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Virtual IPv6 Security Lab Environment

Hands-on Learning

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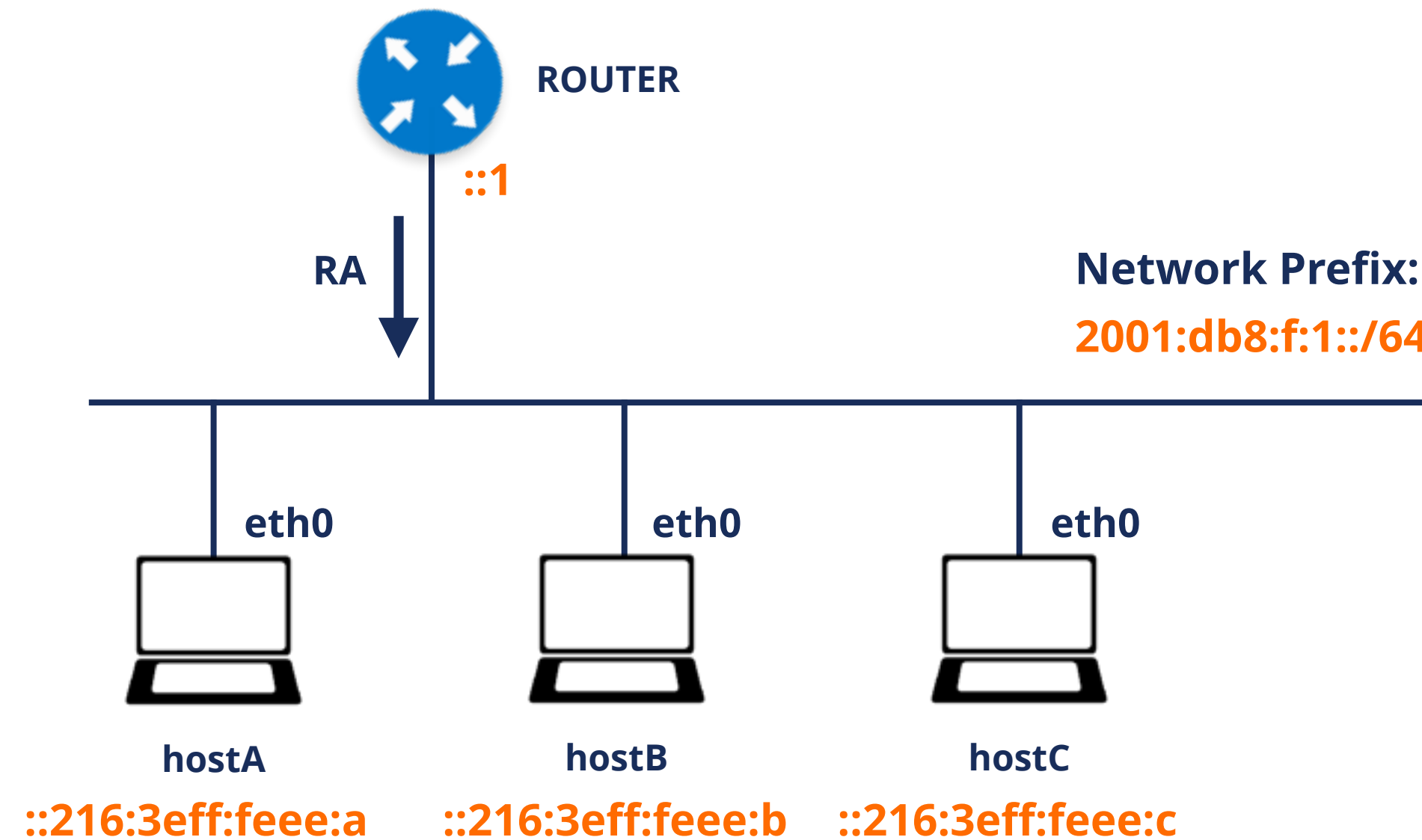
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Delivering Lab Environment



- Should be universally scalable
- Should not cost us too much money
- Should allow enough time to play with it
- Should be easy to use
- We decided to **deliver a Virtual Machine image**



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Virtual Machine Challenges



- Different virtualisation technology on each platform
 - The only *common* solution is **Oracle VM VirtualBox**, available on Windows, macOS or Linux
 - Still suboptimal compared to native solutions like Hyper-V or KVM
- No common keyboard layout or screen resolution
 - Therefore, we deliver the VM **headless** with everything accessible over a web interface
- Deploying a VM image is hard
 - We try to make it easier by using **Vagrant**

Running The Labs



- Install VirtualBox
- Install Vagrant
- Open terminal and type:
vagrant init ripencc/ipv6seclab
vagrant up
- Open web browser on
<http://localhost:8080/>

The screenshot shows the RIPE NCC Academy dashboard in a web browser. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Host A:** A terminal window showing the installation of Scapy. The user runs `pip install scapy` and the output shows the installation of Scapy version 2.4.5. The user then runs `scapy` and the output shows the Scapy shell prompt.
- Host B:** A terminal window showing the output of the `top` command, displaying system statistics and a list of running processes.
- Host C:** A terminal window showing the output of the `tcpdump` command, displaying network traffic captured on the `eth0` interface. The output shows a packet of type IPv6 with a length of 54 bytes.
- Available tools:** A list of tools available for the lab, including Scapy, THC-IPV6, SIB IPv6 Toolkit, and Tormshark.
- Hints:** A list of hints for the lab, including instructions on how to resize terminal windows and how to scroll inside the tmux window.
- Scratchpad:** A text area for taking notes during the lab.

Under The Hood



- Based on Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
- Three containers managed by **LXD**
- Consoles accessible from web browser using **ttyd** and **tmux**
- Static website and WebSocket proxy by **NGINX**
- Everything deployed using **Ansible**
- **Public development** in RIPE NCC's GitHub repository

<https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/ipv6-security-lab/>

ICMPv6 Redirects vs. Linux



- Worked as expected until Linux 4.17
- From Linux 4.18 on, incoming redirects are ignored
 - Regardless of `sysctl net.ipv6.conf.all.accept_redirects = 1`
 - Always reproducible with Ubuntu
 - Probably related to IPv6 being set up by `systemd-networkd` (or `dhcpcd`)
 - Redirects work as expected with kernel-level autoconfiguration
 - Hard to reproduce in kernel self-test (`icmp_redirect.sh`)
- After all, we do recommend disallowing redirects ;)
 - But for the lab environment, we need them working
 - Workaround by reverting to kernel-level autoconfiguration

Further Steps



- Collect feedback from the users
- Expand the lab to use a more real networking gear
 - Some routers are now available as containers
 - Uncertain licence conditions

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Questions



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