

# IPv6 in the U.S.A.

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# Introduction

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 Perception is that "IPv6 has not taken hold strongly within the USA"

IPv4 Address Space is less of a problem than the rest of the World

**Private sector requires a business case** 

Wireless infrastructure emerges recently

 But reality does not look so bad for the coming years!!!

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 Most of U.S. networking companies already ship IPv6 products

Eg. Cisco IOS IPv6 Phase III deliverables

 All software vendors officially support IPv6 in their latest O.S. releases

Apple MAC OS X, HP (HP-Unix, Tru64 & Open VMS), IBM zSeries & AIX, Microsoft Windows XP, .NET, CE; Sun Solaris,...

• 2003 and beyond: *Call for Applications* 

Applications must be agnostic regarding IPv4 or IPv6. Successful deployment is driven by Applications

# **Deployment Activities over Time**

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#### 6Bone

185 U.S. sites registered, including Academia, Government organisations, ISP, Research Labs, Vendors,

#### Academia & Research communities

National and Regional infrastructures are gradually moving to dual stacks

Downstream sites will follow

International partnership, eg. www.6ren.net

Several IPv6 IX are now operational

6TAP, 6IIX, NY6IX, PAIX, S-IX (NTT San Jose),...

Same Address Allocation & Assignment policy as APNIC & RIPE-NCC

~ 40 prefixes allocated

# **Deployment Activities**

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#### • DoD

Early adopters – Spawar, DREN, CECOM,...

Leading role on IPv6 promotion (NAv6TF)

IPv6 address space registration (DISN, DREN)

But no IPv6 on operational networks before validation

#### Enterprises

No interest except from software/hardware companies who need to add IPv6 connectivity for their development's teams

Roll-out is driven by the applications and O.S. release strategy

# **Deployment Activities**

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#### • ISP

Plans are largely driven by [lack of ?] customer's demand

Trial networks (C&W, Hurricane, Qwest, Sprint, Stealth, Verio, Worldcom) are up and running BUT

Lack of offering on Home Networking services (dial, DSL, Cable, Ethernet-to-the-Home,...)

Return on Investment (Rol) is hard to justify – mainly with the current economic situation

Applications and appliances are still 12-18 months away

# **Deployment Activities**

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#### Wireless

US Wireless service providers have had IPv4 address requests rejected for long term business plan

Some currently investigate the benefits of IPv6

Phasing is R&D (03), Trial (04-05), Deployment (06 & beyond)

Some 802.11 Hot Spots already offer an IPv6 connectivity.

# Concerns

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Lack of Network Management solutions
Provisioning, Billing,...

Managing a dual stack network? le: NoC staff training

IPv6 Deployment has a cost

Software/Hardware, Training, Resources,...

Security

Filtering & IDS IPv6 devices are not as developed as IPv4

Resources sharing through dual stack duplicates DoS potential risk during the transition

Return on Investment (Rol)

Develop business models around new applications or services

### **Potential Business Model – Community of Interest**

 End User's network (Enterprise or Home) may host several appliances manufactured or serviced by different companies

- Users may not want to open the reachability of Appliances beyond selected partners/service technicians
- Businesses may find automated warranty registration and remote diagnositics provide substantial value in servicing a customer
- Deployment and Operations must be done at the lowest cost possible

The simplicity of auto-configuration is a Must

- All channels expect revenues to be generated from these services
- A proposal: the use of Mobile IPv6 protocol for non-Mobile devices

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# North-America IPv6 Task Force (NAv6TF)

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 Similar in charter to the other regional task forces

#### www.nav6tf.org

- Mission: To help promote and foster IPv6 adoption within Target Industries through Short and Long Term Objectives and Deliverables
- Recently, NAv6TF sent its recommendations to R. Clarke, Special Advisor to the President for Cyberspace Security, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (CIAO)
- Meeting at U.S. Global IPv6 summit June 2003

# **Upcoming Events**

# U.S. IPv6 Global Summit San Diego – June 2003

# IPv6 Demonstration Collaborative Initiative Fall 2003

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# **Questions?**



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