

## **"opportunistic" and zero-configured tunneling**

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# "Opportunistic" vs zero-configured

## The concepts

### □ "Opportunistic" in Internet domain

- Minimal or zero infrastructure
- Connectivity between peers set up in an "ad-hoc" fashion
- Required if assuming "vendor-driven" deployment
  - When the vendor requires IPv6 for enhancing its functions (e.g., peer-to-peer libraries)
  - In contrast to user installing a new shiny application which requires IPv6
- E.g., 6to4, Teredo
- Applicability: when the direct ISP doesn't offer service
  - Tunnel broker typically not available close by, or easy enough to set up

### □ "Zero-configured"

- "Configured tunnel" or similar but not configured manually
- Tunnel-end -point discovered automatically
  - E.g., STEP or ISATAP; TSP with some discovery mechanisms
- Applicability
  - 3GPP networks, direct ISP offering tunnel, enterprise -internal tunneling

# "Opportunistic" vs zero-configured

What's so special about opportunistic?

- There was a long thread on the list

- Not sure if it resolved much of anything..

- Some (many?) see there is no purely "vendor-driven" approach

- ▷ Or if there is, we should not be recommending it

- If so, automatic tunneling maybe not be a strict requirement

- Critical point of opportunistic vs others

- Whether infrastructureless, even partial, deployment is desirable

- ▷ And how critical that infrastructure is

- How much to weight in the favor of "less infrastructure"

- Economics of deployment is also a factor - against both approaches

- Anonymous services are better for 3rd party service providers

- ▷ 6to4 relay with 192.88.99.1 vs Tunnel broker with native addresses

# The different scenarios

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- Unmanaged user wants to do p2p with another
  - Direct "short-cut" connectivity very important
  - If no support from the direct ISP
    - Automatic tunneling works automatically: Teredo requires "Server" with low b/w reqs
    - Tunnel broker would help, if the users could find a free broker nearby
    - If there would be incentive for broker deployment, a "nearest broker discovery" process would also help
    - Unless the user is really determined, the user is lost without automatic tunneling
  - If there is support from the direct ISP
    - Dual-stack or; tunnel broker or a simple configured tunneling system
    - If only one supports, still OK without infrastructure if "local" relays
- Enterprise internal network wants to deploy v6
  - Zero-configured tunneling, configured tunneling, or dual-stack
- 3GPP user wants to use v6
  - Zero-configured tunneling or dual-stack
    - The operator should provide a service, and if doesn't, similar to "unmanaged"

# Opportunistic relay deployment

## Relay deployment

### Native to 6to4

- All dual-stack sites could have a relay, just turn on 6to4 pseudo-i/f
  - ▷ But currently don't..
  - ▷ Would place the "burden" of deployment on native users

### 6to4 to Native

- Very difficult, but not worse than Tunnel Broker..?

### Native to Teredo

- All the sites could have a relay
  - ▷ But currently don't, and not sure if a good idea..
  - ▷ Would place the "burden" of deployment on native users

### Teredo to Native

- Very difficult, similar to 6to4..?

### 6to4 to Teredo

- Sites could have an internal Teredo relay

### Teredo to 6to4

- Nodes could have an internal 6to4 relay
  - ▷ But some NATs might block proto-41 at egress

# "Zero-configured"

## Teasing out "Zero-configured"

### □ Critical questions are at least

- How important is 3rd party ISP tunneling? Are solutions required?
  - If yes, who would want to provide \*production\* service using their IPv6 addresses?
  - Would imply long tunnels, bad quality and bad IPv6 experience.. like today's 6bone
  
- How much should we use existing tools/mechanisms, if available?
  - NAT traversal, authentication, prefix delegation, DNS discovery, etc.
  - Should be generic so that a node that is used in unmanaged or enterprise, with native or tunneling, doesn't have to multiple methods?
  - Implement from scratch ("short term fix"), develop good tools ("long term solution")?
  
- How desirable is "opportunism" inside the ISP/3GPP or site?
  - The tradeoff: if the traffic grows too much, it's time to enable native IPv6?
  - Inside the ISP: (the neighbors wanting to talk p2p): probably not critical
  - Inside the 3GPP: depends on how much traffic between UEs; the IPv6 status?
  - Inside the enterprise: in larger sites, possibly desirable (e.g., p2p videoconferencing)

# "Zero-configured" solutions

## "Zero-configured" solution properties

- Direct connectivity between (some) peers
  - ISATAP: yes
  - Others: no
- Use of existing tools
  - TSP: reinvents all discovery/config functions
  - ISATAP: mostly new
  - STEP: client - only little new; server - a bit
  - L2TP architecture: uses only existing tools
- 3rd party tunneling (critical: authentication)
  - TSP and L2TP: no problem if 3rd party ISPs exist ;-)
  - STEP and ISATAP: out of scope or not applicable