IPv6 network management

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Retrieving information from routers
  - TELNET/SSH/TFTP/FTP...
  - SNMP/MIBs and IPv6
  - Netflow
- Management platforms
- Management tools
  - 6NET work
  - Recommendations (LAN, WAN...)
  - Examples
- Conclusion & Demo

Introduction

- Network Management : What is it?
  1. Configurations
  2. Inventory
  3. Topology
  4. Fault
  5. Security
  6. Accounting
  ...

Introduction

- IPv6 networks deployed:
  - Most are dual stack
    - LANs (campuses, companies, ...)
    - MANs
    - WANs - ISPs (Géant, NRENs, IIJ, NTT/Verio, Abilene, ...)
    - IX's
- Testbed, pilot networks, production networks
  - Management tools/procedures are needed
- What applications are available for managing these networks ?
  - Equipment, configurations, ...
  - **IP services** (servers : DNS, FTP, HTTP, ...)

Introduction

- Different types of networks
  - Dual stack IPv6 & IPv4 networks
  - IPv6 only networks (few of them)
- Important to keep in mind
  - Dual stack is not for ever
  - One IP stack should be removed... one day
  - No reasons for network admins to face twice the amount of work

Dual Stack IP networks

- Part of the monitoring via IPv4
  - Connectivity to the equipment
  - Tools to manage it (inventory, configurations, «counters», routing info, ...)
- Remaining Part needs IPv6
  - MIBs IPv6 support
  - NetFlow (v9)

IPv6 only networks

- Topology discovery (LAN, WAN ?)
- IPv6 SNMP agent
- SNMP over IPv6 transport

=> Need to identify the missing parts

SSH/TELNET/TFTP...

Basic requirements to manage a network

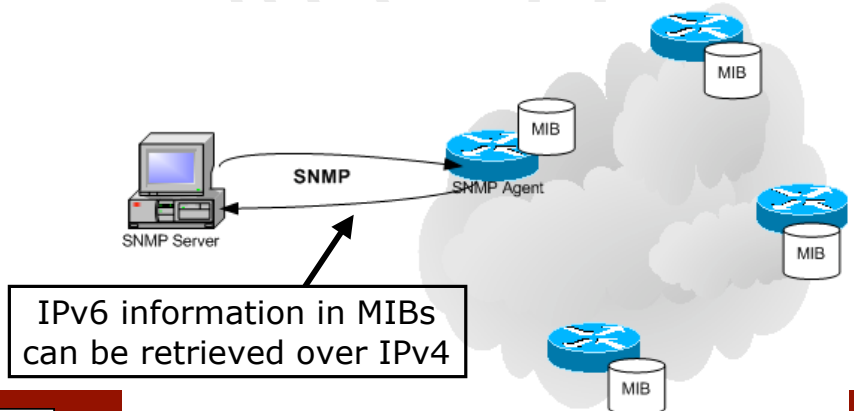
SSH/TELNET/TFTP...

- All routers support IPv6 connections (SSH, TELNET)
  - Periodic scripts can retrieve information from the routers over IPv6
- TFTP/IPv6 as well supported on every equipment
  - Images can be downloaded over IPv6
- FTP/IPv6 not supported on CISCO routers

SNMP/MIBs and IPv6

- SNMP and IPv6
- IPv6 MIBs status
- Manufacturers implementations

SNMP model



SNMP over IPv6

- Cisco:
  - SNMP over IPv6 is available in 12.0(27)S and 12.3(14)T
  - More features available from 12.0(30)S
- Juniper, Hitachi, 6wind:
  - SNMP over IPv6 is available

IPv6 MIBs Status

IPv6 MIBs status

- MIBs are essential for the network management
- SNMP-based applications are widely used but others exist too (NetFlow, XML...)
- SNMP rely upon MIBs ...

  =>Need to have MIBs to collect IPv6 information as well as get MIBs reachable from an IPv6 address family.

IPv6 MIBs /2

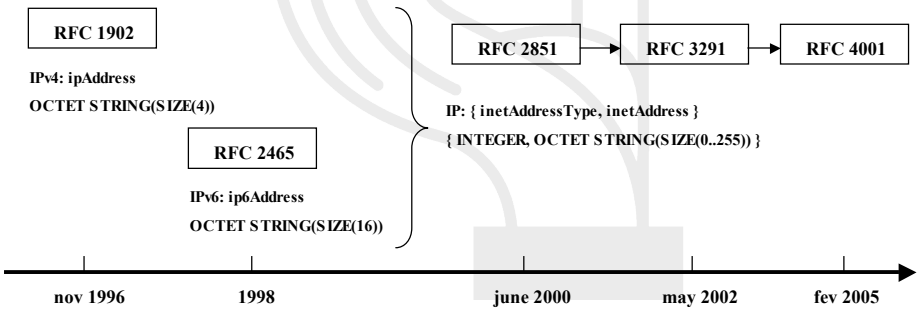
- Standardization status at IETF:
  - At the beginning:
    - IPv4 and IPv6 MIBs dissociated

	IPv4	IPv6	Remarks
Textual Conventions	RFC1902	RFC2465	Definition of IP address format
IP MIB	RFC2011		
ICMP MIB		RFC2466	
TCP MIB	RFC2012	RFC2452	
UDP MIB	RFC2013	RFC2454	

IPv6 MIBs /3 (Hidden)

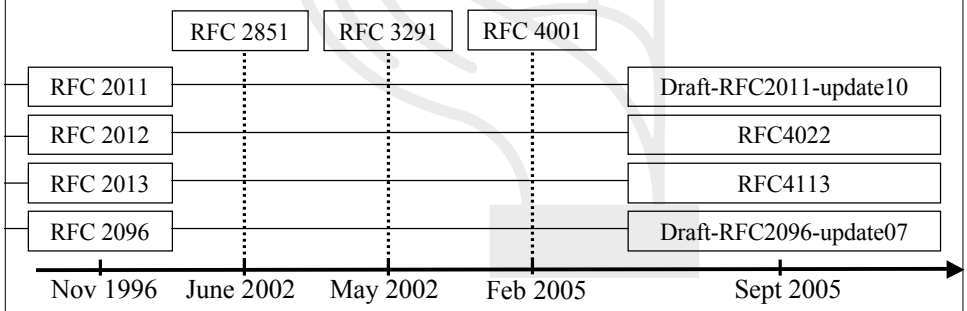
- Standardization status at IETF: Unified MIBs
  - Definition of new Textual Conventions (TC) taking into account both versions of IP:
    - **RFC2851**:
      - `IP:{InetAddressType,InetAddress}`
    - **RFC3291** (Obsoletes RFC2851):
      - New TCs: `InetAddressPrefixLength, InetPortNumber,InetAutonomousSystemNumber`
    - **RFC4001** (Obsoletes RFC3291):
      - New TCs: `InetZoneIndex, InetScopeType, InetVersion`

IPv6 MIBs /3



IPv6 MIBs /4

- Standardization status at IETF
  - Today : **unified MIBs** are on standard track.



IETF MIB Status /5

- draft-ietf-ipv6-rfc2011-update-10.txt
  - **IP MIB** (05/2004)
  - → In the RFC Editor's queue (06/2004)
- RFC4022
  - **TCP MIB** (03/2005)
- RFC4113
  - **UDP MIB** (06/2005)
- draft-ietf-ipv6-rfc2096-update-07.txt
  - **IP Forwarding Table MIB** (02/2004)
  - → proposed standard RFC
  (in the RFC Editor's queue...)

IETF MIB Status /6

- BGP MIB v6:
  - draft-ietf-idr-bgp4-mibv2-05.txt (07/2005)

  Note that the same people are working on
  - draft-ietf-idr-bgp4-mib-15.txt (08/2004)
    - This draft consider only IPv4 addresses:
      - « **IMPORTS IpAddress »** → 32 bits

IPv6 MIBs implementions

IPv6 MIBs implemention/1

- Cisco
  - Private Cisco MIBs implement ID-00 of RFC 2011 & 2096 updated drafts
  - Working on implementing the new standards
  - No distinction between IPv4 and IPv6 traffic at the interface level from the MIBs (available when new IETF MIB get implemented)
  - Information available from CLI
    - *show interface accounting*
    - ...

Cisco: IPv6 CLI

"*show interface accounting*"

- Differentiate IPv4/IPv6 counters at the interface level for all Cisco routers, except:
  - Catalyst 6500 / Cisco 7600 supervisor engine 720:

    Counts only for packets that are software switched, not the hardware switched packets.
  - GSR:
    - 'show interface counters' correctly counts IPv6 traffic and separates ingress and egress traffic
    - Engine 3:
      * OUTPUT IPv6 traffic is counted under IPv6 (correct)
      * INPUT IPv6 traffic is counted under IP (will get corrected)

IPv6 MIBs implemention/2

- Juniper
  - MIB based on RFC 2465
  - with different counters for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic
  - Or based on filters to collect IPv6 traffic:
    - Ex: Geant monitoring

IPv6 MIBs implemention/3

- Hitachi
  - Routers (GR2000/GR4000) and Switches (GS4000) support IPv6 standard MIBs:
    - RFC 2452: TCP/IPv6
    - RFC 2454: UDP/IPv6
    - RFC 2465: IPv6
    - RFC 2466: ICMPv6
  - The unified MIBs are not implemented yet.

IPv6 MIBs implemention/4

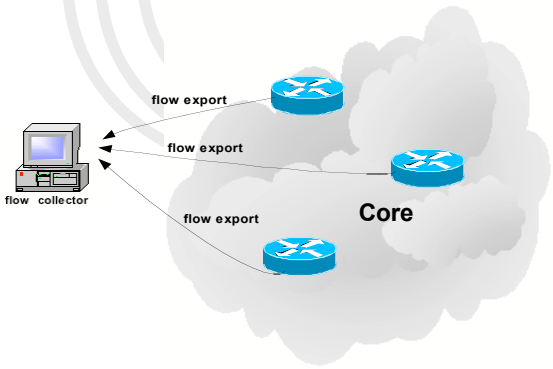
- 6WIND
  - MIBs based on RFC 2465 and RFC 2466
  - Checked at our lab.

IPv6 MIBs implemention/5

- Net-SNMP (Carnegie Mellon Univ)
  - http://net-snmp.sourceforge.net/
  - RFC 2452: TCP/IPv6
  - RFC 2454: UDP/IPv6
  - RFC 2465: IPv6
  - RFC 2466: ICMPv6
  - RFC 3291: new textual convention for representing Internet Addresses

IPv6 flow monitoring

Netflow & IPFIX model



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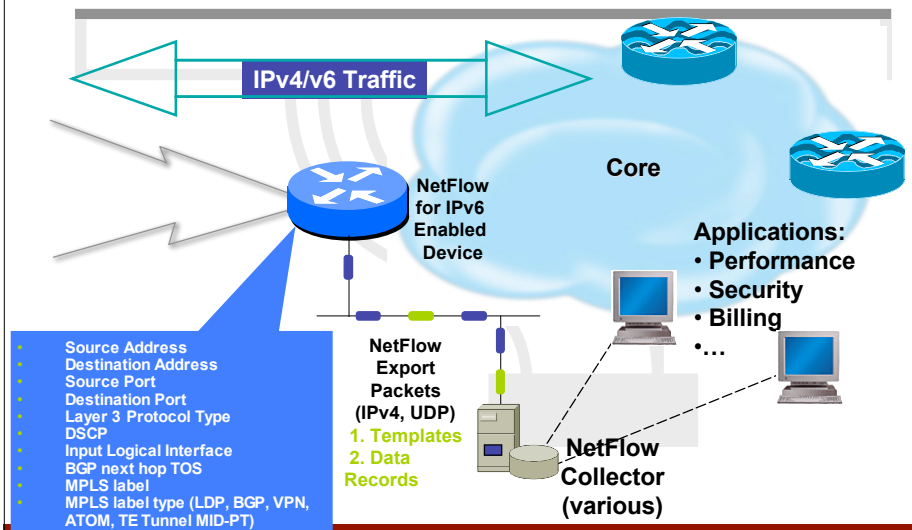
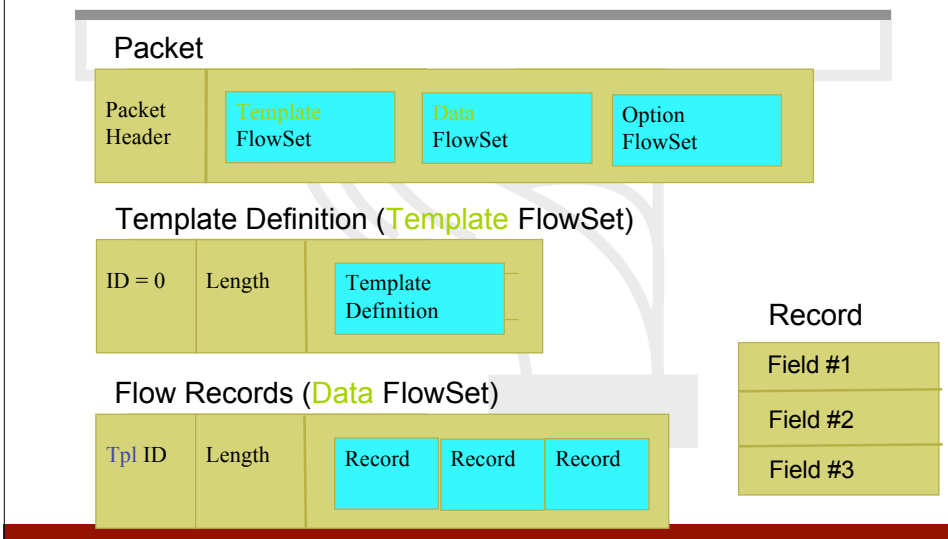
NetFlow for IPv6



NetFlow Version 9



NetFlow Version 9
Example for Template Definition

Template A
Flow Set ID (0 for Template)
Length of Template Structure
1001 (Template ID)
3 (# of Fields)
SRC_AS_NUMBER
2
DST_AS_NUMBER
2
L4_PROTOCOL
2

Template B
Flow Set ID (0 for Template)
Length of Template Structure
1002 (Template ID)
4 (# of Fields)
SRC_IP_PREFIX
4
SRC_AS_NUMBER
2
PACKET_COUNT
2
BYTE_COUNT
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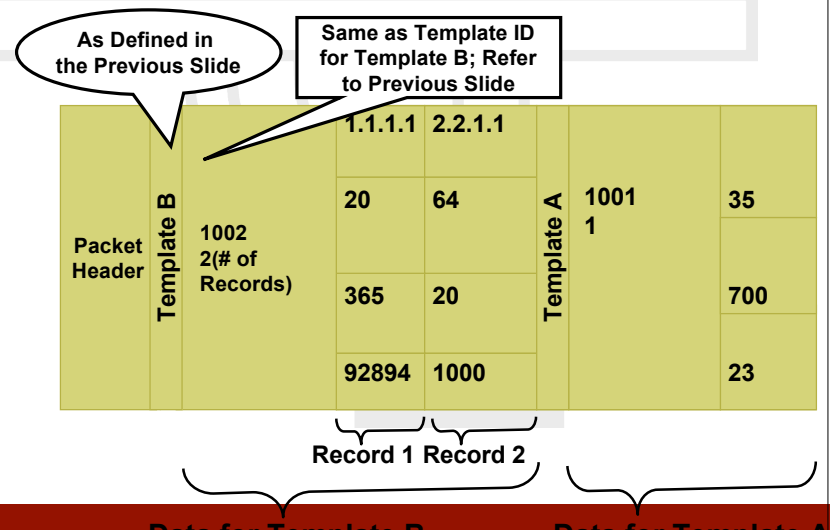
Example for Export Packet



IPv6 flow monitoring /1

- Cisco
  - Available in IOS 12.3(7)T and later version
    - IPv6 packets captured (needs IPv6 cef)
    - Export done with Netflow v9
    - Still uses IPv4 transport
    - Need to update your own Netflow Collector
      - Cisco NFC v5.0 available
      - Other collectors are available as well ...

IPv6 flow monitoring /2

- Hitachi
  - Support sflow (http://www.sflow.org/) and Netflow is on the roadmap.
- 6WIND:
  - Not available
- Juniper:
  - Not available

Commercial Management platforms

Commercial platforms

Commercial ISPs use to have integrated management platforms (NRENs mainly use GPL or home-made tools)

- **HP-OV** proposes a version with IPv6 features: NNM 7.0 (sept 2003). Need some hack for automatic IPv6 discovery of CISCO routers.
- **Ciscoworks**: IPv6 version for
  - Campus Manager under tests

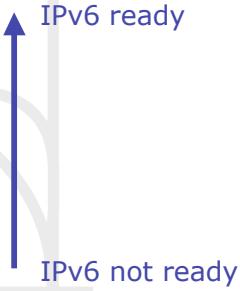
  Application note on IPv6 management
- **Tivoli Netview** doesn't propose any IPv6 features
- **Infovista** : « no IPv6 plan at the moment »

Cisco: NMS Application Support for IPv6

- Cisco NetFlow Collector (NFC) 5.0
  - Full support for IPv6 records
  - Note: device export still IPv4 only
- CiscoWorks
  - Campus - Functional test has started
  - RME -Functional test starts soon
  - CiscoView - under development
- Cisco Network Registrar (CNR):
  - Phase 1 (1H2005): Manage IOS DHCPv6 servers
  - Phase 2: Add DHCPv6 and DNS-over-IPv6

« Top ten » ...

- HP Openview
- Ciscoworks 2000 (Campus Manager)
- IBM Netview
- Infovista, Tivoli
- ...



Monitoring tools

6Net and IPv6 monitoring tools

- 6Net WP6 : managing large scale IPv6 networks
  - Tests lots of IPv6 ready tools
  - Many others ported to IPv6
- 30+ monitoring tools for IPv6
  - Tested
  - Implemented
  - Documented
- URL: http://tools.6net.org/

LAN - recommendations

- Traffic & service management (web, DNS, SMTP, IMAP...)
  - A single tool: Argus, Nagios or Ntop
- End-to-end performance of the IPv6 network
  - Iperf or Pchar
- Configuration management
  - Rancid
- Analysis of packets on shared links for occasional troubleshooting
  - Ethereal, tcpdump or Ntop
- IPv6 multicast management
  - Multicast (D)beacon

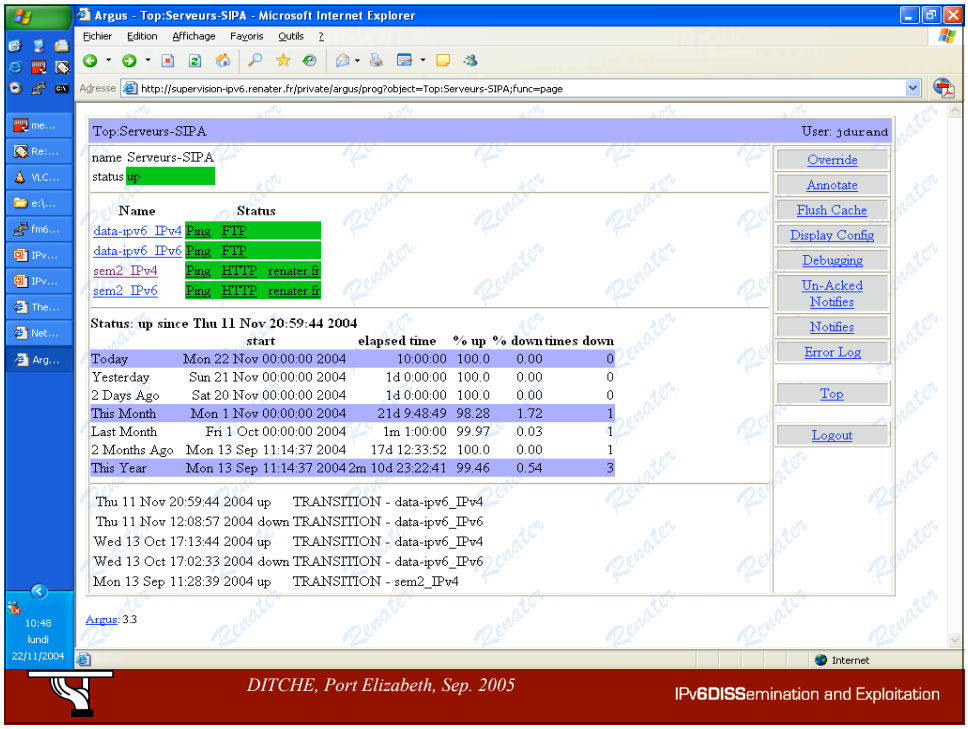
WAN - recommendations

- Traffic management
  - MRTG, Cricket or Nagios
- Equipment and link status:
  - Intermapper or Nagios
- Routing management:
  - ASpath-tree (routing policy study)
  - Home-made scripts (routing fault management)
- For accounting management:
  - Ipflow, CISCO NFC v5.0 or Home-made collectors
- Configuration management:
  - Rancid, Home-made inventory tool
- Looking-glass for customers

Examples

Argus

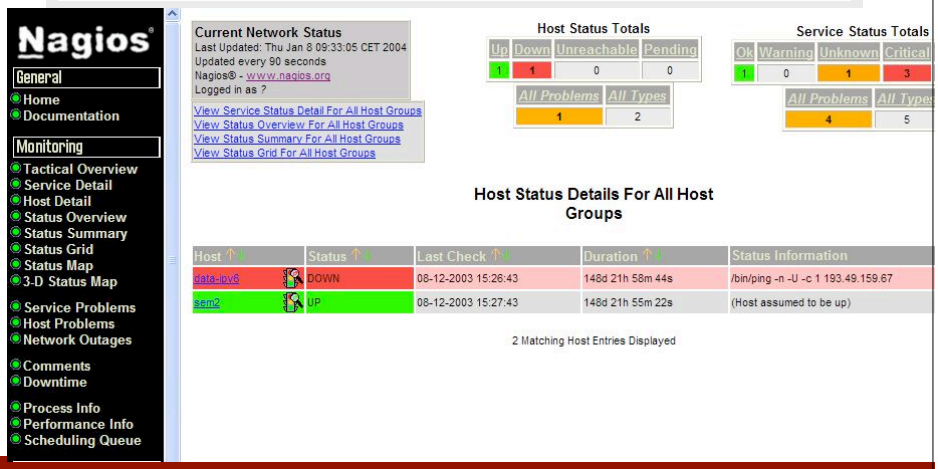
- Administration of network:
  - PCs, Switches, Routers
  - Availability
  - Traffic on the network
- Administration of services:
  - http, ftp, dns, imap, smtp...
- Evolution: new features can be easily added



Nagios

- http://www.nagios.org
- Very complete tool
  - Services monitoring
  - Network monitoring
- Can be complex for a small network
- Evolution: new features can be added with plug-ins
  - BGP monitoring
  - ...

Nagios

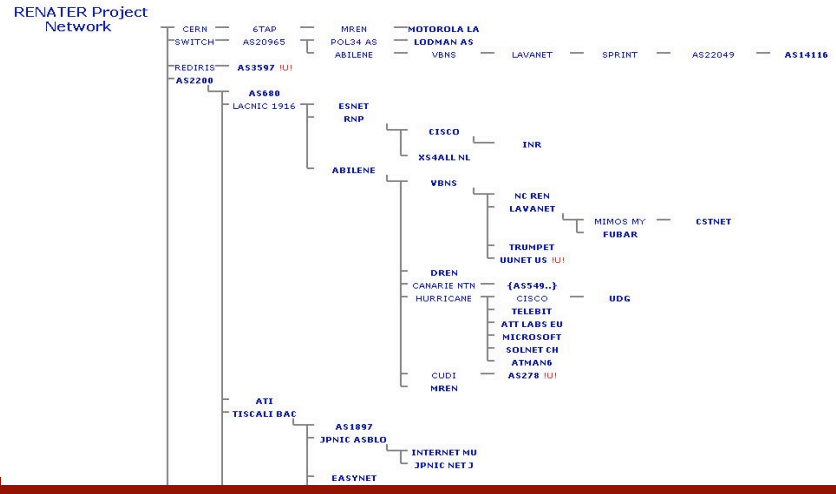


ASpath-Tree

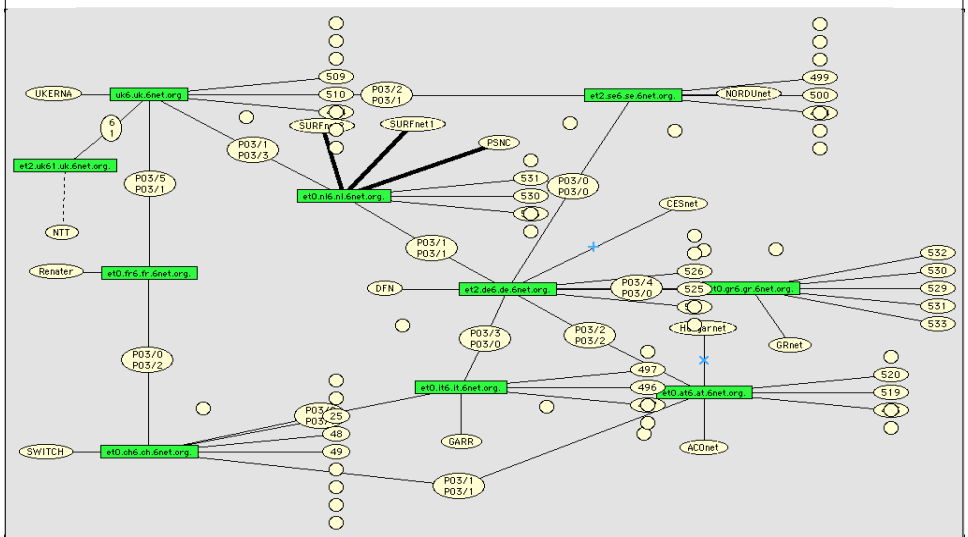
- Display BGP4+ « topology » from
  - BGP4+ routing table
  - Retrieved from connection to routers (RSH/SSH…)
- Generate HTML pages.

ASpath-Tree

Renater The whole IPv6 BGP table



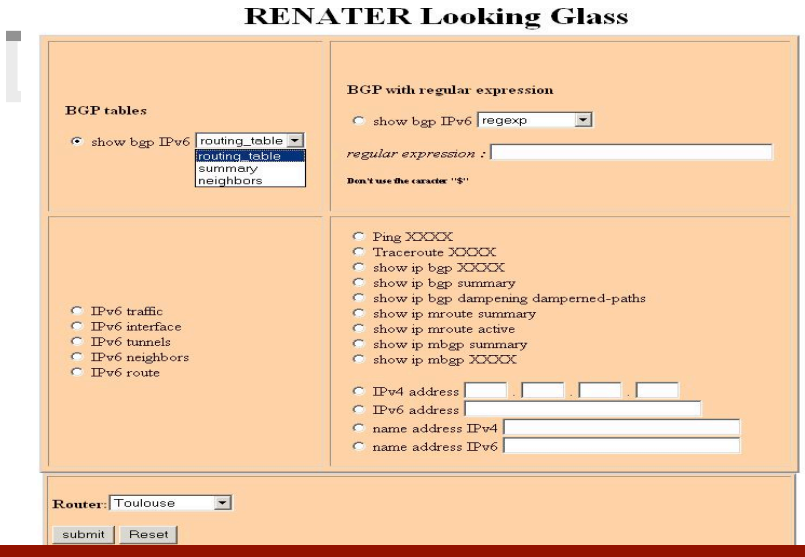
Intermapper



Looking Glass

- Get information on a router w/o direct connection
- Web Interface
- Final user don't need a login
- Allows the user to detect causes of failures w/o asking the NOC or netadmin

Looking Glass



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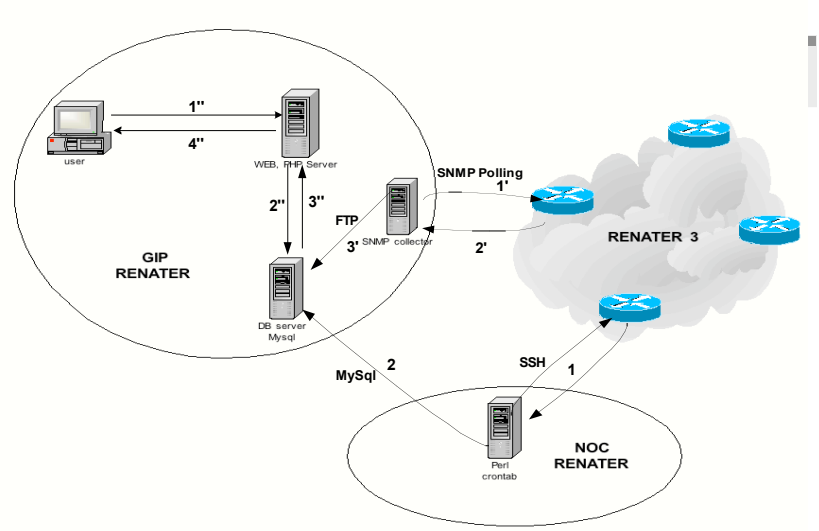
Inventory : interfaces & peerings



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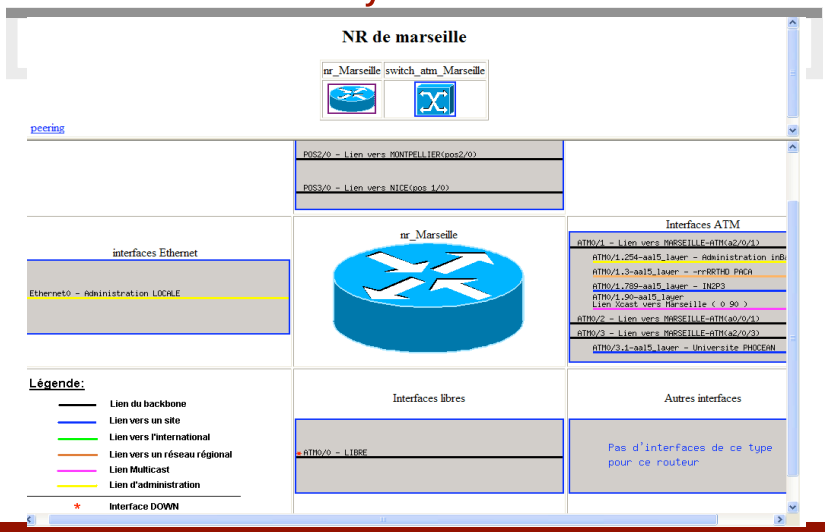
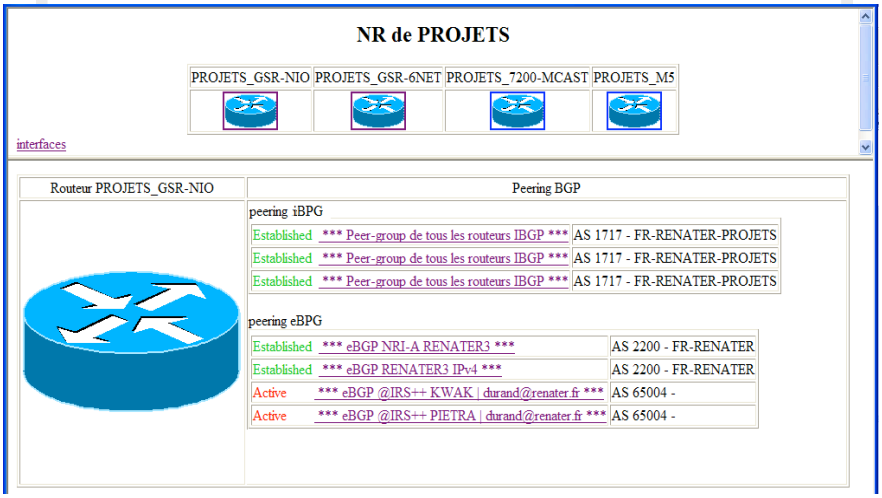


Inventory: BGP Peerings



NR de PROJETS

PROJETS_GSR-NIO	PROJETS_GSR-6NET	PROJETS_7200-MCAST	PROJETS_M5

interfaces

Routeur PROJETS_GSR-NIO	Peering BGP

peering iBPG

Established	*** Peer-group de tous les routeurs IBGP ***	AS 1717 - FR-RENATER-PROJETS
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peering eBPG

Established	*** eBGP NRI-A RENATER3 ***	AS 2200 - FR-RENATER
Established	*** eBGP RENATER3 IPv4 ***	AS 2200 - FR-RENATER
Active	*** eBGP @IRS++ KWAK | durand@renater.fr ***	AS 65004 -
Active	*** eBGP @IRS++ PIETRA | durand@renater.fr ***	AS 65004 -

IPv6 traffic on Cisco routers

- Based on CLI program
  - "show interface accounting"
  - Differentiate IPv4/IPv6 counters at the physical interface level
- One query per hour

  → IPv6 Weather Map of RENATER

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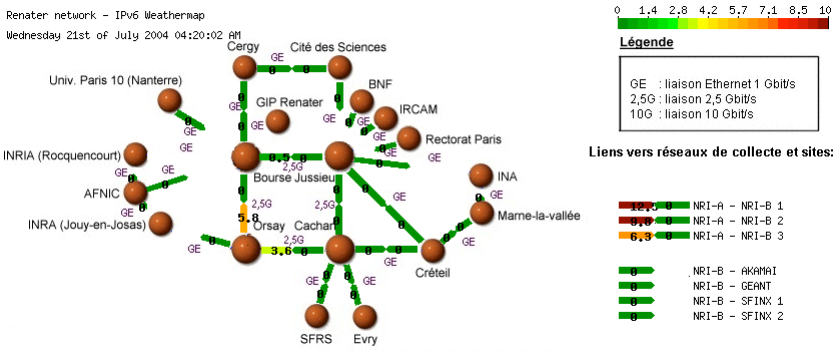

Conclusion

- ISPs –and any other organizations- need monitoring tools to launch a new service/protocol into production
- Most of management protocols are on standard track
- Lots of monitoring tools are now ready for IPv6 networks
- But :
  - Q1: are my usual tools (used for IPv4 monitoring) available for IPv6 too ?
  - Q2: what do I need to stress to my favourite vendor to be ready and manage my IPv6 network ?

Retrieve this information ...

- http://sem2.renater.fr/ipv6/biblio/presentation.html
  - -> Presentations
  - -> Bibliography, RFCs, ...