IPv6 Enterprise Network Renumbering Scenarios and Guidelines

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Draft Introduction & Scope

- It is thus desirable to develop tools and practices that may make renumbering a simpler process to reduce demand for IPv6 PI space
- 6RENUM WG is chartered to document existing renumbering practices for enterprise site networks
- Following the WG scope, the draft focuses on IPv6 enterprise
 renumbering through some conclusions may also be applicable to IPv4
- Following the WG scope, the draft is targeting enterprise networks, but the analysis may also be applicable to ISP, SOHO or other (e.g. ad-hoc) scenarios

Structure of Draft

- Section 2: Enterprise Network introduction and illustration
- Section 3: Enterprise Network Renumbering Scenario Categories (According to different reasons)
- Section 4: According to the different stages of renumbering events, considerations and best current practise are described in three categories:
 - during network design
 - for preparation of renumbering
 - during renumbering operation
- Section 5: A gap inventory is listed at the end of this document
 - [Open Question] Should we summary here or leave all to gap analysis draft

The goal is to cover all major considerations in enterprise network renumbering scenarios

Enterprise Network Illustration

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Uplink 1
                        Uplink 2
    |Gateway|
         Enterprise Network
   APP |
   |Server|
      |Router|
    |Host| |Host| |Host|
Figure 1 Enterprise network illustration
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These entities relevant to renumbering are illustrated

Enterprise Network [RFC4057]- A network that has multiple internal links, one or more router connections to one or more Providers, and is actively managed by a network operations entity

Why Enterprise Network is Renumbered

Renumbering caused by External Network Factors

- Switch to a new ISP
- Receive a new prefix from the same uplink
- Add new uplink(s) for multihoming purpose

Renumbering caused by Internal Network Factors

- Company network split, merge, grow, or reorganize
- Adopt new address scheme

Note: Using PI doesn't remove all those renumbering reasons

[Open Question] Anything missing?

Considerations and BCP during network design

- Managing Prefix Delegation
- Usage of FQDN and DNS as much as possible
- Address Types
 - [Open Question] What can we do regarding to manual configured hosts and static addresses, which do need to be changed?
 - [Open Question] Should usage of ULAs be recommended?
- Address configuration models
 - [Open Question] Should there be a preference between ND and DHCPv6 from renumbering perspective?
 - [Open Question] Should we work towards avoiding ND and DHCPv6 co-existing or make the co-existing scenario better and error-prevented?

Considerations and BCP during network design (2)

DNS record Update

- [Open Question] Should we recommend A6 (RFC3363 is in Experimental status),
 which has advantage for renumbering, but not been used widely?
- [Open Question] Or the Secure Dynamic DNS Update also provides the capability of auto DNS synchronizing

Security Recommendations

- Any automatic renumbering scheme has a potential exposure to hijacking at the moment that a new address is announced
- Renumbering may help hosts to escape from black list.
 [Open Question] There seems no current practice for this? What can we do?

Considerations and BCP for the Preparation of Renumbering

Stable records or long lifetimes mean less flexibility

Considerations and BCP during renumbering operation (1)

- With/without a flag day
 - [Open Question] Should we recommend without a flag day model?
- Transition period
 - [Open Question] How long is the best?
- Network initiative enforced renumbering
- Impact to branch/main sites
- Update DNS records on the local server
- Update DNS configuration on hosts

Considerations and BCP during renumbering operation (2)

- Router awareness
- Border filtering
- Tunnel concentrator renumbering
- Update require cooperation with interact sites or ISPs
 - [Open Question] a lot of manual configuration work here. How much could be automated?
- Connectivity session survivability
 - Open Question Anything we can do?

Overall question

- Are we heading in the right direction?
- Are these the right topics?
- Have we covered all major aspects?

Comments are welcomed!

Thank You!