

Towards IGF 2008:

Where next for IP Addressing?

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Topics for today



- Geography of the Internet
- How are IP addresses managed?
- The future of IP addressing
- Towards the IGF in India



What's an IP Address?



What's an IP Address?



- Internet infrastructure addresses
- Uniquely assigned to Internet endpoints
- Public addresses are globally visible
- Addresses are a finite "Common Resource"
- Addresses are "v4" or "v6"
 - IPv4: 4 billion unique addresses
 - IPv6: 256 million trillion addresses?
- Not the same as DNS!











IP Addressing today



Address management: 1981–1992 APRICOT



1981:

"The assignment of numbers is also handled by Jon. If you are developing a protocol or application that will require the use of a link, socket, port, protocol, or network number **please contact Jon to receive a number assignment**." (RFC 790)





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Regional Internet Registries





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- Industry self-regulatory bodies
 - Open membership-based structures
 - -Non-profit, neutral and independent
 - -...in the "Internet Tradition", since 1993.
- Functions
 - -Allocation and registration services
 - Training and education
 - Open policy meetings and processes
- Proven success
 - "Best practice" in Internet Governance

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Why IPv6?



- IPv4 address space consumption
 - -Now 2-4 years space remaining
 - More if unused addresses can be reclaimed
 - There has to be a replacement
- Loss of "end to end" connectivity
 - Widespread use of NAT due to ISP policies and marketing
 - Additional complexity and performance costs
 - "Fog on the Internet"
- Other reasons?
 - Not many.



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Why not IPv6?



- So far, industry is not too interested...
 We are less optimistic than we used to be
- Conservative consolidation replaced explosive growth
 - Investments must show returns
 - Less risk means less innovation
- Less emphasis on new services
 - ...and more on returns from existing investments (value-adding, bundling etc)
- But this is changing we hope...

What's needed?



IPv4 address management

- Numerous policy measures under discussion for management of remaining space
 - Hard landing vs soft landing
 - Rationing, reserves, limiting demand
- Discussions about reclamation of IPv4 space
 - Transfer/trading (market) for address management
- IPv6 network deployment
 - Address policies are established
 - Increasing promotion and awareness
 - -Putting preparations in place
 - The time is now right!

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Addressing IGF...



IGF addressing issues



- What are "Critical resources"?
 - More than just IP addresses
 - IXPs, undersea cables, broadband, wireless, remote access, content, search engines...
- IP addressing issues
 - RIR system is now better understood
 - Proven history of success
- Proposals to allocate or reserve for countries
 - Reservation: may be reasonable
 - Allocation: nationalise the Internet architecture



• A familiar challenge: "Old" versus "New"







Internet Geography



- "Nations" of the Internet are networks
 - "Frontiers" are border routers
 - "Treaties" are peering relationships between networks
- It's a very dynamic world...
 - New nations are formed daily
 - New borders are established hourly
 - Routing tables change by the minute
 - Driven almost entirely by industry
 - No centralised control
- Very different from "traditional" networks

- Requires different thinking...



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IGF's role



- Promote awareness of the situation
 - IPv4's limitations, IPv6's challenges
- Promote solutions
 - Support for IPv6 deployment
- Promote dialogue
 - Towards understanding and cooperation
 - Maintain and improve multistakeholder participation
 - Support established and successful bodies
- Athens and Rio created a good start
 - Let's continue in India and beyond!



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