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How to write an IPv6 Addressing Plan

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Abstract reminder

An **IPv6 addressing plan** is the **cornerstone of a successful IPv6 deployment**. The huge addressing space available provides flexibility that we have never experienced with IPv4. At the same time this may become a source of frustration - how should I deal with this? **How** should I **carve up the IPv6 prefix** in such a way as to meet **today's needs** while catering **for future requirements**?

This session will help the attendees to **learn about the best practices** for writing an **IPv6 addressing plan**. We will focus on Enterprise, SP and, newly in 2016, on DC/Cloud IPv6 addressing practices.

Also, part of the session will be dedicated to showing you **2 step-by-step practical examples** of developing an IPv6 addressing plan. We will discuss both an Enterprise and SP example.

If you fail to PLAN (an address plan), you plan to FAIL.”

Core Message of this Session

Key Takeaways

1. IPv6 addressing is easy and highly flexible.
2. IPv6 addressing strategy is the key to successful deployment.
3. A good addressing plan simplifies IPv6 network operation and troubleshooting.

Disclaimer

- This session is **focused** on **Unicast IPv6 Addressing** only
- We expect you to have:
 - A basic knowledge of IPv6 address types
 - A strong familiarity with IPv4 😊
 - A good understanding of IP design in routed networks
 - An understanding how IP addresses are allocated and assigned on the Internet today

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- IPv6 Address Types – Refresher
- Typical Requirements
 - Enterprise
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- Methodology for Writing an IPv6 Addressing Plan
- Practical Examples
- Final Thoughts & Conclusion

IPv6 Address Types – Refresher

Types of Unicast Addresses - [RFC 4291](#)

- (Node) Loopback Address
- **Link-Local Address (LLA) – fe80::/10**
- **Unique Local Address (ULA) – fc00::/7**
 - **Site-Local Address** has been deprecated by IETF ([RFC 3879](#), September 2004)
- **Global Unicast Address (GUA) – 2000::/3**
- Anycast – it is the same as GUA
- **NOTE:** An interface will have multiple IPv6 addresses



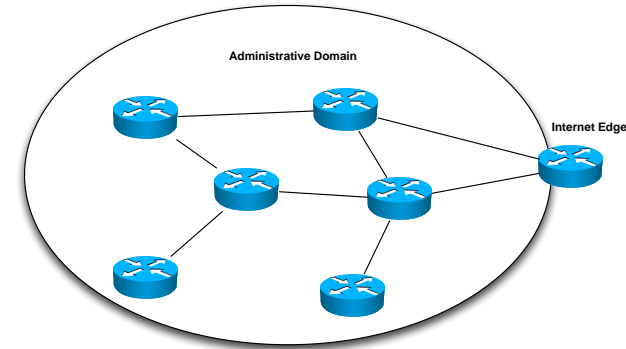
Link-Local Address - [RFC 4291](#)

- Range: **fe80::/10**
 - No prefix length – just a unique number on the link (= L2 medium)
- Used for communication with hosts on the same link
 - Examples: Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC), Neighbor Discovery, Duplicate Address Detection
- For link operation purposes
 - Leveraged by routing protocols and gateways
- Never routed to other links
 - No meaning outside the link
- Typically, first 64 bits are fixed, only Interface Identifier (last 64 bits) is modified
- **Example:** fe80::0224:d7ff:fe2c:7831



Unique Local Address - [RFC 4193](#)

- Range: **fc00::/7**
 - Currently used fd00::/8
- Globally unique address for local communications
- **40-bit global ID** generated using a pseudo-random number generation algorithm
- Not designed to be aggregated
- Not expected to be routed on the Internet but routable within an **administrative domain**
- Scope needs to be managed
 - ACLs and prefix lists
 - Your upstream ISP will filter it anyway
- **Example:** fd68:df3d:80ee::/48



fd**gg:gggg:gggg:**

ssss:

xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx

Unique-Local (ULA) – fd00::/7

Global Unicast Address - [RFC 3587](#)

- Globally unique and routable
 - Defined for use across the IPv6 Internet
- Primary goal is to provide plenty of globally accessible addresses
- Reserved and identified by **high-level 3 bits** set to “001”
 - Range: **2000::/3**
- Global IPv6 Prefix received from an LIR or RIR
- Presence in Global Routing Table
 - Aggregation is critical
 - Hierarchical assignment enforced through IANA allocation policy
- **Example:** 2001:420:0:1::1



Have NO Fear! 😊



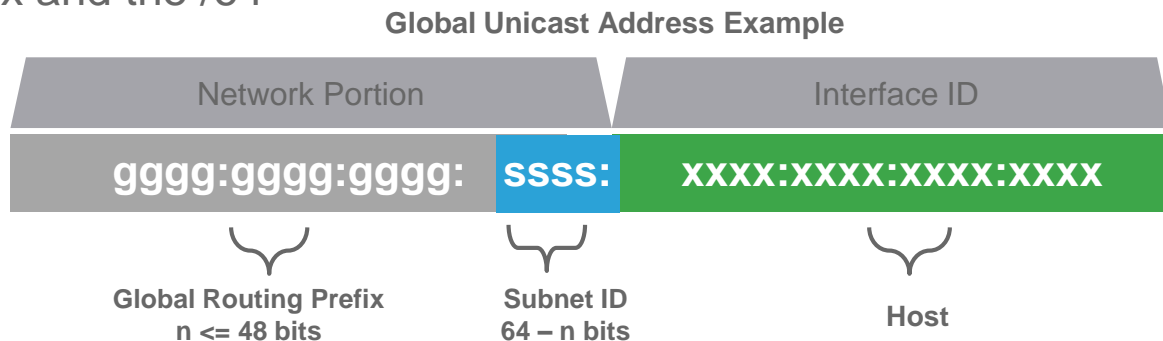
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Where To Get an IPv6 Prefix?

- IPv6 Prefix assigned from:
 - an **Local Internet Registry (LIR)** - typical enterprise scenario or
 - directly from an **Regional Internet Registry (RIR)** – RIPE in Europe, ARIN in North America
 - typical for ISPs and large enterprises which span multiple countries, have dual-homing requirements (have AS number)
- Assigned prefix has fixed length, work is done with the bits between the assigned prefix and the /64



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- **Get cozy! The IPv6 addressing space is HUGE....**

Enterprise

Enterprise Requirements

- Different **locations**
- Different **places in the network** (PINs)
 - Campus vs. Branch vs. Internet Edge vs. DC
- Services **centralized** (one DC) or **distributed** (in branches/multiple DCs)
- **Encoding of information** within the IPv6 address (e.g. locations, PINs, services)
 - Use for accounting, administrative reasons, troubleshooting etc.
- **Transition mechanisms** deployed:
 - ISATAP – to bypass legacy equipment
 - NAT64 / SLB64 / NPTv6 – for the Internet Edge
- Who are the “**consumers**” of IPv6?
 - **Internal users** and their access to internal systems and IPv6 Internet
 - **External customers** and **IT systems** that enable interaction
 - **Partners** and **suppliers** (extranet or more often public Internet)
- **Security**
 - Easily manageable ACL
 - Exposing information about the network (e.g. VLAN number)
- **Rate of change and growth** – mergers & acquisitions



Considerations

- Usually splitting up **/48 per location**
 - Definition of a location?
 - E.g. single building vs. campus
 - Narrower than a city
- Multiple /48 prefixes are more likely
- **16 bits for the per-location addressing plan**
 - Important because it can help with identifying buildings within a location/subnets etc.
- **Aggregation** is very important
 - **# of required prefixes** at each level, **# of levels** required
 - NOT important: # hosts within subnet (**/64 = 2⁶⁴**)
- **Simplicity**
- Larger IPv6 prefix if the enterprise is big (possibly it is an PA directly from the RIR)
- **Have a well defined process and guidelines for IPv6 address allocations**



Service Provider

(Internet) Service Provider Requirements

- **Clear addressing** for different parts of network
 - Core business vs. internal enterprise vs. infrastructure
 - Example: **PIES** – private, internal, external, subscribers
- **Customers** – broadband subscribers / business customers
 - Reserved vs. assigned IPv6 prefixes (e.g. broadband: /56 allocated, /60 assigned)
 - Identification of services within the IPv6 address (aka **Prefix Coloring**)
- **Customer facing systems / services**
 - CDN
 - Cloud
 - Hosting offerings
 - Subscriber Access Types
- Aggregation
 - **At least /32** to work with, typically much more (**the ISPs can get /29 and they should obtain it!**)
- Scalability
- Stability



Source: <http://tinyurl.com/telco-map>

Considerations

- **Aggregation** of prefixes assigned to the customers
 - Per region, per PoP level, per BNG, etc.
 - Multihoming of business customers
- **Capabilities of network devices**
 - How many IPv6 prefixes (IPv6 customers) can your BNG/PE handle?
 - Leave room for growth
- Don't hand out IPv6 prefixes on a wrong **bit boundary**
 - Multiples of 4 bits (nibble) to align on hexadecimal boundary
 - Check the **“readability” of the prefix = supportability!**
- **Ease of operation and troubleshooting** is absolutely necessary
- **Aggregation** to the upstream SPs
- **Have a well defined process and guidelines for IPv6 address allocations**
- **All the rules can be “bent” if required. You must know what you are doing!**



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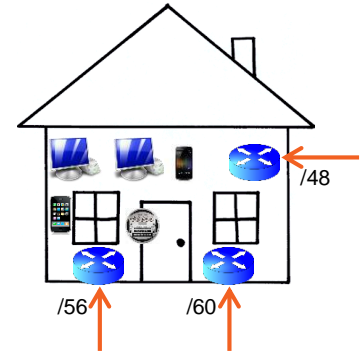
Other Influences in the Industry

- **IETF Homenet & ISPs' IPv6 Addressing**

- This WG focuses on supporting next-generation services on unmanaged home networks
 - In the center of their work is **IPv6**
- Multiple ISP connections to the home
 - Example: broadband, VPN router, smart meters, home security etc.
 - Terminated at a CPE (6rd, DHCPv6-PD, MAP, static IPv6 etc.)
- **Not really impacting the ISP IPv6 addressing** as it's behind the CPE
 - Rather realize the potential of **prefix coloring & IPv6 DA + SA routing**
- [Homenet presentation](#) by Mark Townsley @ UKNOF 27 (January 2014)

- **IETF v6 Ops & Unique IPv6 Prefix Per Host**

- Large scale environments with the need to assign IPv6-prefix per host (E.g. SP Wi-Fi)
- Advantages:
 - Monitoring the prefix instead of IPv6 address
 - Host isolation (prefix has an Off-link flag set), limitation in ND communication
- Think about it from the perspective of the IPv6 prefix allocation from your RIR/LIR
- **How many /64 are you going to need?**
 - This will impact the required allocation size
- Presentation at [UKNOF 33](#) (January 2016)

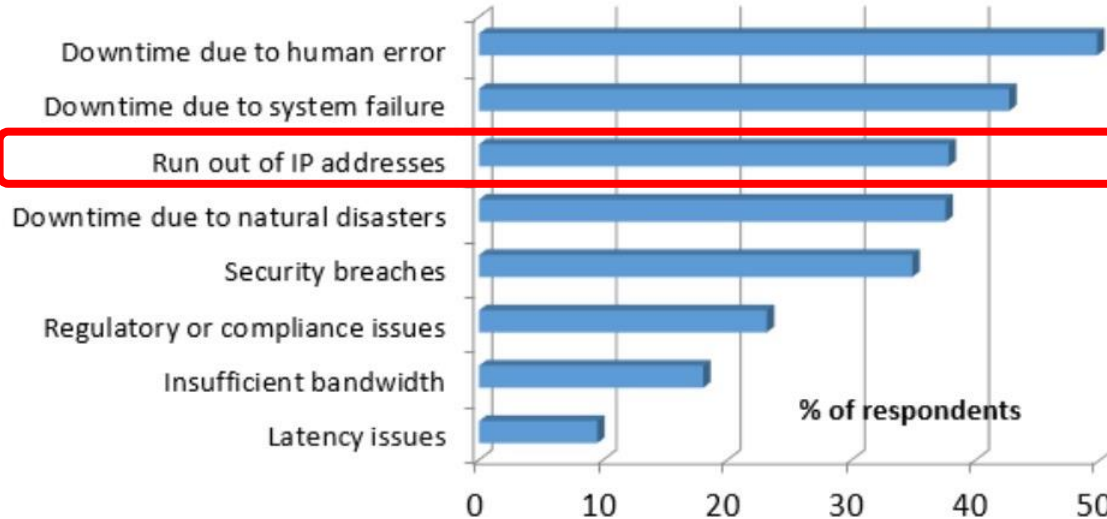


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(Virtualized) DC / Cloud

The biggest concern in the DC / Cloud?

Problems in the Datacenter



IDC's Enterprise Datacenter Survey, December 2013 (N = 410)

Multiple layers of NAT44 in the Cloud ... **More stuff that the automation system has to deal with**



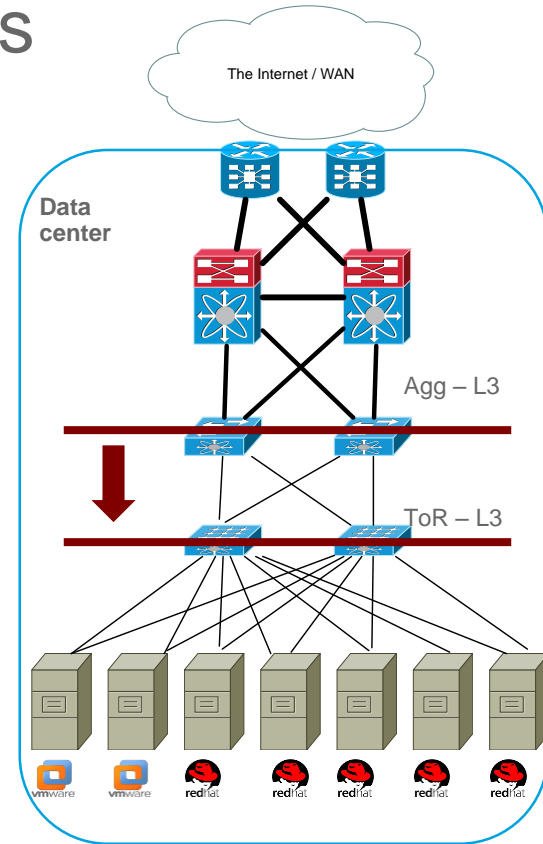
What needs IP in the (v)DC / Cloud?

- **Many components** that require IP:
 - Physical servers, Virtual Machines, Containers, API Endpoints
 - Provisioning, Orchestration, Management services
 - Virtual networking services and physical networking
 - Highly-Available services, Anycast etc.
- **Example 1** – a virtual machine has:
 - Access to multiple networks depending on the application types the VM hosts
 - There can be numerous IPv6 prefixes required to support the application use case
 - Use **/64 prefix per network/VLAN**
- **Example 2** – the subnet for Docker containers should at least have a size of /80
 - Container can leverage its MAC address
 - Use standard **/64**



(Virtualised) DC / Cloud Considerations

- **/48 per DC / Cloud** deployment is typical
- In a traditional DC (legacy mainframe, bare metal servers) things don't differ from IPv4
- **Cloud** services **add a layer of hierarchy** into the DC architecture
 - Moving deeper, Top of Rack (ToR) switch becomes the L3 boundary
 - As can a virtual router on a physical host
- **Tenant addressing** – “BYO Prefix” or do you allocate?
 - If a tenant requires a **virtual router** within the tenant domain:
 - Use a **/64 or /127** on ToR-facing link - run IGP or static route towards ToR
 - The vRouter delegates /64 BYO prefixes to the VMs
 - If a tenant uses “provider networks”:
 - where the upstream switches/routers (i.e. DC Aggregation or ToR layers) provide the L3 services then use **/64 per network/VLAN** for tenant-facing networks
- **/64** is the most common denominator
 - For L2 south of ToR, use /64 per VLAN
 - Avoid large L2 domains – chatty IPv6 NDP!



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Methodology for IPv6 Address Planning

Think globally, act locally! 😊

Core message of the Methodology section

4 Rules

1. Keep it SIMPLE

- You don't want to spend weeks explaining it!

2. Embed information to help operations

- To help **troubleshooting and operation** of the network
- Examples: location, country, PIN, VLAN, IPv4 addresses in Link Local and/or Global Addresses (**consider this carefully!**)
 - (not over the top though – remember Rule #1)

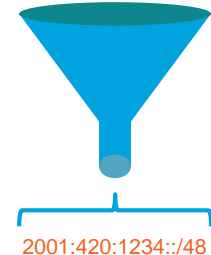
3. Plan for expansion (build in reserve)

- Cater for **future growth, mergers & acquisitions, new locations**
- Reserved vs. assigned

4. Take advantage of hierarchy / aggregation

- Good aggregation is essential, just **one address block** (per location), we can take advantage of this (unlike in IPv4!)
- Ensures **scalability and stability**

2001:420:1234:0100:/56 2001:420:1234:0200:/56
2001:420:1234:0300:/56 2001:420:1234:0400:/56
2001:420:1234:0500:/56 ...



Methodology

- Structure
- Prefix sizing
- Information encoding
- Infrastructure addressing



Methodology (1) – Structure

- Analyze, *where will IPv6 be?* **EVERYWHERE**
 - Addressing plan needs to be **designed globally**
- Identify the **structure of the addressing plan**
 - Based on **requirements** and **considerations** discussed earlier
 - **Top-down approach** (different from the IPv4 days when #hosts/subnet was important) or **middle-up**
- **Where and how many locations**
 - Countries, regions, locations, buildings, etc...
 - Needs to **map onto the physical / logical network topology**
- Which **services, applications** and **systems** connected in each location
 - E.g. Fixed networks, mobile networks, end-users, ERP, CRM, R&D, etc...
- ULA recommendations
 - Don't deploy for end-point addressing
 - Unless in completely closed system – example: CPEs – management address
 - Could be considered for infrastructure addressing (e.g. loopbacks, links)

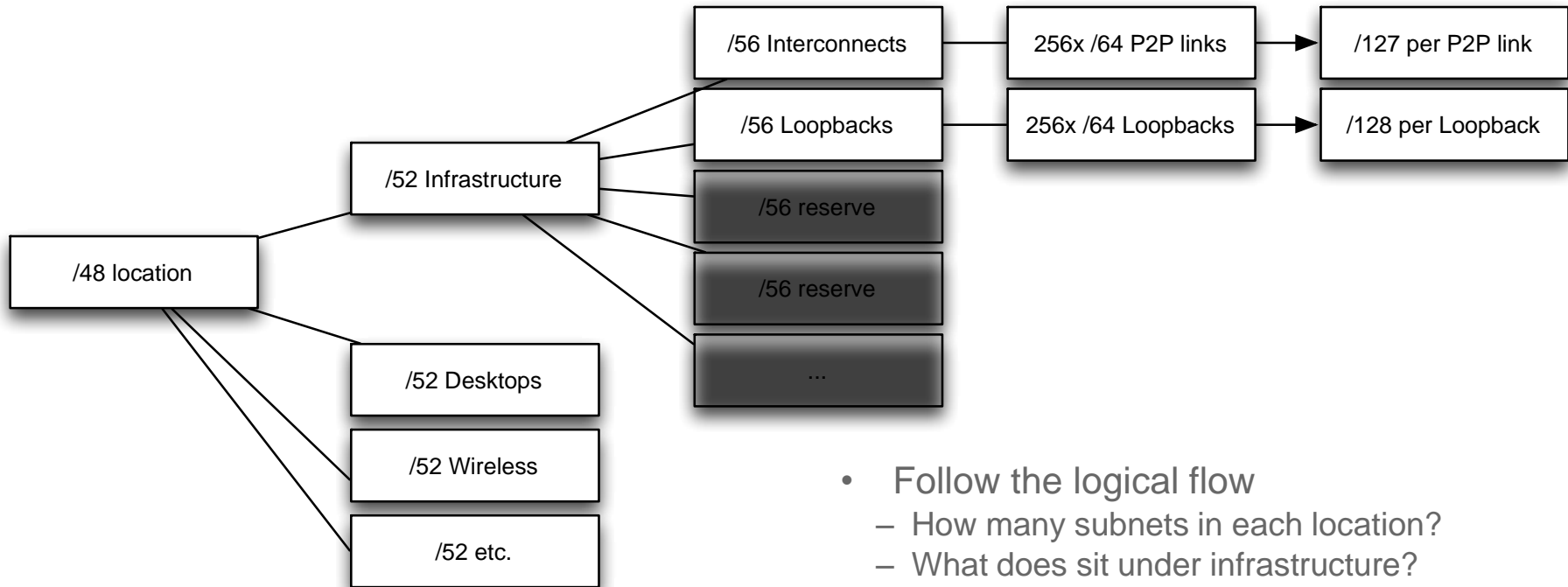
Methodology (2) – Number of Prefixes per Level

- **How many prefixes** will you need **at each level** of the addressing plan
 - Example: a BNG can handle 64000 subscribers = 64000 IPv6 prefixes
 - Example: the number of interconnects (P2P) in your network
 - As always, **put aside a reserve!**
- **How many /64 prefixes (subnets)** you need to deploy **at a location**
 - Example: desktops, WIFI, guestnet, sensors, CCTV, network infrastructure, etc...
 - As always, **put aside a reserve!**
- **Don't worry about the number of hosts**
 - **We have 2^{64} of IPv6 addresses for hosts!**



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Example - How Many Subnets in a Location?



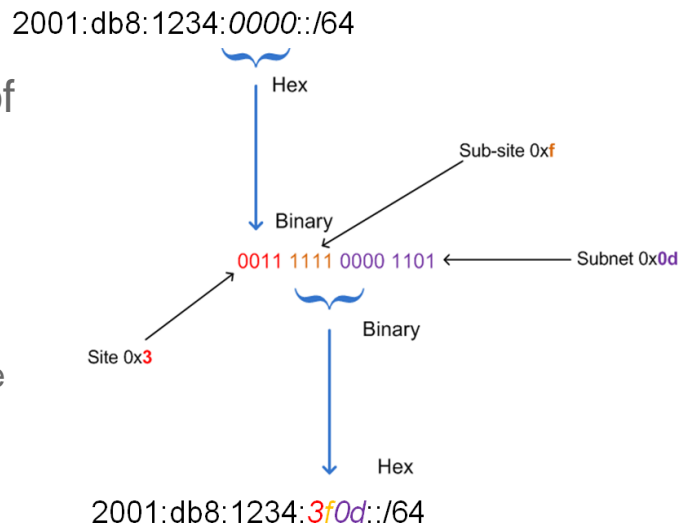
- Follow the logical flow
 - How many subnets in each location?
 - What does sit under infrastructure?
 - How many point-to-point links?
 - Where is the reserve?

Methodology (3) – Information Encoding

- Remember **transition mechanisms** – these will have specific address format requirements
 - ISATAP
 - NAT64 (/96)
 - 6rd, MAP

- Possible **encoding of information in particular portions of the IPv6 prefix** – examples:

- Places In the Network (**PINs**)
- VLANs** in the prefix (or as part of the LLA)
 - VLAN **3096** → 2001:db8:1234:**3096**::/64 (alternatively in hex 😊)
- The whole **IPv4 address** or just a portion
 - consider this carefully** – trade-off between linkage vs. independence
 - IPv4 address **10.0.13.1** → 2001:db8:1234:100::**10:0:13:1**
- Router IDs** or **IPv4 address** in Link-Local
 - Router ID 1.1.1.1 → LLA: FE80::1.1.1.1
 - All interfaces on specific router can have identical LLAs
- Consider security implications!**



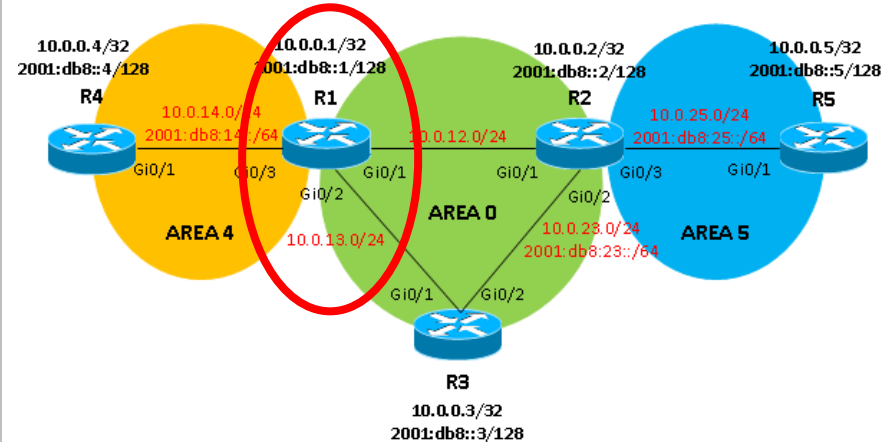
Choice of LLA can help NetOps/Troubleshooting



```
R1#show ipv6 route
```

```
IPv6 Routing Table - default - 6 entries
Codes: C - Connected, L - Local, S - Static, U - Per-user
Static route
    [...output omitted...]
O - OSPF Intra, OI - OSPF Inter, OE1 - OSPF ext 1, OE2 -
OSPF ext 2, ON1 - OSPF NSSA ext 1, ON2 - OSPF NSSA ext 2, ls
- LISP site, ld - LISP dyn-EID, a - Application
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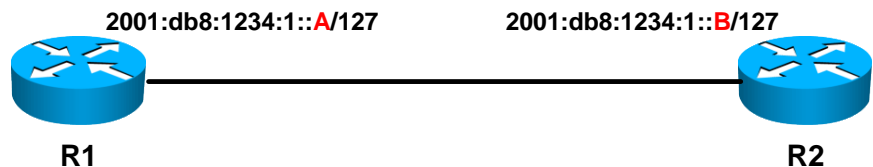
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LC 2001:DB8::1/128 [0/0]
    via Loopback0, receive
O 2001:DB8::2/128 [110/1]
    via FE80::10:0:12:1, GigabitEthernet0/1
O 2001:DB8::3/128 [110/1]
    via FE80::10:0:13:1, GigabitEthernet0/2
O 2001:DB8::4/128 [110/1]
    via FE80::10:0:14:1, GigabitEthernet0/3
OI 2001:DB8::5/128 [110/2]
    via FE80::10:0:12:1, GigabitEthernet0/1
L FF00::/8 [0/0]
    via Null0, receive
R1#
```



Methodology (4) – Infrastructure Addressing

Point-to-Point Links

- First recommendations: configure /64, /112 or /126
 - [RFC 3627](#), September 2003 – /127 considered harmful
 - moved to historic by [RFC 6547](#) (Feb. 2012)
- Since April 2011, [RFC 6164](#) recommends **/127** on inter-router (P2P) links
- Current recommendation /64, ~~/126~~ or /127
 - /127 mitigates ND exhaustion attacks
- **Allocate /64** from a block (e.g. /56) for infrastructure links but **configure /127**
 - Example: 2001:db8:1234:1::**0**/127 and 2001:db8:1234:1::**1**/127
 - Could be confusing because of all 0s interface ID
 - What about **offsetting the suffix**?
 - 2001:db8:1234:1::**A**/127
 - 2001:db8:1234:1::**B**/127



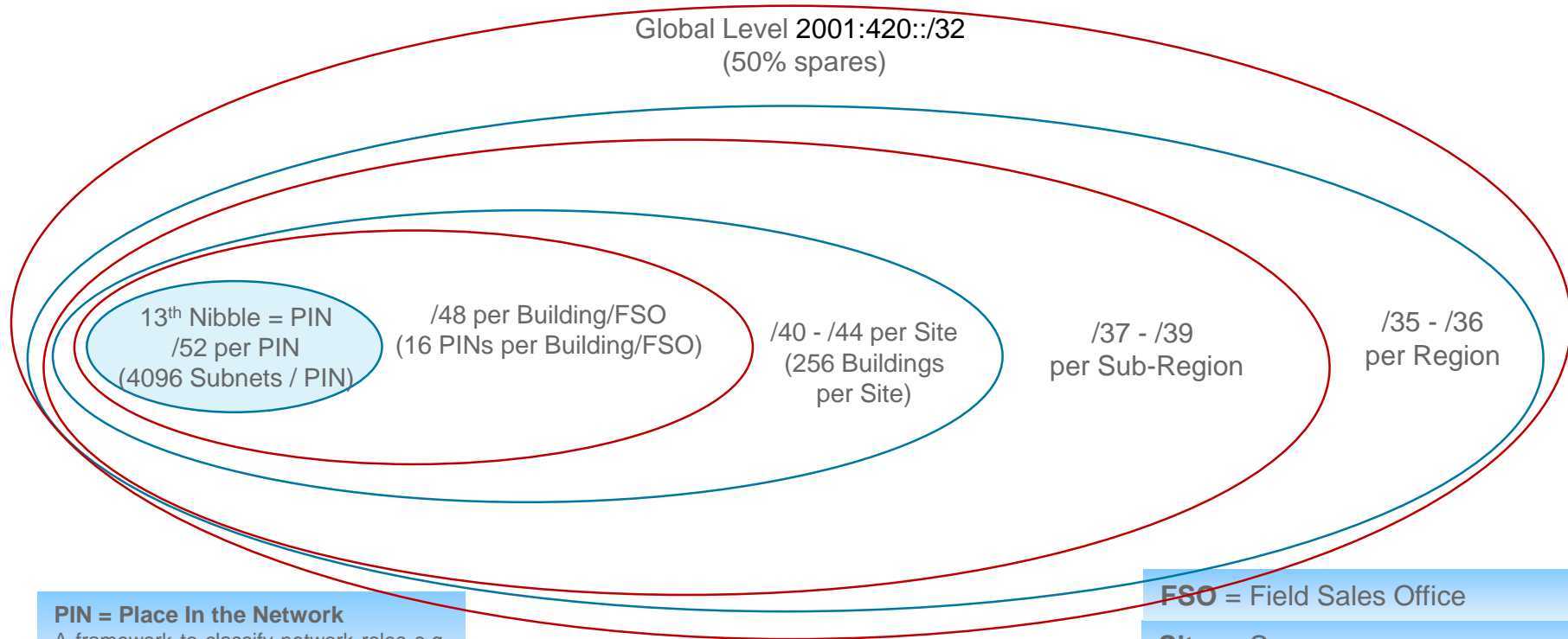
- **You must follow the /127 subnet rule!!!**

Methodology (4) – Infrastructure Addressing

Loopbacks

- E.g. Dedicate /56 for Loopback addresses per location
- **Allocate /64** per Loopback but **configure /128**
 - Example: 2001:420:1234:**100:1**::1/128 and 2001:420:1234:**101:1**::1/128
 - Avoid a potential overlap with Embedded RP addresses
- Remember to check **how many Longest Prefix Matches** (LPM) [/128] your network devices can carry
 - Does not always equal the total number of supported IPv6 prefixes

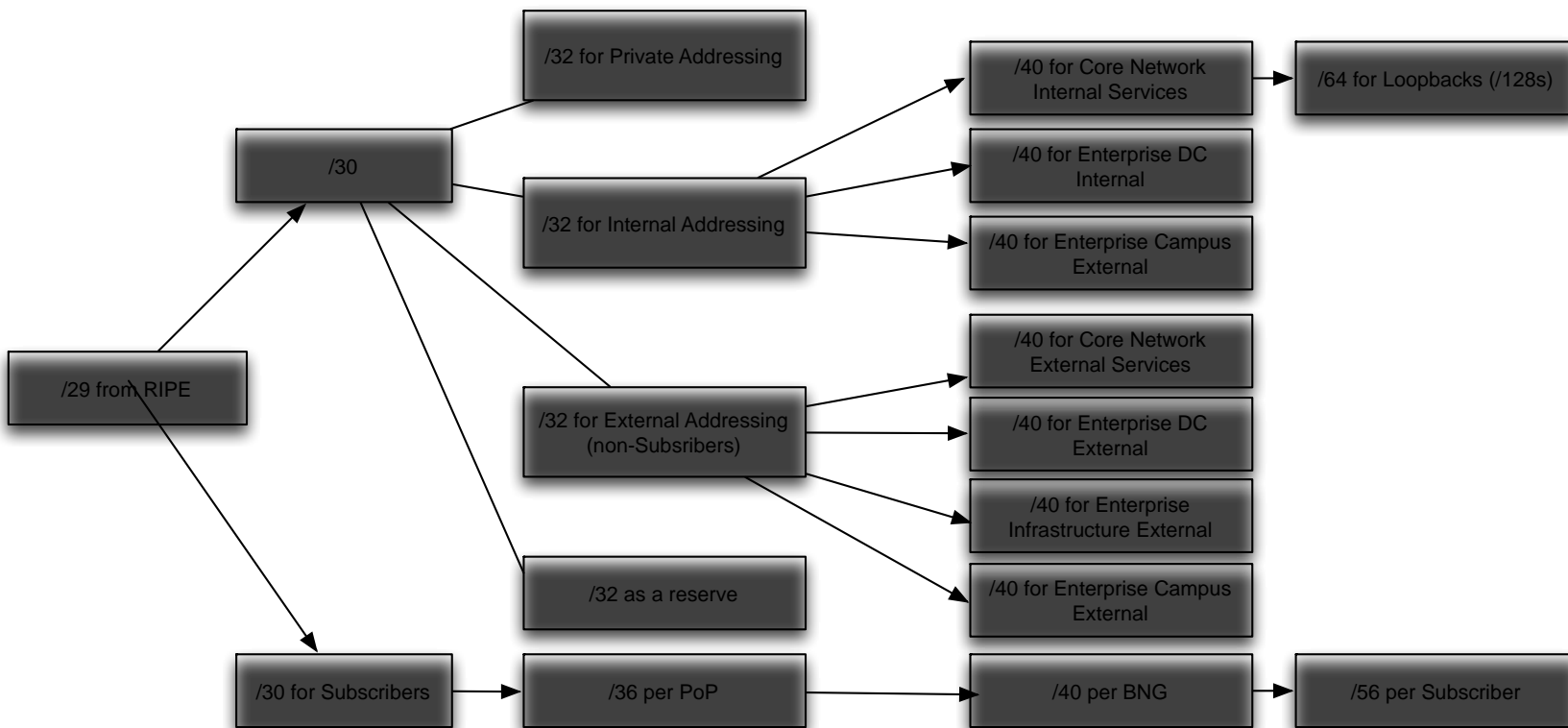
Example of an IPv6 Prefix Allocation (Cisco)



PIN = Place In the Network
A framework to classify network roles e.g.
Lab, Desktop, DC, DMZ etc

FSO = Field Sales Office
Site = Campus

Example of an IPv6 Prefix Allocation (ISP)



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Practical Examples – Introduction

- I'll present 2 practical examples
 - Multinational Enterprise
 - National ISP
- Walking through the examples at a medium pace
- Let's make it interactive!
- Please ask questions!



ACME Enterprise – State of the Network

- European-wide conglomerate in food and consumables
 - Currently present in **19 countries**
 - Expected to grow to about **37 countries** in the next few years
 - Uses sister company **ACME ISP** for European-wide telecom
- State of the network
 - Organic growth → **overlapping/illegal IPv4 address space** → multiple NAT layers → impacts end-to-end enterprise applications
 - Decided to strategically deploy IPv6 to start moving some applications and services towards IPv6 → **no “big-bang” approach!**
 - Uses **MPLS VPN from ACME ISP** → built in a hierarchical way: i.e. national backbones and then a European-wide backbone which connects all countries

ACME Enterprise – IPv6 Status and Requirements

- ACME ISP is RIPE member and has **/19 IPv6 block**
 - ACME enterprise has been provided the following IPv6 address block: **2014:1b2::/32**
 - ACME ISP will interconnect all IPv6 locations through **6VPE**
- IPv6 addressing scheme needs to be:
 - Highly hierarchical
 - Uniform
 - Scalable
- IPv6 addressing scheme needs to **simplify the design, operation and troubleshooting** of the network
- As a general rule, ACME would like to use byte **(8-bit)-boundaries** between the different IPv6 addressing hierarchies
 - However, if there is a good reason for it, this rule can be broken

IPv6 Addressing Plan – Global Level

- At least **37 countries** need to be supported
- Some address blocks must be reserved for **future growth** in larger countries
- Solution: 8 bits for per-country blocks (256) → **/40 per country (or multiple /40s for larger countries)**

Global prefix: 2014:1b2::/32				
Address scope	Prefix length	# Address block allocations	First address block allocations	Last address block allocations
Country	/40	256	2014:1b2: 00 00::/40	2014:1b2: ff 00::/40

IPv6 Addressing Plan - Country Level

- # campus locations per country → largest country has about **40 campus locations**
- **Firewalls** will be deployed at campus level between ACME and ACME ISP
 - **Requires network infrastructure addresses filtering** → loopbacks, links, network services
- Per campus → number of **buildings (4-5 maximum)**
- Solution:
 - 8 bits for per-campus blocks (256) → **/48 per campus**
 - 4 bits (nibble boundary) for per-building blocks (16) → **/52 per building + 1 /52 for network infrastructure**
 - 12 bits for L3 IPv6 subnets (4096) → **/64 per subnet**

Global prefix: 2014:1b2::/32

Address scope	Prefix length	# Address block allocations	First address block allocation	Last address block allocation
Country	/40	256	2014:1b2: 00 00::/40	2014:1b2: ff 00::/40
Campus Location	/48	256	2014:1b2:ff 00 ::/48	2014:1b2:ffff::/48
Building	/52	15 (+1 set aside for network infrastructure)	2014:1b2:ffff: 0000 ::/52	2014:1b2:ffff: e000 ::/52
End-system Subnet	/64	4096	2014:1b2:ffff:e 000 ::/64	2014:1b2:ffff:e fff ::/64

IPv6 Addressing Plan - Infrastructure

- At campus level: **1 /52 for network infrastructure addressing**
 - **/56 for loopbacks** → allocate /64 but configure /128 per loopback
 - **/56 for inter-router links** → allocate /64 but configure /127 per link
 - **/56 for network services** (DNS, DHCP, etc...) → configure /64 subnets

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Campus Location	/48	256	2014:1b2:ff 00 ::/48	2014:1b2:fff::/48
Building	/52	15 (+1 for network infrastructure)	2014:1b2:fff: 00 00:/52	2014:1b2:fff: e 000:/52
End-system Subnet	/64	4096	2014:1b2:fff: e000 ::/64	2014:1b2:fff: eff ::/64
Network Infrastructure	/52	1	2014:1b2:fff: f 000:/52	
Network Infrastructure – Router Loopbacks	/56	1	2014:1b2:fff: f000 ::/56	
Network Infrastructure – Link Addresses	/56	1	2014:1b2:fff: f100 ::/56	
Network Infrastructure – Network Services	/56	1	2014:1b2:fff: f200 ::/56	

ISP SpeedOnline -1

- East Coast based broadband ISP
 - Presence in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan
- Plans to grow in the East as well as in the Central and West
- IPv6 Addressing plan must reflect future growth plans
 - New states and larger subscriber base
- Received from ARIN: **2001:1db0::/28**
 - Would like to aggregate at /32 per state
- **The rule: Keep the nibble boundary**



ISP SpeedOnline - 2

- Numbers of PoPs, exchanges and subscribers per state
 - Distributed BNG platform, residing in exchanges

State	No. of Subscribers	No. of Exchanges	No. of PoPs
		<i>Plans to grow</i>	
New York	1 million	1000 2000	20
Pennsylvania	0.5 million	500 1000	10
Michigan	0.5 million	500 1000	10

- Plans for a massive marketing campaign to grow
 - Current and new states (reaching 15 states within next 5 years)

ISP SpeedOnline – 4.

That's
1,048,576
subscribers per
PoP!

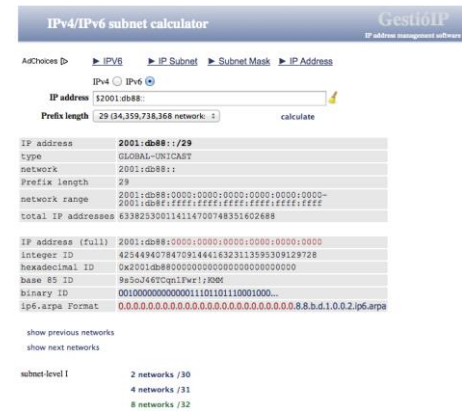
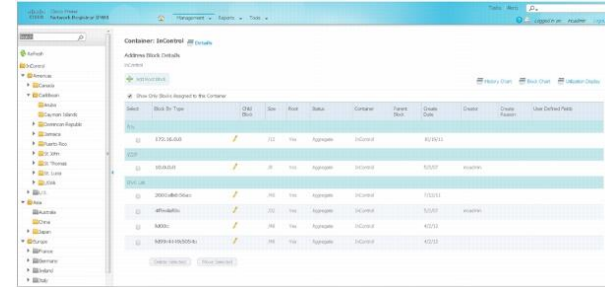
State	Prefix length per state	Prefix itself	Per PoP/region	Per BNG	Per subscriber
NY	/32	2001:1db0::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
Michigan	/32	2001:1db1::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
Pennsylvania	/32	2001:1db2::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
Florida	/32	2001:1db3::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
North Carolina	/32	2001:1db4::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
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Georgia	/32	2001:1db6::	/40 => $2^8 = 256x$ /40	/48 => $2^8 = 256x$ /48 per BNG	/60 => $2^{12} = 4096x$ /60 Prefixes
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Agenda

- IPv6 Address Types – Refresher
- Typical Requirements
 - Enterprise
 - Service Provider
 - (Virtualized) DC / Cloud
- Methodology for Writing an IPv6 Addressing Plan
- Exercise
- Final Thoughts & Conclusion

Tools for Managing IPv6 Addressing Plan

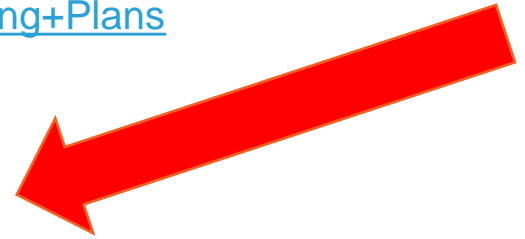
- Not just a spreadsheet, please!
- Very prone to error ☹️
- There are many **IP Address Management** tools on the market
 - See our exhibitors in **the World of Solutions**
- **Cisco Prime Network Registrar**
 - <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps11808/index.html>
 - Visit CiscoLive! NOC
- Work with an **IPv6 prefix calculator**
 - Example: http://www.gestioip.net/cgi-bin/subnet_calculator.cgi



Recommended Reading



- **Create an IPv6 Addressing Plan**
 - RIPE NCC: <https://www.ripe.net/publications/ipv6-info-centre/deployment-planning/create-an-addressing-plan>
 - ARIN IPv6 Wiki: <https://getipv6.info/display/IPv6/IPv6+Addressing+Plans>
 - **RFC 6177 IPv6 Address Assignment to End Sites**
 - Infoblox 6Map tool: <https://www.infoblox.com/6map>
- **IPv6 Address Planning** (Tom Coffeen, O'Reilly, 2015)
 - <http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920033622.do>
- **RIPE NCC IPv6 Addressing Plan webinar**
 - <https://www.ripe.net/support/training/learn-online/webinars/webinar-recordings/webinar-ipv6-addressing-plan>
- **ULA voluntary registry**
 - <https://www.sixxs.net/tools/grh/ula/list/>



Conclusion

Key Takeaways

1. IPv6 addressing is easy and highly flexible.
2. IPv6 addressing strategy is the key to successful deployment.
3. A good addressing plan simplifies IPv6 network operation and troubleshooting.

“If you fail to PLAN (an address plan), you plan to FAIL”

Core message of this session

Writing your IPv6 Addressing Plan is like training for a Marathon...



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You must train hard...



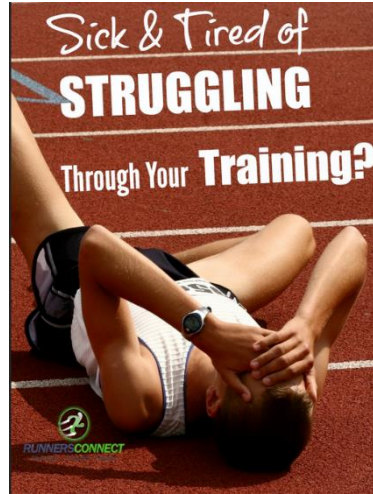
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...otherwise, you will not make it...

You must take baby steps forward...



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Source: <https://thebestbostonexperience.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/runner.jpg>

... however, in the end, you will be victorious!



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