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Virtual IPv6 Security Lab Environment

Hands-on Learning

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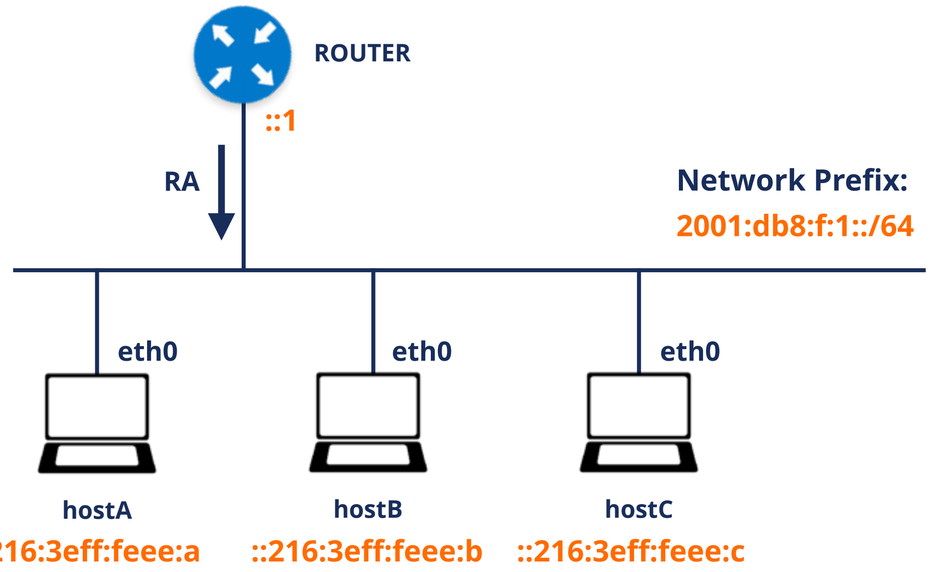
- First time with hands-on labs



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

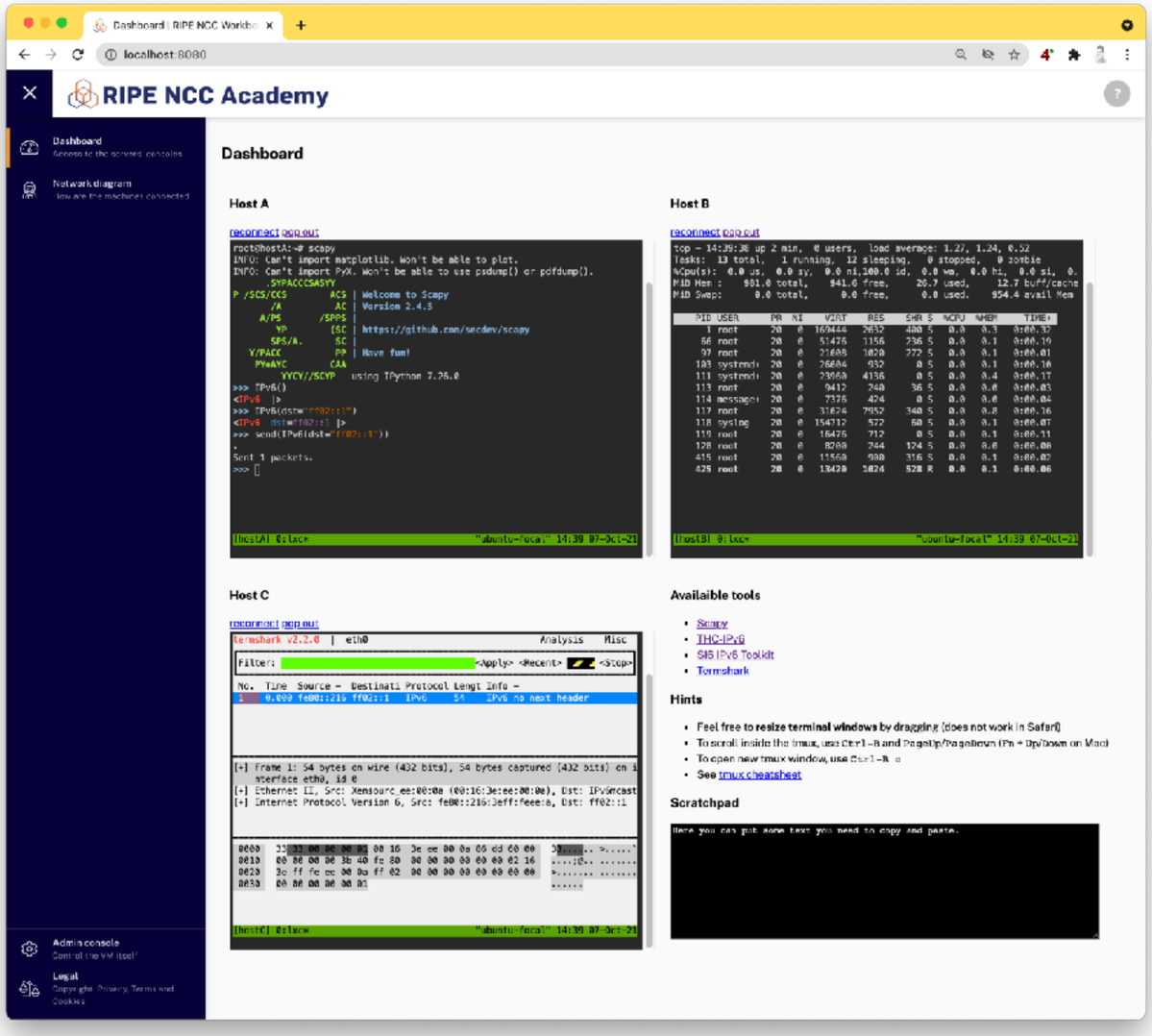
- Different virtualisation technology on each platform
  - The only *common* solution is **Oracle VM VirtualBox**, available on Windows, macOS or Linux
  - Still suboptimal compared to native solutions like Hyper-V or KVM
- No common keyboard layout or screen resolution
  - Therefore, we deliver the 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/`



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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