Stateless Network Address Translation 64

The Stateless Network Address Translation 64 (NAT64) feature provides a translation mechanism that translates an IPv6 packet into an IPv4 packet and vice versa. The translation involves parsing the entire IPv6 header, including the extension headers, and extracting the relevant information and translating it into an IPv4 header. Similarly, the IPv4 header is parsed in its entirety, including the IPv4 options, to construct an IPv6 header. This processing happens on a per-packet basis on the interfaces that are configured for Stateless NAT64 translation.

The Stateless NAT64 translator enables native IPv6 or IPv4 communication and facilitates coexistence of IPv4 and IPv6 networks.

The Stateless NAT64 translator does not maintain any state information in the datapath. This translator is based on the IETF working group Behavior Engineering for Hindrance Avoidance (BEHAVE) drafts about the framework for IPv4/IPv6 translation. This draft describes the mechanism to translate an IPv6 packet to an IPv4 packet and vice versa, including the transport layer headers and Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP).

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see Bug Search Tool and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

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Restrictions for Stateless Network Address Translation 64

The following restrictions apply to the Stateless NAT64 feature:

- Multiple prefixes are not supported.
- IPv4 and IPv6 virtual routing and forwarding (VRFs) instances are not supported.
- Redundancy is not supported.
- Applications without a corresponding application layer gateway (ALG) may not work properly with the Stateless NAT64 translator.
- Only valid IPv4-translatable addresses can be used for stateless translation.
- Multicast is not supported.
- The translation of IPv4 options, IPv6 routing headers, hop-by-hop extension headers, destination option headers, and source routing headers are not supported.
- Fragmented IPv4 UDP packets that do not contain a UDP checksum are not translated.

Information About Stateless Network Address Translation 64

IPv4-Translatable IPv6 Address

IPv4-translatable IPv6 addresses are IPv6 addresses assigned to the IPv6 nodes for use with stateless translation. IPv4-translatable addresses consist of a variable-length prefix, an embedded IPv4 address, fixed universal bits (u-bits), and in some cases a suffix. IPv4-embedded IPv6 addresses are IPv6 addresses in which 32 bits contain an IPv4 address. This format is the same for both IPv4-converted and IPv4-translatable IPv6 addresses.

The figure below shows an IPv4-translatable IPv6 address format with several different prefixes and embedded IPv4 address positions.

Figure 1: IPv4-Translatable IPv6 Address Format

Prefixes Format

A set of bits at the start of an IPv6 address is called the format prefix. Prefix length is a decimal value that specifies how many of the leftmost contiguous bits of an address comprise the prefix.
An embedded IPv4 address is used to construct IPv4 addresses from the IPv6 packet. The Stateless NAT64 translator has to derive the IPv4 addresses that are embedded in the IPv6-translatable address by using the prefix length. The translator has to construct an IPv6-translatable address based on the prefix and prefix length and embed the IPv4 address based on the algorithm.

According to the IETF address format BEHAVE draft, a u-bit (bit 70) defined in the IPv6 architecture should be set to zero. For more information on the u-bit usage, see RFC 2464. The reserved octet, also called u-octet, is reserved for compatibility with the host identifier format defined in the IPv6 addressing architecture. When constructing an IPv6 packet, the translator has to make sure that the u-bits are not tampered with and are set to the value suggested by RFC 2373. The suffix will be set to all zeros by the translator. IETF recommends that the 8 bits of the u-octet (bit range 64-71) should be set to zero.

The prefix lengths of 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, or 96 are supported for Stateless NAT64 translation. The Well Known Prefix (WKP) is not supported. When traffic flows from the IPv4-to-IPv6 direction, either a WKP or a configured prefix can be added only in stateful translation.

**Supported Stateless NAT64 Scenarios**

The IETF framework draft for IPv4/IPv6 translation describes eight different network communication scenarios for Stateless NAT64 translation. The following scenarios are supported by the Cisco IOS Stateless NAT64 feature and are described in this section:

- Scenario 1--an IPv6 network to the IPv4 Internet
- Scenario 2--the IPv4 Internet to an IPv6 network
- Scenario 5--an IPv6 network to an IPv4 network
- Scenario 6--an IPv4 network to an IPv6 network

The figure below shows stateless translation for scenarios 1 and 2. An IPv6-only network communicates with the IPv4 Internet.

**Figure 2: Stateless Translation for Scenarios 1 and 2**

Scenario 1 is an IPv6 initiated connection and scenario 2 is an IPv4 initiated connection. Stateless NAT64 translates these two scenarios only if the IPv6 addresses are IPv4 translatable. In these two scenarios, the Stateless NAT64 feature does not help with IPv4 address depletion, because each IPv6 host that communicates with the IPv4 Internet is a globally routable IPv4 address. This consumption is similar to the IPv4 consumption rate as a dual-stack. The savings, however, is that the internal network is 100 percent IPv6, which eases management (Access Control Lists, routing tables), and IPv4 exists only at the edge where the Stateless translators live.

The figure below shows stateless translation for scenarios 5 and 6. The IPv4 network and IPv6 network are within the same organization.
The IPv4 addresses used are either public IPv4 addresses or RFC 1918 addresses. The IPv6 addresses used are either public IPv6 addresses or Unique Local Addresses (ULAs).

Both these scenarios consist of an IPv6 network that communicates with an IPv4 network. Scenario 5 is an IPv6 initiated connection and scenario 6 is an IPv4 initiated connection. The IPv4 and IPv6 addresses may not be public addresses. These scenarios are similar to the scenarios 1 and 2. The Stateless NAT64 feature supports these scenarios if the IPv6 addresses are IPv4 translatable.

How to Configure Stateless Network Address Translation 64

Configuring a Routing Network for Stateless NAT64 Communication

Perform this task to configure and verify a routing network for Stateless NAT64 communication. You can configure stateless NAT64 along with your NAT configuration: static, dynamic, or overload.

Before you begin

- An IPv6 address assigned to any host in the network should have a valid IPv4-translatable address and vice versa.
- You should enable the `ipv6 unicast-routing` command for this configuration to work.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. enable
2. configure terminal
3. ipv6 unicast-routing
4. interface type number
5. description string
6. ipv6 enable
7. ipv6 address {ipv6-address/prefix-length | prefix-name sub-bits/prefix-length}
8. nat64 enable
9. exit
10. interface type number
11. description string
12. ip address ip-address mask
13. nat64 enable
14. exit
15. `nat64 prefix stateless ipv6-prefix/length`
16. `nat64 route ipv4-prefix/mask interface-type interface-number`
17. `ipv6 route ipv4-prefix/length interface-type interface-number`
18. `end`

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<td>Device&gt; enable</td>
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<td>Device# configure terminal</td>
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<td><code>ipv6 unicast-routing</code></td>
<td>Enables the forwarding of IPv6 unicast datagrams.</td>
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<td><code>interface type number</code></td>
<td>Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Device(config)# interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0</td>
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<td>Adds a description to an interface configuration.</td>
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<td>`ipv6 address {ipv6-address/prefix-length</td>
<td>prefix-name sub-bits/prefix-length}`</td>
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<td>Device(config-if)# ipv6 address 2001:DB8::1/128</td>
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<td>Enables Stateless NAT64 translation on an IPv6 interface.</td>
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<td>Configures an interface type and enters interface configuration mode.</td>
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<td>Adds a description to an interface configuration.</td>
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<td>Configures an IPv4 address for an interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 13</strong> nat64 enable</td>
<td>Exits interface configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Step 15</strong> nat64 prefix stateless ipv6-prefix/length</td>
<td>Defines the Stateless NAT64 prefix to be added to the IPv4 hosts to translate the IPv4 address into an IPv6 address.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# nat64 prefix stateless 2001:0db8:0:1::/96</td>
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<td><strong>Step 16</strong> nat64 route ipv4-prefix/mask interface-type interface-number</td>
<td>Routes the IPv4 traffic towards the correct IPv6 interface.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Device(config)# nat64 route 203.0.113.0/24 gigabitethernet 0/0/0</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
<td>Routes the translated packets to the IPv4 address.</td>
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<td>Device(config)# ipv6 route 2001:DB8:0:1::CB00:7100/120 gigabitethernet 0/0/0</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong></td>
<td>Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.</td>
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<td>Device(config)# end</td>
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### Monitoring and Maintaining the Stateless NAT64 Routing Network

Perform this task to verify and monitor the Stateless NAT64 routing network. In the privileged EXEC mode, you can enter the commands in any order.

#### SUMMARY STEPS

1. show nat64 statistics
2. show ipv6 route
3. show ip route
4. debug nat64 {all | ha {all | info | trace | warn} | id-manager | info | issu {all | message | trace} | memory | statistics | trace | warn}
5. ping {protocol [tag]} {host-name | system-address}

#### DETAILED STEPS

**Step 1**  
show nat64 statistics

This command displays the global and interface-specific statistics of the packets that are translated and dropped.

**Example:**

Device# show nat64 statistics

NAT64 Statistics  
Global Stats:  
Packets translated (IPv4 -> IPv6): 21  
Packets translated (IPv6 -> IPv4): 15  
GigabitEthernet0/0/1 (IPv4 configured, IPv6 configured):  
Packets translated (IPv4 -> IPv6): 5  
Packets translated (IPv6 -> IPv4): 0  
Packets dropped: 0  
GigabitEthernet1/2/0 (IPv4 configured, IPv6 configured):  
Packets translated (IPv4 -> IPv6): 0  
Packets translated (IPv6 -> IPv4): 5  
Packets dropped: 0

**Step 2**  
show ipv6 route
This command displays the configured stateless prefix and the specific route for the IPv4 embedded IPv6 address pointing toward the IPv6 side.

**Example:**

Device# show ipv6 route

IPv6 Routing Table - default - 6 entries
Codes: C - Connected, L - Local, S - Static, U - Per-user Static route
B - BGP, R - RIP, I1 - ISIS L1, I2 - ISIS L2
IA - ISIS interarea, IS - ISIS summary, D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external
ND - Neighbor Discovery
O - OSPF Intra, OI - OSPF Inter, OE1 - OSPF ext 1, OE2 - OSPF ext 2
ON1 - OSPF NSSA ext 1, ON2 - OSPF NSSA ext 2
LC 2001::1/128 [0/0] via FastEthernet0/3/4, receive
S 2001::1B01:10A/128 [1/0] via FastEthernet0/3/4, directly connected
S 3001::/96 [1/0] via ::42, NVI0
LC 3001::C0A8:64D5/128 [0/0] via FastEthernet0/3/0, receive
L FF00::/8 [0/0] via Null0, receive

**Step 3** show ip route

This command displays the IPv4 addresses in the Internet that have reached the IPv4 side.

**Example:**

Device# show ip route

Codes: R - RIP derived, O - OSPF derived,
     C - connected, S - static, B - BGP derived,
     * - candidate default route, IA - OSPF inter area route,
     i - IS-IS derived, ia - IS-IS, U - per-user static route,
     o - on-demand routing, M - mobile, P - periodic downloaded static route,
     D - EIGRP, EX - EIGRP external, E1 - OSPF external type 1 route,
     E2 - OSPF external type 2 route, N1 - OSPF NSSA external type 1 route,
     N2 - OSPF NSSA external type 2 route
Gateway of last resort is 10.119.254.240 to network 10.140.0.0
O E2 10.110.0.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:01:00, Ethernet2
O E 10.67.10.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
O E2 10.68.132.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:00:59, Ethernet2
O E2 10.130.0.0 [160/5] via 10.119.254.6, 0:00:59, Ethernet2
E 10.128.0.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.129.0.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.65.129.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.10.0.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.75.139.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
E 10.16.208.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.84.148.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
E 10.31.223.0 [200/128] via 10.119.254.244, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.44.236.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
E 10.141.0.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:22, Ethernet2
E 10.140.0.0 [200/129] via 10.119.254.240, 0:02:23, Ethernet2
IPv6 Routing Table - default - 6 entries

**Step 4** debug nat64 {all | ha {all | info | trace | warn} | id-manager | info | issu {all | message | trace} | memory | statistics | trace | warn}

This command enables Stateless NAT64 debugging.

**Example:**
Device# debug nat64 statistics

NAT64 statistics debugging is on
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Received stats update for IDB(FastEthernet0/3/5)
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Updating pkts_translated_v4v6 from 94368894 to 95856998
(is_delta(TRUE) value(1488104))
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Received stats update for IDB(FastEthernet0/3/4)
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Updating pkts_translated_v6v4 from 7771538 to 7894088
(is_delta(TRUE) value(122550))
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Received global stats update
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Updating pkts_translated_v4v6 from 1718650332 to 1720138437
(is_delta(TRUE) value(1488105))
Sep 16 18:26:24.537 IST: NAT64 (stats): Updating pkts_translated_v6v4 from 1604459283 to 1604581833
(is_delta(TRUE) value(122550))

Step 5 ping [protocol [tag]] [host-name | system-address]

The following is a sample packet capture from the IPv6 side when you specify the ping 198.168.0.2 command after you configure the nat64 enable command on both the IPv4 and IPv6 interfaces:

Example:

Device# ping 198.168.0.2

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<td>0.000000</td>
<td>2001::c6a7:2</td>
<td>2001::c6a8:2</td>
<td>ICMPv6</td>
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Frame 1: 118 bytes on wire (944 bits), 118 bytes captured (944 bits)
Arrival Time: Oct 8, 2010 11:54:06.403854000 India Standard Time
Epoch Time: 1286519046.403854000 seconds
[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
[Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
[Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
Frame Number: 1
Frame Length: 118 bytes (944 bits)
Capture Length: 118 bytes (944 bits)
[Frame is marked: False]
[Frame is ignored: False]
[Protocol in frame: eth:1pv6:icmpv6: data]

Destination: Cisco_23:f2:30 (00:1f:6c:23:f2:30)
Address: Cisco_23:f2:30 (00:1f:6c:23:f2:30)
.... .0 .... .... .... .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
.... .0 .... .... .... .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
Source: Cisco_c3:64:94 (00:22:64:c3:64:94)
Address: Cisco_c3:64:94 (00:22:64:c3:64:94)
.... .0 .... .... .... .... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
.... .0 .... .... .... .... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
Type: IPv6 (0x86dd)
0110 .... = Version: 6
  [0110 .... = This field makes the filter "ip.version ==6" possible:: 6]
    .... 0000 0000 .... .... .... .... = Traffic class: 0x00000000
    .... 0000 0000 .... .... .... .... = Differentiated Services Field: Default (0x00000000)
    .... 0000 0000 .... .... .... .... = ECN-Capable Transport (ECT): Not set
    .... 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 = Flowlabel: 0x00000000
Payload length: 64
Next header: 64
Hop limit: 64
Source: 2001::c6a7:2 (2001::c6a7:2)
[Source Teredo Server IPv4: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)]
[Source Teredo Port: 6535]
Configuration Examples for Stateless Network Address Translation 64

Example Configuring a Routing Network for Stateless NAT64 Translation

The following example shows how to configure a routing network for Stateless NAT64 translation:

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
!
interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0
description interface facing ipv6
ipv6 enable
ipv6 address 2001:DB8::1/128
nat64 enable
!
interface gigabitethernet 1/2/0
description interface facing ipv4
ip address 198.51.100.1 255.255.255.0
nat64 enable
!
nat64 prefix stateless 2001:0db8:0:1::/96
nat64 route 203.0.113.0/24 gigabitethernet 0/0/0
ipv6 route 2001:DB8:0:1::CB00:7100/120 gigabitethernet 0/0/0
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The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Glossary

ALG—application-layer gateway or application-level gateway.

FP—Forward Processor.

IPv4-converted address—IPv6 addresses used to represent the IPv4 hosts. These have an explicit mapping relationship to the IPv4 addresses. This relationship is self-described by mapping the IPv4 address in the IPv6 address. Both stateless and stateful translators use IPv4-converted IPv6 addresses to represent the IPv4 hosts.

IPv6-converted address—IPv6 addresses that are assigned to the IPv6 hosts for the stateless translator. These IPv6-converted addresses have an explicit mapping relationship to the IPv4 addresses. This relationship is self-described by mapping the IPv4 address in the IPv6 address. The stateless translator uses the corresponding IPv4 addresses to represent the IPv6 hosts. The stateful translator does not use IPv6-converted addresses, because the IPv6 hosts are represented by the IPv4 address pool in the translator via dynamic states.

NAT—Network Address Translation.

RP—Route Processor.

stateful translation—in stateful translation a per-flow state is created when the first packet in a flow is received. A translation algorithm is said to be stateful if the transmission or reception of a packet creates or modifies a data structure in the relevant network element. Stateful translation allows the use of multiple translators interchangeably and also some level of scalability. Stateful translation is defined to enable the IPv6 clients and peers without mapped IPv4 addresses to connect to the IPv4-only servers and peers.

stateless translation—a translation algorithm that is not stateful is called stateless. A stateless translation requires configuring a static translation table, or may derive information algorithmically from the messages it is translating. Stateless translation requires less computational overhead than stateful translation. It also requires less memory to maintain the state, because the translation tables and the associated methods and processes exist in a stateful algorithm and do not exist in a stateless one. Stateless translation enables the IPv4-only clients and peers to initiate connections to the IPv6-only servers or peers that are equipped with IPv4-embedded IPv6 addresses. It also enables scalable coordination of IPv4-only stub networks or ISP
IPv6-only networks. Because the source port in an IPv6-to-IPv4 translation may have to be changed to provide adequate flow identification, the source port in the IPv4-to-IPv6 direction need not be changed.