IP Addressing

Campus Network Design & Operations Workshop

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IP Addresses

- Internet connected networks use two types of IP Addressing
  - IPv4 – legacy Internet protocol
  - IPv6 – new Internet protocol
- Presentation describes IPv4 addresses and IPv6 addresses & addressing
- The Campus Network Design Workshop labs use both IPv4 and IPv6 for all exercises
  - Dual stack network (both protocols running in parallel)

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  - 2^{32} which is 4,294,967,296 addresses
- Conventionally represented as four dotted decimal octets
- If you turn on all bits this is:

11111111.11111111.11111111.11111111



255 . 255 . 255 . 255

Can you explain why 11111111 = 255 in decimal?

IPv4 Addresses

- Remember binary mathematics!
- Each bit is basically to the power of 2. First bit is 2^0, second bit is 2^1 and so on to the eighth bit which is 2^7.

$2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0$

11111111

- This means that :
- $11111111 = 1x2^7 + 1x2^6 + 1x2^5 + 1x2^4 + 1x2^3 + 1x2^2 + 1x2^1 + 1x2^0$
- $11111111 = 128 + 64 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 255$

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Can you explain why 00010011 = 19 in decimal?

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- 00010011 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 16 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 1 = 19

Before we start: useful tools

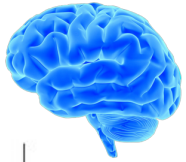
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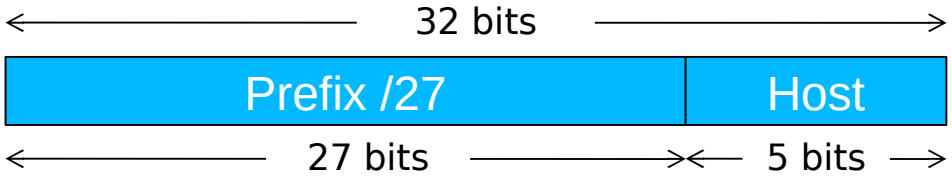
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ipcalc tool

command line tool for linux
(`apt install ipcalc` on deb/ubuntu),
but available for Windows too

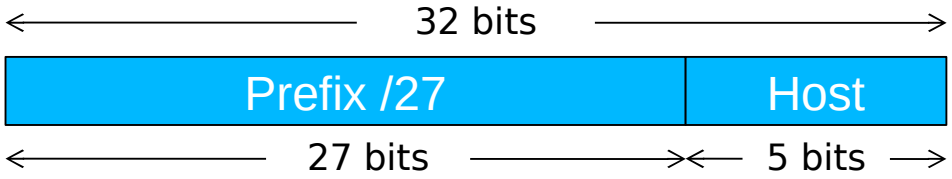


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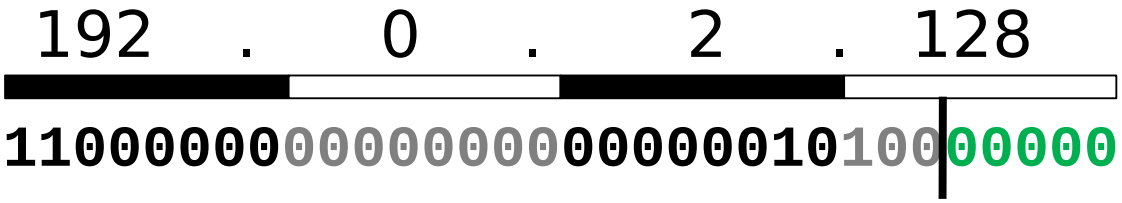
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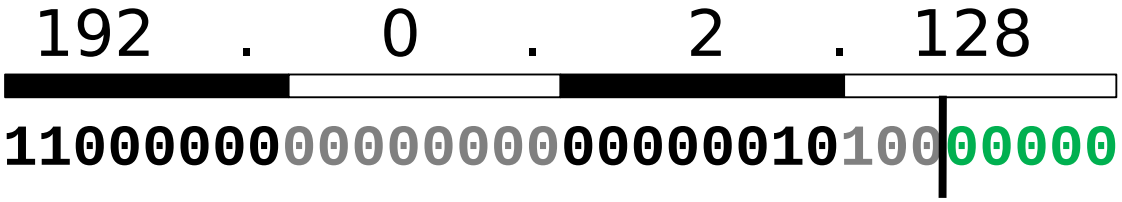
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    - Number of bits for the host = 32 – 27 = 5 bits
    - Number of available addresses = 2^5 = 32

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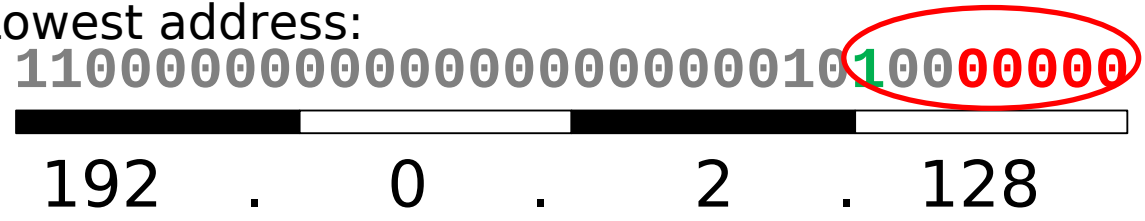
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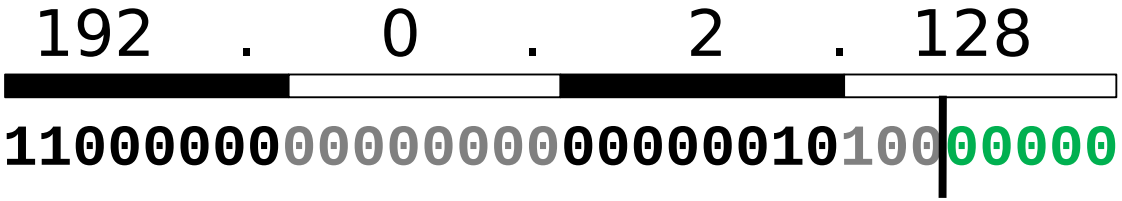


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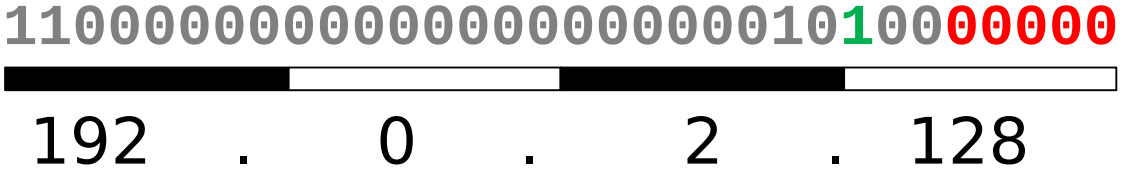


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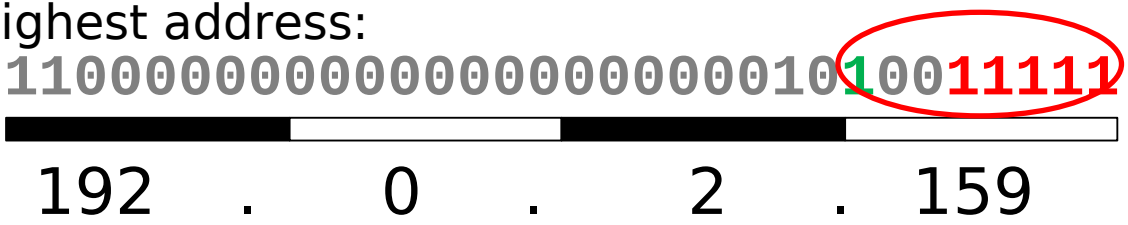


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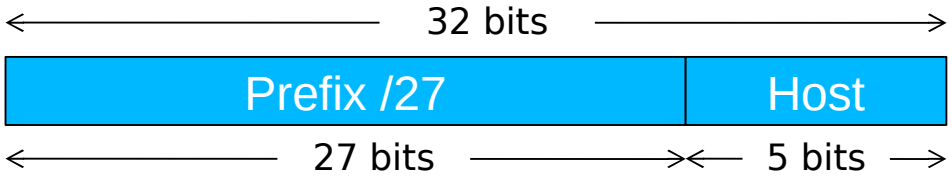
Lowest address:



Highest address:



IPv4 “Golden Rules”



1. All hosts on the same L2 network must share the same prefix
2. All hosts with the same prefix have different host part
3. Host part of all-zeros and all-ones are reserved

Golden Rules for 192.0.2.128/27

- Lowest 192.0.2.128 = network address
- Highest 192.0.2.159 = broadcast address
- Usable: 192.0.2.129 to 192.0.2.158
- Number of usable addresses: 32 - 2 = 30

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ipcalc as tool

Hint…

10 . 10 . 10 . 0



00001010000010100000101000000000
00001010000010100000101001111111

Prefix length /25 → First 25 bits are fixed

Exercises

- Network 10.10.10.0/25
  - How many addresses in total?
    - Number of host bits is 32 – 25 = 7
    - Number of addresses is 2^7 = 128
  - How many usable addresses?
    - Network and broadcast addresses are unusable (2 ip addresses)
    - Number of usable address is 128 – 2 = 126
  - What are the lowest and highest usable addresses?
    - First IP address (network address) is 10.10.10.0 and last IP address (broadcast address) is 10.10.10.127. Both of them are unusable.
    - First usable IP address is 10.10.10.1 and last usable address is 10.10.10.126

An Edge Case

- How many usable addresses in a /30 prefix?
- What is this used for?
  - (Note: modern routers support /31 for this purpose to reduce IPv4 address wastage)

An Edge Case

- How many usable addresses in a /30 prefix?
  - Number of host bits is 32 – 30 = 2
  - Number of addresses is $2^2 = 4$
  - Number of usable address is 4 – 2 = 2
- What is this used for?
  - Used for Point-to-Point links

Netmask

- Netmask is just an alternative (old) way of writing the prefix length
- A ‘1’ for a prefix bit and ‘0’ for a host bit
- Hence N x 1’s followed by (32-N) x 0’s

/27 =

1111111111111111111111111100000



255 . 255 . 255 . 224

How did we get to 224?

Netmask

/27 =

11111111111111111111111111100000



255 . 255 . 255 . 224

How did we get 224?

128 + 64 + 32 = 224

Or: 5 bits = 32 IPs (2^5)

256 – 32 = 224

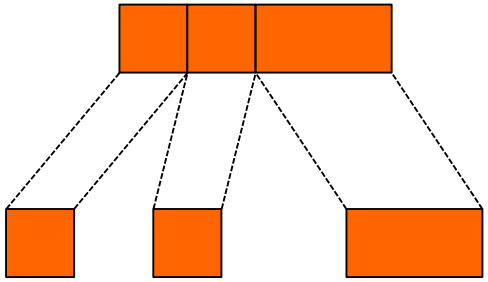
What about a “/26” ?

What about a “/28” ?

https://nsrc.org/workshops/2009/summer/ref/netmask-table.html

Subnetting

- Since each L2 network needs its own prefix, then if you route more than one network you need to divide your allocation
- Ensure each prefix has enough IPs for the number of hosts on that network
  This might be difficult to predict! And more difficult for wireless subnets!



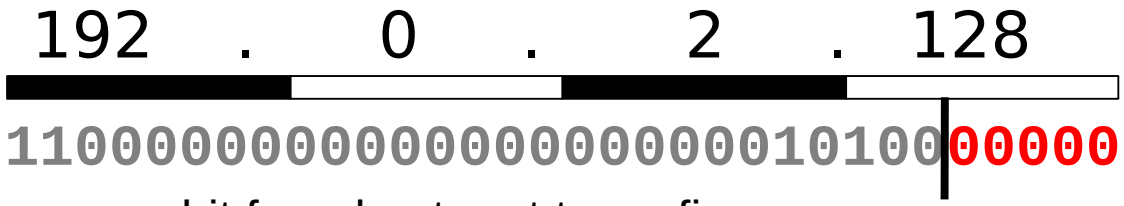
End User Allocation

Subnets

Subnetting Example

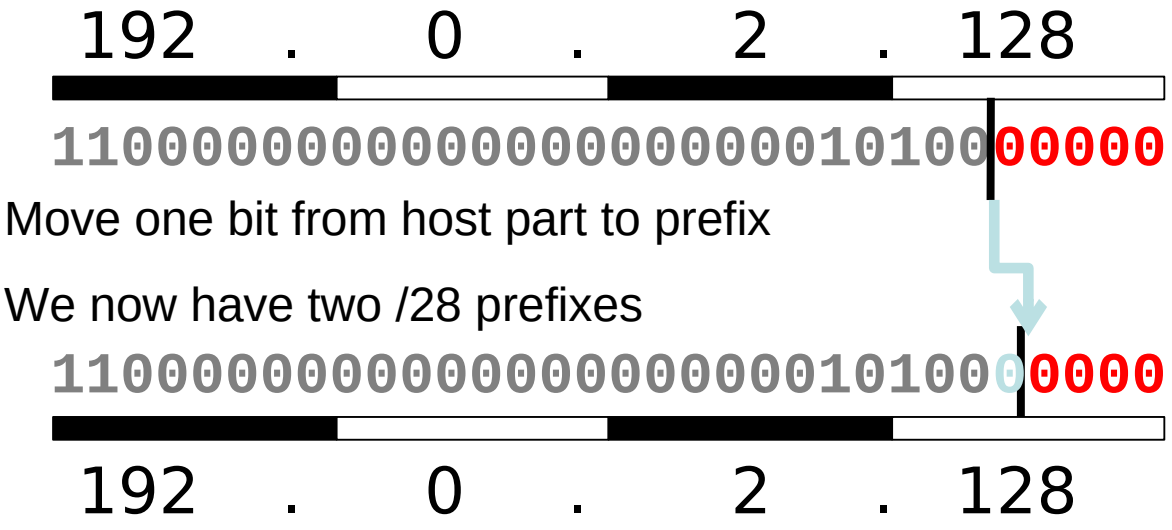
- You have been given 192.0.2.128/27
- However, you want to build two Layer 2 networks and route between them
- The Golden Rules demand a different prefix for each network
- Let’s split this address space into two equal-sized pieces

Subnetting /27

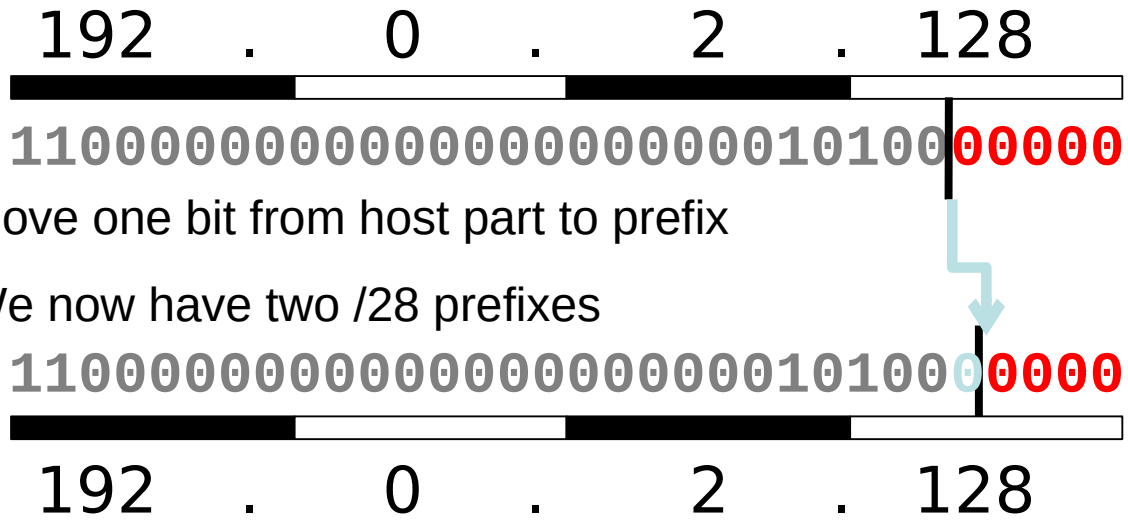


Move one bit from host part to prefix

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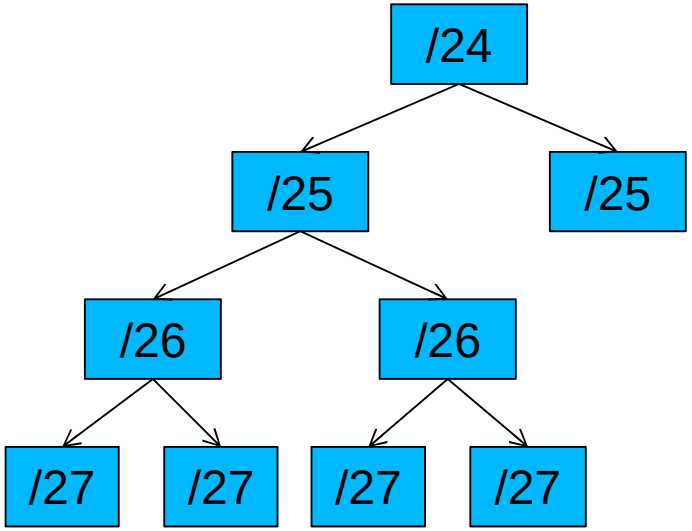
How did we get “144” for the second prefix?

Check correctness

- Expand each new prefix into lowest and highest
- Ranges should not overlap
  - 192.0.2.128/28
    - Lowest (network) = 192.0.2.128
    - Highest (broadcast) = 192.0.2.143
  - 192.0.2.144/28
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  - How many usable addresses now?

Aggregation tree

- Continue to divide prefixes as required
- Can visualise this as a tree



Visual & “AI” tools, of course

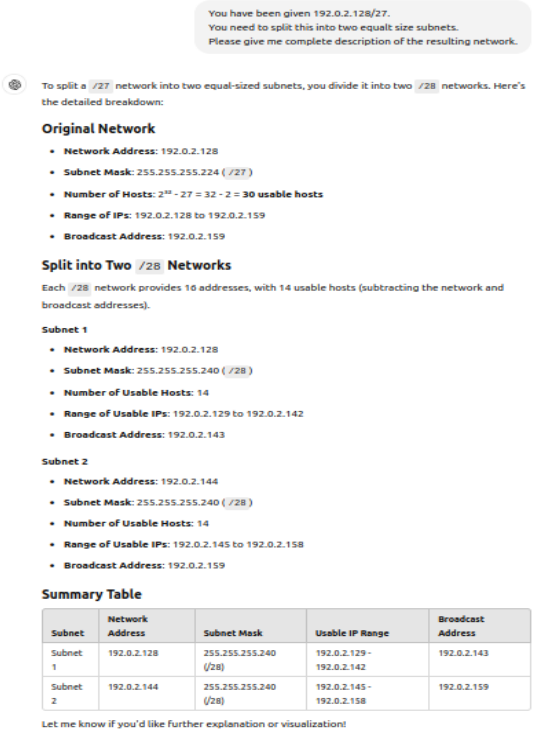
Once your brain can do it,
you may use tools to help:

https://visualsubnetcalc.com/

or LLMs such as ChatGPT -
but always double-check!



(also, consider what s cooler …
your brain or ChatGPT :))



You have been given 192.0.2.128/27.
You need to split this into two equalt size subnets.
Please give me complete description of the resulting network.

To split a `/27` network into two equal-sized subnets, you divide it into two `/28` networks. Here's the detailed breakdown:

Original Network

- **Network Address:** 192.0.2.128
- **Subnet Mask:** 255.255.255.224 (`/27`)
- **Number of Hosts:** $2^{32-27} = 32 - 2 =$ **30 usable hosts**
- **Range of IPs:** 192.0.2.128 to 192.0.2.159
- **Broadcast Address:** 192.0.2.159

Split into Two `/28` Networks

Each `/28` network provides 16 addresses, with 14 usable hosts (subtracting the network and broadcast addresses).

Subnet 1

- **Network Address:** 192.0.2.128
- **Subnet Mask:** 255.255.255.240 (`/28`)
- **Number of Usable Hosts:** 14
- **Range of Usable IPs:** 192.0.2.129 to 192.0.2.142
- **Broadcast Address:** 192.0.2.143

Subnet 2

- **Network Address:** 192.0.2.144
- **Subnet Mask:** 255.255.255.240 (`/28`)
- **Number of Usable Hosts:** 14
- **Range of Usable IPs:** 192.0.2.145 to 192.0.2.158
- **Broadcast Address:** 192.0.2.159

Summary Table

Subnet	Network Address	Subnet Mask	Usable IP Range	Broadcast Address
Subnet 1	192.0.2.128	255.255.255.240 (/28)	192.0.2.129 - 192.0.2.142	192.0.2.143
Subnet 2	192.0.2.144	255.255.255.240 (/28)	192.0.2.145 - 192.0.2.158	192.0.2.159

Let me know if you'd like further explanation or visualization!

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    Or about **150 per square meter of the earth**

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- Conventionally represented in hexadecimal – 8 words of 16 bits, separated by colons

  2607:8400:2880:0004:0000:0000:80DF:9D13

  How many of these words are needed to “fit in the IPv4 internet”?

Hexadecimal

4 bits
= 1 hex digit

0000	**0**	1000	**8**
0001	**1**	1001	**9**
0010	**2**	1010	**A**
0011	**3**	1011	**B**
0100	**4**	1100	**C**
0101	**5**	1101	**D**
0110	**6**	1110	**E**
0111	**7**	1111	**F**

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0000 = 0000 0000 0000 0000
FFFF = 1111 1111 1111 1111
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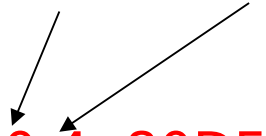
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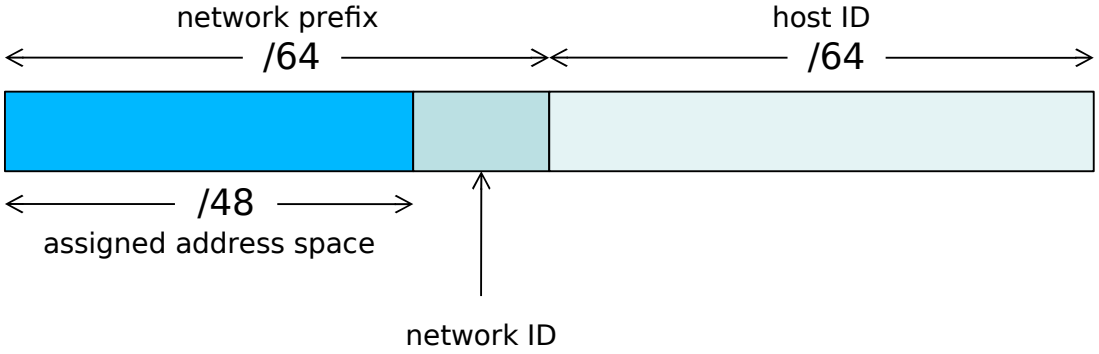
IPv6 rules

- With IPv6, every subnet is /64 (*1)
- The remaining 64 bits can be assigned by hand, or picked automatically
  - all-zeros address is reserved (*1) - *Subnet-Router Anycast address*
- There are special prefixes
  - e.g. link-local addresses start with FE80::
- Total available IPv6 space is ≈ 2^{61} subnets
  - Global unicast addresses have first 3 bits set to 001

(*1) Except /127 recommended for point-to-point links (RFC 6164), in which case the all-zeros address is allowed

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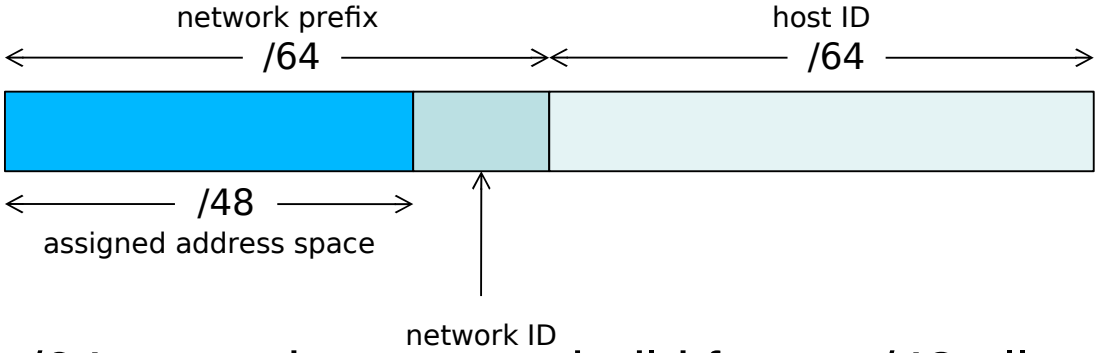
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  - IPv6 address is 128 bits which means you have 128 – 64 – 48 = 16 bits
  - Number of networks = 2^{16} = 65,536

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Ways to allocate the host part

- We recommend manual configuration for servers
  - Gives a persistent and predictable address
- Choose any scheme that you like, e.g.
  - Can number sequentially from ::1
  - Can use the last octet of the IPv4 address
  - Can embed the whole IPv4 address in the lower 32 bits
    - e.g. 2607:8400:2880:4::80DF:9D13
    - 80DF9D13 hex = 128.223.157.19 in decimal
    - Can also be written as 2607:8400:2880:4::128.223.157.19

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- Or use DHCPv6
  - Gives you DHCP logs and non-changing addresses
  - Consistent with how you manage IPv4 address allocation
  - Unfortunately, Android does not support DHCPv6

Additional client configuration

- Default gateway is learned via Router Advertisements
  - even if you are using DHCPv6
- Router advertisements can provide recursive DNS servers (RDNSS) and DNS search list (DNSSL) settings
  - But clients may need additional configuration that DHCP traditionally does
- This means that there are three variations you may come across
  - SLAAC only
  - SLAAC + stateless DHCPv6 for extra client configuration
  - Stateful DHCPv6 + Router Advertisements for default gateway

Link local addresses

- All clients also assign themselves a link-local address
- Starts with FE80:
  - May see explicitly scoped to an interface, e.g. FE80::1%eth0 *
- Remainder of address auto-generated from MAC address (like SLAAC), or can be manually overridden
- Can only be used for communication on the same LAN segment
  - But link-local addresses can be used for next hop, e.g. default gateway

* Compare to 169.254.0.0/16 in IPv4

Other notes on IPv6

- Mostly similar to IPv4, e.g. forwarding, prefix matching
- Loopback address is ::1
  - Equivalent to IPv4 127.0.0.1
- “ARP” is replaced by “NDP” (Neighbour Discovery Protocol)
- Beware of "Duplicate Address Detection" (DAD)
  - Many vendors implement this in such a way that any address conflict causes one side to *permanently* disable the address until the interface is shutdown and re-enabled
  - Cisco shows the disabled address as "[DUP]"

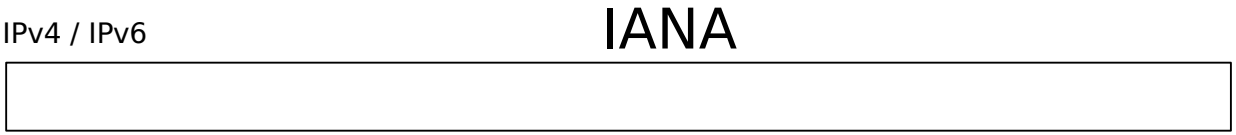
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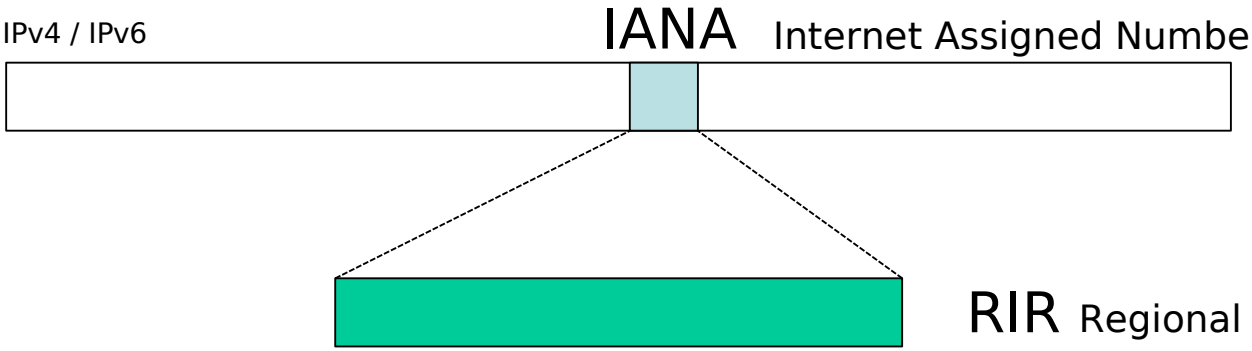
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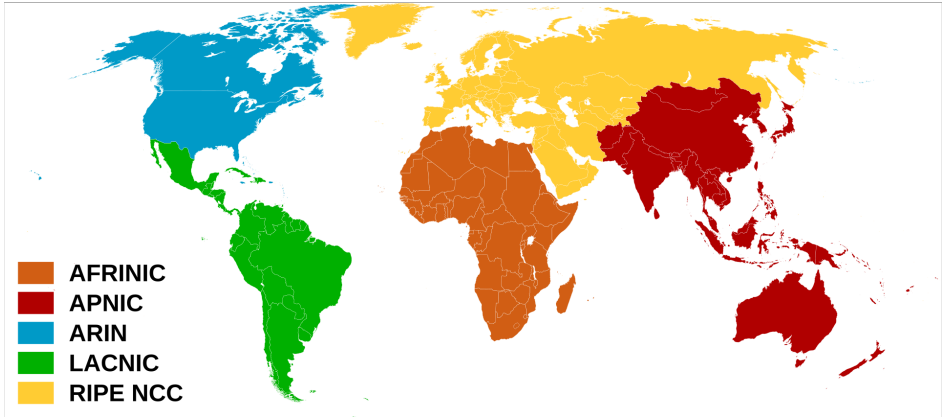
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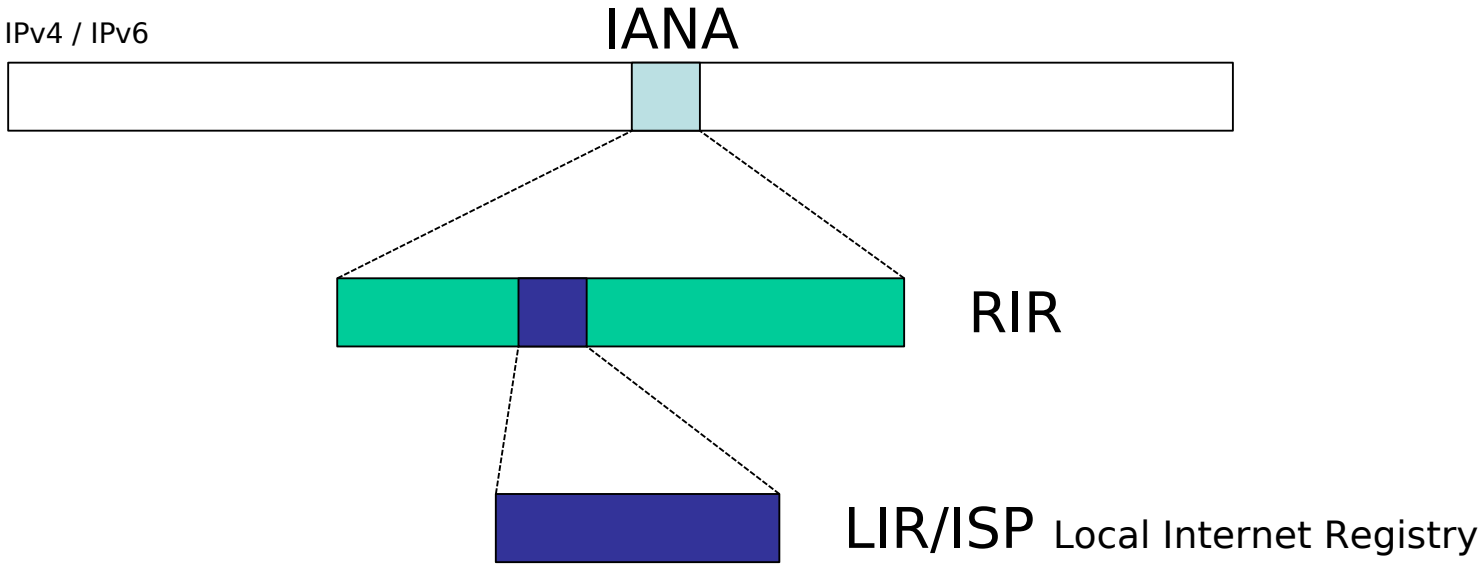


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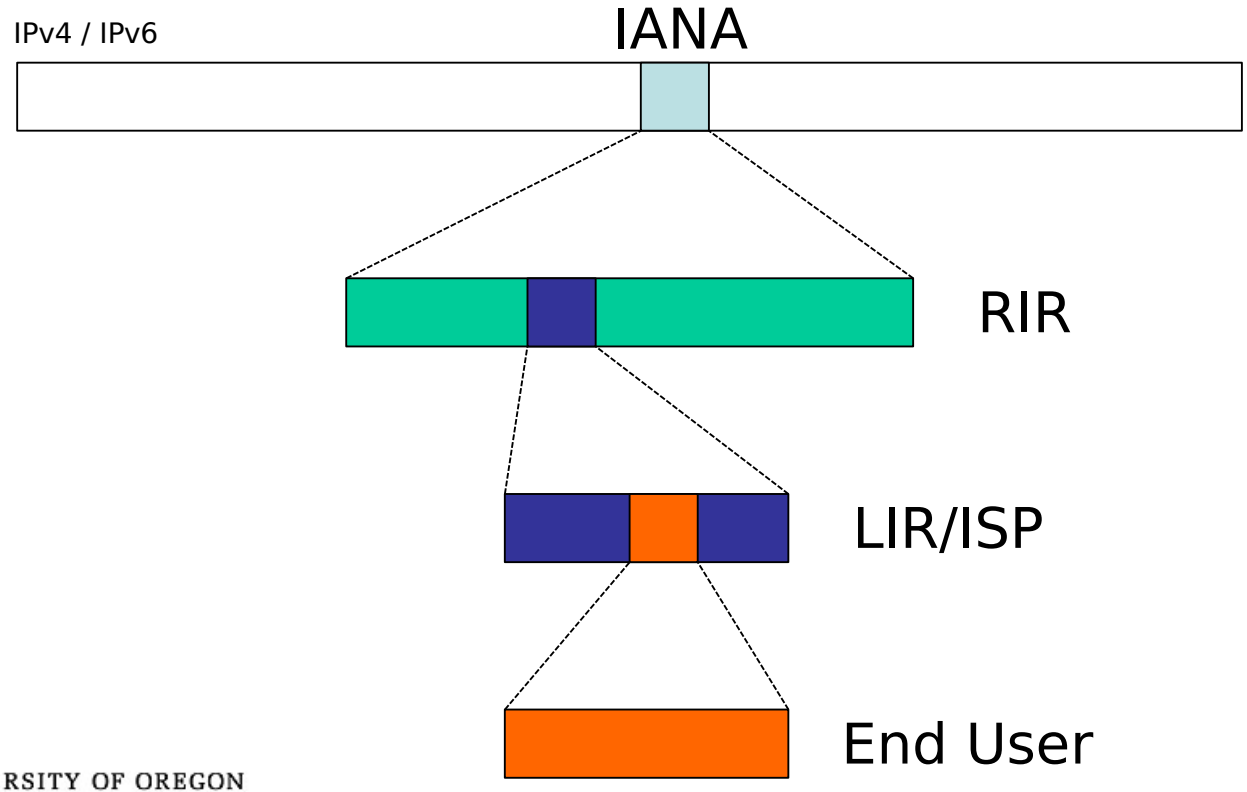




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IPv4 Address Distribution

- IPv4 addresses
  - Distributed by RIRs according to demonstrated need
  - Almost completely exhausted
  - RIRs have IPv4 run-out policies
    - E.g. one-off assignment from a limited pool, or waiting list
- Typical Campus:
  - Small public address block
    - For public servers, NAT pools
    - Anything from /28 to /21 depending on RIR region/upstream
  - Private address block
    - For internal end users, network management, etc

IPv6 Address Distribution

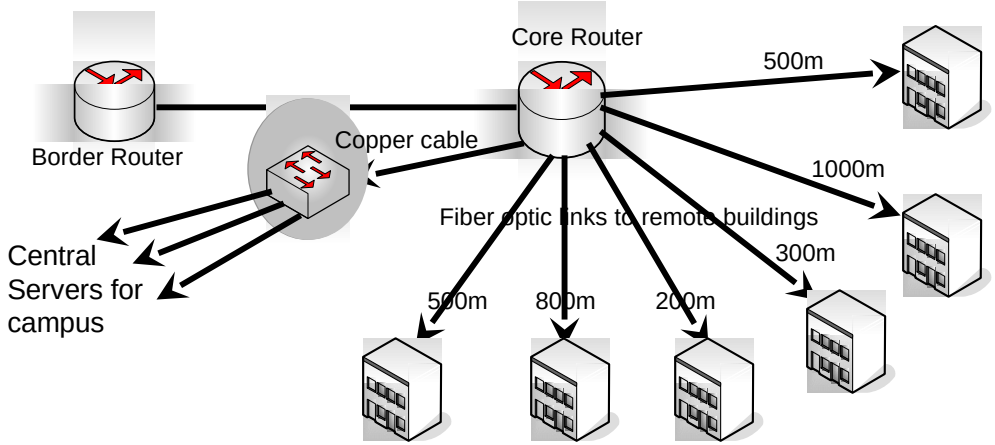
- IPv6 addresses
  - Network operators receive minimum of /32
    - Includes RENs, University Campuses, etc
  - End-sites receive /48 or /56
  - Smallest subnet size is /64
- Typical Single Campus:
  - /48 divided out amongst buildings
- Typical Multi-Campus or Multi-Faculty:
  - /32 divided out amongst Campuses
    - /48 per campus

Questions about IP Address Distribution?

What are your regional/local practices?

Designing an Address Plan

- Now we will look at how to design an address plan for a simple campus



Designing an Address Plan

- There are different numbers of hosts in each part of the campus

Network	Number of Devices
Border Router to Core Router	2
Server Network	23
Science Building	120
Arts Building	52
Engineering Building	200
Library	80
Administration Building	40
Languages Building	30
Staff & Student Hostel	60

IPv4 Plan

- **You will not get public IPv4 space for all this!!**
  - In the old days you could (and would have to plan and subnet carefully to justify your allocation)
- Today, make the best of whatever you can get
  - Got a /28? Use a /29 for a few servers with public IPs and the other /29 for a NAT pool
  - Got a /24? You're lucky! Maybe two /26 server networks and /25 for NAT?
- Everything else has to be private, but that's easy with 10.0.0.0/8
- Make a logical IPv4 address plan that's easy to manage

Suggested campus IPv4 plan

- Allocate 10.***X***.0.0/16 to each building and subdivide consistently

Network	Container subnet
Core	10.0.0.0/16
Building 1	10.1.0.0/16
Building 2 … etc …	10.2.0.0/16 ... etc …
Building 255	10.255.0.0/16

Use	Subnet	VLAN
Device Management	10.x.0.0/24	x0
Wired (staff/general)	10.x.1.0/24	x1
Wired (computer lab)	10.x.2.0/24	x2
Wireless	10.x.8.0/21	x8

Use	Subnet	VLAN
Loopbacks (further divided into /32's)	10.0.0.0/24	-
Point-to-points (divided into /30's or /31's)	10.0.1.0/24	-
Public servers	192.0.2.72/29	2
Student servers	10.0.3.0/24	3
Finance servers	10.0.4.0/24	4

Multi-campus university?

- Allocate blocks of 10/8 to each campus, e.g. 8 lots of /11
  - 10.0.0.0/11 (10.0 – 10.31)
  - 10.32.0.0/11 (10.32 – 10.63)
  - …
  - 10.224.0.0/11 (10.224 – 10.255)
- More than 32 buildings in a campus? Give it more /11 blocks, and/or subdivide each building block

Building 33A	10.33.0.0/18	Building 33C	10.33.64.0/18
Building 33B	10.33.128.0.0/18	Building 33D	10.33.192.0/18

A suggestion for ACLs

- Allocate pseudo "building IDs" to special functions which need to be blocked from the main campus network, e.g.
  - "building" 1 (10.1.0.0/16) = device management
  - "building" 2 (10.2.0.0/16) = IP cameras
- Then divide this for each real building
  - 10.1.<building>.0/24 for device management
  - 10.2.<building>.0/24 for IP cameras
- This allows for short, simple ACLs in the core router
  - deny to 10.1.0.0/16, deny to 10.2.0.0/16

IPv6 Plan

- This time we have unique public IPs everywhere!
- Campus gets a /48
  - That's 2^{16} = 65,536 subnets of /64
  - Same as 2^{16} subnets from 10.0.0.0/24 to 10.255.255.0/24
  - A happy alignment
- We will use 2001:db8:abc::/48 as our example

Suggested campus IPv6 plan

- Allocate a /56 to each building and subdivide consistently

Network	Container subnet
Core	2001:db8:abc::/56
Building 1	2001:db8:abc:100::/56
Building 2 … etc …	2001:db8:abc:200::/56
Building 255	2001:db8:abc:ff00::/56

Use	Subnet	VLAN
Loopbacks (divided into /128's)	2001:db8:abc::/64	-
Point-to-points (divided into /127's)	2001:db8:abc:1::/64	-
Public servers	2001:db8:abc:2::/64	2
Student servers	2001:db8:abc:3::/64	3
Finance servers	2001:db8:abc:4::/64	4

Use	Subnet	VLAN
Device Management	2001:db8:abc:xx00::/64	x0
Wired (staff/general)	2001:db8:abc:xx01::/64	x1
Wired (computer lab)	2001:db8:abc:xx02::/64	x2
Wireless	2001:db8:abc:xx08::/64	x8

VLAN tags

- VLAN IDs 2-4094 are available
- If your core router supports "no switchport" and sub-interfaces, then you can use the *same* VLAN tags to every building
- Elegant - and prevents VLAN spaghetti

Use	Subnet (v4)	Subnet (v6)	VLAN
Device Management	10.x.0.0/24	2001:db8:abc:xx00::/64	10
Wired (staff/general)	10.x.1.0/24	2001:db8:abc:xx01::/64	11
Wired (computer lab)	10.x.2.0/24	2001:db8:abc:xx02::/64	12
Wireless	10.x.8.0/21	2001:db8:abc:xx08::/64	18

Advantages of a consistent plan

- You can look at any IP address and immediately tell:
  - Which building it's in
  - Which subnet / application within that building
  - Which VLAN it's on
- Very helpful for troubleshooting and tracing
- No need to think when creating new configs or allocations
  - Lends itself well to templated configs
- Feel free to tailor our suggestions to your use case

Questions?