



ICMP for IPv6 Redirect

The IPv6 Redirect Messages feature enables a device to send Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) IPv6 neighbor redirect messages to inform hosts of better first-hop nodes (devices or hosts) on the path to a destination.

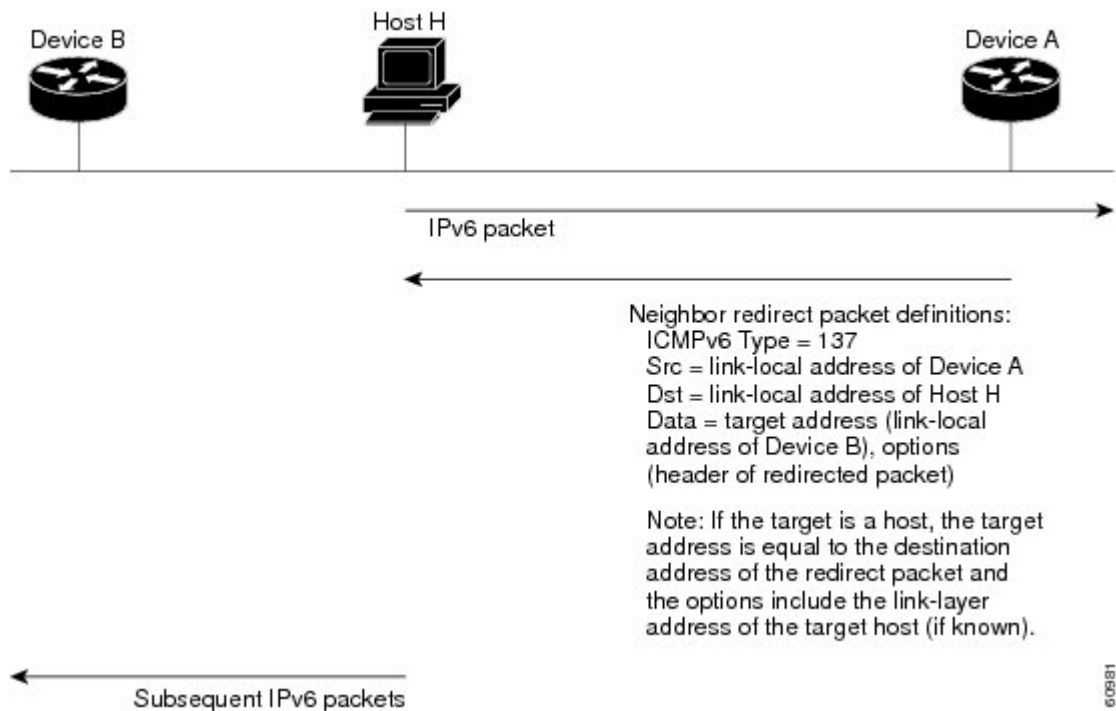
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Information About ICMP for IPv6 Redirect

IPv6 Neighbor Redirect Message

A value of 137 in the type field of the ICMP packet header identifies an IPv6 neighbor redirect message. Devices send neighbor redirect messages to inform hosts of better first-hop nodes on the path to a destination (see the figure below).

Figure 1: IPv6 Neighbor Discovery: Neighbor Redirect Message



Note

A device must be able to determine the link-local address for each of its neighboring devices in order to ensure that the target address (the final destination) in a redirect message identifies the neighbor device by its link-local address. For static routing, the address of the next-hop device should be specified using the link-local address of the device; for dynamic routing, all IPv6 routing protocols must exchange the link-local addresses of neighboring devices.

After forwarding a packet, a device should send a redirect message to the source of the packet under the following circumstances:

- The destination address of the packet is not a multicast address.
- The packet was not addressed to the device.
- The packet is about to be sent out the interface on which it was received.

- The device determines that a better first-hop node for the packet resides on the same link as the source of the packet.
- The source address of the packet is a global IPv6 address of a neighbor on the same link, or a link-local address.

Use the **ipv6 icmp error-interval** command to limit the rate at which the device generates all IPv6 ICMP error messages, including neighbor redirect messages, which ultimately reduces link-layer congestion.

**Note**

A device must not update its routing tables after receiving a neighbor redirect message, and hosts must not originate neighbor redirect messages.

How to Display IPv6 Redirect Messages

Displaying IPv6 Redirect Messages

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show ipv6 interface** [**brief**] [*type number*] [**prefix**]
3. **show ipv6 neighbors** [*interface-type interface-number* [*ipv6-address* | *ipv6-hostname*] | **statistics**]
4. **show ipv6 route** [*ipv6-address* | *ipv6-prefix/prefix-length* | *protocol* | **interface** *interface-type interface-number*]
5. **show ipv6 traffic** [**interface** *interface-type interface-number*]
6. **show hosts** [*vrf vrf-name* | **all** | *hostname* | **summary**]
7. **enable**
8. **show running-config**

DETAILED STEPS

| | Command or Action | Purpose |
|--------|--|--|
| Step 1 | enable Example: Device# enable | Enables privileged EXEC mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. |
| Step 2 | show ipv6 interface [brief] [<i>type number</i>] [prefix] Example: Device# show ipv6 interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0 | Displays the usability status of interfaces configured for IPv6. |

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| Step 3 | <p>show ipv6 neighbors [<i>interface-type interface-number</i> [<i>ipv6-address</i> <i>ipv6-hostname</i>] statistics]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show ipv6 neighbors gigabitethernet 2/0/0</pre> | Displays IPv6 Neighbor Discovery cache information. |
| Step 4 | <p>show ipv6 route [<i>ipv6-address</i> <i>ipv6-prefix/prefix-length</i> <i>protocol</i> interface <i>interface-type interface-number</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show ipv6 route</pre> | (Optional) Displays the current contents of the IPv6 routing table. |
| Step 5 | <p>show ipv6 traffic [interface <i>interface-type interface-number</i>]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show ipv6 traffic</pre> | (Optional) Displays statistics about IPv6 traffic. |
| Step 6 | <p>show hosts [<i>vrf vrf-name</i> all <i>hostname</i> summary]</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show hosts</pre> | Displays the default domain name, the style of name lookup service, a list of name server hosts, and the cached list of hostnames and addresses. |
| Step 7 | <p>enable</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device> enable</pre> | <p>Enables privileged EXEC mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter your password if prompted. |
| Step 8 | <p>show running-config</p> <p>Example:</p> <pre>Device# show running-config</pre> | Displays the current configuration running on the device. |

Configuration Examples for ICMP for IPv6 Redirect

Example: Displaying IPv6 Interface Statistics

In the following example, the **show ipv6 interface** command is used to verify that IPv6 addresses are configured correctly for GigabitEthernet interface 0/0/0. Information is also displayed about the status of IPv6 neighbor redirect messages, IPv6 neighbor discovery messages, and stateless autoconfiguration.

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Device# show ipv6 interface gigabitethernet 0/0/0

GigabitEthernet0/0/0 is up, line protocol is up
IPv6 is stalled, link-local address is FE80::1
Global unicast address(es):
  2001:DB8:2000::1, subnet is 2001:DB8:2000::/64
  2001:DB8:3000::1, subnet is 2001:DB8:3000::/64
Joined group address(es):
  FF02::1
  FF02::2
  FF02::1:FF00:1
MTU is 1500 bytes
ICMP error messages limited to one every 100 milliseconds
ICMP redirects are enabled
ND DAD is enabled, number of DAD attempts: 1
ND reachable time is 30000 milliseconds
ND advertised reachable time is 0 milliseconds
ND advertised retransmit interval is 0 milliseconds
ND router advertisements are sent every 200 seconds
ND router advertisements live for 1800 seconds
Hosts use stateless autoconfig for addresses.
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Additional References

Related Documents

| Related Topic | Document Title |
|----------------------------------|--|
| IPv6 addressing and connectivity | <i>IPv6 Configuration Guide</i> |
| Cisco IOS commands | Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases |
| IPv6 commands | <i>Cisco IOS IPv6 Command Reference</i> |
| Cisco IOS IPv6 features | Cisco IOS IPv6 Feature Mapping |

Standards and RFCs

| Standard/RFC | Title |
|---------------|------------------|
| RFCs for IPv6 | <i>IPv6 RFCs</i> |

MIBs

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