IPv6 Anycast Address

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Information About IPv6 Anycast Address

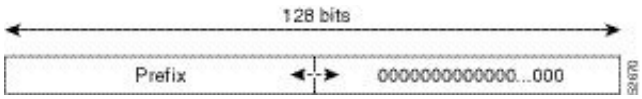
IPv6 Address Type: Anycast

An anycast address is an address that is assigned to a set of interfaces that typically belong to different nodes. A packet sent to an anycast address is delivered to the closest interface (as defined by the routing protocols in use) identified by the anycast address. Anycast addresses are syntactically indistinguishable from unicast addresses, because anycast addresses are allocated from the unicast address space. Assigning a unicast address to more than one interface makes a unicast address an anycast address. Nodes to which the anycast address is assigned must be explicitly configured to recognize that the address is an anycast address.

Note Anycast addresses can be used only by a , not a host, and anycast addresses must not be used as the source address of an IPv6 packet.

The figure below shows the format of the subnet anycast address; the address has a prefix concatenated by a series of zeros (the interface ID). The subnet anycast address can be used to reach a device on the link that is identified by the prefix in the subnet anycast address.

Figure 1: Subnet Anycast Address Format



How to Configure IPv6 Anycast Address

Configuring IPv6 Anycast Addressing

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **interface** *type number*
4. **ipv6 address** *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* **anycast**

DETAILED STEPS

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Device> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Device# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.
Step 3	**interface** *type number* **Example:** `Device(config)# interface tunnel0`	Specifies an interface type and number, and places the device in interface configuration mode.
Step 4	**ipv6 address** *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* **anycast** **Example:** `Device(config-if)# ipv6 address 2002:db8:c058::/128 anycast`	Specifying the **ipv6 address anycast** command adds an IPv6 anycast address.

Configuration Examples for IPv6 Anycast Address

Example: Configuring IPv6 Anycast Addressing

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
Cisco IOS IP SLAs commands	Cisco IOS IP SLAs Command Reference, All Releases
Cisco IOS IP SLAs: general information	"Cisco IOS IP SLAs Overview" module of the *Cisco IOS IP SLAs Configuration Guide*.
Multioperation scheduling for IP SLAs	"Configuring Multioperation Scheduling of IP SLAs Operations" module of the *Cisco IOS P SLAs Configuration Guide*
Proactive threshold monitoring for IP SLAs	"Configuring Proactive Threshold Monitoring of IP SLAs Operations" module of the *Cisco IOS IP SLAs Configuration Guide*

MIBs

MIBs	MIBs Link
CISCO-RTTMON-MIB	To locate and download MIBs for selected platforms, Cisco IOS releases, and feature sets, use Cisco MIB Locator found at the following URL: http://www.cisco.com/go/mibs

Technical Assistance

Description	Link
The Cisco Support and Documentation website provides online resources to download documentation, software, and tools. Use these resources to install and configure the software and to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues with Cisco products and technologies. Access to most tools on the Cisco Support and Documentation website requires a Cisco.com user ID and password.	http://www.cisco.com/cisco/web/support/index.html

Feature Information for IPv6 Anycast Address

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.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Table 1: Feature Information for IPv6 Anycast Address

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
IPv6: Anycast Address	12.2(25)SEA 12.2(25)SG 12.2(33)SRA 12.2(33)SXH 12.3(4)T 15.0(2)SG Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1 3.2.0SG	An anycast address is an address that is assigned to a set of interfaces that typically belong to different nodes. Anycast addresses are syntactically indistinguishable from unicast addresses, because anycast addresses are allocated from the unicast address space. The following commands were introduced or modified: **ipv6 address anycast**, **show ipv6 interface**.