

IPv6 Addressing Plan

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Why Create an Addressing Plan?



- Benefits of an IPv6 addressing plan
 - Mental health during implementation (!)
 - Easier implementation of security policies
 - Efficient addressing plans are scalable
 - More efficient route aggregation

4-bit Boundaries



- IPv6 offers flexibility with addressing plans
- Network addressing can be done on 4-bit boundaries



The /64 story



- "Every interface ID must be a /64" (RFC 4291)
- Because of SLAAC
- Other RFCs followed this

• The **only** exception is a /127 for point-to-point links

ISP Addressing Plan



- What should an ISP addressing plan contain?
 - Address space for internal use
 - Loopback interfaces
 - Point-to-point connections
 - Servers, routers and other infrastructure at POPs
- Use a /48 per POP
- Address space for customers

Loopback Interfaces



- One /128 per device
 - One /64 contains enough addresses for all your manually configured loopback addresses

 Take an easy to remember block for loopback addresses

Point-to-point Links



- With old router operating software:
 - One /64 per point-to-point connection
 - Reserve /64 per point-to-point link, but configure a /127
- With new router operating software:
 - Configure a /127 per point-to-point connection
 - You can group them under a single /64
- Recommendation is reserving a separate /64 and configuring /127 per point-to-point link!
 - Check **RFC 6164** for rationales of using /127

ISP Example







- We will assign a /48 per POP
- We will work on 4-bit boundary:

Prefix	Number of /64 subnets			
/48	65 536			
/52	4096			
/56	256			
/60	16			
/64	1			

- Look at the number of point-to-point links
- Just to be sure, we reserve a /64 per link!





What prefix would you assign to cr1.pop2?



ISP Guidelines



In common cases:

- One /48 per POP
- Calculate growth
- Make it scalable

Customers



- Customers should get a large block of addresses
 - /48 for business customers
 - /48 or /56 for residential customers
- The current policy allows bigger than /48 but you might need to justify it if audited or if you request another allocation from the RIPE NCC
- Every assignment must be registered

Example Situation (Customers)



- A customer has 6 functions
 - Servers
 - Office PCs
 - Network Engineer PCs
 - Guests
 - VPN (remote workers)
 - Infrastructure (point-to-point and loopbacks)

Example Situation (Customers)



• A customer has 3 locations

- Main building, floor 1
- Main building, floor 2
- Secondary office

Example Situation (Customers)



• A customer receives 2001:0db8:1a2b::/48

- Work on 4-bit boundary
 - 6 functions (leaves room for 10 more functions)
 - 3 locations (leaves room for 13 more locations)
 - We still have 8 bits left!
 - Room for 256 networks per function per location

Example Plan (Customers)



• Putting this in the address:

2001:0db8:1a2b:FLXX::/64

- F = Function (0=infrastructure, 1=servers, 2=office, 3=engineers, 4=VPN, f=guests)
- L = Location (0=main building 1, 1=main building 2, 2=secondary office)
- XX = Number of network of type + location

Example Plan (Customers)



- 2001:0db8:1a2b:1000::/64
 - Servers in Main Building, floor 1, network 0
- 2001:0db8:1a2b:1200::/64
 - Servers in the secondary office, network 0
- 2001:0db8:1a2b:f209::/64
 - Guest in secondary office, network 9

Example Plan (Customers)



- 2001:0db8:1a2b:0000::1/128
 - Loopback address (infrastructure, location doesn't apply)
- 2001:0db8:1a2b:0102::/127
 - Point-to-point link (infrastructure, location doesn't apply)
- 2001:0db8:1a2b:41ab::/64
 - VPN in main office, floor 1, user 171

Alternatives (Customers)



- The previous example is just an idea
 - ✓ Adapt as necessary

- 2001:0db8:1a2b:FFLX::/64
 - 256 functions
 - 16 locations
 - 16 networks per function per location

Summary (Customers)



• Tips:

- Work on 4-bit boundary
- Group subnets by function
- Group subnets by location
- Make a scalable addressing plan

Exercise: Take the poll again!



What is the IPv6 address for an engineer's PC,

in the main building floor 2,

for computer number 2?

Example:

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Customers And Their /48



- Customers have no idea how to handle 65,536 subnets!
- Provide them with information!



Link to the document:

https://www.ripe.net/support/training/material/

basicipv6-addressing-plan-howto.pdf

Exercise: Addressing Plan

Use the chat window to choose the assignments size to:

- www VLAN
- colo 1
- cr1.pop2 and cr1.pop1
- Point-to-Point customer 1



Addressing Plan: Solution 1







Addressing Plan: Solution 2





cr1.pop	2 2001:db8:0001:1000::/52
cr2.pop	2 2001:db8:0001:2000::/52
colo	1 2001:db8:0001:3000::/52
colo	2 2001:db8:0001:4000::/52
a	r 2001:db8:0001:5000::/52





Questions



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