

Lifetime Option for DHCPv6 draft-venaas-dhc-lifetime-01.txt

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Summary

- An option for specifying lifetime of other DHCPv6 options that have no associated lifetime
- Tells the client when to contact DHCP server to update configuration
- Useful for planned changes, set small lifetime when change nears
- May be of help for unplanned changes, by using a small lifetime in unreliable environments
- No server state required

Client behaviour

- Client may include it in Option Request Option for all messages allowing ORO
- If client contacts server before lifetime expires, it should update data covered by option anyway
- When expires, wait random time 0 - INF_MAX_DELAY and try to update
 - Usually Information-request Message.
- If this fails, behave as if lifetime option never received

Server behaviour

- When sending options to client, server should use this option if:
 - Requested by client
 - Or, if no options in message have associated lifetime