#### Final Stages of IPv4 Distribution

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### Introduction

- IPv4 address distribution will move to the final stages in the next few years
- This presentation is an overview of what is going to happen
- We would like to seek community's opinions on how APNIC could manage the IPv4 address distribution during the final stages



#### **Status of IPv4 Address Space**



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#### Projected Exhaustion of IANA Unallocated Pool

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### Stage 1

#### IANA Unallocated Pool Still Available



### **IPv4 Address Pool at Stage 1**



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# What Happens During Stage 1

- APNIC will continue to follow current policies to distribute IPv4 addresses
- All allocations will be based on equipment capacity and customer numbers
- Current escalation procedure will continue to apply



#### **Escalation Procedure**

#### If the request size

- >= /19, request must be approved by two Hostmasters
- >= /17, request must be approved by Resource Services Manager
- >= /15, request must be approved by Senior Manager Review Team

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#### **Resource Quality Assurance**

- Assess new IANA allocated /8 blocks
- Quarantine reclaimed and returned address space for 12 months

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 Minimize any routability problems through communication, training, and testing

### Stage 2

#### **Post-IANA Pool**



#### **IPv4 Address Pool at Stage 2**

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# **Reserving the Final /8**

The advantages of reserving the last IANA /8 block are:

- The last block will be clean as IANA has reserved five clean blocks for the five RIRs
- It is easy for APNIC to manage the final /8 allocations and records
- Easier to identify other recyclable or transferable ranges



# Reserving the Final /8 (cont.)

The disadvantage of reserving the last IANA /8 block is:

 It will create some fragmentation when there is a large request and we only have small prefixes to make up the allocation size without using the reserved final /8 block.

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### Continuing to Allocate all Available Space

- All reserved ranges except the final /8 will be released
- One allocation may combine multiple prefixes to make up the required allocation size

#### Finalizing the RQA Pool

 At the end of Stage 2, Hostmasters will make a final review of the RQA pool, searching for any usable address space

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#### **IPv4 Address Transfers**

- Members may start using IPv4 transfer policy
- All such transfers will be subject to APNIC Hostmasters' evaluation at this stage

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#### Stage 3

#### **APNIC Reaches Final /8**





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#### Use of Final /8

- One /16 block will be reserved for future uses, as yet unforeseen
- Allocations will be made according to the final /8 policy
- Each LIR can only receive one allocation of the minimum allocation size

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#### **IPv4 Address Transfers**

 MyAPNIC will provide a streamlined transfer process

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 Hostmasters' evaluation will not be necessary at this stage

#### **Questions?**





#### What Should We Do Next ?

- Propose a new policy to manage recycling IPv4 address space?
- Move to IPv6 as early as possible?
- More .....
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# Summary

- Stage 1: IANA unallocated pool still available
- Stage 2: Post IANA pool
- Stage 3: APNIC reaches final /8

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• The future .....

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#### **IPv4 Address Pool at Stage 2**

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#### **Questions?**





# Thank you!

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