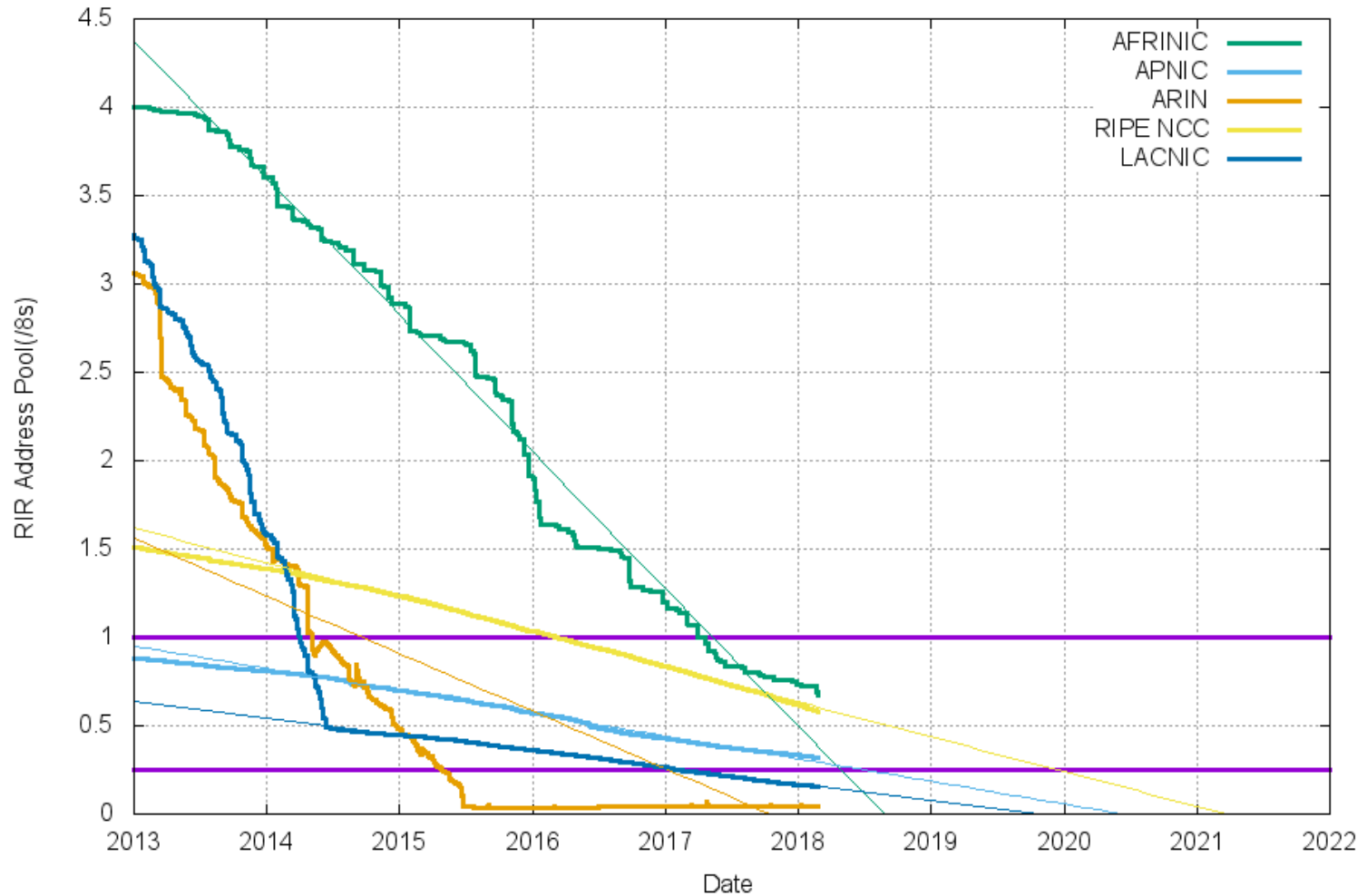
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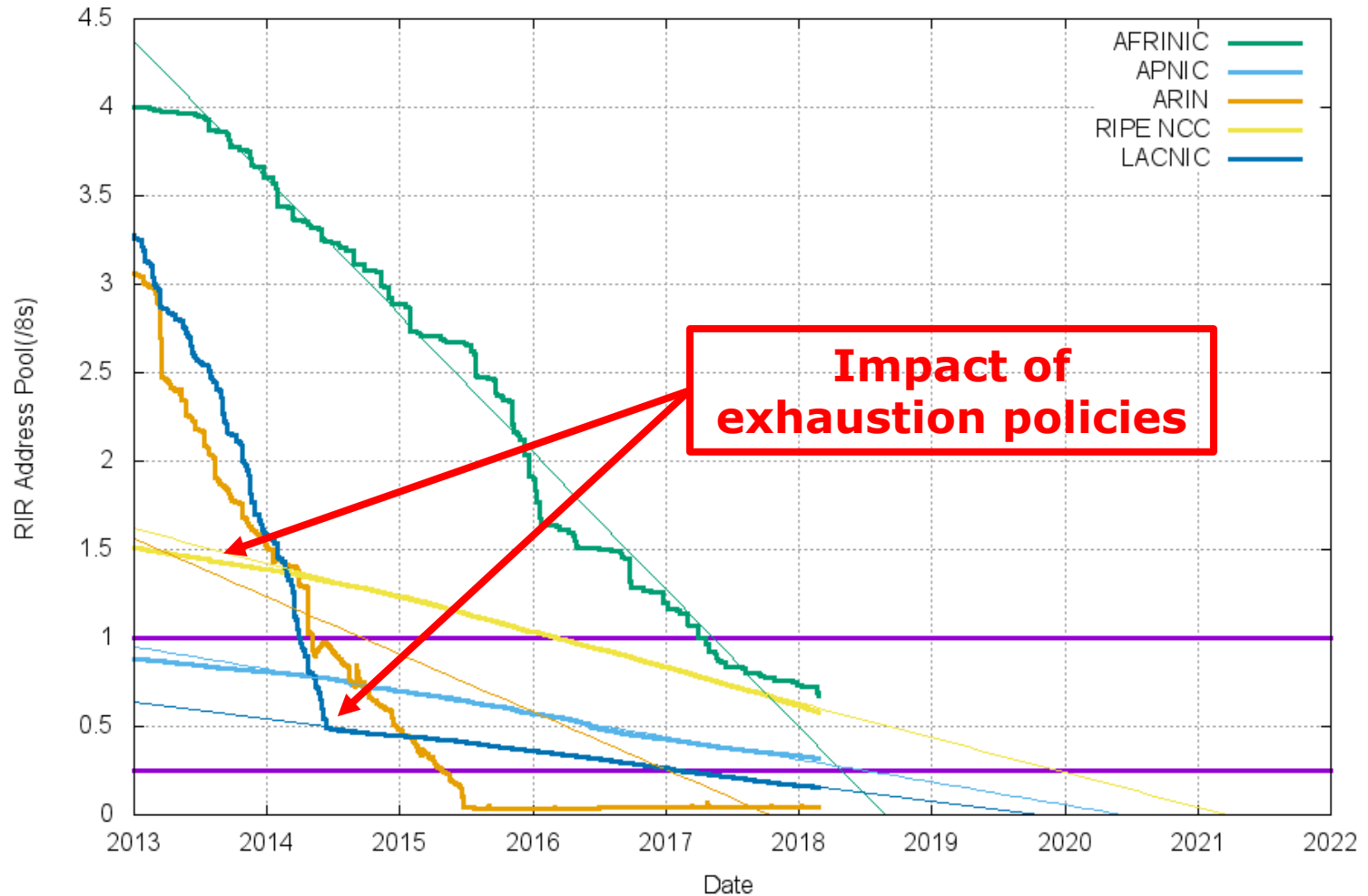
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# **What About Legacy and Reserved Space?**

At the very beginning of the Internet a lot of big blocks have been assigned to institutions. Some of them never used the IP space



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## THE MICROSOFT UPDATE

By Julie Bort, Network World | MAR 24, 2011 4:35 PM PT

# Microsoft pays Nortel \$7.5 million for IPv4 addresses



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By Paul McNamara, News Editor, Network World | APR 21, 2017 8:29 AM PT

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# MIT selling 8 million coveted IPv4 addresses; Amazon a buyer

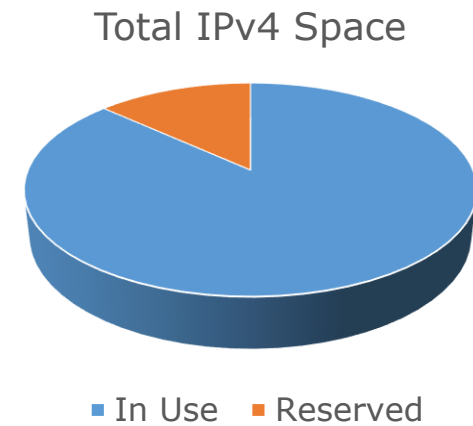


# Reserved IPv4 Space

**Space in use = ~ 221 x /8**

- 16 /8 (224.0.0/4) – Multicast
- 16 /8 (240.0.0.0/4) – Future use
- 1 /8 (0.0.0.0/8) – Local Identification
- 1 /8 (127.0.0.0/8) – Loopback
- 0.078 /8 (other small blocks) – RFC5735

**Total reserved space by IETF ~ 35 /8**



**Recovering such  
space could be a  
solution?**

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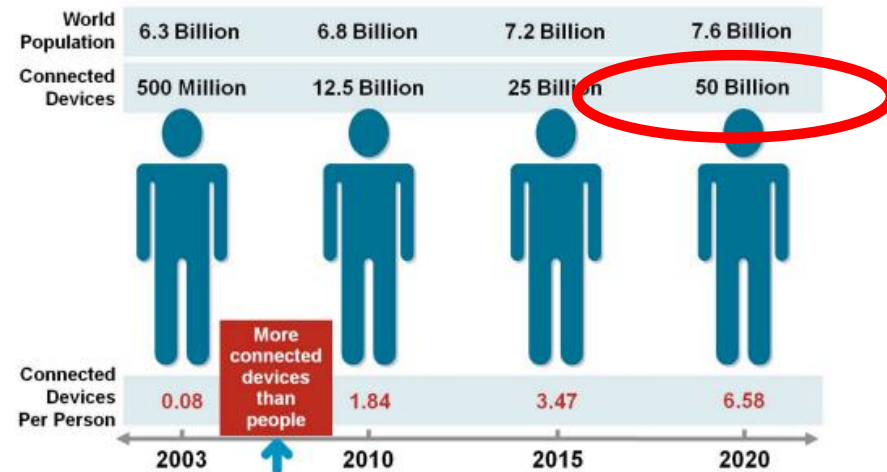
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**IPv4 space is "only" 4,3 billion addresses**

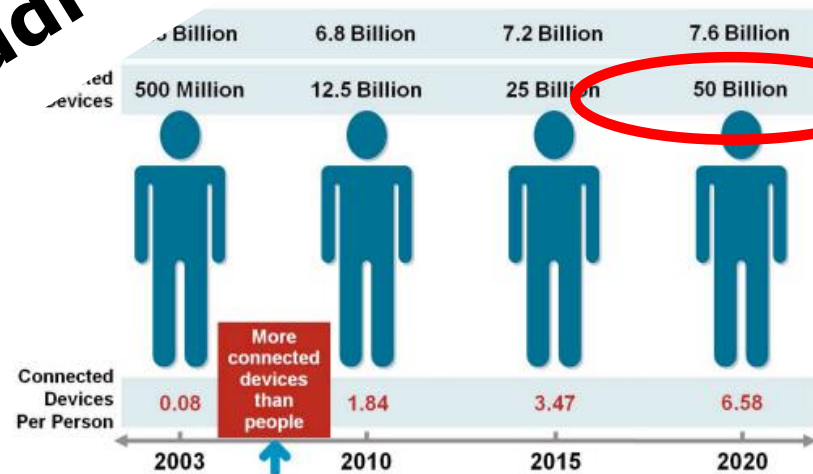
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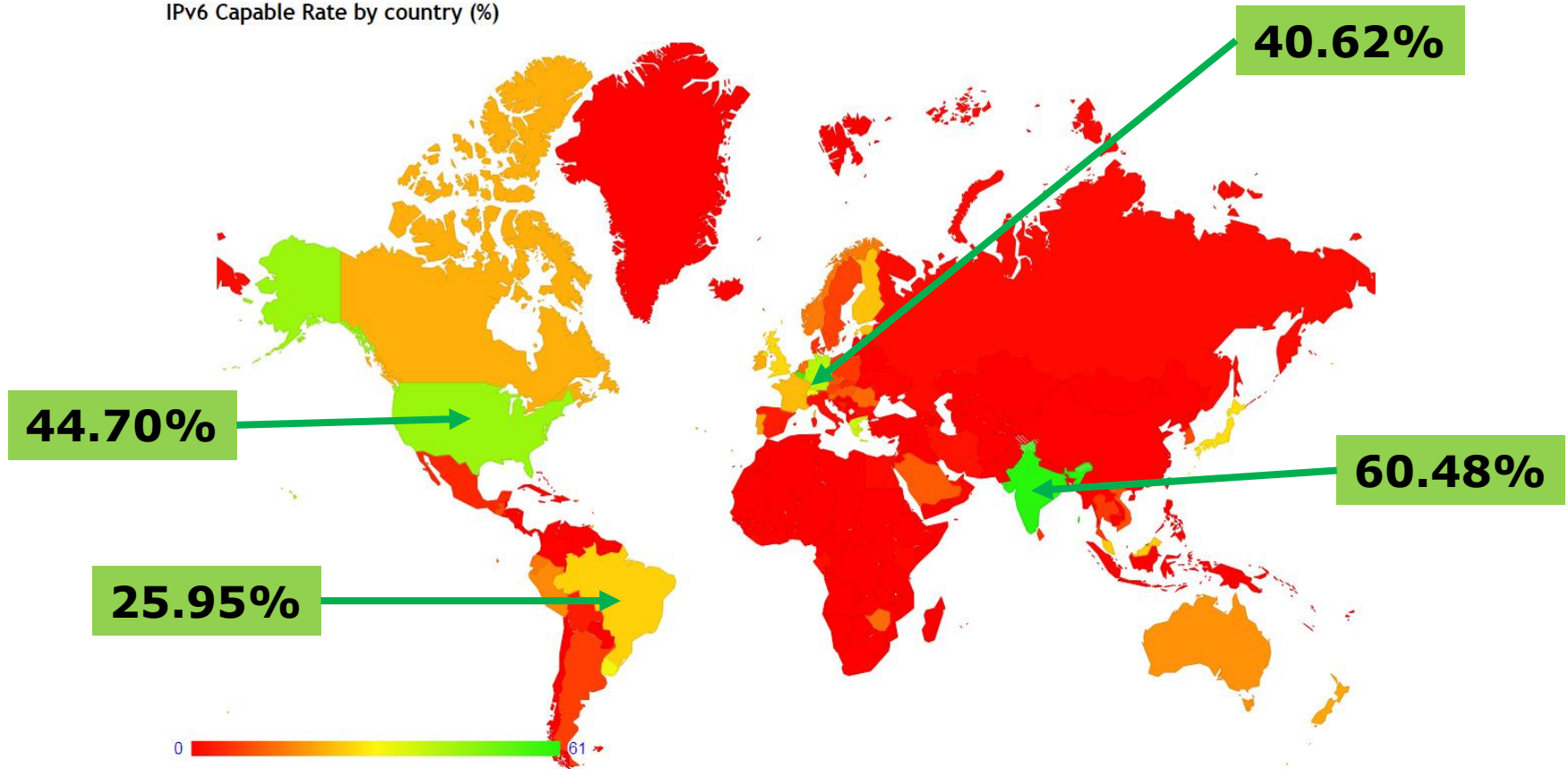
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# IPv6 adoption status

# Ipv6 adoption as seen by APNIC

IPv6 Capable Rate by country (%)



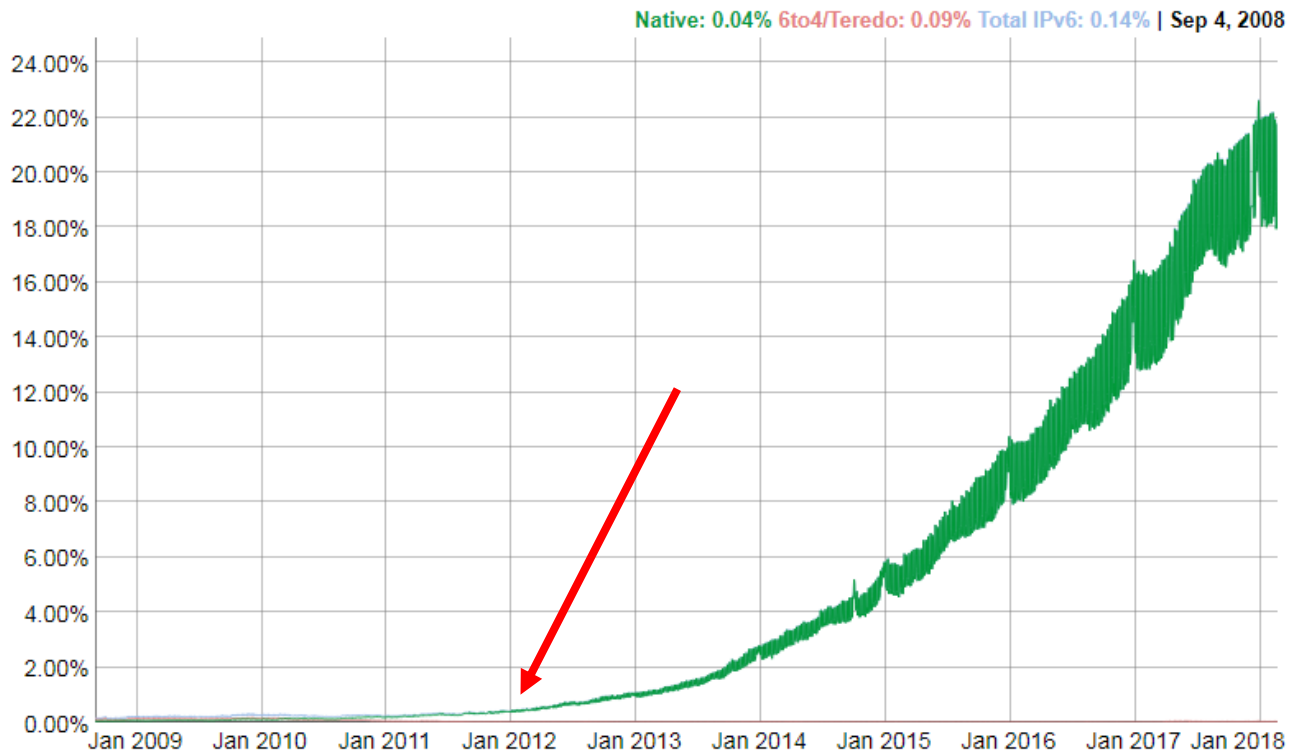
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statistics on February, 26 2018

# IPv6 adoption as seen by Google

## IPv6 Adoption

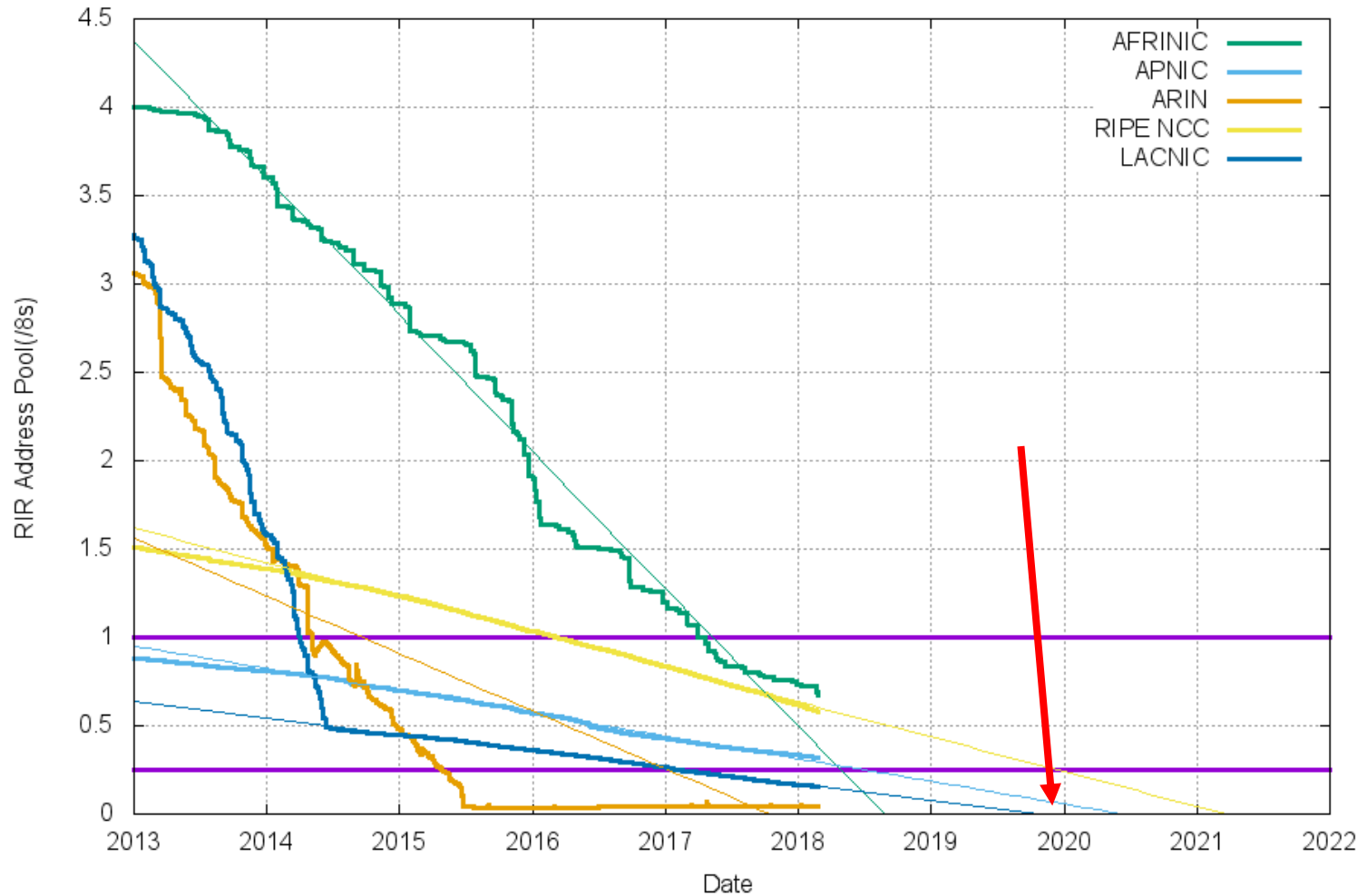
We are continuously measuring the availability of IPv6 connectivity among Google users. The graph shows the percentage of users that access Google over IPv6.



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# IPv4 to IPv6 transition

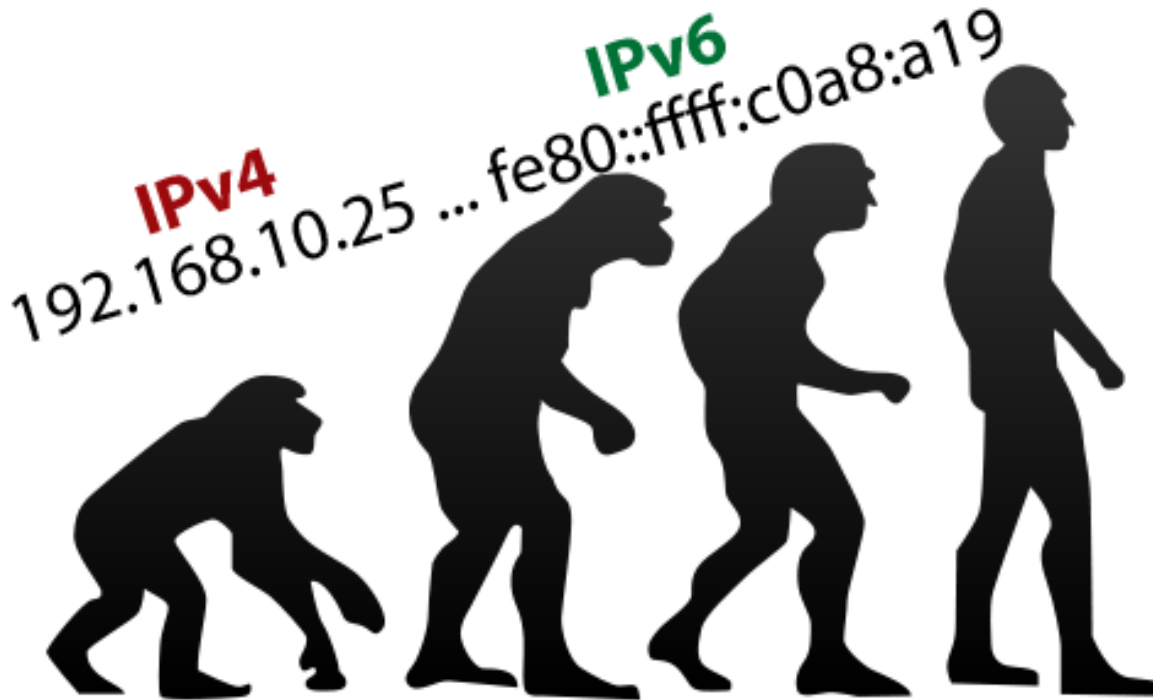
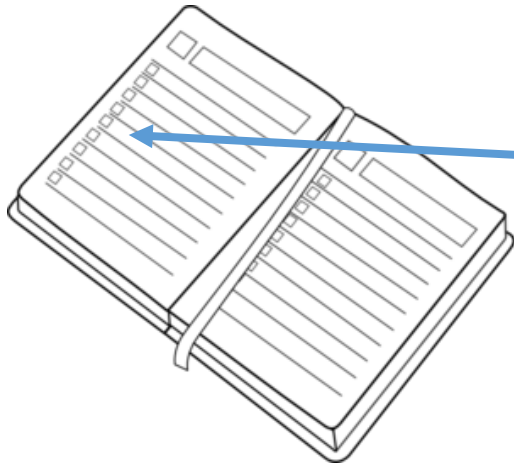


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Service providers and enterprises are faced with growing their networks using IPv6, while continuing to serve IPv4 customers.



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- Dual-Stack Lite [DS-Lite]
- NAT64 [RFC6145] [RFC6146];
- Address+Port (A+P) proposals [A+P] [PORT-RANGE]
- Stateless Address Mapping [SAM]
- Carrier Grade NAT (CGN) or Large Scale NAT (LSN) [LSN-REQS]

# **NAT, CGNAT (NAT444)**

## **Issues and implementation**



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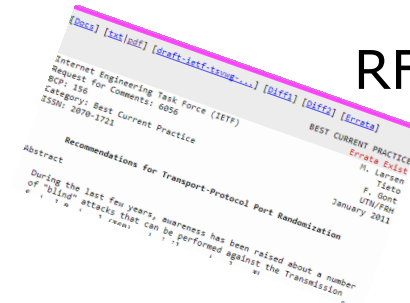
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# **Technical Arguments**

## **RFC 6302**

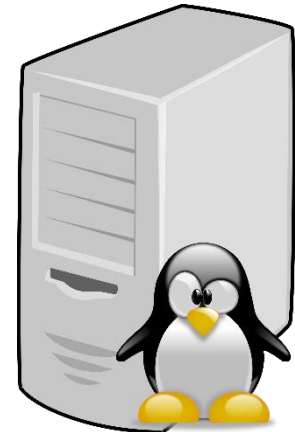
**(Logging Recommendations for Internet-Facing Servers)**

RFC 6302



## Server Considerations

*"In the wake of IPv4 exhaustion and deployment of IP address sharing techniques, this document recommends that Internet-facing servers **log port number** and accurate timestamps in addition to the incoming IP address."*



## ISP Considerations

*"ISP deploying IP address sharing techniques should also deploy a corresponding logging architecture to maintain records of the relation between a customer's identity and **IP/port resources** utilized."*



# **How Big would be ISP logs for all customers?**

## Logging in an ISP



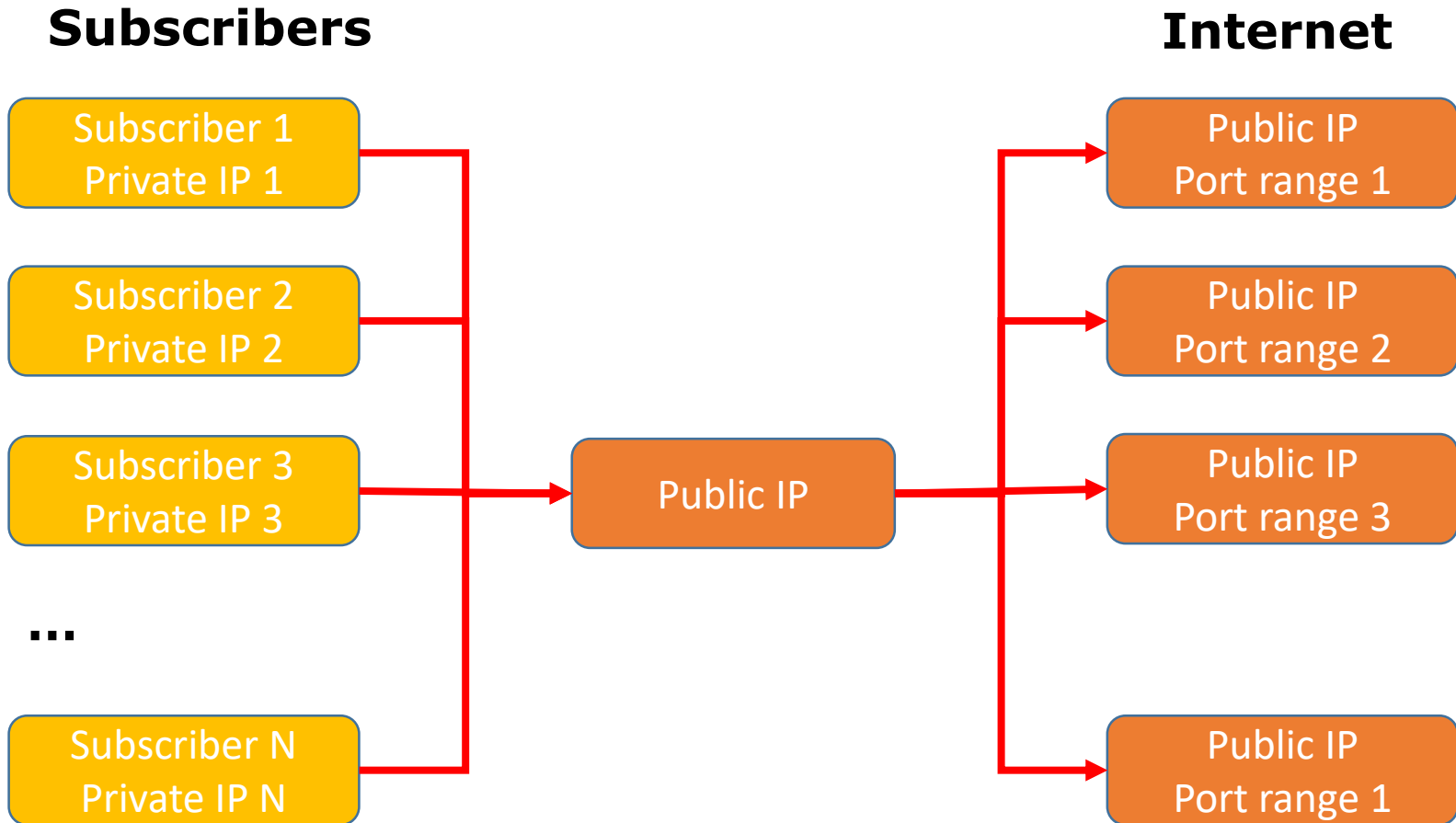
To log user's port is painful and space consuming. The strategy is to divide available ports among customers in a fixed relation.

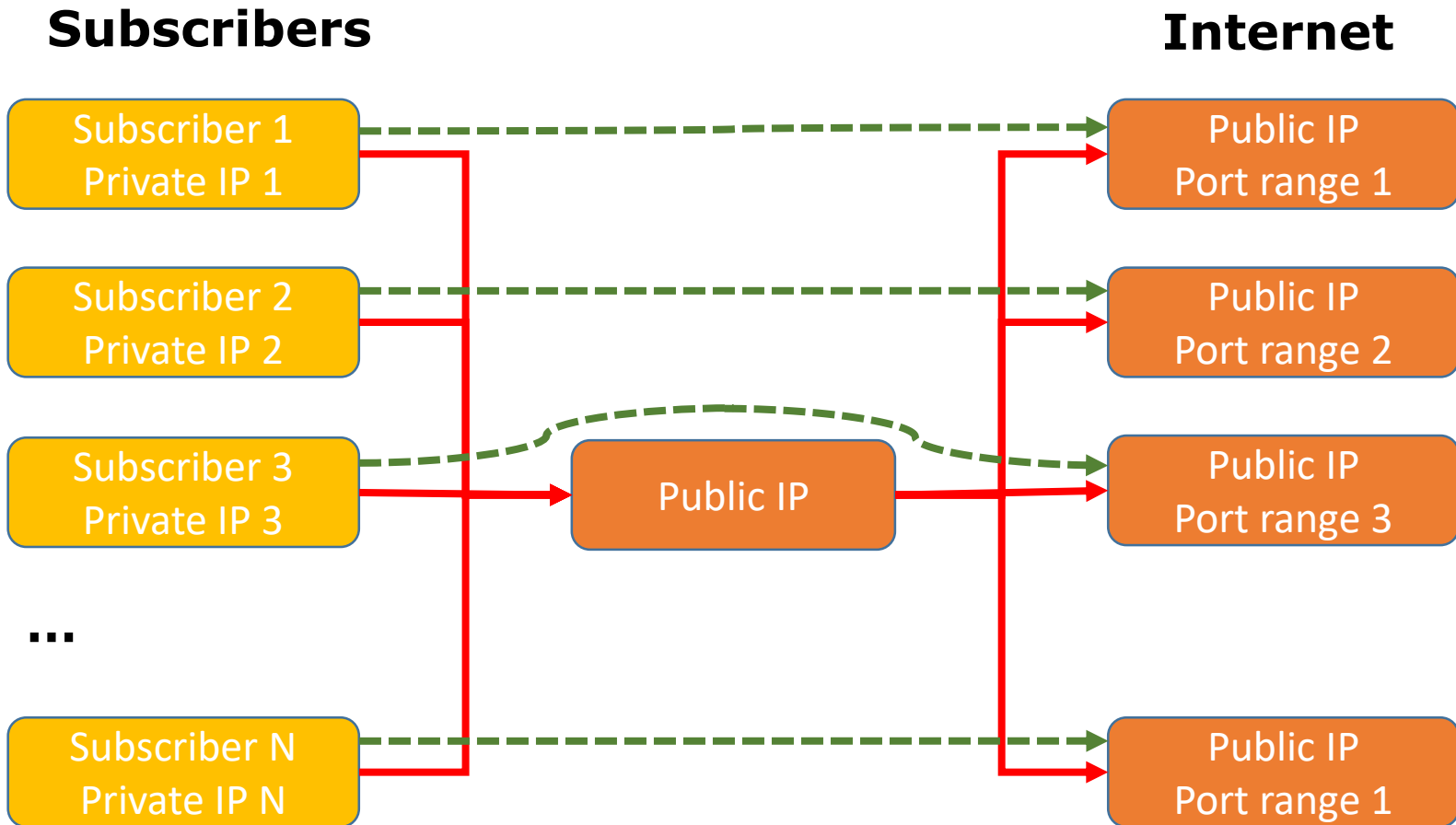
*RFC 6269 (Issues with IP Address Sharing)*

*"Address sharing solutions may mitigate these issues to some extent by **pre-allocating groups of ports**. Then only the allocation of the group needs to be recorded, and not the creation of every session binding within that group."*

This way logs are not necessary, but only a table with pre-allocated group or ports per user.

# ISP Strategy







# Which Ports?

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## IANA Ports

- **Well-Known Ports:** from 0 through 1023;
- **Registered Ports:** from 1024 through 49151;
- **Dynamic and/or Private Ports:** from 49152 through 65535.

## Which Ports?

Can we use the “**registered ports**”?

Although the term “**registered ports**” could lead to an understanding that such ports have some kind of restriction, RFC 4787 makes it clear that the use of port space (1024-65535) is safe:

*“mapping a source port to a source port that is already registered **is unlikely to have any bad effects**”.*

*(RFC 4787)*

In total, we have  $65535 - 1024 = \mathbf{64511}$  ports for CGNAT

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It is not a good idea to reserve a small amount of ports per user.

There are some implications related to the number of available port per user.

→ TCP time wait

→ Port randomization

## Number of Ports TCP time wait

After a TCP connection has been concluded it enters in TIME-WAIT state (typically 4 minutes);

The purpose is avoid duplicate connections in case of overlap of new and old TCP sequence numbers;

TIME-WAIT delay gives enough time to connections to die before reopening them.

→ This implies in a **bigger reservation** of available ports for users than the **real number** needed for connections

# Number of ports Security Considerations

There are several types of "Blind" attacks against TCP and similar Protocols



Possible Consequences: throughput reduction, broken connections and/or data corruption

Attacks rely on attackers ability to know (or guess) the five-tuple (Protocol, Source Address, Destination Address, Source Port, Destination Port)

## How many Ports per User?

Depending on the type of connection we can have different needs. E.g. for mobile phones clients, few ports could be enough. For fixed fiber broadband, a bigger number should be allocated;

The bigger number of ports we can reserve for a single user, less probability of future problems.

The question to be answered is:

How many times our IPv4 space should be multiplied to attend our future necessities?



# **IPv4 Planning in Times of Scarce Resources...**

## **Current situation:**

- Small ISP starting a business in a region with 200K inhabitants;
- Potential market for fixed broadband customers – 50K houses;

## **Growth forecast for the next 3 years**

- 50% of market share in fixed bandwidth (25K customers)

**Currently ISP is near 1K customers and only 1 IPv4 /22 block (1024 IPs)**



## Sharing ratio:

To attend this scenario, ISP will have to do CGNAT and the “sharing ratio” would be 1:25

Number of ports per customer:

Considering 64511 ports, the number of ports will be:

-  $64511 / 25 \approx 2580$  ports per user

subscriber 1: 1.024 - 3.604

subscriber 2: 3.605 - 6.185

...

subscriber 25k: 65.285 – 65.535

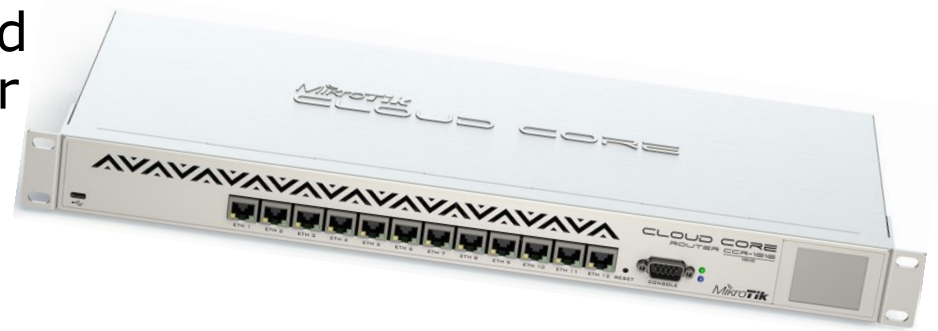
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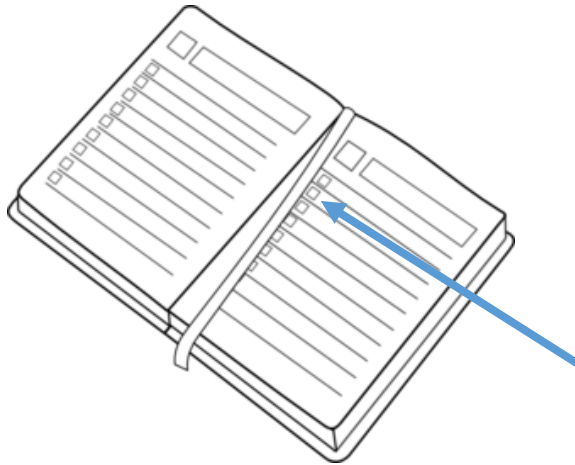
## How to deploy CGNAT

You can buy an expensive  
“dedicated” box:



Or you can follow the RFCs, and  
use RouterOS saving money for  
implementing IPv6 😊





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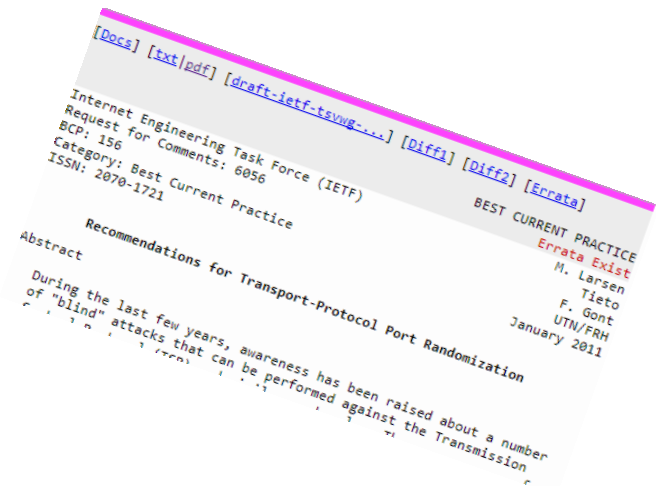
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## RFC 6598

The reserved space for CGNAT or NAT444, according to RFC 6598 is 100.64.0.0/10



First approach, NAT for each IP address:

<https://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:IP/Firewall/NAT>

\*In fact the documentation address block is 198.51.100.0/24

```
:global sqrt do={
  :for i from=0 to=$1 do={
    :if (i * i > $1) do={ :return ($i - 1) }
  }
}

:global addNatRules do={
  /ip firewall nat add chain=srcnat action=jump jump-target=xxx \
  src-address="$($srcStart)-$($srcStart + $count - 1)"

  :local x [sqrt $count]
  :local y $x
  :if ($x * $x = $count) do={ :set y ($x + 1) }
  :for i from=0 to=$x do={
    /ip firewall nat add chain=xxx action=jump jump-target="xxx-$(($i))" \
    src-address="$($srcStart + ($x * $i))-($srcStart + ($x * ($i + 1) - 1))"
  }
}
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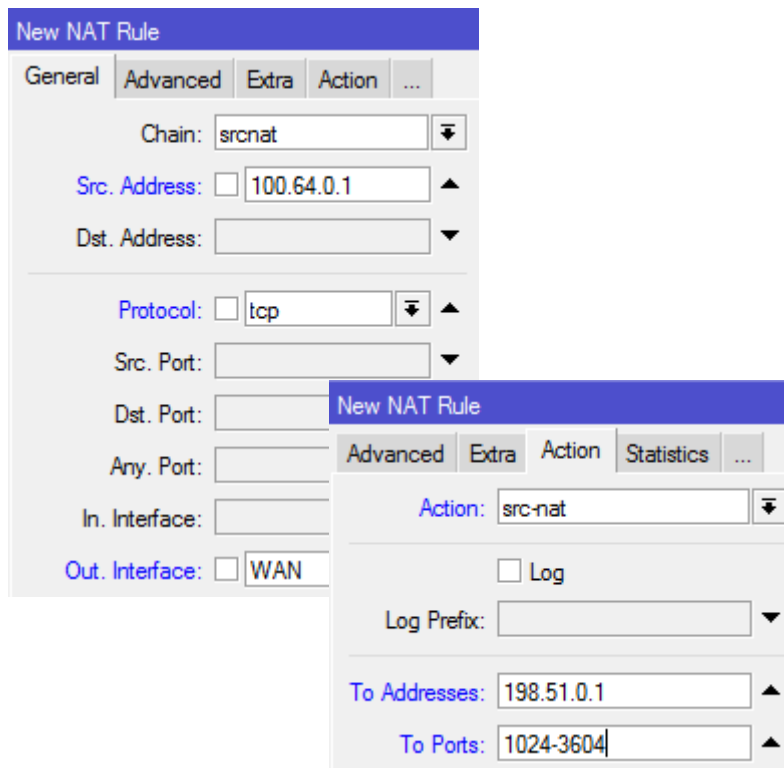


## CGNAT script

```
:for i from=0 to=($count - 1) do={
  :local prange "$($portStart + ($i * $portsPerAddr))-$($portStart + ((($i + 1) * $portsPerAddr) - 1)"
  /ip firewall nat add chain="xxx-$(($i / $x)" action=src-nat protocol=tcp src-address=($srcStart + $i) \
  to-address=$toAddr to-ports=$prange
  /ip firewall nat add chain="xxx-$(($i / $x)" action=src-nat protocol=udp src-address=($srcStart + $i) \
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}
}
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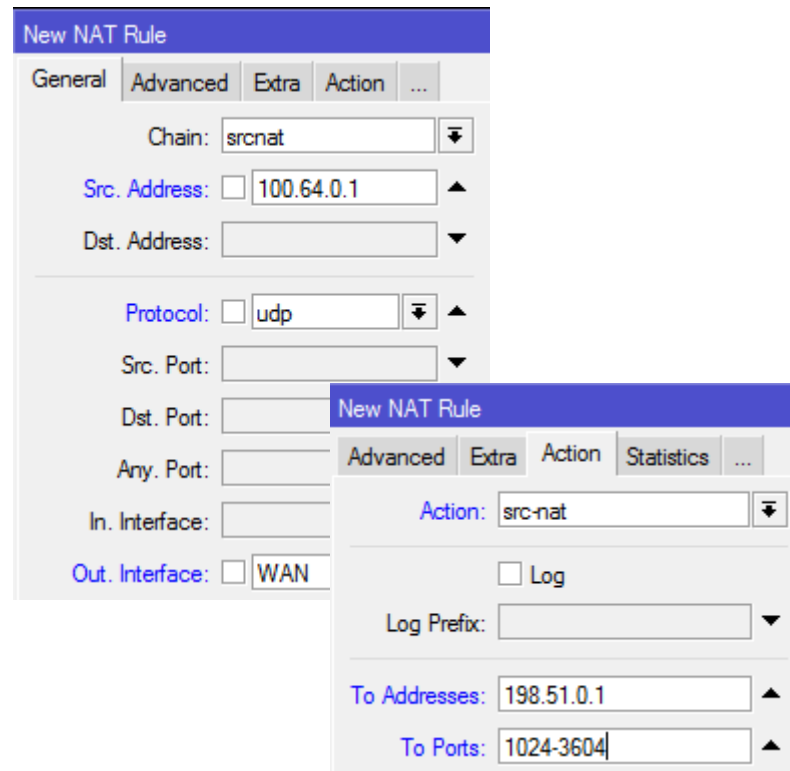
Basically we'll create 3 NAT rules per IP address:

## TCP Protocol



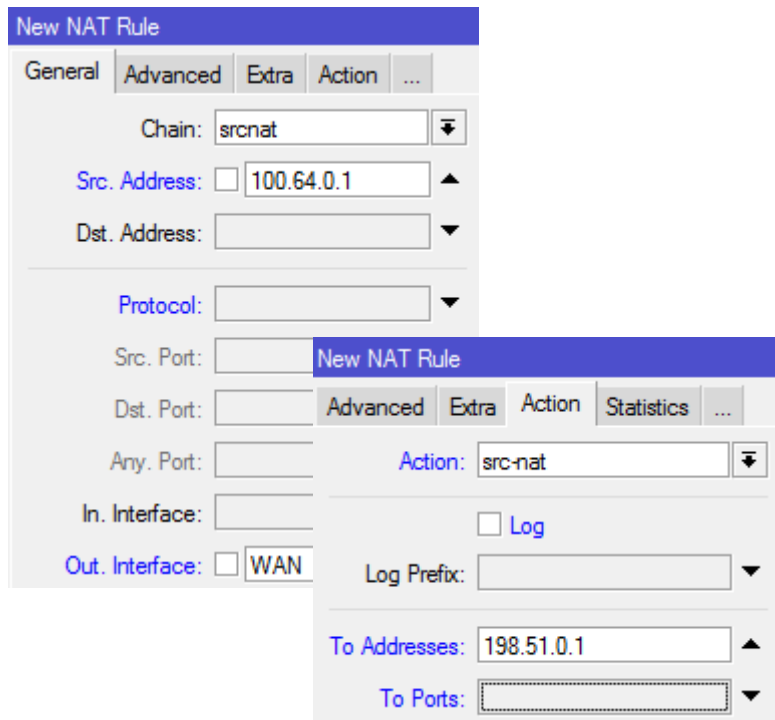
The screenshot shows the 'New NAT Rule' dialog box in Mikrotik WinBox. The 'General' tab is active. The 'Chain' is set to 'srcnat'. The 'Src. Address' is '100.64.0.1'. The 'Protocol' is 'tcp'. The 'Out. Interface' is 'WAN'. An 'Advanced' sub-dialog is open, showing 'Action' set to 'src-nat', 'Log' checked, 'Log Prefix' empty, 'To Addresses' '198.51.0.1', and 'To Ports' '1024-3604'.

## UDP Protocol



The screenshot shows the 'New NAT Rule' dialog box in Mikrotik WinBox. The 'General' tab is active. The 'Chain' is set to 'srcnat'. The 'Src. Address' is '100.64.0.1'. The 'Protocol' is 'udp'. The 'Out. Interface' is 'WAN'. An 'Advanced' sub-dialog is open, showing 'Action' set to 'src-nat', 'Log' checked, 'Log Prefix' empty, 'To Addresses' '198.51.0.1', and 'To Ports' '1024-3604'.

## Other Protocols (non port-oriented)



The screenshot shows the 'New NAT Rule' configuration window in Mikrotik WinBox. The 'General' tab is active, showing the following settings:

- Chain: srcnat
- Src. Address: 100.64.0.1
- Dst. Address: (empty)
- Protocol: (empty)
- Src. Port: (empty)
- Dst. Port: (empty)
- Any. Port: (empty)
- In. Interface: (empty)
- Out. Interface: WAN

The 'Action' tab is also visible, showing the following settings:

- Action: src-nat
- Log: (unchecked)
- Log Prefix: (empty)
- To Addresses: 198.51.0.1
- To Ports: (empty)

**For a sharing ratio  
of 25:1, total**

**3 x 25 = 75K rules!**

With this approach we'll have  $3 \times 25 \times 100 = 75\text{k}$  rules!

Fortunately RouterOS provides another features to make things better: "netmap"

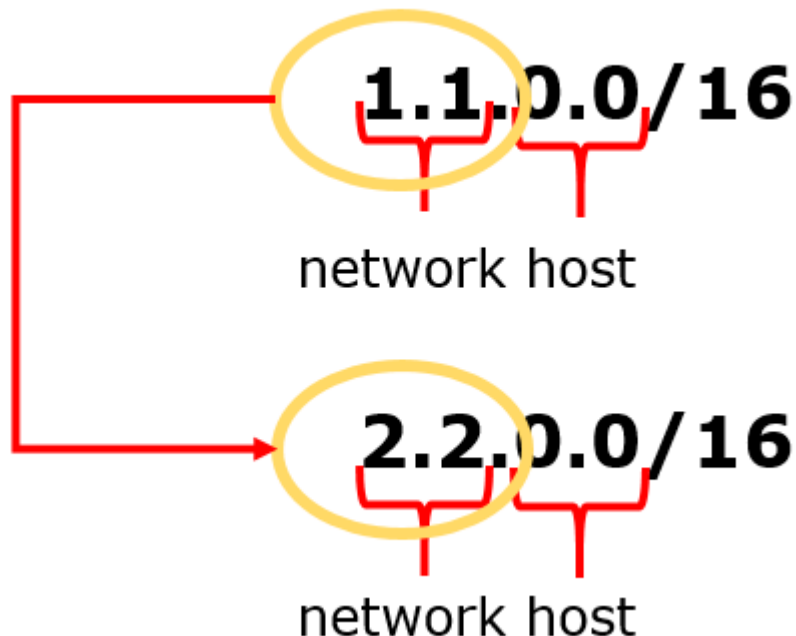
Netmap was initially implemented on Linux iptables in the packet "patch-o-matic" and ported to RouterOS.

MD Brasil started to deploy CGNAT with netmap in its own network and for some customers with good results.

# How Netmap works

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Netmap is an implementation of source or destination NAT where only the network part of an IP is natted. The host part remains as is. E.g. netmap network 1.1.0.0/16 into 2.2.0.0/16

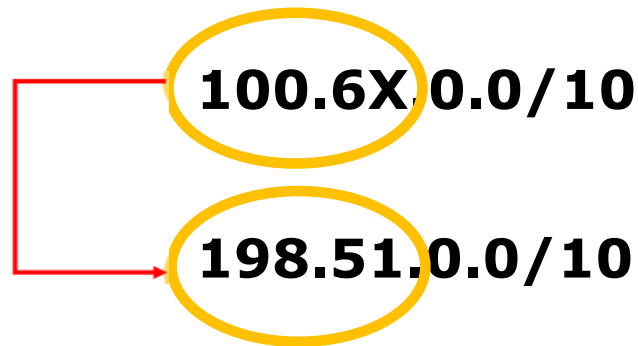


An IP address **1.1.X.Y**  
will be translated to  
**2.2.X.Y**

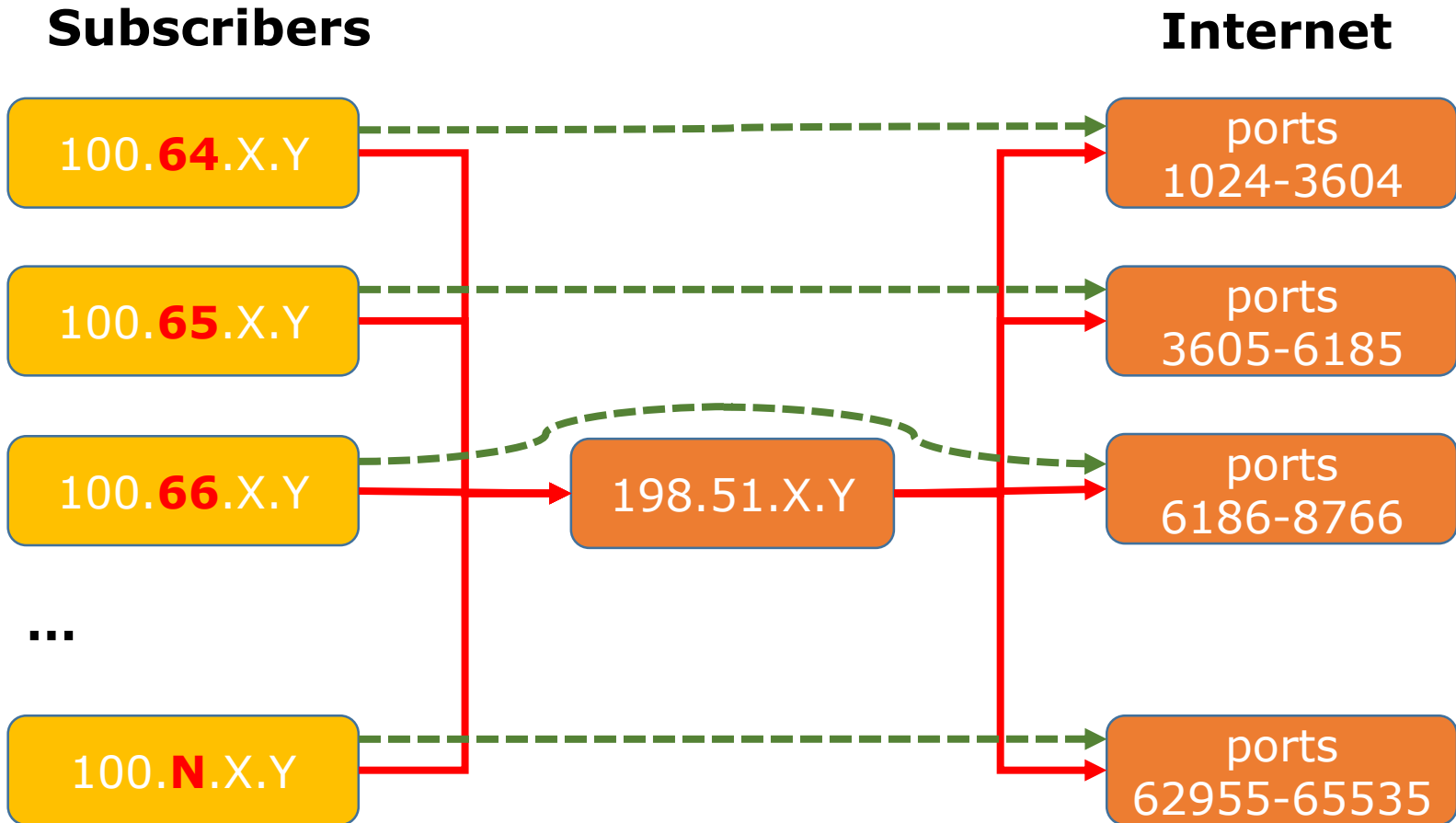
## Using Netmap

Netmap makes NAT 1:1, where the host part is kept as is and only the network part is changed.

Our strategy will be to map the network 100.64 into our public IP address



# Using Netmap





Typical netmap rules:

**New NAT Rule**

General | Advanced | Extra | Action | Statistics

Chain: srcnat

Src. Address:  100.64.0.0/24

Dst. Address:

Protocol:  tcp

Src. Port:

Dst. Port:

Any. Port:

In. Interface:

Out. Interface:  WAN

**New NAT Rule**

General | Advanced | Extra | Action | Statistics

Action: netmap

Log

Log Prefix:

To Addresses: 198.51.100.0/24

To Ports: 1024-7475

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Dst. Address:

Protocol:  udp

Src. Port:

Dst. Port:

Any. Port:

In. Interface:

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Action: netmap

Log

Log Prefix:

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To Ports: 1024-7475

The quantity of the rules will depend only on **sharing ratio**. If we have a sharing ratio of 1:N, we'll need

- N rules for TCP
- N rules for UDP
- 1 rule for non port-oriented protocols

Regardless of the network size we'll have always  
**2N+1 rules!**

Our hypothetical ISP will have a 51 rules, instead of 75K

# **RouterOS Implementation example**

## Netmap Example

Using a sharing ratio of 1:7

We'll have:

- 7 rules for TCP
- 7 rules for UDP and
- 1 rule for other protocols
  
- Total 15 rules

In this example we'll do a very simple schema to make more intuitive the distribution.

## **Public prefix allocated to the LIR**

- 198.51.0.0/22\* (198.51.0.0 – 198.51.3.255)

## **Port division:**

- 1) 1024 – 9999 (range 0);
- 2) 10000 – 19999 (range 1);
- 3) 20000 – 29999 (range 2);
- 4) 30000 – 39999 (range 3);
- 5) 40000 – 49999 (range 4);
- 6) 50000 – 59999 (range 5);
- 7) 60000 – 65535 (range 6);

\* The prefix used in this presentation in fact is not a reserved range for documentation (RFC 5737).

The proposition is to have the following distribution:

IP address allocated to a single user: 100.10**X.Y.Z**  
where:

X = Port range (0 to 6)

Y = Third octet of the shared public IP address

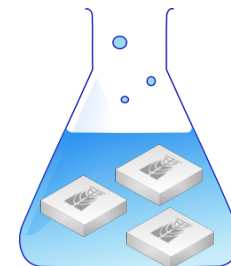
Z = Fourth octet of the shared public IP address

# CGNAT Planning

Suppose we have one POP with the prefix 198.51.2.64/27

For instance, the IP 198.51.2.70 will be shared among 7 subscribers:

Subscriber	CGNAT IP	Public IP	Port Range
subscriber 1	100. <b>100</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>1024-9999</b>
subscriber 2	100. <b>101</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>10000-19999</b>
subscriber 3	100. <b>102</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>20000-29999</b>
subscriber 4	100. <b>103</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>30000-39999</b>
subscriber 5	100. <b>104</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>40000-49999</b>
subscriber 6	100. <b>105</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>50000-59999</b>
subscriber 7	100. <b>106</b> .2.70	198.51.2.70	<b>60000-69999</b>



**Based on the schema, we can easily identify the subscriber who is behind the pair IP/port:**

- 198.51.2.145, port 4045 → **100.100.2.145**
- 198.51.0.27, port 50045 → **100.105.0.27**
- 198.51.3.66, port 13016 → **100.101.3.66**



## TCP Protocol

```
/ip firewall nat
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.100.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=1024-9999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.101.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=10000-19999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.102.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=20000-29999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.103.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=30000-39999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.104.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=40000-49999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.105.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=50000-59999
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=tcp src-  
address=100.106.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=60000-65535
```

## UDP Protocol

```
/ip firewall nat
```

```
add action=netmap chain=srcnat out-interface=wlan1 protocol=udp src-  
address=100.100.X.Y/27 to-addresses=198.51.X.Y/27 to-ports=1024-9999
```

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## Netmap Rules

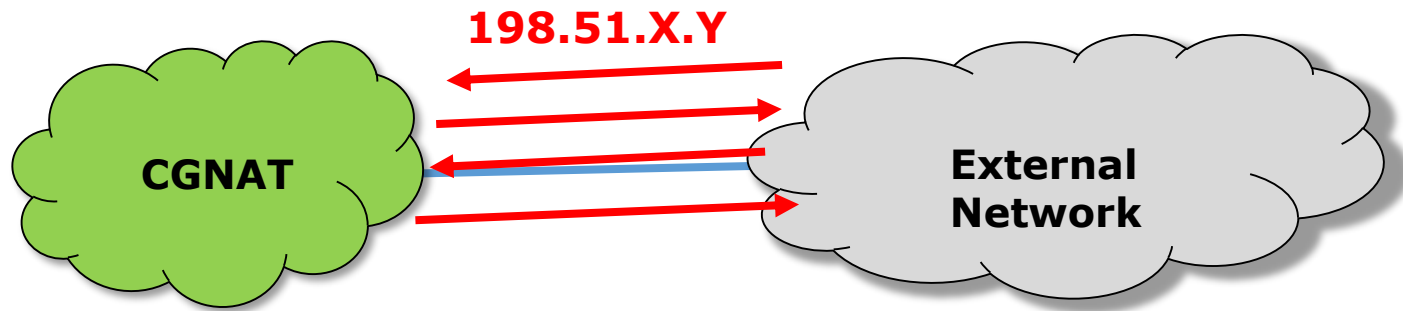
### **Non port oriented traffic**

```
/ip firewall nat
```

```
add action=masquerade src-address=100.100.X.Y/27 chain=srcnat out-  
interface=wlan1
```

## Netmap and “static loops”

With this implementation, any packet originated from outside the network and destined to one Public IP used by the CGNAT, won't have routes, leading to a static loop.



For instance, a ping originated on the Internet and destined to IP 198.51.X.Y will arrive in the concentrator, and sent back to the last router, which will sent to the concentrator again, etc, etc.

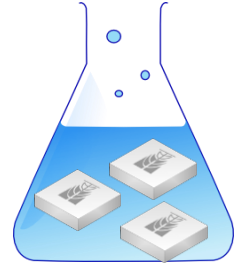
# Netmap and "static loops"

Possible solutions:

- Destination NAT rule pointing to a public IP address or to a blackhole IP configured on the concentrator;
- All public IP addresses configured on a loopback interface on the concentrator.
- Simply a blackhole route for the entire public network on the concentrator.

# What about Network Topology?

The rules can be applied without any change in the current topology.



For distributed authentication:

→ Netmap rules on the concentrators

For centralized authentication:

→ Netmap rules on the central concentrator

# Port Forwarding with CGNAT

For port forwarding, besides the normal dst-nat rule on the CPE, it is necessary another rule at concentrator level.

A previous set of rules could help support desk

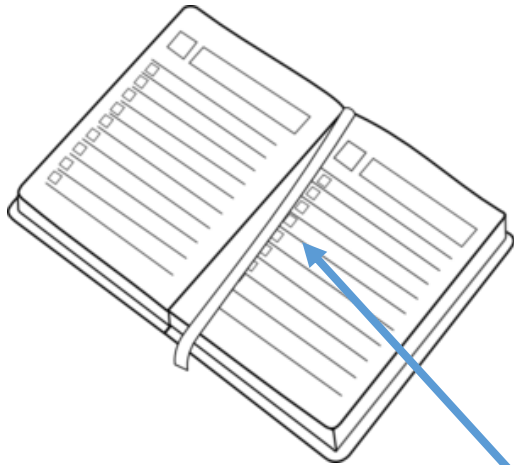
For instance, both users **100.64.X.Y** e **100.65.X.Y** want forwarding to port 80

IP/external port	CGNAT IP	Internal IP
198.51.X.Y:80 <b>64</b>	100. <b>64</b> .X.Y:80	192.168.1.180
198.51.X.Y:80 <b>65</b>	100. <b>65</b> .X.Y:80	192.168.1.180

inform to subscribers

Pre configured on CPE  
Inform to subscribers

Pre configured on concentrator



Current status of IPv4 exhaustion and IPv6 adoption;



Issues related to IPv4 scarcity and shared address solutions;



CGNAT implementation with low cost and good performance;



Best practices for IPv6 deployment in an small/medium ISP access network;



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## Basic comparison:

	IPv4	IPv6
Address Size	32 bit	128 bit
Address Format	192.168.1.1	2001:db8:1:2:3:4:5:6
Possible Combinations	$2^{32}$	$2^{128}$



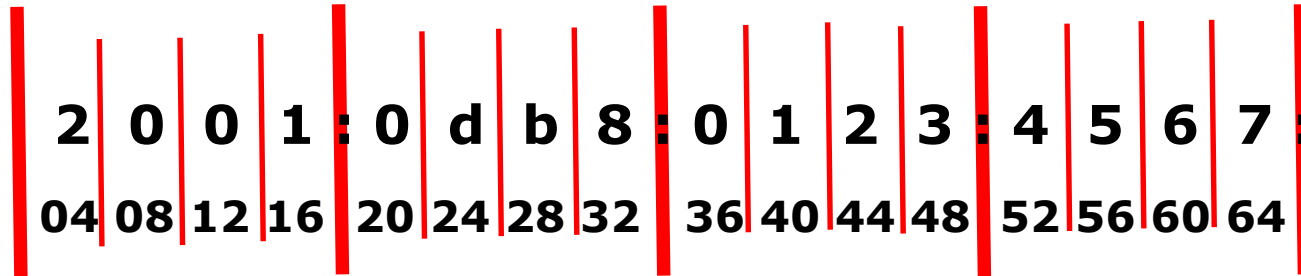
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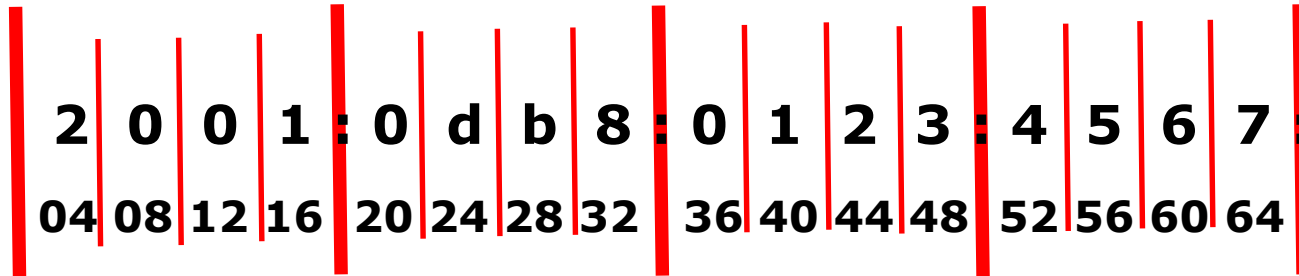


# Planning IPv6 distribution



- Minimum allocation for ISPs in all RIRs is a /32
- Longer prefix allowed in BGP is a /48
- Minimum allocation that allow SLAAC to work is a /64

# How Many Prefixes per Subscriber?



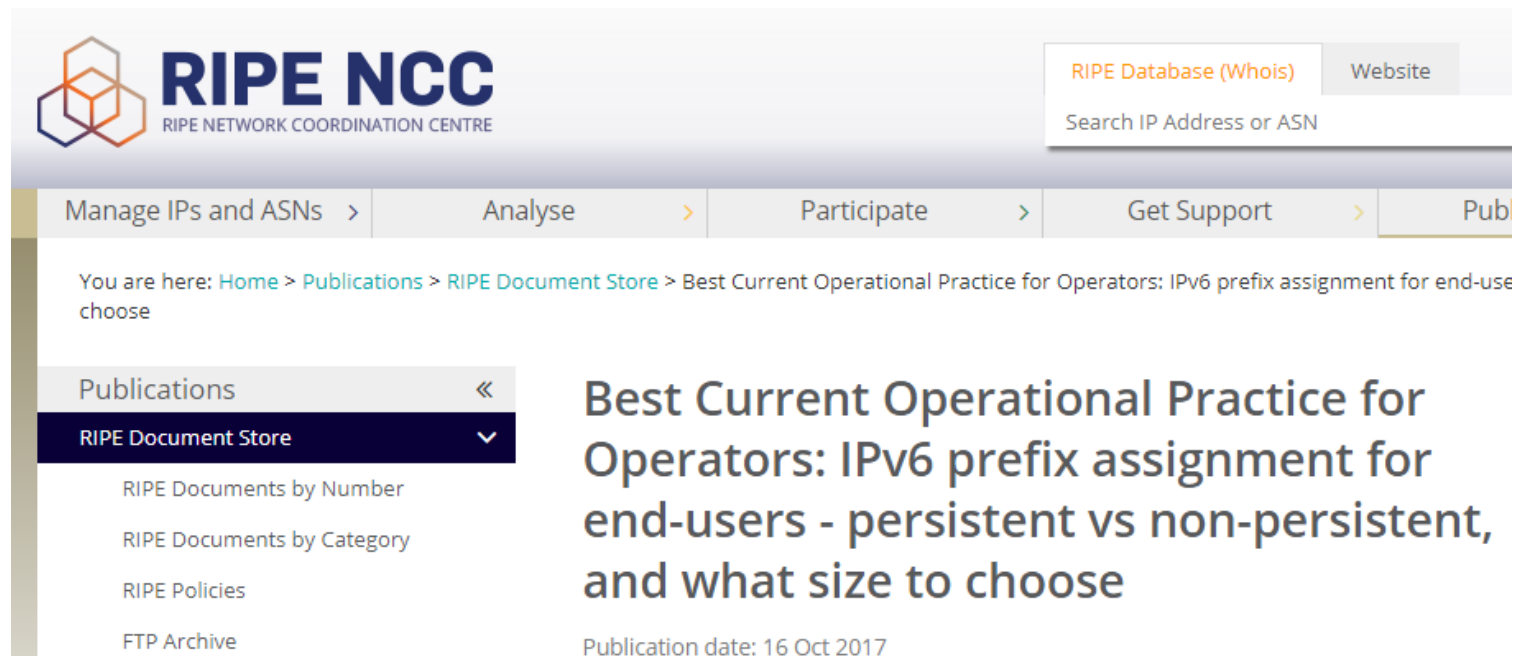
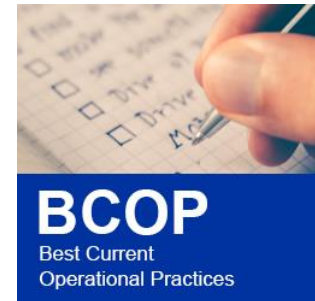
- Currently recommended allocation size (RFC6177):
  - /56 for residential customers
  - /48 for business customers

/56 → 256 /64 subnets

/48 → 65536 /64 subnets



RIPE BCOP (Doc 690 – October 2017) recommends minimum allocation of /48 even for domestic users!



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## Best Current Operational Practice for Operators: IPv6 prefix assignment for end-users - persistent vs non-persistent, and what size to choose

Publication date: 16 Oct 2017



**/48 for everybody?**

**Would be RIPE trying to  
exhaust IPv6?**



## /48 for everybody?

In fact RFC 3177 (2001), already recommended the use of /48 for residential and enterprise subscribers:

*RFC3177*

"....

*In particular, we recommend:*

- *Home network subscribers, connecting through on-demand or always-on connections should receive a /48.*
- *Small and large enterprises should receive a /48.*
- *Very large subscribers could receive a /47 or slightly shorter prefix, or multiple /48's.*

..."

/48 for everybody?

Ten years later RFC 6177 revised the understanding, however without much reasons for that.

*RFC6177*

*" ....*

*While the /48 recommendation does simplify address space management for end sites, it has also been **widely criticized as being wasteful***

*...*

*While it seems likely that the size of a typical home network will grow over the next few decades, **it is hard to argue that home sites will make use of 65K subnets** within the foreseeable future.*

*... "*



## /48 for everybody?

RIPE operators resumed the discussion and published the document RIPE690

"...

### 4.2.1. /48 for everybody

*This is probably the **most practical way to assign IPv6 prefixes to end customer CPE devices**. In this case everyone has a /48 prefix and advanced end-users are less likely to make mistakes when addressing their networks and devices, resulting in much less call-centre time to sort out problems. It also has the advantage of sharing the same prefix size as ULAs and some transition mechanisms, so this facilitates a direct mapping of existing customer addressing plans to the delegated prefix.*

..."

## /48 for everybody?

BCOP 690 doesn't "condemn" RFC-6177, but points that such differentiation has much more commercial reasons than technical ones.

" ...

*4.2.2. /48 for business customers and /56 for residential customers*

*Some operators decide to give a /48 prefix to their business customers and a /56 to their residential customers. **This rationale is understood to be mainly coming from sales and marketing departments where they wish to create some distinction in services between different types of customer.** This method can be considered as pragmatic, future-proof and has nearly no downsides, the same as the "/48 for everyone" approach.*

*... "*

## /48 for everybody?

And suggests for the ones who want to provide a /56 for residential subscribers (for any reason) that reserve a /48 and use the first /56 for the customer.

“ ...

An alternative is to reserve a /48 for residential customers, but actually assign them just the first /56. If subsequently required, they can then be upgraded to the required prefix size without the need to renumber, or the spare prefixes can be used for new customers if it is not possible to obtain a new allocation from your RIR (which should not happen according to current IPv6 policies)

”  
...



**Is my block enough big  
to give /48 for all?**

/48 for everybody?



Questions:

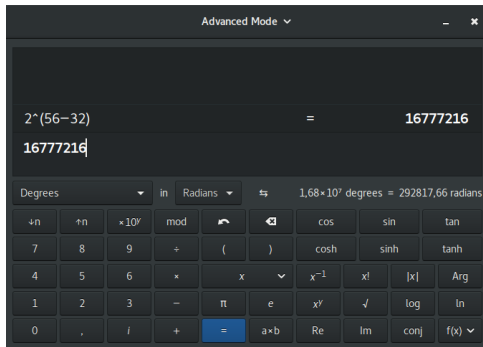
- 1) If we have a /32, how many customers could we provide service giving a /56?
- 2) And what about giving /48 for everybody?

/48 for everybody?



Questions:

- 1) If we have a /32, how many customers could we provide service giving a /56?



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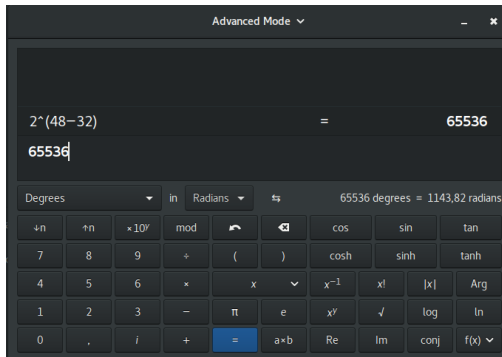
**A little bit more then 16 million subscribers 😊**

/48 for everybody?



Questions:

1) And what about providing /48 for everybody?



$$2^{(48 - 32)} = 65.536$$

**Happy with 65K subscribers?**



## Another good reason in favor of /48

Another good reason that is not mentioned in BCOP 690 is security related.

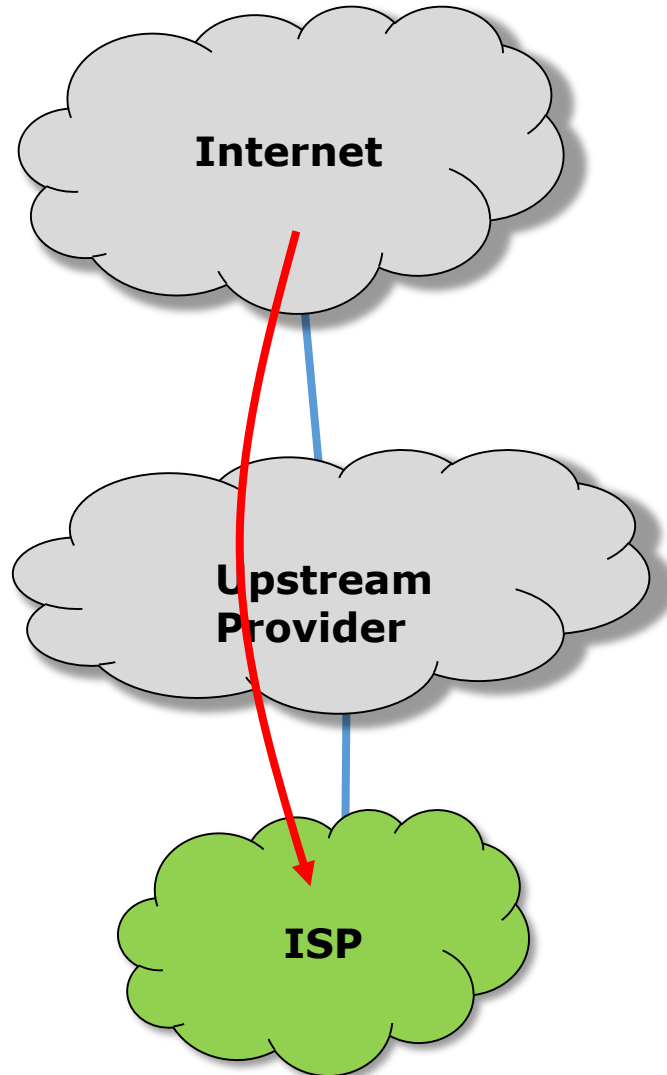
DDoS mitigation techniques for volumetric attacks can be improved in the cases of:

RTBH – Remote Triggered Blackhole

Mitigation done by a Scrubbing Center



## Remote Triggered Blackhole in IPv4

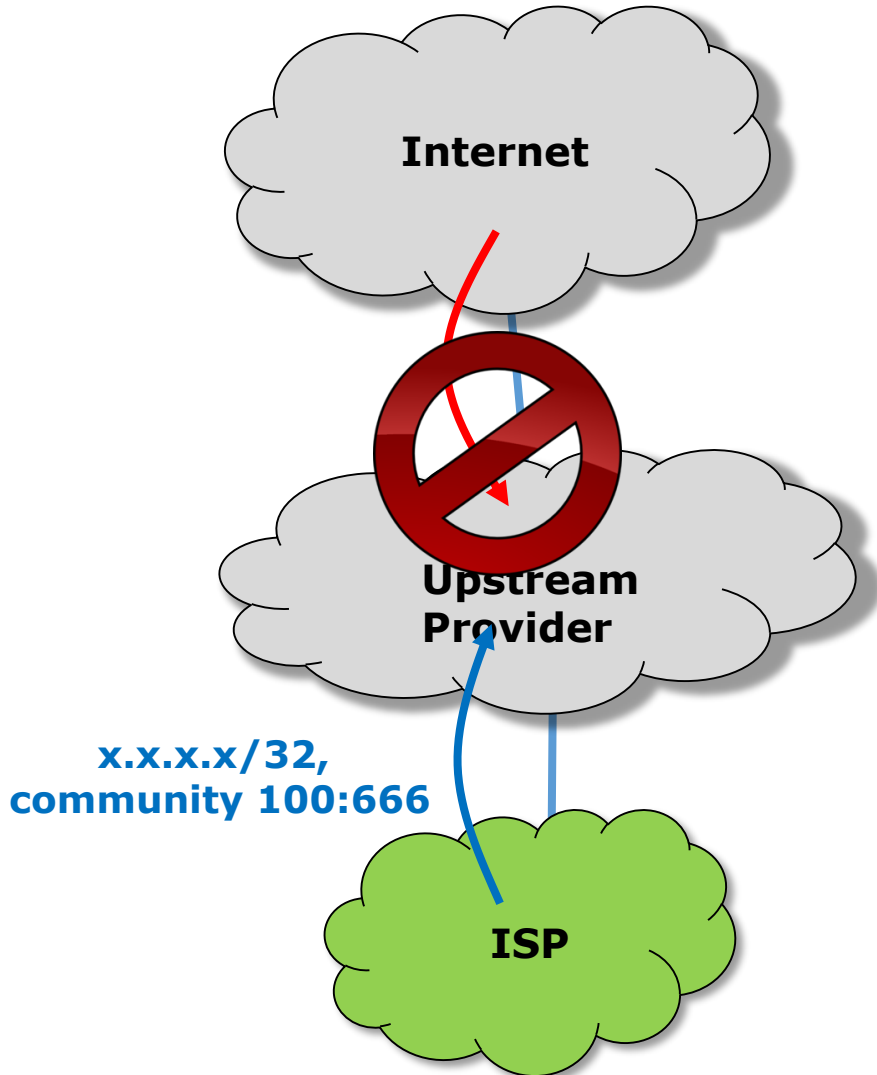


ISP is suffering a DDoS attack targeting some IPv4 /32;

Upstream provider (e.g. AS 100) provides a policy that black-hole any /32 announcement with a specific community (e.g. 100:666);

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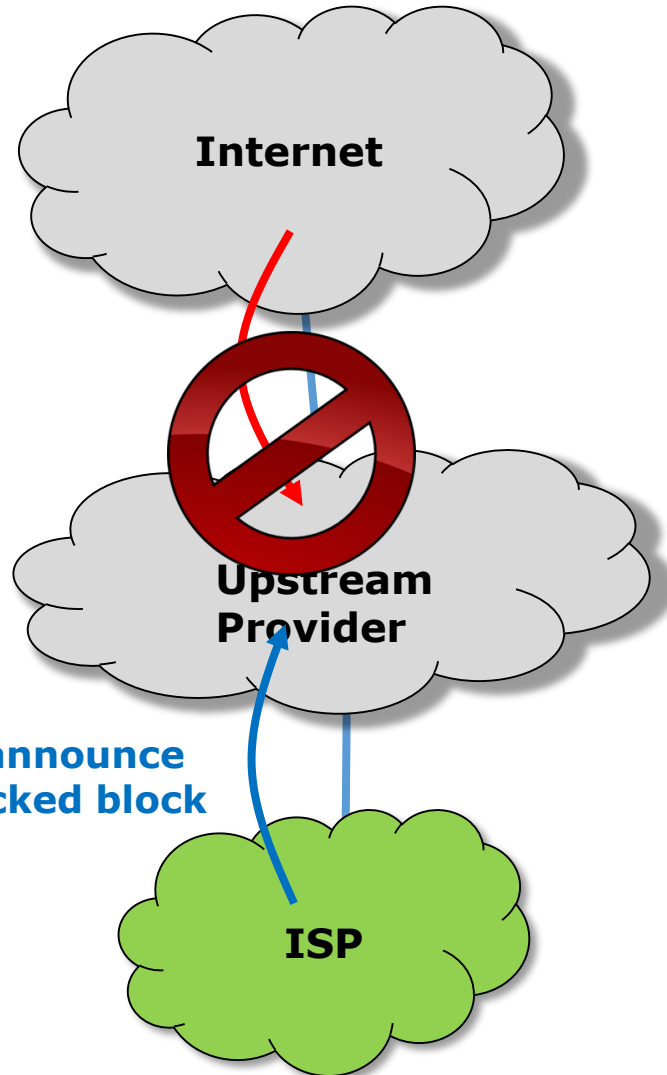


ISP announces to the Upstream provider the /32 with the community;

Upstream provider put the /32 in blackhole;

Communication with /32 is lost and channel overflow stops;

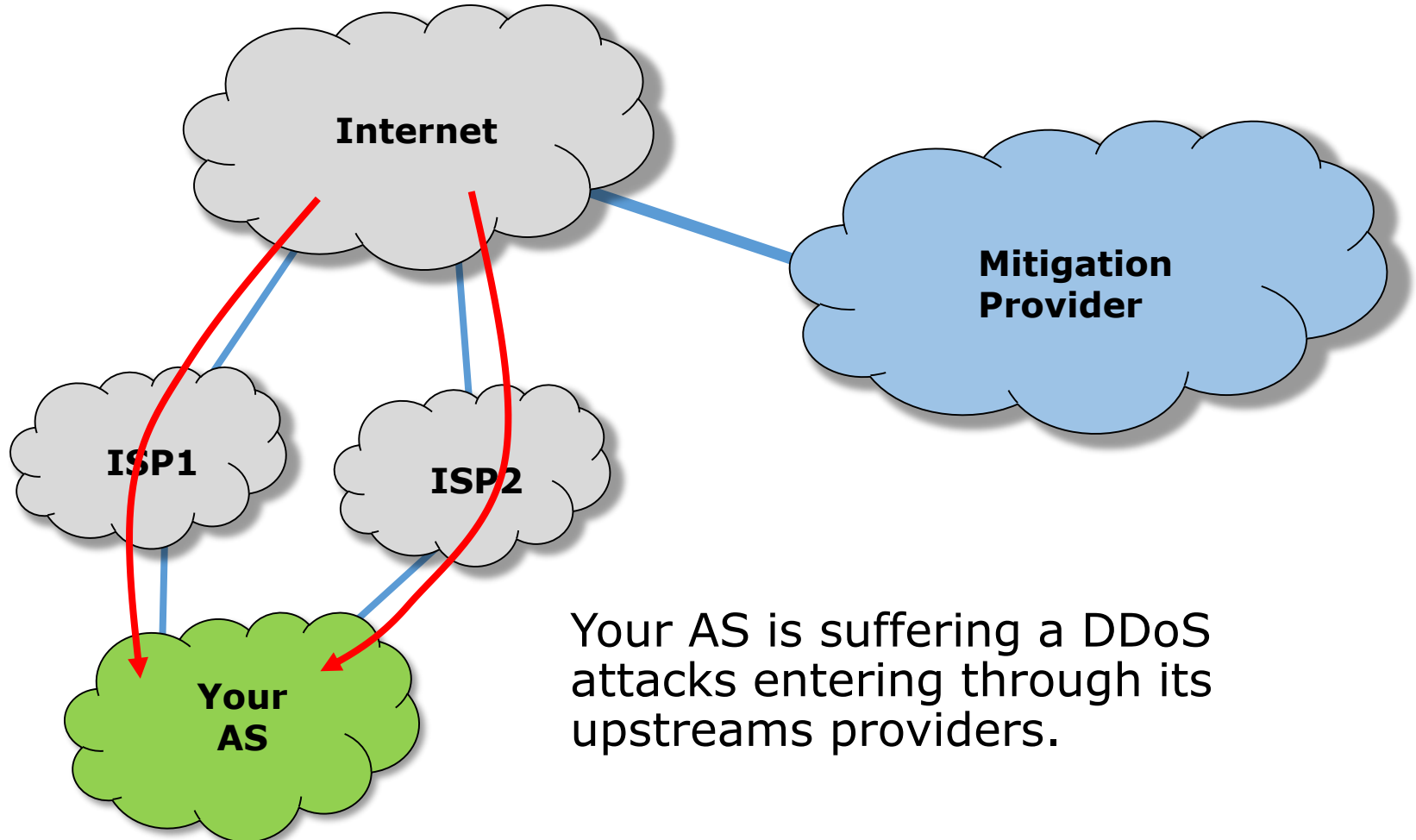
## Remote Triggered Blackhole in IPv6



The same could be done with IPv6, the difference is that when it comes to IPv6 your upstream provider **MUST** have a blackhole policy and you depend on him;

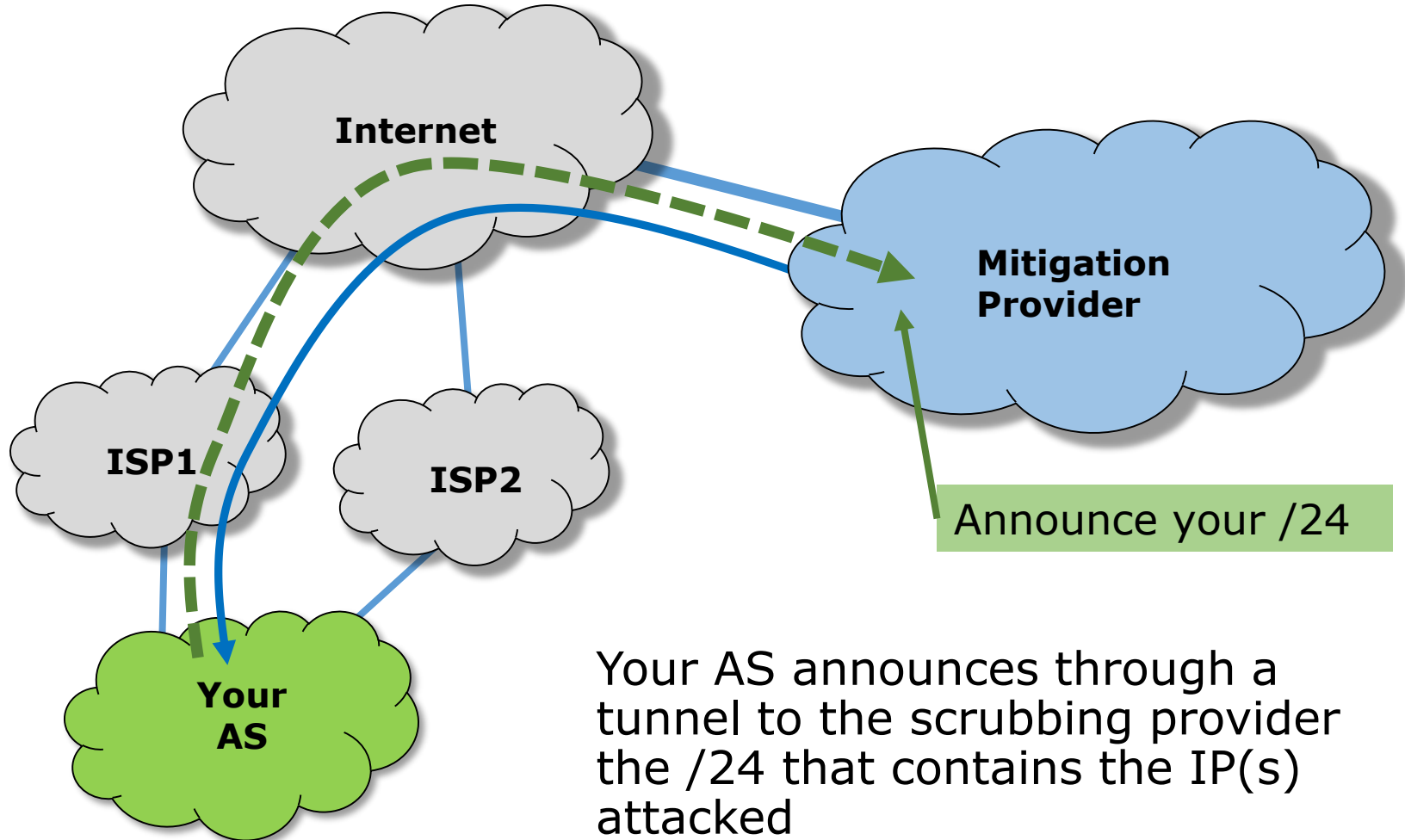
If you distribute IPv6 /48, you split your announcements and simply **do not announce the attacked block** and the attack will stop regardless of your upstream provider!

## Mitigation On the Cloud on IPv4



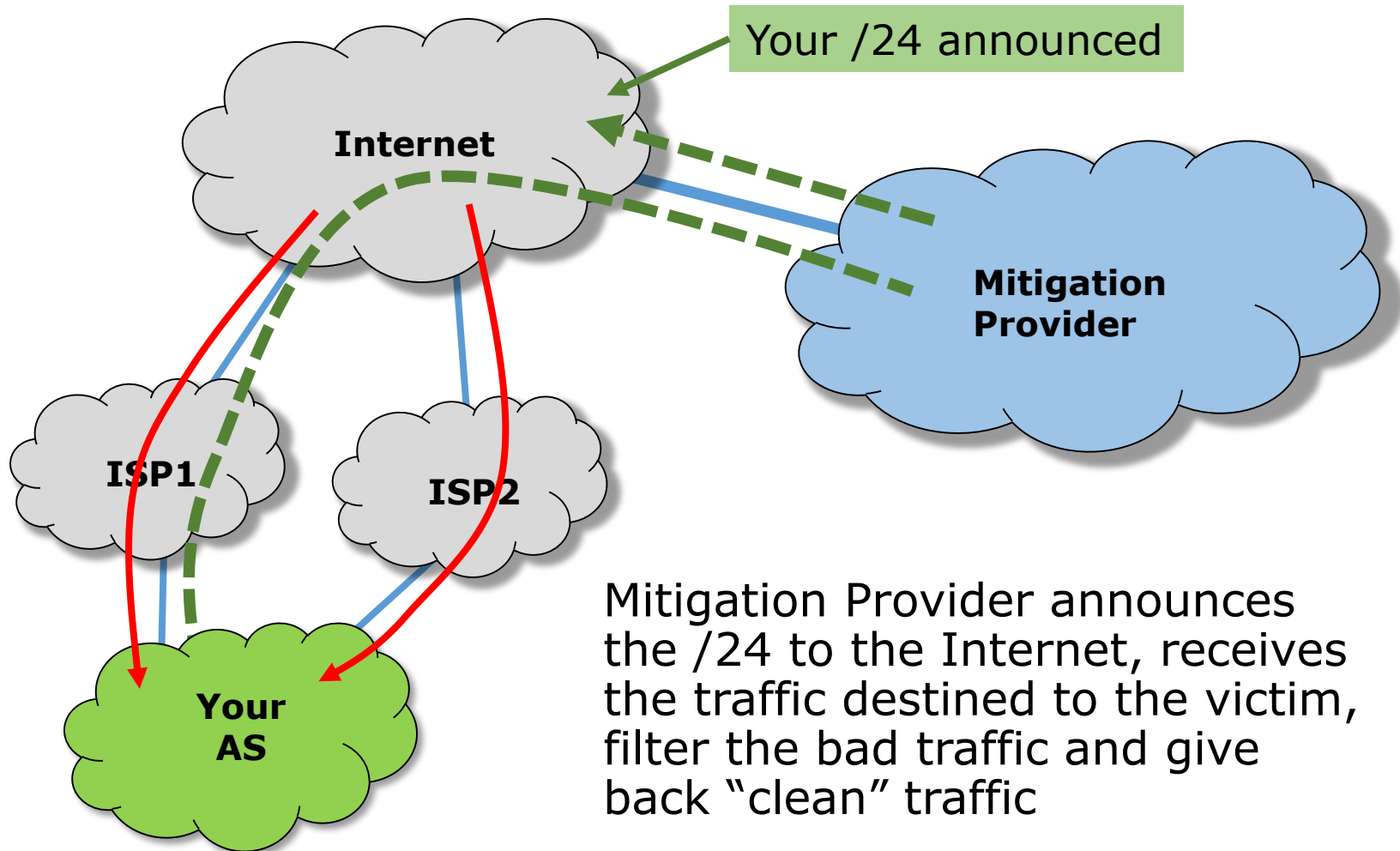
Your AS is suffering a DDoS attacks entering through its upstreams providers.

## Mitigation On the Cloud in IPv4



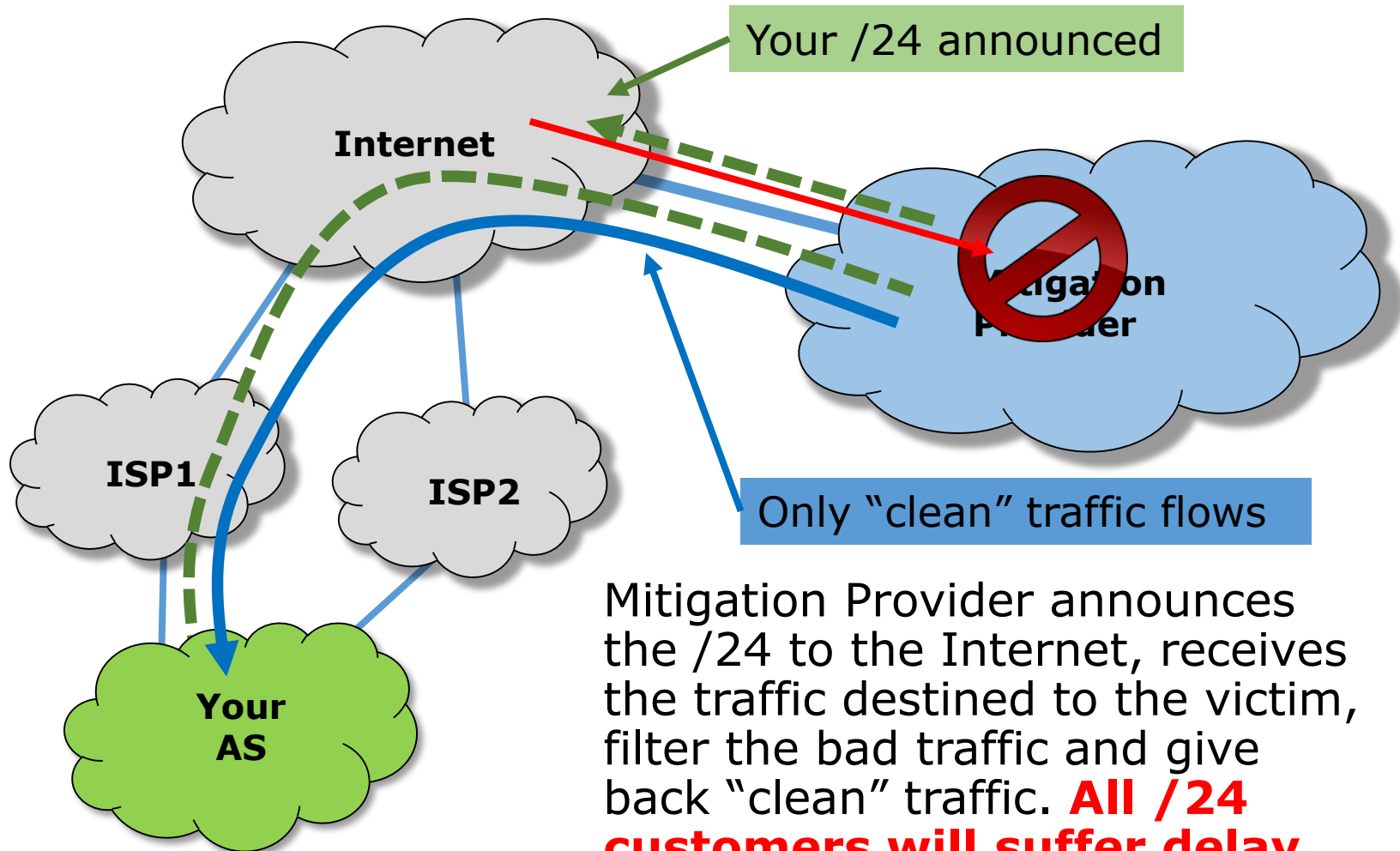
Your AS announces through a tunnel to the scrubbing provider the /24 that contains the IP(s) attacked

## Mitigation On the Cloud in IPv4



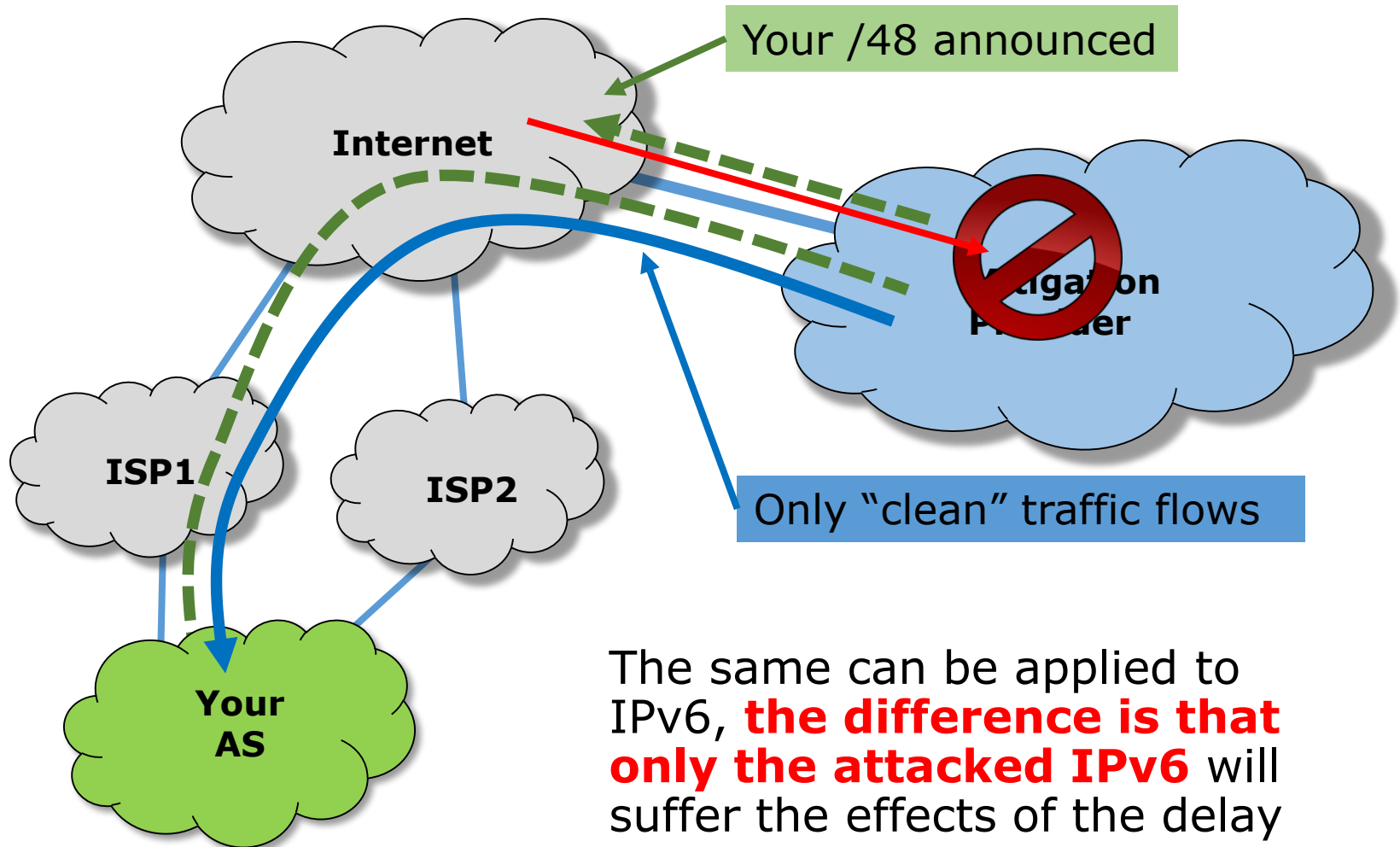
Mitigation Provider announces the /24 to the Internet, receives the traffic destined to the victim, filter the bad traffic and give back "clean" traffic

## Mitigation On the Cloud in IPv4



Mitigation Provider announces the /24 to the Internet, receives the traffic destined to the victim, filter the bad traffic and give back "clean" traffic. **All /24 customers will suffer delay due to the tunnel.**

## Mitigation On the Cloud in IPv6





The same can be applied to IPv6, **the difference is that only the attacked IPv6** will suffer the effects of the delay



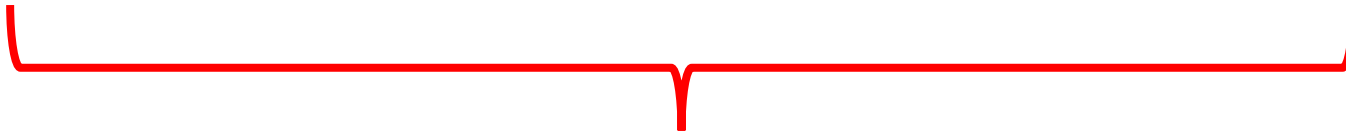
# Back to the Planning

**4 bits**

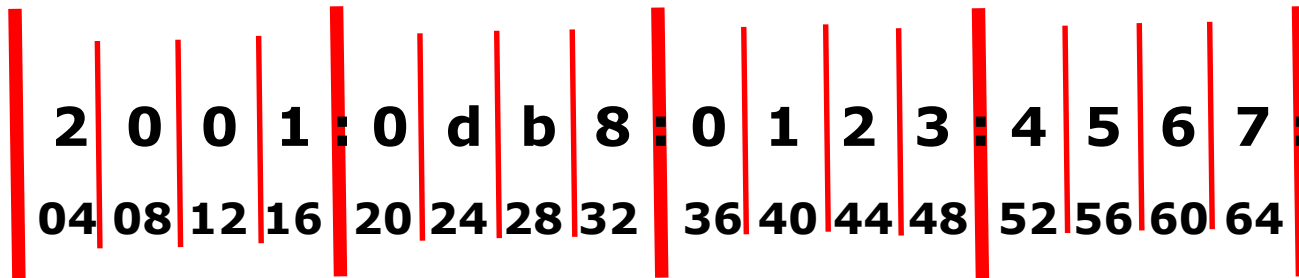
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**8 bits**



**8 x 16 = 128 bits**



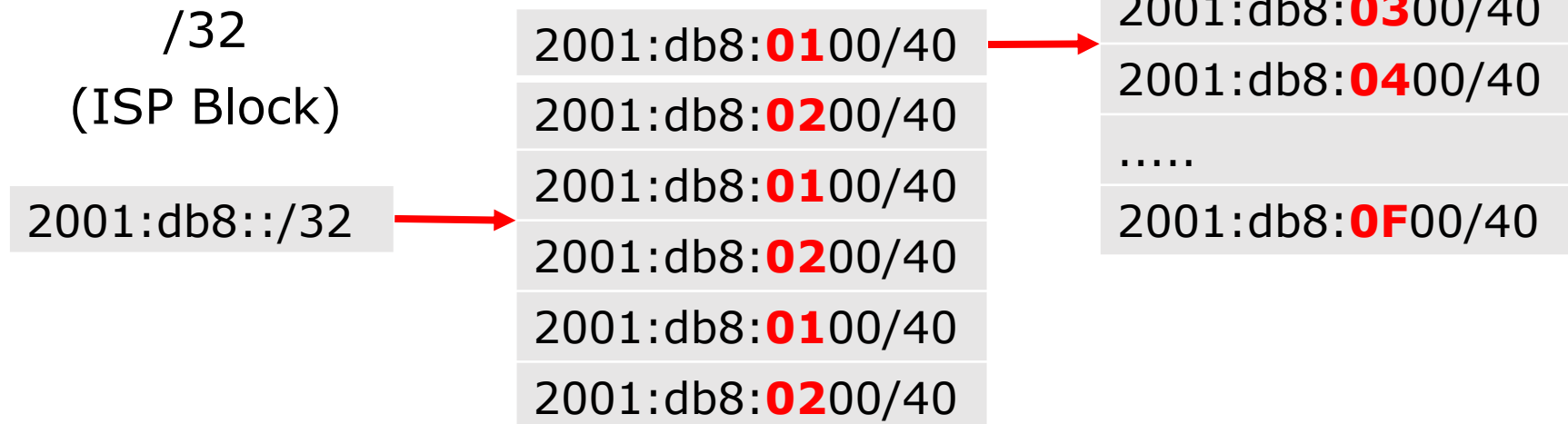
Considering the “anatomy” of IPv6, it is interesting to plan the distribution with hops of 4 bits.

This will turn your distribution “cleaner”, easy to understand and could avoid future configuration mistakes.

## Back to the planning

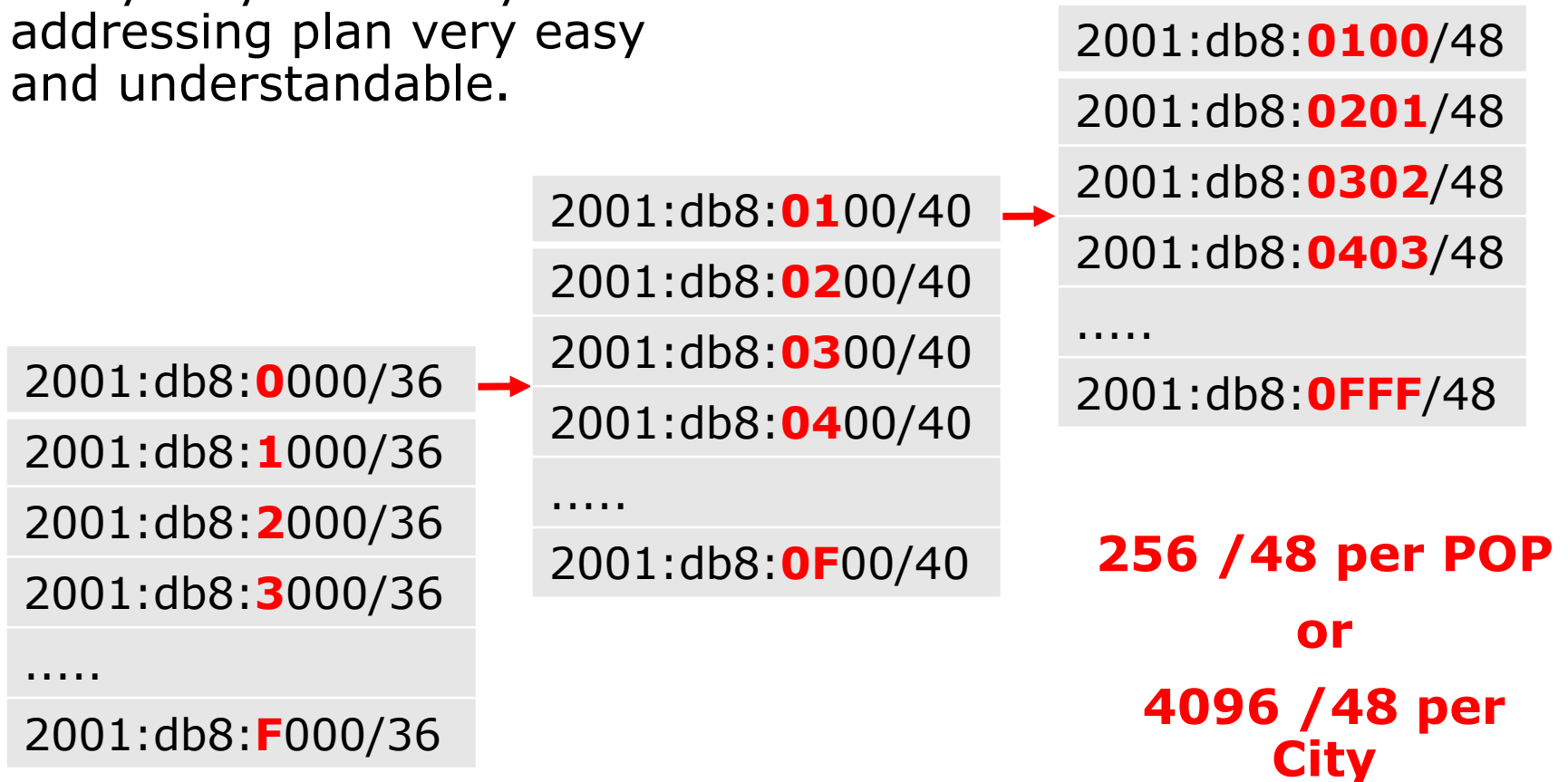
e.g. POPs

Each City - 16 Pops /40

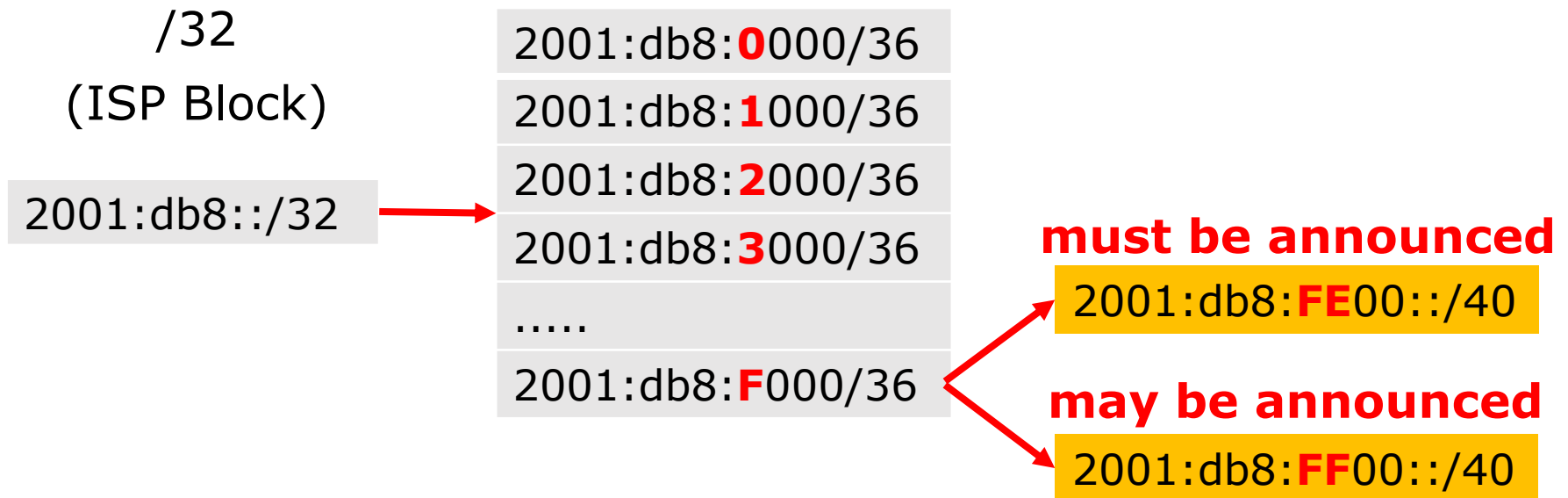


## Back to the Planning

The allocation of /48 for everybody will turn your addressing plan very easy and understandable.



Consider to reserve a part of the last /36 for infrastructure and divide in parts that that **may** be announced and **must** be announced.



# **Continuing BCOP 690**

## **Fixed or Dynamic Addresses?**

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Some problems related to dynamic addresses:

- Logs / accounting for tracking;
- Issues related to internal services
- Problems related to power outages

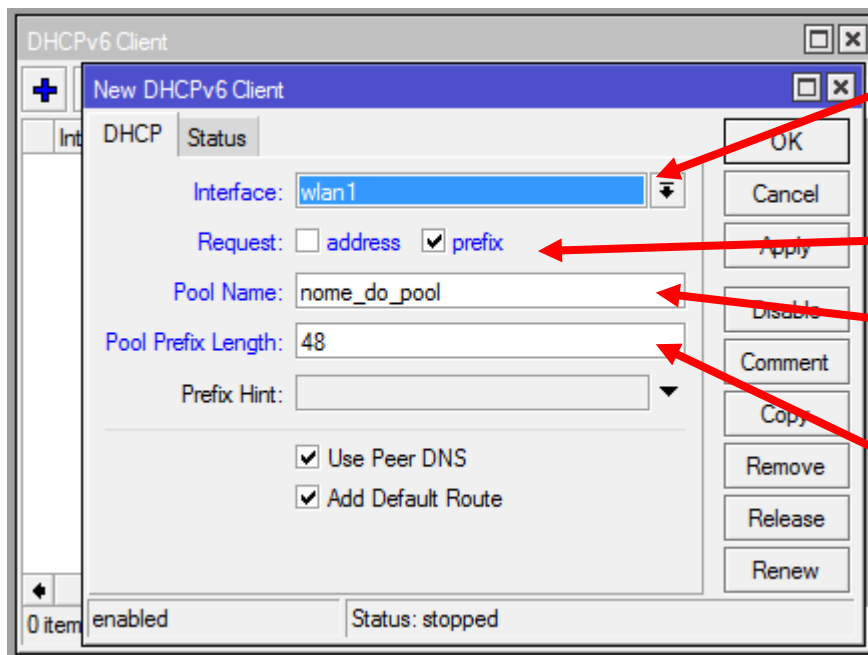
BCOP 690 recommendation:

- To use fixed (permanent) addresses
- If for some reason (commercial for instance) you don't want to go this way, at least configure a big lifetime for the connection;



# **PPP and DHCPv6 support in RouterOS**

DHCPv6 PD client get prefixes from a DHCPv6 PD server, and can subdivide among the subscribers, inserting a route to the DHCPv6 Server.



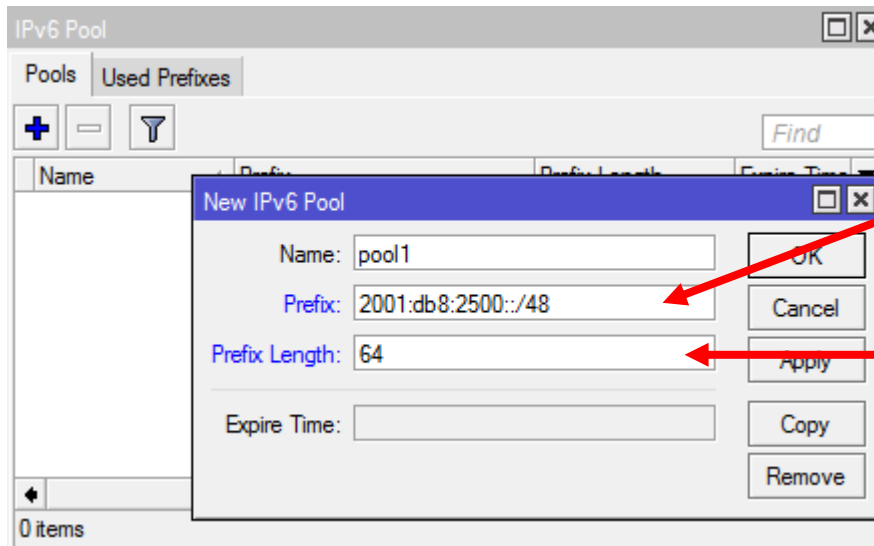
Interface where this client will run

To request a prefix

Internal Pool that will be created

Prefix Length

IPv6 Pool defines an address range for future use that will be available for SLAAC, DHCPv6 and PPP servers



Prefix allocated to the router

Bitmask for splitting the prefix. E.g. for SLAAC

Dynamic Allocation (not recommended)

Configuring a pool in the concentrator and distributing the prefixes via PPP;

For traceability, you must use another technique like a script "on-logon" and "on-logout" and send the logs to a Remote Syslog;

## Fixed delegation via RADIUS

RouterOS offers support to PD (Prefix Delegation), however it is not possible to directly get the prefixes from a RADIUS server using the attribute "Delegated-IPv6-Prefix";

This attribute is not supported and there is a thread in Mikrotik Forum about this:

<https://forum.mikrotik.com/viewtopic.php?t=89443>

Although, as we'll see it is possible to circumvent this limitation.

## Circumventing Fixed Allocation via RADIUS

RouterOS supports the attribute "Mikrotik-Delegated-IPv6-Pool" (string)

This string can be associated to a specific user in RADIUS

The Concentrator has to have a pool with the same name of the string.

The pool will be delegated to that specific user.

# Conclusions

## Conclusions

Some affirmatives can sound obvious, but it's important to have in mind:

- CGNAT techniques with low cost and good performance can be very helpful in the current scenario of scarcity. However CGNAT is not sustainable in the long term. Remember that ports are finite too!
  
- IPv6 is totally different of IPv4. We should not use the same concepts and paradigms. IPv6 is Abundance, IPv4 is Scarcity.
  
- For the ones that didn't start IPv6 don't wait the time limit, because there will be no time limit. Time limit has gone...



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### **BCOP 631**

IPv6 Troubleshooting for Residential ISP Helpdesks

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



**Vielen Dank!**