

NAT-PT and totd dns setup

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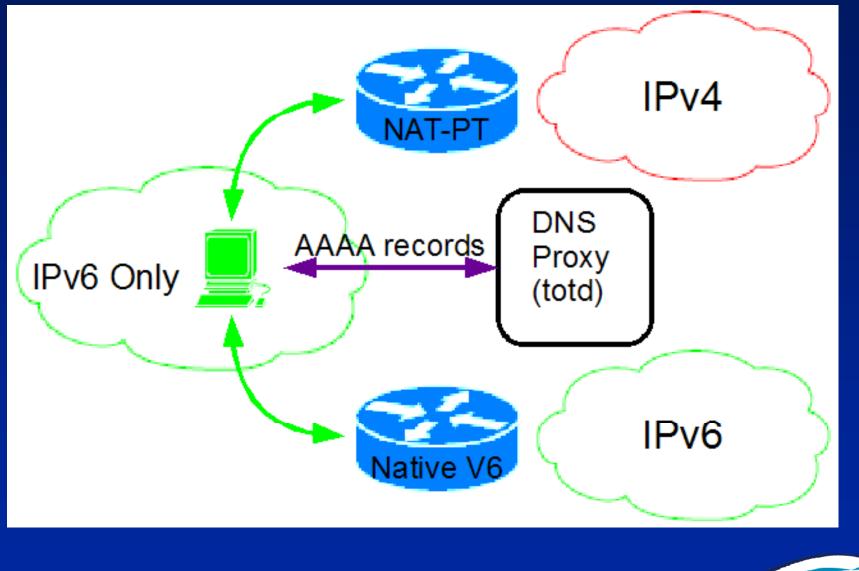


NAT-PT Overview

- An IPv4-to-IPv6 Transition Technology
- NAT's IPv4 to IPv6 to provide IPv4 access on IPv6 only networks
- Native IPv6 traffic remains native
- DNS IPv4 "A" records translated to IPv6 "AAAA" records by totd dns proxy
- These AAAA records map to IPv6 space on the NAT-PT device which NAT's to IPv4



NAT-PT simplified logical diagram





NAT-PT Implementations

Cisco

- Suitable for production deployments
- Successfully used at Apricot Feb 08 meeting
- Linux (www.lucastomicki.net/natpt.php)
 - Useful for testing/experimentation
 - Used at NANOG and ARIN meetings
- BSD's (KAME www.kame.net)
 - -KAME project discontinued 2 years ago
 - Patches for older BSD's (e.g. FreeBSD 5.4)
 - Haven't tested Randy Bush says it works



Cisco NAT-PT

- Available since 12.2(13)T IOS release
 - 12.3(14)T or better recommended for support for overload, packet fragmentation, and CEF
- Useful Documents
 - www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/ios/12_2t/ipv6/S A_natpt.pdf
 - -www.civil-

tongue.net/6and4/wiki/APRICOT2008-Router



Cisco NAT-PT Lessons Learned

- Cisco docs useful, but incomplete (could not get working at NANOG)
- Apricot was able to get working with considerable help from Cisco (see Apricot config from previous slide)
- Reports from Apricot indicate that once working, it worked well



Linux NAT-PT

www.lucastomicki.net/naptd.php
Useful Documents

www.lucastomicki.net/naptd.docs.php

Uses a binary config file

Create using naptd-confmaker application
See www.lucastomicki.net/ipv6.router.php

Deployed at NANOG and ARIN meetings



Linux NAT-PT Lessons Learned

- Implemented as userspace daemon (uses libpcap to listen to all packets)
 Limits scalability (probably okay for NANOG/ARIN sized meetings)
- Code quality currently a bit rough
 - Stability problems at NANOG as daemon did not handle packets from unconfigured v6 networks gracefully (hung process)
- Need to follow docs carefully
 - Make sure you have ip6tables and iptables rules configured as documented



Totd DNS proxy setup

- www.vermicelli.pasta.cs.uit.no/ipv6/softw are.html
 - Site currently down
- Alternate download site
 - www.lucastomicki.net/download.php?id=83
- Useful documents
 - -mucc.mahidol.ac.th/~ccvvs/totd-setup.html
 - -www.lucastomicki.net/ipv6.router.php
- Lessons learned
 - Totd fairly straightfoward to configure, seems to work well



NAT-PT Summary/Conclusions

- Linux NAT-PT implementation works, but somewhat flakey and is currently not designed to scale to many users
- Cisco implementation offers improved stability/scalability, but don't trust docs
- Quite useful for testing native IPv6 support in apps, but real-world utility somewhat unclear

