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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

ATTN: THE CHAIR, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Information Technology Standards Registry Baseline Release 11-2.0

- References: (a) DoD Directive 4630.5, Interoperability and Supportability of Information Technology (IT) and National Security Systems (NSS), May 5, 2004
- (b) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, DoD Executive Agent for Information Technology (IT) Standards, May 21, 2007

In accordance with Reference (a), the DoD Information Technology (IT) Standards Registry (DISR) has been updated from Baseline 11-1.0 to DISR Baseline 11-2.0. The DISR baseline continues to be updated every four months to ensure the DoD capabilities for building and buying IT systems are based on a current and effective set of IT and National Security Systems (NSS) standards.

As the DoD Information Technology (IT) Principals under the Architecture and Standards Review Group (ASRG), acting under the authority of the DoD Chief Information Office (DCIO), we approve the changes to the DISR baseline listed in the attached spreadsheets as recommended by the Information Technology Standards Committee (ITSC) at their 29 June 2011 meeting. Please post the approved changes for DISR 11-2.0 for immediate use in DoD IT and NSS acquisitions and development systems. This DISR baseline supersedes DISR 11-1.0 and contains IT and NSS standards needed to support interoperability and a net-centric information-sharing operational environment.

Based on the IT principals' approval of DISR Baseline Release 11-2.0 and the applicable standards associated with IPv6, the DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles for IPv6 Capable Products, Version 6.0, July 2011, is approved for distribution via DISRonline.

We once again extend our appreciation to the members of the DoD ITSC and the Director National Intelligence – Intelligence Community ((DNI-IC) standards leadership as well as the Technical Standards Working Groups for their continued support and contributions to the DoD standards process.

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DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles For IPv6 Capable Products Version 6.0

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Executive Summary

This document provides the engineering-level definition of “Internet Protocol (IP) Version 6 (IPv6) Capable” products necessary for interoperable use throughout the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). This content has been synthesized from multiple sources including DoD policy statements [1] [2] [8], DoD Information Technology Standards Registry (DISR) requirements [3], DoD IPv6 Transition Office (DITO) guidance [4] [5] and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) published requirements. The term “IPv6 Capable Product” as used in this document, means any product that meets the minimum set of mandated requirements, appropriate to its Product Class, necessary for it to interoperate with other IPv6 products employed in DoD IPv6 networks. Version 1.0 of this Standard Profiles document was approved by the DoD Information Standards Oversight Panel (ISOP) in 2006 under the authority of the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) to “provide guidance to DoD Components and Services responsible for procuring/acquiring IPv6 Capable Global Information Grid (GIG) products” [6] as were the Version 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 annual revisions [18] [21] [30]. Version 5.0 annual revision was approved by the newly formed Architecture Standards Review Group (ASRG) which replaced the ISOP [33]. Final review and approval of this revision will be similarly documented.

The document is intended to assist several communities of interest in executing their responsibilities for preparing DoD systems and networks to be IPv6 Capable. The goal of this document is to organize and summarize the requirements included by reference for the convenience of a broad spectrum of readers, including acquisition officers, testing organizations, DoD systems developers and vendors.

This document as a whole defines a set of DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles (Profiles) for IPv6 Capable Products of various classes of equipment or software, and variety of IPv6 network roles. First, Product Classes are defined that will be used in the document to group products according to their role in a network architecture. Then the Base Requirements that apply to all IPv6 Capable Product Classes are defined. Several Functional Requirements blocks are defined for specific functions performed by some products. Finally, Product Class Profiles are defined in terms of the Base Requirements and Functional Requirements.

[References](#), a [Glossary](#) and an [Appendix](#) with a summary of the requirements in tabular form are provided at the end of the text. [Appendix D](#) provides a summary of changes with respect to the previous version of this document.

Dedication

The DoD Standard Profiles for IPv6 Capable Products v4.0 included the following dedication:

In memory of Jim Bound

Chair of the North American IPv6 Task Force

CTO of the IPv6 Forum

Senior Fellow, Hewlett-Packard

From the earliest discussions of next generation IP, Jim Bound has been a tireless advocate for practical and sensible evolution of an Internet that meets the requirements of end users. In particular, Jim was instrumental in influencing the US Department of Defense to take an early and pro-active role in the development of IPv6, and in encouraging its adoption. With respect to this document, Jim was indispensable in enlisting support from the vendor community via the North American IPv6 Task Force, allowing the editors to draw upon a deep well of subject matter experts for contributions and review starting with Version 2.0. This has helped clarify essential DoD requirements while being realistic about the ability of the commercial marketplace to meet those requirements.

Jim could be counted on to speak his mind courageously and with great integrity. While he could be brutally honest, he was as quick and generous with his support for people and ideas he believed in as he was to critique what he recognized as wrongheaded or counterproductive. We best honor Jim by continuing the fight for integrity, honesty and efficiency in our standards processes, in our products and services, and in how we present ourselves to the world as individuals both professionally and personally.

Recognition

The DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles for IPv6 Capable Products has been recognized with a 2008 Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Achievement award. The award was announced in a memorandum from Mr. Gregory E. Saunders, Director of the Defense Standardization Program Office, dated January 23, 2009. While Mr. Ralph Liguori is specifically named on the award, the editors recognize that this document has earned this recognition due to the contributions and reviews provided by many people, including the original authors of earlier versions, the members of the IPv6 Technical Working Group, other Government staff and contractors, members of the North American IPv6 Task Force, other subject matter experts, industry representatives and those active in the Internet Engineering Task Force standards process. All who collaborated with us in the work should also feel they have a share of this recognition.

1 Introduction

The Internet Protocol (IP) is the network layer for the interconnection of packet-switched networks. The current version of IP in widespread use is IP version 4 (IPv4) first defined and deployed over 25 years ago. IP version 6 (IPv6) is a replacement for IPv4 first proposed in 1995 by publication the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) of Request for Comments (RFC) 1883 (made obsolete by RFC 2460) and a series of supporting RFCs. U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) policy mandating use of IPv6 was first documented in the "Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6)" memorandum issued 9 June 2003 [2] and updated in September 2003 by "Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Interim Transition Guidance" [1] both published by the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) John Stenbit.

The official released text of this document when approved will be posted at <https://disronline.disa.mil>. Access to the document on DISRonline requires a CAC card, log on, and selecting the Guidance tab. The document will also be available without access restriction at <http://jitc.fhu.disa.mil/apl/ipv6.html>.

1.1 IPv6 Definitions

This document provides an elaboration of the technical standards that are required to be considered an "IPv6 Capable Product". A Memorandum issued on 26 June 2008 by the DoD Deputy CIO entitled "Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Definitions" [20] states the following:

IPv6 Capable Products - Products (whether developed by commercial vendor or the government) [that] can create or receive, process, and send or forward (as appropriate) IPv6 packets in mixed IPv4/IPv6 environments. IPv6 Capable Products shall be able to interoperate with other IPv6 Capable Products on networks supporting only IPv4, only IPv6, or both IPv4 and IPv6, and shall also:

- Conform to the requirements of the DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles for IPv6 Capable Products document contained in the DISR
- Posses a migration path and/or commitment to upgrade from the developer (company Vice President, or equivalent, letter) as the IPv6 standard evolves
- Ensure product developer IPv6 technical support is available
- Conform to National Security Agency (NSA) and /or Unified Cross Domain Management Office requirements for Information Assurance Products

Version 1.0 of this document was approved by the DoD Information Standards Oversight Panel (ISOP) [6] as representing the "IPv6 Profile" cited in the DoD IPv6 Definitions, taking the place of the Generic IPv6 Profile in the DISR. Annual updates (Versions 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0) were similarly approved in turn by the ISOP [18] [21] [30]. Version 5.0 update was approved by the newly formed Architecture Standards Review

Group (ASRG) [33]. Thus, this document in its entirety provides the effective definition of an “IPv6 Capable Product” by enumerating the requirements that must be met by a particular product. While other terms such as “IPv6 Ready” or “IPv6 Compliant” have been used in other contexts, the term “IPv6 Capable Product” as it is defined in this document should be used in conjunction with a citation of this document to be clear about what is required.

While this document defines IPv6 Capable with respect to individual products, The DoD IPv6 Definitions memorandum also defines an IPv6 Capable Network as one that can receive, process, and forward IPv6 packets from/to devices within the same network and from/to other networks and systems, where those networks and systems may be operating with only IPv4, only IPv6, or both IPv4 and IPv6. An IPv6 Capable Network shall be ready to have IPv6 enable for operational use, when mission need or business case dictates. Specifically, an IPv6 Capable Network must:

- Use IPv6 Capable Products
- Accommodate IPv6 in network infrastructures, services, and management tools and applications
- Conform to DoD and NSA- developed IPv6 network security implementation guidance
- Manage, administrate, and resolve IPv6 addresses in compliance with the DoD IPv6 Address Plan [14], when enabled

In addition, the DoD IPv6 Definitions memorandum defines an IPv6 Enabled Network as a network that is supporting operational IPv6 traffic, through the network, end-to-end. Note that this does not imply that the network carries only IPv6 traffic; it may still carry IPv4 traffic as well.

1.2 Document Goals and Purpose

This document provides a technical and standards based definition of interoperability requirements for IPv6 Capable Products to be used in DoD networks. This content has been synthesized from multiple sources including DoD policy statements [1] [2] [8], DoD Information Technology Standards Registry (DISR) requirements [3], DoD IPv6 Transition Office (DITO) guidance [4] [5] and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) published requirements. Version 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 of this document were reviewed and approved by the ISOP as guidance for the acquisition of IPv6 Capable Products [18] [21] [30]. Subsequently, Version 5.0 was reviewed and approved by the ASRG [33] and when approved, version 6.0 will replace Version 5.0.

RFC 4294 “IPv6 Node Requirements” published by the IETF in April 2006¹ has been an essential guide in the preparation of this document. The following goal statement from that RFC can also serve as the basis for the goals of this document:

“The goal of this document (RFC 4294) is to define the common functionality required from both IPv6 hosts and routers. Many IPv6 nodes will implement optional or additional features, but this document summarizes requirements from other published Standards Track² documents in one place.

This document tries to avoid discussion of protocol details, and references RFCs for this purpose. This document is informational in nature and does not update Standards Track RFCs.

Although the document points to different specifications, it should be noted that in most cases, the granularity of requirements are smaller than a single specification, as many specifications define multiple, independent pieces, some of which may not be mandatory.”

Likewise, this document does not intend to define or mandate new requirements nor to unduly restrict use of optional requirements, but to summarize the requirements for IPv6 Capable Products. To facilitate interoperability:

1. A device should not rely upon or assume the implementation of optional features in other devices for basic interoperability;
2. A device should, when feasible, implement optional features that may be useful in some deployments;
3. While a device may implement any optional features not specifically forbidden in this document, the implementation should not interfere with another device implementing required and permitted features.

For example, while Mobility is a conditional requirement, and thus optional, products that support Mobility should be interoperable with products that do not support Mobility. Typically, a feature like Mobility must be implemented in a number of cooperating nodes in the network, necessitating selection of products that do implement the option.

¹ As updated by RFC 5095 “Deprecation of Type 0 Routing Headers” and errata listed at [RFC 4294 Errata](#) A draft revision is in progress, target publication as a new RFC this year: <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-6man-node-req-bis-11>

² Standards Track is an IETF term indicating that an RFC is published with the intention that it will become an Internet Standard when mature and widely implemented. An RFC is usually published as a “Proposed Standard” and is promoted to “Draft Standards” before being considered for Internet Standard status. Further explanation of this process can be found in RFC 2026.

1.2.1 Relationship to Other Publications

During the development of this document several other efforts to develop IPv6-capable requirements have emerged. The authors of this document have worked with the authors of the other documents to maintain harmony to the extent possible. Briefly, the relationship between this document and other efforts is summarized as follows.

1.2.1.1 NIST Profile

In February 2007 and again in January 2008, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) circulated a draft for public comment entitled "A Profile for IPv6 in the U.S. Government" (USGv6) [19]. The final USGv6 Profile for IPv6 Version 1.0 was updated based on a number of comments and published in July 2008 [9]. That document is intended for U.S. Government environments exclusive of the DoD. The editors of this document worked with the editors of the USGv6 to minimize differences between Version 3.0 of this document and Version 1.0 of the USGv6. The two documents will be maintained in parallel efforts for the foreseeable future. Per the cited DoD policy statements [1] [2] [8] DoD acquisition of products for IPv6 deployment should follow this document and all DoD testing and certification is coordinated by the DISA Joint Interoperability Testing Command (JITC). Discussions between NIST and DoD on compatible testing programs continue; however, there are no significant differences in functional requirements as of the currently circulating drafts meaning that products approved under one program are highly likely to be interoperable with products approved under the other. There are minor differences in the effective dates of some requirements that will naturally converge over time.

1.2.1.2 Unified Capabilities Requirements (UCR)

The publication of the 2008 version Unified Capabilities Requirements (UCR2008) included a restatement of the IPv6 requirements as specified in Version 2.0 of this document, with some changes corresponding to Version 3.0. UCR2008 included a number of additional Information Assurance (IA) and interoperability statements that clarified or extended a particular RFC that were identified in v3.0 as divergence from this Profiles document.

The differences between the two documents have been minimized through cooperative efforts of both editorial teams, and mainly a remnant of the derivation of the UCR2008 document from a specific statement of Real-Time Services (RTS) requirements. The publication of the Change 2 update of UCR2008 (UCR2008-C2) and Version 5.0 of this document went further towards eliminating differences and avoiding parallel restatement and are considered fully aligned. The two documents are intended to be companions, with UCR2008-C2 defining the overarching DoD architecture and requirements for all vertical services (voice, video and data) over IP networks and the IPv6 Profiles providing specific detailed definition of IPv6-Capable product requirements for network interoperability.

1.2.1.3 Milestone Objective 3 (MO3) Guidance

The DISA IPv6 Transition Office (DITO) in conjunction with the National Security Agency (NSA) has released the signed final Information Assurance Guidance for Milestone Objective 3 [12]. The MO3 IA Guidance is Unclassified-FOUO; however, it should only be disseminated on a need to know basis as it contains IPv6 security threats and recommended mitigation actions. Document can be found on the: DKO - DoD IPv6 Transition Office (DITO), DoD IPv6 (U-FOUO) Knowledge Center at the following link: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/24892627> (controlled-access for FOUO documents is required). It defines the security requirements for all IPv6 Capable devices, systems, services and networks.

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) / Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Information Assurance (IA) Guidance for Milestone Objective 3 (MO3) outlines filtering, configuration, and transition related guidance for network nodes in the enclave boundary, demilitarized zone (DMZ) and interior networks. MO3 allows for the coexistence of IPv4 and IPv6, natively and in tunnels, to traverse inside and across the DoD network Boundary. MO3 describes security safeguards and it is imperative that products fielded in operational environments are configurable and support the outlined security mechanisms. These requirements are not only for IA devices, but also include configuration items for other non-IA devices that perform, implement or manage a security related function (e.g. host, router, etc.). In addition to the MO3, NSA has developed an "IPv6 Information Assurance Test Plan" (ITP) [32] which shall be used in the assessments/testing of IPv6 systems. IPv6 IA testing is necessary to evaluate a variety of key threat and vulnerability issues associated with IPv6. The IPv6 ITP covers a broad range of documentation relating to security devices and services. The requirements are derived from many sources including the Joint Staff, the Defense and Intelligence Community Directives and Instructions, and international standards. Some devices with multiple capabilities will fall into more than one test category (e.g. a firewall with IDS functionality). In that event, it should be clarified prior to testing which categories of testing will be performed. When a category is chosen, the full set of requirements specified in the IPv6 ITP for that category shall be tested and reported on accordingly. In case of IPv6 IA requirements conflict, the MO3 is the overarching IPv6 IA guidance.

1.3 Target Audience

The document is intended to assist several communities of interest in executing their responsibilities for preparing DoD systems and networks to be IPv6 Capable. The topic is rather technical, and requires some background understanding by the reader of the RFCs and other references cited, but the goal of this document is to organize and summarize the requirements included by reference for the convenience of the reader. The authors hope that the document is useful to several categories of users as described in the following paragraphs.

Contracts and Acquisition

Acquisition officers and others writing purchasing and contract language may use this document as a reference when they develop specific product and system requirement text. For their purposes, this document aims to adequately summarize the technical requirements such that it is sufficient (with the citation of RFCs and other specifications referenced by this document) to specify the minimal requirements for products to be IPv6 Capable. The Unified Capabilities test process, UCR APL, vendor filings and the test reports generated during testing by the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) will provide useful input to the responsible component or program acquisition effort.

Testing and Certification Organizations

DoD components will rely upon testing organizations including the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) to evaluate vendor products and DoD systems as IPv6 Capable as part of certification under Unified Capabilities testing. These testing organizations may use this document as an outline and starting point for the development of detailed test plans appropriate to each product class. They will need to go beyond the summary level of this document through reference to the specifications and other technical material cited.

Developers

The engineers and managers responsible for systems development by DoD and vendor organizations may use this document as an additional check on interpretation of the specifications and other technical material cited to develop systems architectures, designs and implementations to assure that their products will be IPv6 Capable. By following the requirements documented herein, they will increase the probability that the systems they build will be interoperable with other DoD IPv6 Capable network elements and will be ready for DoD testing.

1.4 Requirement Sources

The immediate reference for requirements in this document is the Defense Information Systems Registry (DISR). The DISR is a snapshot of the state-of-practice for technical publications being tracked by DISA for inclusion in profiles for products to be acquired by DoD. These technical publications come from a number of sources, primarily external Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) and are reviewed and considered by the DoD IT Standards Committee (ITSC) and a number of DoD IT Standards Technical Working Groups (TWGs). When standards are sufficiently mature, they are added to the DISR database.

In particular, IPv6 specifications and related standards are published by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as Requests for Comments (RFCs). These documents are reviewed and analyzed by members of the IPv6 Standards TWG, and considered for mandatory or optional use in DoD systems and networks when they are stable and mature and determined to be appropriate requirements for use by DoD. Each of the

RFCs cited in the DISR and in this document is included by reference in its entirety, except where this document notes exceptions or extensions. Published RFCs and current Internet-Drafts can be freely obtained through the [RFC Editor](#) by searching on the RFC number or keywords; the [IETF Tools](#) page also provides access to an archive of Internet-Drafts (including expired drafts and prior revisions) and RFCs in HTML format.

The DISR is updated 3 times a year after due consideration of new and replacement RFCs by the IPv6 Standards TWG. This document is coordinated with the content of the DISR database at the time of its publication, and will be updated and republished as necessary to maintain this correspondence.

1.5 Terminology Used in This Document

The DISR database and IETF RFCs use different terminology to describe requirements. RFCs and other technical publications referenced in the DISR as standards are assigned to one of 3 statuses:

EMERGING: An EMERGING standard is a new or evolving standard that is likely to eventually become a MANDATED standard.

MANDATED: A MANDATED standard is a stable and mature standard that can be cited as a requirement in acquisition. One of the considerations for determining maturity of a standard is the existence of vendor implementations.

RETIRED: A standard that has been replaced by a newer standard or otherwise determined to be no longer appropriate for use in DoD systems is a RETIRED standard.

Additionally, RFCs or other publications can be referenced in the DISR as **INFORMATIONAL/GUIDANCE** meaning that they provide useful information that is not a standard.

IETF terminology for use in RFCs is defined in RFC 2119 including the terms MUST, SHOULD, and MAY. To provide a common lexicon, the following six terms used in this document are to be interpreted as follows:

MUST: This term indicates an imperative; the requirement is essential to IPv6 capability and interoperability. This level of requirement is indicated in the DISR by MANDATED. Synonyms used in other contexts include Threshold, SHALL or REQUIRED.

MUST NOT: This term indicates an absolute prohibition of a behavior. A synonym is SHALL NOT.

SHOULD: This term indicates a desirable or expected course of action or policy that is to be followed unless inappropriate or cost-prohibitive for a particular circumstance.

This corresponds to the EMERGING³ level in the DISR. In other contexts, the term Objective is used.

SHOULD NOT: This term is used to indicate that the particular behavior is discouraged though not prohibited. There may be valid reasons in particular circumstances when the behavior is acceptable or even useful, but the full implications should be understood and the case carefully weighed before implementing.

MAY: This term denotes the permissive or that an item is truly optional. An implementation which does not include a particular option **MUST** interoperate with another implementation which does include the option. In the same vein, an implementation which does include a particular option **MUST** be prepared to interoperate with another implementation which does not include the option (in both cases without the feature the option provides). Normally standards that a product **MAY** follow would be listed in the DISR as INFORMATIONAL.

SHOULD+: This term indicates a near-term goal for technology insertion that is strongly expected to be elevated to a **MUST** or **MANDATED** in the near future (see paragraph 1.5.1). **SHOULD+** means a strongly recommended and expected course of action or policy that is to be followed unless inappropriate for a particular circumstance. This term is normally associated with an EMERGING specification in the DISR.

1.5.1 Effective Dates for Mandate of New and Revised RFCs

IPv6 is defined by an active and evolving set of RFCs. In addition to new emerging standards, existing standards are occasionally updated by RFCs that extend or elaborate the standards, and on occasion standards may be rendered obsolete by revised RFCs. In IETF practice, once published, an RFC is never modified⁴; the technical material it defines can only be changed by publication of another RFC. The [RFC Editor](#) web page tracks all RFCs, and relates them to other RFCs that update or obsolete them.

The obsolescence and replacement of RFCs by new RFCs complicates a simple and clear definition of the mandatory requirements in this Standard Profiles document. There will be a period of time during which commercially available products may support either or both of the versions of the standard. In some cases the requirement is to support the *function*, preferably complying with the emerging replacement RFC but at least according to the previously published RFC. In these situations, the old and new standards will be discussed together in this document with exceptions or conditions noted, to provide clear guidance to vendors for implementation and testing.

³ A standard that is listed in DISR as **MANDATED** could also be used in **SHOULD**, **SHOULD+** and **MAY** clauses.

⁴ Any errata identified after publication are recorded at the RFC Editor

Prior to Version 3.0, this specification did not provide for “in effect” dates for new or strengthened requirements, implying that they were always “effective immediately” when stated as a MUST. Recognizing realistic product cycles, the following policy was established in Version 3.0:

1. An emerging requirement will typically be stated as a SHOULD+ when it is first cited in a revision of this specification, indicating that it is likely to be strengthened to a MUST in the next revision nominally 12 months later; in exceptional circumstances the first citation of a requirement may be a MUST;
2. A “grace” period of 12-24 months will be allowed between the statement of a new or strengthened MUST requirement in a revision of this specification and enforcement of the mandate;
 - a. Nominally, a replacement RFC will have an effective date 12 months following its first citation as a MUST; In some cases, the *function* specified in a set of revised and obsolete RFCs MUST be supported, preferably according to the revised RFC, but minimally at the prior RFC;
 - b. Nominally, a new functional requirement will have an effective date 24 months following the first citation as a MUST; this recognizes the more significant development effort for a new feature rather than an update based on a revised specification for an existing capability;
3. Exceptions for specific requirements will be noted in the text, where a longer or shorter allowance is appropriate; in all cases, the Effective Date column in the Appendix C Requirements Summary will provide an unambiguous indication of the effective date;
4. Requests for dispensations beyond the stated policy will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by DISA Standards Engineering and the Unified Capabilities Certification Office (UCCO) as part of the UCR testing and evaluation. The ultimate authority for waiver of any requirement for IPv6 Capable products will be defined by the component making the purchase and deployment decision.

The Requirements Summary Table in Appendix C includes a column to indicate the effective date for each requirement in the text.

1.5.2 Distinction between Capability and Deployment

Throughout this document the terms “support” and “implement” as well as other forms of the words such as “supported”, “implementation”, etc. are used to indicate that a requirement or function is available in a product. In other words, the compliant product is capable of providing the function. For example, if a product class MUST support MLDv2 as defined in RFC 3810, a compliant product of that class meets the requirements in that RFC to provide MLDv2 function. This does not imply that the available function will be actively used. The terms “deployment” and “use” as well as

other forms of those words indicate active operation of an available capability or function.

1.5.3 Conditional Requirements

Note also that some requirements clauses or paragraphs of this specification may be applied conditionally. The language in these instances is intended to be self-explanatory, and stated as simply as possible to capture the technical nuances, for example as used in Section 3.1.1:

“An IPv6 Capable Host/Workstation...Conditionally, MUST implement MIPv6 Capable Node Functional Requirements (Section 2.5.1) IF intended to be deployed as a Mobile Node.”

This should be read to mean that the requirement to support the sections of the RFCs for MIPv6 Mobile Node functionality would not be mandatory for all IPv6 Capable Host/Workstation Products, but is mandatory for products that are intended to operate as a Mobile Node in a MIPv6 deployment. Submission and test results for a product will note whether or not the product includes any of the conditional requirements. For example, “Product X meets the requirements for an IPv6 Capable Host/Workstation with Mobility” indicates that Product X complies with all the basic requirements for Host/Workstation and also meets the requirements for a MIPv6 Capable mobile node. On the other hand “Product Y meets the requirements for an IPv6 Capable Network Appliance” indicates that Product Y only meets the basic requirements for a Network Appliance but does not necessarily meet any Conditional requirements such as MIPv6 Capable.

1.5.4 Applicability

A program or acquisition effort should evaluate the applicability of standards and requirements to individual programs and deployments. While this Profile is intended to document broad standards and requirements for IPv6-capable products for use throughout DoD, some particulars may be inappropriate for individual programs and deployment environments. Where these limitations are known, notes have been included in the text, for example the footnote in paragraph 2.8.1 concerning the use of OSPF Authentication in a dynamic tactical environment, where manual key distribution would be impractical. In the absence of specific guidance in this Profile, a program or acquisition effort should undertake its own analysis of applicability. However, this analysis should consider the impact on interoperability when departing from the Profile.

There may be situations where even having an inactive capability included in a product has a negative impact on performance. Software occupies space in memory and may impose a computational burden even when some features are not activated. Products should always be evaluated according to a realistic deployment configuration to help assess their applicability. For example, a constrained device intended for deployment where only IPv6 addressing is required could be built without an IPv4 stack for better performance if the option is available. This Profile is oriented primarily towards

Commercial Off-the-shelf (COTS) products where such choices are not typically available, but for custom development specific options can be specified or eliminated as appropriate.

1.6 IPv6 Capable Product Classes

Before examining detailed requirements it would be useful to frame the discussion by defining the classes of IPv6 Capable Products. The terminology used in the IPv6 base specification [RFC 2460] defines two general subclasses of IPv6 nodes; an IPv6 router is an IPv6 node that forwards IPv6 packets not explicitly addressed to it and an IPv6 host is any node that is not a router. Describing the requirements for a specific IPv6 Capable product using those broad classes would require complex exceptions and explanations to distinguish among different products. This Standard Profiles document groups IPv6 Capable Products into a small number of Product Classes convenient for defining common requirements. IPv6 Capable Products are classified according to their architectural and functional role in an IPv6 network. The set of product classes defined herein as “End Nodes” are a range of devices that embody “Host” behavior as defined in RFCs; the set defined as “Intermediate Nodes” embody “Router” behavior. Specific product classes incorporate nuances about compliance with various RFCs appropriate to products of that class. The Product Classes are defined as:

- **End Node:** A node processing IPv6 packets addressed to the node itself or originating IPv6 packets with a source address of the node itself. End Nodes include the following Product Classes:
 - **Host/Workstation:** a personal computer (PC) or other end-user computer or workstation running a general purpose Operating System (OS) such as UNIX⁵, Linux⁶, Windows⁷, or a proprietary operating system that is capable of supporting multiple applications⁸. A Host/Workstation typically has a single user, with a local (console) login,

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⁶ Linux® is the registered trademark of Linus Torvalds in the U.S. and other countries.

⁷ Windows® is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and other countries.

⁸ Note that a Host/Workstation can be viewed as a hardware platform combined with its OS; however, the implementation of the IPv6 Capability in one embodiment is that the operating system (OS) implements IPv6 and it is independent of the hardware platform. In fact the particular hardware platform running the OS is usually irrelevant; for example, Microsoft Windows Vista running on any PC has the same IPv6 capabilities. The PC running Windows Vista in this case, whether HP, Dell or custom-built has no IPv6 capability of its own independent of the OS. The implementation of the IPv6 Capability in a second embodiment consists of the OS that works with a hardware implementation of the IP stack (usually a network interface card). Thus an OS and a network interface card with an IPv6 hardware implementation may entirely implement IPv6 capability and thus run on any particular hardware platform. Overall, this note may apply to products in any of the Product Classes.

and is generally managed by the end-user (or the end-user organization support team, rather than the Internet Service Provider (ISP) or other third party).

- **Network Appliance or Simple Server**⁹: Simple end nodes such as cameras, sensors, automation controllers, networked phones or adapters such as Circuit-to-Packet (CTP) devices, typically with an embedded operating system and specialized software for limited applications. A **Network Appliance**¹⁰ is typically managed by an end-user, but may support more than one concurrent user remotely via a Web browser interface. A **Simple Server** supports a small number of concurrent clients via a web browser interface or other protocol with a client application. Examples of simple servers are stand-alone network print servers, storage servers, Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)¹¹ servers, a “web camera” appliance that serves pictures via an embedded web server, and a network time server appliance that solely functions to serve NTP requests. A device with a trivial or no role at the IP layer, for example a modem or layer 2 switch, may have a user or management interface with an IPv6 address. These devices should also be evaluated as a Network Appliance/Simple Server.
- **Advanced Server**: End Nodes with one or more server-side applications (for example Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCPv6), Domain Name Server (DNS), Network Time Protocol (NTP), E-mail, File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), web server, storage server or database) to support clients in the network. Servers are usually managed by network administrators or operated by a third party such as an ISP or other vendor. An **Advanced Server** typically runs a general purpose operating system such as UNIX, Linux, Windows, or a proprietary operating system and is capable of serving any number of applications to many concurrent clients.

⁹ The distinction between Simple Server and Network Appliance results in no real difference in requirements or testing. Simple Server product class could be eliminated completely, but is retained for consistency with previous revisions and test results.

¹⁰ Unfortunately, the term Network Appliance has not been used consistently in the industry. Throughout this Profile we use the term as it is defined here, a device simpler than a Host/Workstation that has limited capability to run arbitrary software, and may be restricted to embedded applications only.

¹¹ See RFC 3261 Session Initiation Protocol for more information on SIP

Intermediate Node: A node that forwards IPv6 packets not explicitly addressed to the node itself.¹² While “forwarding” is not synonymous with “routing” the distinction between a Router and a Switch is sometimes difficult to make. There is a spectrum of products falling between a Router and a pure layer-2 switch, and depending on vendor definitions and marketing considerations, a product between the extremes may be called a “router” or “switch”. The essential difference is that a Router is deployed primarily to route traffic among several networks including the Wide Area Network (Internet) while a Switch creates a single network a private network or connections among LANs and VLANs typically without the WAN interface. A product may be loaded or configured with options that enable more or less capability at different times, further blurring the distinction; products should be evaluated according to the functionality they will provide in specific network architecture.

- **Router:** An Intermediate Node that forwards packets based on paths discovered using routing protocols. A router typically has a small number of ports to interconnect several networks, in particular to connect a Local Area Network (LAN) to a Wide Area Network (WAN), often including multiple interfaces for other layer-2 technologies in addition to Ethernet. A Router implements complex control plane functions, including routing protocols such as Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) and Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) and IP services such as Network Address Translation, IP security and tunneling.
- **Switch:** An Intermediate Node that forwards IPv6 packets at switching speeds usually through the use of special purpose dedicated hardware. Forwarding may be purely at Layer-2 or a combination of Layer-2 and Layer-3. A Switch typically interconnects end-nodes in a LAN environment. Specific variants of the switch product class are the Layer-2 Switch, Layer-3 Switch and the Assured Services Switch.
 - **Layer-2 Switch:** A Switch that forwards based on Layer-2 only (MAC address) is a Layer-2 Switch. Note that unmanaged Layer-2 Switch can be described as a “pure” Layer 2 switch; it operates at Layer 2 only and is transparent at the IP layer. As such it has no IPv6-specific requirements and plays no active role as an IPv6 Capable product. A Layer-2 Switch may have some limited layer-3 control plane functions but is primarily a data plane device. A managed Layer-2 Switch product includes SNMP management or other user access via an IPv6 interface and it should be evaluated as a Simple Server.

¹² Please note that an Intermediate Node may also act as an End Node for Network Management and other protocols, and must conform to Simple Server functionality for IPv6 packets addressed to an IPv6 address of the node itself.

- **Layer-3 Switch:** A Switch that incorporates Layer-3 information (IP addresses) into forwarding decisions is a Layer-3 Switch. Forwarding may be manually configured, policy-based or based on routing protocols (BGP, RIP, OSPFv3 or IS-IS). Most Layer-3 Switches require a router gateway to connect the LAN/intranet to the Internet. The most capable Layer-3 Switches include a WAN interface and an exterior routing protocol such as BGP.
- **Assured Services Switch:** A Switch that includes support for Quality of Service (QoS) features including the Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) queuing [RFC 2474] is an Assured Services Switch. DSCP queuing is an essential capability in the Unified Communications architecture to provide for Assured Services. Rather than being a separate Product Class, the requirements for Assured Services are specified as Conditional Requirements for compatibility with UCR 2010.
- **Information Assurance Device:** An Intermediate Node that performs a security function as its primary purpose by filtering or encrypting network traffic, and which may block traffic when security policy dictates. For example a Firewall, Intrusion Detection System, Authentication Server, Security Gateway, High Assurance IP Encryptor (HAIPE) or Virtual Private Network (VPN) is an Information Assurance Device. A Router or Layer 3 (L3) Switch may incorporate an IA function in addition to its primary role, but is not an IA Device but rather an “IA Enabled” product.
- **IPv6 Capable Software:** a product that implements functions available via an IPv6 interface to end-users, network nodes or other software, when installed on an appropriate hardware platform. Section 4 of this document introduces some concepts for the evaluation of pure software IPv6 Capable products (operating systems or applications) but a full definition of IPv6 Capable Software Product Classes is deferred to a future revision of this document.

Some of the terms used in this document for defining Product Classes have been used with different definitions in the networking industry, but throughout this document and in references to this document, the terms are intended to be used as defined above. In particular the term Network Appliance has been used for a variety of End Node and Intermediate Node products, and is the name of a storage solutions company.

We have attempted to make the distinctions between Product Classes as objective as possible, but some of the differences are subject to interpretation, in particular the classification of a Server product as “Simple” or “Advanced”. It is essential that a vendor come to agreement with the testing organization (JITC for example) on proper classification of their product before testing. The testing organization and the Chairman of the DISR IPv6 Standards TWG can be of assistance in classifying products that don't obviously fit one of the Product Classes. Many products include other interfaces in addition to the IPv6 interface, such as a Voice-over-IP (VOIP) device or Circuit-to-

Packet (CTP) device. Such a device can be evaluated as a “black box” from its IPv6 interface, without regard to other internal or external non-IPv6 interfaces.

The following table summarizes the Product Class definitions and characteristics to help with the classification of specific products. For example, if the product is an End Node, managed by the End-User organization, accessed by a single user through a local interface rather than remotely via a Web interface, it is best identified as a Host/Workstation.

		Product Class						
		Host/ Workstation	Network Appliance or Simple Server	Advanced Server	Router	Switch		Information Assurance Device
						Layer-3 Switch	Layer-2 Switch	
Product Characteristics	End Node	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
	Intermediate Node	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	End-User Managed	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
	Web Access	No	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
	Local login or console	Yes	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
	Loadable or Embedded	Loadable ¹³	Embedded	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
	Number of Applications	Many	Few	1 to Many	Not Applicable			
	Number of Users	1	1 to Few	Many				
	Network Interconnection	Not applicable			Yes	No	No	Not Applicable
	Routing Protocols				Yes	May support BGP	No	
	Assured Services: Quality of Service, Differentiated Services Control Point Queuing				Yes	Optional	Optional	
	Port Density				Low	High	High	
	Complex Control Plane				Yes	No	No	
	IA Function				Optional	Optional	Optional	

Table 1-1: Product Class Summary

¹³ A Host/Workstation is typically “loadable” although in practice, some systems may be preloaded by an administrator with the end user restricted from loading additional software.

2 IPv6 Capable Product Requirements

This section identifies the specifications that will be used to define the requirements for the Product Classes outlined above. These specifications are organized into several functional categories. First, the Base Requirements are defined, comprising the standards that will (with minor exceptions) apply equally to all Product Classes. Then, a set of Functional Requirements categories are defined, which will be used as “building blocks” to construct the detailed Product Class Profiles in Section 3.

Specific requirements in the RFCs cited in the Base or Functional Requirements may in some cases apply in the same manner to IPv6 End Nodes and IPv6 Intermediate Nodes or may apply differently to each class; the language in this document is intended to make these distinctions clear. The reader may read the cited RFCs for a more detailed understanding of the specific requirements. Extensions, restrictions and exceptions with respect to the Product Classes defined in this document can be found in Section 3.

While this document is intended to cover the preponderance of products to be used in DoD networks and applications, the authors recognize that programs may have circumstances that justify the extension, modification or exception to requirements in this document by means of program-specific documentation. For example, the Real-Time Services (RTS) program defines some unique appliances and products for use in the Defense Switched Network (DSN) and the Defense Red Switch Network (DRSN). RTS/DSN/DRSN components such as the Local Session Controller (LSC), IP Enabled End Office (EO) and Edge Boundary Controller (EBC) will be IPv6 capable as specified in this document with exceptions and design/implementation guidelines noted in latest version of the DoD Unified Capabilities Requirements (UCR) document. As of this publication, UCR 2008 (Change 2) has been published, and its IPv6 requirements were fully aligned with the v5.0 publication.

2.1 Base Requirements

These Base Requirements are the core of interoperability requirements for IPv6 Nodes.

- All IPv6 Nodes MUST conform to [RFC 2460](#), Internet Protocol v6 (IPv6) Specification, as updated by [RFC 5095](#) – Deprecation of Type 0 Routing Headers in IPv6; this is the fundamental definition of IPv6.
- All IPv6 Nodes MUST implement [RFC 4443](#), Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMPv6) and SHOULD be interoperable with nodes implementing the extensions defined in [RFC 4884](#), Extended ICMP to support Multicast Messages¹⁴.

¹⁴ RFC 4884 indicates that most implementations of ICMP have no problem interoperating with these extensions; we are not requiring implementation of the extensions, but recommending permissive interoperability as implementations appear.

- All IPv6 Nodes MUST implement [RFC 4861](#) – superseding RFC 2461, Neighbor Discovery (ND) for IPv6, as appropriate to their role as an IPv6 End Node or IPv6 Intermediate Node. Informational [RFC 4943](#) provides additional background on implementation of ND. Also note that ND implies that nodes MUST support Multicast Listener Discovery (see below).
- All IPv6 Nodes MUST operate with the default minimum Path MTU (PMTU) size of 1280 octets as defined in RFC 2460. All IPv6 Nodes SHOULD support a minimum PMTU of 1500 to allow for encapsulation. All IPv6 Nodes except Network Appliance/Simple Server MUST implement [RFC 1981](#), Path MTU Discovery for IPv6. Note that RFC 1981 does not impose additional requirements for Router behavior with respect to PMTU discovery beyond what is already required in RFC 4443 (ICMPv6); however, a Router is required to perform PMTU discovery like a Host on its own interface(s).
- All IPv6 Nodes MUST provide manual or static configuration of its IPv6 interface address(es).
- End Node addresses are generally based on a /64 network prefix with a 64-bit Interface Identifier. Nodes are not required to support longer prefixes. End sites may require multiple /64 prefixes to support multiple subnets. [14]
- An IPv6 Node which supports an autonomous method for discovering its own unique IPv6 interface addresses (see section 2.9) MUST have the means to disable the autonomous method to force manual or static configuration of addresses, e.g. the user can disable the “Creation of Global Addresses” as described in Section 5.5 of [RFC 4862](#) on an IPv6 Node that supports Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC).
- While nodes are not required to autoconfigure their addresses using SLAAC, all IPv6 Nodes MUST support link-local address configuration and Duplicate Address Detection (DAD) as specified in RFC 4862.
- Implementations SHOULD include a control to disable DAD. While RFC 4862 clearly states that DAD MUST NOT be disabled. The Security Considerations section of the RFC allows that DAD can present a risk for Denial of Service attack, a concern that is also found in the DISA Network STIG [23]. The RFC permits administrative disabling of DAD in situations where the risk outweighs the benefit, but nothing in the RFC requires an implementation to include such a control. The recommendation is not likely to be strengthened to a MUST.
- Optimistic DAD [RFC 4429] MAY be considered in low-bandwidth or other constrained environments, to reduce the delays inherent in DAD.
- All IPv6 Nodes MUST support the IPv6 Addressing Architecture as defined in:
 - [RFC 4291](#), IPv6 Addressing Architecture
 - [RFC 4007](#), Scoped Address Architecture (All IPv6 addressing plans MUST use this standard definition for scoped addressing architectures; however, support for zone indexes is optional)
 - [RFC 5375](#), IPv6 Unicast Address Assignment Considerations covers aspects of the design of IPv6 address schemes
 - Additional guidance may be found in RFC 5156 – Special Use IPv6 Addresses which documents addresses with special purposes in various protocols, including some that should not appear on the public Internet

- RFC 2526, 3306 and 3307 will also be useful in understanding and planning IPv6 addressing
- Network designers SHOULD consider RFC 4192 - Procedures for Renumbering an IPv6 Network without a Flag Day
- Network designers MAY consider RFC 2894 – Router Renumbering for IPv6
- Systems MAY follow RFC 5952, A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text Representation, when generating an IPv6 address to be represented as text but must still accept and be able to handle any legitimate format described in RFC 4291.
- An IPv6 Node MAY support RFC 4193, Unique Local IPv6 Unicast Addresses (ULA), which replaces the site-local address with a new type of address that is private to an organization, yet unique across all of the sites¹⁵ of the organization. Nodes are not required to support ULA at this time. Nodes implementing ULA MUST follow RFC 4193. MO3 Guidance [12] states that the default guidance is to avoid using these addresses, since it is not a sound risk mitigation strategy and will make future network management more difficult.
- All IPv6 Nodes MUST implement Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD)
 - Neighbor Discovery (ND) [RFC 4861] is a core feature of IPv6, analogous to ARP in IPv4, and is therefore a fundamental requirement for IPv4 parity. ND relies upon link-local Multicast for some of its services; therefore ALL IPv6 Capable products will be using Multicast. In addition, switches may include the "MLD Snooping" feature that will block multicast addresses that are not registered with MLD. This implies that all IPv6 Nodes MUST implement MLD to support ND, and that products lacking MLD support cannot guarantee that ND will work in all deployments.
 - At a minimum all nodes MUST follow RFC 2710, Multicast Listener Discovery for IPv6 and SHOULD+ support the extended MLDv2 as in RFC 3810, Multicast Listener Discovery Version 2 (MLDv2) for IPv6.
 - MLD requires the use of the Router Alert option in a hop-by-hop¹⁶ header as specified in RFC 2711

¹⁵ RFC 3879 "Deprecating Site Local Addresses"

¹⁶ The hop-by-hop extension header can potentially be exploited by an attacker initiating a storm of packets including the HBH header. This may trigger high CPU-utilization in a vulnerable implementation. While this is unlikely and there is no legitimate reason to expect significant volume of IPv6 HBH packets on a network, a recent Internet Draft <http://tools.ietf.org/id/draft-krishnan-ipv6-hopbyhop-05.txt> proposes some approaches to the issue. Options such as blocking, rate limiting or forwarding without processing of HBH should be considered when implementing HBH header processing.

- All IPv6 Nodes MUST follow the source address selection rules in RFC 3590 – Source Address Selection for the Multicast Listener when MLDv1 is used.
- Implementers may consider the emerging standard RFC 5790 – Lightweight IGMPv3 and MLDv2 Protocols – which provides for a simplified implementation of these two protocols.

2.1.1 Connection Technologies

All IPv6 Nodes conditionally MUST support a connection technology (link layer) that can carry IPv6 packets, consistent with its intended deployment. When using a connection technology with a published “IPv6 over” standard, the device MUST follow the corresponding standard for interoperability across that connection technology. Most IPv6 Capable products will implement one or more of the following standards:

- RFC 2464, Transmission of IPv6 Packets over Ethernet Networks;
- RFC 2492, IPv6 over ATM Networks;
- RFC 5072 (replaces RFC 2472), IP Version 6 over PPP;
- RFC 3572, IPv6 over MAPOS (Multiple Access Protocol over SONET/SDH).
- RFC 2467, Transmission of IPv6 Packets over FDDI Networks;
- RFC 2491, IPv6 Over Non-Broadcast Multiple Access (NBMA) Networks;
- RFC 2497, Transmission of IPv6 Packets over ARCnet Networks;
- RFC 2590, Transmission of IPv6 Packets over Frame Relay Networks Specification;
- RFC 3146, Transmission of IPv6 over IEEE 1394 Networks;
- RFC 4338, Transmission of IPv6, IPv4 and Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) Packets over Fibre Channel;
- RFC 4944, Transmission of IPv6 Packets Over IEEE 802.15.4 Networks (Low Power Networks)

2.2 IP Layer Security (IPsec) Functional Requirements

Security is a complex topic and the role of IP Layer Security (IPsec) within the overall DoD approach to security is still evolving. Security should be considered in every aspect of network design, acquisition of equipment, installation and operation. A recent NIST draft “Guidelines for the Secure Deployment of IPv6 [33], the NSA MO3 guidance [12], DoD Directive 8500.01E [31] and other DoD and Government publications should be consulted for definitive guidance on security policy.

The DoD transition to IPv6 requires IPsec as part of the toolkit to build secure networks, but this does not preclude the use of other security methods. Secure Socket Layer (SSL), HTTP over SSL (HTTPS), Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Real-time Transport Protocol (SRTP) will continue to be appropriate for some deployments.

There are several dimensions to the treatment of IPsec in this set of profiles:

1. For IPsec to be useful as a security tool it must be generally available and devices in the network cannot interfere with its use¹⁷; IPsec has long been considered a core part of IPv6 Capable products as recognized in RFC 4294 – IPv6 Node Requirements;
2. A node's responsibilities with respect to IPsec must be considered in the architectural context; a Router or Switch does not perform IPsec as part of normal traffic forwarding; however, it may implement IPsec when it is acting as an End Node in some deployments for network management and in routing protocols; if an Intermediate Node integrates IPsec capability to protect traffic it forwards, that Node becomes a special-purpose IA Enabled device functioning as a Security Gateway; alternatively, this function might be provided by an outboard cryptographic device;
3. Products are required to support IPsec so that it is available for use; however, this document does not require its activation or use; activation of IPsec or waiver of IPsec requirements is a deployment decision; effective use of IPsec in a particular deployment may also be dependent on integration with other elements, including IPsec-aware applications;
4. NSA opinion that any device implementing encryption with IPsec is an Information Assurance (IA) device subject to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) and National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP) certification may be an impediment to wide vendor support but this is beyond the scope of this document. NIST publication [7] on this subject implies that a vendor may rely on previously approved and available cryptographic modules (hardware or software) integrated with their product to avoid certification of their product set as a new IA Device.

After due consideration of the above points, the IPv6 Standards TWG consensus was to maintain the strong requirement for IPsec at the current published standards as was stated in Version 1.0 and reiterated in subsequent versions. The intention is to prevent the proliferation of IPsec deficient products that may interfere with DoD ability to fully utilize IPsec. The Product Class Profiles in Section 3 identify which Product Classes MUST be IPsec Capable; however, all IPv6 Capable products SHOULD+ be IPsec Capable. IPsec Capable requirements are:

1. IPsec Capable products MUST support the current RFC 4301 Architecture as defined in Section 2.2.1.
2. IPsec Capable products MUST support Manual Keying and MUST support Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2), as defined in Section 2.2.2.

¹⁷ A firewall or other IA Device might be configured to block IPsec but would not inherently "interfere" with the deployment of IPsec otherwise.

3. IPsec Capable products MAY support RFC 3971, Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND) and RFC 3972 Cryptographically Generated Addresses (CGAs)¹⁸. The MO3 Guidance [12] states that messages of the SeND protocol [RFC 3971] and Router renumbering protocol should not enter the network across a security boundary.
4. Conditionally, where security requirements prohibit the use of hardware identifiers as part of interface addresses generated using SLAAC, IPsec Capable products MUST support RFC 4941 (replaces RFC 3041), Privacy Extensions for Stateless Address Auto configuration in IPv6.

Further guidance for network security can be found in RFC 4942 – IPv6 Transition/Co-existence Security Considerations and RFC 5157 – IPv6 Implications for Network Scanning. Deployments requiring the network topology hiding that IPv4 NAT provided as a side-effect should consider RFC 4864 – Local Network Protection.

A waiver process outside the scope of this document may be available (as determined by DoD component) to allow use of a product that does not at this time support the IPsec requirements as defined in this document for its Product Class Profile. However, we recognize that implementation of IPsec Version 3 and IKEv2 is not prevalent at this time. Products that do not meet these standards MUST at least meet the fallback requirements defined in paragraph 2.2.3.

Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) will also be used by the IPv6 network along with routing protocols like BGP and OSPF. IPsec connection between the two ends over the network acts as the Virtual Private Network (VPN) because the IPsec connection between the two unknown end points cannot be set up arbitrarily. It is also recommended that BGP/MPLS IPv6 VPN using IPsec SHOULD be used as stated in RFCs 4364, 4577, and 4684.

2.2.1 RFC 4301 Architecture

A set of RFCs defining the Security Architecture for IP and supporting protocols was published in November 1998, and became the de facto standard for security in IPv6 products, IPsec Version 2 (RFC 2401 and associated RFCs), referred to as the RFC 2401 Architecture. This set of standards was rendered obsolete (for the most part) by a set of revised standards for IPsec Version 3 in December 2005 (RFC 4301 and associated RFCs), referred to as the RFC 4301 Architecture.

All IPv6 Nodes implementing IPsec RFC 4301 Architecture MUST support the Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol as defined in RFC 4301 and as well:

¹⁸ There are some intellectual property rights concerns with CGA and use of CGA in SEND; although the rights are offered on a "Royalty-Free, Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory License to All Implementers", the fact that a license is required may hinder adoption by some vendors. Vendors including Cisco and Juniper do have SEND/CGA implementations available.

- MUST support the Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) defined in RFC 4303;
- SHOULD support RFC 4302, IP Authentication Header (AH);
- MUST implement ESP and AH cryptography as defined in RFC 4835 (replaces RFC 4305), Cryptographic Algorithm Implementation Requirements for Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) and Authentication Header (AH).

IPv6 Nodes implementing IPsec RFC 4301 Architecture MUST support suites of cryptographic algorithms for IPsec and IKE including:

- Suite VPN-B in RFC 4308 – Cryptographic Suites for IPsec
 - While VPN-B specifies AES-XCBC-MAC-96 as the algorithm for ESP integrity, this algorithm is not currently FIPS approved [27]; it is unclear at this time whether that algorithm will be approved for use or an acceptable replacement for the suite will be specified in an update to the RFC
 - The Effective Date for compliance is July 2012, subject to review during the v6.0 revision cycle.
- RFC 4869
 - Suite-B-GCM-128 (for encryption plus authentication) in RFC 4869 – Suite B Cryptographic Suites for IPsec; this suite requires Diffie-Helman 256-bit random ECP (RFC 4753) and ECDSA 256 Authentication (RFC 4754) both of which present Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) concerns to vendors¹⁹; this has limited the availability of this suite in products
 - Suite-B-GMAC-128 (for authentication only) in RFC 4869 – Suite B Cryptographic Suites for IPsec
 - In the light of the IPR concern the effective date for requiring these suites has been extended to July 2012 subject to review during the v6.0 revision cycle. Commercial availability (several vendor commitments to implementation) is a prerequisite for mandating conformance with this RFC

¹⁹ The following statement can be found on the NSA Suite B website: “A key aspect of Suite B is its use of elliptic curve technology instead of classic public key technology. In order to facilitate adoption of Suite B by industry, NSA has licensed the rights to 26 patents held by Certicom Inc. covering a variety of elliptic curve technology. Under the license, NSA has a right to grant a sublicense to vendors building certain types of products or components that can be used for protecting national security information.” While this covers the use of the patents in USG and DoD it does not guarantee commercial availability of implementations. http://www.nsa.gov/ia/programs/suiteb_cryptography/index.shtml

Conformance with these cryptographic suites will ensure that all IPsec implementations for DoD approved products support an interoperable set of options. These RFCs do not introduce new algorithms, but detail a subset of other referenced RFCs. RFC 4869 MUST be used as guidance in the interpretation of the RFCs that it references. Nodes MAY support additional cryptographic suites and options where appropriate to the deployment and application but MUST NOT depend on other nodes support. While the published USGv6 [19] does not at this time require support for RFC 4869, the basic IPsec RFCs define a sufficient set of compatible mandatory algorithms to insure interoperability with devices compliant to this profile.

NIST publications provide guidance on the use of cryptographic algorithms and key management, including FIPS 197 [26] FIPS 140-2 [27] and NIST SP 800-57 [25]. Additional guidance can be found in RFC 4308, RFC 5008, RFC 4754, RFC 5759 and NSA publications on Suite B including the Fact Sheet available at http://www.nsa.gov/ia/industry/crypto_suite_b.cfm. Nothing in this Profiles document should be interpreted as extending or abrogating any prior published policy defined in the NSA and NIST publications.

IPv6 End Nodes in wireless LAN deployments requiring strong Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) security across wireless links Conditionally SHOULD support AES Counter with Cipher-block Chaining Message Authentication Code (CCM) Mode as specified in IEEE 802.11-2007 amendment 802.11i wireless security standard. [16] [17]

The requirement for RFC 4301 Architecture for IPsec was effective with publication of Version 3.0, which was 24 months from specification of MUST for this requirement in Version 1.0 of this document. It is strongly recommended that all products meet this requirement before submission for IPv6 Capable testing. While a product may be on the IPv6 Capable Registry with an exception, DoD components may have specific deployment requirements that prevent them from buying products that do not meet the IPsec requirements.

2.2.2 IKE Version 2 Support

In conjunction with the IPsec Architecture, some method for key management is required. All IPv6 Nodes implementing IPsec need to be interoperable with Product Classes that only support Manual Keying (especially Network Appliances and Simple Servers). Therefore all IPv6 Nodes MUST support Manual Keying for IPsec.

Internet Key Exchange (IKE) was defined in RFC 2409 but has been rendered obsolete by IKE Version 2 (IKEv2). IKEv2 is simpler to deploy, has clearer documentation, is more efficient, has fewer options and fixes some of the shortcomings in IKEv1. IKEv2 is integral to the RFC 4301 Architecture and some of its advanced features depend on IKEv2 and are not available with the original IKE.

IKE Version 2 (IKEv2) is defined in the following referenced RFCs. An IPv6 Node implementing IKEv2 MUST support:

- RFC 4306, Internet Key Exchange (IKEv2) Protocol or SHOULD+ support RFC 5996 [replaces RFC 4306]
- RFC 4307, Cryptographic Algorithms for Use in the Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2)

In addition, implementers should be aware of several RFCs and Internet-Drafts representing extensions and emerging capabilities.

- RFC 4718 provides guidance and clarification for IKEv2 [RFC 4306] implementations.
- RFC 5723 defines an extension to IKEv2 to permit efficient reestablishment of security associations after an interruption.
- RFC 4478 provides for repeated authentications to limit the lifespan of third-party use
- RFC 4739 extends the protocol to multiple authentications, using alternate mechanisms.
- RFC 5739 – IPv6 Configuration in IKEv2
- RFC 5998 – An Extension for EAP-Only Authentication in IKEv2

IKEv2 by design is not interoperable with IKEv1 implementations. Products implementing IKEv2 MAY implement an operational fall-back to IKEv1 to provide interoperability.

IKEv2 is not widely available in commercial products. The effective date for the requirement for IKEv2 is July 2012, which was 24 months from the publication of Version 5.0 of this document. Recognizing that the MUST for IKEv2 was first stated in Version 2.0, it is still strongly recommended that all products meet this requirement before submission for UCR IPv6 testing, and if not the vendor Letter of Conformance (LoC) MUST include a statement of the vendor intention regarding future support. While a product may be generally acceptable with an exception, DoD components may have specific deployment requirements that prevent them from buying products that do not meet the IKEv2 requirements.

2.2.3 IPsec and IKE Fall-back Requirements

A product in a product class that MUST support IPsec which does not implement IKEv2 may be approved with an exception, but in such a case the product MUST at least support the legacy automatic Internet Key Exchange (IKE) original version by supporting the following RFCs

- RFC 2407, The Internet IP Security Domain of Interpretation for ISAKMP
- RFC 2408, Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol
- RFC 2409, The Internet Key Exchange (IKE)
- RFC 4109, Algorithms for Internet Key Exchange Version 1 (IKEv1)
- SHOULD support RFC 4304, Extended Sequence Number (ESN) Addendum to IPsec Domain of Interpretation (DOI) for Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP).

A product in a product class that MUST support IPsec RFC 4301 architecture may be approved with an exception, but in such a case the product must support the following fallback requirements for RFC 2401 architecture:

- All nodes MUST support the Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol as defined in RFC 2401
- All nodes MUST support the IPsec Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) as defined in RFC 2406
- All nodes MUST support the IPsec Authentication Header (AH) as defined in RFC 2402,

Although this version of IPsec is RETIRED, this definition is included to help evaluate legacy products that will not meet the RFC 4301 architecture.

2.3 Transition Mechanism (TM) Functional Requirements

The long-established strategy for IPv6 transition depends on achievement of “IPv6-dominance” before the exhaustion of IPv4 address space. In an IPv6-dominant network the preponderance of end-nodes would be IPv6 Capable, all routers would be Dual Stack, and the majority of traffic would be IPv6. IPv6 Capable end-nodes would be Dual Stack to support communication with the residual IPv4 legacy nodes.

Unfortunately, the day of reckoning (shortage or exhaustion of IPv4 address space) will arrive before the achievement of IPv6-dominance. The provision of significant routable IPv4 address space to support large numbers of Dual Stack end-nodes is difficult already, and will become impossible as registries restrict allocation and eventually run out. Dual Stack will not be feasible for some network operators (e.g. broadband access networks that would require a large pool of IPv4 addresses for new Dual Stack subscribers) and significant new effort is in progress in the IETF IPv6 Operations (v6ops) working group to define viable alternatives to transition that will not require IPv4 address space. While such developments will be of interest to DoD, the exhaustion of IPv4 address space will not significantly impede the deployment of Dual Stack hosts within DoD networks due to the large pool of IPv4 addresses already allocated.

Recognizing that IPv6 Nodes will coexist with legacy IPv4-only Nodes for some time, Transition Mechanisms (TMs) will be needed to support interoperability. There is some disagreement on the proper terminology to use but the term “transition” in the context of this document refers to the co-existence of IPv4 and IPv6 nodes in an operational network regardless of the time span. The editors are continuing to use the terms Transition and Transition Mechanism for consistency with previous versions and with other policy statements [8]. Several IETF working groups including Behave, Softwires, 6man and v6ops as well as a combined interim meeting have focused on the coexistence problem. The editors of this document are closely following and

participating in these discussions. This work is likely to result in additional useful tools to support coexistence and transition.

Like IPsec, TM requirements are dependent on application, deployment and architectural factors. Deployment of IPv6 must accommodate the IPv4 base, as there will be no capability for IPv4 networks or nodes to interoperate with IPv6. It is difficult to define transition requirements for a particular product – the network architecture must support the long-term interoperability of IPv6-only end-nodes with IPv4-only peers, and among the residual IPv4 networks and nodes. All new nodes being acquired for connection to the DoD Global Information Grid (GIG) must support certain transition mechanisms as described in this section, and may support others.

These mechanisms include dual stack operation, configured and automatic tunneling and translation. RFC 4213, Transition Mechanisms for IPv6 Hosts and Routers, describes several general transition strategies. Each has strengths and weaknesses and would be appropriate to particular architectural situations. To provide maximum interoperability between IPv6 Capable Nodes/Networks and IPv4 nodes/networks the following principles apply:

The core network (Routers, Switches, Information Assurance Devices and any other intermediate nodes) MUST permit transit of both IPv6 and IPv4 packets. This condition can be met through Dual Stack operation across the network (dual protocol routing) OR tunneling at the edge Router. RFC 2185 “Router Aspects of IPv6 Transition” provides some additional considerations for routers deployed in dual-stack environments. RFC 3056 “Connection of IPv6 Domains via IPv4 Clouds” defines an interim mechanism for enabling transport over core IPv4 infrastructure. RFC 3964 “Security Considerations for 6to4” should be considered in conjunction with the 6to4 mechanism.

All IPv6 nodes MUST support Dual Stack to ensure interoperation with the IPv4 base at all phases of the transition. For an IPv6 End Node to interoperate with an IPv4-Only End Node, it MUST accept and transmit IPv4 packets. This is normally met with Dual Stack operation on the platform and dual stack support in the Application or via translation. The translation method can be internal to the platform (bump-in-the-stack), or provided in an external translation device. While Dual Stack in all nodes (including Dual Stack aware applications) is a preferred solution, some products (Network Appliance or Simple Server) may be IPv6-Only, and for some time IPv4-Only legacy devices will remain.

Security is a particular concern in transition mechanisms. RFC 4942 – IPv6 Transition/Coexistence Security Consideration should be consulted for guidance on the use of transition mechanisms. For example “IPv4 Mapped” addresses SHOULD NOT be used “on-the-wire” due to security risks raised by their inherent ambiguities²⁰. The

²⁰ See <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-itojun-v6ops-v4mapped-harmful-02> an expired but widely cited Internet Draft

Teredo method [RFC 4380] which allows IPv6 traffic to punch through simple Network Address Translators (NATs) raises a number of security issues that have been documented [11]. Therefore the use of IPv4 firewalls and Local Network Protection for IPv6 (RFC 4864) is strongly recommended in DoD networks. Teredo is not an acceptable transition mechanism in DoD networks and is explicitly prohibited by DoD policy in some DoD networks as documented in the Network Infrastructure STIG [23] and MO3 Guidance [12].

Translation based on RFC 2766, Network Address Translation – Protocol Translation (NAT-PT) is no longer supported in the IETF community and has been rendered *Historic* by the publication of RFC 4966 primarily for security concerns. NAT-PT as defined in RFC 2766 SHOULD NOT be used in operational DoD networks.²¹ Several IETF Working Groups (WG) are developing solutions for the scenarios that NAT-PT was intended to address; some of this emerging work is described in Section 2.3.2. It appears that one or more of the circulating drafts should progress to standards track. The current IETF efforts divide the problem space into several network architecture scenarios to avoid the complexity of NAT-PT and to mitigate the security risks and other problems inherent to NAT-PT.

Programs MAY use translation as a temporary coexistence tool, to continue use of legacy IPv4 components for the remainder of their life cycle. This approach SHOULD NOT be used for new acquisitions or development of systems which according to previously cited policy documents MUST be IPv6 Capable. An external translation box MAY be used for isolated IPv4-legacy devices or networks at the edge. With the deprecation of NAT-PT, there are no “standards based” translation solutions, although there are commercial products based on Stateless IP/ICMP Translation (SIIT) [RFC 2765] and as of this publication, two of these products have been tested and certified by DoD as IPv6 Capable.

If a translation solution is internal to a product, this MAY be irrelevant to the IPv6 Capable determination because the IPv4-only component and behavior has no external visibility, and thus should not impact IPv6 capability in the network. For example, a translation box combined with an IPv4-Only legacy device could be evaluated as an IPv6 Host/Workstation, Network Appliance or Server depending on its network deployment. Similarly, a complex product composed of several components may have an internal IPv4 network to connect those components, which is not visible if the “system under test” is considered to be the total complex. Only the externally visible IPv6 interface behavior is relevant to the determination of IPv6 Capability; the internal IPv4 interfaces and the IPv4 legacy devices will not be evaluated, analogous to the

²¹ While there are security considerations, there are limited situations where NAT-PT could be used securely, and there were comments at IETF from some who intend to use it in their networks. This specification does not absolutely forbid NAT-PT, but any use requires a thorough understanding of the security concerns

internal functions (bus, memory, etc.) of any device or set of devices being evaluated as a unit under test for IPv6 Capability.

Systems MAY use other approaches to transition defined in RFCs or Internet-Drafts, as long as they do not conflict or interfere with other requirements for IPv6 Capable Nodes. RFC 6052 - IPv6 Addressing of IPv4/IPv6 Translators specifies how an individual IPv6 address is translated to a corresponding IPv4 address, and vice versa, in cases where an algorithmic mapping is used. It defines a well-known prefix for use in algorithmic translations, while allowing organizations to also use network-specific prefixes when appropriate.

RFC 4852 – IPv6 Enterprise Network Analysis provides analysis of managed network scenarios that are relevant to DoD network transition. Conditionally, where IPv6-in-IPv4 tunneling from a Dual Stack host is needed, RFC 3053, IPv6 Tunnel Broker, MUST be followed. Dual Stack Routers may use automatic tunneling per RFC 4852. All Routers and L3 Switches serving as Provider Edge Router SHOULD support IPv6 over MPLS following RFC 4798, Connecting IPv6 islands over IPv4 MPLS using IPv6 Provider Edge (6PE) routers.

Additional mechanisms built on top of these existing mechanisms MAY be supported. An example of this is turning a communications gateway server, such as an e-mail server, into a Dual Stacked Application-Level Gateway (ALG) that can intermediate between IPv4-only mail clients and IPv6-only mail clients.

2.3.1 NAT and Transition Mechanisms

Coexistence and Dual-Stack operations introduce some issues that network designers should be aware of and mitigate as much as possible:

IPv4 networks use Network Address Translation (NAT) to extend the lifetime of IPv4 address space, but this has the side effect of hiding the hosts from public access, and this has become accepted as a “security feature”. IPv6 obviates the need for NAT for address space multiplication, but there is some movement to retain the topology hiding feature. There are other approaches available in IPv6, in particular RFC 4864 – Local Network Protection.

IPv4 NATs present other security issues. Encryption (IPsec ESP) does not work over NATs and Authentication (IPsec AH), while possible, is complicated. The Voice-over-IP (VoIP) media payload traffic that uses user datagram protocol (UDP) cannot flow through NATs. If NATs are kept open by any proprietary or other schemes for transferring of UDP-based traffic continuously, the security vulnerabilities become enormous. These vulnerabilities extend to IPv6 coexistence.

In addition, if IPv6 networks need to use private addressing domains for IPv6 deployments, these mechanisms can be provided using IPv6 standards. This decision will need to be based on priorities and strategies of the tactical networks. However,

consequences of using private IPv6 addresses in conjunction with the public addresses should be examined.

In the light of the above, the dual-stack IPv4-IPv6 router is used in the edge of the IPv6 network while the core of the IPv6 network SHOULD be using IPv6-only routers as far as practicable. Moreover, IPv4 network will be using OSPFv2 as its interior routing protocol while the IPv6 network will use OSPFv3. This will make sure that IPv4-based VPN and IPv6-based VPN remain logically separated ensuring interoperability without any security vulnerabilities.

2.3.2 Emerging Transitions and Coexistence Mechanisms

Several IETF working groups have been focusing on defining transition and coexistence scenarios, mechanisms and network architectures. The following summarizes this work and identifies recent RFCs and Internet-Drafts that should be considered when designing a network to include both IPv4 and IPv6 nodes.

2.3.2.1 Softwires WG

The Softwires Working Group is specifying the standardization of discovery, control and encapsulation methods for connecting IPv4 networks across IPv6 networks and IPv6 networks across IPv4 networks in a way that will encourage multiple, inter-operable implementations. Primarily this involves various mechanisms for tunneling or encapsulation for the transport of IPx-over-IPy and network topologies to support configuration of such mechanisms. Hub-and-spoke and mesh network topologies are in development.

In addition to these generic “Softwires” methods, the group is also chartered to develop the Dual-Stack Lite (DSLite) solution. DSlite uses Softwires and IPv4 NAT to reduce the global and RFC 1918 IPv4 address space needed for a service provider to deliver IPv4-reachability over an IPv6-enabled network. This issue arises because while Dual-Stack is the preferred method for address family interoperability, most direct implementations of Dual-Stack hosts require global IPv4 addresses or unique RFC 1918 addresses and large service providers do not have enough of either to support their large customer base. DSlite allows customer premises equipment to share IPv4 addresses.

DSLite is being defined in a draft <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-softwire-dual-stack-lite-10> intended for publication as a Standards Track RFC. The group has published several RFCs:

- RFC 4925 – Softwires Problem Statement
- RFC 5565 – Softwires Mesh Framework
- RFC 5619 – Softwires Security Requirements
- RFC 5569 – Rapid Deployment on IPv4 Infrastructure

Current work can be found on the WG status page <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/softwire/> and discussion on the mailing list archive <http://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/softwires/current/maillist.html>.

2.3.2.2 Behave WG

The IETF “Behavior Engineering for Hindrance Avoidance” or Behave WG, has been chartered to document problem statements regarding the traversal of NATs, and to develop solutions. This charter has been extended beyond the original IPv4 NAT to include various approaches to IPv4-IPv6 coexistence that depends on address and header translation. Much like NAT for address space amplification in IPv4, the use of address translation between the IPv4 and IPv6 environments introduces a middlebox that alters the headers and addresses in messages, breaking the end-to-end model. For IPv4-IPv6 coexistence, this can be seen as a last resort and an unavoidable manipulation to enable interoperability between the incompatible domains.

To that end, the Behave WG has several chartered work items that were recently released as the following RFCs:

- RFC 6144 – Framework for IPv4/IPv6 Translation;
- RFC 6052 – IPv6 Addressing of IPv4/IPv6 Translators
- RFC 6145 – IP/ICMP Translation Algorithm
- RFC 6146 – Stateful NAT64: Network Address and Protocol Translation from IPv6 Clients to IPv4 Servers
- RFC 6147 – DNS64: DNS Extensions for NAT64

These RFCs respectively define the framework and scenario set for IPv4/IPv6 translation; an approach to address assignment for translators; an update to the Stateless IP/ICMP Translation (SIIT – RFC 2765); stateful extensions to the NAT64 solution approach; and a modular definition of the DNS services needed for NAT64. The framework separates the NAT64 from the Domain Name System (DNS) box and attempts to avoid the pitfalls that doomed Network Address Translation/Protocol Translation (NAT-PT).

They will be the baseline definition of the interim approach for coexistence, and 8 unidirectional scenarios based on the type of initiator and the networks involved, and several solutions needed in the near term. Additional drafts documenting the remaining scenarios, alternative solutions and other related technologies are being written and reviewed. See the WG status page <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/behave/> and mailing list <http://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/behave/current/maillist.html> for current work and discussion.

The RFCs were published as Informational RFCs, and provide important guidance to deployment of IPv6 clients, servers and networks during the extended period of coexistence with IPv4. They may be cited in the DISR and IPv6 Profiles as Informational references. With a long period of coexistence, and the likely persistence of legacy equipment in DoD networks, a variety of approaches and products will be essential to ensure interoperability.

2.3.2.3 IPv6 Operations WG

The IPv6 Operations (v6ops) WG is chartered to develop guidelines for the operation of a shared IPv4/IPv6 Internet and provides guidance on how to deploy IPv6 into existing IPv4-only networks as well as new networks. The v6ops WG will publish Information RFCs and “Best Current Practices” or BCPs that document operational issues and provide some insight on solutions. The group is specifically not chartered to modify or maintain the IPv6 protocol or any other Standards Track RFCs. The expertise in this group as well as the work somewhat overlaps with the Softwires, Behave and IPv6 Maintenance (6man) working groups, but its focus on operational and deployment issues provides a different perspective. An important area of concentration is on security issues that arise in IPv6 deployment, and in particular those concerning the operation of shared IPv4/IPv6 networks.

A long list of RFCs have been published by this WG, some more recent items of interest include:

- RFC 5375 – IPv6 Unicast Unique Address Assignment
- RFC 5220 and 5221 – Problem Statement and Requirements for Address Selection
- RFC 4038 – Application Aspects of the IPv6 Transition
- RFC 4942 – IPv6 Transition/Coexistence Security Considerations
- RFC 6092 – Recommended Simple Security Capabilities in Customer Premises Equipment for Providing Residential IPv6 Internet Service
- RFC 6036 – Emerging Service Provider Scenarios for IPv6 Deployment
- RFC 6169 – Security Concerns with IP Tunneling

Additional drafts and RFCs can be found at the WG status page <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/v6ops/> and discussions on the mailing list archive <http://ops.ietf.org/lists/v6ops/v6ops.2010/>.

2.3.2.4 IPv6 Maintenance WG

The IPv6 Maintenance (6man) WG is chartered with maintaining, updating and advancing the published IPv6 protocol and addressing RFCs and publishing new Standards Track RFCs as needed to address protocol issues/limitations encountered during deployment and operation. It is specifically not chartered to develop major changes or additions to the IPv6 specifications.

Current work of interest includes:

- Update to the IPv6 Node Requirements (RFC 4294)
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-6man-node-req-bis-11>
- Considerations for IPv6 Address Selection Policy Changes
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-6man-addr-select-considerations-03> and
Solution Approaches for Address-Selection Problems
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-6man-addr-select-sol-03>
- Unique IPv4-Mapped Addresses
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-thaler-6man-unique-v4mapped-00.txt>

Additional information on work in the WG can be found on the WG status page
<http://tools.ietf.org/wg/6man/> and on the mailing list
<http://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/ipv6/current/maillist.html>.

2.4 Quality of Service (QoS) Functional Requirements

As IPv6 Quality of Services (QoS) extensions and usage guidance matures, this profile will be expanded. The following are current IPv6 protocols related to QoS signaling:

- RFC 2474, Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers
 - Routers MUST process Differentiated Service (DiffServ) headers and offer differentiation of traffic service classes
 - Routers and Switches providing Assured Services Conditionally MUST support Layer 3 Queuing based on the Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP)
 - RFC 2475 defines an Architecture for Differentiated Services
 - RFC 4594 provides Guidelines on DiffServ Classes
 - RFC 3260 documents New Terminology and Clarifications for DiffServ, changes that will be rolled into any future updates of RFCs 2474 and 2475
 - Network Appliances deployed as End-Instruments in the UC architecture conditionally MUST support DSCP tagging
- RFC 3168, The Addition of Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) to IP
 - Routers SHOULD process the ECN field in the IP header
- RFC 6040, ECN Tunneling

- Specifies common ECN field processing at encapsulation and decapsulation for any IP-in-IP tunneling, whether IPsec or non-IPsec tunnels.
- Routers to be deployed in an Integrated Services (IntServe) architecture SHOULD support RSVP based QoS as defined in the following RFCs:
 - RFC 2205, Resource ReSerVation Protocol (RSVP) – Version 1 Functional Specification
 - RFC 2207, RSVP Extensions for IPSEC Data Flows
 - RFC 2210, The Use of RSVP with IETF Integrated Services
 - RFC 2750, RSVP Extensions for Policy Control
- Optionally, Routers may also support RFC 3175, Aggregation of RSVP for IPv4 and IPv6 Reservations
- The following RFCs MAY be supported in some deployments:
 - RFC 3181, Signaled Preemption Priority Policy Object
 - RFC 2961, RSVP Refresh Overhead Reduction Extension
 - RFC 4495, A Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) Extension for the Reduction of Bandwidth of a Reservation Flow
 - RFC 2998, A Framework for Integrated Services Operation over DiffServ Networks
 - RFC 2996, Format of the RSVP DCLASS Object
 - RFC 2746, RSVP Operation Over IP Tunnels
 - RFC 3182, Identity Representation for RSVP
 - RFC 2872, Application and Sub Application Identity Policy Element for Use with RSVP
 - RFC 2747, RSVP Cryptographic Authentication
 - RFC 2208, RSVP Applicability Statement; guidelines for deployment
 - RFC 5432, QoS Mechanism Selection in the Session Description Protocol
 - RFC 2386, A Framework for QoS-based Routing
- IPv6 also has a 20-bit field known as the flow label field. The flow label enables per-flow processing for differentiation at the IP layer. It can be used for special sender requests and is set by the source node. The flow label must not be modified by an intermediate node. RFC 3697, IPv6 Flow Label Specification, defines the minimum requirements for IPv6 source nodes labeling flows, IPv6 nodes forwarding labeled packets, and flow state establishment methods. It is currently not used.

2.4.1 Emerging QoS Approach

RSVP QoS signaling mechanisms may not be adequately scalable for the large enterprise network like DoD's Global Information Grid (GIG). Consequently a new protocol known as the Next Steps in Signaling (NSIS) QoS protocol suite is being developed by the IETF. NSIS is a newly emerging transport layer signaling protocol for the transport of upper layer signaling intended to have some backward compatibility with RSVP QoS protocol suites. A two-layer model separates the transport of the signaling from the application signaling, allowing NSIS to be used for a more general signaling protocol to support signaling for various services or resources, such as

network address translator (NAT) & firewall traversal, mobility, and QoS resources. In addition, security for NSIS QoS protocol suite is being developed that is compatibility with authentication and authorization mechanisms such as those of Diameter, common open policy service (COPS) for RSVP (RFC 2749) and RSVP Session Authorization (RFC 3250). Network architects and product developers should be aware of this development; this citation is informational only at this time. NSIS may result in requirements in the future as the specifications mature.

The Request for Comments (RFCs) and Internet-Drafts (IDs) to date related to the NSIS QOS protocol mechanisms are as follows:

- RFC 3583: Requirements of a Quality of Service (QoS) Solution for Mobile
- RFC 3726: Requirements for Signaling Protocols
- RFC 4094: Analysis of Existing Quality of Service Signaling Protocols
- RFC 4080: Next Steps in Signaling (NSIS): Framework
- RFC 4081: Security Threats for Next Steps in Signaling (NSIS)
- Draft: NSLP for Quality-of-Service Signaling
- Draft: NAT/Firewall NSIS Signaling Layer Protocol (NSLP)
- Draft: GIST: General Internet Signaling Transport
- Draft: QoS NSLP QSPEC Template
- Draft: Applicability Statement of NSIS Protocols in Mobile Environments
- Draft: RMD-QOSM - The Resource Management in Diffserv QOS Model
- Draft: GIST State Machine
- Draft: Y.1541-QOSM - Y.1541 QoS Model for Networks Using Y.1541 QoS Classes
- Draft: NSIS Operation Over IP Tunnels
- Draft: Using and Extending the NSIS Protocol Family

2.5 Mobility (MOB) Functional Requirements

Mobile IPv6 (MIPv6) and NEtwork MObility (NEMO) are emerging IPv6-based network mobility services that SHOULD be implemented on new IPv6 systems. MIPv6 is not mature enough to be generally mandated, and work continues in several important related areas to fill holes in the Mobility architecture. The profile for Mobility presented here is not a complete analysis of all Mobility specifications, but attempts to cover some of the basic requirements for MIPv6-capable Hosts and Routers. An organization considering a Mobility deployment will have to evaluate applicability of the RFCs cited here, as well as more recently published RFCs and current work in the IETF. Mobile IP provides some very powerful and flexible options for deployment and should be considered in long-term planning and evaluated through experimentation and pilot programs.

At this time MIPv6 is not mandatory for any particular product class; application and deployment conditions will dictate whether these optional features are required in products selected for particular configurations. These requirements as a whole are conditional: IF MIPv6 is included the product MUST implement it as defined in the RFCs

cited in this section. MIPv6 is defined in RFC 3775, Mobility Support in IPv6 and security for MIPv6 is defined in RFC 3776, Using IPsec to Protect Mobile IPv6 Signaling between Mobile Nodes and Home Agents as updated by RFC 4877, Mobile IPv6 Operations With IKEv2 and the Revised IPsec Architecture. NEMO is defined in RFC 3963, Network Mobility (NEMO) Basic Support Protocol.

RFC 4877 extended the previous definition of MIPv6 security, RFC 3776. RFC 3776 specified IKEv1 for MIPv6 security while RFC 4877 provides compatibility with the RFC 4301 IPsec architecture by specifying the use of IKEv2 with MIPv6. The requirement on RFC 4877 was introduced in Version 3.0 of this specification, with an effective date 24 months following publication, this is being deferred until July 2012, coordinated with the revised effective date for IKEv2 itself. However, we recommend that MIPv6 Capable Nodes and Home Agent Routers support IKEv2 for MIPv6 security as soon as practical.

There are three primary roles in a MIPv6 deployment:

1. Mobile Node (MN) – a Mobile Node implements the host requirements for MIPv6
2. Home Agent (HA) – a Home Agent is an enhanced router on the home network of a MN which maintains bindings of the MN home address to its current care of address, and arranges for forwarding (via tunnel) of packets which appear on the home link addressed to the MN home address
3. Correspondent Node (CN) – any other node exchanging packets with a MN; any unmodified IPv6-capable node is a CN, without the advantage of Route Optimization (RO)

Route Optimization provides a means for an enhanced CN to discover the care of address for a MN, and to avoid triangular routing via the HA after the initial exchange of packets.

2.5.1 MIPv6 Capable Node

An End Node which can operate as a Mobile IPv6 node is “MIPv6 Capable”. If a product will be deployed as a MIPv6 Capable Node it MUST support the Mobile Node requirements in RFC 3775, MUST support RFC 3776 and MUST support RFC 4877. A MIPv6 Capable Node SHOULD+ support RFC 4282, The Network Access Identifier and SHOULD+ support RFC 4283, Mobile Node Identifier Option for MIPv6. While it appears there may be some incentive to support MIPv6 in portable devices, it is more difficult to see a use case for desktop systems. However, the distinction between “desktop” and “portable” has been shrinking with trend towards a single laptop for desktop and travel use. MIPv6 may be a useful feature for OS vendors to consider for all versions, not just those targeted to hand-held and palm-top devices.

2.5.2 Home Agent Router

A Router that will be deployed as a Home Agent MUST support the Home Agent requirements in RFC 3775, MUST support RFC 3776, MUST support RFC 4877 and SHOULD+ implement RFC 4282 and RFC 4283.

2.5.3 NEMO Capable Router

Network Mobility (NEMO) extends Mobile Node capability to an entire sub-network. A Router which meets the requirements for Network Mobility is a “NEMO Capable Router.” A NEMO Capable Router MUST implement RFC 3963.

2.5.4 Route Optimization

Any IPv6 Capable Node can interoperate with a MIPv6 Mobile Node as a Correspondent Node as stated in Section 8.1 of RFC 3775 (no additional functionality is required). MIPv6 includes a feature called “Route Optimization” which increases the efficiency of packet routing between a Mobile Node and Correspondent Node. An IPv6 Capable Node to be deployed where MIPv6 is prevalent SHOULD support Route Optimization as defined in RFC 3775.

Route Optimization presents some unique challenges. There is a misalignment of incentive – for RO to be effective it must be widely implemented by the Correspondent Nodes including general purpose servers for which it provides no benefit. RO certainly would provide performance enhancement for a geographically dispersed enterprise, where it would eliminate triangular routing of packets to a home network when the MN was visiting a location where the enterprise maintained corporate servers. While it would be helpful for general servers to support RO, due to current lack of MIPv6 deployments and the small benefit it does not make sense to require RO for servers at this time.

RO raises some security concerns, especially in deployments where it would be undesirable to reveal the location of a travelling MIPv6 MN. At least an approximate location can be derived from IPv6 prefix of the network where the MN is operating. In those cases, it would be better to disable RO in the MN and rely on the Home Agent to conceal the current location of the MN.

2.5.5 Future Mobility Capabilities

The Mobility Extensions (MEXT) WG is exploring other extensions and modifications to the MIPv6 set of protocols. Some recent RFCs that go beyond baseline mobility include:

- RFC 5555 – Dual Stack Mobile IPv6
- RFC 5637 – AAA Goals for MIPv6
- RFC 4285 – Authentication Protocol for MIPv6

- RFC 5778 – Diameter Mobile IPv6: support for HA to Diameter Server Interaction
- RFC 5846 – Binding Revocation for MIPv6

Current Internet-Drafts in progress in MEXT include:

- A revision to the base IPv6 mobility specification RFC 3775
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-mext-rfc3775bis-13>
- Prefix Delegation for NEMO
<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-mext-nemo-pd-07>
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Additional work can be tracked on the MEXT status page <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/mext/> and the discussion on the mailing list <http://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/mext/current/maillist.html>.

2.6 Bandwidth Limited Networks Functional Requirements

IPv6 support for RF wireless systems and other bandwidth limited deployments will benefit from optimizations including header compression. The requirements in this section are conditional; where header compression is needed, the listed RFCs MUST be followed. Please note that header compression by its nature may not be compatible with IPsec in some configurations.

2.6.1 Robust Header Compression (RoHC)

Robust Header Compression (RoHC) is designed to provide a significant improvement in transmission efficiency for bandwidth limited networks. It will likely be used in cellular networks (2.5G and 3G) and other wireless links. It is an emerging technology, and currently optional. Where it is used the following RFCs are relevant:

- When header compression over wireless links is required ROHC MUST be used as defined in the following RFCs:
- The Framework for RoHC is defined in RFC 5795 (replaces RFC 4995), RoHC Framework – this RFC is an unmodified extract of the framework definition from RFC 3095. Note that the profile definitions in RFC 3095 have not been obsoleted by the additional profile RFCs cited below.
- RFC 4996, RoHC: A profile for TCP/IP – this RFC provides a specific profile for compression of TCP/IP headers based on the framework defined in RFC 5795.
- RFC 5225, RoHC Version 2 Profiles for RTP, UDP, IP, ESP and UDP-lite.
- While RFC 5795 replaces the Framework defined in RFC 3095, the profiles in RFC 3095 are still compatible with the RFC 5795 statement of the Framework and MAY still be used in legacy implementations; the newer definitions cited

above SHOULD be used. When RFC 3095 is used the following RFCs MAY also be implemented:

- RFC 4815, Corrections and Clarifications to RFC 3095.
- RFC 3843, RObust Header Compression (ROHC): A Compression Profile for IP– Additional guidance for extending RFC 3095 for any arbitrary IP header chain. Supports reliable IP header compression over wireless links. When header compression over wireless links is required ROHC MUST be used.
- RFC 4362, RObust Header Compression (ROHC): A Link-Layer Assisted Profile for IP/UDP/RTP - Additional guidance for optimizing RFC 3095 for various link-layers. Supports reliable IP header compression over wireless links.
- For compression over various PPP and low-speed links – RFC 3241, RObust Header Compression (ROHC) over PPP.

2.6.2 IP Header Compression

IP Header Compression is an earlier alternative to RoHC. IP Header Compression is optional; where it is used the following RFCs are relevant.

- RFC 2507, IP Header Compression, February 1999 (For low-speed wired links requiring compression)
- RFC 2508, Compressing IP/UDP/RTP Headers for Low-Speed Serial Links (For low-speed serial links requiring compression)
- RFC 3173, IP Payload Compression

2.7 Network Management (NM) Functional Requirements

Networking infrastructures at scales larger than today's networks require that both Hosts and Routers have scalable mechanisms to configure, to monitor and to manage their behavior. The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) provides a means for automated remote management of IPv6 Nodes based upon Management Information Bases (MIBs) for IPv6 protocols. While support in Routers is common, SNMP management has rarely been used in the industry for the management of Hosts. Use of SNMP for monitoring (GetRequest, GetNextRequest, GetBulkRequest and Trap) is more common than active management (SetRequest). Implementation of active management is not required at this time, and in fact some deployment environments may forbid its use.

While the requirements for Network Management are still evolving, SNMP Version 3 (SNMPv3) as defined in Standard 62/RFC 3411, An Architecture for Describing Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Management Frameworks is the preferred method of remote management, although alternative management tools are also permitted. Prior to SNMPv3 SNMP included only rudimentary security. Conditionally, IF IPv6 Capable Nodes are managed via SNMP, the management MUST support SNMPv3 as defined in IETF Standard 62:

- RFC 3411, An Architecture for Describing Simple Network Management Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3)

- RFC 3412, Message Processing and Dispatching for the SNMP
- RFC 3413, SNMP Applications

While configuration via SNMP is not mandated for all deployments, availability in products is recommended to enable the use of SNMP for monitoring and configuring network elements when desirable.

SNMP implementation is built around a Management Information Base (MIB) defined by several general MIB and protocol RFCs as well as MIB RFCs specific to a node type or specific features. Conditionally, IF IPv6 Capable Nodes are managed via SNMP implementations MUST support RFC 4293, Management Information Base (MIB) for IP, (which obsoletes RFC 2465 and 2466) and MUST be supported to provide SNMPv3 management of IPv6 features; these two RFCs have been combined with IPv4 MIBs and updated in RFC 4293 to cover all IP management.

In general, if a feature/function/protocol is configured or managed via SNMP, support for the corresponding MIB RFC is conditionally required.

Hosts and Servers managed by SNMPv3 Conditionally SHOULD+ also support the following MIBs:

- RFC 4022, Management Information Base for the Transmission Control Protocol
- RFC 4113, Management Information Base for the User Datagram Protocol

Routers managed by SNMPv3 MUST also support the following MIBs:

- RFC 4292, IP Forwarding Table
- Conditionally, If the IPsec Security Policy Database is configured through SNMP, RFC 4807
- Conditionally, if the Differentiated Services Architecture is configured through SNMP, RFC 3289
- Conditionally, if the router supports tunneling, RFC 4087
- Conditionally, if the router supports MIPv6, RFC 4295

Other MIBs that MAY be appropriate to specific products or features include:

- RFC 4807, IPsec Security Policy Database Configuration MIB SHOULD be supported when the IPsec Security Policy Database is used
- RFC 4292, IP Forwarding Table MIB SHOULD be supported

IPv6 Capable Nodes managed via SNMP SHOULD+ [to become MUST effective July 2012] support SNMP over an IPv6 interface.

2.8 Routing Protocol Requirements

A Router may be deployed as an Exterior Router (at the network edge) or an Interior Router (in the network core). Router products MAY include both capabilities.

2.8.1 Interior Router Requirements

An Interior Router MUST support OSPF for IPv6 (OSPFv3) as specified in RFC 5340²². Conditionally, an Interior Router implementing OSPFv3 MUST support RFC 4552, Authentication/Confidentiality for OSPFv3²³. OSPFv3 implementers should be aware of a [recent](#) RFC 5838 “Support of Address Families in OSPFv3” discussing the approach to handling multiple Address Families in OSPFv3 using multiple instances. This will be useful in the dual-stack environment for supporting both IPv4 and IPv6 routing domains.

The Intermediate System to Intermediate System (IS-IS) routing protocol is used in DoD backbone networks. IS-IS was developed roughly in parallel with OSPF, originally for OSI stack networks and later adapted to TCP/IP networks.

Conditionally, an IPv6-Capable Interior Router deployed in an IS-IS routing architecture (for IPv6-only or dual-stack operation) MUST implement IS-IS for IPv6 as specified in:

- RFC 5308 – Routing IPv6 with IS-IS
- RFC 5304 – IS-IS Cryptographic Authentication
- RFC 5310 – IS-IS Generic Cryptographic Authentication

IS-IS implementers should monitor further specification of ancillary features in the IETF ISIS Working Group, [such](#) as the recently released RFC 6119 “IPv6 Traffic Engineering in IS-IS”.

An Interior Router MAY support other routing protocols as appropriate to the deployed routing architecture.

2.8.2 Exterior Router Requirements

An Exterior Router (BGP gateway) between routing systems MUST support:

- RFC 4271, A Border Gateway Protocol 4 (BGP-4)
- RFC 1772, Application of the Border Gateway Protocol in the Internet
- RFC 2545, Use of BGP-4 Multi-protocol Extensions for IPv6 Inter-Domain Routing
- RFC 4760, Multi-protocol Extensions for BGP-4
- Conditionally, an edge router MUST support RFC 2784, Generic Router Encapsulation (GRE): IPv6-in-IPv4 tunnels when transiting IPv4 core network; Routers implementing GRE SHOULD also support RFC 2890 – Key and Sequence Number Extensions to GRE.

²²RFC 5340 replaced the now obsolete RFC 2740 in July 2008.

²³ RFC 4552 relies on manual key exchange (pre-configuration) and may not be appropriate in a dynamic tactical environment. Router acquisitions for tactical deployment are exempt from this requirement.

- Conditionally, an edge router **MUST** support RFC 2473, Generic Packet Tunneling in IPv6 Specification to provide IPv4-in-IPv6 tunnels.

A BGP gateway **MAY** support BGP Extended Communities [RFC 4360] and its extension for IPv6 [RFC 5701].

A BGP gateway **MAY** support 4over6 Transit Solution Using IP Encapsulation and MP-BGP Extensions in deployments where automated tunnels are required to transport IPv4 traffic over IPv6 backbones.

2.8.3 Extensions to Routing Requirements

RFC 5798 – Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol Version 3 for IPv4 and IPv6 – should be considered for deployments that would benefit from router redundancy.

2.9 Automatic Configuration

IPv6 includes two methods by which a node can automatically discover and configure its own unique global IPv6 interface address(es) along with other network configuration parameters. Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC) and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol for IPv6 (DHCPv6) are complementary methods, but not mutually exclusive. A product may include an implementation of either or both.

SLAAC is appropriate in deployments where Host/Workstation and Network Appliance nodes are permitted to obtain their interface address(es) dynamically from the currently available on-link router. DHCPv6 provides for a stateful equivalent to SLAAC in deployments where more central control is necessary, through administration of DHCP servers. Due to the nature of many deployments, configuration management requirements may imply a preference for DHCPv6 for automatic configuration. For example, DoDI 8520.2 – PKI and Public Key Enabling will depend on DHCPv6 and Dynamic DNS to support Fully Qualified Domain Names (FQDN) which are not supported in SLAAC.

There will be deployments where static IP addresses are always assigned so all nodes implementing either or both autoconfiguration methods **MUST** have a configuration option to disable the autoconfiguration. Autoconfiguration is generally inappropriate for Intermediate Nodes (Routers, L3 Switches and IA Devices) and Servers but **MAY** be implemented for configuring the global addresses for administrative interface on any node. However, all nodes **MUST** generate link-local addresses as specified in RFC 4862 (replaces RFC 2462 as of version 3.0 of this document).

Network designers **SHOULD** consider RFC 4192 “Procedures for Renumbering an IPv6 Network without a Flag Day” when planning network address architecture and whether and how to implement autoconfiguration. RFC 4192 indicates that SLAAC and DHCPv6 both provide advantages that help mitigate the impact of renumbering on hosts.

2.9.1 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC)

An IPv6 Node using SLAAC to configure its unique IPv6 interface addresses **MUST** implement the host requirements specified by RFC 4862 (replaces RFC 2462 as of version 3.0 of this document) and **SHOULD+** implement RFC 5175 (replaces RFC 5075 as of version 3.0 of this document) extensions to Router Advertisement flags.

When an IPv6 host's address is autoconfigured through IPv6 stateless address autoconfiguration and when there is either no DHCPv6 infrastructure at all or the host does not have a DHCPv6 client, RFC 6106, IPv6 Router Advertisement (RA) DNS Options should be used for DNS configuration.

2.9.2 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol – Version 6 (DHCPv6) Client

An IPv6 Node using DHCPv6 to configure its unique IPv6 interface address(es) **MUST** implement the client requirements specified by RFC 3315, DHCPv6.

2.9.3 DHCPv6 Server

An IPv6 Node that is deployed as a DHCPv6 Server **MUST** implement the server requirements specified by RFC 3315, DHCPv6 and **SHOULD** implement IPv6 Prefix Delegation as specified by RFC 3633. RFC 3769 provides additional background on the design of Prefix Delegation.

2.9.4 DHCPv6 Relay Agent

An IPv6 Node that is deployed as a DHCPv6 Relay Agent **MUST** implement the relay agent requirements specified by RFC 3315, DHCPv6.

2.10 Virtual Private Network (VPN)

It is common for managed network environments to offer Virtual Private Network (VPN) to allow secure remote access. VPN is a Conditional requirement because not every installation will use it. In addition, not all VPN devices will be placed in a position where they need to support full routing tables as required by BGP or OSPF. In deployments that require VPN with WAN interfaces and Interior or Exterior routing, the device Conditionally **MUST** conform to:

- RFC 4364 – BGP/MPLS IPv6 VPNs
- RFC 4577 – OSPF Edge Protocol for BGP/MPLS IPv6 VPNs
- RFC 4684 – Constrained Route Distribution for BGP/MPLS IPv6 VPNs

Recent RFC 5739 “IPv6 Configuration in IKEv2” extends RFC 4306 to accommodate IPv6 configuration analogous to the original support for IPv4 configuration.

3 Product Class Profiles

The Product Class Profiles for each of the Product Classes defined in section 1.6 can now be specified in terms of the Functional Requirements defined in Section 2. For a specific product presented for evaluation as IPv6 Capable, the information in Section 1.6 should be used to determine the appropriate Product Class for the product and the corresponding Product Class Profile in the following sections.

Additional Product Classes may be added in the future as new products are developed and presented for evaluation, or these Product Classes may be modified to cover additional products. The following paragraphs provide detailed Profiles for each Product Class.

3.1 IPv6 End Nodes

3.1.1 Host/Workstation Product Class Profile

IPv6 Capable Host/Workstation Products:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1);
- MUST implement RFC 3810, MLDv2 and RFC 2711, Router Alert Option;
- MUST implement at least one method of autoconfiguration, ether SLAAC as specified in section 2.9.1 or DHCPv6 autoconfiguration as specified in section 2.9.2;
- MUST be IPsec Capable, implementing the IPsec Functional Requirements (Section 2.2);
 - And SHOULD+ support RFC 4941 (replaces RFC 3041), Privacy Extensions for Stateless Address Autoconfiguration;
 - Conditionally, Hosts/Workstations that will operate on networks requiring privacy address extensions or otherwise need to maintain anonymity MUST follow RFC 4941 (replaces RFC 3041) when generating interface identifiers;
- MUST support Transition Mechanism (Section 2.3) requirements for Dual Stack capability for interoperation with IPv4-only legacy nodes;
- MAY support QoS Functional Requirements (Section 2.4);
- Conditionally, MUST implement Correspondent Node (CN) with Route Optimization (Section 2.5.4) IF intended deployment requires interoperation with MIPv6 Capable Nodes; note that Route Optimization is an efficiency concern with priority related to the prevalence of and interaction with MIPv6 Mobile Nodes;
- Conditionally, MUST implement MIPv6 Capable Node Functional Requirements (Section 2.5.1) IF intended to be deployed as a Mobile Node;
- MUST be capable of using IPv6 DNS Resolver function per RFC 3596, DNS Extensions to Support IPv6;
- MUST implement RFC 3484, Default Address Selection for IPv6. It is expected that IPv6 nodes will need to deal with multiple addresses. Section 2.1 of RFC 3484 requires a default “policy table” and encourages implementations to allow

manual configuration. Host/Workstation nodes MUST provide a user configurable policy table to enable override of Default Address Selection (i.e. to force use of specific address in certain situations).

3.1.2 Network Appliance Product Class Profile

IPv6 Capable Network Appliances:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1);
- SHOULD+ be IPsec Capable by supporting the IPsec Functional Requirements (Section 2.2);
- SHOULD support the complete Host/Workstation profile if possible;
- Network Appliance intended for deployment as End-Instruments (EI) in the UC architecture conditionally MUST support DSCP tagging of traffic (see paragraph 2.4).

While it is preferable that all IPv6 Capable Products interoperate with IPv4-Only legacy nodes and networks, a Network Appliance MAY be IPv6-Only and therefore rely upon external methods (tunneling or translation) to interoperate with IPv4.

3.1.3 Server Product Class Profiles

3.1.3.1 Advanced Server Profile

IPv6 Capable Advanced Servers:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1);
 - And MUST implement RFC 3810, MLDv2 and RFC 2711, Router Alert Option;
- MUST be IPsec Capable, implementing the IPsec Functional Requirements (Section 2.2);
- Conditionally, IF an Advanced Server is acting as a client AND needs to maintain anonymity, it MUST support RFC 4941 (replaces RFC 3041), Privacy Extensions for Stateless Address Autoconfiguration when generating interface identifiers; note that a server's primary address will likely be registered in DNS or well-known, so privacy addressing normally would not apply.
- MUST support Transition Mechanism (Section 2.3) requirements for Dual Stack capability for interoperation with IPv4-only legacy nodes;

- SHOULD support QoS Functional Requirements (Section 2.4);
- If the server is to be deployed to support MIPv6 mobile clients, it Conditionally MUST implement Correspondent Node (CN) with Route Optimization (Section 2.5.4). Although any server MAY interoperate with MIPv6 Capable Nodes Route Optimization is not unconditionally required for general purpose servers at this time - note that Route Optimization is an efficiency concern with priority related to the prevalence of and interaction with MIPv6 Mobile Nodes;
- SHOULD support the Network Management requirements (Section 2.7)
- MUST be capable of using IPv6 DNS Resolver function per RFC 3596, DNS Extensions to Support IPv6;
- MUST implement RFC 3484, Default Address Selection for IPv6. It is expected that IPv6 nodes will need to deal with multiple addresses. Section 2.1 of RFC 3484 requires a default “policy table” and encourages implementations to allow manual configuration. Advanced Server nodes MUST provide a user configurable policy table to enable override of Default Address Selection (i.e. to force use of specific address in certain situations).

A Server will add services according to the manufacturer’s service profile and the deployment requirements for the Server. The full service profile of applications offered by an advanced server is beyond the scope of this document, but should be available from the operating system manufacturer or by referencing industry standard profiles such as the UNIX 03 Standard²⁴ Linux Base Standard (LSB)²⁵ or others. Whatever service profile is specified, the IPv6 Advanced Server is expected to offer an IPv6 equivalent of any IPv4 service that the Server is hosting, as well as any IPv6-only services specified in its service profile.

There are many network application services possible, a partial list of services that MAY be provided by a Server include:

- RFC 5905, Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification
- DNS Server:
 - RFC 3596, DNS Extensions to Support IPv6
 - RFC 3226, DNS Security and IPv6 Aware Server/Resolver Message Size Requirements
- SIP Server:
 - RFC 3261, Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
 - RFC 5245, Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE): A Protocol for Network Address Translator (NAT) Traversal for Offer/Answer Protocols
 - RFC 3266 Support for IPv6 in SDP
 - RFC 4566 SDP: Session Description Protocol
- DHCP Server:

²⁴ <http://www.opengroup.org/openbrand/register/xy.htm>

²⁵ <http://www.opengroup.org/lsb/cert/register.html>

- RFC 3315 Section 2.9.3 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol for IPv6 (DHCPv6) Server
- RFC 3315 Section 2.9.4 DHCPv6 Relay Agent
- RFC 3053, IPv6 Tunnel Broker
- RFC 3162, RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service) and IPv6
- RFC 2911, Internet Printing Protocol (IPP)
- RFC 2821, Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)
- FTP Server:
 - RFC 2428, FTP Extensions for IPv6 and NATs; Server must be capable of transferring files with IPv6 and support Extended Data Port (EPRT) and Extended Passive (EPSV) commands
 - Standard 9/RFC 959, File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

3.1.3.2 Simple Server Profile

Requirements for IPv6 Capable Simple Servers are identical to Network Appliance, with the addition that a Simple Server:

- SHOULD meet the Advanced Server Profile if possible (section 3.1.3.1);
- SHOULD provide at least one network service as discussed in Section 3.1.3.1.

3.2 IPv6 Intermediate Nodes

3.2.1 Router Product Profile

IPv6 Capable Routers:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1)
 - And MUST implement RFC 3810, MLDv2 and RFC 2711, Router Alert Option;
- MUST implement the router requirements defined in RFC 4862 (replaces RFC 2462 as of Version 3.0 of this document) including configuration of link-local addresses;
- MAY implement RFC 2894 – Router Renumbering for IPv6
- MUST be IPsec capable, implementing the IPsec Functional Requirements (Section 2.2)
 - And SHOULD+ support RFC 4941 (replaces RFC 3041), Privacy Extensions;
 - And Conditionally, IF the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol is used the router MUST support RFC 4302 (AH) to secure OSPF²⁶;

²⁶ This is to be consistent with the DISA FSO Backbone Transport Services (BTS) Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) [13] which states the following: "(BTS-RTR-010: CAT II) The router administrator will ensure neighbor authentication with MD5 or IPv6 AH is implemented for all routing protocols with all peering routers within the same autonomous system as well as between autonomous systems." Implementing IPsec to secure routing protocols would make a router an "IA Enabled Device" rather than an "IA Device".

- MUST, at a minimum, support transport of both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic via Dual Stack OR manual tunneling Transition Mechanisms (Section 2.3)
- MUST support the QoS Functional Requirements (Section 2.4)
- Conditionally, A Router MUST implement Home Agent capability as defined in Section 2.5.2 IF it will be deployed as a Home Agent Router;
- Conditionally, A Router MUST implement MIPv6 Network Mobility (NEMO) capability as defined in Section 2.5.3 IF it will be deployed as a NEMO Capable Router.
- MUST support the Network Management Functional Requirements (Section 2.7)
- Conditionally, IF the router functions as an Interior Router (network core) it MUST support the Interior Router Requirements (Section 2.8.1)
- Conditionally, IF the router functions as an Exterior Router (BGP gateway) between routing systems, it MUST support the Exterior Router Requirements (Section 2.8.2)
- Conditionally, IF the Router functions as a DHCPv6 Server it MUST implement Section 2.9.3.
- Conditionally, IF the Router functions as a DHCPv6 Relay Agent it MUST implement Section 2.9.4.

A Router product MAY implement one or more Information Assurance functions as defined in section 3.2.3. As such, the router would be an “IA Enabled Product”.

3.2.1.1 Multicast Routing

Deployments intending to make use of IPv6 Multicast should be aware of several RFCs that document multicast routing. RFC 5110 provides an informational overview of Multicast routing. This RFC also lists several reference RFCs in addition to those cited here that may be relevant to some implementations.

Multicast routing protocols have emerged from the IETF Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) Working Group as Proposed Standards: RFC 4601, Protocol Independent Multicast – Sparse Mode (PIM-SM) and RFC 3973, Protocol Independent Multicast – Dense Mode (PIM-DM). IF deployment requires multicast routing protocol, RFC 4601 Conditionally MUST be implemented. RFC 3973 is currently Experimental and not widely implemented, but MAY be considered for optional use where appropriate. Also, if deployments require the use of Source-Specific Multicast (SSM), RFC 4604, Using Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3) and Multicast Listener Discovery Protocol Version 2 (MLDv2) for Source-Specific Multicast and RFC 4607, SSM for IP, should be followed.

3.2.2 Switch Product Profile

The distinctions between Switches and Routers are sometimes difficult to parse, for the most part vendor designation of the product as some type of switch rather than a Router is significant. Within the broad category of Switch products there are significantly different products.

The simplest case is that of an unmanaged or “pure” Layer-2 switch; it switches at Layer 2, using only the MAC addresses in the Layer 2 frame, and does not read or act upon the higher-layer content of the frame. No evaluation of pure Layer 2 switches as IPv6-Capable is necessary, as the IP headers, addresses and supporting protocols are transparent to the Layer-2 switch. Therefore, we do not define a Product Class for a Layer 2 switch. A managed Layer-2 Switch is still primarily a Layer-2 data plane device but it will have some limited layer-3 control plane functions such as SNMPv3 or another management interface that includes an IPv6 stack – if so the product should be evaluated as a Simple Server with respect to that interface.

Version 5.0 of this document added a Conditional requirement for Assured Services that applies to a Switch that will be deployed as an Assured Services Switch. A Layer-2 Switch or Layer-3 Switch Conditionally MUST implement DSCP Queuing as defined in Section 2.4. This embodies an essential capability in the Unified Communications architecture (providing assured services) and is being added for compatibility with UCR 2010.

An IPv6 Capable Layer-3 Switch:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1)
- SHOULD+ be IPsec Capable, implementing the IPsec Functional Requirements (Section 2.2)
- Conditionally, IF the L3 Switch is used as an Exterior Router it
 - MUST support the Exterior Router Requirements (Section 2.8.2) IF the product will be used as an exterior system node and must support routing functions to interface with routers at edge of a switching network
 - MUST, at a minimum, support transport of both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic via Dual Stack OR manual tunneling Transition Mechanisms (Section 2.3)
- Conditionally, IF the L3 Switch is used as an Interior Router it MUST support the Interior Routing Requirements (Section 2.8.1)
- Conditionally, MUST support the Network Management Functional Requirements (Section 2.7) IF the product is a managed switch
- Conditionally, SHOULD support RFC 4541, Considerations for Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) and Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) Snooping Switches IF MLD Snooping is required in the deployment;
- MUST implement the “multicast router” requirements and the “multicast address listener” part of RFC 2710 and conditionally, IF RFC 3810 is supported, MUST implement the “multicast router” requirements and the “multicast address listener” part of RFC 3810.
- Conditionally, IF the L3 Switch is intended to be an Assured Services Switch it MUST support DSCP Queuing as defined in Section 2.4.

A L3 Switch product MAY implement one or more Information Assurance functions as defined in section 3.2.3. As such, the router would be an “IA Enabled Product”.

3.2.3 Information Assurance (IA) Device Product Profile

An IPv6 Capable Information Assurance (IA) Device provides one or more Information Assurance functions:

- Intrusion Detection
- Intrusion Protection
- Firewall
- Security Proxy
- In-line Network Encryptor (INE)
- Virtual Private Network (VPN) server
- VPN remote access client software
- Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA) server
- Spam Filters
- Security Monitoring, Analysis and Response System

This specification only addresses the requirements for an IPv6 Capable IA Device to interoperate in an IPv6 environment; the specific IA function is beyond the scope of these requirements, and beyond the scope of testing based on this specification. Previously established policies and requirements already cover the evaluation and approval of several types of IA devices. The IPv6 Capable evaluation process does not affect or change the requirements defined by the National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP) or FIPS 140-2 [27] or any other mandated requirements on Information Assurance Devices. Specific guidance on IA can be found in the memorandum Department of Defense (DoD) Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Transition Office (DITO) Information Assurance (IA) Guidance for Milestone Objective 3 (MO3) [12]. Guidelines for IA testing of devices attaching to the Defense Switch Network (DSN) are provided in the DSN IA Test Plan [28]. See also DoD Directive 8500.01E [31] and the NSA published "Internet Protocol Version Six Information Assurance Test Plan" [32] that includes additional information.

In addition to its IA functions, An IPv6 Capable IA Device is a "middlebox" and may be viewed as an IPv6 Capable Intermediate Node, forwarding (or blocking) packets depending on the security policy it is implementing. The IA Device will present one or more IPv6 interfaces to the network, and therefore can be evaluated for IPv6 interoperability on those interfaces. The device may behave like an end-node on the network side while appearing to be a router on the LAN side. An IA Device may not participate in all IPv6 support protocols, by the nature of the architectural role it plays. Some IA Devices (for example an Intrusion Detection System) may need to maintain transparency to protocols such as Neighbor Discovery, ICMPv6, IPsec, etc. to perform their mission. Therefore it is not straightforward to specify how such a device can be IPv6 Capable, and it is challenging to verify compliance through testing.

Regardless of how the device is evaluated on its data path, an IA Device may also operate as an IPv6 Capable end-node to be managed via its User Interface or SNMP.

IPv6 Capable IA Devices:

- MUST implement the Base Requirements (Section 2.1)
- Conditionally, MUST be IPsec Capable, implement the IPsec Functional Requirements, IF the device is an IPsec based in-line network encryptor (INE), VPN server, or if it must exchange information with other devices across IPsec secured connections. Some instances of intrusion detection devices, simple firewalls, and other security devices may simply monitor traffic flows and not actually send/receive data across the network and may not require IPsec.
- These devices SHOULD+ support the complete IPsec Functional Requirements but MAY support the following minimal subset of the IPsec requirements:
 - RFC 4301, Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol
 - RFC 4303, IP Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
 - Manual Keying
- If a security device must distribute IP Security Policy information to other devices, it SHOULD+ implement:
 - RFC 3585, IPsec Configuration Policy Information Model
 - RFC 3586, IP Security Policy Requirements
 - Note: New Security device standards are emerging for managing IPsec policy information, managing distributed firewalls, etc., which will fit in this category. There is no official DoD IPv6 IPsec policy available at this time.
- Devices MUST also support IPv6 requirements defined for any special security function of the device. Example:
 - Conditionally, Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) authentication servers MUST support RFC 3162, Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) and IPv6, when used to support IPv6 networks.

An IA Device MAY integrate some router or switch functions, and some MAY function as DHCP servers or relays. If an IA Device incorporates a DHCP server function, it MUST follow the relevant sections of RFC 3315. If an IA device incorporates a DHCP relay function, it MUST follow the relevant sections of RFC 3315.

Conditionally, an IA Device MUST process Differentiated Services (RFC 2474 - DiffServ) field where policy forbids their use or requires enforced setting to zeros to prevent exploit as a covert channel.

3.2.3.1 Integrated Security Device (ISD) Additional Requirements

An Integrated Security Device (ISD) is a device that performs stateful packet inspection of both the IPv4 and IPv6 protocols and performs Intrusion Prevention and Intrusion Detection functions (IPS/IDS) within the same device on both IPv4 and IPv6 protocol stacks. An IPv6 Capable ISD MUST support the Information Assurance Device Profile requirements.

3.2.3.2 IPv6 Security Proxy Additional Requirements

An IPv6 Security Proxy is a device or appliance that is designed to terminate a session and initiate a session on the behalf of an IPv6 host. An IPv6 Security Proxy also serves as a network segregator for services and applications. A Security Proxy Appliance has scalable proxy platform architecture to secure Web communications and accelerate delivery of business applications.

- An IPv6 Security Proxy MUST support the Information Assurance Device Profile Requirements.
- An IPv6 Security Proxy is limited to Tunnel Mode IPsec, and MUST NOT provide Transport Mode IPsec.

3.2.3.3 HAIPE Devices

The High Assurance IP Encryption device (HAIPE) is a special case of IA Device. The HAIPE is designed for pair-wise deployment, providing peer-to-peer implementation of encryption using IPsec (in particular, ESPv3 transport mode and IKEv2) to protect classified traffic over an open network. The HAIPE is a “bump-in-the-wire” device; on one side, the plaintext or PT interface connects to host/workstation device or LAN; on the other side, the ciphertext or CT interface connects to an IPv6 backbone network. The HAIPE presents a unique problem to testing:

- a. As a cryptographic device, the HAIPE has its own set of specifications and requirements [15] and test plans and must be certified by a designated test facility at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR);
- b. As an IPv6 Capable device, the CT side SHOULD+ meet the requirements of this specification for a Host/Workstation, and the PT side SHOULD+ meet the requirements for a Router;
- c. Where requirements are inconsistent or in conflict, the HAIPE specifications and test plans take precedence over this specification; the authors are not aware of any conflicts that would interfere with the interoperability of approved HAIPE devices with other IPv6 Capable products that comply with this specification.

3.2.3.4 IPv6 Firewalls

Like HAIPE, firewalls are covered by established policies for test and evaluation. By their nature, firewalls intentionally interfere with standard protocols by blocking the transit of packets that are permitted by the specification but are forbidden by other security requirements. A good example is the IPv6 Routing extension header type 0 (RH0) which allows a sender (or an attacker) to dictate intermediate nodes in the routing of the packet and any response. As with IPv4 source routing, a firewall may be configured to block IPv6 packets with RH0 to prevent the attack scenario. Although RH0 has been deprecated by RFC 5095, there may still be products that generate or respond to RH0 and a firewall configured to block RH0 would ensure that this vector cannot be used.

The National Security Agency (NSA) has a publication “Firewall Design Considerations for IPv6” [29] which explains the role of a firewall in an IPv6 network. This document includes analysis of the IPv6 implications of IPsec, tunneling, higher layer protocols and other topics on firewall design and operation. Current requirements and testing procedures defined under Common Criteria do not address IPv6, but we anticipate that NSA will develop and publish procedures for IPv6 firewalls. NSA public information can be found at <http://www.nsa.gov/> as well as the Common Criteria site <http://www.niap-ccevs.org/cc-scheme/>.

4 IPv6 Capable Software

We anticipate that software products will be presented for evaluation as IPv6 Capable, but the specific requirements for IPv6 Capable software are limited. Further analysis is needed to develop Product Class definitions for software products, but this section is included to document the current state of the discussion on requirements for Software products.

Software products can be divided into Operating System products, Middleware and Application products, with the following definitions:

Operating System (OS): The foundational software on a Host/Workstation or Server that provides an environment for running applications. The OS includes the communications software (drivers) that provide the IPv6 capabilities and an Application Programming Interface (API) that allows IPv6 Capable Applications to use these features.

Middleware: Middleware is software that mediates between an application program and a network. It manages the interaction between disparate applications across the heterogeneous computing platforms. The Object Request Broker (ORB), software that manages communication between objects, is an example of a middleware program.

Application: Software expressing specific functional requirements, particular to its use. The evaluation of an Application software product as IPv6 Capable is based on its use of IPv6 addresses and other IPv6-specific features available through the API.

Application Vendors can be expected to scan and test their code for IPv6 compliance and provide a letter of compliance indicating to what degree they comply. End users of Applications will be looking to DISA to verify that the Application will interoperate with other IPv6 components based on the DISR profiles. Third party or packaged Applications may be considered COTS if they have already been submitted by the vendor, tested and on the IPv6 Capable Registry. Embedded or custom applications as well as unevaluated vendor Applications (i.e. not on the Registry) will be subject to testing.

General purpose Operating Systems can be considered COTS components, if previously submitted by the vendor, tested, and on the APL. This will limit the scope of testing to verifying IPv6 compliance of IPv6-specific requirements upon the application

itself in these cases. In cases where the Application under test includes a proprietary or customized Operating System, the test plan may also address the IPv6 functional requirements on the operating system.

An Application or Operating System cannot be tested in isolation; some level of integration testing will be achieved when exercising the two components. Novel combinations of previously approved COTS Applications and Operating Systems may be subjected to Integration Testing, but in general that would be an end-user responsibility.

4.1 Application Programming Interface (API) Characteristics

All applications on Hosts/Workstations, Advanced Servers, Simple Servers or Network Appliances that require IP network protocol service MUST use IPv6 Capable versions of those network protocols. These include the basic and extended specifications of the Socket API as appropriate to the application architecture²⁷. Applications will require evaluation and testing for approval as IPv6 capable as components of a system under test (embedded software) or as a stand-alone product.

Currently, generic requirements are not defined for an IPv6 Capable application beyond the following:

- IEEE Standard 1003.1-2001 [22] based on The Open Group's Networking Services (XNS) specification, issue 6;
- RFC 3493, Basic Socket Interface Extensions for IPv6
- RFC 3542, Advanced Sockets Application Program Interface (API) for IPv6
- RFC 4038, Application Aspects of IPv6 Transition
- On MIPv6 Capable Nodes, for some Mobile applications, RFC 4584, Extension to Sockets API for Mobile IPv6
- RFC 5014, IPv6 Socket API for Source Address Selection is an emerging specification
- RFC 3678, Socket Interface Extensions for Multicast Source Filtering

In addition, specific requirements may be needed for various classes of applications including:

1. File Transfer Protocol (FTP) client
2. Web Browser
3. E-mail client
4. IM client

²⁷ The Socket API extensions are defined in Informational RFCs, as they would not apply to all applications, i.e. those that use other operating system methods for networking.

It is also suggested that applications comply with RFC 3986 Uniform Resource Identifiers: Generic Syntax, for the representation of IPv6 addresses in user interfaces.

4.2 Software Requirements

An IPv6 Capable Application software product will be evaluated on its ability to send and receive IPv6 packets with an IPv6 client, and its use of IPv6 addresses and features available through the API.

IPv6 Capable Operating Systems **MUST** support Dual Stack and **MUST** support both IPv4 and IPv6 applications in the API when deployed with IPv4 legacy peers.

Appendix A: References

The primary source for requirements cited in this document is the body of Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) specifications known as “Request For Comment” (RFC) which are referenced throughout the document. These references can be found through <http://www.ietf.org/> by using the RFC Search feature on the RFC Editor page. The Requirements Summary Table (Appendix C) can be used as a cross-reference for the RFCs cited as requirements in this document.

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http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/reference/Teredo_Security.pdf
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<http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/index.html>
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<http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.11-2007.pdf>
- [17] IEEE 802.11i Standard for Information Technology Part 11 – Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications: Amendment 6 MAC Security Enhancements, IEEE 3 Park Ave, NYC NY 12June 2007 <http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802/download/802.11i-2004.pdf> This amendment has been incorporated into IEEE 802.11-2007 and is no longer cited separately in the DISR
- [18] Memorandum for Department of Defense Executive Agent for Information Technology Standards regarding DISR Baseline Release 07-03; 6 November 2007. This Memorandum linked Version 2.0 of the Standard Profiles document to the DISR baseline, and stated that the Standard Profiles document was approved as guidance in the procuring/acquisition of IPv6 Capable Products, obsolescing and superseding Version 1.0 of the Standard Profiles.
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<http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/index.html>
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- [32] Internet Protocol Version Six Information Assurance Test Plan (ITP), National Security Agency Version 1, January 2009
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/23263297>
- [33] Memorandum for Department of Defense Executive Agent for Information Technology Standards regarding DISR Baseline Release 10-2.0; 26 July 2010. This Memorandum linked the Version 5.0 update of the Standard Profiles document to the DISR Baseline Release 10-2.0, and stated that the Standard Profiles document was approved as guidance in the procuring/acquisition of IPv6 Capable Products, obsolescing and superseding Version 4.0 of the Standard Profiles.

Appendix B: Glossary

This glossary is provided for the convenience of the reader, and is intended to include terminology and acronym definitions specific to this document, plus other terms in general use.

Information Assurance Device: An Intermediate Node that performs a security function as its primary purpose by filtering or encrypting network traffic, and which may block traffic when security policy dictates. For example a Firewall, Intrusion Detection System, Authentication Server, Security Gateway, HAIPE or VPN are Information Assurance Devices.

Information Assurance Enabled: An IPv6 Capable Node may incorporate an IA function in addition to its primary role, for example implementing cryptographic algorithms as part of IPsec protocols. This is not the core role of the device so it should not be considered an IA Device but rather is an "IA Enabled" product.

IP: Internet Protocol; the glue that holds the Internet together, that is the network layer protocol for the interconnection of packet-switched networks. The first widely deployed version of IP was IP version 4, defined and implemented over 25 years ago.

IPv6: The Internet Protocol Version 6; a replacement for the widely deployed Internet Protocol Version 4. IPv6 and related protocols are defined by IETF in RFCs which can be found at <http://www.ietf.org/>. Basic information on IPv6 can be found at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPv6> or through [the North American IPv6 Task Force](#).

IETF: The Internet Engineering Task Force is a large open international community of network designers, operators, vendors, and researchers concerned with the evolution of the Internet architecture and the smooth operation of the Internet. It is open to any interested individual. The IETF Mission Statement is documented in [RFC 3935](#). More information can be found at <http://www.ietf.org/>.

RFC: Request for Comment; for historical reasons, publications of the IETF are called Requests for Comment, but everyone just calls them RFCs. When an Internet-Draft is accepted for publication, the RFC Editor assigns a number which permanently identifies the publication. Thus any RFC cited can be found by number through the [RFC Editor](#).

IPv6 Capable: According to the DoD IPv6 Definitions Memorandum [20] "IPv6 Capable" Products – are products (whether developed by commercial vendor or the government) [that] can create or receive, process, and send or forward (as appropriate) IPv6 packets in mixed IPv4/IPv6 environments. IPv6 Capable Products shall be able to interoperate with other IPv6 Capable Products on networks supporting only IPv4, only IPv6, or both IPv4 and IPv6, and shall also:

- Conform to the requirements of the DoD IPv6 Standard Profiles for IPv6 Capable Products document contained in the DISR

- Posses a migration path and/or commitment to upgrade from the developer (company Vice President, or equivalent, letter) as the IPv6 standard evolves
- Ensure product developer IPv6 technical support is available
- Conform to National Security Agency (NSA) and /or Unified Cross Domain Management Office requirements for Information Assurance Products

The term "IPv6 Capable Product" as used in this document, is any product that meets the minimum set of mandated requirements, appropriate to its Product Class, necessary for it to interoperate with other IPv6 products employed in DoD IPv6 networks. Thus an IPv6 Capable Product is one that meets the IPv6 Capable requirements specific to the Product Profile for the Product Class appropriate for the product.

Network Appliance: As used in this document, a class of simple end node devices typically with an embedded operating system and specialized supporting software for limited applications.

Product Class: as used in this document a Product Class is one of a set of definitions used in this document to group products with common characteristics and requirements.

SLAAC: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration; one of the methods of configuring end-node interface addresses for IPv6, relying on Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) and Duplicate Address Detection (DAD) to construct globally unique addresses using network prefixes assigned and advertised by a router.

Appendix C: Requirements Summary Table

The Requirements Summary Table list RFC numbers and notes on their applicability to each Product Class.

RFC Status: Info – Informational; PS – Proposed Standard; DS – Draft Standard; STD – Approved Standard; BCP – Best Current Practice; OBS – Obsolete; HIST – Historic; EXP – Experimental

Applicability: M – MUST; S+ – SHOULD+; S – SHOULD; O – Optional (MAY); C – Conditional (followed by another code, for example C M indicates Conditional MUST); I – Informational; SN – SHOULD NOT; MN – MUST NOT

In-effect Date: Date at which the requirement will be in effect for products; “current” indicates requirements already in effect as of this publication

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
2.1	Base Requirements	2460	Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Protocol Specification	DS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		5095	Deprecation of Type 0 Routing Headers in IPv6	PS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		4443	Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMPv6)	DS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		4884 [compatibility only]	Extensions to ICMP to Support Multipart Messages	PS	S	S	S	S	S	S	Current
		4861 [replaced 2461]	Neighbor Discovery for IPv6	DS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		4862 [replaced 2462]	IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration [only link-local addresses and Duplicate Address Detection]	DS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		1981	Path MTU Discovery for IPv6	DS	M	S	M	M	M	M	Current
	[address architecture]	4291	IPv6 Addressing Architecture	DS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		4007	Scoped Address Architecture	PS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		4193	Unique Local IPv6 Unicast Addresses	PS	O	O	O	O	O	O	Current
		5952	A Recommendation for IPv6 Address Text Representation	PS	O	O	O	O	O	O	Current
		2526	Reserved IPv6 Subnet Anycast Addresses	PS							Current
		3306	Unicast-prefix-based IPv6 Multicast Addresses	PS							Current
		3307	Allocation Guidelines for IPv6 Multicast Addresses	PS							Current
		5156	Special-Use IPv6 Addresses	INFO							Current
		5375	IPv6 Unicast Address Assignment Considerations	INFO							Current
	[Multicast listener discovery]	2710	Multicast Listener Discovery for IPv6	PS	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date	
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device		
		3810	MLDv2 for IPv6	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+ ²⁸	S+	Current	
		2711	IPv6 Router Alert Option	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	S+	Current	
		3590	Source Address Selection for MLD Protocol	PS	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
	[connection technology]	2464	IPv6 over Ethernet	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		2492	IPv6 over ATM	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		5072 [replaced 2472]	IPv6 over PPP	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		3572	IPv6 over MAPOS	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		2467	IPv6 over FDDI	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		2491	IPv6 over NBMA	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		2497	IPv6 over ARCnet	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
2590	IPv6 over Frame Relay	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current		
3146	IPv6 over IEEE 1394 Networks	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current	

²⁸ Note that an L3 Switch MUST also implement the “multicast router part” and “multicast address listener part” of RFC 3810 IF supporting RFC 3810.

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		4338	IPv6, IPv4 and ARP Packets over Fibre Channel	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		4944	Transmission of IPv6 Packets Over IEEE 802.15.4 Networks	PS	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
2.2	IPsec	4301	Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	Current
		4302	IP Authentication Header	PS	S	S	S	C M	S	C S	Current
		4303	IP Encapsulating Security Payload	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	Current
		4308 [VPN-B]	Cryptographic Suites for IPsec	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	07/2012
		4835 [replaced 4305]	Cryptographic Algorithm Implementation Requirements for Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) and Authentication Header (AH)	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	Current
		4869	Suite B Cryptographic Suites for IPsec	Info	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	07/2012

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		IEEE 802.11-2007i	Standard for Information Technology Part 11 – Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications: Amendment 6 MAC Security Enhancements	PS	C ²⁹ S	C S					Current
	IPsec Fallback ³⁰	2401	Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
		2406	IPsec Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
		2402	IPsec Authenticating Header (AH)	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
	[SeND]	3971	Secure Neighbor Discovery	PS	O	O	O	O	O	O	Current
	[CGA]	3972	Cryptographically Generated Addresses	PS	O	O	O	O	O	O	Current
	[SLAAC Privacy Extension]	4941 [replaced 3041]	Privacy Extensions for Stateless Address Auto configuration in IPv6	PS	S+ C M	S	C M	S+	S	S	Current
2.2.2	IKEv2	4306	Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2) Protocol	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	7/2012

²⁹ Applies to end-nodes with wireless LAN interface

³⁰ IPsec Fallback requirements only apply to a product that MUST support IPsec that does not currently support IPsec RFC 4301 requirements

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		5996 [replaces 4306]	Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2) Protocol	PS	S+	S+	S+	S+	S+	CS+	7/2012
		4307	Cryptographic Algorithms for Internet Key Exchange Version 2 (IKEv2)	PS	M	S+	M	M	S+	C M	7/2012
		IKEv1 ³¹	2407	The Internet IP Security Domain of Interpretation for ISAKMP	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M
		2408	Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP)	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
		2409	The Internet Key Exchange (IKE)	OBS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
		4109	Algorithms for Internet Key Exchange Version 1 (IKEv1)	PS	C M	C S+	C M	C M	C S+	C M	Current
		4304	Extended Sequence Number (ESN) Addendum to IPsec Domain of Interpretation (DOI) for Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP)	PS	C S	C S	C S	C S	C S	C S	Current

³¹ Products with IKEv2 implementation MAY also include a fall-back to IKEv1; products without IKEv2 MUST at least meet the IKEv1 requirements

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date	
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device		
2.3	Transition Mechanisms	4213	Transition Mechanisms for IPv6 Hosts and Routers [Dual Stack]	PS	M ³²	S	M ³⁷	M ³⁷	M ³⁷	S	Current	
		4213	Transition Mechanisms for IPv6 Hosts and Routers [manual tunnels]	PS								
		4213	Transition Mechanisms for IPv6 Hosts and Routers [Translation and other methods]	PS	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	Current
		2766	Network Address Translation – Protocol Translation (NAT-PT)	PS (HIST)	SN	SN	SN	SN	SN	SN	SN	Current
		3053	IPv6 Tunnel Broker	INFO	C M	C S	C M	C M	C M	C M		Current
		[provider edge]	4798	Connecting IPv6 islands over IPv4 MPLS using IPv6 Provider Edge (6PE) routers	PS				C S	C S		Current
2.4	QoS	2474	Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers	PS	O	C M	O	M	M	C M	Current	

³² MUST implement Dual Stack OR Tunneling to meet the requirement to carry both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		3168	The Addition of Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) to IP	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		6040	Tunnelling of Explicit Congestion Notification	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		2205	Resource ReSerVation Protocol (RSVP) – Version 1 Functional Specification	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		2207	RSVP Extensions for IPSEC Data Flows	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		2210	The Use of RSVP with IETF Integrated Services	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		2750	RSVP Extensions for Policy Control	PS	O	O	O	S	O		Current
		3175	Aggregation of RSVP for IPv4 and IPv6 Reservations	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		3181	Signaled Preemption Priority Policy Object	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		2961	RSVP Refresh Overhead Reduction Extension	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		4495	A Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) Extension for the Reduction of Bandwidth of a Reservation Flow	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current

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Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		2998	A Framework for Integrated Services Operation over DiffServ Networks	I	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		2996	Format of the RSVP DCLASS Object,	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		2746	RSVP Operation Over IP Tunnels	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		3182	Identity Representation for RSVP	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		2872	Application and Sub Application Identity Policy Element for Use with RSVP	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
		2747	RSVP Cryptographic Authentication	PS	O	O	O	O	O		Current
2.5.1	MIPv6 Capable	3775 [Mobile Node]	Mobility Support in IPv6	PS	C M	C S					Current
		3776	Using IPsec to Protect Mobile IPv6 Signaling between Mobile Nodes and Home Agents	PS	C M	C S					Current
		4877	Mobile IPv6 Operation with IKEv2 and the Revised IPsec Architecture	PS	C M	C S					7/2012
		4282	The Network Access Identifier	PS	C S+	C S					Current

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		4283	Mobile Node Identifier for Option for IPv6	PS	C S+	C S					Current
2.5.2	Home Agent Router	3775 [Home Agent]	Mobility Support in IPv6	PS				C M			Current
		3776	Using IPsec to Protect Mobile IPv6 Signaling between Mobile Nodes and Home Agents	PS				C M			Current
		4877	Mobile IPv6 Operation with IKEv2 and the Revised IPsec Architecture	PS				C M			7/2012
		4282	The Network Access Identifier	PS				C S+			Current
		4283	Mobile Node Identifier for Option for IPv6	PS				C S+			Current
2.5.3	NEMO Capable	3963	Network Mobility (NEMO) Basic Support Protocol	PS				C M			Current
2.5.4	Route Optimization	3775 (sect 9)	Mobility Support in IPv6	PS	C M	C S	C M				Current
2.6.1	RoHC	5795	RoHC Framework	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		4996	RoHC: A profile for TCP/IP	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		5225	RoHCv2 Profiles for RTP, UDP, IP, ESP and UDP-lite	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		3095	Robust Header Compression (RoHC)	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		4815	Corrections and Clarifications to RFC 3095	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		3241	RoHC over PPP	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		3843	RoHC: A Compression Profile for IP	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		4362	RoHC: A Link-Layer Assisted Profile for IP/UDP/RTP	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		2.6.2	IP Header Compression	2507	IP Header Compression	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM
		2508	Compressing IP/UDP/RTP Headers for Low-Speed Serial Links	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
		3173	IP Payload Compression	PS	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM		Current
2.7	Network Management	3411	An Architecture for Describing Simple Protocol Version 3 (SNMPv3)	STD 62			S	M	C M		Current
		3412	Message Processing and Dispatching for the SNMP	STD 62			S	M	C M		Current

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Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		3413	SNMP Applications	STD 62			S	M	C M		Current
			SNMP over IPv6 ³³				S	S M	C S C M		Current 7/2012
		4022	Management Information Base for the Transmission Control Protocol	PS	C S+			C M	C M		Current
		4113	Management Information Base for the User Datagram Protocol	PS	C S+			C M	C M		Current
		4087	IP Tunnel MIB	PS				C S	C S		Current
		4293	Management Information Base (MIB) for IP	PS				C M	C M		Current
		4295	Mobile IP Management MIB	PS				C M	C M		Current
		4807	IPsec Security Policy Database Configuration	PS				C M	C M		Current
		3289	MIB For the Differentiated Services Architecture	PS				C M	C M		Current

³³ Nodes managed via SNMPv3 are required to do so using IPv6 transport [effective July 2011].

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		4292	IP Forwarding Table MIB	PS				C M	C M		Current
2.8.1	Interior Router	2740 ³⁴	OSPF for IPv6 (OSPFv3)	PS							Obsolete
		5340	OSPF for IPv6 (OSPFv3)	PS				C M	C M		Current
		4552	Authentication/Confidentiality for OSPFv3	PS				C M	C M		Current
		5838	Support for Address Families in OSPFv3					O	O		Current
	Interior Router in IPv6/IS-IS deployment	5308	Routing IPv6 with ISIS	PS				C M	C M		Current
		5304	IS-IS Cryptographic Authentication	PS				C M	C M		Current
		5310	IS-IS Generic Cryptographic Authentication	PS				C M	C M		Current
2.8.2	Exterior Router	4271	A Border Gate Protocol (BGP-4)	DS				C M	C M		Current
		1772	Application of the Border Gateway Protocol in the Internet	DS				C M	C M		Current
		2545	Use of BGP-4 Multi-Protocol Extensions for IPv6 Inter-Domain Routing	PS				C M	C M		Current

³⁴ RFC 2740 was recently obsoleted by RFC 5340. Support for 5340 is mandatory effective with v5.0 of this document

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		4760 [replaced 2858]	Multi-Protocol Extensions for BGP-4	PS				C M	C M		Current
		2784	Generic Router Encapsulation (GRE):	PS				C M			Current
		2890	Key and Sequence Number Extensions to GRE	PS				C M			Current
		2473	Generic Packet Tunneling in IPv6	PS				C M			Current
		4360	BGP Extended Community	PS				O			Current
		5701	IPv6 Specific Extended Community Attribute	PS				O			Current
2.9	Automatic Configuration	4862 [replaced 2462]	IPv6 Stateless Address Auto-configuration (SLAAC)	DS	M ³⁵	M ⁴⁰		M ⁴⁰			Current

³⁵ Host and Net Appliance Product Classes MUST support a method of autonomous configuration, either SLAAC or DHCPv6 client; Routers MUST support Router requirements for SLAAC.

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		3315	DHCPv6 [client]	PS							Current
		3315	DHCPv6 [server]	PS		C M	C M	C M		C M	current
		3315	DHCPv6 [Relay Agent]	PS				C M	C M	C M	current
		3769	Requirements for IPv6 Prefix Delegation	Info		I	I	I			current
		3633	IPv6 Prefix Options for DHCPv6	PS		C S	C S	C S			current
		n/a	[disable autoconfiguration]		M	M	M	M	M	M	Current
		5175	Extensions to Router Advertisement Flags	PS	C S+	C S+	C S+	C S+	C S+	C S+	current
		2894	Router Renumbering in IPv6	INFO				O			Current
		6106	IPv6 Router Advertisement Options for DNS Configuration	PS	CS	CS	CS				Current
2.10	VPN	4364	BGP/MPLS IP Virtual Private Networks	PS	C M		C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		4577	OSPF as the provider/customer edge protocol for BGP/MPLS IP VPNs	PS	C M		C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
		4684	Constrained route distribution for BGP/MPLS IP VPN	PS	C M		C M	C M	C M	C M	Current
3.1.1	Host	3484 [Sec 2.1]	Default Address Selection for IPv6 [Policy Table]	PS	M	S	M				Current

Functional Requirements Section		RFC		Product Class							In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
		3484 [rest of RFC]	Default Address Selection for IPv6	PS	M	S	M				Current
		3596 [resolver]	DNS Extensions to Support IPv6	DS	M	S	M				Current
3.1.3.1	Server [Services]	959	File Transfer Protocol	STD 9		O	O				Current
		2428	FTP Extensions for IPv6 and NAT	PS		O	O				Current
		2821	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	PS		O	O				Current
		2911	Internet Printing Protocol	PS		O	O				Current
		3162	RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service) and IPv6	PS		O	O			C M	Current
		5905	Network Time Protocol Version 4: Protocol and Algorithms Specification	PS		O	O				Current
		3226	DNS Security and IPv6 A6 Aware Server/Resolver Message Size Requirements	PS		O	O				Current
		3261	Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)	PS		O	O				Current

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date	
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device		
		5245	Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE): A Protocol for Network Address Translator (NAT) Traversal for Offer/Answer Protocols	PS		O	O				Current	
		3266	Support for IPv6 in SDP	PS		O	O				Current	
		4566	SDP: Session Description Protocol	PS		O	O				Current	
		3596	DNS Extensions to Support IPv6	DS		O	O				Current	
		3053	IPv6 Tunnel Broker	INFO		O	O				Current	
		4601	Protocol Independent Multicast – Sparse Mode (PIM-SM)	PS					C M			Current
3.2.1.1	Multicast	3973	Protocol Independent Multicast – Dense Mode	Exp				O			Current	
		4607	Source-Specific Multicast for IP	PS				CS				
		4604	Using Internet Group Management Protocol Version 3 (IGMPv3) and Multicast Listener Discovery Protocol Version 2 (MLDv2) for Source-Specific Multicast	PS					CS			
		5110	Overview of the Internet Multicast Routing Architecture	Info					O			Current

		Functional Requirements Section	RFC		Product Class						In-effect Date
Number	Title [sub-topic]	Number [note]	Title [sub-topic]	Status	Host	Net App or Simple Server	Adv Server	Router	L3 Switch	IA Device	
3.2.2	L3 Switch	4541	Considerations for IGMP and MLD Snooping Switches	Info					C S		Current
3.2.3	IA Device	3585	IPsec Configuration Policy Information Model	PS						C S+	Current
		3586	IP Security Policy Requirements	PS						C S+	Current
4.1	API	IEEE 1003.1-2001	Open Group Base Standards, Issue 6	INFO							
		3493	Basic Socket Interface Extensions for IPv6	INFO							
		3542	Advanced Sockets Application Program Interface for IPv6	INFO							
		4038	Application Aspects of IPv6 Transition	INFO							
		4584	Extension to Sockets API for Mobile IPv6	INFO							
		5014	IPv6 Socket API for Source Address Selection	INFO							
		3986	Uniform Resource Identifiers: Generic Syntax	STD 66							
		3678	Socket Interface Extensions for Multicast Source Filters	INFO							

Appendix D: Summary of Revisions

Changes from Profiles Version 5.0 to Version 6.0

This Final v6.0 specification includes revisions based on comments received since the publication of Version 5.0, dated July 2010 and officially promulgated on 26 July 2010. Many of the comments were minor editorial and clarification points which have been addressed in the text; however, a number of substantive additions and revisions have been addressed in this version. The following tables highlight substantial changes as an aid to the reader in comparing Version 5.0 and Version 6.0.

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v5.0 to v6.0
1.2.1.2	Update	Update UCR 2008 Change 1 to UCR 2008 Change 2
1.2.1.3	Update	Update to reflect release of MO3 document
2	Update	Update UCR 2008 Change 1 to UCR 2008 Change 2
2.1	Insert	Added RFC 5952 as optional requirement
2.1	Updated	Updated MO3 guidance on IPv6 Unique Local Address (ULA)
2.1	Revision	RFC 3590 requirement changed from SHOULD+ to MUST
2.1	Revision	RFC 2894 requirement changed from SHOULD to MAY
2.2	Updated	Updated MO3 guidance on SEND protocol
2.2	Revision	SeND standards requirement changed from SHOULD to MAY
2.2.2	Insert	Added new IKEv2, RFC 5996, as SHOULD+
2.2.2	Insert	Added RFC 5998 as extension to IKEv2 requirements
2.3	Revision	Conditional dual stack requirement changed to Must
2.3	Insert	Added RFC 6052 as other optional transition approaches
2.3.2.2	Insert	Added recently released RFC 6052, RFCs 6144-6147
2.3.2.3	Insert	Added recently released RFC 6036, RFC 6092, RFC 6169

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v5.0 to v6.0
2.4	Insert	Added RFC 6040 as an update to IPsec
2.4	Insert	Added RFC 3697 for defining IPv6 Flow Label information
2.4	Revision	RSVP standards requirements changed from SHOULD+ to SHOULD
2.5.5	Insert	Added recently released RFC 5846
2.8.1	Insert	Added recently released RFC 6119
2.9.1	Insert	Added RFC 6106 for optional DNS configurations
3.1.1	Revision	Conditional dual stack requirement changed to Must
3.1.1	Revision	RFC 3484 User Configuration Policy Table requirement changed from SHOULD+ to MUST
3.1.3.1	Revision	Conditional dual stack requirement changed to Must
3.1.3.1	Revision	Replaced RFC 4091 and RFC 4092 with new RFC 5245
3.1.3.1	Revision	Replaced RFC 4330, SNTPv4, with new NTPv4, RFC 5905
3.1.3.1	Revision	RFC 3484 User Configuration Policy Table requirement changed from SHOULD+ to MUST
3.2.1.1	Insert	Added RFC 4604 and RFC 4607 for Source Selection Multicast
4	Revision	Revised Middleware definition
Appendix A	Insert	Added URL link for MO3 document
Appendix C:	Insert	Added RFC 5952 as Optional base requirement
Appendix C:	Insert	Added RFC 5996 as SHOULD+ for IKEv2
Appendix C:	Revision	Changed dual stack requirement from Conditional to Must
Appendix C:	Insert	Added RFC 6040 as optional QoS requirement
Appendix C:	Revision	Changed ROHC requirements from Optional to Conditional Must

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v5.0 to v6.0
Appendix C:	Revision	Changed IP Header requirements from Optional to Conditional Must
Appendix C:	Insert	Added RFC 6106 as Optional Automatic Configuration requirement
Appendix C:	Revision	Replaced RFC 4330 with RFC 5905 for Server requirements
Appendix C:	Revision	Replaced RFC 4091 and RFC 4092 with RFC 5245 for Optional Server requirements
Appendix C:	Updated	Updated Multicast requirements list summary with RFC 3973, RFC 4601, RFC 4604, RFC 4607, and RFC 5110
Appendix C:	Revision	RFC 3590 requirement changed from SHOULD+ to MUST
Appendix C:	Revision	RFC 2894 requirement changed from SHOULD to MAY
Appendix C:	Revision	RSVP standards requirements changed from SHOULD+ to SHOULD
Appendix C:	Revision	RFC 3484 User Configuration Policy Table requirement changed from SHOULD+ to MUST
Appendix C:	Revision	SeND standards requirement changed from SHOULD to Optional
Appendix C:	Revision	RFC 4192 requirements removed from summary table

Changes from Profiles Version 4.0 to Version 5.0

This Final v5.0 specification includes revisions based on comments received since the publication of Version 4.0, dated July 2009 and officially promulgated on 30 July 2009. Many of the comments were minor editorial and clarification points which have been addressed in the text; however, a number of substantive additions and revisions have been addressed in this version. The following tables highlight substantial changes as an aid to the reader in comparing Version 4.0 and Version 5.0.

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v4.0 to v5.0
1.2.1	Insertion	New text explaining the relationship with UCR and other publications; New section documenting relationship to MO3, with language provided by DITO
1.3.1 and throughout	Update	Changed all references to the IPv6 APL and JITC testing consistent with the UCR APL and UC testing plans
1.4	Revision	Large block of text moved to new section 1.2.1 and edited there
1.5.4	Insertion	Brief explanation of applicability
1.6	Insertion	Explanatory text in intro and footnote on Network Appliance
1.6	Revision	Back out proposed "multilayer switch" product class added in draft 4.2; define the generic product class for Switch with a fuller description of the distinction between an unmanaged Layer-2 switch, managed Layer-2 switch and Layer-3 switch. Revise notes on why a Layer-2 Switch is not an IPv6-capable product. This was subsequently rescinded in review. Conditional requirements for Assured Services satisfy the coordination with UCR requirements. Corresponding changes in Table 1-1
2. and throughout	Update	References to UCR 2008 updated to Change 1 and UCR 2010 as appropriate; references to previous versions of this document
2.1	Insertion	Notes on option to use Optimistic DAD and RFC 5790

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v4.0 to v5.0
2.1	Revision	Further explanation of Denial of Service risk in Duplicate Address Detection; cite STIG concern and the recommendation that implementations include control to disable DAD.
2.1	Revision	Add note that MO3 discourages use of ULA;
2.1	Revision	Draft v4.2 recommended strengthening SeND/CGA requirements to SHOULD+ with MUST in 2011add. Based on MO3 Guidance to be published, this was rescinded. Added a note that MO3 discourages use of SeND; remove SHOULD+ statement for some product classes, i.e. remains a SHOULD recommendation for all products
2.2	Insertion	Add reference to other Security policy memos and specs including NSA MO3, NIST Guidelines and DoD 8500.01E
2.2	Insertion	Informational reference to RFC 5008, 4754 and 5759; informational reference to RFC 5739
2.2.1	Revision	Effective dates for RFC 4308 and 4869 crypto pushed out to 2012, coordination with UCR
2.2.2	Revision	Effective date for IKEv2 pushed out to 2012; lack of market availability
2.2.2	Insertion	Informational reference to emerging IKE capabilities in drafts and RFCs
2.3	Insertion	Informational reference to RFC 3056 and 3964 – 6to4 mechanism
2.3.2.1 thru 2.3.2.4	Insertion	New text pointing out recent and current work in Translation/Coexistence in IETF activities
2.4	Update	New requirements for QoS, in particular Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) for correspondence with UCR 2010
2.4	Revision	Delete proposed text in v4.2 on Multilayer and Layer-3 switches; define Conditional requirements for Assured Services that may be implemented in any switch or router

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v4.0 to v5.0
2.4.1	Insert	New informational section documenting forward-looking work in QoS
2.5	Update	Deferred effective date to 2012 for RFC 4877 coordinated with IKEv2
2.5.5	Insertion	New text pointing out recent and current work in Mobility Extensions WG
2.6.1	Update	RFC 5795 replaced RFC 4995 (RoHC Framework)
2.7	Update	Clarify that SNMPv3 over IPv6 is effective July 2012, but SHOULD+ now
2.7	Insert	Clarification that SNMP active management (SetRequest) is not required at this time
2.8.1	Update	Reference to Address Families draft now published as RFC 5838
2.8.1	Insertion	Reference to draft on multiaddress family OSPF extension
2.8.2	Insertion	Optional use of RFC 4360/5701
2.10	Insertion	Informational reference to IPv6 configuration in IKEv2, RFC 5739
2.11	Deletion	Entire section deleted, version 5.0 and UCR 2010 should be fully aligned eliminating the list of requirements differences
3.1.2	Insertion	New requirement (conditional) for End Instrument in UC to support DSCP tagging
3.1.3.1	Update	Server SHOULD support QoS – previously MAY; additional text on different types of servers
3.2.1.1	Revision	Make note on multicast routing a separate section, add citation of RFC 5110; clarify that RFC 3973 (Dense Mode) is Experimental.
3.2.2	Insertion	New introductory text explaining the different Switch product classes

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v4.0 to v5.0
3.2.2	Revision	In draft 4.2 added section 3.2.2.1 defining a new Multilayer Switch, but this has been rescinded in review. Clarify the definitions of Layer-2 Switch and Layer-3 Switch; revise definition of DSCP Queuing feature as "Assured Services"
3.2.3	Update	References to DSN IA Test Plan and 8500.1
Appendix A: References	Revision	Milestone Objective 3 reference [12] and other updated references, added new references cited in text
Appendix C:	Revision	In draft v4.2 added column for Multilayer Switch; based on discussion in review, Multilayer Switch column was removed in v5.0
Appendix C:	Revision	Revise effective dates for RFC 4308, 4869, 4306, 4307, 4877
Appendix C:	Revision	Delete SHOULD+ line from SeND and CGA
Appendix C:	Revision	Delay SNMP over IPv6 to 2012; state currently SHOULD
Appendix C:	Revision	RFC 4601 strengthen to conditional MUST, make RFC 3973 Optional
Various	Editorial	Spelling, punctuation, grammar, typos throughout

Changes from Version 3.0 to Version 4.0

This Final v4.0 specification includes revisions based on comments received since the publication of Version 3.0, dated 13 June 2008 and officially promulgated on 14 July 2008. Many of the comments were minor editorial and clarification points which have been addressed in the text; however, a number of substantive additions and revisions have been received and addressed in this version. The following tables highlight substantial changes as an aid to the reader in comparing Version 3.0 and Version 4.0.

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v3.0 to v4.0
1.0	Addition	Reference to original 2003 Stenbit memo in intro
1.1	Update	Definition of IPv6 Capable, etc. consistent with revisions in 26 June 08 Wennergren memo
1.5.3	Clarification	More detail in the Conditional requirement counter-example
1.6	Update	Merge Network Appliance and Simple Server columns in table 1-1
2.0	Addition	Further explanation of relationship with UCR 2008
2.1	Addition	Compatibility with RFC 4884 implementations
2.1	Addition	Explanatory comment on /64 prefix length
2.1	Addition	Footnote regarding a hop-by-hop header vulnerability and citation of an Internet Draft on solutions.
2.1	Addition	Add citation of RFC 2711 along with RFC 3810
2.1	Addition	Addressing Architecture: add informational citation of RFC 2526, 3306, 3307 and 5375
2.1	Editorial	Correct reference to RFC 4862 section 5.5, title changed from RFC 2462 reflecting deprecation of site-local addresses
2.1	Clarification	Added clarifying text stating that RFC 1981 does not impose any new Router requirements beyond RFC 4443
2.1, 2.9	Addition	Cite RFC 4192 – Renumbering without a Flag Day

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v3.0 to v4.0
2.2.1	Correction	IEEE 802.11.-2007 amendment (i) only applies to End Nodes with wireless LAN interface requiring strong authentication. Corresponding change in App C
2.2.1, App C	Update	Relax effective date for RFC 4308, with explanatory notes
2.2.1, References	Addition	Clarify guidance and cite FIPS 140-2, FIPS 197 and NIST SP 800-57
2.2.1, App C	Update	Due to IPR issues relax effective date for RFC 4869 (Suite B); explanatory footnote.
2.2.1	Clarification	Add comment regarding RFC 4869 and compatibility with USGv6 Profiles. Remove extraneous comment from section 1.4.
2.3	Clarification	Add language to the discussion of translation to emphasize its temporary nature.
2.3	Typo	Fix citation of RFC 2185
2.5	Addition	Introductory text about the status of MIPv6 and clarifying the conditional nature of the requirements; at the end of the section, explanatory text on the roles of nodes in MIPv6
2.5.1	Addition	Text on applicability of Mobile Node requirements
2.5.4	Addition	Caveats on Route Optimization
2.7	Clarification	Clarify that RFC 4807 and RFC 3289 are conditional requirements for managing IPsec SPD and DiffServ.
2.7 and App C	Update	Restate SNMPv3 transport over IPv6 as a MUST; effective date 7/2011
2.8.1	Addition	Conditional requirement for IS-IS Interior Routing Protocol
2.8.1	Update	RFC 5340 replaces RFC 2740 (OSPFv3)
2.8.1	Clarification	Footnote recognizing exemption from 4552 in tactical deployments
2.8.2	Addition	GRE Routers SHOULD support RFC 2890

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v3.0 to v4.0
2.9.3 and App C	Correction	RFC 3769 is Informational not a standard, cite only as background
2.10	Addition	Clarifying text on the conditional requirement for VPN
2.11	Addition	New section documenting additional IA and interoperability considerations originating in UCR2008. These are characterized as “recommendations” at this time.
3.1.1, 3.1.31 and App C	Correction	RFC 3986 (Uniform Resource Identifier) is not a testable requirement for Host or Server products and has been deleted from the product class requirements
3.1.3.1 and App C	Update	Added SHOULD for SNMPv3 for Advanced Server
3.1.3.1 and App C	Update	Strengthen Route Optimization for advanced server to MUST – effective date 7/2010; UPDATE – the change was intended to be relaxed to a Conditional MUST, but the circulated draft v3.3 did not include this change
3.2.3 and References	Addition	Cite NSA IPv6 Information Assurance Test Plan as informational reference for IA device requirements
App C	Update	Delay effective date for RFC 4941 (replaces 3041) Privacy Extension for SLAAC. RFC 4941 remains an Emerging RFC.
App C	Correction	Requirements level on RFC 2711 should have matched RFC 3810
App C	Addition	Under MLD, add row for RFC 2711 and RFC 3590
App C	Correction	RFC 3289 was left out of the table
App C	Update	Delete SNMPv3 requirement on Host/Workstation; probably added in error in previous draft
App C	Update	RFCs cited as “effective date 7/2009 now Current: 4760, 4862, 3315, 3769, 3633, 5175, 5095, 4861, 5072, 4944, 4304

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v3.0 to v4.0
App C	Addition	Add rows under Addressing Architecture for RFC 2526, 3306, 3307, 5156 and 5375
App C	Editorial	Table entry incorrect for RFC 3769 and 3633; change to C S (conditional Should) consistent with the text in paragraph 2.9.3
App C	Correction	Effective date for RFC 4552 (new MUST) should have been 1 year from publication; 7/2009 (now current)
Throughout	Update	References updated to current: 26 June 08 Wennergren NIST Profile Change shorthand reference to the USG Profiles for IPv6 to "USGv6" rather than "NIST"
Various	Editorial	Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Changes since Version 2.0

This Final v3.0 specification includes revisions based on comments received since the publication of Version 2.0, dated August 2007 and officially promulgated on 6 November 2007. Many of the comments were minor editorial and clarification points which have been addressed in the text; however, a number of substantive additions and revisions have been received and addressed in this version. The following tables highlight substantial changes as an aid to the reader in comparing Version 2.0 and Version 3.0.

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v2.0 to v3.0
1.5.1	Addition	Based on several comments and requests, Version 3.0 defines a general policy for the timing of mandate for new or revised standards, and specific schedule notes for several requirements throughout the document
1.5.1, App C	Update	Allow 12-24 months (after this publication) for Effective Date window depending on requirement, rather than blanket 18 month as stated in v2.1; corresponding date changes in App C to 7/2009 or 7/2010
1.5.3	Addition	New text suggesting that test results indicate whether a particular product includes conditional requirements
1.6, 3.1	Update	Collapse Network Appliance and Simple Server to a single product class; but continue to use the two names and maintain section 3.1.3.2 for comparability to earlier version.
1.6	Clarification	Clarify that an operating system using a hardware implementation of the IPv6 stack embodies "IPv6 Capable" independent of the hardware platform, same as an OS that included the stack in software.
2.0	Addition	Per request of RTS program, added text explaining that programs may extend or modify requirements for specific circumstances in their own requirements documents.
2.1	Update	RFC 4861 replaces RFC 2461 as a mandatory standard as of Version 3.0 of this document and is preferred; products implementing RFC 2461 will be considered compliant until 31-December-2009

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v2.0 to v3.0
2.1	Update	RFC 4862 replaces RFC 2462 as a mandatory standard as of Version 3.0 of this document and is preferred; products implementing RFC 2462 will be considered compliant until 31-December-2009
2.1	Addition	SHOULD+ RFC 3590 Source Address Selection for Multicast Listener
2.1	Deletion	Address Autoconfiguration is removed from Base Requirements; the requirement for Autoconfiguration no longer applies to all product classes
2.1	Clarification	Reword the statement on Autoconfiguration to clarify that portions of RFC 4862 apply to all nodes, specifically the MUST statements on Duplicate Address Detection and the automatic configuration of link-local addresses. Corresponding change in App C Base Requirements
2.2	Addition	Added clarifying language about the architectural role of nodes in IPsec and the use of other security tools
2.2	Update	RFC 4941 replaces RFC 3041 for Privacy Addressing, and the requirement is strengthened to a Conditional MUST; updated other references to 3041 throughout text and in Appendix C
2.2.1	Update	RFC 4869 strengthened to MUST
2.2.1	Update	Specify minimal requirement for interoperability as Suite-B-GCM-128 and Suite-B-GMAC-128
2.2.1	Update	Effective date for IPsec RFC 4301 architecture is stated as Current due to it being a MUST since version 1 publication
2.2.1	Update	Restore requirement for RFC 4308 removed in error in v2.0; clarify explanation of 4308 and 4869 and inclusion of the suites
2.2.2	Update	Relaxed statement on support for IKEv1 fall-back for interoperability; IKEv2 implementations MAY (but are not required to) implement IKEv1 as well.

Paragraph	Type of Edit	Change from v2.0 to v3.0
2.2.2	Update	Effective date for IKEv2 is July 2010, also implementations must include support for IKEv1 for interoperability; MUST on IKEv1 fall-back for IKEv2 implementations reduced to MAY
2.2.3	Addition	New section describing the fallback requirements for products that do not at this time meet the MUST requirements for IPsec RFC 4301 and IKEv2; at a minimum products Conditionally MUST support IPsec RFC 2401 and IKEv1. Corresponding changes inserted in App C.
2.3	Clarification	Clarify deprecation of Teredo, and reword the requirements
2.3	Correction	Text incorrectly cited RFC 3053 as MAY, should be Conditional MUST consistent with Appendix C
2.4	Addition	Cited several additional optional RFCs for QoS
2.5, 2.5.1, 2.5.2	Update	RFC 4877 updates 3776 for MIPv6 security
2.6.1	Addition	Add citation of RFCs 4815, 4995 and 4996
2.6.1, 2.6.2	Clarification	RoHC and IP Header compression are restated as "optional" to be consistent with Appendix C in v2.0
2.6.2	Addition	Add citation of RFC 3173
2.7	Addition	SNMP SHOULD+ be over IPv6; effective date +24 months
2.8.2	Update	RFC 4760 replaces RFC 2858
2.9	Addition	New section clarifying and elaborating on Autoconfiguration requirements
2.9.1	Addition	RFC 5075 extensions to Router Advertisement flags
2.9.1	Update	RFC 5175 obsoletes RFC 5075
3.1.1	Clarification	Reference to new section 2.9, clarifying applicability of autoconfiguration requirements to Host/Workstation

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3.1.3.1	Update	Privacy addressing for Advanced Server made conditional, only applies when the Server is acting as a client AND requires anonymity
3.2.1	Clarification	Specific citation of limited router requirements for SLAAC (RFC 4862)
3.2.1	Addition	Conditional requirements for Router deployed as DHCPv6 Server or Relay Agent
3.2.1	Update	Reduce tunneling requirements to Conditional MUST
3.2.2	Addition	Conditional requirement for L3 Switch deployed with interior router capability
3.2.3	Addition	Introductory paragraphs
3.2.3.3	Addition	Added section on HAIPe
App C	Updates	Added a column for "effective date" for new/revised RFCs; made table changes consistent with updates in the text
App C	Correction	Missing row for RFC 3633 which is tied to RFC 3769 as stated in paragraph 2.9.3
App C	Correction	Replace table reference to RFC 4309 with a reference to IEEE 802.11-2007i consistent with an earlier change in the text
App D	Editorial	Merge change logs of interim versions v2.1 and v2.2 to reflect all changes from v2.0 baseline to v3.0; resort and eliminate redundant or reversed entries
Various	Editorial	Clarification of language, punctuation, etc. as pointed out by reviewers and discovered in final check

Appendix E: IPsec and IKE RFC References

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Protocol	Function	Algorithm	RFC	RFC-4307	RFC-4308 VPN-B	RFC-4835	RFC-4869 Suite-B-GCM-128	RFC-4869 Suite-B-GMAC-128	DISR Profiles v3.0	DISR Profiles v4.0	DISR Profiles v5.0	NIST IPv6 v1
2	IKEv2	all	Cryptographic Algorithms for IKEv2	4307						MUST	MUST	MUST	MUST
3	all	VPN-B	Cryptographic Suites for IPsec	4308						MUST-09	MUST-10	MUST-12	SHOULD+
4	ESP/AH	IPsec	Cryptographic Algorithms for ESP and A	4835						MUST-09	MUST-10	MUST	MUST
5	all	all	NSA Suite B	4869						MUST-09	MUST-10	MUST-12	Optional
6	IKEv2	pseudo random	PRF-HMAC-SHA1	2104	MUST					*MUST	*MUST	*MUST	MUST
7	IKEv2	integrity	HMAC-SHA1-96	2404	MUST		MUST			*MUST	*MUST	*MUST	MUST
8	ESP	encryption	NULL	2410	MAY		MUST			*MUST	*MUST	*MUST	MUST
9	ESP	encryption	3DES-CBC	2451	MUST	MUST	MUST			*MUST	*MUST	*MUST	MUST
10	IKEv2	diffie-hellman	2048-bit MODP	3526	SHOULD+	MUST				*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	SHOULD+
11	AH	integrity	AES-XCBC-MAC-96	3566	SHOULD+	MUST	SHOULD+			*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	SHOULD+
12	IKEv2	encryption	AES-CBC-128	3602	SHOULD+	MUST	MUST	MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	MUST
13	IKEv2	pseudo random	AES-XCBC-PRF-128	3664		MUST				*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	SHOULD+
14	ESP	encryption	AES-CTR-128	3686	SHOULD		SHOULD			*SHOULD	*SHOULD	*SHOULD	SHOULD
15	ICMPv6	SEND	Secure Neighbor Discovery	3971						SHOULD	SHOULD	SHOULD	Conditional
16	IP	Address Config	Cryptographically Generated Addresses	3972						SHOULD	SHOULD	SHOULD	Conditional
17	ESP	encryption/integrity	AES-CBC-128 16-octet ICV GCM	4106			MAY	MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	Optional
18	IPsec	key mgmt	manual key management	4301						*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	MUST-10
19	ESP	integrity	NULL	4303			MAY	MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	Discouraged
20	ESP	encryption/integrity	AES-CCM	802.11i			MAY			SHOULD	SHOULD	SHOULD	Optional
21	IKEv2	pseudo random	AES-XCBC-PRF-128	4434	SHOULD+	MUST				*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	*SHOULD+	SHOULD+
22	IKEv2	diffie-hellman	256-bit random ECP	4753				MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	n/a
23	IKEv2	authentication	ECDSA-256	4754				MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	n/a
24	IKEv2	pseudo random	HMAC-SHA-256	4868				MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	SHOULD+
25	IKEv2	integrity	HMAC-SHA-256-128	4868				MUST	MUST	*MUST-09	*MUST-10	*MUST-12	SHOULD+
26	SLAAC	Address Config	Privacy Extensions for SLAAC	4941						C MUST-09	C MUST-10	C MUST	Conditional
27													
28			* Implied requirement via cited RFC										
29													