

IPv6 via IPv4 SP Networks - "6rd"

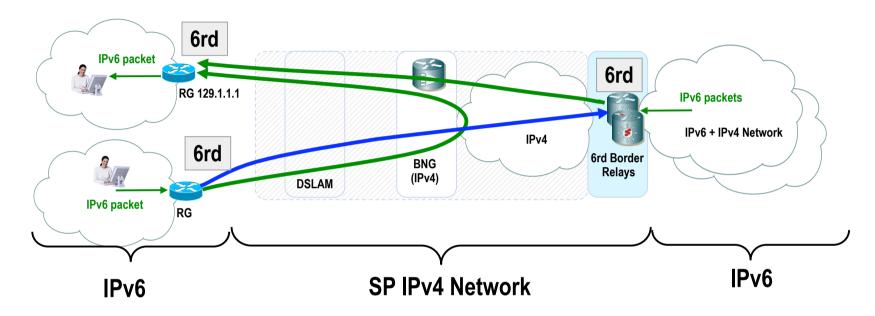


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IPv6 via IPv4 Service Provider Networks

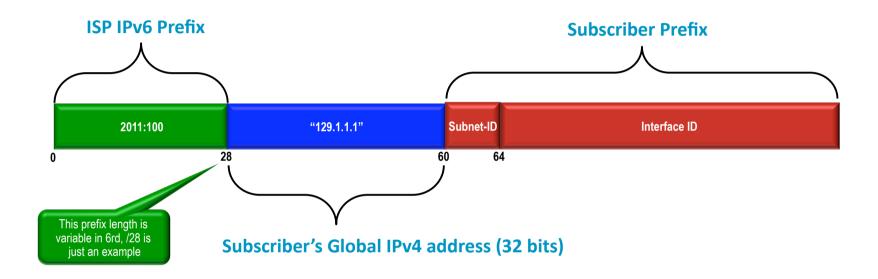
- 6to4 (RFC3056) was designed to offer IPv6 connectivity for sites who could not obtain IPv6 from their Service Provider
- 6rd adapts 6to4 for Service Providers to deliver IPv6 via their IPv4 Network

6rd in one slide



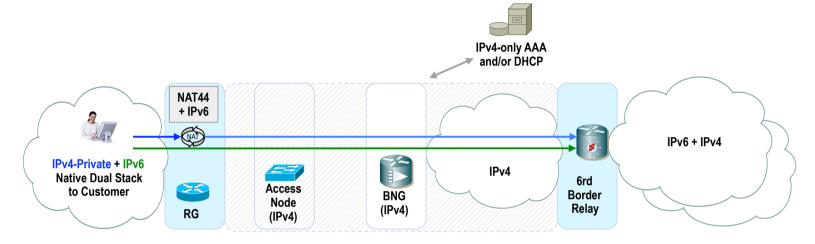
- IPv6 service in the home is essentially identical to native IPv6 service
- IPv6 Packets Follow IPv4 routing
- 6rd Border Relay traversed only when exiting or entering a 6rd Domain
- 6rd Border Relays are fully stateless, no limit on "number of subscribers" supported
- Border Relays may be placed in multiple locations, addressed via anycast.

6rd Prefix Delegation (From a Global IPv4 address)



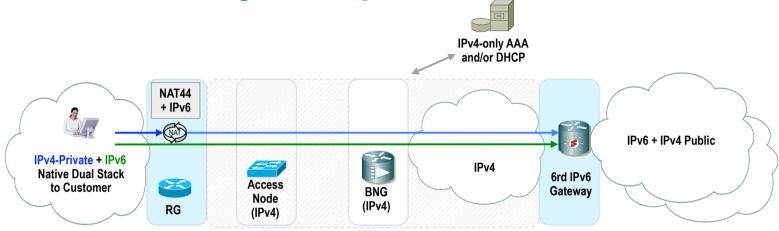
- Subscriber's IPv6 prefix is built based on subscriber's Global IPv4 address
- Treated by the RG exactly as if received from DHCPv6 PD
- Provisioning of 6rd Prefix, etc. to all RGs either manually, via DHCPv4, TR-69, etc.
- Subscriber's IPv4 prefix always able to be determined algorithmically from IPv6 prefix

6rd Border Relay IPv6 Relay Setup



- 1. IPv6 reachability to the Internet by some means (Native, 6PE, GRE Tunnel, etc).
- 2. An access-network-facing IPv4 address (anycast)
- 3. Global 6rd ISP Prefix and Length

RG IPv6 Relay Setup



- RG configured with following new static items (via DHCPv4 or TR-69 mgmt interface)
 - 1. ISP 6rd IPv6 Prefix (includes domain ID)
 - 2. 6rd Relay IPv4 address
- "Home side" of RG configured exactly as would be for "native" IPv6, e.g., same as for a DHCPv6 delegated prefix

6rd DHCP option

v4prefix-length – common part of encoded IPv4 address in bits (1 octet)
v6prefix-length – length of the SP IPv6 prefix in bits (1 octet)
6rd BR IPv4 address – IPv4 address of the 6rd Border relay (4 octets)
SP 6rd SP Prefix – IPv6 Prefix, zero padded to the nearest octet. Total length determined by "len" field (variable length)

Conclusion

- Standardised in softwire
- Operational considerations in v6ops
- DHCP option in dhc dhc wg's blessing required