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# IPv6 Associated Protocols Security

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# IPv6 Associated Protocols Security

ICMPv6

NDP

MLD





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# ICMPv6

## Section 1



**ICMPv6** [RFC4443] is an integral part of IPv6

### Error Messages

Destination Unreachable

Packet Too Big

Time Exceeded

Parameter Problem

### Informational Messages

Echo Request

Echo Reply

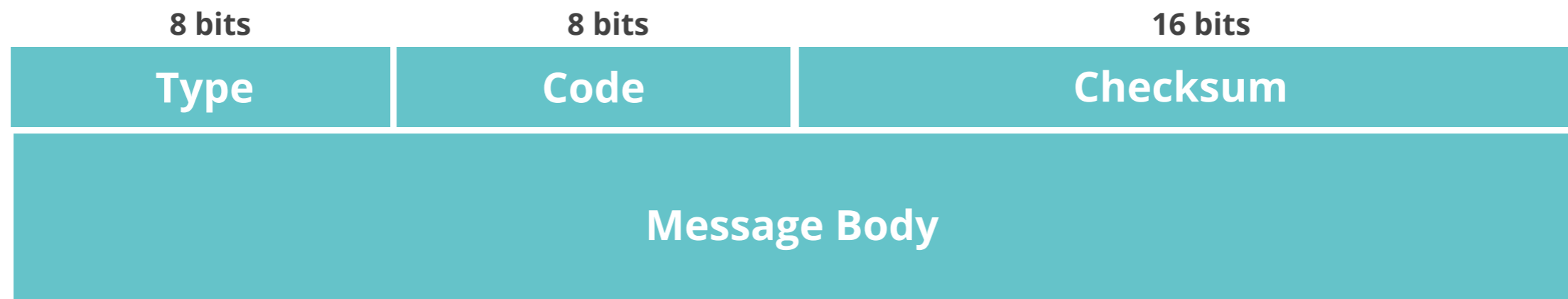
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# ICMPv6 Format



- General Format



- Extended Format [*RFC4884*]

Used by:

Destination Unreachable

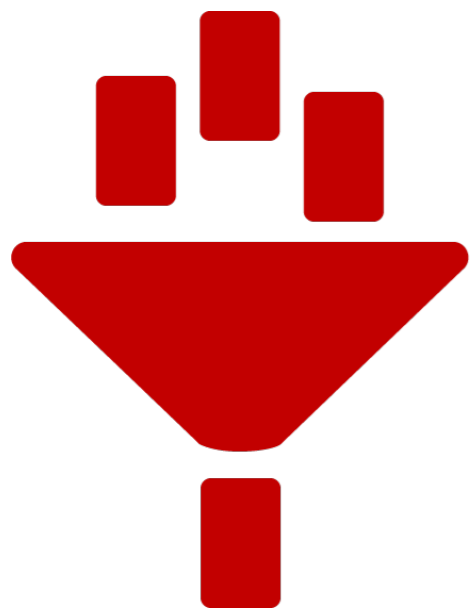
Time Exceeded

# ICMPv6 Error Messages



Type	Code
<b>Destination Unreachable (1)</b>	No route to destination (0)
	Communication with destination administratively prohibited (1)
	Beyond scope of source address (2)
	Address Unreachable (3)
	Port Unreachable (4)
	Source address failed ingress/egress policy (5)
	Reject route to destination (6)
	Error in Source Routing Header (7)
<b>Packet Too Big (2)</b> Parameter = next hop MTU	Packet Too Big (0)
<b>Time Exceeded (3)</b>	Hop Limit Exceeded in Transit (0)
	Fragment Reassembly Time Exceeded (1)
<b>Parameter Problem (4)</b> Parameter = offset to error	Erroneous Header Field Encountered (0)
	Unrecognized Next Header Type (1)
	Unrecognized IPv6 Option (2)
	IPv6 First Fragment has incomplete IPv6 Header Chain (3)





# **FILTER ICMPv6 CAREFULLY!**

**Used in many IPv6 related protocols**

# ICMPv6 Security



Packet with MULTICAST destination address

No ICMPv6 Error message allowed  
as a response

Echo Reply responding an Echo Request is  
Optional



avoids



not recommended

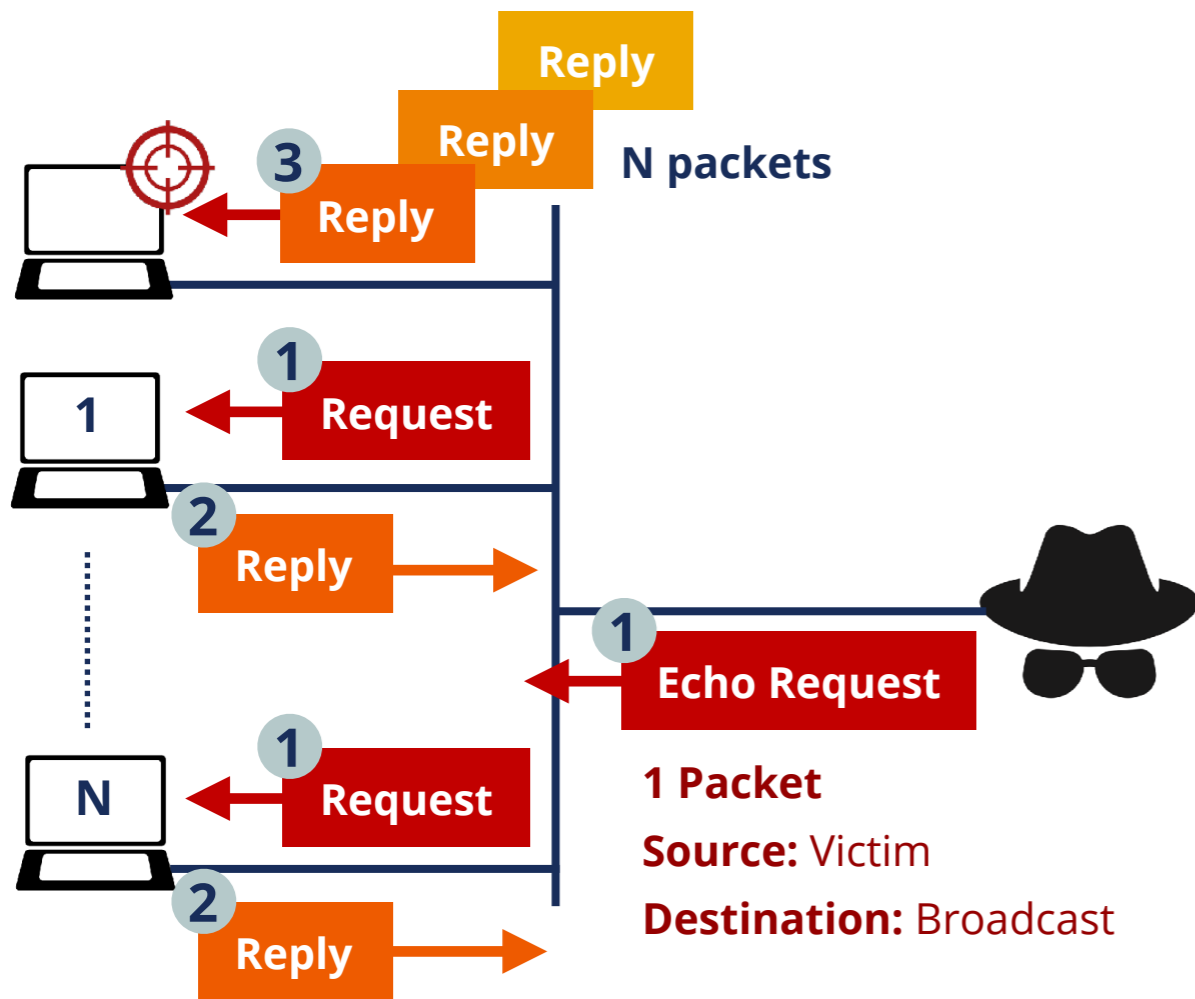


Hosts Discovery

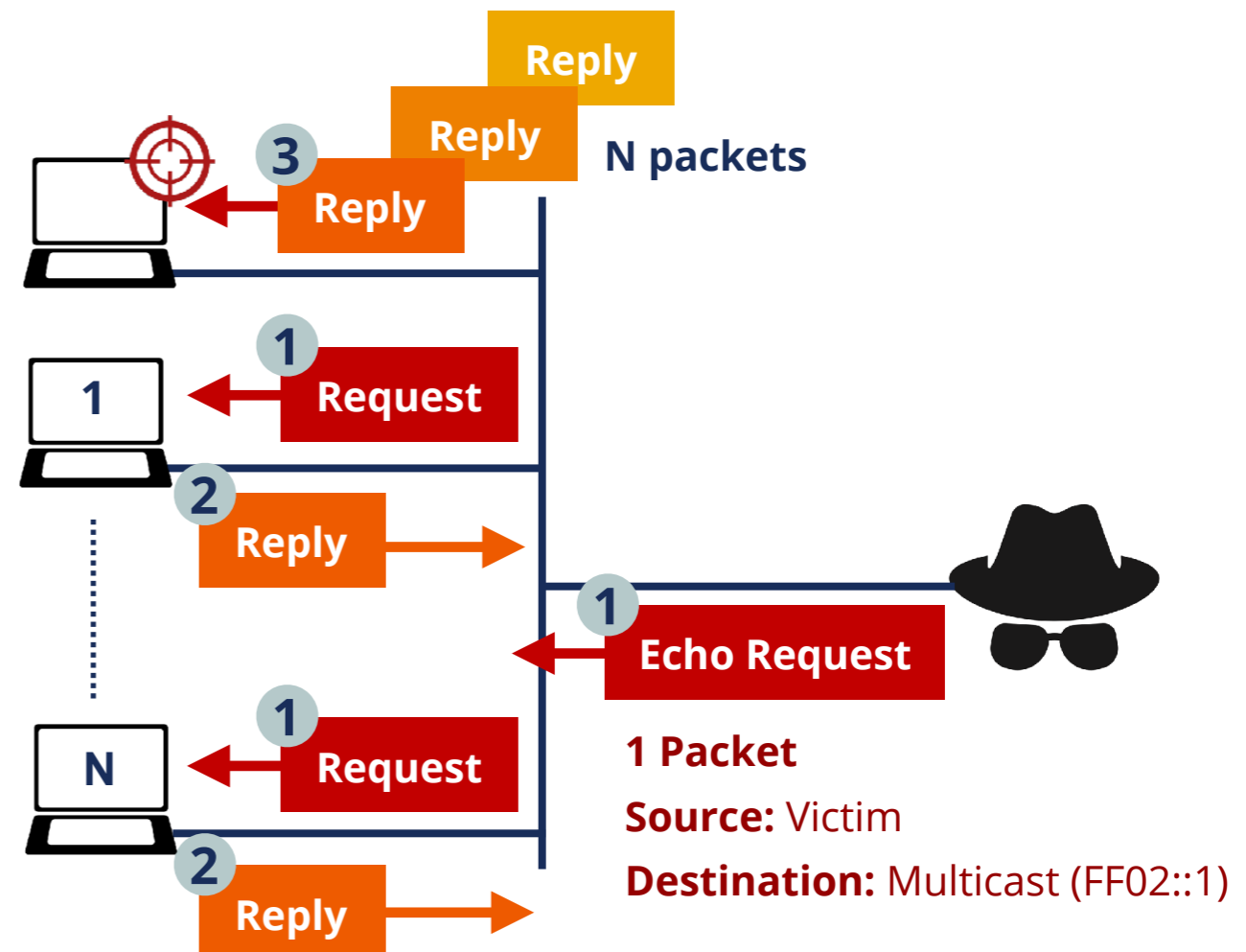
Amplification Attacks

Smurf Attacks

# Smurf Attack



IPv4



IPv6

# Take the poll!

Which of the following are **ICMPv6 error** messages?





# Questions







**NDP**

Section 2



**NDP** [*RFC4861*] is used on a link

## Messages

Neighbour Solicitation

Neighbour Advertisement

Router Solicitation

Router Advertisement

Redirect

## Used for:

**Discovery: routers, prefixes, network parameters**

**Autoconfiguration**

**DAD**

**NUD**

**Address Resolution**



**Hop Limit = 255**



if not then **discard**

**NDP has vulnerabilities**

*[RFC3756]*

*[RFC6583]*

**Specification says to use IPsec**



impractical, it's not used

**SEND** [RFC3971]

(SEcure Neighbour Discovery)



Not widely available



# Take the poll!

Which of the following are

**ICMPv6 Neighbor Discovery Protocol** messages?





# NDP Threats

- **Neighbor Solicitation/Advertisement Spoofing**
- Can be done sending:
  1. **NS** with “**source link-layer**” option changed
  2. **NA** with “**target link-layer**” option changed
    - Can send unsolicited **NA** or as an answer to **NS**
- Redirection/DoS attack
- Could be used for a “**Man-In-The-Middle**” attack

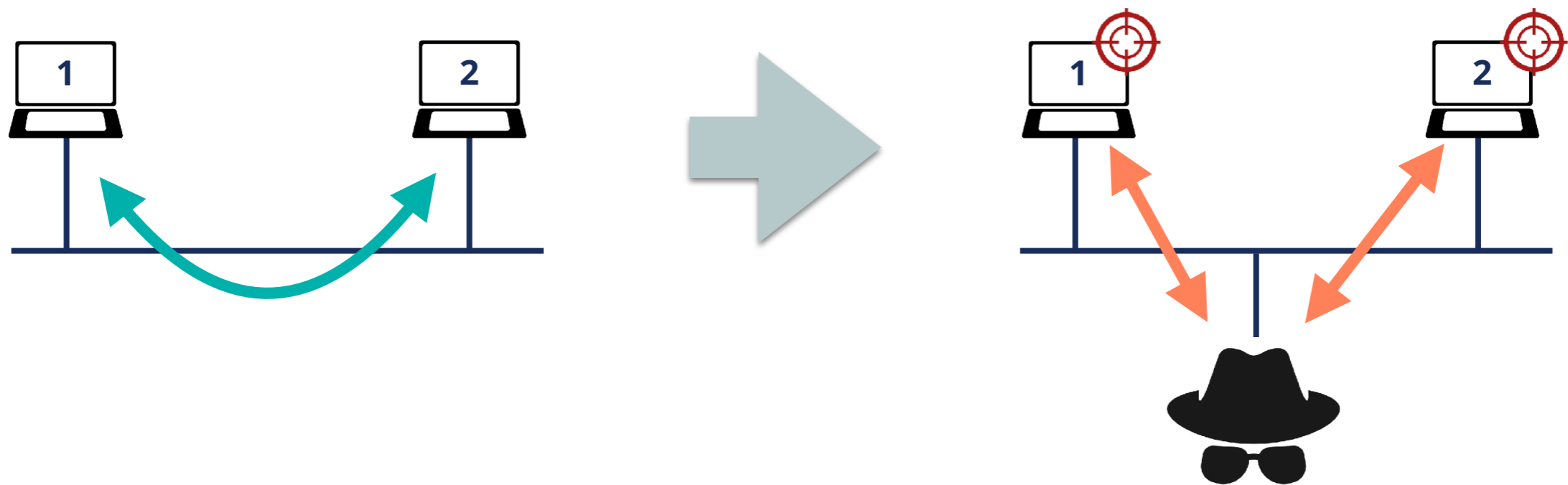




# Man-In-The-Middle (MITM) Attack



- The attacker is able to be on the path of the packets

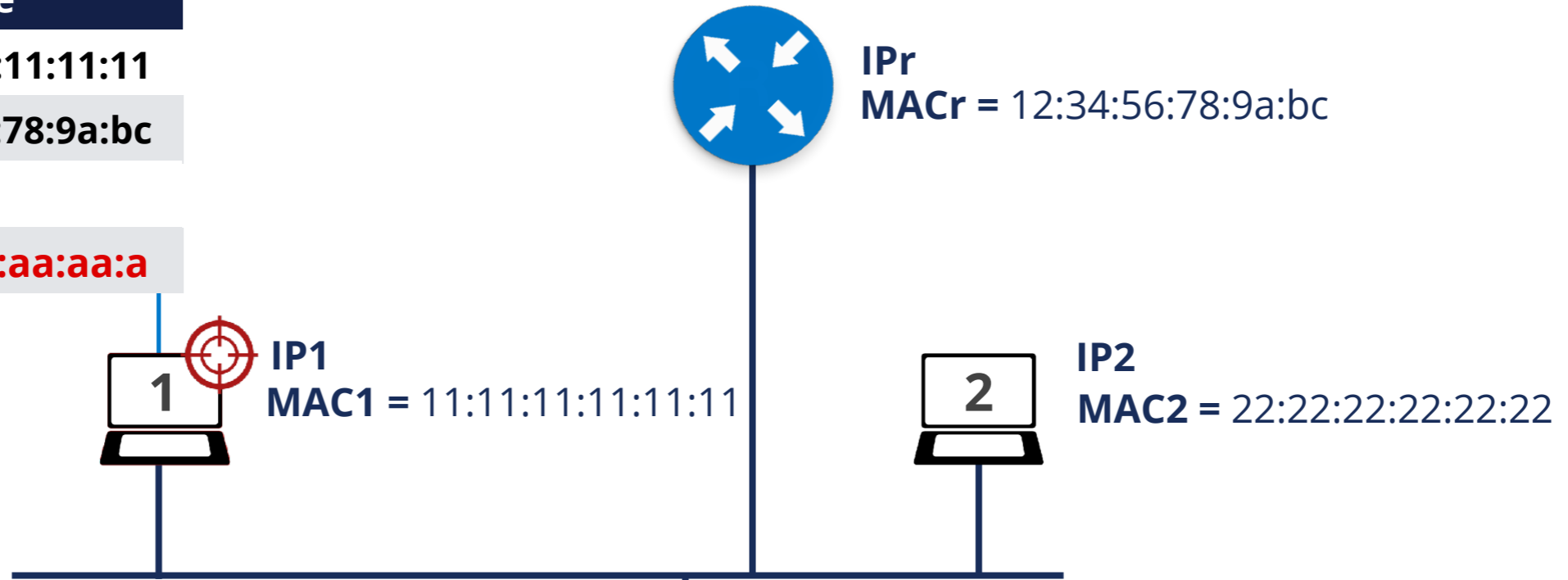




# NS Spoofing (Redirection / DoS)

## Neighbour Cache

IP1	11:11:11:11:11:11
IPr	12:34:56:78:9a:bc
IP2	aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:a



## IPv6 ICMPv6 NS

IPv6.Source IPv6	IP2
IPv6.Destination IPv6	IP1
NS.Target Addr	IP1
NS.Src Link-layer Addr	aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa

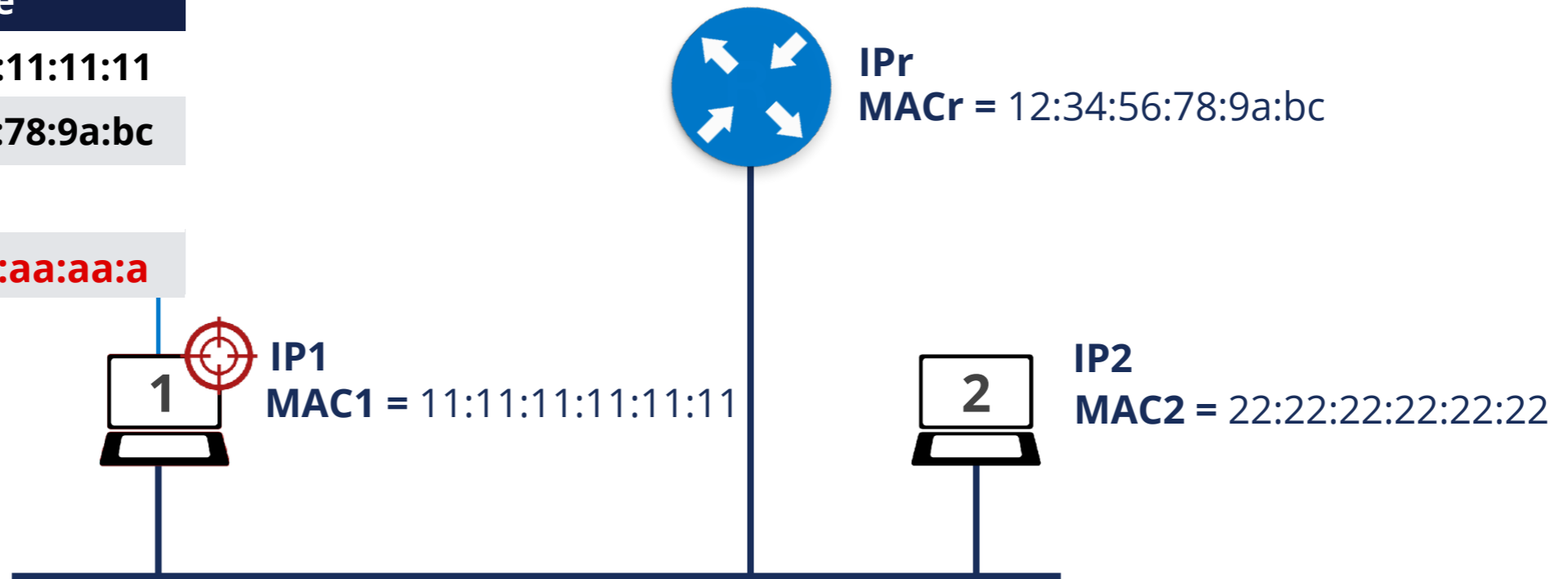


# Unsolicited NA (Redirection / DoS)



## Neighbour Cache

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IPr	12:34:56:78:9a:bc
IP2	aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:a



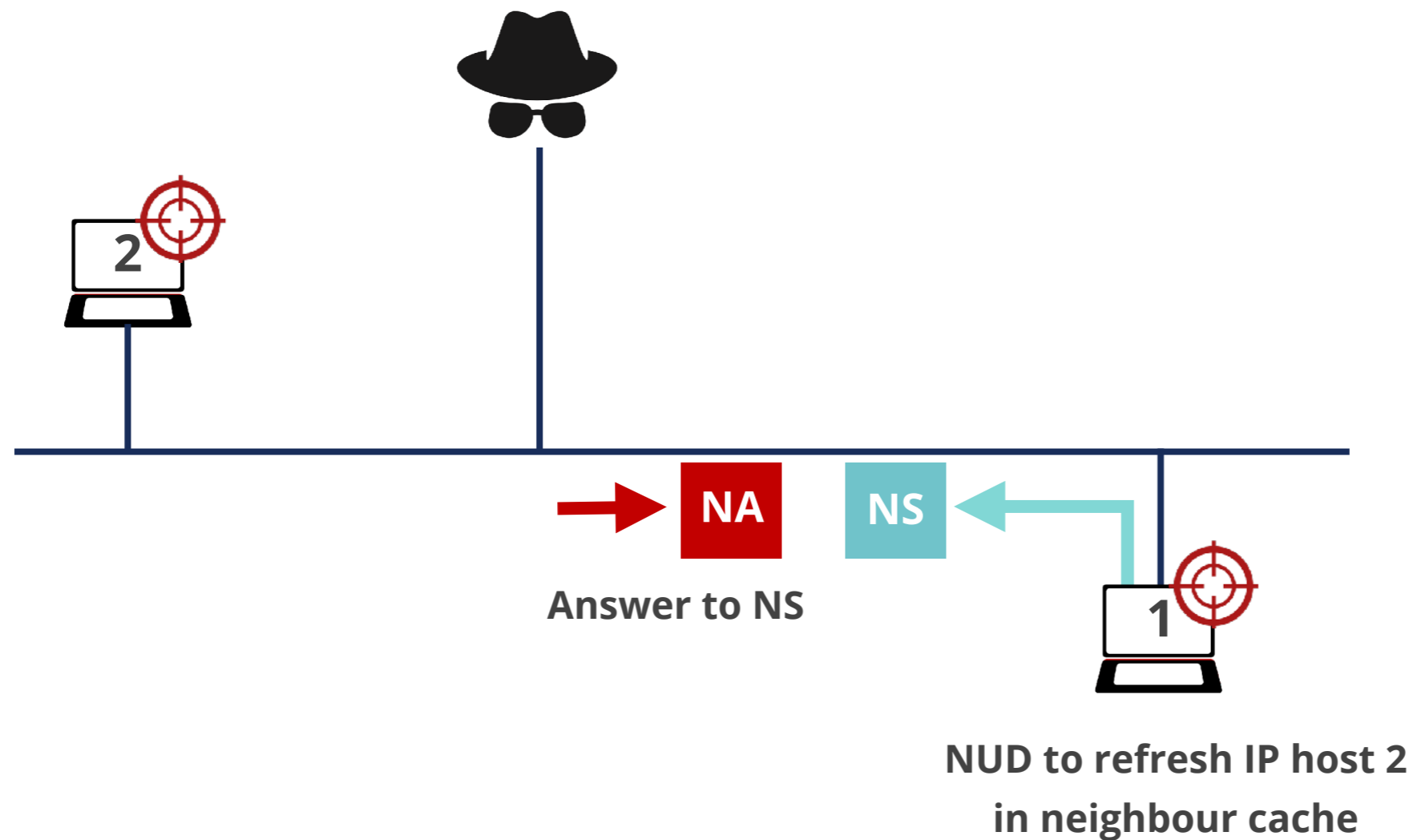
## IPv6 ICMPv6 NA

NA.Target Addr	IP2
NA.Target Link-layer Addr	aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa

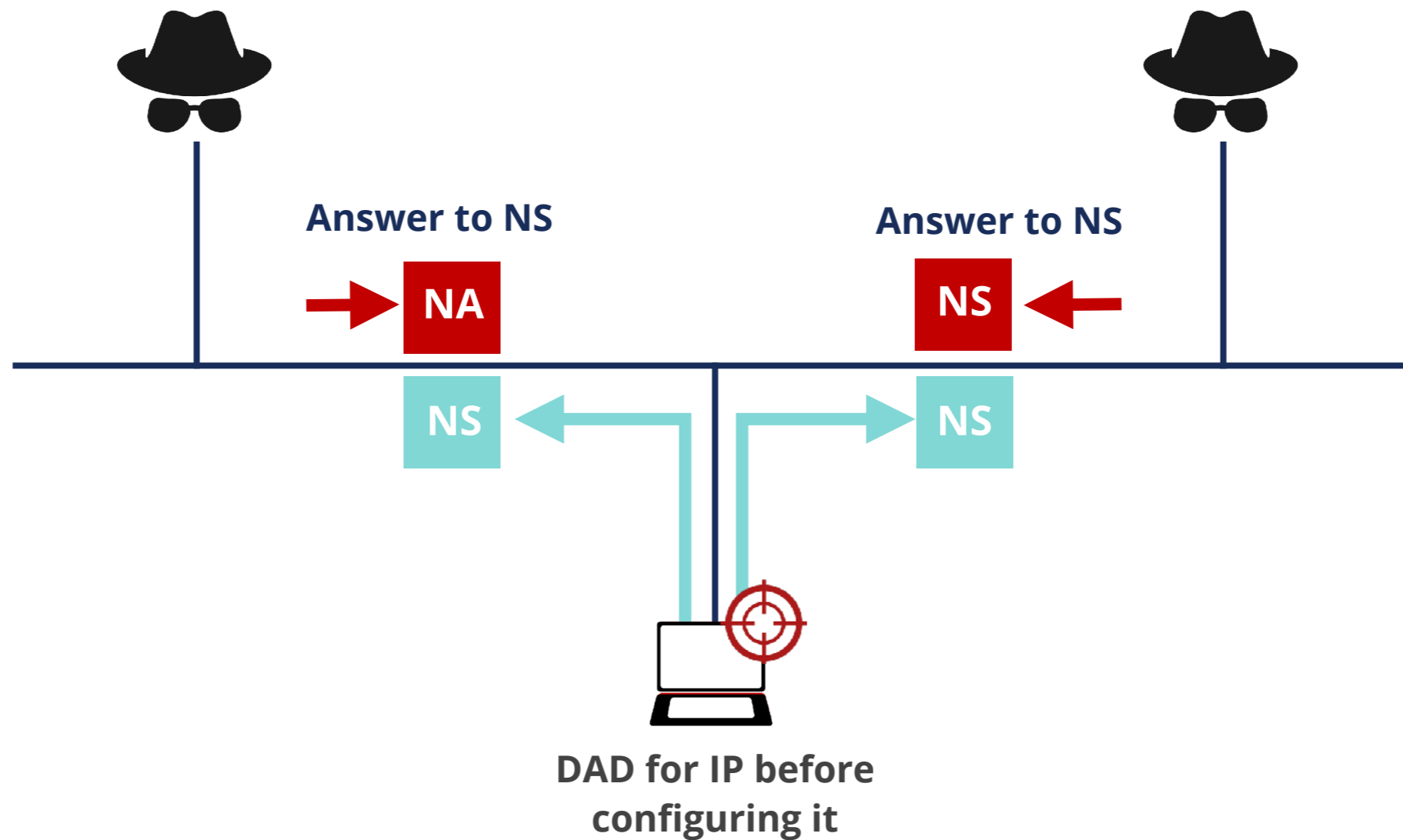
IPa  
MACa = aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa



# NUD Failure (DoS attack)



# DAD (DoS Attack)





# Take the poll!

Who is the usual **"target"** in a host attacked by NDP Threats using NA/NS messages?





# Questions



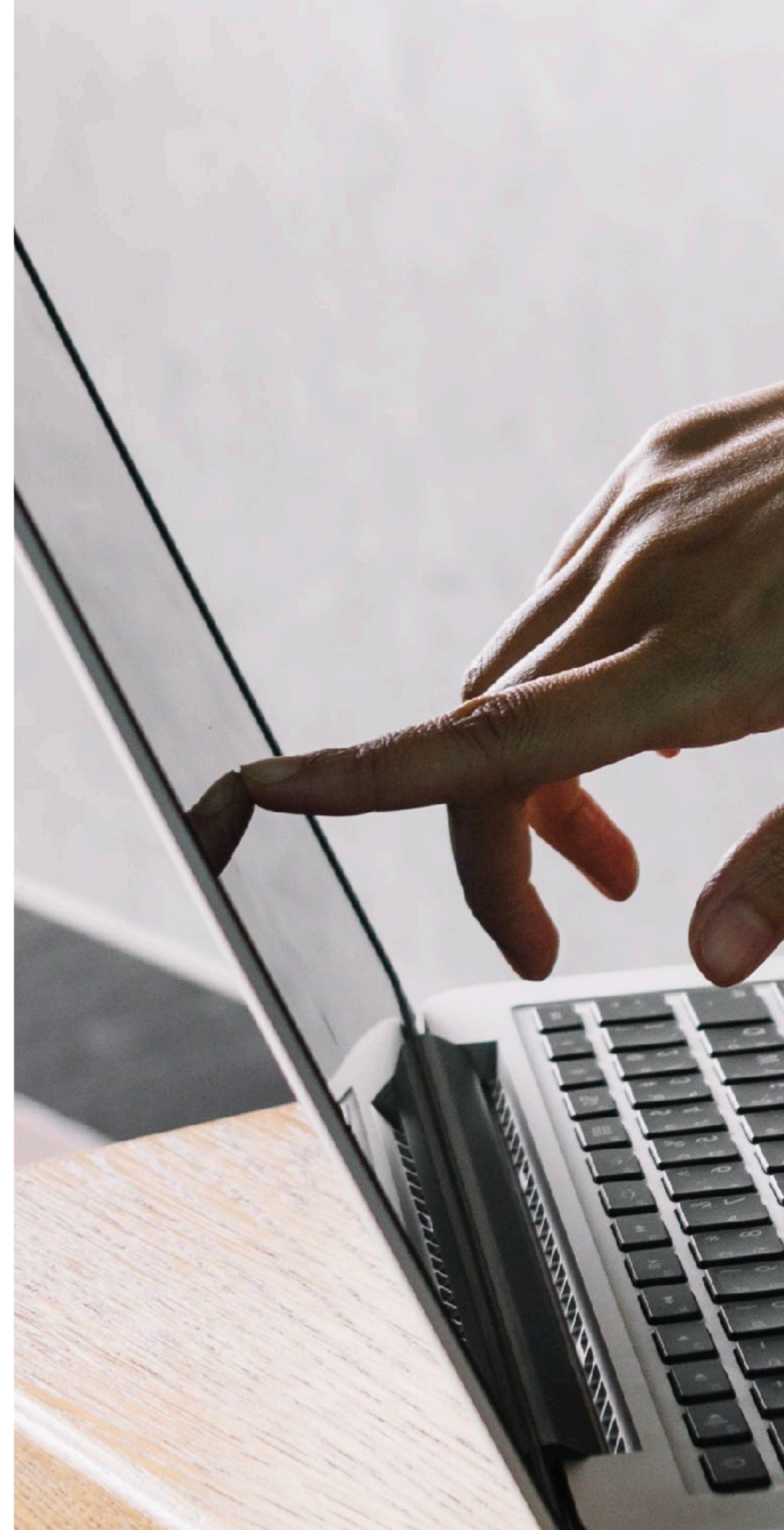


# Demo 1

NDP

# Demo time!

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Watch what we do.

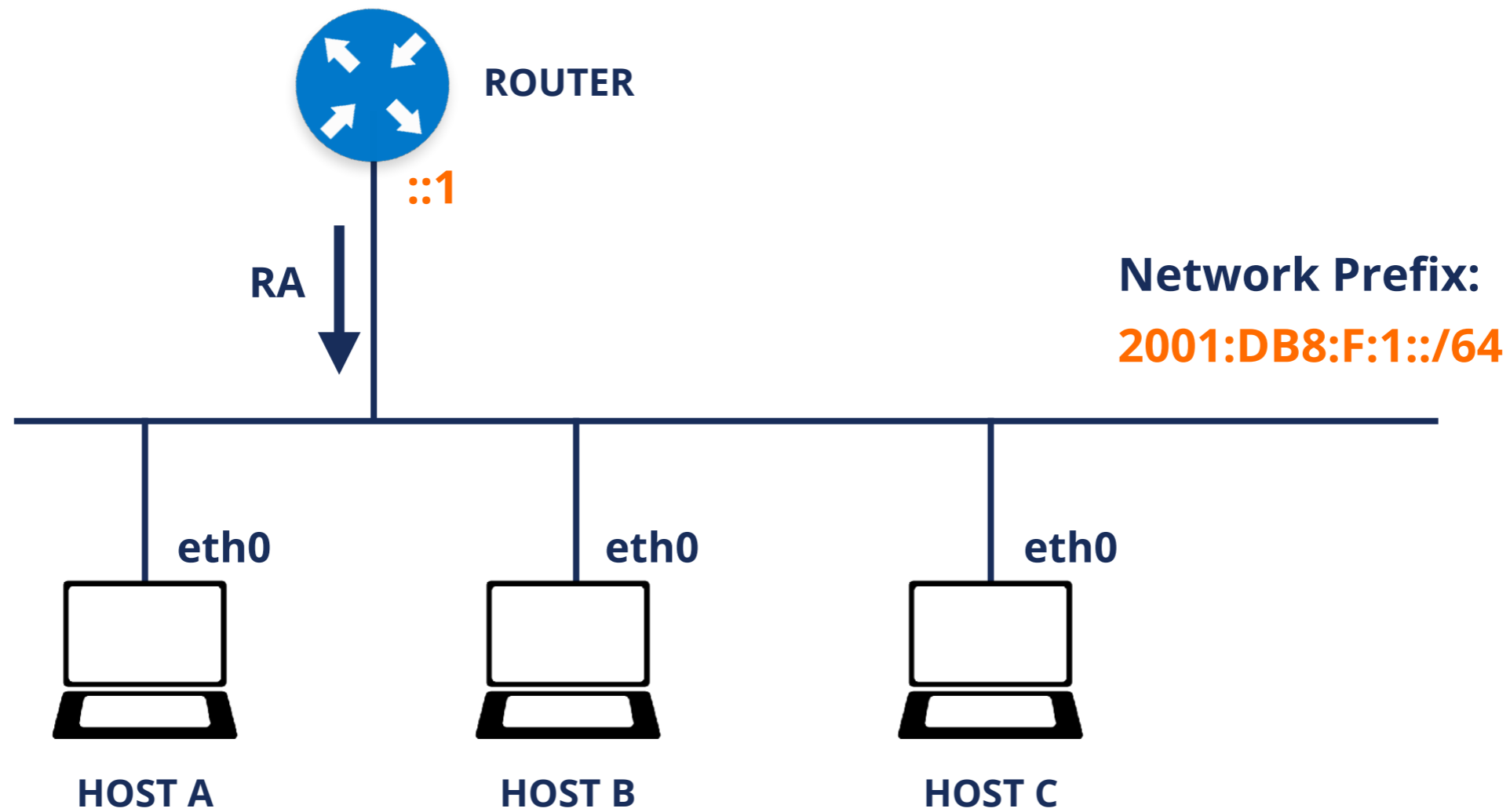




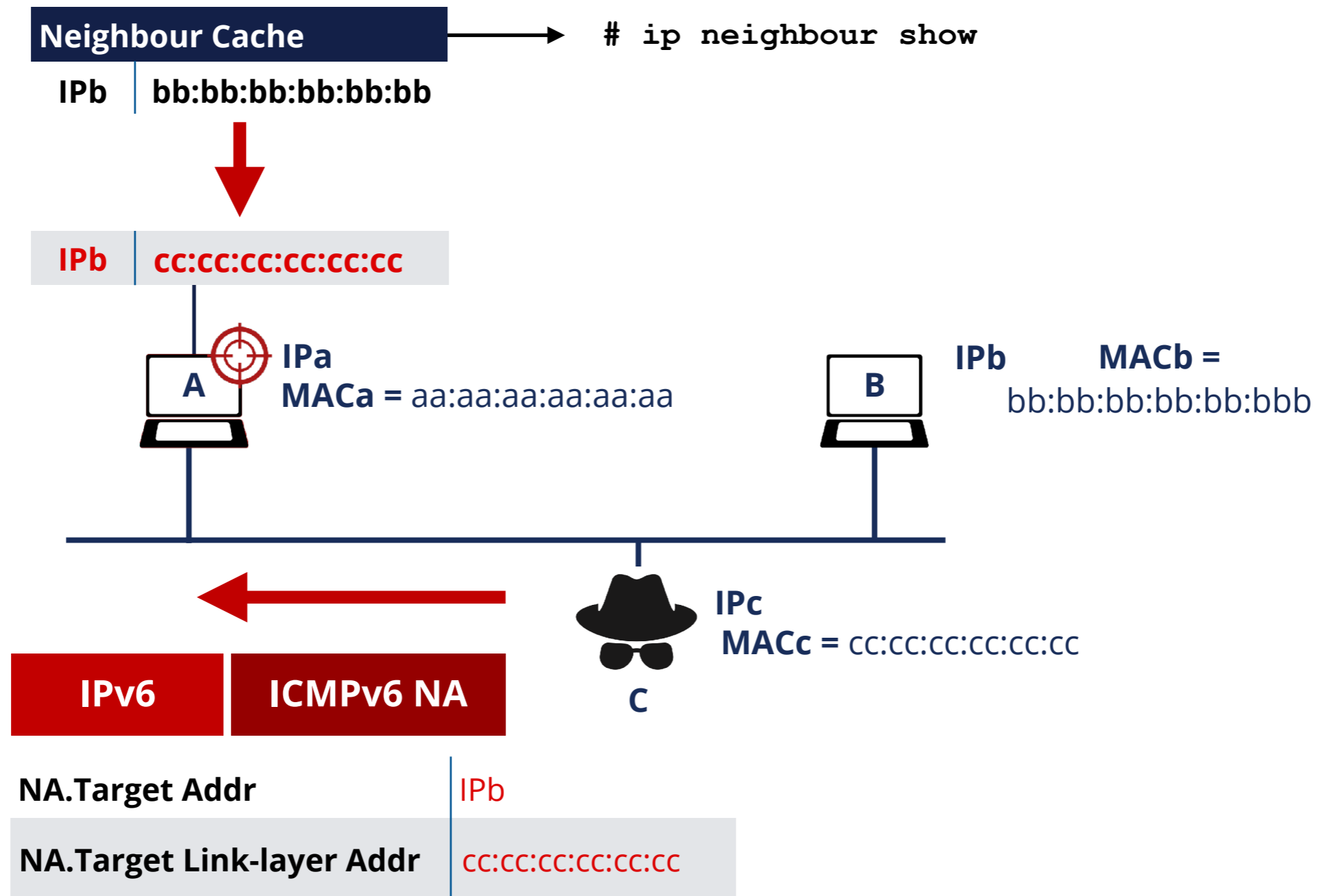
# Demo 1: NDP

- **Description:** Use NDP NA packets to poison neighbour cache
- **Goals:**
  - Understand how easy it is to modify the neighbour cache of other host in the same link
- **Time:** 10 minutes
- **Demo:**
  - Generate NA packets that change other host's neighbour cache (using Scapy)

# Demo 1: Lab Network



# Demo 1: Neighbour Cache Attack with NA

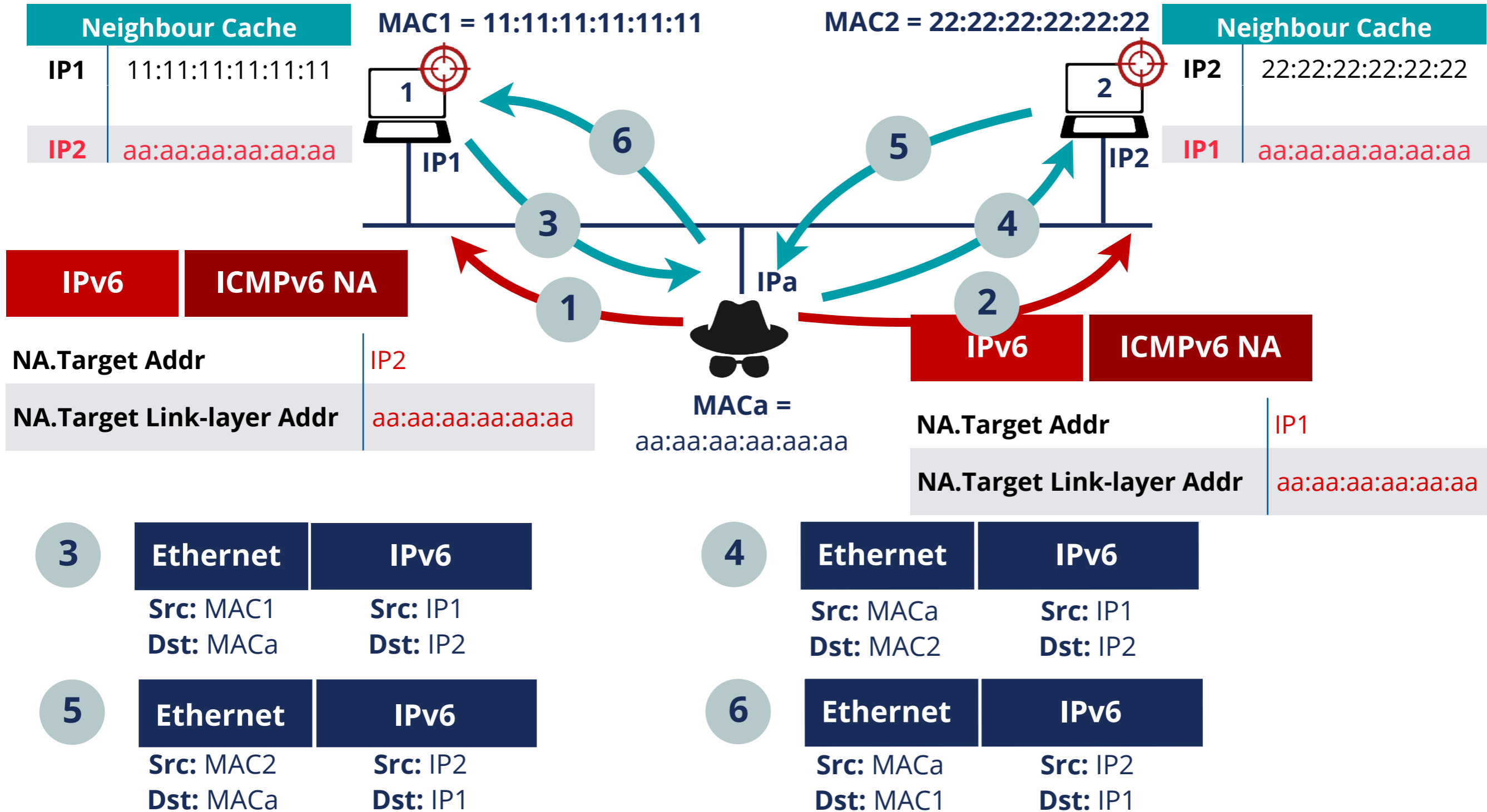


- Is it possible to perform a **Man-in-the-middle** attack using **NA** or **NS** messages?





# MITM Details



**Let's take a  
5 minutes  
break!**





WELCOME  
WE ARE  
**OPEN**  
PLEASE COME IN

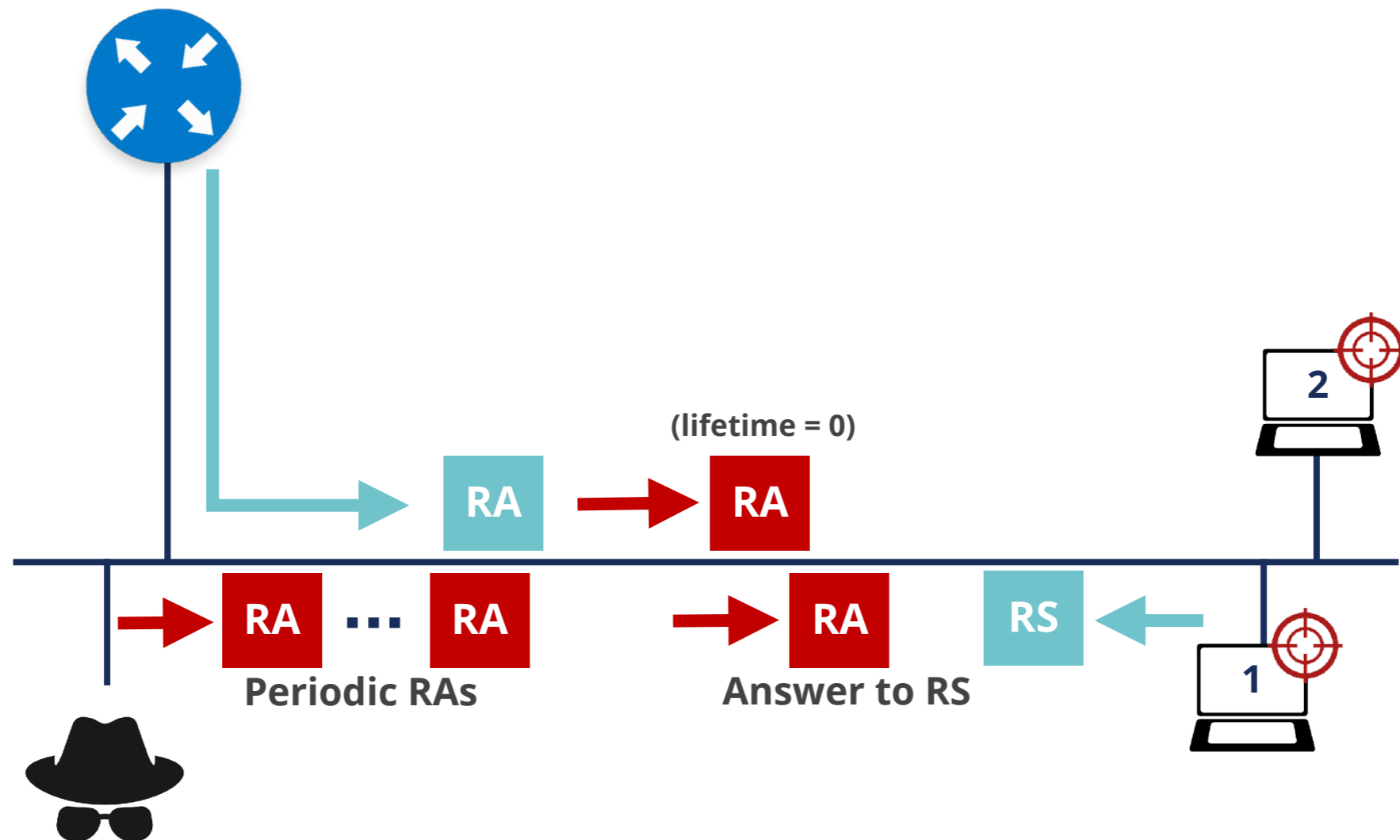


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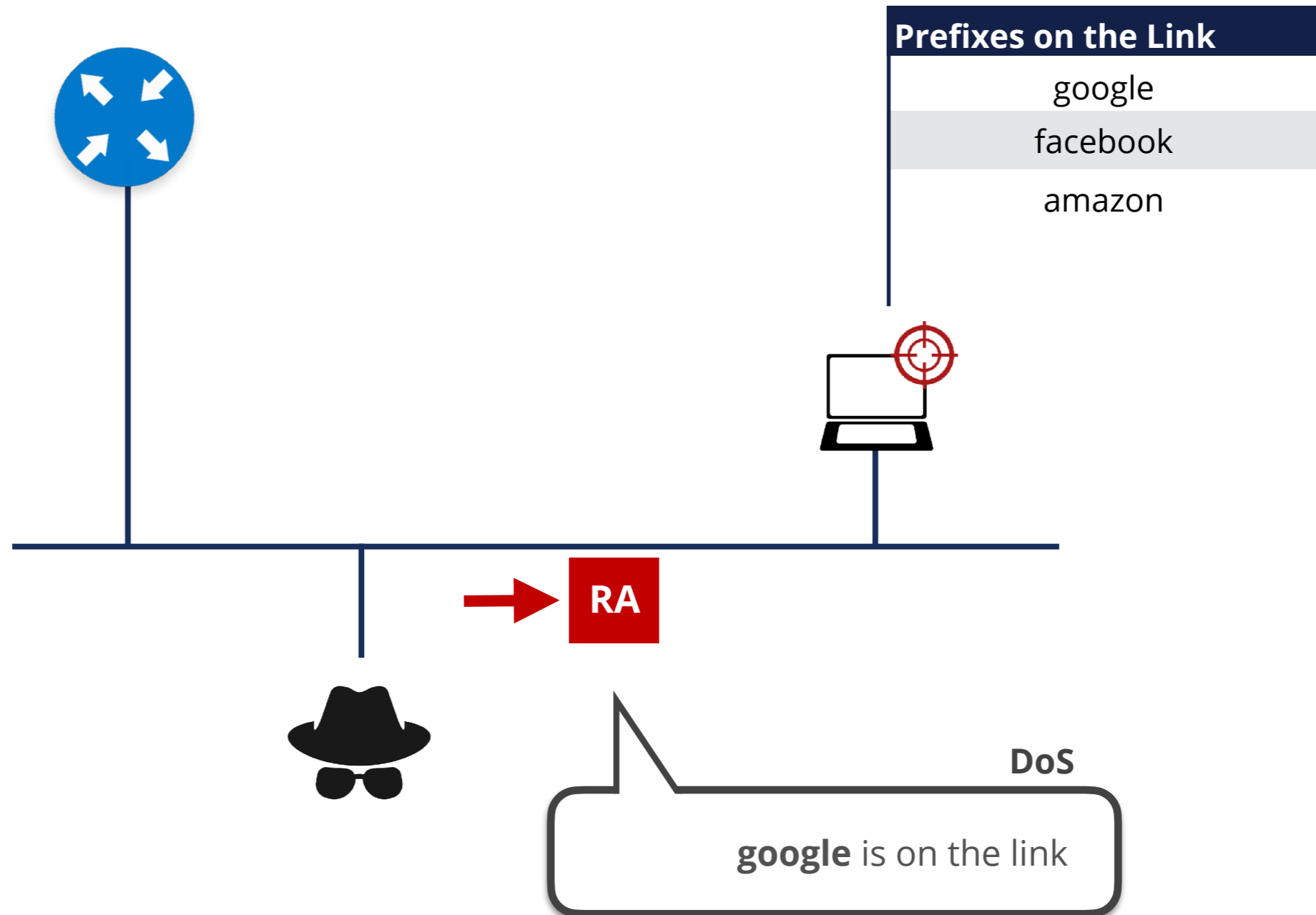
How can an **RA message** be used to attack hosts on the same network?



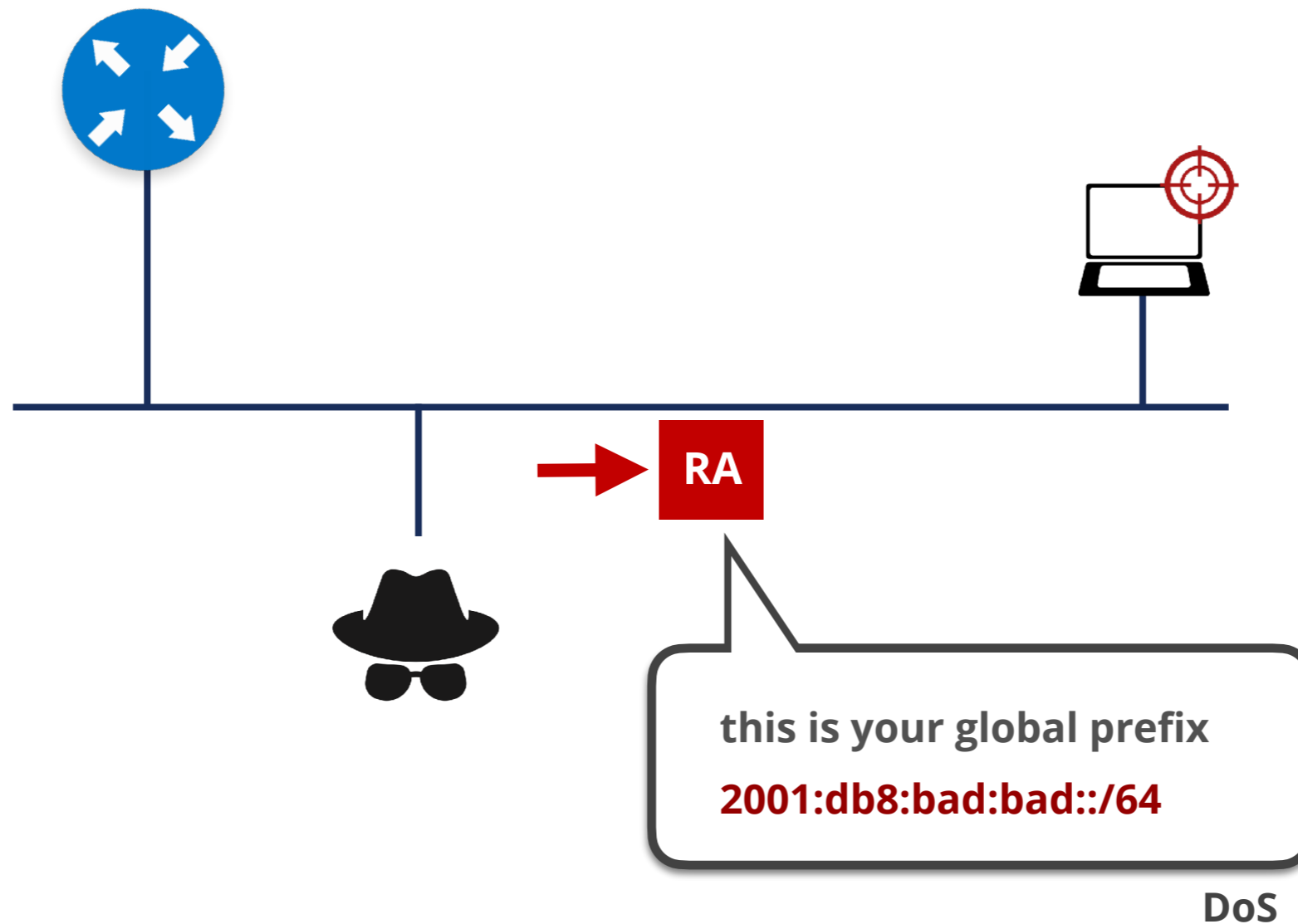
# Malicious Last Hop Router



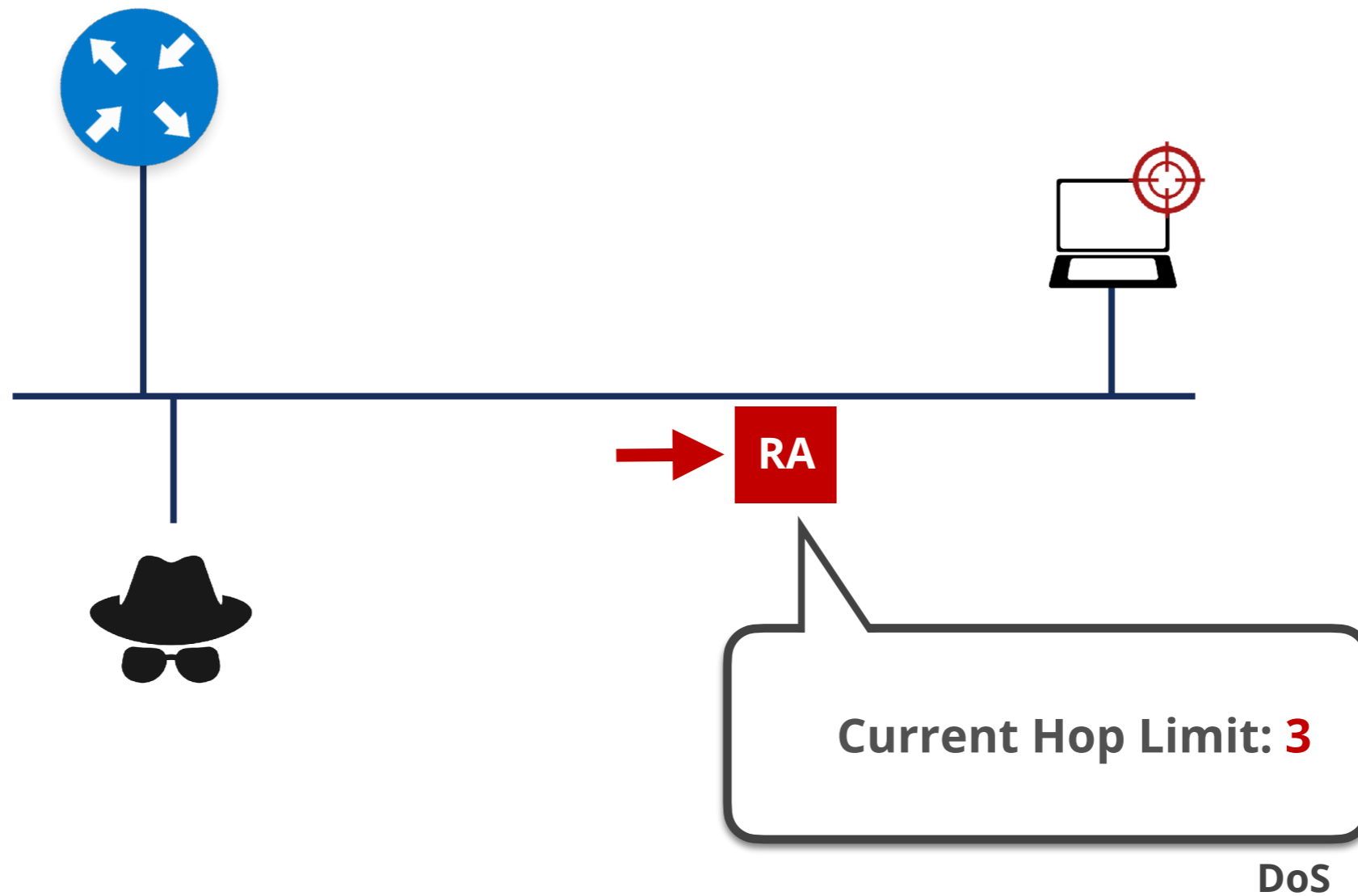
# Bogus On-Link Prefix



# Bogus Address Configuration Prefix

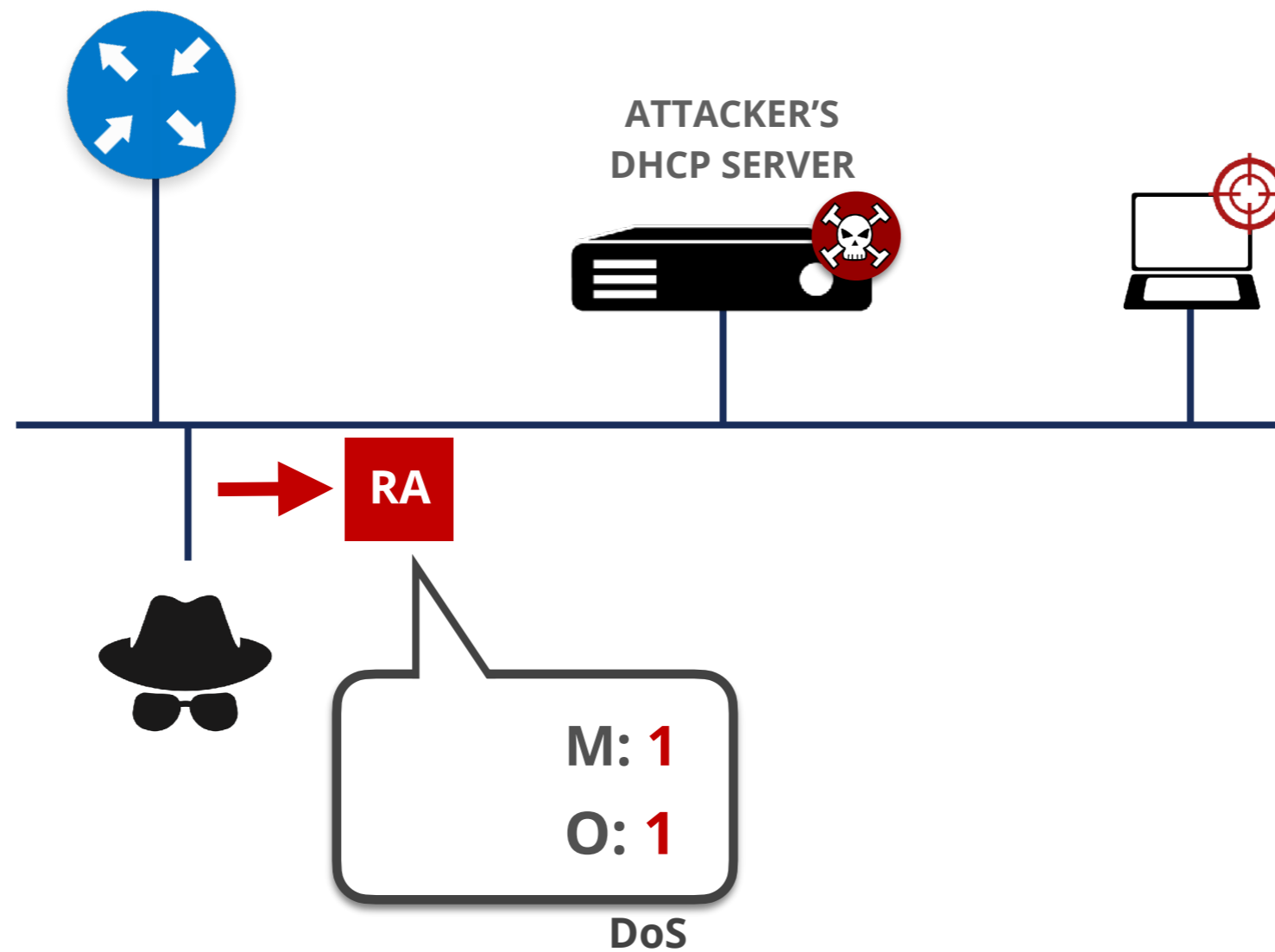


# Parameter Spoofing: Hop Limit





# Parameter Spoofing: DHCPv6



# Spoofered Redirect Message



## Neighbour Cache

IP1	11:11:11:11:11:11
IPr	12:34:56:78:9a:bc

## Routes on Host 1:

::/0 - fe80::a:b:c  
**2001:db8::face:b00c - fe80::a**



IPr = fe80::a:b:c  
 MACr = 12:34:56:78:9a:bc



IP1  
 MAC1 = 11:11:11:11:11:11



IPa = fe80::a  
 MACa = aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa

## IPv6 ICMPv6 Redirect

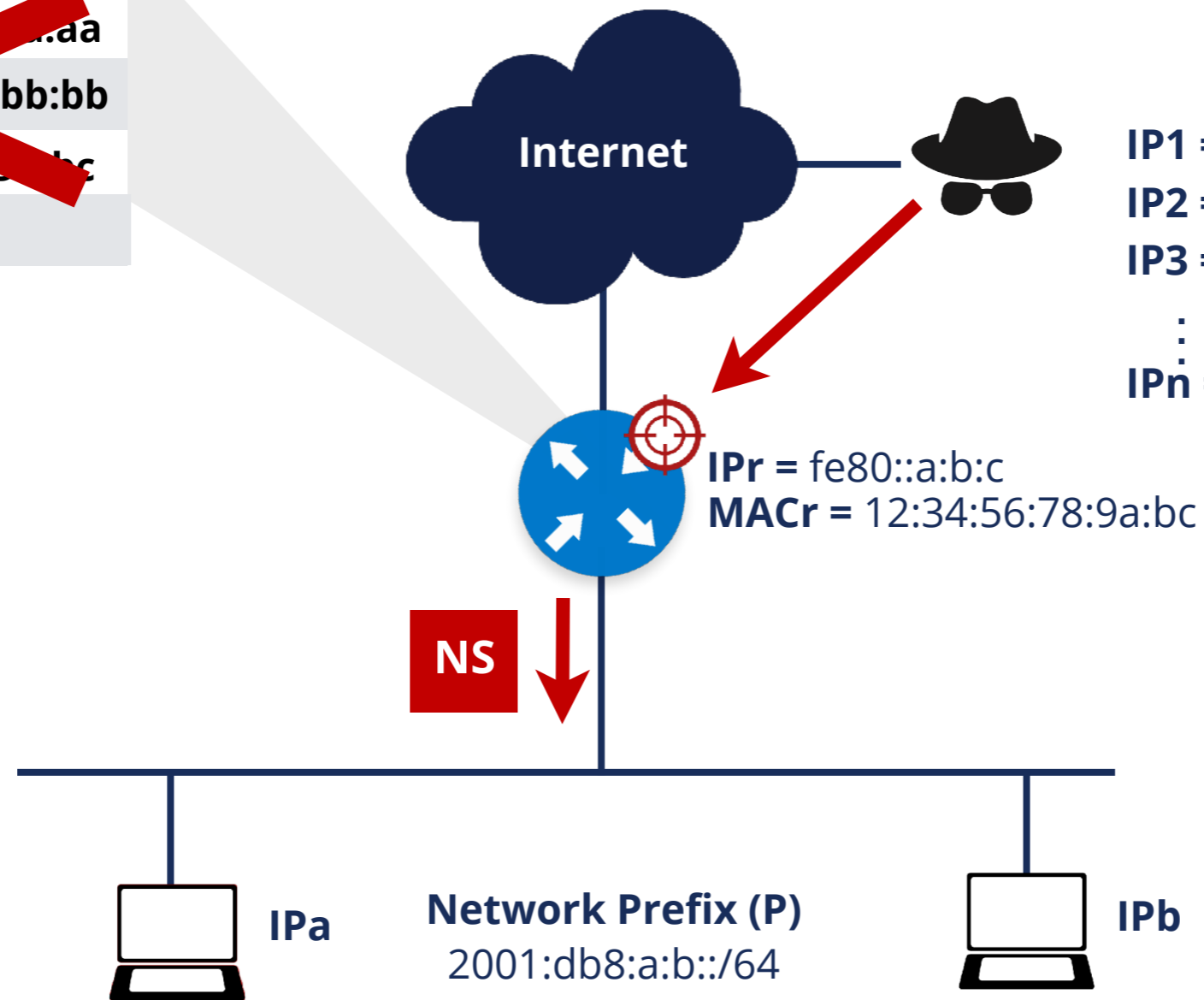
IPv6.Source IPv6	IPr = fe80::a:b:c
IPv6.Destination IPv6	IP1
Redirect.Target Addr	IPa = fe80::a
Redirect.Dst Addr.	2001:db8::face:b00c



# Neighbour Discovery DoS Attack



Router Neighbour Cache	
<del>IPa</del>	<del>aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa</del>
<del>IPb</del>	<del>bb:bb:bb:bb:bb:bb</del>
<del>IPc</del>	<del>12:34:56:78:9a:bc</del>
IP1	???
⋮	⋮
IPn	???



- IP1 = P::1
- IP2 = P::2
- IP3 = P::3
- ⋮
- IPn = P::n





# Questions



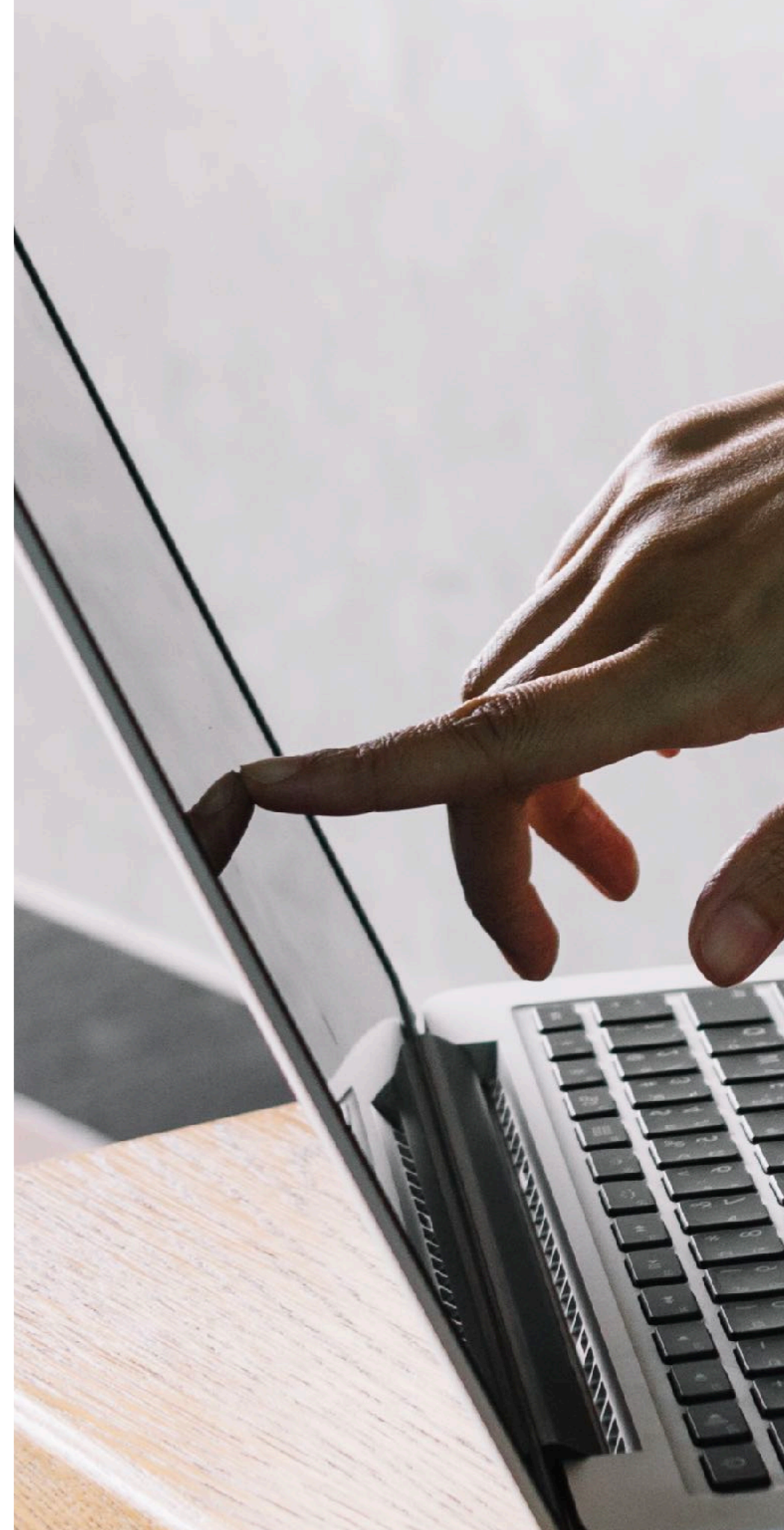


# Demo 2

NDP

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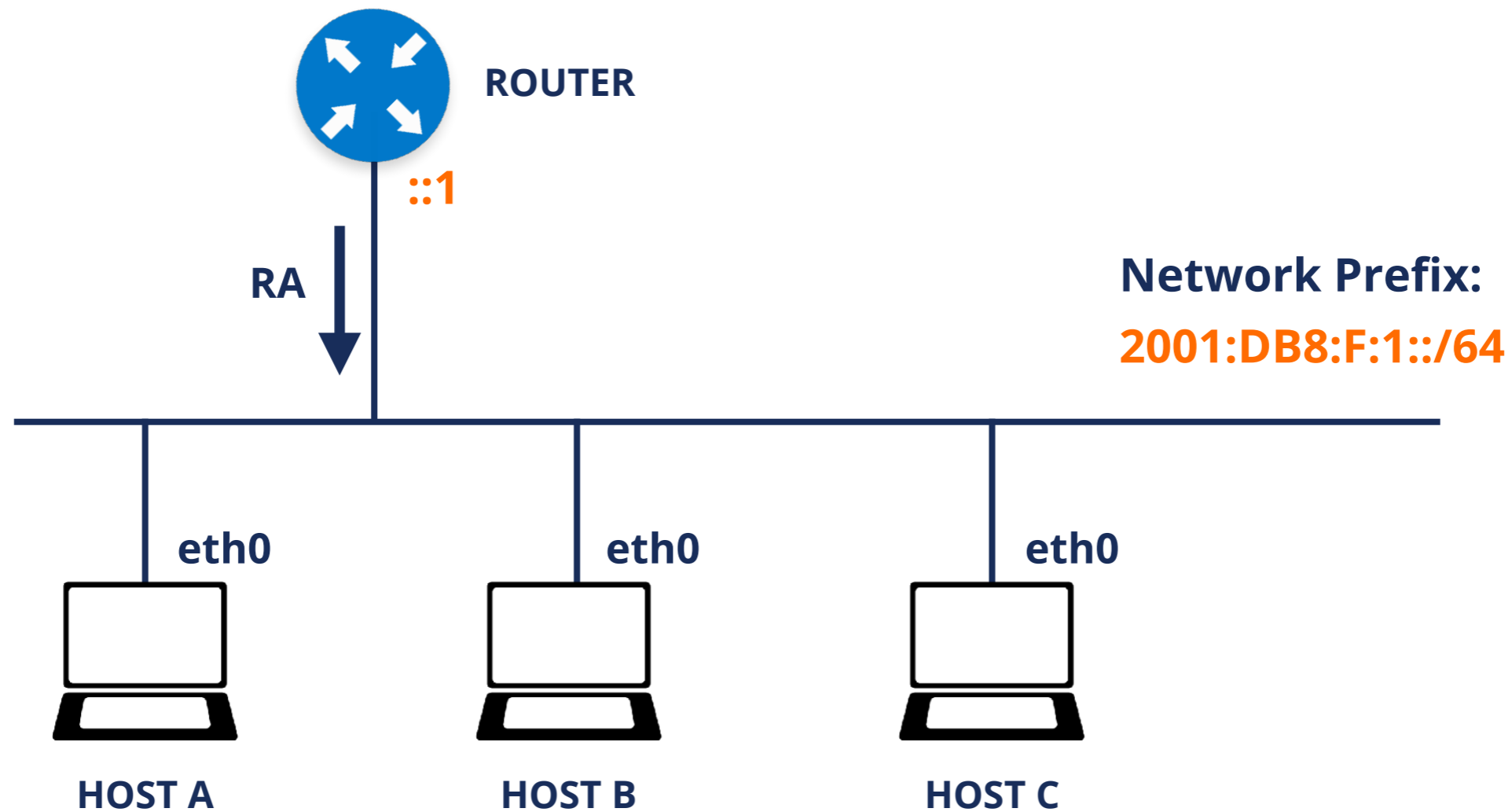




# Demo 2: NDP

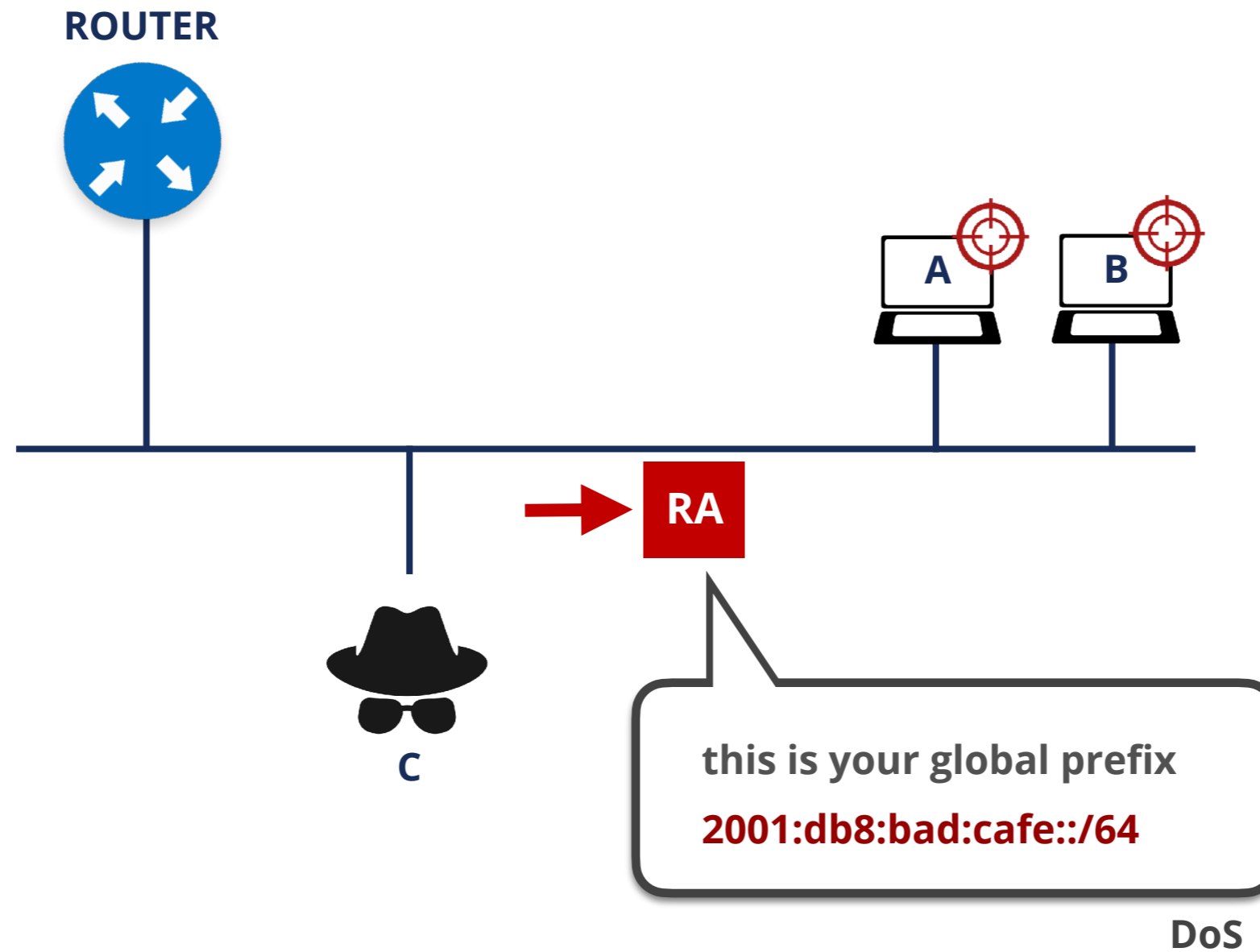
- **Description:** Use NDP RA packets to configure fake network parameters
- **Goals:**
  - Understand how easy it is to modify the network parameters of other host in the same link
- **Time:** 10 minutes
- **Demo:**
  - Generate RA packets that configures fake address and gateway on other hosts (with Scapy)

# Demo 2: Lab Network





# Demo 2: Rogue RA



# Take the poll!

How could you protect your hosts from these **rogue RA** messages?



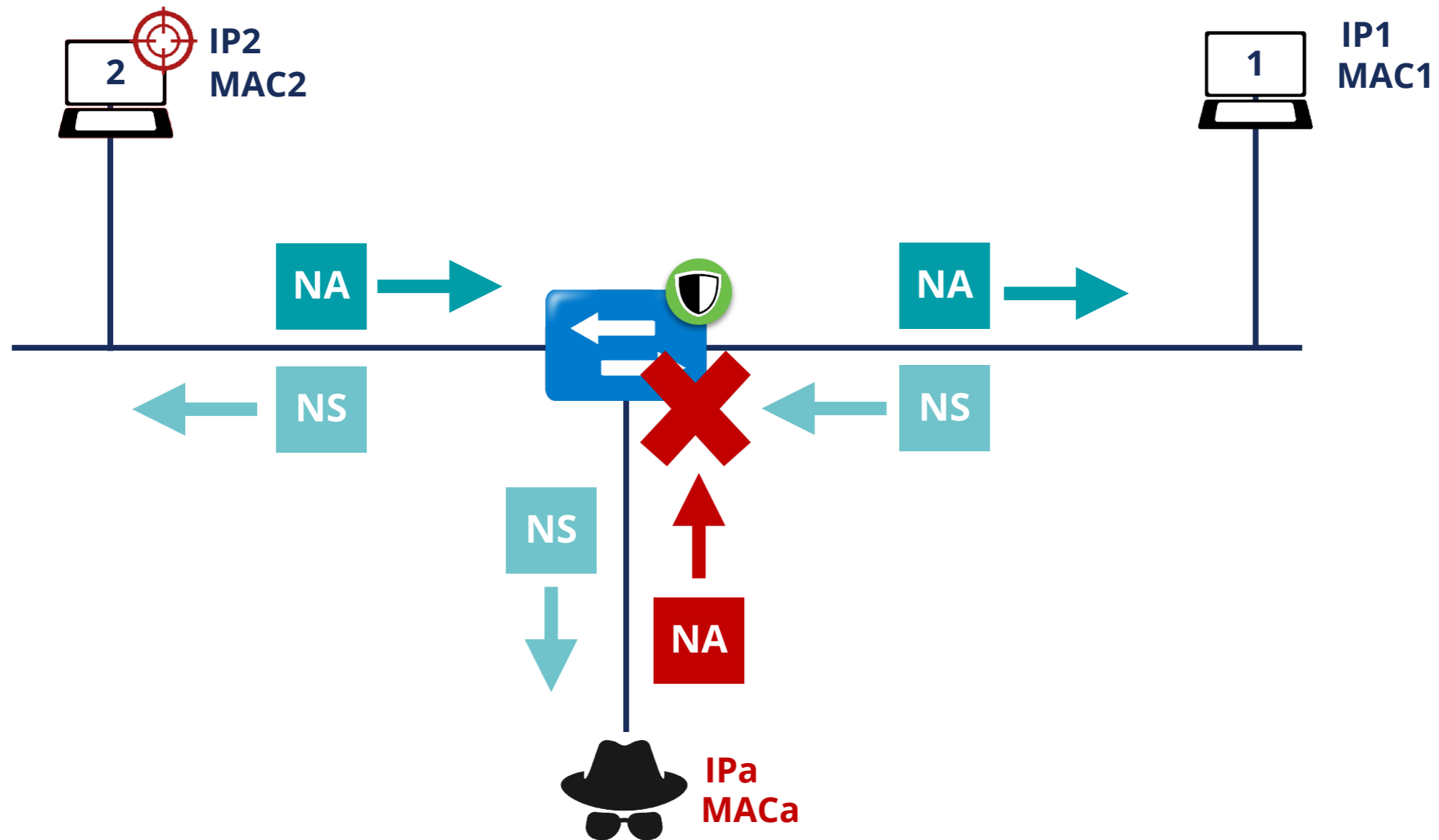


# First Hop Security

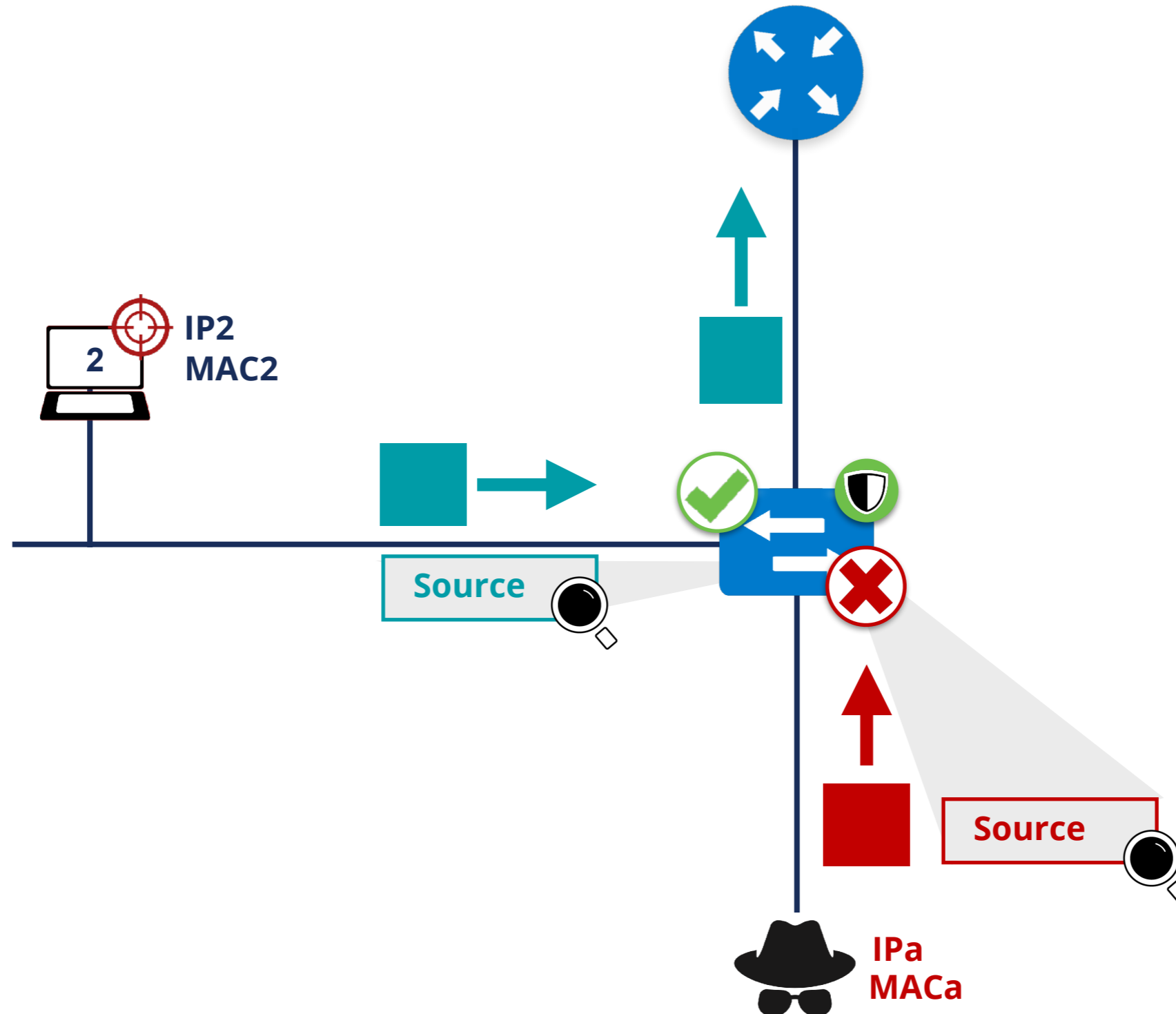
- Security implemented **on switches**
- There is a number of techniques available:
  - RA-GUARD
  - IPv6 Snooping (*ND inspection + DHCPv6 Snooping*)
  - IPv6 Source / Prefix Guard
  - IPv6 Destination Guard (*or ND Resolution rate limiter*)
  - MLD Snooping
  - DHCPv6 Guard



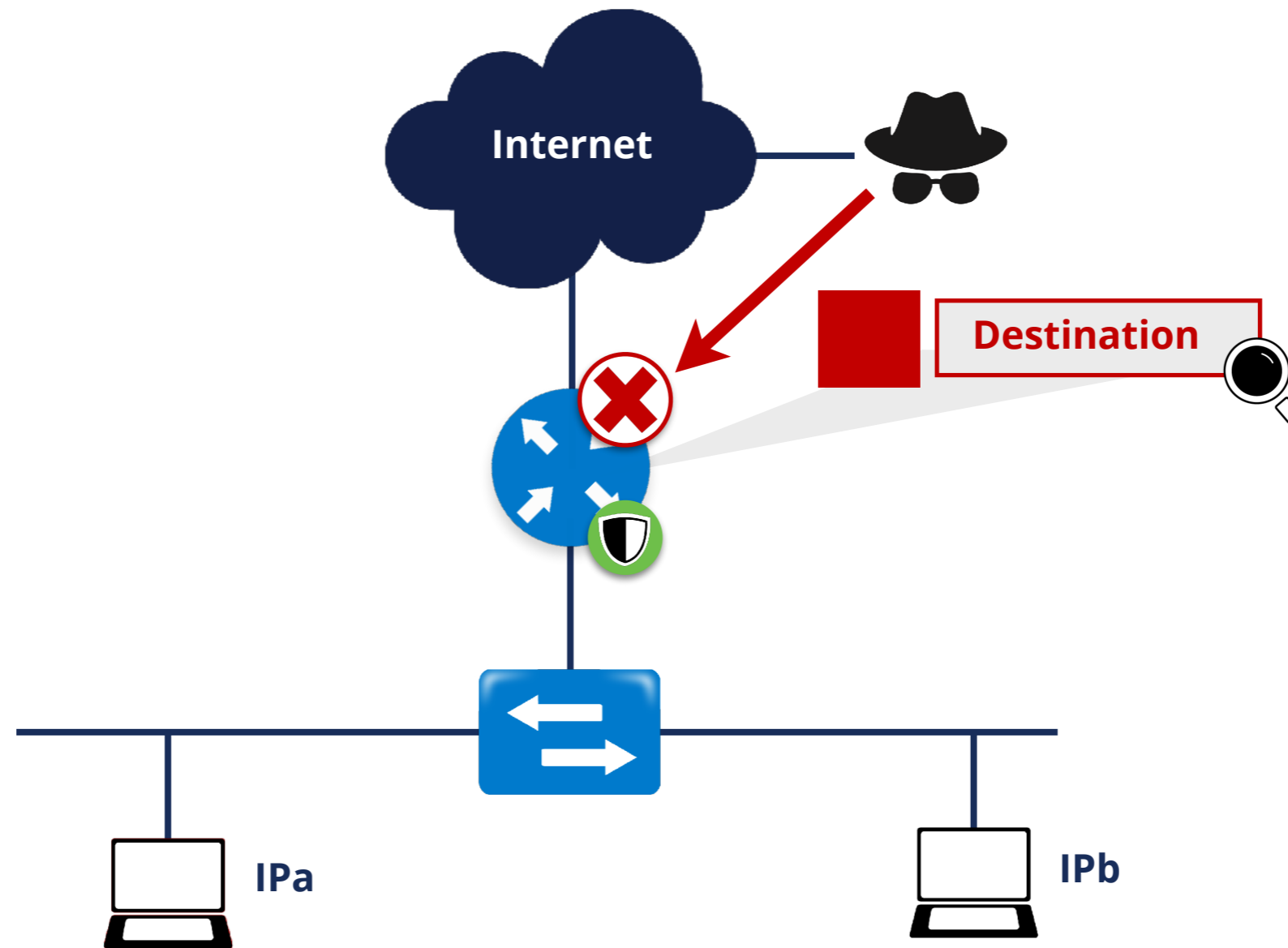
# IPv6 Snooping



# IPv6 Source / Prefix Guard



# IPv6 Destination Guard





# Rogue Router Advertisements



# Rogue RA Solutions



- 1 Link Monitoring
- 2 SEND
- 3 **MANUAL CONFIGURATION**  
+ Disable Autoconfig
- 4 Host Packet Filtering
- 5 Router Preference Option  
[RFC4191]
- 6 ACLs on Switches
- 7 RA Snooping on Switches (RA GUARD)



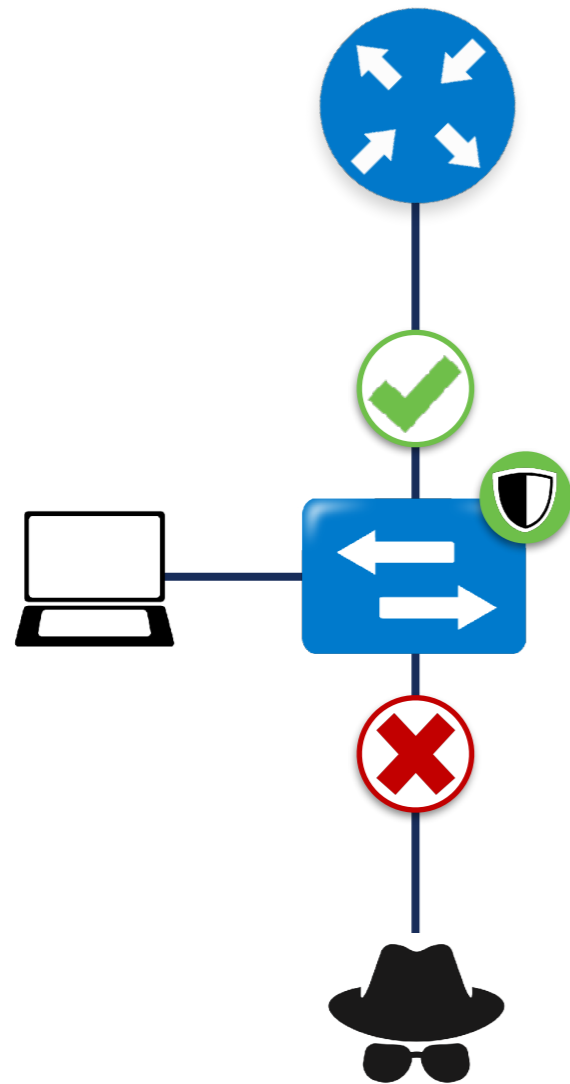


# Take the poll!

What protection do you use in your network against **Rogue RAs**?



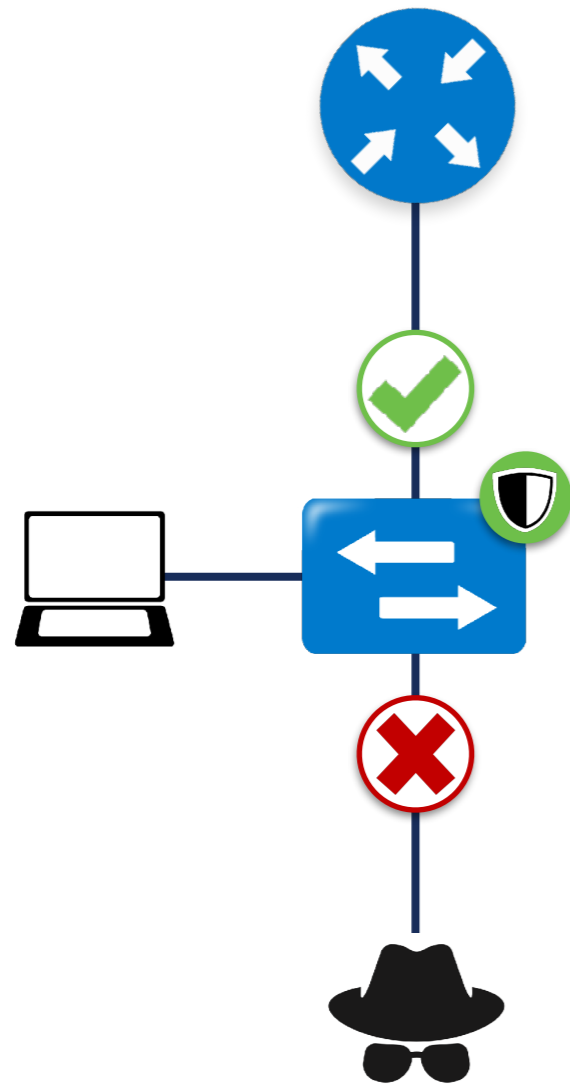
# RA-GUARD [RFC6105]



- Easiest available solution
- Only allows RAs on legitimate ports on L2 switches



# Implementing RA-GUARD



## Stateless RA Guard

Decision based on RA message or static configuration

## Stateful RA Guard

Learns dynamically

# Filtering



- Use Access Control Lists (ACLs) in switches

## Switches need to understand

Ethernet	IPv6	ICMPv6
Ethertype 0x86DD for IPv6	Version 6	ICMPv6 Type and Code
Source/destination MAC address	Source/destination IPv6 address	
	Next Header	



# Filtering Example



```
(config)#ipv6 access-list RA-GUARD
(config-ipv6-acl)#sequence 3 deny icmp any any router-advertisement
(config-ipv6-acl)#sequence 6 permit ipv6 any any

(config-ipv6-acl)#exit

(config)#interface FastEthernet0/5
(config-if)#ipv6 traffic-filter RA-GUARD in
```



# Conclusions / Tips



- NDP is an important, powerful and vulnerable protocol
- **Recommended:** use available solutions to protect NDP
- Detection (IDS/IPS) can be easier and recommended





# Questions





**MLD**

Section 3



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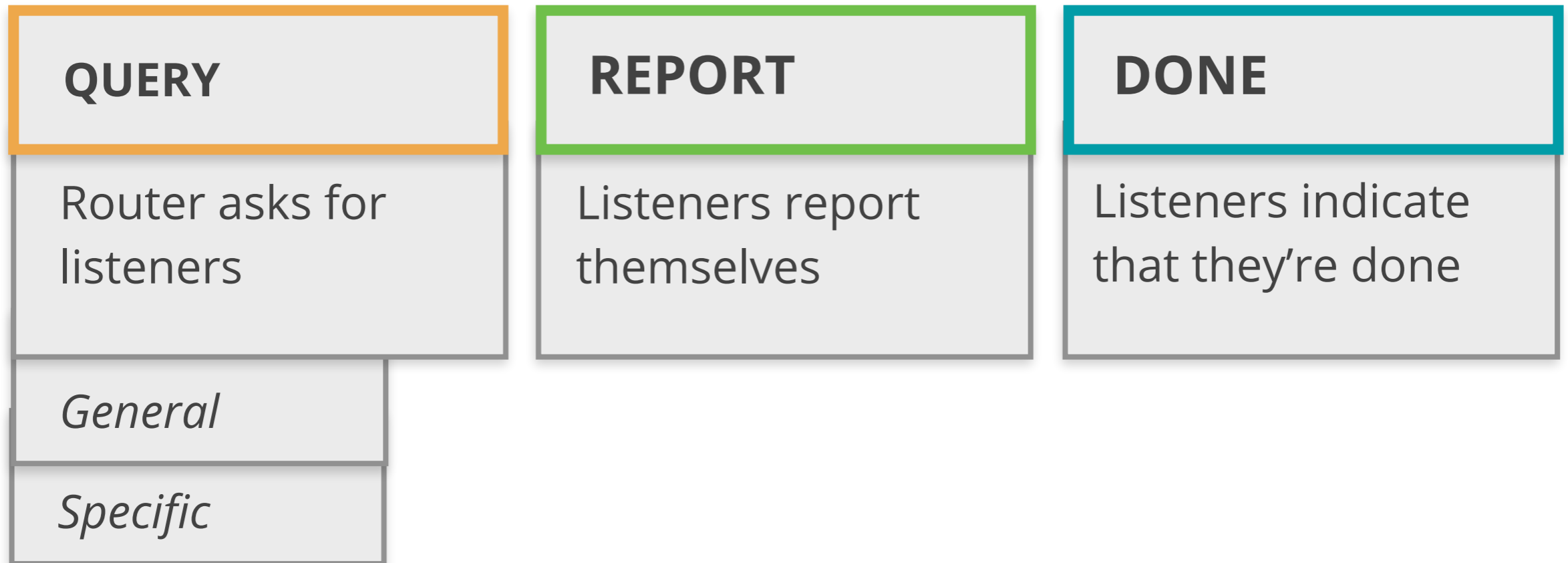
What is **MLD** (Multicast Listener Discovery) used for?

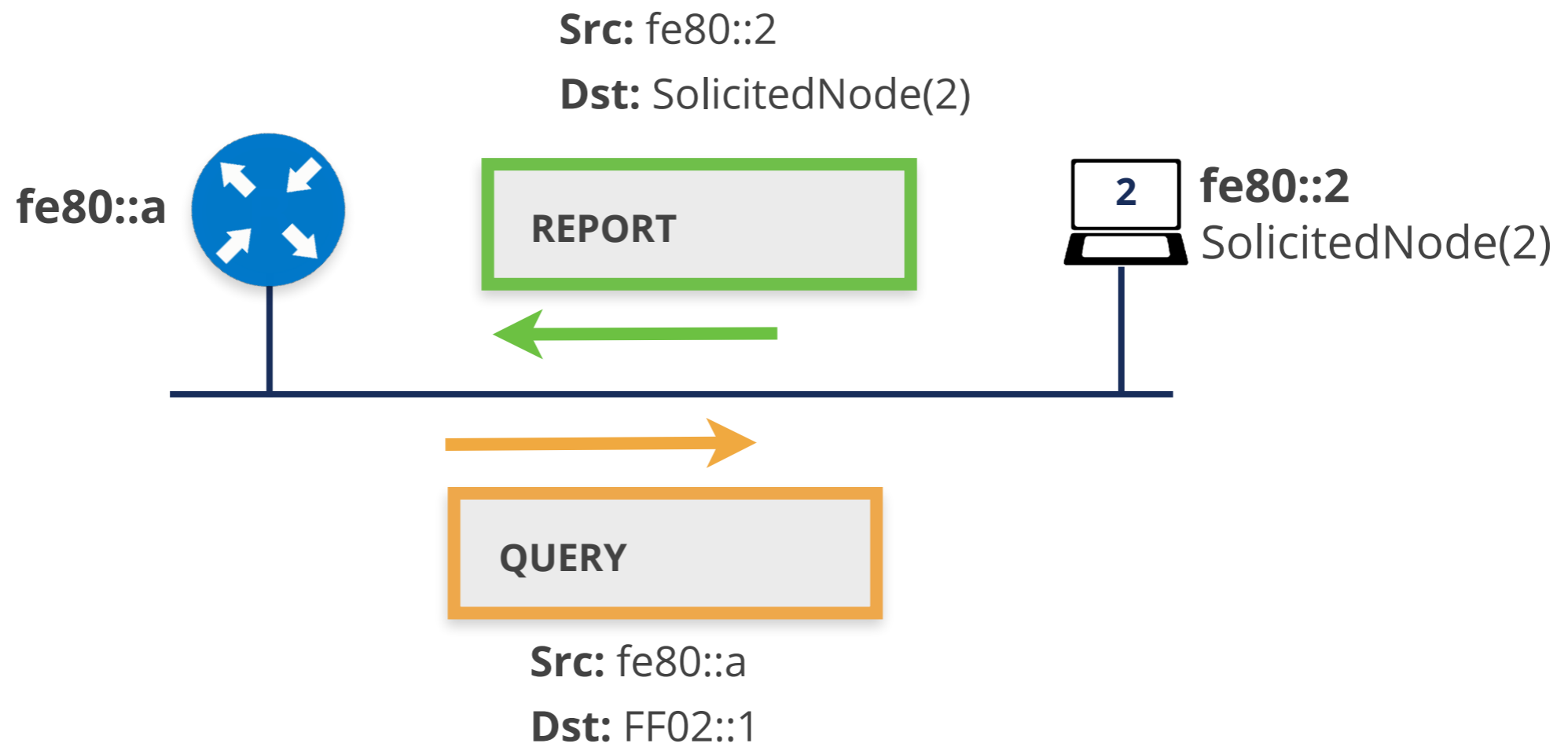




- MLD (**Multicast Listener Discovery**) is:
  - Multicast related protocol, used in the **local link**
  - Two versions: MLDv1 and MLDv2
  - Uses **ICMPv6**
  - Required by NDP and “IPv6 Node Requirements”
  - IPv6 nodes use it when **joining a multicast group**

# MLDv1



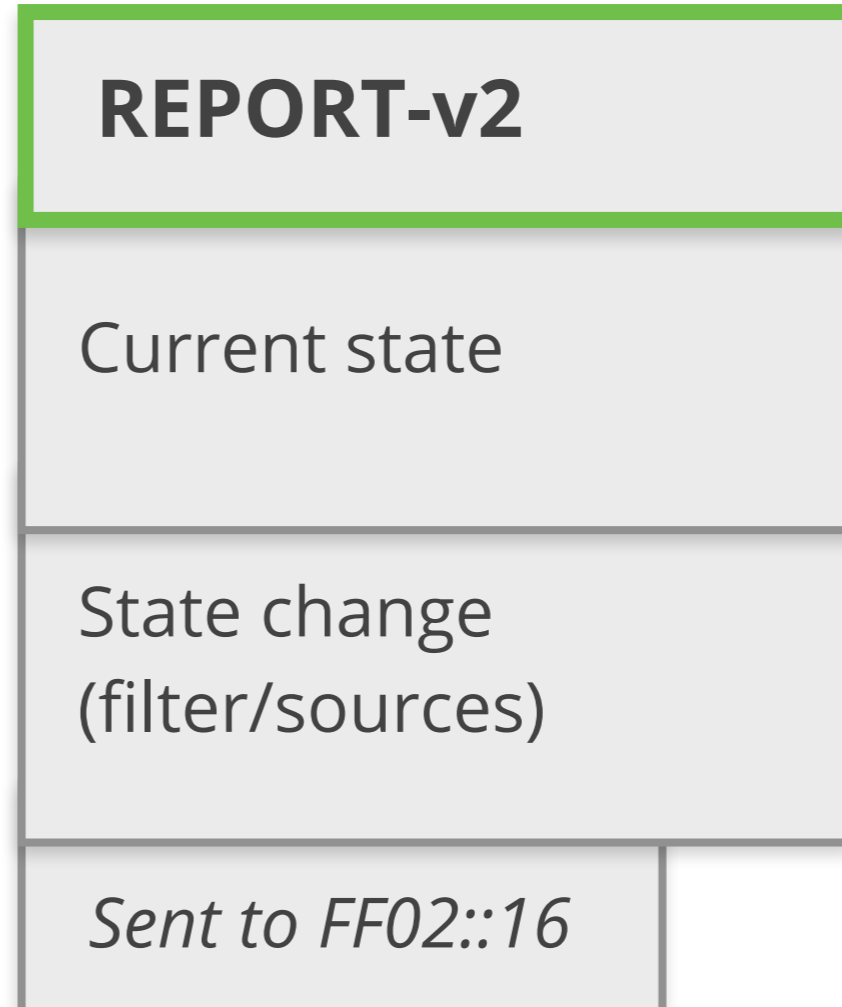
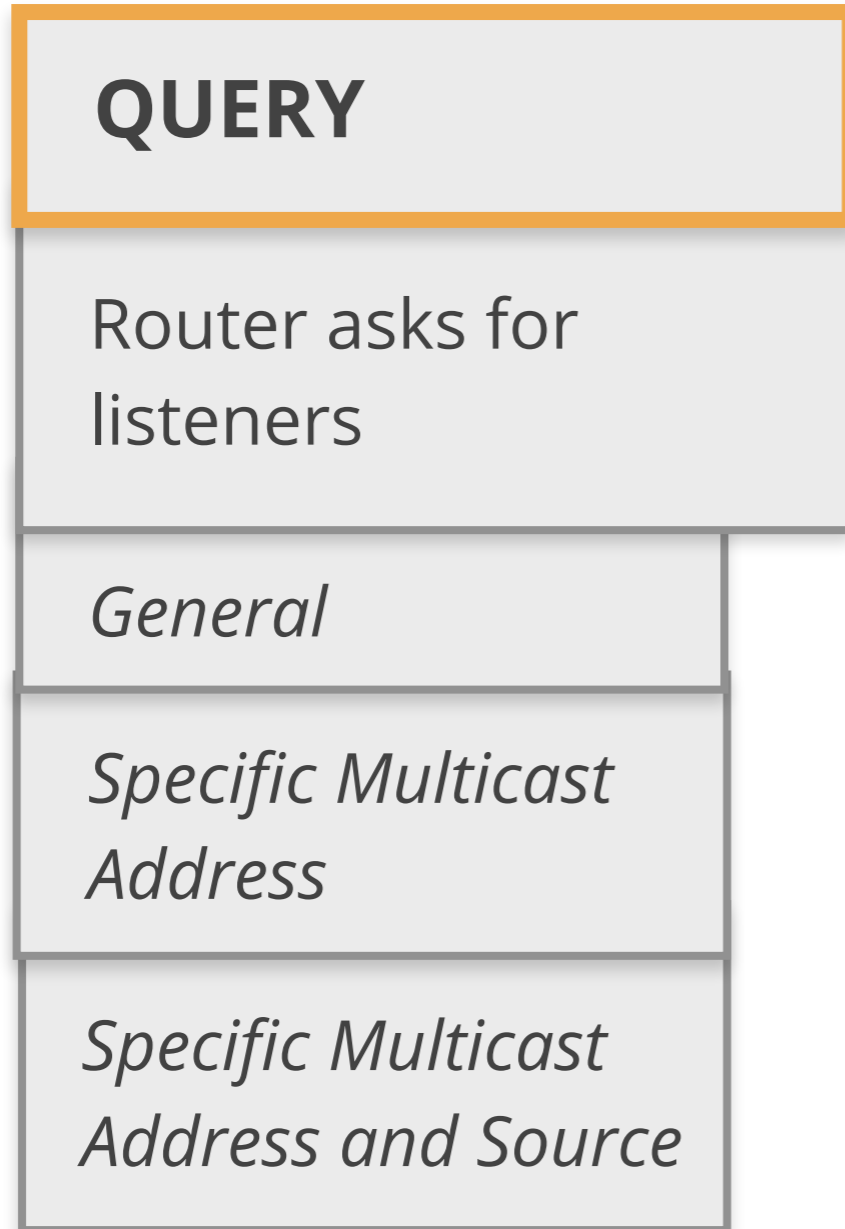


# MLDv2



- Mandatory for all IPv6 nodes (**MUST**) [RFC8504]
- **Interoperable** with MLDv1
- Adds Source-Specific Multicast filters:
  - **Only accepted** sources
  - Or all sources accepted **except** specified ones

# MLDv2

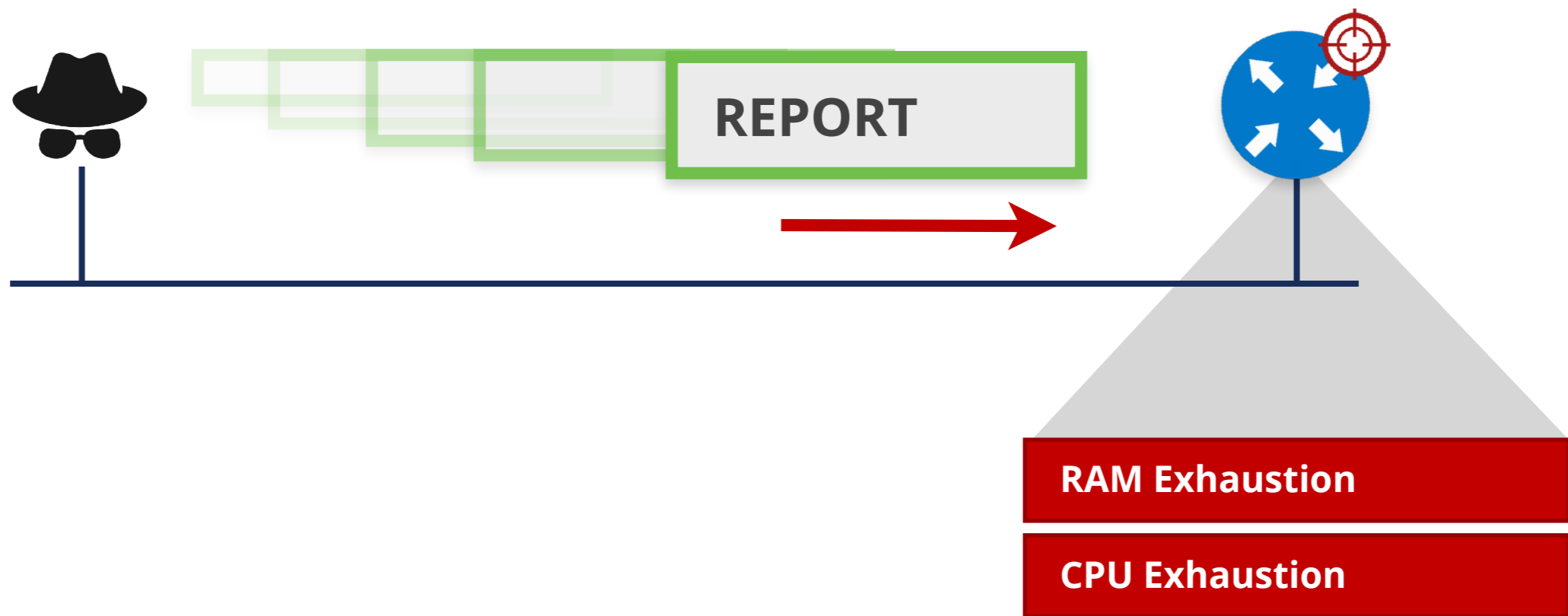




# MLD Details

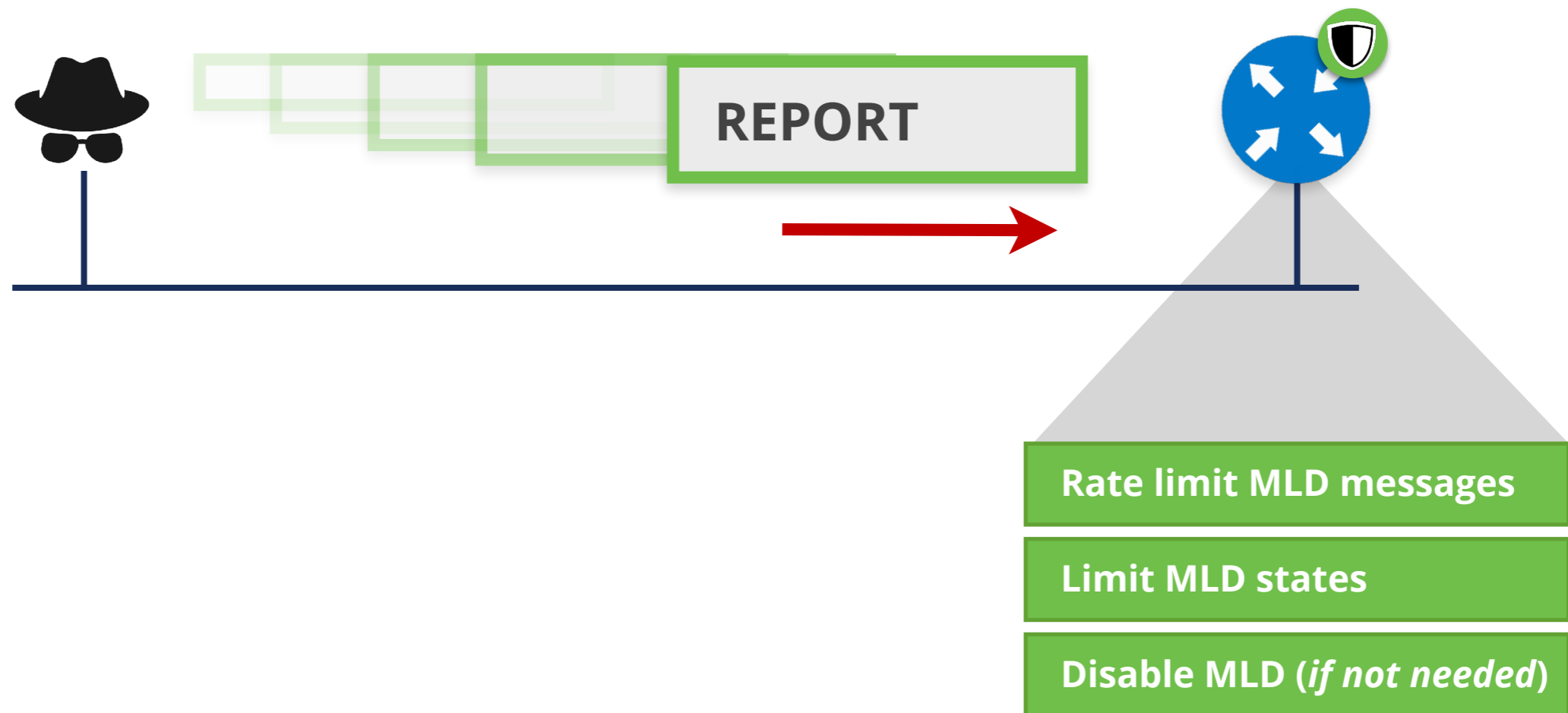
- Nodes **MUST** process QUERY to any of its unicast or multicast addresses
- MLDv2 **needs all nodes** using MLDv2
- **All OSs join** (REPORT) to the Solicited Node addresses

# MLD Flooding





# MLD Flooding



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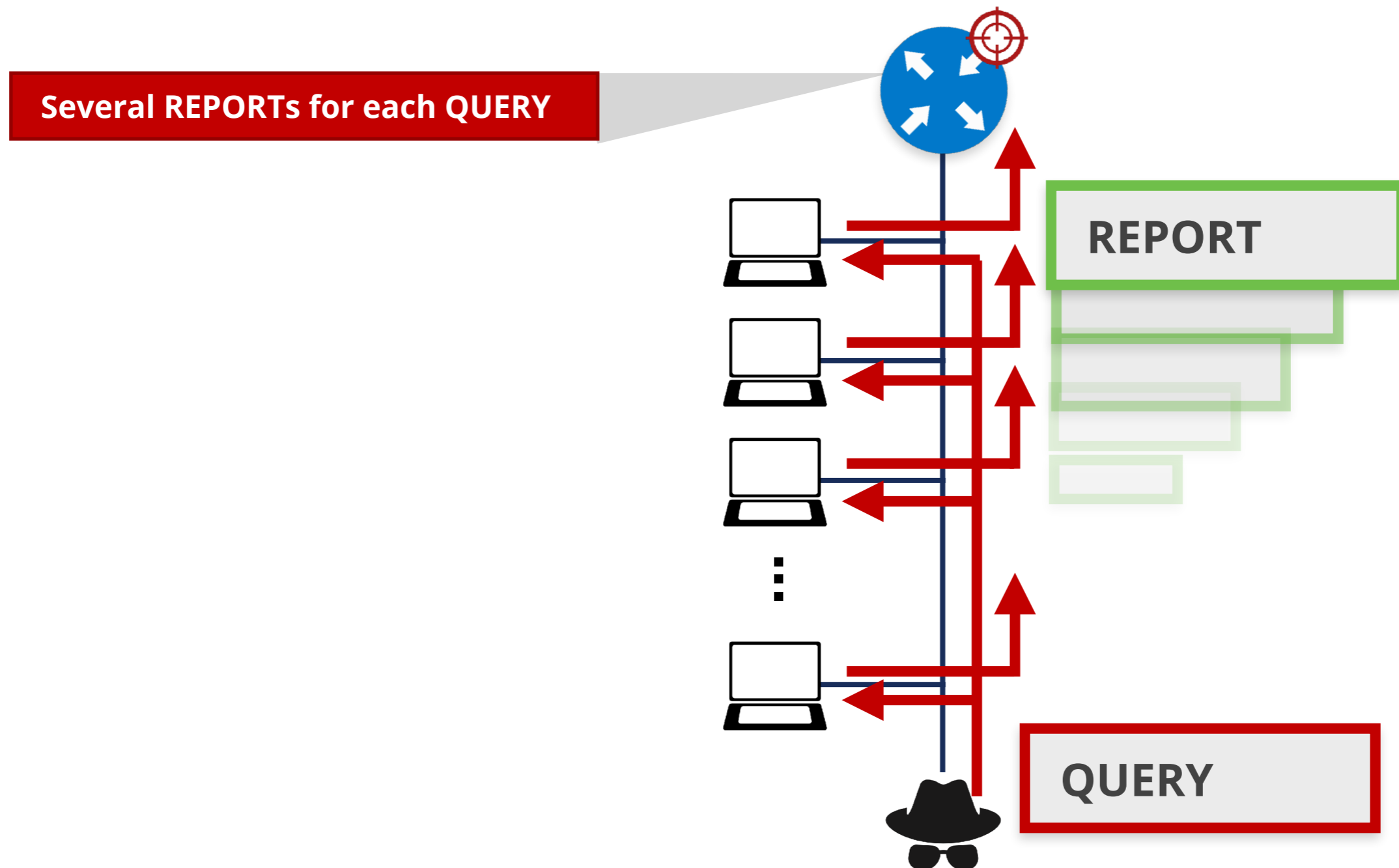
Assume you have **10** hosts in your network.

Each one has **3** IPv6 Multicast addresses to “REPORT” using MLD.

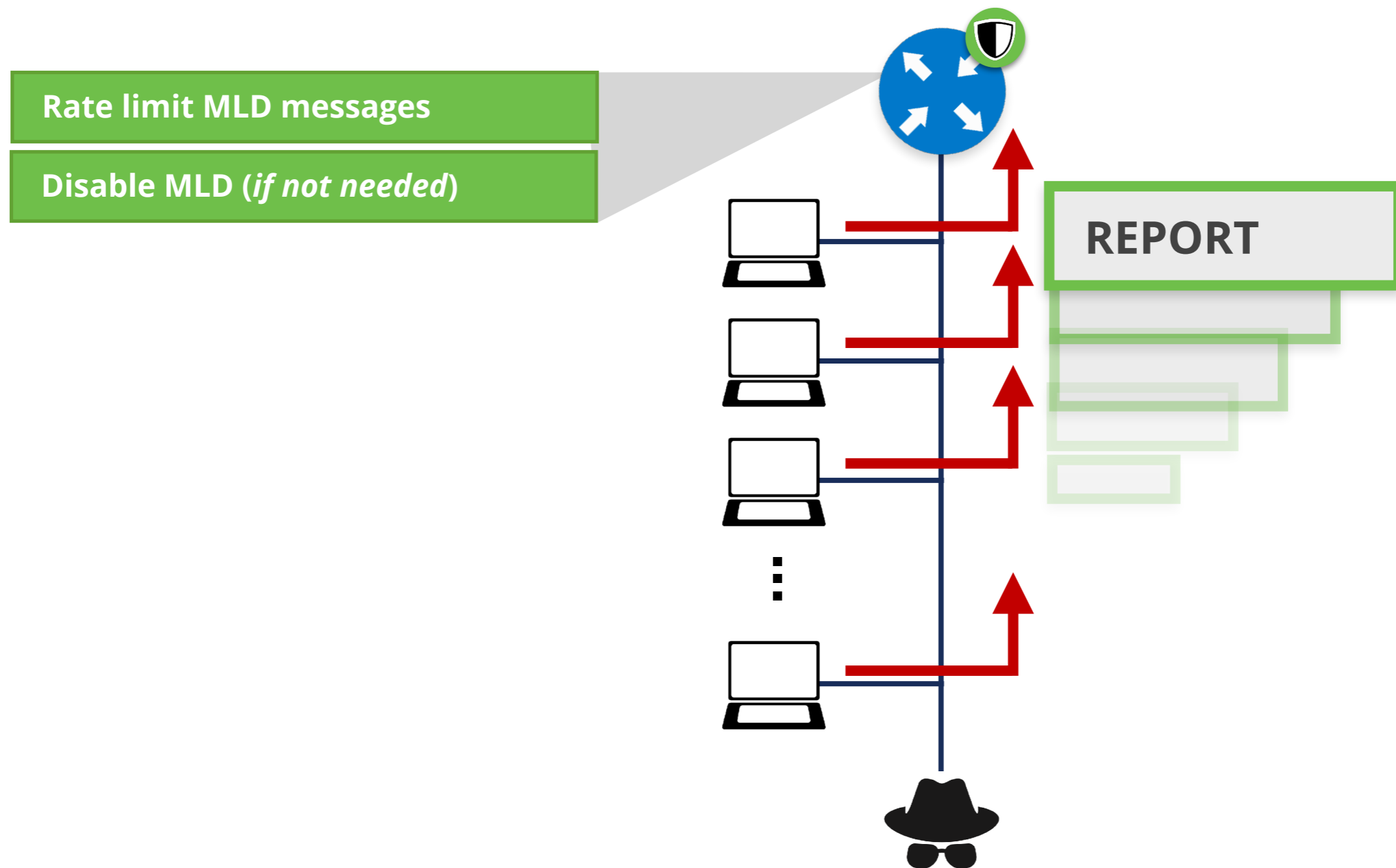
If you send **1 QUERY** message, **how many REPORTs** are sent?



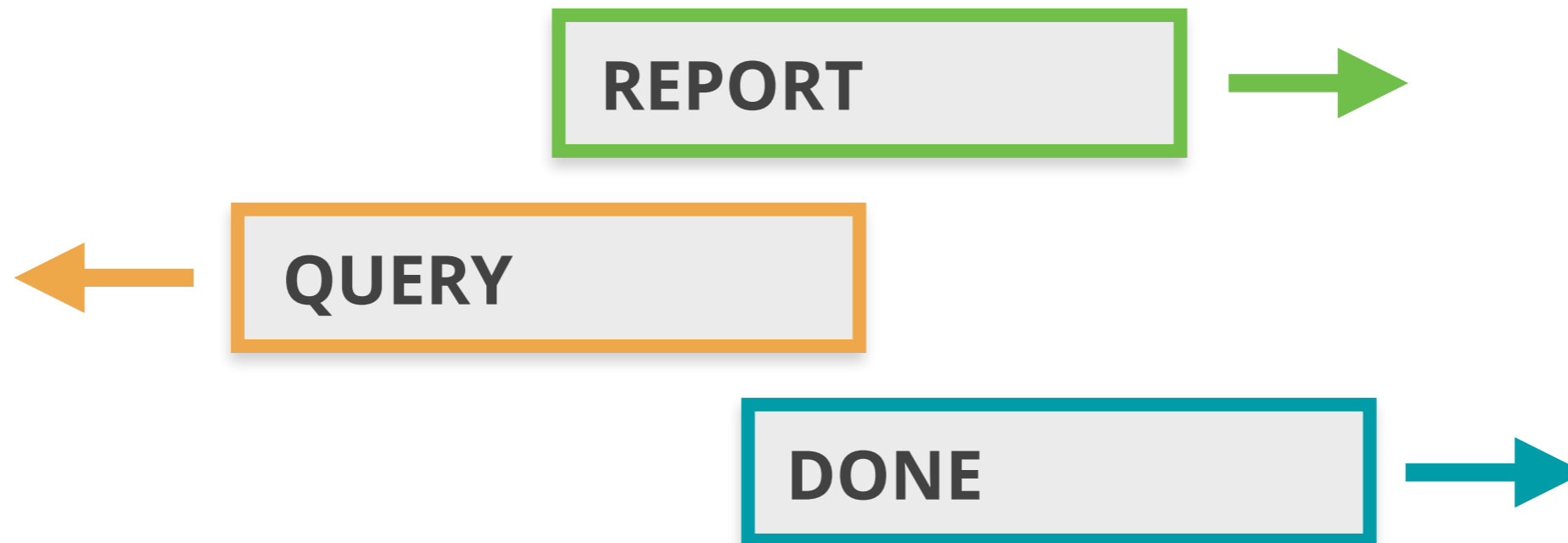
# MLD Traffic amplification



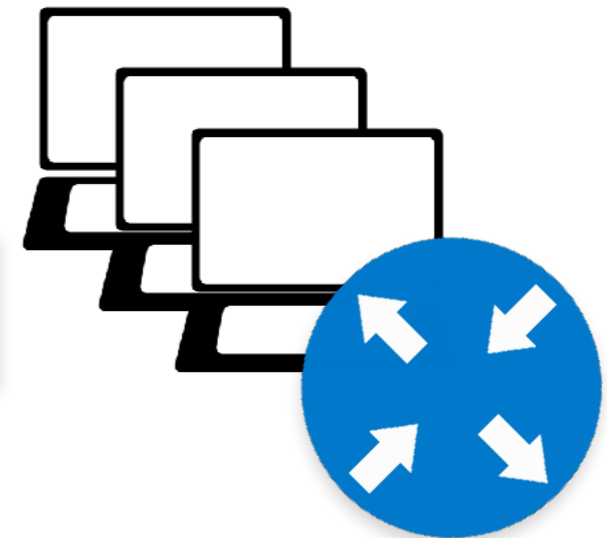
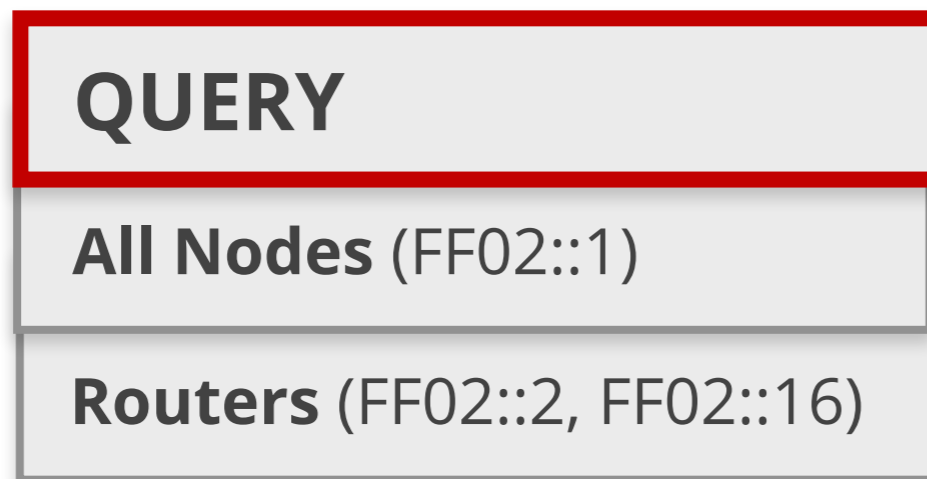
# MLD Traffic amplification



# Passive MLD Scanning



# Active MLD Scanning



# Built-in MLD Security



## MLD Message

**Source:** Link local address **only**

**Hop Limit = 1**

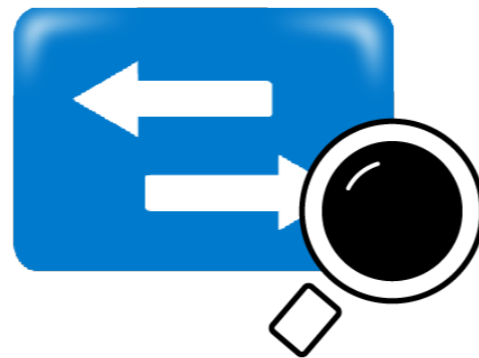
**Router Alert** option in Hop-by-Hop EH

Discard non-compliant messages



# MLD Snooping

RFC4541



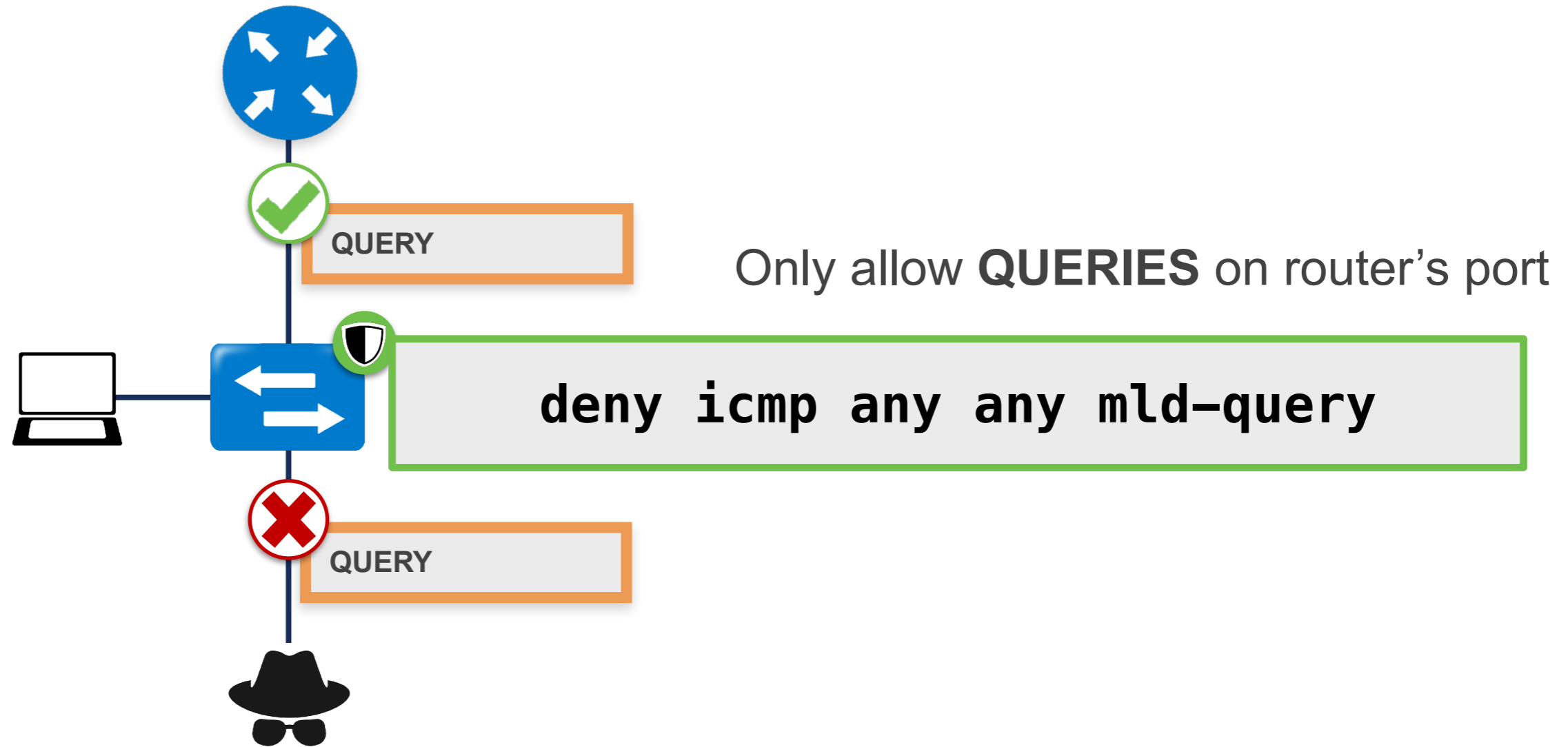
QUERY

Only allow multicast traffic **on ports with listeners**





# MLD Protection on Switches





# Questions





**ICMPv6 is fundamental for IPv6**

**Filter carefully**

**Multicast considerations**

**NDP is mandatory**

**NS/NA/RA Redirect Threats**

**First Hop Security**

**Rogue RA/Solutions**

**MLD is mandatory**

**Flooding/Amplification/Scanning**

**Solutions**

# Take the poll!

Think of what you learned in this webinar.

What things can you apply or use in **your own network?**



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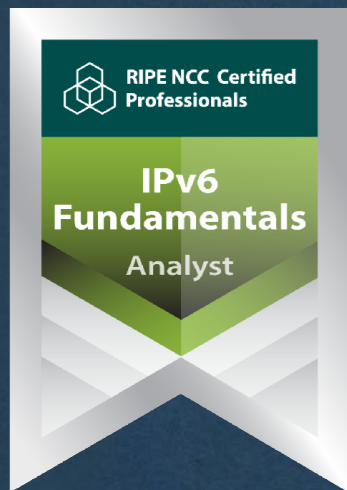
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