



IPv6 Business Information Exchange

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IPv6 Firewall



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Agenda

- Differences between IPv4 and IPv6 firewall
- How to enforce an IPv6 security policy?
- Cisco products
- Conclusion

The IPsec Myth: IPsec End-to-End will Save the World

- IPv6 mandates the implementation of IPsec
- IPv6 does not require the use of IPsec
- Some organizations believe that IPsec should be used to secure all flows...

Interesting **scalability** issue (n^2 issue with IPsec)

Need to **trust endpoints and end-users** because the network cannot secure the traffic: no IPS, no ACL, no firewall

IOS 12.4(20)T can parse the AH

Network **telemetry is blinded**: NetFlow of little use

Network **services hindered**: what about QoS?

Recommendation: do not use IPsec end to end within an administrative domain.

Suggestion: Reserve IPsec for residential or hostile environment or high profile targets.

ICMPv4 vs. ICMPv6

- Significant changes
- More relied upon

ICMP Message Type	ICMPv4	ICMPv6
Connectivity Checks	X	X
Informational/Error Messaging	X	X
Fragmentation Needed Notification	X	X
Address Assignment		X
Address Resolution		X
Router Discovery		X
Multicast Group Management		X
Mobile IPv6 Support		X

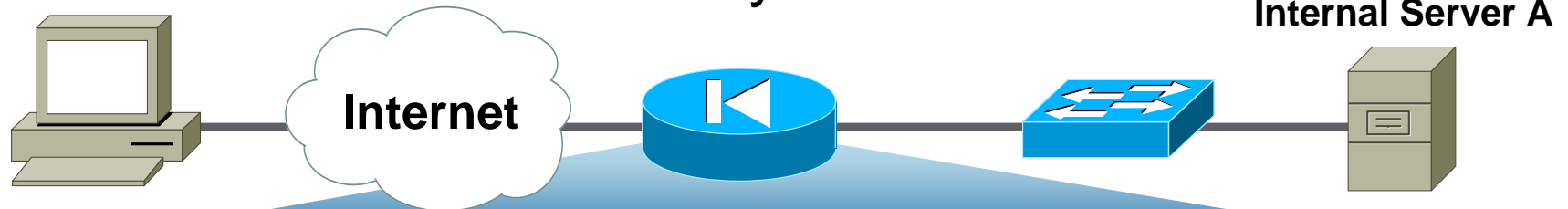
- => ICMP policy on firewalls needs to change



For Your Reference

Equivalent ICMPv6

Border Firewall Transit Policy*



Action	Src	Dst	ICMPv6 Type	ICMPv6 Code	Name
Permit	Any	A	128	0	Echo Reply
Permit	Any	A	129	0	Echo Request
Permit	Any	A	1	0	No Route to Dst.
Permit	Any	A	2	0	Packet Too Big
Permit	Any	A	3	0	Time Exceeded— TTL Exceeded
Permit	Any	A	4	0	Parameter Problem

*RFC 4890

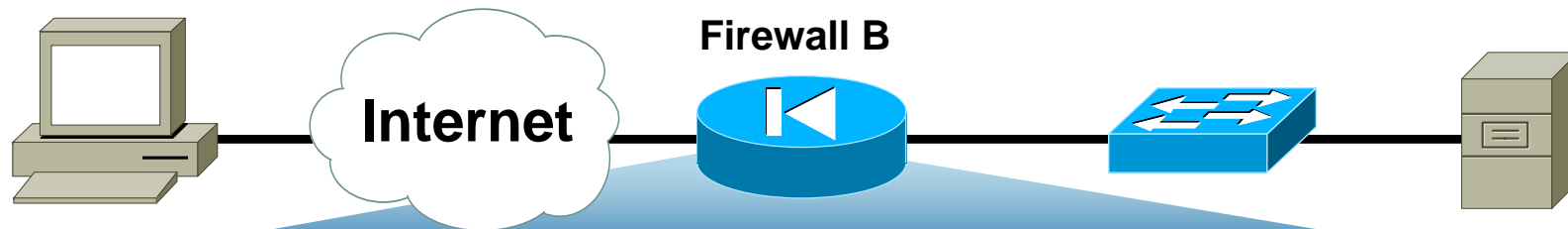


For Your Reference

Internal Server A

Potential Additional ICMPv6

Border Firewall Receive Policy*



Action	Src	Dst	ICMPv6 Type	ICMPv6 Code	Name
Permit	Any	B	2	0	Packet too Big
Permit	Any	B	130–132	0	Multicast Listener
Permit	Any	B	133/134	0	Neighbor Solicitation and Advertisement
Permit	Any	B	4	0	Parameter Problem

*RFC 4890

Application Inspection Engines

- Stateful-inspection firewall must also update their application support:
 - ICMPv6: different syntax and slightly different semantics
 - FTP: RFC 2428 replace PASV with EPSV, ...
 - HTTP, SMTP, SIP, ...: no real changes

IPv6 Header Manipulation

- Unlimited size of header chain (spec-wise) can make filtering difficult
- Potential DoS with poor IPv6 stack implementations
 - More boundary conditions to exploit
 - Can I overrun buffers with a lot of extension headers?

The image shows a network capture analysis of an IPv6 packet. The packet structure is as follows:

- Frame 1 (423 bytes on wire, 423 bytes captured)
- Raw packet data
- Internet Protocol Version 6
- Hop-by-hop Option Header
- Destination Option Header
- Routing Header, Type 0
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- Destination Option Header
- Routing Header, Type 0
- Destination Option Header
- Routing Header, Type 0
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1024 (1024), Dst Port: bgp (179), Seq: 0, Ack: 0, Len: 51
- Border Gateway Protocol

Callout boxes and arrows provide the following rules for extension header ordering:

- Perfectly Valid IPv6 Packet According to the Sniffer** (points to the entire packet structure)
- Header Should Only Appear Once** (points to the first Hop-by-hop Option Header)
- Destination Header Which Should Occur at Most Twice** (points to the first and second Destination Option Headers)
- Destination Options Header Should Be the Last** (points to the last Destination Option Header)

IPv6 Extension Header Parsing

- Firewalls (like hosts) need to parse Extension Headers to find TCP/UDP information
- Procedure to find L4 protocol information
 1. Parse known Next Header until the L4 header or **unknown NH**
 2. **Check if enough of the L4 protocol header is within the first fragment**
- Notes:
 - ⇒ AH can also be skipped
 - ⇒ if chain is too long on HW routers, packet is process switched...

Enforcing an IPv6 Security Policy

- Important:

In a dual-stack environment, security policies for IPv4 and IPv6 MUST BE identical

Else, the miscreant will use the less protected protocol

Also, easier for operation and incident handling

- This also applies to topology (identical perimeter)

Except, may be, dedicated IPv4 and dedicated IPv6 firewalls (to increase software stability)

PCI DSS Compliance and IPv6

- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard requires the use of NAT for security

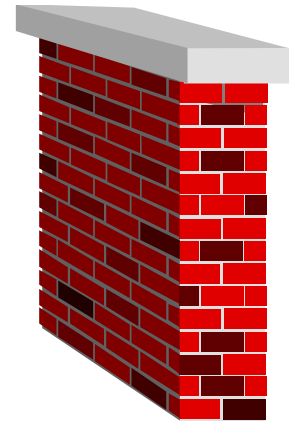
Yes, weird isn't it?

There is no NAT IPv6 <-> IPv6 in most of the firewalls

IETF has just started to work on NAT66

- → PCI DSS compliance cannot be achieved for IPv6 ?

IOS IPv6 Extended ACL



- Can match on
 - Upper layers: TCP, UDP, SCTP port numbers
 - TCP flags SYN, ACK, FIN, PUSH, URG, RST
 - ICMPv6 code and type
 - Traffic class (only six bits/8) = DSCP
 - Flow label (0-0xFFFFF)
- IPv6 extension header
 - routing** matches any RH, **routing-type** matches specific RH
 - mobility** matches any MH, **mobility-type** matches specific MH
 - dest-option** matches any, **dest-option-type** matches specific destination options
 - auth** matches AH
 - Can skip AH (but not ESP) since IOS 12.4(20)T
- **fragments** keyword matches
 - Non-initial fragments (same as IPv4)
 - And** the first fragment if the L4 protocol cannot be determined
- **undetermined-transport** keyword matches (only for deny)
 - Any packet whose L4 protocol cannot be determined: fragmented or unknown extension header

Cisco IOS IPv6 ACL

A Trivial Example

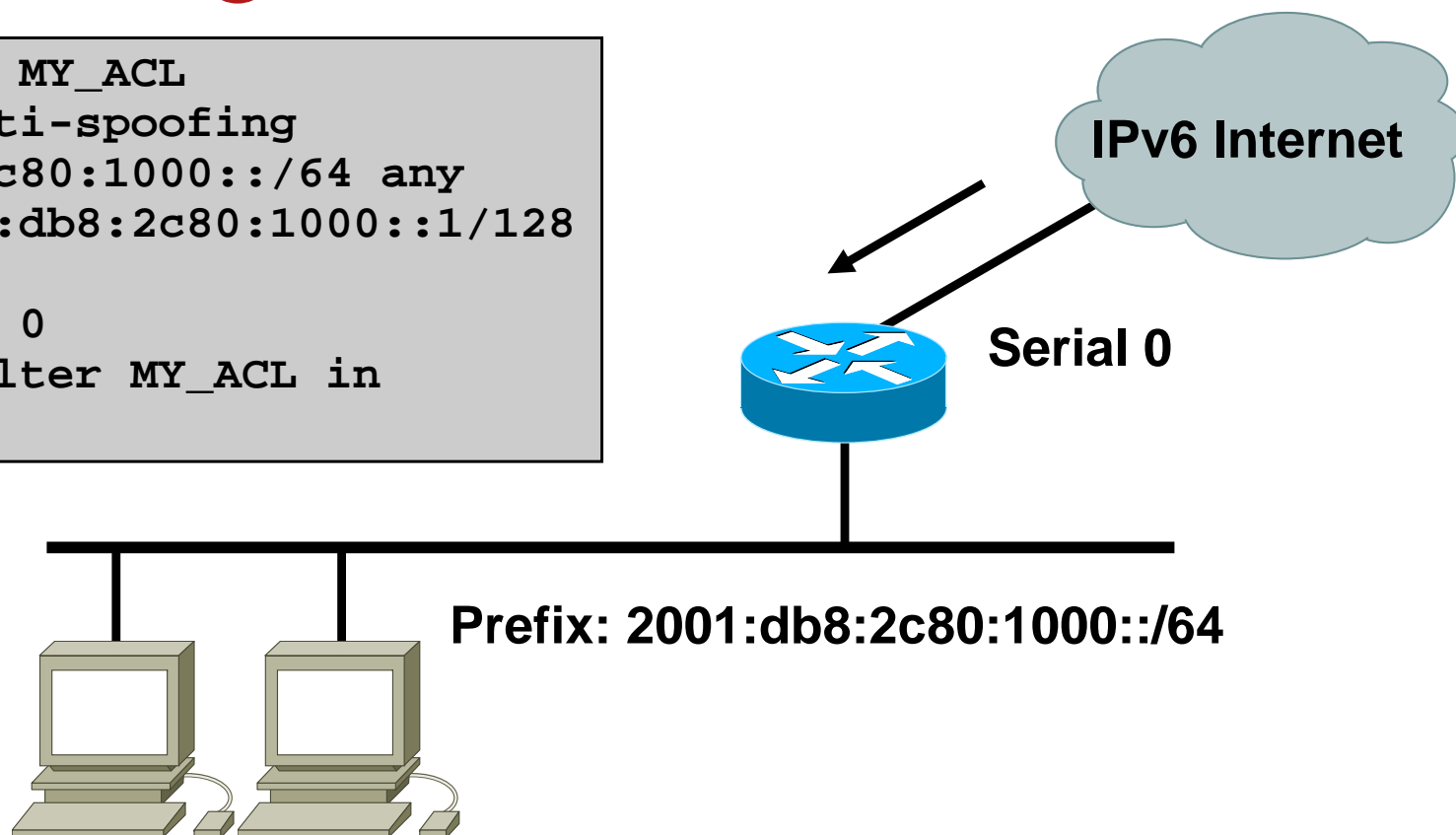
Filtering inbound traffic to one specific destination address

2001:db8:2c80:1000::1

others

```
ipv6 access-list MY_ACL
remark basic anti-spoofing
deny 2001:db8:2c80:1000::/64 any
permit any 2001:db8:2c80:1000::1/128

interface Serial 0
ipv6 traffic-filter MY_ACL in
```



IPv6 ACL Implicit Rules

- Implicit entries exist at the end of each IPv6 ACL to allow neighbor discovery:

```
permit icmp any any nd-na
permit icmp any any nd-ns
deny ipv6 any any
```

- Be careful when adding « deny ipv6 any any log » at the end

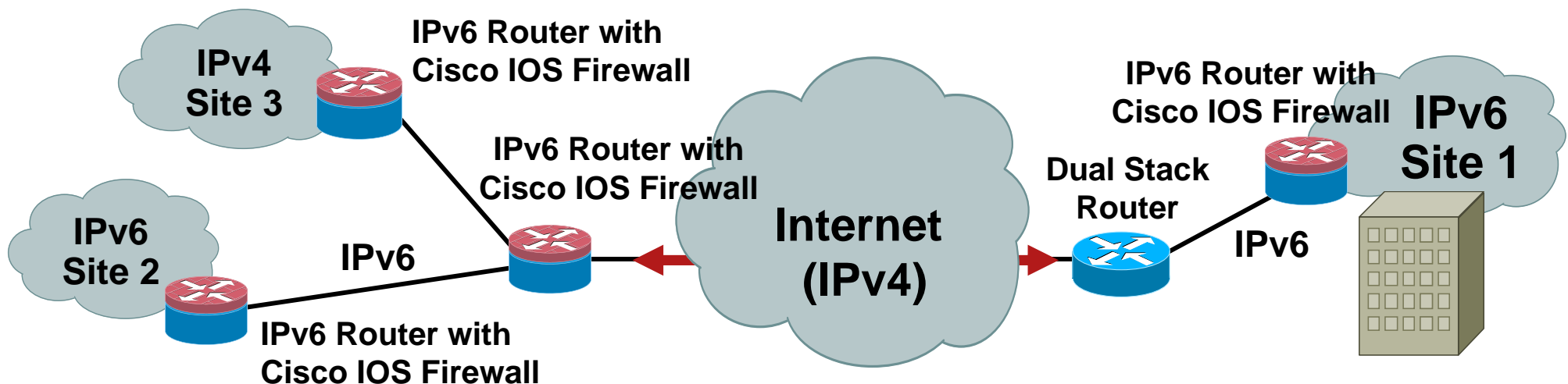
```
permit icmp any any nd-na
permit icmp any any nd-ns
deny ipv6 any any log
```

Example: RFC 4890 ICMP ACL

```
ipv6 access-list RFC4890
  permit icmp any any echo-reply
  permit icmp any any echo-request
  permit icmp any any 1 3
  permit icmp any any 1 4
  permit icmp any any packet-too-big
  permit icmp any any time-exceeded
  permit icmp any any parameter-problem
  permit icmp any any mld-query
  permit icmp any any mld-reduction
  permit icmp any any mld-report
  permit icmp any any nd-na
  permit icmp any any nd-ns
  permit icmp any any router-solicitation
```

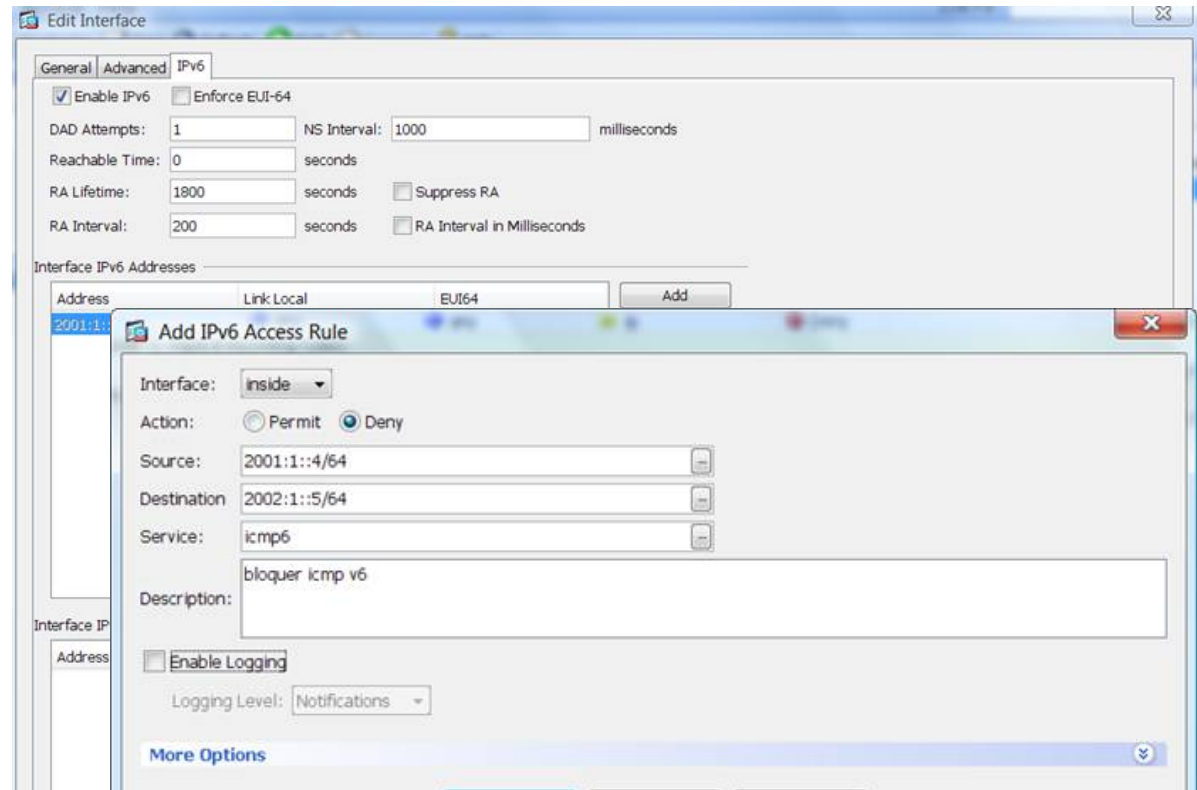
Cisco IOS Firewall IPv6 Support

- Stateful protocol inspection (anomaly detection) of IPv6 fragmented packets, TCP, UDP, ICMP and FTP traffic
- IOS 12.3(7)T (released 2005)
- Stateful inspection of IPv4/IPv6 packets
- IPv6 DoS attack mitigation
- Recognizes IPv6 extension headers



ASA Firewall IPv6 Support

- Since version 7.0 (April 2005)
- Dual-stack, IPv6 only, IPv4 only
- Extended IP ACL with stateful inspection
- Application awareness
 - HTTP, FTP, telnet, SMTP, TCP, SSH, UDP
- uRPF and v6 Frag guard
- IPv6 header security checks
- Management access
 - Telnet, SSH, HTTPS
- ASDM support (ASA 8.2)
- Routed & transparent (ASA 8.2)
- Caveat: no fail-over support



Configuration > Firewall > Access Rules

Filter: Source or Destination is

#	Enabled	Source	Destination	Service	Action	Hits	Logging	Time	Description
inside (2 implicit incoming rules)									
1		any	Any less secure ...	ip	Permit				Implicit rule: Permit all
2		any	any	ip	Deny				Implicit rule
inside IPv6 (3 incoming rules)									
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2001:1::/64	2002:1::/64	icmp6	Deny		Notif...		bloquer icmp v6
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2001:2::/64	2002:5::/64	6over4	Permit				
3		any	any	ip	Deny				Implicit rule
outside (1 implicit incoming rules)									
1		any	any	ip	Deny				Implicit rule
outside IPv6 (1 implicit incoming rules)									
1		any	any	ip	Deny				Implicit rule

ASA 7.x: ACL

Very Similar to Cisco IOS



For Your
Reference

```
interface Ethernet0
  nameif outside
  ipv6 address 2001:db8:c000:1051::37/64
  ipv6 enable
interface Ethernet1
  nameif inside
  ipv6 address 2001:db8:c000:1052::1/64
  ipv6 enable

ipv6 route outside ::/0 2001:db8:c000:1051::1

ipv6 access-list SECURE permit tcp any host
2001:db8:c000:1052::7 eq telnet
ipv6 access-list SECURE permit icmp6 any
2001:db8:c000:1052::/64

access-group SECURE in interface outside
```

ASA 7.x: Stateful Inspection



For Your
Reference

```
ASA# show conn
4 in use, 7 most used
ICMP out fe80::206:d7ff:fe80:2340:0 in
fe80::209:43ff:fea4:dd07:0 idle 0:00:00 bytes 16
UDP out 2001:db8:c000:1051::138:53 in
2001:db8:c000:1052::7:50118 idle 0:00:02 flags -
TCP out 2001:200:0:8002:203:47ff:fea5:3085:80 in
2001:db8:c000:1052::7:11009 idle 0:00:14 bytes 8975 flags
UfFRIO
TCP out 2001:db8:c000:1051::1:11008 in
2001:db8:c000:1052::7:23 idle 0:00:04 bytes 411 flags UIOB
```

Summary of Cisco IPv6 Security Products

- ASA Firewall

 - Since version 7.0

 - Flexibility: Dual stack, IPv6 only, IPv4 only

 - SSL VPN for IPv6 (ASA 8.0)

 - No stateful-failover (coming)

- FWSM

 - IPv6 in software...

- Cisco Security Agent

 - Since version 6.0.1 for IPv6 network protection

- IPS

 - Since 6.2 (November 2008)

Secure IPv6 over IPv4/6 Public Internet

- No traffic sniffing
- No traffic injection
- No service theft

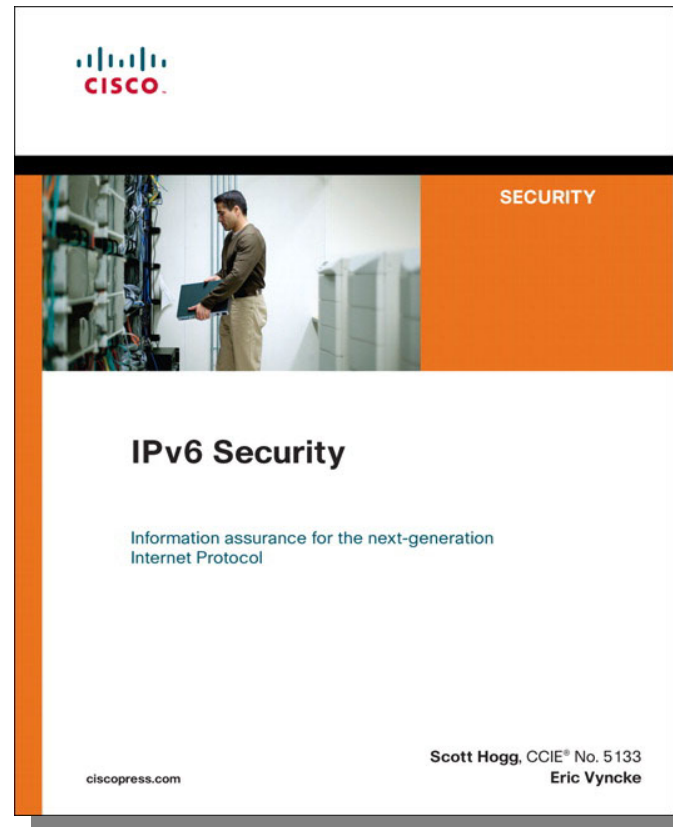
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IPv6	IPsec VTI 12.4(6)T	N/A

Key Take Away

- Lack of operation experience may hinder security for a while: **training is required**
- IPv6 Security enforcement is possible
 - Security policies **MUST** be identical for IPv4 and IPv6 (except ICMP)
 - Extension Headers must be parsed
 - ICMP policies are different, see RFC 4890
- Don't wait until it is too late

Recommended Reading

Shameless plug...



Source: Cisco Press

<http://www.informit.com/store/product.aspx?isbn=1587055945>

Q and A





Draft IPv6 Roadmap

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ROADMAP ENVIRONMENT

- IPv4 network services provider (NSP)
- NSP customers are networks of individual users, and application data centers
- NSP users access applications across the network
- No control over when or if customers will convert to IPv6
- Application conversion is outside the scope

ROADMAP OBJECTIVES

- Do a high-level plan, that shows the major tasks/steps
- Do a high-level timeline, that shows chronological order & relative duration

AGENDA

- Roadmap Goals – Are these the right goals?
- Roadmap Tasks – Are these the right tasks?
- Roadmap Timeline – Is this a useful way to represent a roadmap?

ROADMAP GOALS

Design Goals

- Become an IPv6 LIR
Why: Ability to assign IPv6 /48s to our customers.
- Use an IPv6 Globally Routable Addresses (GRA)
Why: Avoid unregistered Unicast Local Addresses (ULAs).
- Maintain IPv4 services & service levels
Why: No control over when and if customers will convert.

ROADMAP GOALS

Design Goals (Cont)

- IPv6 services transparent to IPv4 customers
Why: No control over when and if customers convert
- IPv6 services supported – IPv6 to IPv4, IPv6 to IPv6
Why: When customers are ready to do IPv6, we will be ready too.
- Same SLAs apply to IPv6, including security
Why: Avoid customer surprises.

ROADMAP GOALS

Implementation Goals

- Establish a target implementation date
- Factor in HW/SW/Docs upgrades
- Factor in resource constraints
- Factor in training needs
- Factor in Business Drivers

ROADMAP TASKS

Pre-Design Task

- Assess Vulnerability (DoS, Security) of IPv4 Network to IPv6 Traffic

ROADMAP TASKS

Design Tasks

- Verify Assumptions
- Define IPv6 Services
- Define IPv6 Security Requirements
- Develop a High-Level Design

ROADMAP TASKS

Design Tasks (Cont)

- Assess DNS / DHCPv6 changes for Support of IPv6
- Implement Test Lab
- Test Design in the Lab
- Finalize the Design

ROADMAP TASKS

Implementation Tasks

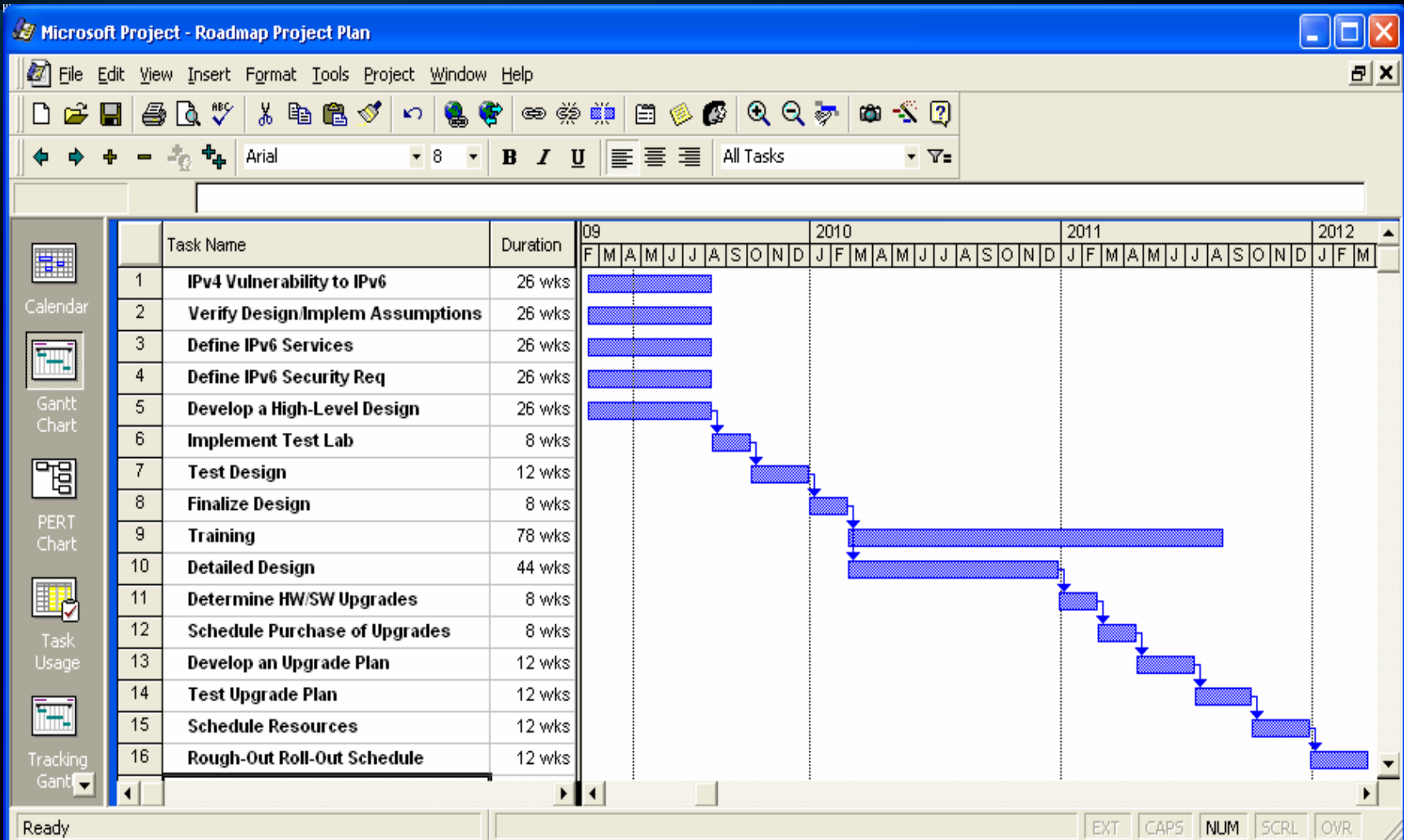
- Plan/Execute IPv6 Training
- Develop Detailed Design Specs
- Determine HW/SW Upgrades
(consider budget process)
- Schedule Purchase of Upgrades

ROADMAP TASKS

Implementation Tasks (Cont)

- Develop Upgrade Plan
- Test Upgrade Plan
- Schedule Resources
- Rough-Out Rollout Schedule

ROADMAP TIMELINE



KEY QUESTION

- Is this a useful approach for a Roadmap?