IPv6 Readiness

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Introduction

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Business and Technical Considerations



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Non-interworking private IPv4 address ranges duplicated between domains, that now require interworking





Network Architectures



IPv6 Implementation Centralised CGN NAT/PAT 44 Private IPv4 to Public IPv4 Backhaul Internet CGNAT BR EPO IP Core / Edge Region 1 Region 2) Backhaul Internet EPG CGNAT BR NAT/PAT 64 Public IPv6 to Public IPv4

CGN performs NAT/PAT 44 and NAT/PAT 64
PAT substantially reduces Public and Private IPv4 address depletion.





iPad Dual-Stack Carrier Settings

Significant IPv6 takeup on iPads since carrier update was made available with Dual-Stack.

Update made via iOS patch. Users are not immediately aware IPv6 is available on their iPads. Transparent migration.

IPv6 take up occurs when iPads are patched to the latest version Single Stack will come later this year



Use DNS64 as a migration step from dual stack to single stack

Dual stack devices without DNS64 are least impacted with a migration towards single stack as applications will continue to use IPv4

Enabling DNS64 will extend IPv6 usage for the devices and can be disabled easily if customers applications are impacted

The number applications, protocols and specific implementations continues to make a migration to IPv6 single stack a challenge

Check NGP / SMP behaviour

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Tethered devices to remain on DS APN for time being

Ensure all internal services IPv6 enabled

464xlat - is it still required ? H323 breaks but is it required ?

Corporate VPNs are a challenge due to range of solutions and specific implementations Test via test APNs



Step increases in IPv6 address usage as device types move to IPv6 ie iPad dual stack







More devices built to support VoLTE on by default



Mail services failing ie smtp IPv6 smtp packets not leaving PGW, IPv4 service works – PGW bug ? Bugs relating to IPv6 are becoming less common



APN can control IPv4, IPv6 or dual stack services

Some wireless devices restrict the use of APNs to control access to services ie wholesale products, corporate access

Ensure device testing validates access to various differentiated services from various device types, don't assume APN control is available through device



Migration Strategy to get to IPv6 single stack

- Device by device migration via carrier configuration
- Test APN, internal trials
- Dual stack on a single device type
- Turn on DNS64
- Single stack on a less common device ie android device type x
- Tethering APN last as there less control over applications and OS running on tethered devices



Customer Support

Engage the community early so they know what's coming. They will appreciate you are still developing and they will want to be part of the journey!

We receive support email through our contact points and reply as soon as possible. Don't keep your customers waiting

Skip the red tape – let customers engage engineering directly

Keep management happy! Report SIO and bandwidth usage!







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