Improving the Reaction of IPv6 SLAAC to Flash Renumbering Events

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Protocol-based Mitigations

- Signaling
 - Router continues operation
 - aware of stale information vs.
 - unaware of stale information
 - Router disappears
- Implementation what needs to be updated?
 - Host side vs.
 - Router side
- We pursue improvements in all areas
- But it is key that hosts can recover from common scenarios even with "legacy" routers → host smarts are good!



More Appropriate Lifetimes

Current PIO lifetimes

- Preferred Lifetime: 7 days (!)
- Valid Lifetime: 1 month (!)
- Proposal: Reduce default Lifetimes at routers:
 - Default PIO Preferred Lifetime: Router Lifetime
 - Default PIO Valid Lifetime: N * Router Lifetime
- Proposal: cap received Lifetimes at hosts:
 - Preferred Lifetime: Router Lifetime
 - Valid Lifetime: N * Router Lifetime
- Even if router disappears, hosts recover in a timelier manner



Honor Small PIO Valid Lifetimes

- RFC4861 (Sec. 5.5.3, item e) prevents reducing Valid Lifetime < 2 hs
 - Considered an attack vector?
- Attackers have a zillion other vectors!
 - Spoof RA with Lifetime == 0 (disable router)
 - etc., etc., etc.
- You do first hop security, or you don't
 - RA-Guard, ND Inspection, etc.
- Proposal: honor all PIO Valid Lifetime values
 - If router is aware of situation, it can signal it and avoid the problem



Infer Stale Information

- Router ceases advertising a previous prefix, and starts advertising a new one → stale information!
 - Two possible algorithms (implementation details)
- If RA contains GUA PIOs, but not the previous GUA PIO:
 - Reduce PL= ~5 seconds, VL: 100's seconds for missing GUA prefix
- If RA contains ULA PIOs, but not previous ULA PIO:
 - Reduce PL= ~5 seconds, VL: 100's seconds for missing ULA prefix
- If multiple routers announced prefix → just disassociate with router
- Addresses only deprecated if there's another prefix of same type



Your input is welcome

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Questions?

