Transmission and Processing of IPv6 Options
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Introduction

- A number of middle-boxes inspect the contents of IPv6 extension headers

    - this results in packet drops

- Host/router implementations would also benefit from clear validation rules

- Advice in this area (ala RFC7045) is necessary

- We hope this will e.g. help improve the situation wrt the dropping of packets containing EHs in some scenarios

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- Clarifies the default processing of IPv6 options

- Think of it as "RFC 7045 for IPv6 options"

  - IPv6 options were considered "out of scope" for RFC7045

- Recommendations in line with RFC 7045

- Additionally, option validation is specified, e.g.:

  - Most IPv6 options have been specified to be employed with specific Extension Headers

  - Some options have additional requirements

    - e.g. whether more than one instance of the option is allowed

Moving forward

- Adopt as wg document?