



IPv6: The Current Scenario in Pakistan

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Introduction

- IPv6 is the new version of the Internet Layer Protocol (IP) in the TCP/IP suite.
- ▶ BUT, its not new....
- RFC 2460 (IPv6) was released in December 1998.
- It has been more than a decade now.
- ▶ So, NO MORE EXCUSES.....

IPv6 delegations in Pakistan

- As of 1st February 2011, there are 57 APNIC members in Pakistan.
- Every member is entitled to get an IPv6 allocation of /32 (and /48 in some cases).
- BUT Unfortunately.....
- According to APNIC routing database out of 57 only 19 Members have got their IPv6 address space. i.e. ~33%

IPv6 delegations in Pakistan

Member Name	Catagony	IPv6 Address Space
	Category SMALL	•
AMZ Technologies (Private) Limited	MEDIUM	2401:a200::/32
Connect Communication	MEDIUM	2401:ea00::/32
Cyber Internet Services Pakistan	SMALL	2001:4538::/32
Delta Networks		2402:7c00::/32
Gerrys Information Technology (PVT) Ltd	MEDIUM	2406:ac00::/32
HEC	SMALL	2400:fc00::/32
IMZAK UK Limited	SMALL	2401:9e00::/32
	LARGE	2401::/32,
Linkdotnet Telecom Limited		2404:148::/32
Micronet Broadband (Pvt) Ltd.	MEDIUM	2407:d000::/32
Multinet Broadband	MEDIUM	2401:8e00::/32
National Institutional Facilitation	VERY SMALL	
Technologies.		2001:df0:84::/48
Pakistan Software Export Board	SMALL	2405:c00::/32
Pakistan Telecom company limited	VERY LARGE	2404:7000::/32
Supernet, PDS Limited	MEDIUM	2001:fe8::/32
Telenor Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd	SMALL	2402:e000::/32
TRANSWORLD ASSOCIATES (PVT) LIMITED	MEDIUM	2404:d400::/32
WARID TELECOM	SMALL	2407:9c00::/32
Wi-Tribe Pakistan Limited	LARGE	2404:f400::/32
Worldcall Multimedia Limited (WML)	LARGE	2406:7000::/32

IPv6 Prefixes Visibility

 Out of 19 members having IPv6 address space only 6 are advertising their prefixes on the Internet. i.e. ~31%

Member Name	Category	IPv6 Address Space	v6 Route
Cyber Internet Services Pakistan	MEDIUM	2001:4538::/32	Advertised
Delta Networks	SMALL	2402:7c00::/32	Advertised
Linkdotnet Telecom Limited	LARGE	2401::/32, 2404:148::/32	Advertised
Pakistan Telecom PTCL	VERY LARGE	2404:7000::/32	Advertised
Supernet, PDS Limited	MEDIUM	2001:fe8::/32	Advertised
Worldcall Multimedia Limited	LARGE	2406:7000::/32	Advertised

IPv6 Task Force Pakistan

- IPv6 Task Force was created by few technology enthusiast from Cybernet, Supernet and Dancom.
- ▶ It is accredited by IPv6 Forum, APNIC, SANOG and PTA.
- The main idea was to start working towards IPv6 deployment as early as possible.
- A working charter was established with consensus among the stake holders.

IPv6 Task Force Pakistan

Task Force was formed with the following objectives:

- Identify key application/product vendors and ISPs to promote IPv6 in Pakistan.
- Propose, discuss, implement and share regional and local IPv6 strategies
- Facilitate the means to promote IPv6 and its related technology through TF managed events and webportal.
- Work with academia to promote addition of IPv6 in their curriculum.
- Develop General Deployment and Transition Guidelines
- Investigate and publicize IPv6 deployment status;
- Establish and maintain Project 6Core (National IPv6 Core of Pakistan).

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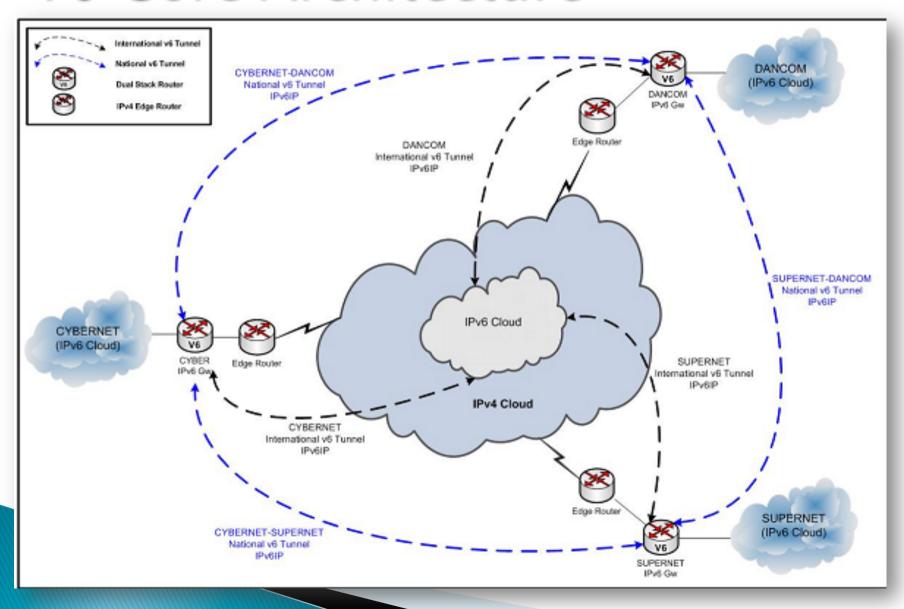
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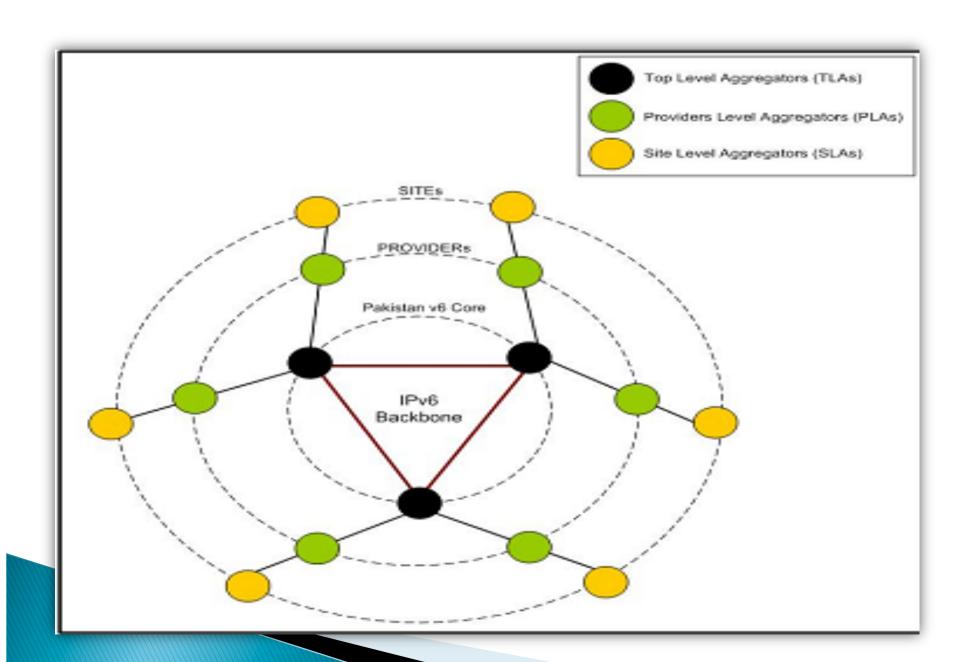
- Membership is open to any organization willing to contribute to IPv6 promotion and deployment in Pakistan.
- No membership fees.
- There shall be no limit as to the number of Members of the Task Force.
- All Members shall be entitled to participate in Task Force discussions.

v6 Core Project

- ▶ 6Core stands for "IPv6 National Core." which is the First IPv6 based project initiated by ISPs of Pakistan under the common platform of Pakistan IPv6 Task Force. The 6Core is a test-bed network that was started by CYBERNET, SUPERNET, DANCOM towards transition from IPv4 to IPv6.
- The 6Core project was started to enable various IPv6 testing as well as to assist in the transitioning of Pakistan ISP/NSP and other Enterprises' IPv4 networks into IPv6 Internet.
- It is managed on a collaborative, best-effort basis by its Nationwide ISP/NSPs, Educational institutes etc.

V6 Core Architecture





The proposed road map is in 5 phases initially.

Phase I:

- Every ISP will initiate single IPv6 Tunnel with all other ISPs in Pakistan to establish IPv6 tunnel ring.
- ▶ Every ISP will advertise its /32 CIDR only (No v6 Transit services will be offered).
- IPv6 Tunnel will be used only for IPv6 traffic (unicast/multicast) only.
- BGP neighborship will be created over National IPv6 tunnels.
- For international IPv6 traffic every ISP will forward it to their International IPv6 Tunnel provider.

Phase II:

- Every ISP will launch www6, DNS and FTP services over IPv6 in their Testbeds.
- Services like TFTP, Telnet and SSH, and DHCPv6 will be tested.
- ICMPv6 functions verification i.e. ICMPv6 Echo Request, Reply and Redirect, ICMP "hop limit exceeded," Neighbor Unreachability Detection, Path MTU Detection and Fragmentation/Reassembly, etc..

Phase III:

- Multiple v6 Tunnel between the ISP (base on major regions KHI/LHR/ISB only).
- Every ISP will relax the prefix filter policy to /32 upto /
 48 to implement Multi-homed Traffic Engineering.
- Routing Protocol performance "OSPFv3, ISIS and BGP4+" will be tested.
- Different Tunnel scenarios i.e. static tunnels, 6to4, ISATAP, Teredo and Tunnel Broker will be tested.

- There were many phases in the road map but somehow we never went ahead of Phase II and Phase III.
- So, what went wrong?
 - Gap in understanding between front line engineers and decision makers.
 - Lack of support/interest from Govt. functions and regulators.
 - Lack of support/interest from academia specially HEC-PERN
 - Failure to create a business case. No user is asking for IPv6.

- Crunch line to move forward:
 - IPv6 is the only technology available to serve the long term solution for Internet.
 - It is not perfect, its not backward compatible and it DOES NOT work with IPv4.
 - BUT, it does work ALONGSIDE IPv4 through coexistence and transition.

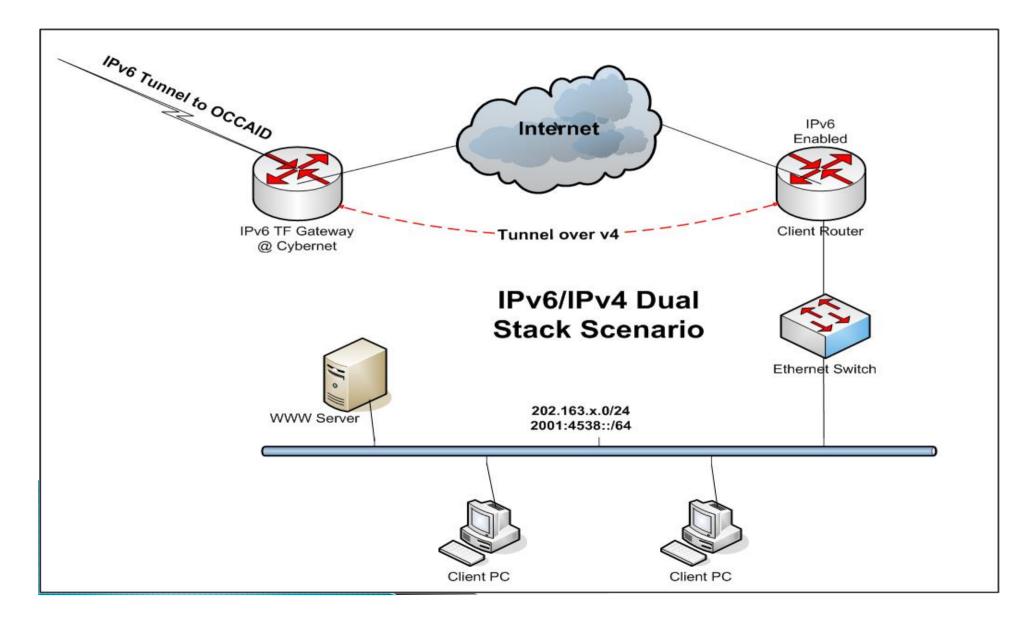
IPv4 to IPv6 Transition

- Since the IPv6 only networks are rare and working in isolation. Therefore, to reach IPv6 Internet from IPv6 host there should be certain transition methods
- Transition approaches:
 - IPv6 only i.e. Native v6 in Parallel
 - Dual Stack
 - Tunneling
 - Translation

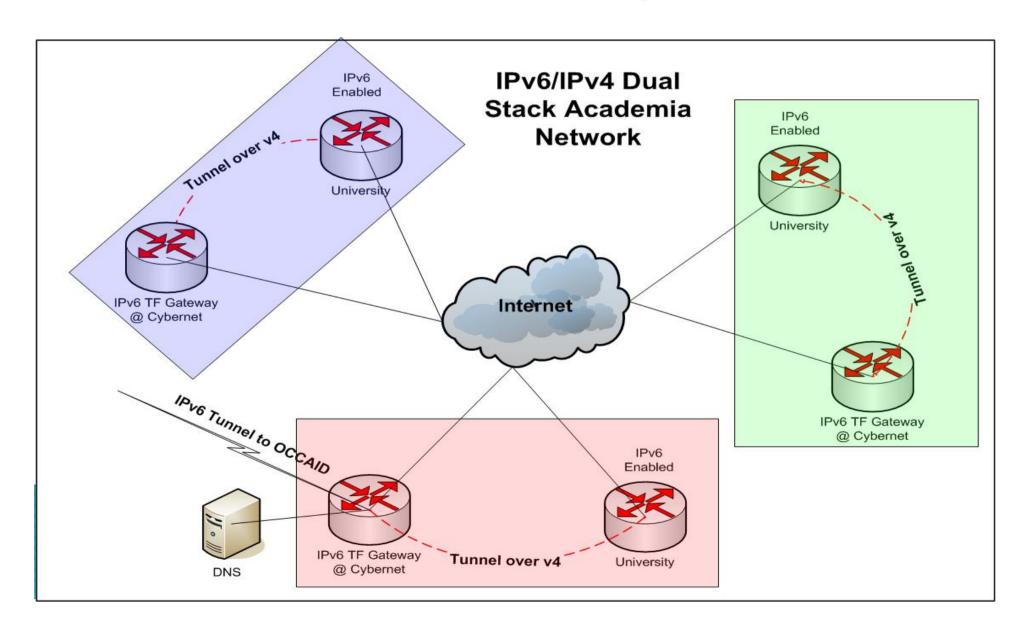
We are already late!

- A planned rollout in an average moderate network environment could take 2 years.
- If you are still looking for a business case than imagine lnternet with NAT only.
- The sooner you start, the more time you have to test the network.
- Start conserving your IPv4 addresses for rainy days.

Starting Point



Academia Partnership



How we are helping?

- IPv6 Task Force is doing IPv6 awareness seminars and lectures in universities.
- IPv6 Task Force is helping enterprises and academia to setup networks and labs.
- IPv6 Task Force provides IPv6 prefixes assigned by Cybernet.
- We are working on a complete IPv6 task force portal with all the desired resources
- Operational experience with transitional technologies is minimal. There are more questions than answers.
 We know few answers.....

We Need Your Support!

Any Questions....

Thank you...

- Related Links
 - IPv6 Task Force Pakistan <u>www.ipv6tf.org.pk</u>
 - Tunnel Broker <u>www.he.net</u>
 - APNIC IPv6 Program www.apnic.net/community/ ipv6-program
 - IPv6 Forum www.ipv6forum.org

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