

RIPE-554bis

The story of how we got here, and where we are now



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Who are we?

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- Guidance when procuring IPv6 capable equipment and software for enterprises
- A document of the RIPE IPv6 Working Group
- It is/was quite successful:
 - Used by enterprises and governments all over the world
 - Part of government procurement rules in several countries
 - Some vendors secretly admitted it became their IPv6 roadmap

How it all started

• The Go6 Institute in Slovenia asked the Slovenian government why they didn't require IPv6 when buying equipment

• The Slovenian government asked what exactly they should require...

- In 2010 Jan Žorž (CEO of the Go6 Institute) and Sander Steffann discussed IPv6 deployment hurdles at a RIPE meeting
 - Just having a casual chat...
 - And Jan mentioned "hey, would this document be useful?"



- Difficulty: the document was in Slovenian

Dear community,

A new ripe document, RIPE-501, has been published "Requirements For IPv6 in ICT Equipment".

This document aims to be a guide of what to ask for exactly when IPv6 is a requirement in a tender or some contract and lists the various applicable RFCs for specific kinds of ICT equipment.

The document is available on http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-501.html

Please note that when using this document as a reference, as with any RIPE document, it might get superseded by new versions in the future.

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Marco, David & Shane,

co-chairs of the IPv6 working group

- There were some questions and comments
- In January 2011 discussion on RIPE-501bis started
 - RIPE-501 was just a translation of the Slovenian document
 - Now that improvements and changes were being made everybody started sending in suggestions and contributions
 - This took a while...

There were many contributors

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RIPE-554 was ready!

• In June 2012 the revised document was published as RIPE-554





RIPE-554 main contents

- Requirements for host equipment
- Requirements for consumer grade layer 2 switch equipment
- Requirements for enterprise/ISP grade layer 2 switch equipment
- Requirements for router or layer 3 switch equipment
- Requirements for network security equipment
- Requirements for CPE equipment
- Requirements for mobile devices
- Requirements for load balancers
- Requirements for IPv6 support in software
- Skill requirements of the systems integrator

Then it took a while...

- Updating RIPE-554 was discussed multiple times
 - But there weren't that many changes necessary...
 - A new version will get a new number, and "554" is famous now
 - Etc...

But after gathering courage for a few years...

• The authors of RIPE-554 finally decided to do it

- But... what to do?
 - Expand the number of categories?
 - Go into more detail?

In the end we decided to just do basic updates
Otherwise getting consensus can take years



Basic changes

- There are always typos and bad grammar to fix
- Updated RFC references to current versions
- Add fundamental RFCs like "IPv6 over Ethernet"
- References to SeND removed
- Removed BOUNDv6 as it doesn't exist anymore
- The following slides show the highlights

Changes for hosts

- Added some requirements:
 - Handling of overlapping fragments
 - Atomic fragments considered harmful
 - Stable opaque addresses for SLAAC and DHCP
- RDNSS (DNS options in RA) support became mandatory
- Mobile IPv6 became optional

Changes for enterprise/ISP switches

- Added some mandatory DHCPv6 relay options
- Added SAVI for DHCPv6 as optional
- Added additional security (RA-Guard/DHCPv6-Guard)

Changes for routers

- Added RDNSS (DNS options in RA) support
- Added "don't assume /64"
- Added some optional DHCPv6 relay options

Changes for CPEs

- Add mandatory simple security capabilities
- Added Transition Mechanisms for supporting IPv4 over IPv6

Changes for mobile devices

• We removed the whole section!

- We now only consider their WiFi interfaces
 - Which makes them normal hosts

- 3GPP related standards are out of scope
 - We don't have the expertise to track this
 - There are better documents for these requirements



Changes for load balancers

• Replace X-Forwarded-For: with standard Forwarded:



Changes for software

- Expanded the minimum requirements, like
 - Allow all valid addresses in input
 - Use recommended notation in output
 - DNS resolving must support AAAA
 - Connections must support IPv6 (sockets etc)
 - When connecting use default address selection or Happy Eyeballs 2
- Make it explicit that this list is not exhaustive!

What now?

- Completed adoption for consensus call at RIPE 83, new document available shortly.
- Use the document when making purchases.
 - Ask about IPv6-only support
- Check IPv6 Ready Logo list when making a purchase

- IPv6 Ready Logo program existed since 2003
 - 2186 devices have received the IPv6 Ready Core Logo since 2005
- Follows the MUST/SHOULDs from IPv6 RFCs
 - Includes testing for IPv6 Host, Router, CPE
 - Additional DHCPv6 and IPsec/IKE testing
- RIPE-554bis has asterisk (*) next to all the testing covered by IPv6 Ready Logo.
- <u>https://www.ipv6ready.org/db/index.php/public/?o=4</u>

Questions?

