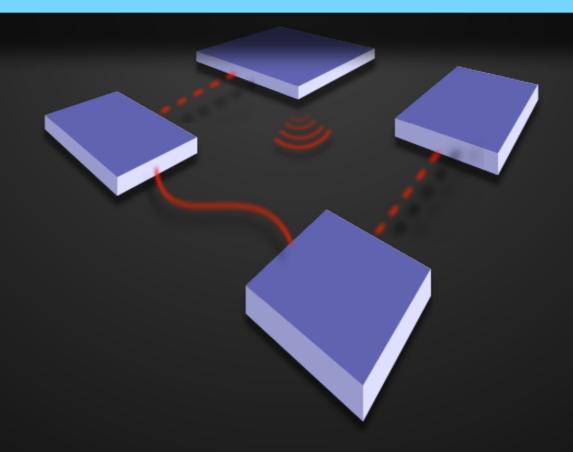
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#### Lecture #4 preview

- ICMP
- ARP
- DHCP
- NAT
- IPv6
  - Header
  - Addressing

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### ICMP

#### **Internet Control Message Protocol**

- core IP protocol
- ICMPv4 (RFC792) / ICMPv6 (RFC4443)
- used for signalling error messages
- 8 bytes header
- encapsulated in a single IP datagram
- used by:
  - ping
  - traceroute

#### The ARP

#### **Address Resolution Protocol**

- MAC address is required to send to LAN host
- How to find it:
  - manually
  - included in network address
  - use central directory
  - use address resolution protocol
- ARP (RFC 826) provides dynamic IP to ethernet address mapping
  - source **broadcasts** ARP request
  - destination replies with ARP response

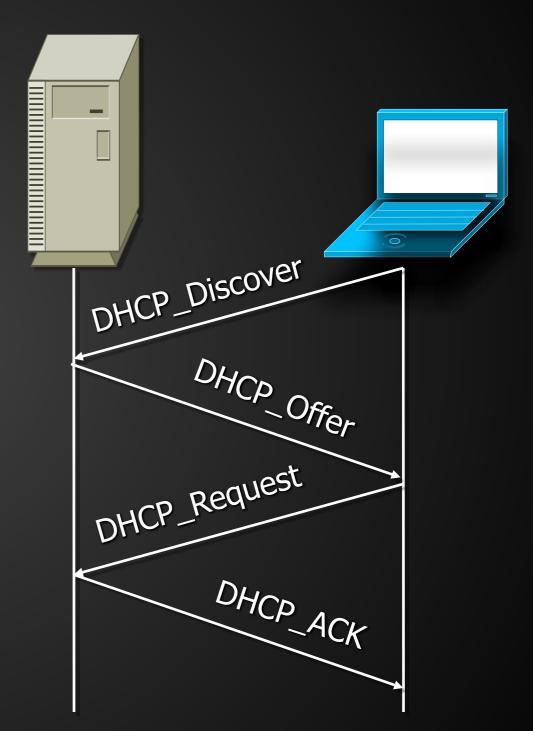
### DHCP

#### **Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol**

- "Plug & play"
- client-server protocol
- Requires at least one trusted server in the infrastructure
- Four step process

### DHCP

- DHCP\_Discover
  - Src 0.0.0.0
  - Dst 255.255.255.255
  - Must be forwarded across broadcast domains
- DHCP\_Offer
  - Provides the parameters in broadcast
- DHCP\_Request
  - Src 0.0.0.0
  - Dst 255.255.255.255
- DHCP\_ACK



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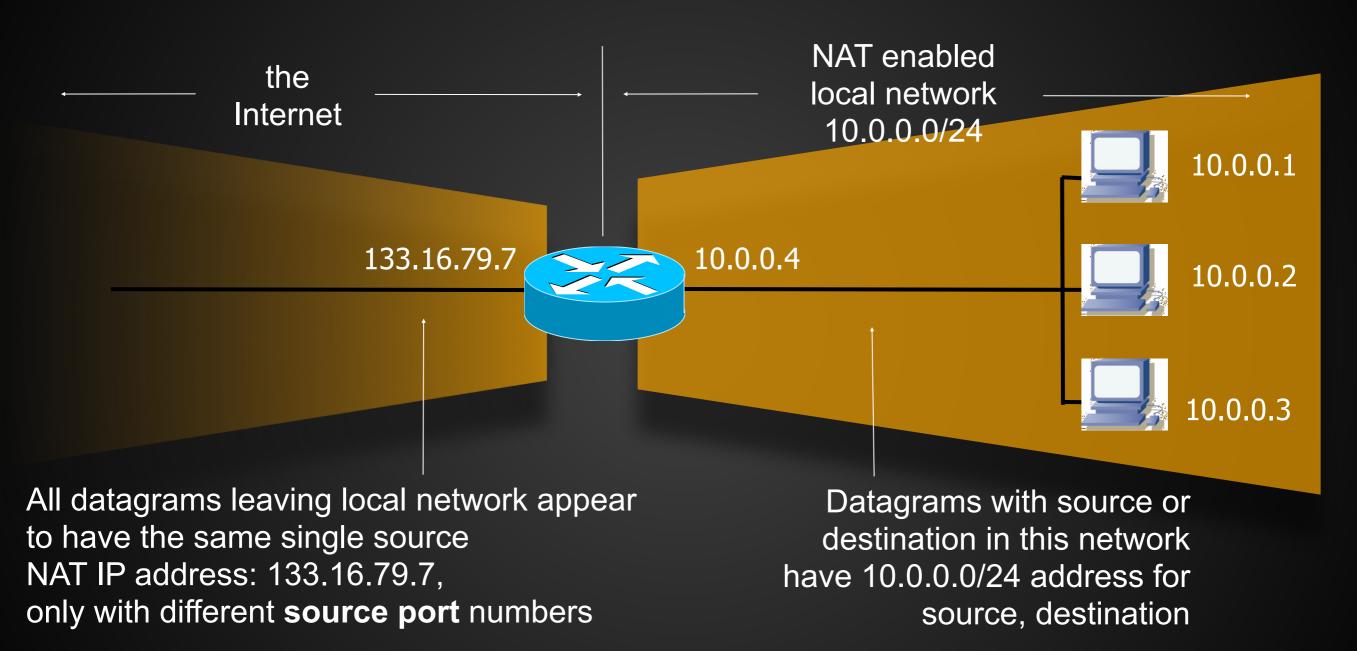
# DHCP

offer message parameters

- IP address
- lease time (in seconds)
- subnet mask
- default gateway/router
- DNS server IP
- various other options, e.g. time server

#### **Network Address Translation**

- IP address management within organizations should be easy & safe
  - Flexible w.r.t. growing number of machines
  - Not encumbered by "global" addressing problems
- Solution: NAT



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Local network uses just **one** IP address as far as **outside** word is concerned:

no need to be allocated range of addresses from ISP:

just one IP address is used for all devices

- can change addresses of devices in local network without notifying outside world
- can change ISP without changing addresses of devices in local network
- devices inside local network not explicitly addressable, visible by outside world (security ++).

NAT router must:

- For the **outgoing** datagrams:
  - replace (source IP address, port #) of every outgoing datagram to (NAT IP address, new port #)
  - ... remote clients/servers will respond using (NAT IP address, new port #) as destination address
- Keep for lookup a **NAT translation table** with every
  - (source IP address, port #) ⇔ (NAT IP address, new port #)
- For the **incoming** datagrams:
  - replace (NAT IP address, new port #) in dest fields of every incoming datagram with corresponding (source IP address, port #) stored in NAT table

#### IPv6

 The Internet Protocol (IP) v4 has been the foundation of the Internet and virtually all multivendor private internetworks.

 This protocol is reaching the end of its useful life and a new protocol, known as IPv6 (IP version 6, originally: IPng), has been defined to ultimately replace IP

- The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) issued a call for proposals for a next generation IP (IPng) in July 1992.
- By 1994 the final design for IPv6 had emerged.

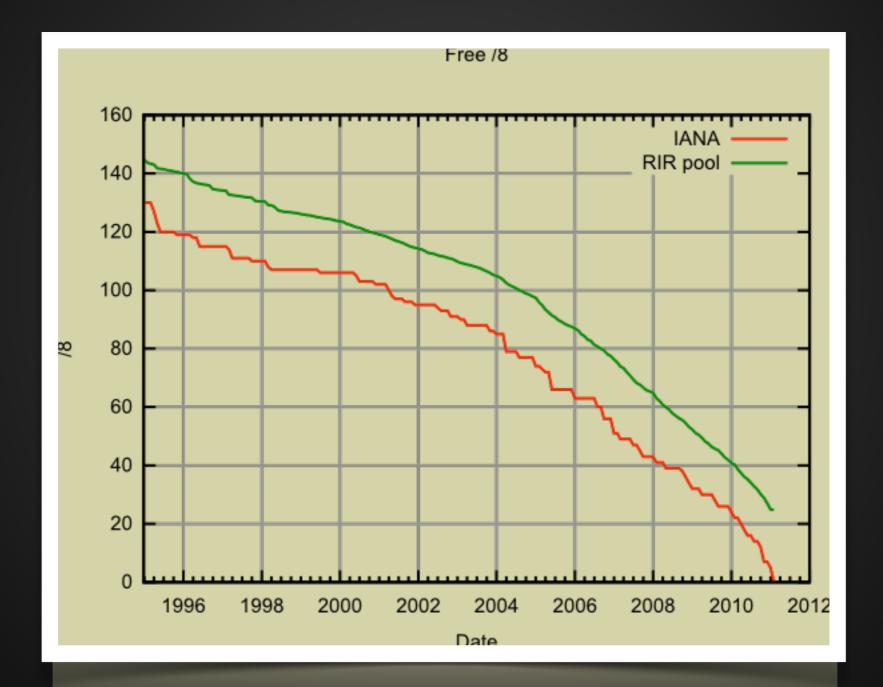
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# Why Change IP versions?

- Address space exhaustion
  - two level addressing (network & host) is wasteful
  - network addresses used even if not connected
  - growth of networks and the Internet
  - extended use of TCP/IP
  - single/multi addresses per interface

requirements for new types of service

# Why Change IP versions?



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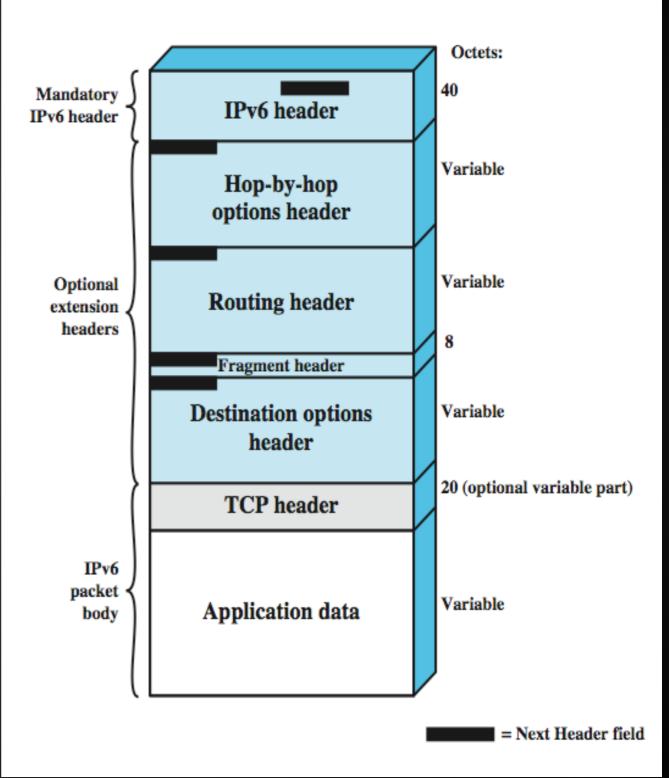
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# IPv6 Enhancements

- expanded 128 bit address space (vs 32bit of IPv4)
- improved option mechanism
  - most not examined by intermediate routes
- dynamic address assignment
- increased addressing flexibility
  - anycast & multicast (NO broadcast)
- support for resource allocation
  - labeled packet flows (QoS)
- integrates security (IPsec) [is it mandatory?]

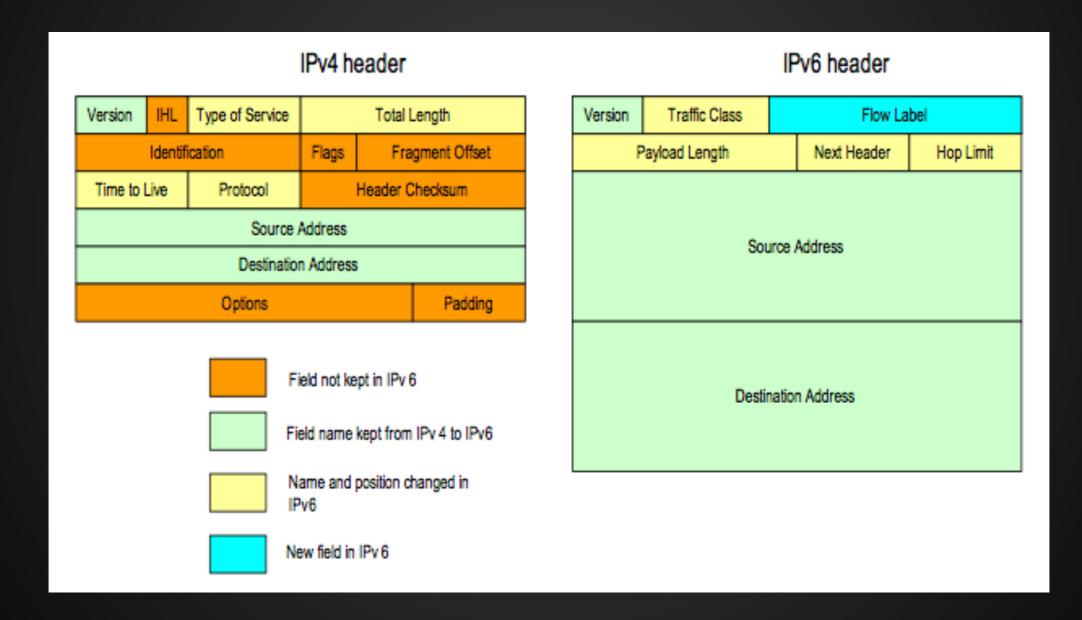
# IPv6 packet structure

- <u>Hop-by-Hop Options header</u>: Defines special options that require hop-by-hop processing.
- <u>Routing header</u>: Provides extended routing, similar to IPv4 source routing.
- <u>Fragment header</u>: Contains fragmentation and reassembly information.
- <u>Authentication header</u>: Provides packet integrity and authentication.
- <u>Encapsulating Security Payload header</u>: Provides privacy.
- <u>Destination Options header</u>: Contains optional information to be examined by the destination node.



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#### IPv4 vs IPv6 header

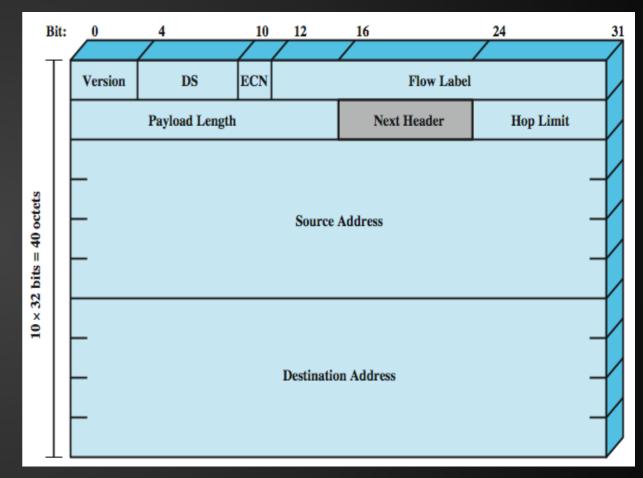


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#### IPv6 header

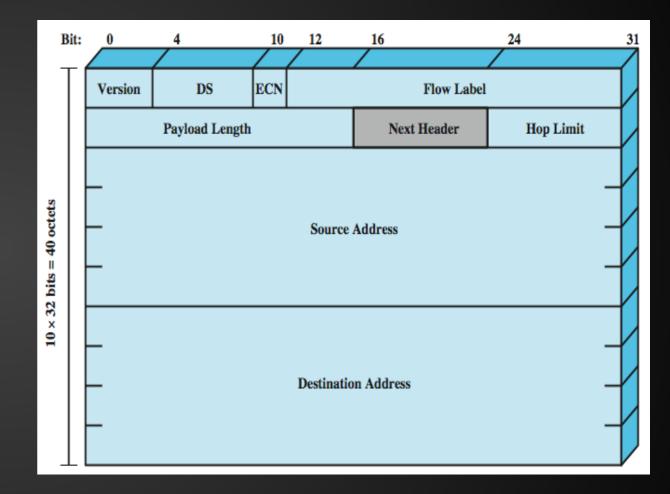
- <u>Version (4 bits)</u>: 6.
- <u>DS/ECN (8 bits)</u>: used by originating nodes and/or forwarding routers for differentiated services and congestion functions, see IPv4 DS/ECN field.
- Flow Label (20 bits): used by a host to label those packets for which it is requesting special handling by routers within a network.
- <u>Payload Length (16 bits)</u>: Length of the remainder of the IPv6 packet following the header, in octets: this is the total length of all of the extension headers plus the transport-level segment.
- <u>Next Header (8 bits)</u>: Identifies the type of header immediately following the IPv6 header; this will either be an IPv6 extension header or a higher-layer header, such as TCP or UDP.



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#### IPv6 header

- <u>Hop Limit (8 bits)</u>: The remaining number of allowable hops for this packet. The hop limit is set to some desired maximum value by the source and decremented by 1 by each node that forwards the packet. The packet is discarded if Hop Limit is decremented to zero.
- <u>Source Address (128 bits)</u>: address of originator of the packet.
- <u>Destination Address (128 bits)</u>: address of intended recipient of the packet.



## The flow label

- A flow is uniquely identified by the combination of a source address, destination address, and a nonzero 20-bit flow label.
- All packets that are to be part of the same flow are assigned the same flow label by the source.
- A "flow" may be a single TCP connection or even multiple TCP connections.

## The flow label

- From the router's point of view:
  - a flow is a sequence of packets that share attributes that affect how these packets are handled by the router. These include:
    - path,
    - resource allocation,
    - discard requirements,
    - accounting, and
    - security attributes.
- The router may treat packets from different flows differently in a number of ways, including:
  - allocating different buffer sizes,
  - giving different precedence in terms of forwarding, and requesting different quality of service from networks.

## The flow label

- In principle, all of a user's requirements for a particular flow could be defined in an extension header and included with each packet.
- alternative, for IPv6, using the flow label, in which the flow requirements are defined prior to flow commencement and a unique flow label is assigned to the flow.
- the router must save flow requirement information about each flow.

- Like IPv4...
  - Unicast
    - An identifier for a single interface. A packet sent to a unicast address is delivered to the interface identified by that address.
  - Multicast
    - An identifier for a set of interfaces (typically belonging to different nodes). A
      packet sent to a multicast address is delivered to all interfaces identified by that
      address.
  - Anycast:
    - An identifier for a set of interfaces (typically belonging to different nodes). A
      packet sent to an anycast address is delivered to one of the interfaces identified
      by that address (the "nearest" one, according to the routing protocols' measure
      of distance).
- Specified in the IPv6 address architecture RFC.

- Broadcast?
  - There is no broadcast in IPv6.
  - This functionality is taken over by multicast.
- A consequence of this is that the "highest" address may be used freely

- IPv6 addresses of all types are assigned to interfaces, not nodes.
  - An IPv6 unicast address refers to a single interface.
  - As each interface belongs to a single node, any of that node's interfaces' unicast addresses may be used as an identifier for the node.
- The same interface identifier may be used on multiple interfaces on a single node

- All addresses are 128 bits
- Write as sequence of eight sets of four hex digits (16 bits each) separated by colons
- Leading zeros in group may be omitted
  - Contiguous all-zero groups may be replaced by "::"
  - Only one such group can be replaced

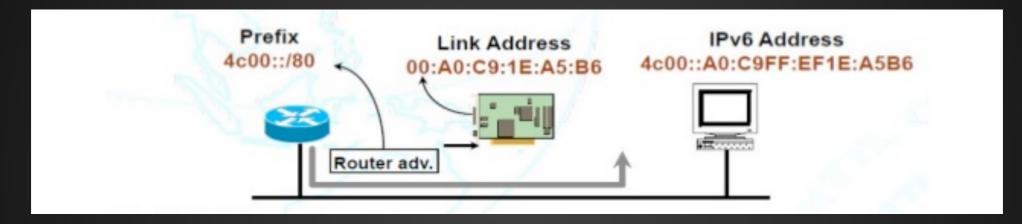
- Example:
  - 3ffe:3700:0200:00ff:0000:0000:00001
- This can be written as
  - 3ffe:3700:200:ff:0:0:0:1 or
  - 3ffe:3700:200:ff::1
- All three reduction methods are used here.

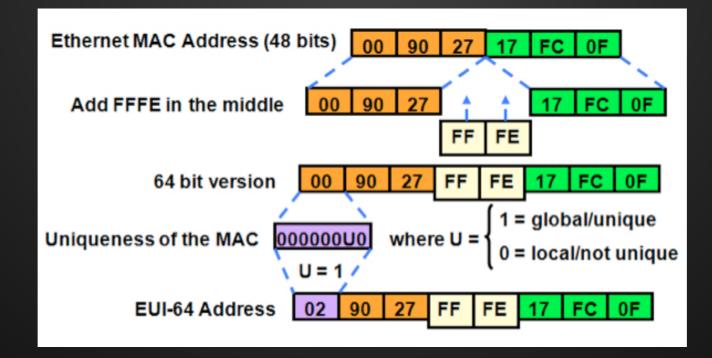
- Unspecified address
  - All zeros (::)
  - Used as source address during initialization
  - Also used in representing default
- Loopback address
  - Low-order one bit (::1)
  - Same as 127.0.0.1 in IPv4

- Link-local address (FE80::/10)
  - Unique on a subnet
  - Auto configured
  - Routers must not forward any packets with link-local source or destination addresses.

- Site-local address
  - Unique to a "site"
  - Used when a network is isolated and no global address is available.

#### Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLAAC)



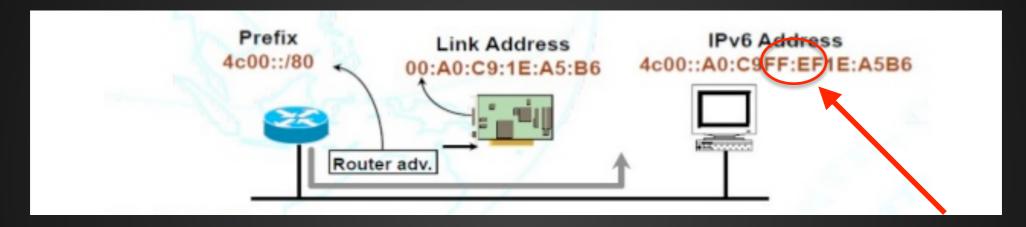


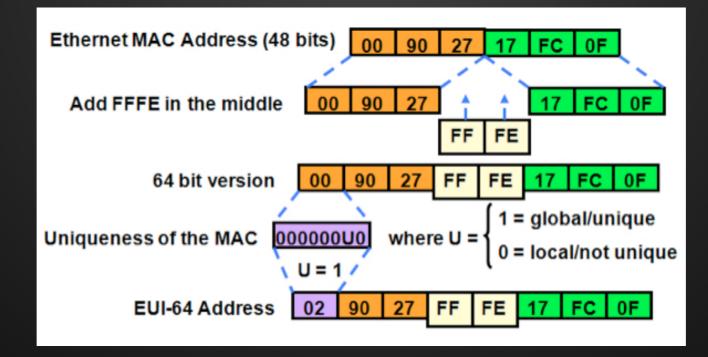
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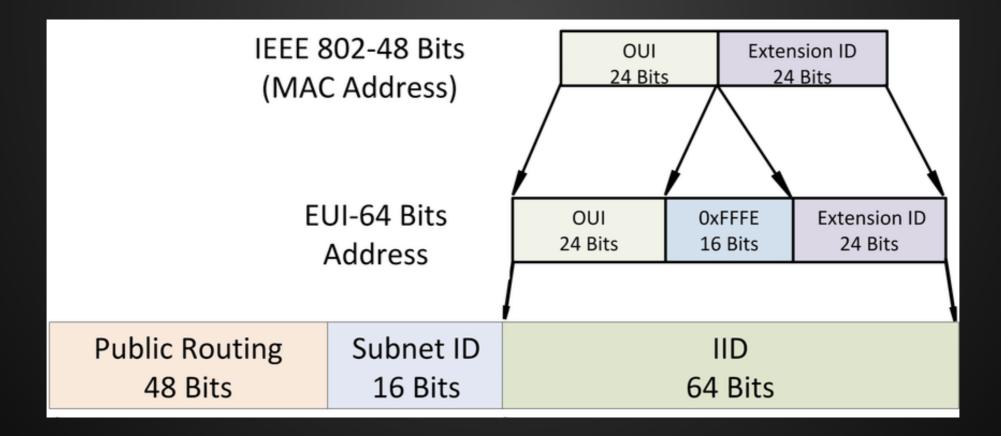


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- Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLAAC)
  - extended unique identifier (EUI)
  - organizationally unique identifier (OUI)



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- Mapped IPv4 addresses
  - Of form ::FFFF:a.b.c.d
  - Used by dual-stack machines to communicate over IPv4 using IPv6 addressing
- Compatible IPv4 addresses (deprecated)
  - Of form ::a.b.c.d
  - Used by IPv6 hosts to communicate over automatic tunnels