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Introduction to IPv6 - I

Basics of IPv6



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Digital Data Transmission (1)



- Objective: send information from one place/device to another
- Different type of info, through different transport networks
- Need to codify the info -> digitally A B C
 - Three symbols: using 1 transmitted unit of information you could represent 3 different codes (A,B or C)(3^1)
 - If you transmit 2 units of information: 9 codes (3^2)
- Binary codification -> uses two characters: 0 / 1
- Bit (0 or 1) minimal unit of information
- Byte = 8 bits -> used by ASCII characters => 256 (2^8)



Digital Data Transmission (2)

- If you want to transmit “hi”:
 - h -> **0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0**
 - i -> **0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1**
 - This codification is defined by ASCII
 - There could be other ones
- Could codify hexadecimal (16 from 0 to F) numbers using 4 bits ($2^4 = 16$)
 - 0 = **0 0 0 0** -> Represented as 0x0
 - 1 = **0 0 0 1** -> Represented as 0x1
 - 2 = **0 0 1 0** -> Represented as 0x2
 - ...
 - A = **1 0 1 0** -> Represented as 0xA



Packet-Switched Networks (1)

- Digital pieces of information put in packets
- Packets sent over packet-switched networks:
 - Paths can vary
 - Shared resources (best effort)
 - Communication can start at any moment (example: postal mail, Internet)

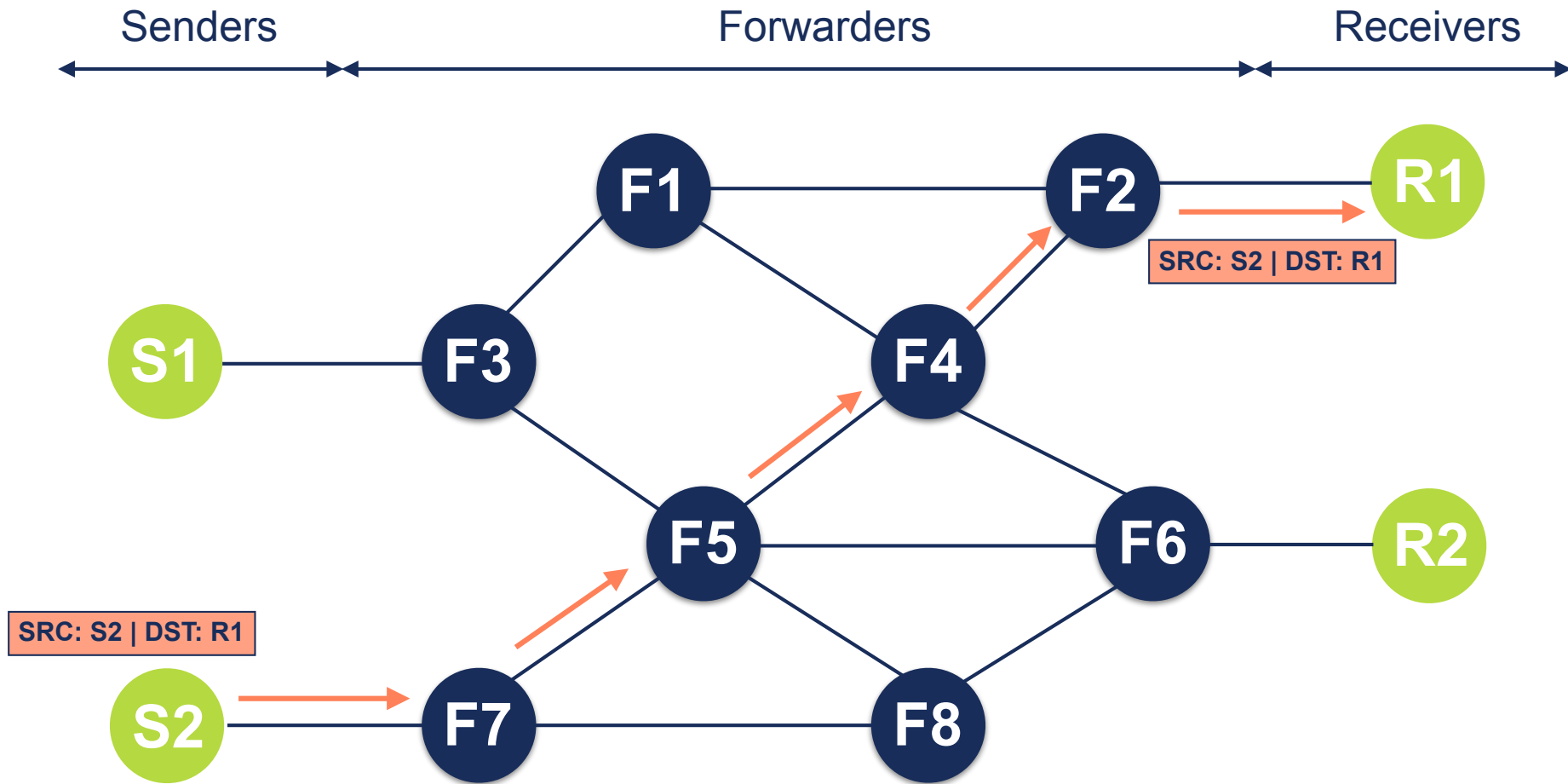
Packet-Switched Networks (2)



Basic elements on a switched network:

- **Sender:** Generates the info to be sent to a receiver. Should codify the message.
- **Receiver:** Is the destination of the information sent by the sender. Should decode the message.
- **Forwarder:** Not the origin or the destination of the information. Just receive and forward the information in its path to the destination
- **Identification:** Each element in the switched network should be uniquely identified

Packet-Switched Networks (3)





Layered Model (1)

Let's define things:

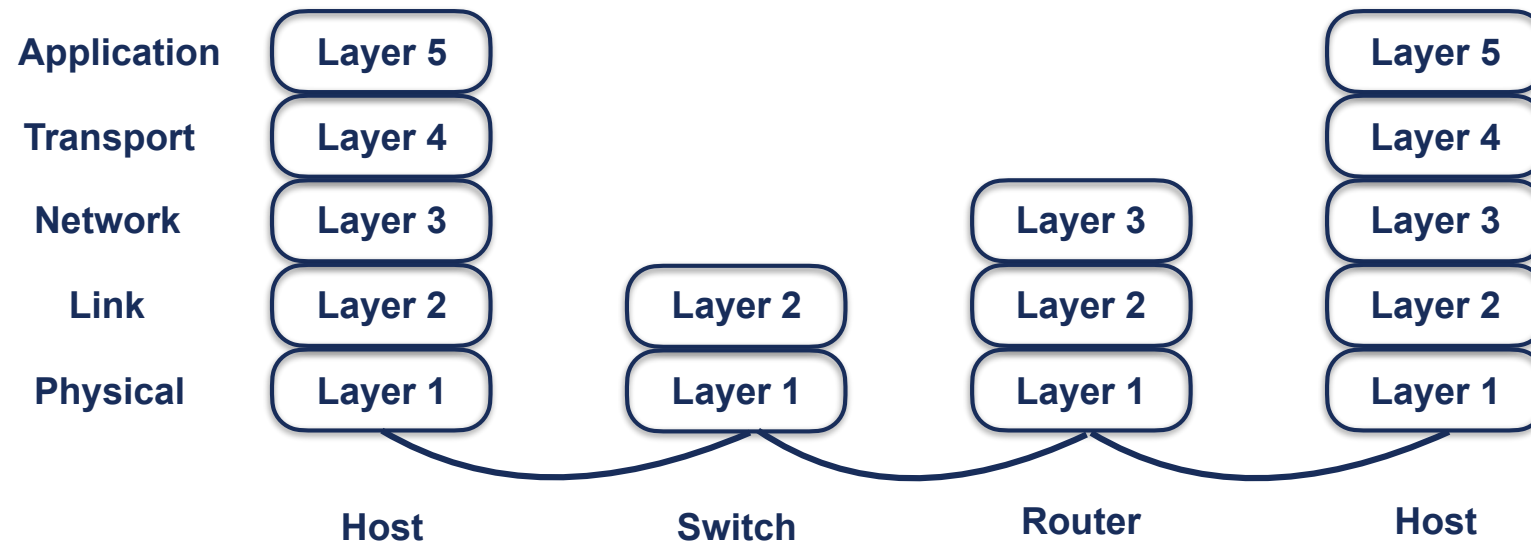
- **Layered model:** physical, link, network, etc. each one is in charge of different things/services
- **Network elements:** Node, host, router, server
- **Addresses:** link layer, network layer

- **Protocol:** definition of the format and order of messages exchanged between two or more communicating entities, as well as the actions taken on the transmission and/or reception of a message or other event



Layered Model (2)

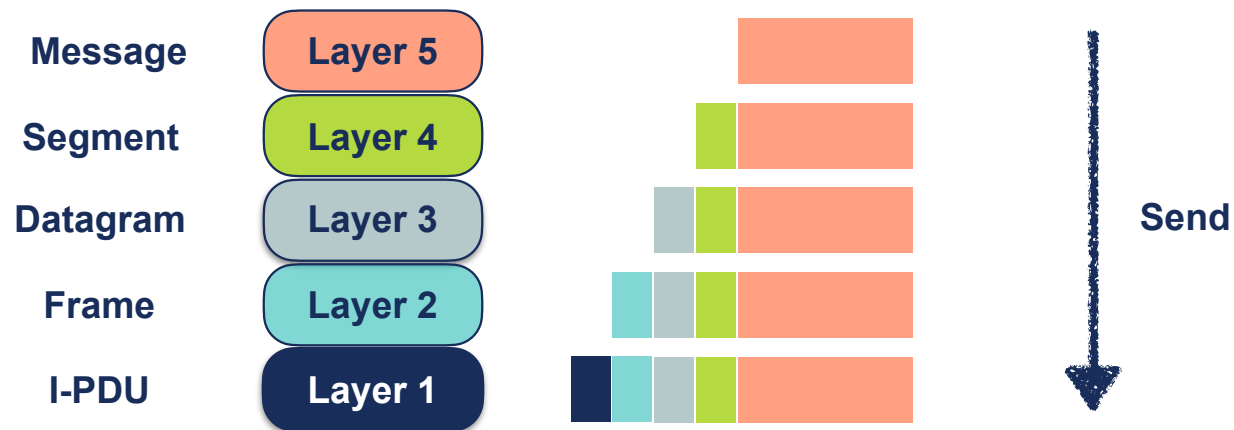
- TCP/IP layered model -> Used in Internet





Layered Model (3)

- PDU: Protocol Data Unit

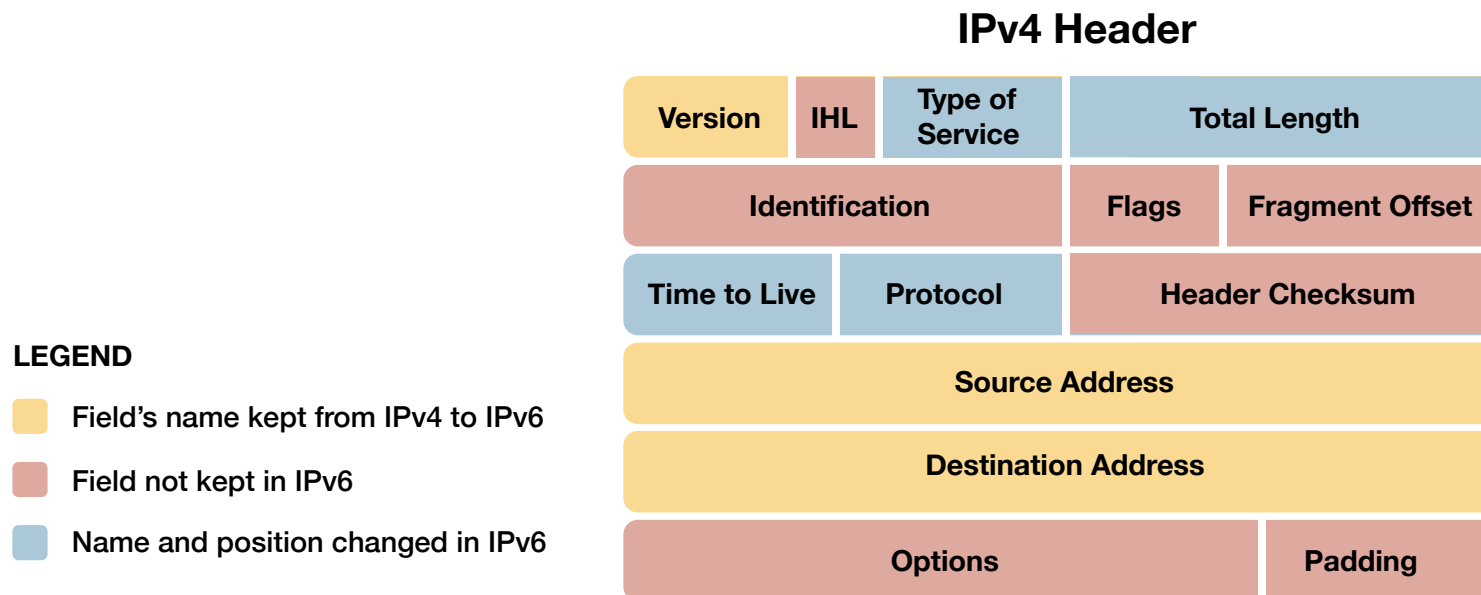


- Layer 3 Header includes Source and destination Network Address (IP Address)
- Layer 3 is the only common layer in Internet: IP



IPv4 and IPv6 basics (1)

- IPv6 is an evolution of IPv4

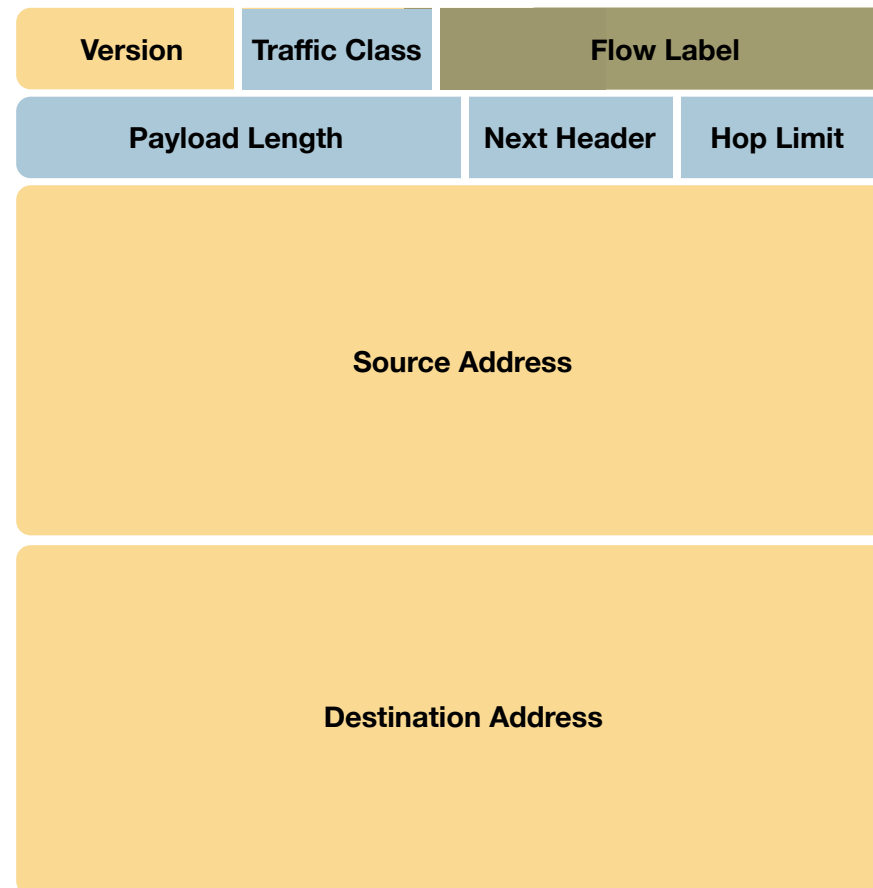




IPv4 and IPv6 basics (2)

- Simplified, fixed-length, 64 bits aligned -> complexity from core to border

IPv6 Header



LEGEND

- Field's name kept from IPv4 to IPv6
- Name and position changed in IPv6
- New field in IPv6

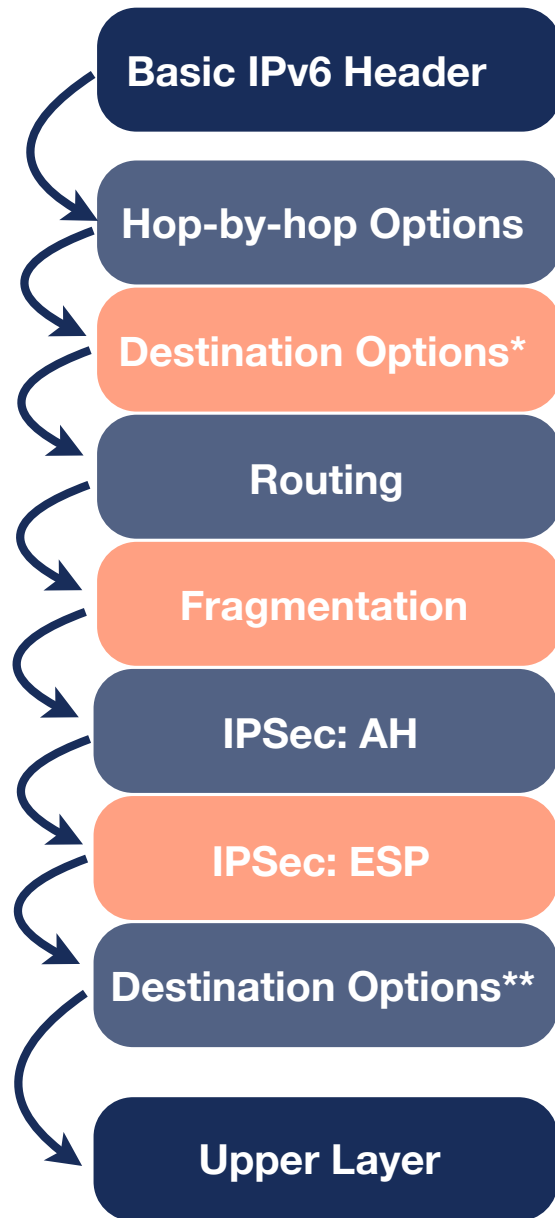


IPv4 and IPv6 basics (3)

- New IPv6 basic header has advantages:
 - Simplified, fixed length, and aligned to 64 bits -> routers can process it faster --> Scalable
 - Redundant or not needed features are eliminated: checksum, header length (IHL)
 - New QoS field (IntServ): Flow Label
 - Much more addresses



IPv4 and IPv6 basics (4)



- Fixed: Types and order
- Flexible use
- Processed only at endpoints
 - Exceptions: Hop-by-hop (and Routing)
- Only appear once
 - Exception: Destination Options

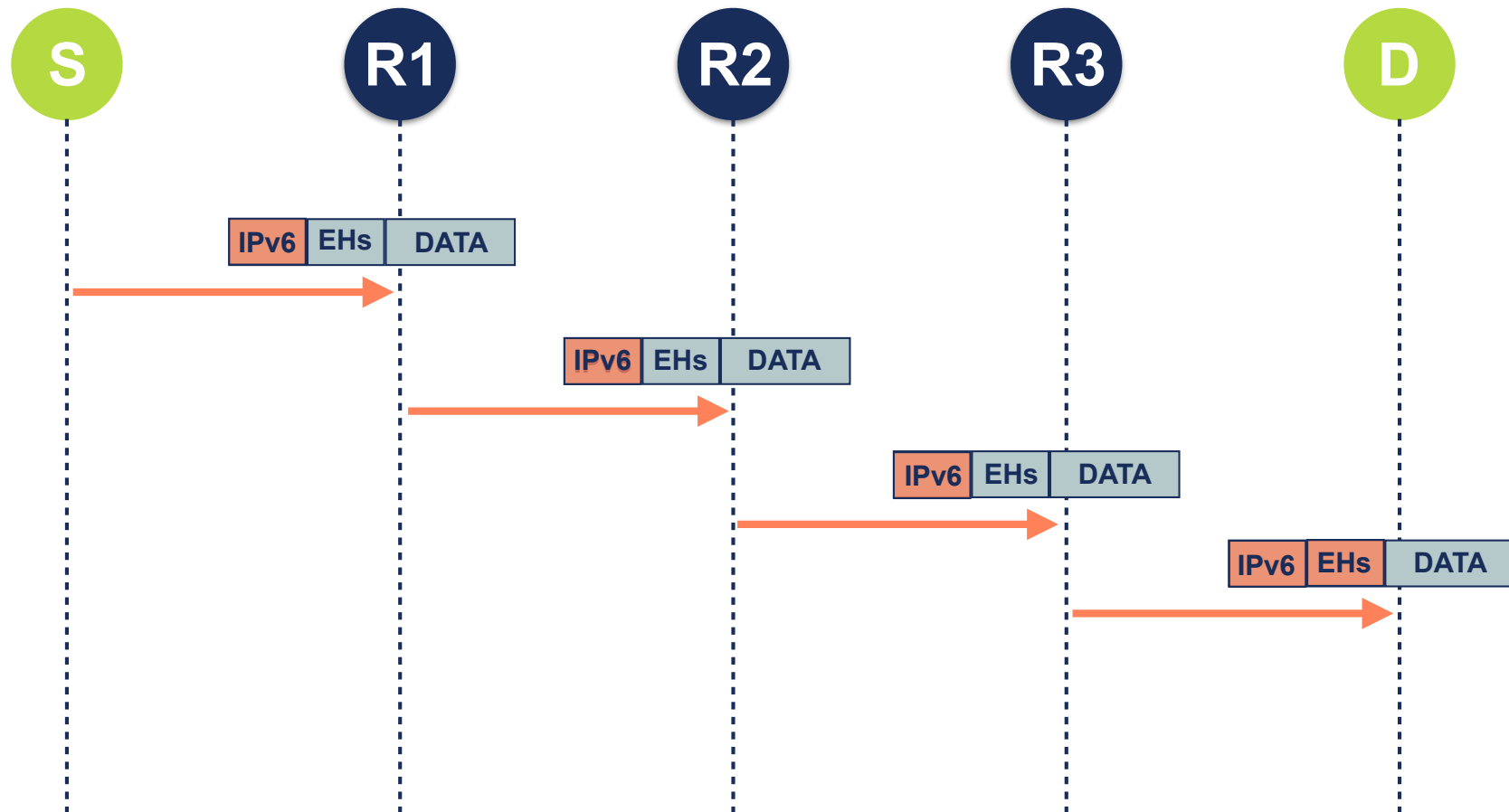
* Options for IPs in routing header

** Options for destination IP



IPv4 and IPv6 basics (5)

- Basic IPv6 header is processed in all hops
- Extension headers processed at destination (exception Hop-by-hop)

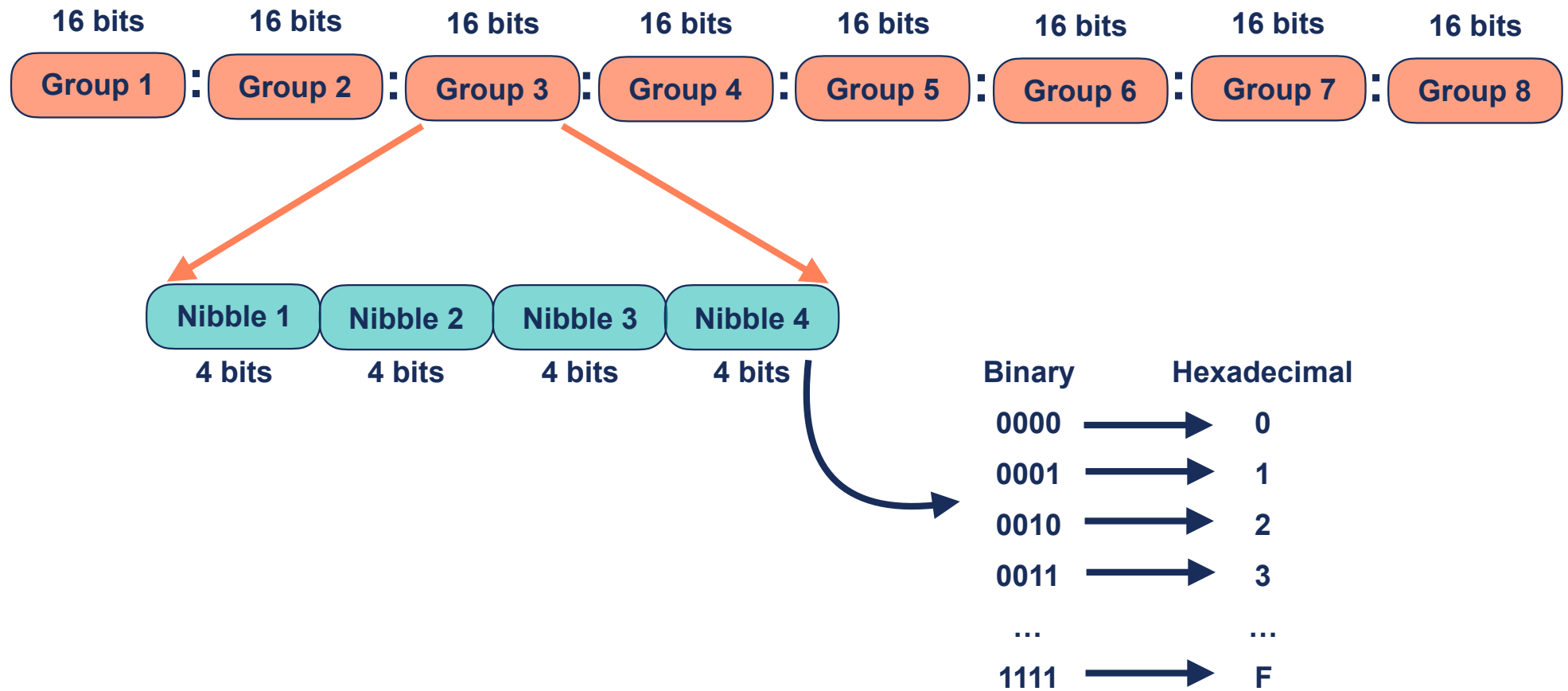




Types of IPv6 Addresses

- Unicast (one-to-one)
 - Link-local
 - Unique Local (ULA)
 - IPv4-mapped
 - Global (GUA)
 - Site-local (deprecated)
 - IPv4-compatible (deprecated)
- Multicast (one-to-many)
- Anycast (one-to-nearest) (taken from unicast space)
- Reserved (Trans. Mechs, documentation, loopback, etc.)
- There are no BROADCAST addresses -> well-known multicast

IPv6 addresses: Notation (1)



IPv6 addresses: Notation (2)



- IPv6 address notation rules:

- 8 Groups of 16 bits separated by “:”
- Hexadecimal notation of each nibble (4 bits) ->
- No case sensitive

Binary	Hexadecimal
0000	0
0001	1
0010	2
0011	3
...	...
1111	F

- Compression rules:

- Leftmost zeroes within each group could be eliminated
- One or more consecutive groups of all zeroes could be changed by “::”. Only once!

IPv6 addresses: Notation (3)



- Use “[]” to specify port -> `http://[2001:db8::10]:8080`
- Examples:
 - `2001:0db8:0102:0DA0:0000:0000:0000:1000` -> `2001:db8:102:DA0::1000`
 - `2001:db8:0000:0000:0020:0000:0000:0abc` -> ?

IPv6 addresses: Notation (4)



- Network prefixes follow CIDR notation
- Compression rules could be applied

- Examples:

- 2001:db8::**/32** -> **2001:0db8**:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000
- 2001:db8:1200::**/40** -> **2001:0db8:12**00:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000
- 2001:db8:abcd::**/48** -> **2001:0db8:abcd**:0000:0000:0000:0000:0000

- Non-prefix bits (rightmost) used for subnetting

- Example: I'll take the first two /52 prefixes out of 2001:db8:abcd::- 2001:0db8:abcd:**0**000:0000:0000:0000:0000 -> **2001:db8:abcd:0000**::/52
- 2001:0db8:abcd:**1**000:0000:0000:0000:0000 -> **2001:db8:abcd:1000**::/52

IPv6 addresses: IID (1)



Link Prefix

64 bits

Interface ID

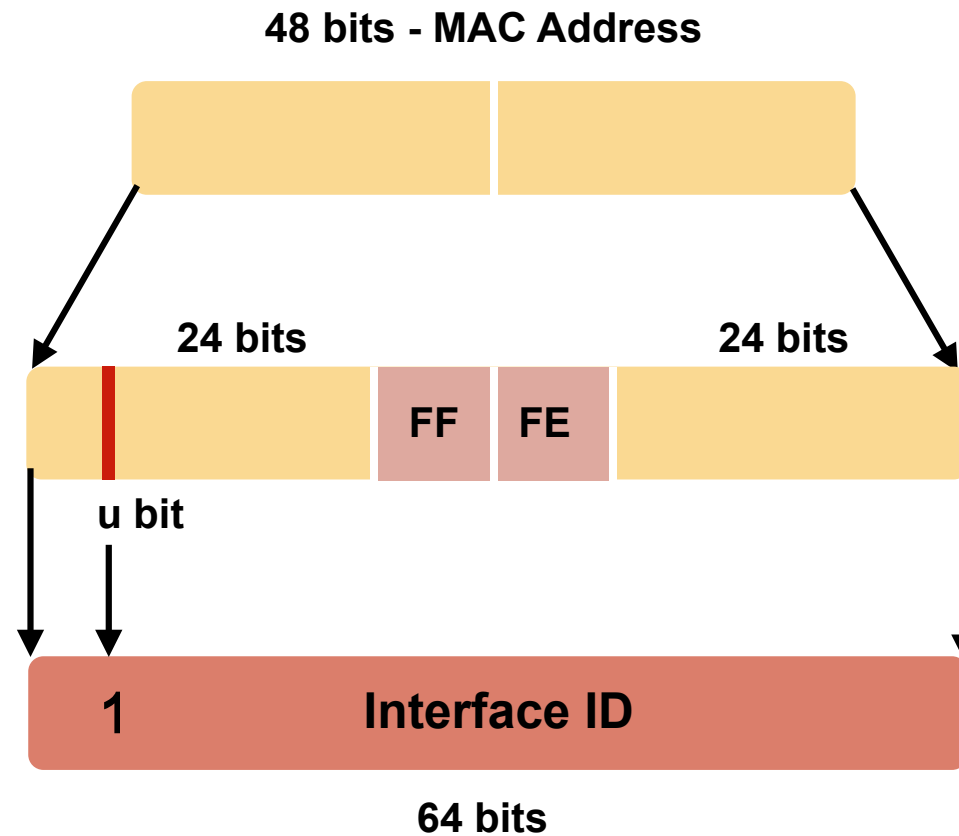
64 bits

- IID could be created in many different ways
 - Automatically from MAC addresses (EUI-64)
 - Automatically using some kind of algorithm (randomly)
 - Manually
 - DHCPv6
- /64 prefix for a LAN
- IIDs generated locally in the host (except DHCP)



IPv6 addresses: IID (2)

- EUI-64: IID generated from MAC address





IPv6 addresses: Link-local

fe80::

64 bits

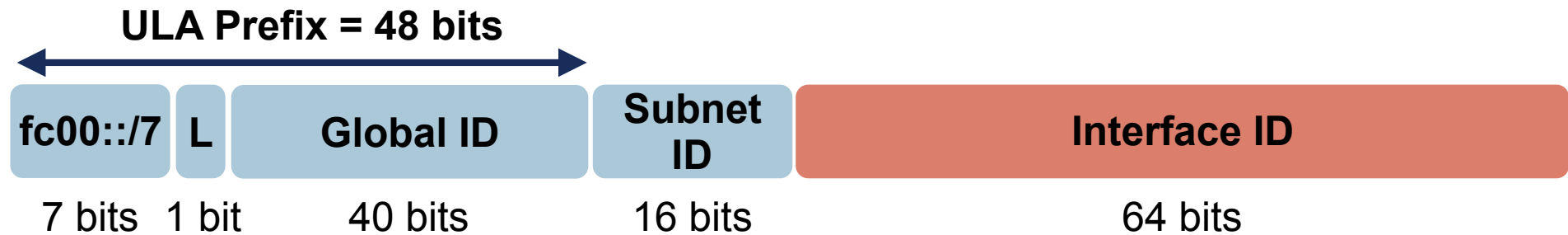
Interface ID

64 bits

- Valid only in a link
- Always present in IPv6-enabled interface
- Prefix fe80::/10 (In practice fe80::/64)
- IID generated locally in the host: based on MAC, randomly or anyhow



IPv6 addresses: ULA



- ULA addresses: FC00::/7 Prefix
- L = 1 prefix is locally assigned
- L = 0 may be defined in the future (defined for centrally assigned prefixes)
- Global ID: pseudo-randomly generated
- You'll create a /48 prefix, starting with FD00::/8

IPv6 addresses: Multicast (1)



- Multicast addresses: Prefix FF00::/8
- Flags: used for multicast routing and services
- Scope: part of network where address is valid
 - 1 - Interface-Local
 - 2 - link-local
 - 4 - admin-local
 - 5 - site-local
 - 8 - organization-local
 - E - global
- Group ID: Identifies the multicast group



IPv6 addresses: Multicast (2)

- Substitute of IPv4 Broadcast addresses
- Well-known IPv6 multicast addresses:
 - FF02::1 (all nodes)
 - FF02::2 (all routers)
 - FF02::1:2 (all DHCP-agents)

IPv6 addresses: Types and Prefixes

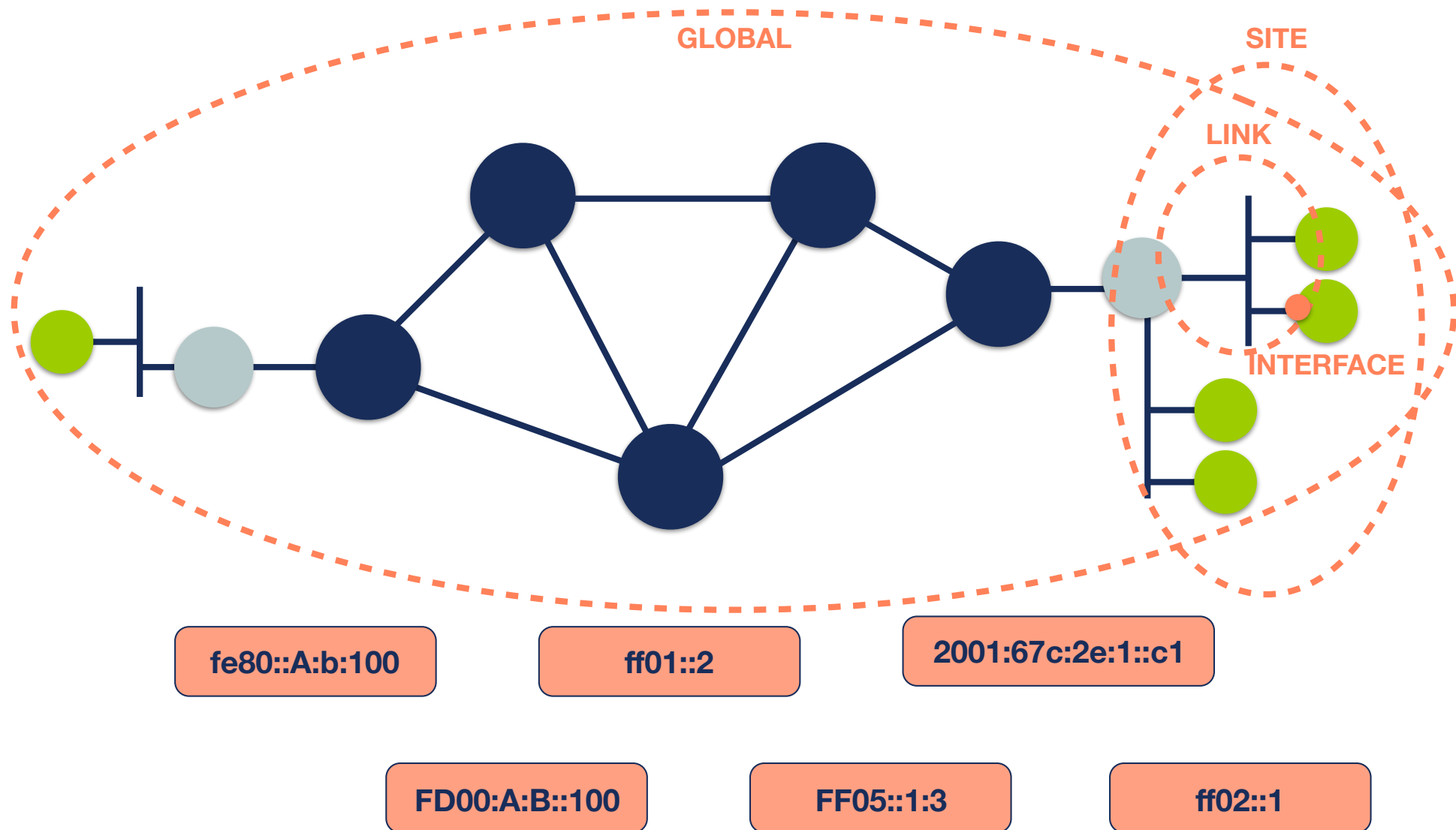


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 - Link-local (FE80:: - Unique Local (ULA) (FC00:: - IPv4-mapped (::FFFF:IPv4/128)
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- Multicast (one-to-many) (FF00::- Anycast (one-to-nearest) (taken from unicast space)
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IPv6 addresses: Scope

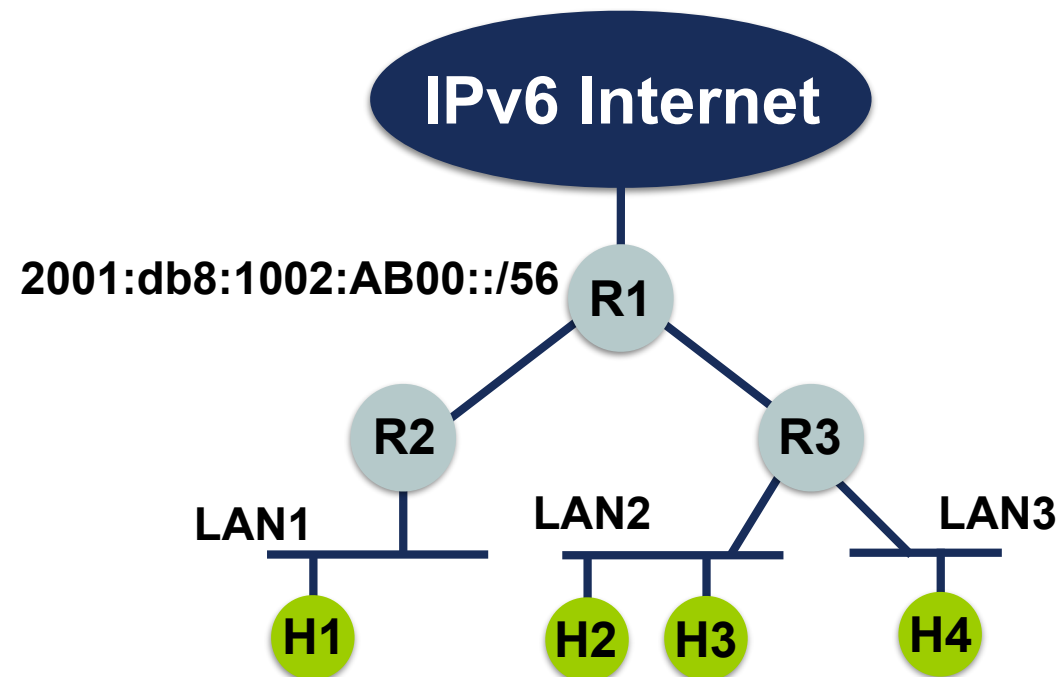
- Where the address is valid





IPv6 addresses: Exercise (1)

- Short Exercise with IPv6 Addresses:
 - Your IPv6 prefix 2001:0db8:1002:AB00::/56
 - Take three /64 prefixes from it to assign to three different LANs: LAN1, LAN 2 and LAN3
 - Give IPv6 address to hosts: H1, H2, H3, and H4





IPv6 addresses: Exercise (2)

- Complete the table:

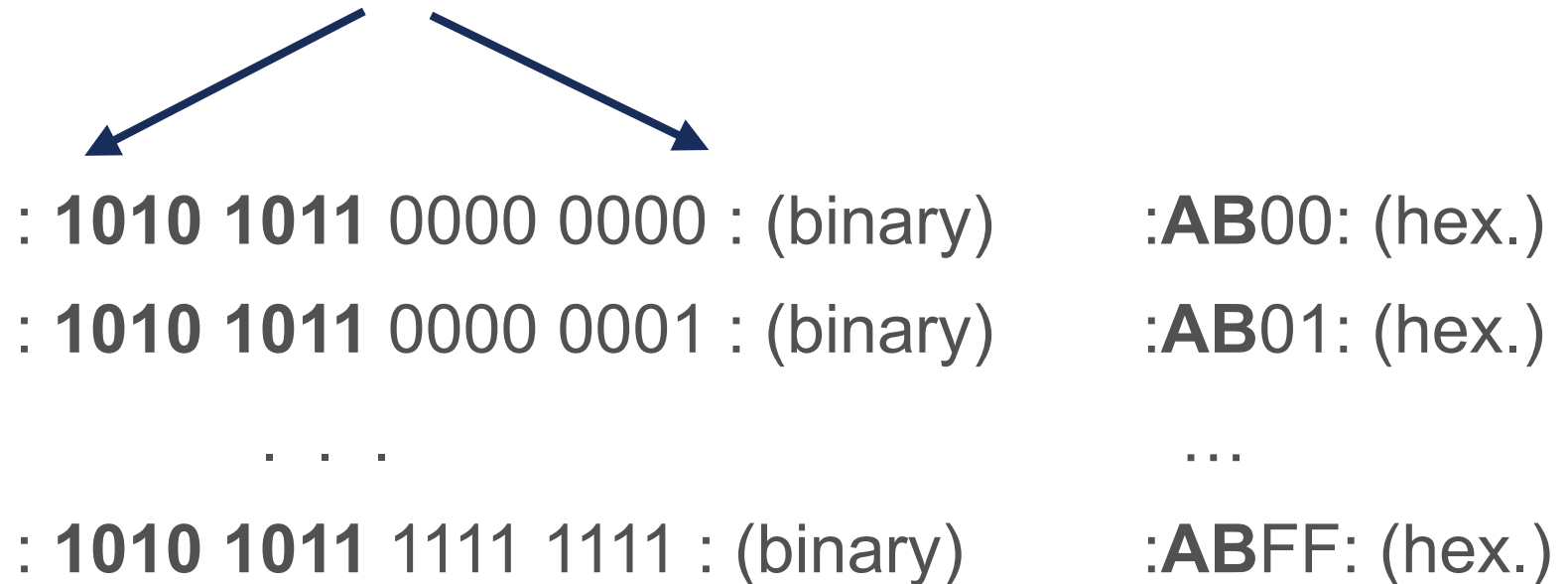
Description	Prefix / Address
LAN 1	/64
LAN 2	/64
LAN 3	/64
H1	
H2	
H3	
H4	



IPv6 addresses: Exercise (3)

- Start with /56 prefix -> you have to divide into /64s

2001:0db8:1002:AB00:0000:0000:0000:0000



- In total $2^8 = 256$ /64 prefixes:
2001:db8:1002:ab00::/64, 2001:db8:1002:ab01::/64,
... 2001:db8:1002:abFF::/64



Questions



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