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Technical security guideline on deploying IPv6

1 Scope

This Recommendation specifies security threats in IPv6 and provides practical risk assessment of them and the technical solutions of a secure IPv6 deployment. This Recommendation focuses on three components, i.e., network devices (e.g., router, switch), server/client devices (e.g., end nodes, DHCP server) and security devices (e.g., IDS, FW) that will be essentially deployed on IPv6 network. This Recommendation provides a technical security guideline to developers of network products, security operators and managers of enterprise networks that are planning to deploy IPv6, so that they are able to mitigate security threats on their IPv6 network.

2 References

The following ITU-T Recommendations and other references contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and other references are subject to revision; users of this Recommendation are therefore encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and other references listed below. A list of the currently valid ITU-T Recommendations is regularly published. The reference to a document within this Recommendation does not give it, as a stand-alone document, the status of a Recommendation.

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3 Definitions

3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

None.

3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

3.2.1 Abuse, abused, abusing: To use wrongly or improperly and to misuse. In the context of this document, “abusing” the IPv6 protocol or some feature of the protocol means to use it in ways that were unintended by the developers.

3.2.2 Forged packet: A packet generated by an attacker, typically with illegitimate fields or entries that misuse the protocol format, in an attempt to violate network security by creating a DoS condition or attack situation.

4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

IPv4	Internet Protocol Version 4
IPv6	Internet Protocol Version 6
DMZ	DeMilitarized Zone
IDS	Intrusion Detection System
FW	Firewall
ISP	Internet Service Provider
LSA	Link State Advertisement

RA	Router Advertisement
NS	Neighbor Solicitation
NA	Neighbor Advertisement
DAD	Duplicate Address Detection
DHCPv6	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol version 6
ICMPv6	Internet Control Message Protocol version 6
DNS	Domain Name System
OSPFv3	Open Shortest Path First version 3
MAC	Media Access Control
CPU	Central Processing Unit

5 Conventions

None.

6 Topology of IPv6 network

This clause describes the general topology of an IPv6 network (including transition environments to IPv6 where there exist three different types of hosts: IPv4 only, IPv6 only and IPv4/IPv6-enabled) that will be used as an enterprise network model for illustrating the attack scenarios and security countermeasures. This IPv6 general network topology is illustrated in Figure 6-1. Similar to the IPv4 network, it consists of five segments: external segment, DMZ, backbone, server segment, and client segment. The external segment is a connection point between ISPs and a perimeter router of an organization. The DMZ segment provides external services (e.g., Web server, Load balancer) to users and is also generally used to deploy security devices such as IDS and Firewall. The backbone is a large-capacity, a high-speed central network, and other network segments are connected to each other through it. In the server segment, there exist many different kinds of server systems (e.g., DNS server, DHCP server) which are necessary for internal users. Finally, client computers are located in the client segment.

This IPv6 security guideline focuses on describing security threats and countermeasures on IPv6 from a viewpoint of network components: network devices, client and server end nodes, and security devices, which will be essentially deployed on the IPv6 networks. According to this purpose, the remainder of the document is organized as follows. Section 7 covers IPv6 threats and countermeasures for Network devices. Section 8 covers IPv6 threats and countermeasures for Clients, Servers, and other end-devices. Section 9 covers IPv6 threats and countermeasures of specific interest to Security devices such as Firwalls and IDS devices.

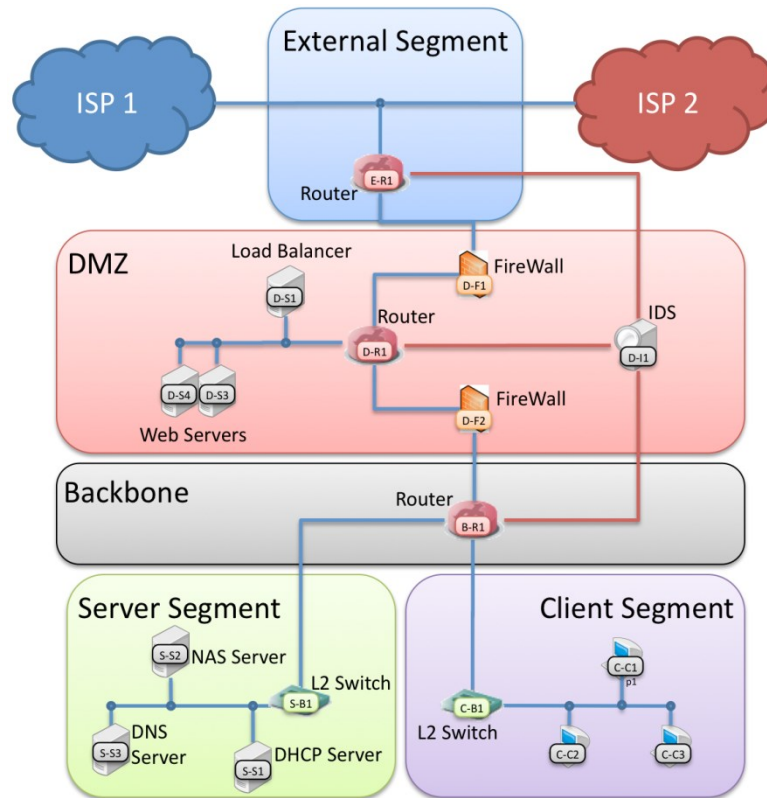


Figure 6-1 – Topology of IPv6 network

7 Network devices

7.1 Router

7.1.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 1:

OSPFv3 is specified in RFC 2740. OSPFv3 uses LSA to exchange information of link state between routers. There are nine types of LSA (e.g., network LSA, router LSA, AS-External LSA) and LSA header includes information about LSA function code and the flooding scope (e.g., Link-local, area) of the LSA embedded in the header. OSPFv3 is able to handle unknown LSAs using the “U” bit in the header. If the value of U bit is set to 1 in an LSA, this means the LSA is unknown. Thus, if a router receives such LSAs, the router must store all of them into its LSDB. Therefore, attackers can crash LSDB of a router by issuing a tremendous amount of unknown LSAs. Also, since OSPFv3 can decide the flooding scope of LSAs with “S1” and “S2” bits, attackers are able to launch DDoS attack to routers more easily by using the two bits.

Measure 1:

When using OSPFv3 on a router, it is recommended to implement the authentication function based on RFC 4552, so that the router is able to discard LSAs from illegal nodes. Also, it is available to configure the maximum number of LSAs that the router can manage.

Threat 2:

Neighbor cache is used for maintaining entries of individual neighbors to which traffic has been sent recently. Entries are keyed on the neighbor’s on-link unicast IP address and contain such

information as its link-layer address, a flag indicating whether the neighbor is a router or a host, the reachability state, the number of unanswered probes, etc. If there is no existing neighbor cache entry for NS message, the router creates a new entry. Therefore, if attackers send a large number of NS messages with different source IP addresses to a host via the victim router and reply NA messages for all of the NS messages at the same time, the router must create lots of neighbor cache entries. As a result, attackers are able to overflow the router's neighbor cache.

Measure 2:

The most practical solution for the neighbor cache problem is to limit the maximum number of NA messages that a host can return against NS messages within a fixed interval. Another option is to design a router that is able to continue its working even if the router's neighbor cache is overflowed.

Threat 3:

Similar to the Source Route option in the IPv4 header, the original IPv6 specification permitted an IPv6 host to explicitly specify intermediate nodes by which packets are transmitted using the Routing Header Extension, Type 0 (RH0) on each packet. Since RH0 can include multiple entries of the same IP address, attacker can construct packets that will oscillate between arbitrary two nodes specified in RH0, causing congestion between the nodes and consuming valuable router processing and forwarding resources, potentially leading to a DoS attack. Due to high potential for abuse, and relatively limited usefulness of RH0 (its primary use was for diagnostics and troubleshooting), the IETF deprecated support for RH0 in RFC 5095.

Measure 3:

Fortunately, RFC5095 has been already standardized in 2007 in IETF as a countermeasure against the security risk of RH0, which specifies for routers to ignore RH0 packets. Therefore, operators and developers are recommended to confirm that their devices are configured correctly according to the specification.

Threat 4:

As IPv4 manages multicast clients by a specific protocol called IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol), IPv6 performs the same function but implements it differently, instead by using one of the functions of ICMP called Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD: RFC3810). An MLD capable router maintains multicast clients and addresses based on Multicast Listener Report and Multicast Listener Done messages sent from clients. Since a router holds all of multicast addresses according to MLD messages sent from all clients, attackers can exhaust a router's memory resource by sending a large number of Multicast Listener Report messages to the router. In addition, multicast communications of legitimate multicast clients can be disrupted by sending a source spoofed (forged) Multicast Listener Done message to a router causing the removal of the IP addresses of legitimate multicast clients.

Measure 4:

The most fundamental solution for the MLD DoS attack against routers is to authenticate Multicast Listener Report / Done messages between a router and client so that the router can discard forged MLD messages. In addition, as a practical solution for this security risk, routers are recommended to limit the rate of Multicast Listener Report messages. As another solution, RFC4890 recommends for firewalls to drop MLD messages sent from link local address.

Threat 5:

Since the smallest subnet size in IPv6 is defined as /64, a /64 subnet is sometimes used for a point-to-point link between a pair of routers. In this case, only two in the huge number of IP addresses are used for interfaces of the routers and the rest remains as unused. Though it depends on implementation of routers, by specifying one of the remaining IP addresses for source and destination addresses of a packet, the packet may loop between the two routers until its TTL reaches zero. Consequently, this vulnerability may lead DoS attacks against routers.

Measure 5:

The packet loop attack on a point-to-point link is basically has been solved by RFC4443. Developers and users are recommended to check whether their devices comply with the RFC. Additionally, there may be some other practical measures as follows.

- Assign a /127 prefix to a point-to-point link based on RFC6164
- Filter packets destined to unused IP addresses of the point-to-point link
- Use only link local IP addresses on a point-to-point link

Though RFC3627 declares that /127 prefix on a point-to-point link is illegal, RFC6164 permits to use /127 prefix under certain conditions.

7.2 Switch

7.2.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 6:

An IPv6 address consists of 64 bit prefix and 64 bit interface ID and hence 64 bit address space can be used for devices in a single local network. In a common Ethernet based local network, since the 64 bit address space is larger than Media Access Control (MAC) address space (48bit), all of MAC address can be bound with at least one IPv6 address, while IPv4 address space (32bit) is not sufficient for binding with MAC address. This means that a malicious node can conduct a DoS attack to exhaust Forwarding DataBase (FDB) of an L2 switch by sending massive packets with different MAC addresses.

Measure 6:

IEEE 802.1x authentication which permits only certified addresses is the one of the effective solutions against this attack as well as limiting the number of MAC addresses on a single physical port of L2 switch. In addition, developers are recommended to maintain the total number of FDB entries by appropriately discarding older entries when the total number exceeded a threshold.

7.3 NAT router

7.3.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 7:

Network Address Translation (NAT) device is commonly deployed on a border of network and translates either source or destination IP addresses of a packet in order to bridge two different types of networks such as private-global networks and IPv4-IPv6 networks. Particularly, NAT66, so-called NPTv6 translates IP addresses of packets between two distinct IPv6 networks as well as

NAT64 translates IP address of packets between IPv6 and IPv4 so that both IPv6 and IPv4 nodes can communicate each other. However, if an implementation of a NAT device has a state table to manage status of each translated address, it might be vulnerable to the NAT state table exhaustion DoS attack. Namely, if a malicious IPv6 node sends a huge number of packets toward hosts behind a NAT device while changing its source IPv6 address for each packet, the node can eventually conduct a DoS attack against the NAT devices. Though there are this kind of attack in IPv4 environment as well, since IPv6 has an enormous number of available IP addresses, the attack can be performed easier in IPv6 environment than IPv4.

Measure 7:

IETF is discussing stateless NAT66 (without a state table) function. Basically there is no concern of the DoS attack unless a NAT66 device has a state table. Additionally, in a case where developers implement a stateful NAT device, they should appropriately control the number of entries in the state table not to exceed the upper limit of entries.

8 End-nodes (Clients, Load balancer) and Servers

8.1 End nodes

8.1.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 8:

IPv6 hosts can automatically configure their addresses (e.g., global addresses) using Internet Control Message Protocol version 6 (ICMPv6) Router Advertisement (RA) messages. Since they also can choose a default router based on RA messages, RA messages can be used for man-in-the-middle attacks. In other words, if a malicious node sends a forged RA message indicating itself as the default router to victim hosts, the victim hosts will forward all traffic to the malicious node that is then able to steal and watch all traffic of the victim hosts.

Measure 8:

To minimize the security risk by forged RA messages, it is recommended that each host discards all of RA messages with an extremely short lifetime.

Threat 9:

When IPv6 hosts configure their addresses using RA messages, they have to conduct Duplicate Address Detection (DAD) procedure to verify the uniqueness of the tentative addresses on a link. During the procedure for detecting duplicate addresses, IPv6 hosts that have tentative addresses send Neighbor Solicitation (NS) messages on the link and a node already using the tentative address replies with a Neighbor Advertisement (NA) message. If there is no response, the tentative address can be assigned to the interface of IPv6 hosts. However, a malicious host on the link can prevent IPv6 hosts from obtaining their addresses by always replies with NA messages against NS messages of other IPv6 hosts, leaving the victim hosts the state where they are unable to obtain their addresses.

Measure 9:

If administrators check the number of IP addresses that each node has and set its limitation for every host, the security risk by the malicious DAD can be mitigated. To this end, administrators can

use open source tools such as NDPMon. In addition, a switch is able to detect malicious DADs by controlling the pair of the MAC address of hosts and the physical port connected to the host.

Threat 10:

IPv6 provides a link layer address resolution mechanism by Neighbor Discovery protocol (NDP). Once a node determines its IP address by RA, the node exchanges neighbor solicitation (NS) and neighbor advertisement (NA) messages on a multicast address so that the node resolves IP addresses to corresponding MAC addresses. Not only address resolution, NS/NA messages have other functions; verification of reachability between neighbors, and duplication address detection. When a node receives NA in response to NS the node has sent, the node updates its neighbor cache that stores a set of entries about individual neighbors to which traffic has been sent recently. Therefore, a malicious node can easily impersonate other (victim) host on the same link by sending forged NA messages that declare the MAC address of malicious node as the victim's one. Eventually, the malicious node can intercept or disturb the victim's communications.

Measure 10:

As a countermeasure against attacks abusing NS and NA, SEcure Neighbor Discovery (SEND: RFC3971), which secures Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) by applying public key based authentication to it. Although SEND is a fundamental solution against the attacks, since it burdens operators with maintaining a number of public/private keys, it is difficult to operate SEND in large networks. As another way to protect legitimate nodes from these attacks, a mechanism which observes and controls NS/NA messages on L2-switches in a manner similar to RA Guard (RFC6105) should be implemented.

Threat 11:

An IPv6 router notifies IPv6 nodes via "ICMP redirect messages" of appropriate first-hop nodes toward their destinations. An ICMP has two address fields; a destination address field and a target address field which is a link-local address to which subsequent packets for the destination address should be sent. Consequently, attackers can deceive other (victim) nodes to redirect their traffic to certain nodes on the same link by sending forged redirect messages to the victim nodes. Eventually, the malicious node can intercept or disturb the victim's communications.

Measure 11:

It is possible to prevent attacks of rogue ICMPv6 redirect messages by configuring every node not to receive ICMPv6 redirect message. However, since this approach directly conflicts with the objective of ICMP redirecting, operators (or users) should carefully apply such configuration only to requisite minimum nodes. As another possible solution, a mechanism which observes and controls ICMPv6 redirect messages on L2-switches in a manner similar to RA Guard (RFC6105) should be implemented.

Threat 12:

Unlike ICMP in IPv4, IPv6 multicast listeners can send ICMPv6 error messages to the sender of an illegal (e.g., forged) packet sent to a multicast address. If there are N multicast listener nodes on a certain multicast address, a single illegal packet induces N error message packets as reflection to the sender of original packet. By intentionally sending a large number of illegal packets to a multicast

address with spoofing sources of the packets as another (victim) node, an attacker can conduct a packet amplification attack against the victim node, which disrupts the victim's communications.

Measure 12:

A simple solution for the packet amplification attack by forged multicast packets is to limit the rate of ICMPv6 error messages by firewalls. In fact, many firewall appliances have rate-limit mechanisms of ICMPv6 messages; hence operators should configure their firewalls with rate-limit policies set permit baseline (non-attack) ICMPv6 error message levels. It should be noted that PMTUD is highly critical to the proper operation of IPv6 (for fragmentation support) and thus ICMPv6 Packet Too Big messages should not be rate-limited. As another solution, uRPF (RFC3704) can prevent the attack by inhibiting attackers from sending source address spoofed packets.

Threat 13:

While fragmentation of an IPv4 packet can be performed by routers between source and destination, fragmentation in IPv6 is only permitted to be performed on a source node. Typically, Path MTU Discovery (RFC1981) (PMTUD) is used to automatically discovers the IPv6 minimum link size along the path between source and destination before starting communication with a destination node. Since defragmentation of fragments is performed on a destination node, a malicious node can exhaust the destination node's computational resource by sending a large number of fragmented packets to the destination. Although there have been many problems regarding fragmentation/defragmentation since IPv4, IPv6 still faces the same problems.

Measure 13:

A simple countermeasure against the DoS attack abusing fragmentation is to appropriately limit the rate of fragment packet (e.g., 1,000 packets per second) at a receiver node.

Threat 14:

Several types of IPv6 Extension Headers contain variable length options. When these options do not fill out the required number of bytes to complete the Extension Header, proper alignment is achieved by introducing padding options, either Pad1 or PadN options, to fill option fields with variable data length. Normally, the Pad1 option is used to fill one octet padding into an option field, PadN option is used to fill more than one octet padding. However, an attacker can send forged packets with a large number of Pad1 options included in each packet. If the attacker sends a large number of such forged packets, he can exhaust computational resources of another (victim) node to process all of Pad1 options one by one.

Measure 14:

Regarding the security risk by the DoS attack abusing the padding option header, RFC2460 describes that the PadN option should be used rather than multiple Pad1 options if more than one octet of padding is required. Therefore, it will effectively work that routers drop packets that have more than one PAD1 option headers to disturb the DoS attack. According to this policy, this document recommends security appliance vendors to implement a function to check the validity of padding option.

Threat 15:

IPv6 supports to transport up to approximately 4.3GB packet by applying jumbo payload option (RFC2675) as long as path MTU allows that. However, if PMTUs in a LAN environment are set too big without discretion, 4.3GB packet may be transmitted inside the network, which may lead performance degradation of the network. In addition, massive packets with illegal values different from the actual packet sizes may lead inappropriate behavior of the IPv6 stack on the receiver.

Measure 15:

In a network which does not allow jumbo gram, a firewall should drop packets with jumbo gram option. In a network which allow jumbo gram, a firewall should check the validity of the header. For example, if a node received a packet with jumbo gram option from an interface whose MTU is less than 65575 bytes, the node should drop the packet.

8.2 DHCP server

8.2.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 16:

IPv6 hosts may configure their addresses by using stateful configuration protocol such as the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol version 6 (DHCPv6) if they didn't receive any RA messages from routers. During the stateful configuration, IPv6 hosts send DHCPv6 solicit messages to all DHCPv6 servers using DHCP multicast addresses so that they are able to obtain addresses as well as other configuration parameters (e.g., DNS servers). In that case, a malicious host is able to prevent other IPv6 hosts from obtaining addresses by exhausting address pool of DHCPv6 servers. In other words, if a malicious host issues a large amount of DHCPv6 solicit messages to obtain all addresses that DHCPv6 servers have, other IPv6 hosts are unable to obtain their addresses.

Measure 16:

There are briefly two approaches that are effective to mitigate the security risks against DHCPv6 server mentioned in the previous section; solutions on DHCPv6 server and network devices. As the simplest countermeasure on DHCPv6 server, operators should allocate enough number of IPv6 addresses in order to endure the exhaustion attack. In addition, it is also effective against the attack that DHCPv6 server limits the rate of DHCPv6 solicit messages. The same approach, the rate-limit of DHCPv6 solicitation message, is also effective on firewalls as one of the solution on network devices. Another countermeasure on network devices is to limit the number of MAC addresses connected to a physical port on L2-switch to a certain value. This method is more effective than the previous ones because the measure is applied at a point closer to the attackers.

8.3 DNS server

8.3.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 17:

A malicious node can specify itself as a DHCPv6 server by sending a RA message with a flag of stateful address autoconfiguration mode (i.e., RA with m-flag=1). Once the malicious node could disguise itself as a DHCPv6 server, it can also specify itself as a DNS server by using a DHCPv6 advertise. While the malicious node is pretending a DNS server, when a client (victim) tries to resolve an arbitrary node's name, the malicious node may return a AAAA record with the malicious node's IPv6 address. As a result, the malicious node can steal and watch all traffic from the victim client.

Measure 17:

DHCP snooping on L2 switch is effective to avoid this attack, which disturbs activities of illegal DHCP server. DHCP message authentication mechanism (RFC3315 Section 21) is also effective for this attack. Additionally, RA Guard disturbs the attack at the first step of the process by dropping the illegal RA message from the attacker.

9 Security Devices

9.1 IDS

9.1.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 18:

6to4 is a transition mechanism for migrating from IPv4 to IPv6. In the 6to4 framework, 6to4 hosts that want to communicate with IPv6 hosts (or 6to4 hosts) carry out encapsulation of outgoing IPv6 packets and decapsulation of incoming 6to4 packets. Therefore, if a 6to4 host attacks an IPv6 host via 6to4, IDS that does not support the decapsulation function of the encapsulated IPv6 packets and 6to4 packets is unable to detect cyber attacks or suspicious packets.

Measure 18:

IDSs have to support the decapsulation function of the encapsulated IPv6 packets and 6to4 packets over 6to4.

9.2 Firewall

9.2.1 Security threats and Countermeasures

Threat 19:

IPv6 fragment header is used by IPv6 source host in order to send a packet larger than the path MTU along source and destination of the packet. A source host fragments a large packet into multiple smaller packets with fragment header so that destination host can integrate (defragment) them as the original packet according to the fragment header. Each fragment packet has offset information that indicates the location of the fragment in the original. However, since some firewalls inspect only the first fragment and pass subsequent fragments if the first one was permitted, a malicious sender can bypass firewalls by sending subsequent fragments whose offset is intentionally overlapped with the first fragment.

Measure 19:

One of the countermeasures on firewalls against the attack abusing overlapping IPv6 fragments is to apply the virtual defragmentation mechanism on firewalls, which reassembles fragments and inspects the original datagram before transmitting the fragments. As a countermeasure on end nodes, receiver nodes should discard datagrams that include overlapping fragments. In addition, RFC5722 recommends disallowing overlapping fragments in order to prevent this attack.

Appendix I

Practical Examples of Threats

The following examples of threats provide practical ideas how to describe “threats” associated with those in the main body of this Recommendation. Examples are not covered all threats in this Recommendation, however the following examples can be helpful for the readers in order to obtain clear understandings of several threats in this Appendix.

Example 1: As shown in the following Figure 7-1, when the Web server (S-C1) and the client (C-C1) communicate with each other and the attacker (C-C2) can continuously send a large amount of LSAs to the router (B-R1). Under this circumstance, the router cannot store more than the maximum number of LSAs. Furthermore, the router’s OSPF processing operations may become extremely heavy, resulting in abnormal forwarding behavior. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 1.

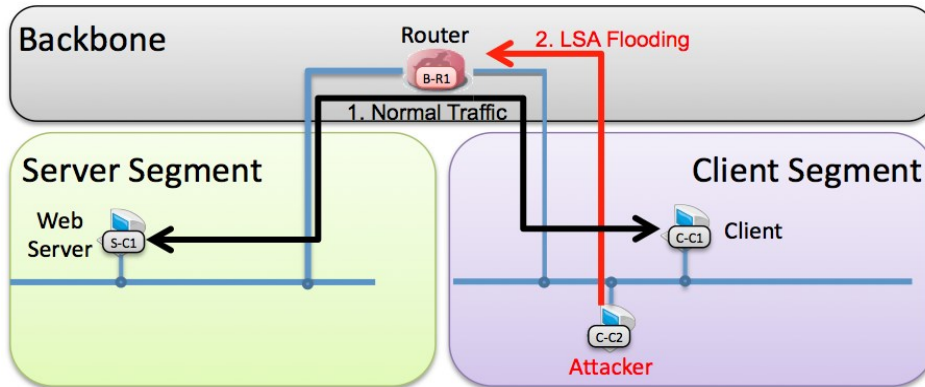


Figure I-1 –LSA flooding (Threat 1)

Example 2: Figure I-2 shows an attack scenario of forged RA messages. In this attack scenario, the router (B-R1) sends legitimate RA messages to the client (C-C1) that wants to communicate with the Web server (S-C1), but the attacker also makes forged RA messages that have default gateway address as its own address and sends them to the client. Using this attack, the attacker could steal all traffic between the client and the Web server. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 8.

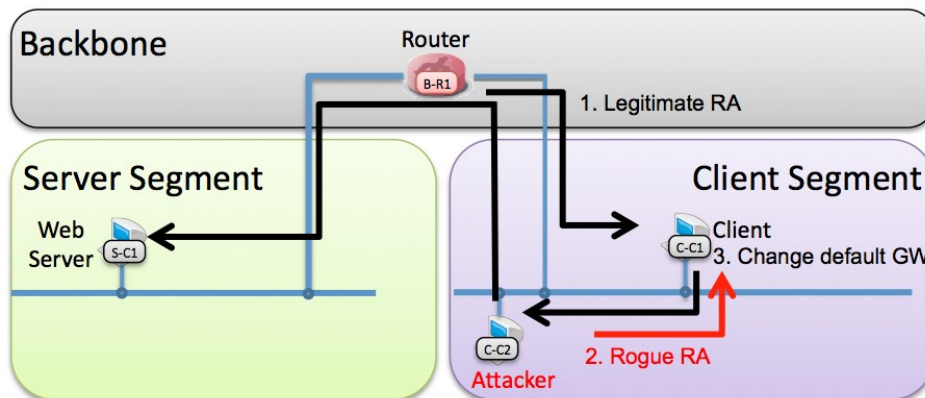


Figure I-2 Forged RA messages (Threat 8)

Example 3: Figure 8-2 shows an attack scenario of DAD procedure. In this attack scenario, the router (B-R1) sends legitimate RA messages to the client (C-C1) that wants to obtain its own IP address and the client sends NS messages to check the uniqueness of the IP address. When the attacker (C-C2) received NS messages from the client, it replies NA messages against all NS messages. Using this attack, the client could not obtain its own IP address during the attack. After the attacker stopped sending forged RA messages, the client could get its own IP address. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 9.

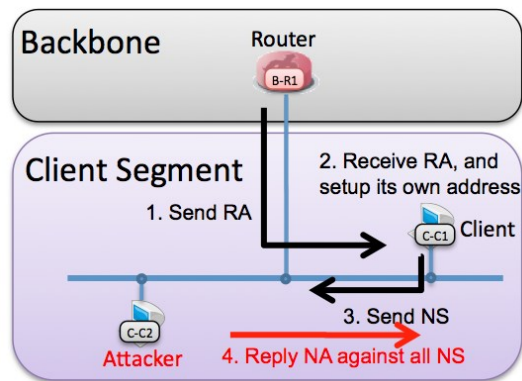


Figure I-3 –Abused DAD procedure (Threat 9)

Example 4: Figure 8-3 shows an attack scenario of DHCPv6 solicit messages. In this attack scenario, the attacker (S-C1) sends DHCPv6 solicit messages to the DHCPv6 server (S-S3) in order to exhaust its address pool. The client (D-C2) then sends DHCPv6 solicit messages to the DHCPv6 server to get DHCPv6 advertise messages. The risk assessment of IPv6 technical verification council in Japan observed that the DHCPv6 server's service was not stopped, but the client could not get DHCPv6 advertise messages from the DHCPv6 server during the attack. After the attacker stopped sending DHCPv6 solicit messages, the client could get DHCPv6 advertise messages from the DHCPv6 server. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 16.

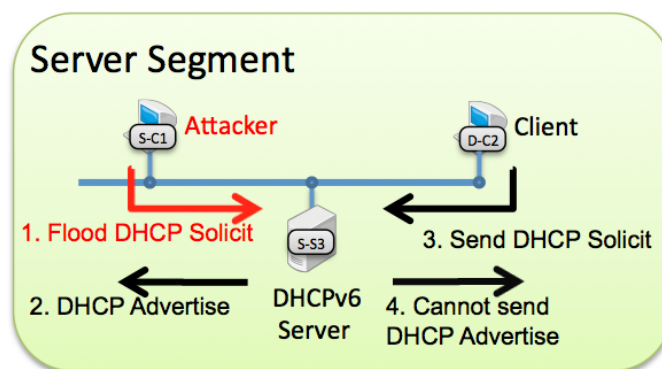


Figure I-4 –DHCPv6 solicit messages (Threat 16)

Example 5: Figure 9-1 shows an attack scenario of 6to4 encapsulation. In this attack scenario, an attacker (S-C1) sends an exploit code to the client (C-C1) via 6to4 tunnel and the router (B-R1)

forwards it to the IDS (D-I1). Using this attack, the IDS could not detect the exploit code due to its encapsulation. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 18.

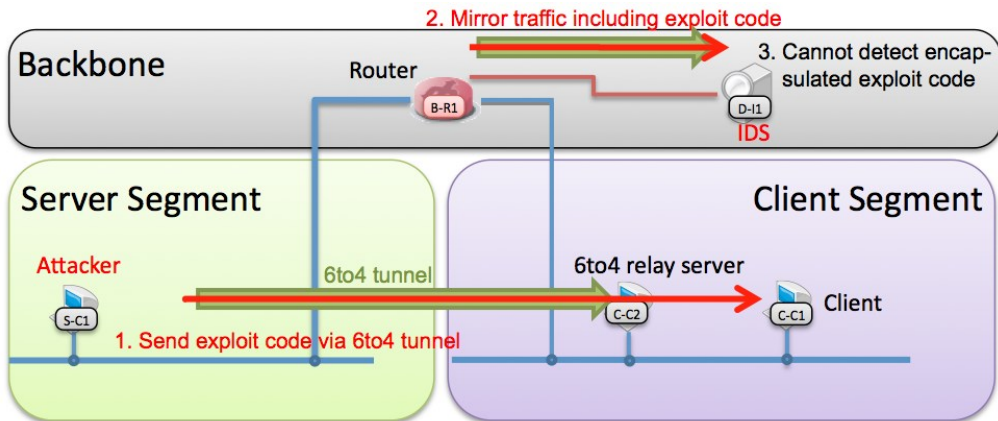


Figure I-5 –6to4 encapsulation (Threat 18)

Example 6: Figure 9-2 shows an attack scenario of overlapped fragments. At the beginning, an attacker (E-S1) sends the first fragment to a certain port number (e.g., 22/TCP) permitted by firewalls (D-F1) and (D-F2). Since the port number is permitted, the first fragment is transmitted to a victim node (C-C1). Then the attacker sends the second fragment whose offset is set to zero (i.e., it overwrites the first fragment) to a target port number (e.g., 445/TCP). If the firewalls are configured not to inspect subsequent fragments, the second fragment successfully reaches to the victim node and overwrites the first fragment. Thus, the original port number (22/TCP) is overwritten by the arbitrary port number (445/TCP), hence a defragmented datagram is able to attack to a service on the port. The above will be a practical example associated with Threat 19.

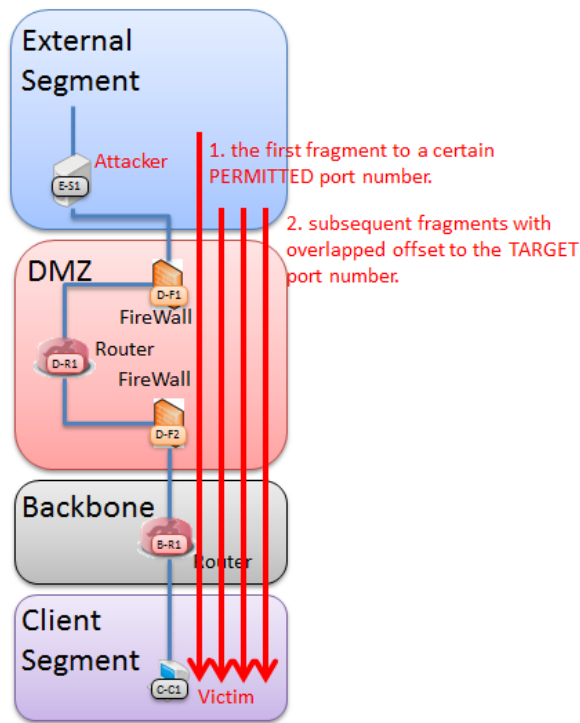


Figure I-6 –Overlapped fragments (Threat 19)

Appendix II

Use case: IPv6 Promotion Council in Japan

(<http://www.v6pc.jp/en/council/index.phtml>)

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation)

II.1 Background and objectives of IPv6 Promotion Council in Japan

The number of Internet users exceeded ninety four million in 2009 brings the percentage of the population using the Internet to 78 percent according to an MIC (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications in Japan) report. TV's, information appliances and equipment and devices in buildings are all controllable via the Internet. Moreover, many new services will be provided in the next generation Internet, including in various areas such as ITS, mobile networks, learning and shopping. IPv6 was developed for this next generation Internet.

Next generation Internet using IPv6 provides a new infrastructure in a high information society supporting more attractive and convenient shopping, services in daily life and business activity. To develop this new social infrastructure in a timely manner, many bodies, like private companies, government agencies, organizations and personal users need to collaborate with one another and utilize their intellect to enhance the promotion of utilization of IPv6 strongly.

Based on the above background, the IPv6 Promotion Council established a membership agreement aimed at increasing membership and improving its executive capacity.

Under the e-Japan Priority Policy Program introduced in March 2001, the Japanese government set the goal of realizing an IPv6 enabled network environment making it possible for anyone to collect, process and transmit information anywhere. The IPv6 Promotion Council will contribute to the realization of this goal by promoting cooperation among government, industry and academia.

II.2 Aims of the Council

- 1) Pursue an international leadership role for Japan in the Internet field
- 2) Develop rich human resources for continuous development of a new infrastructure for a high information society
- 3) Promote new business and vitalize existing business in hardware, software and service of networks and devices

II.3 Security considerations for information

Deliverable of "IPv6 Home Router Guideline (ver1.0)" was developed in June 22, 2009 can be shown at the following page [V6PC].

http://www.v6pc.jp/pdf/v6hgw_Guideline_1_0-English.pdf

Especially, detailed setting of access restriction is related to security considerations in 4.1.1.2 (p23).

Appendix III

Use case: IPv6 Technical Verification Consortium

(<http://ipv6tvc.jp/default.aspx>) (Only Japanese)

(This appendix does not form an integral part of this Recommendation)

III.1 Objectives of IPv6 Technical Verification Consortium in Japan

July 28th, 2010 - National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), Microsoft Japan and other 8 companies have established an "IPv6 Technical Verification Consortium" for verifying the security and interoperability of IPv6 technology. This consortium is organized to test and come up with solutions against over 60 security (threats and vulnerabilities) and interoperability issues identified through the NICT research activities. Microsoft Innovation Center Japan will take key position to host all testing and organize activities, and outcome will be shared to communities broadly to improve security and interoperability of IPv6.

III.2 Activities of the Consortium

Consortium members inspect vulnerabilities of their IPv6-enabled products and solutions such as network devices (e.g., router, switch, NAT, load balancer), security appliances (e.g., IDS, IPS, Firewall) and network service equipment (e.g., proxy server, DHCP server, Web server, DNS server) with respect to the IPv6 security issues that have been studied in NICT (National Institute of Information and Communications Technology). Consortium members also share all of the discovered vulnerabilities from the inspection with each other and devise countermeasures against them, so that the consortium can contribute to make more secure and stable IPv6-based networks. The direction of the activity will be decided under consensus of all consortium members and its main goal is to make the future IPv6-based Internet more secure and stable.

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