

Exploring the ICMPv6 Toolset



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Agenda



All our favorite features are back!

- Ping
- Traceroute
- MTU Discovery
- Firewalling

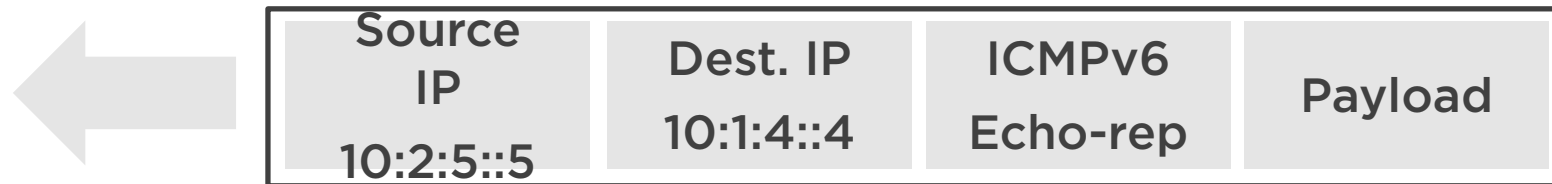
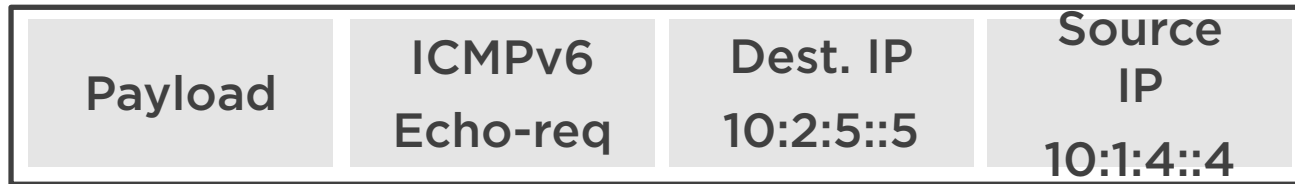


IPv6 Ping Packet Flow

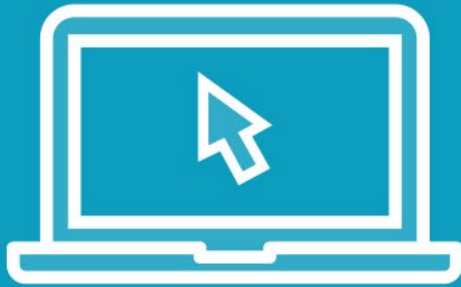
FC00:10:1:4::4



FC00:10:2:5::5



Demo



IPv6 Ping in Action



ICMPv6 Echo-request

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=0, hop limit=64 (reply in 2)
2	0.000786	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=0, hop limit=62 (request in 1)
3	0.000944	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=1, hop limit=64 (reply in 4)
4	0.006282	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=1, hop limit=62 (request in 3)
5	0.006399	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=2, hop limit=64 (reply in 6)
6	0.011449	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=2, hop limit=62 (request in 5)
7	0.011604	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=3, hop limit=64 (reply in 8)
8	0.016891	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=3, hop limit=62 (request in 7)
9	0.017112	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=4, hop limit=64 (reply in 10)
	0.022022	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=4, hop limit=62 (request in 9)

▶ Frame 1: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0

▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:04, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:01

▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5

▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

Type: Echo (ping) request (128)

Code: 0

Checksum: 0xeb93 [correct]

[Checksum Status: Good]

Identifier: 0x0f18

Sequence: 0

[\[Response In: 2\]](#)

▶ Data (52 bytes)

← Type 128 is echo-request (no codes)

← Used to identify process/daemon

← Used to match request to reply



ICMPv6 Echo-reply

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=0, hop limit=64 (reply in 2)
2	0.000786	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=0, hop limit=62 (request in 1)
3	0.000944	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=1, hop limit=64 (reply in 4)
4	0.006282	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=1, hop limit=62 (request in 3)
5	0.006399	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=2, hop limit=64 (reply in 6)
6	0.011449	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=2, hop limit=62 (request in 5)
7	0.011604	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=3, hop limit=64 (reply in 8)
8	0.016891	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=3, hop limit=62 (request in 7)
9	0.017112	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) request id=0x0f18, seq=4, hop limit=64 (reply in 10)
	0.022022	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0f18, seq=4, hop limit=62 (request in 9)

▶ Frame 2: 114 bytes on wire (912 bits), 114 bytes captured (912 bits) on interface 0

▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04

▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:2:5::5, Dst: fc00:10:1:4::4

▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

Type: Echo (ping) reply (129)

Code: 0

Checksum: 0xea93 [correct]

[Checksum Status: Good]

Identifier: 0x0f18

Sequence: 0

[\[Response To: 1\]](#)

[Response Time: 0.786 ms]

▶ Data (52 bytes)

← Type 129 is echo-reply (no codes)

← Replying node retains value

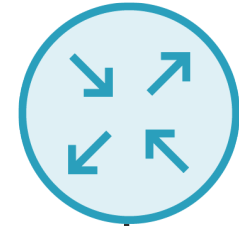
← Replying node retains value

IPv6 Traceroute Packet Flow - First Hop

FC00:10:1:4::4



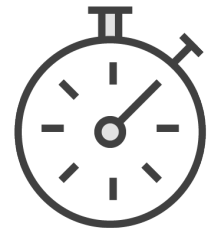
FC00:10:1:4::1



UDP Dest. Port	Hop	Dest. IP	Source IP
33434 - 33436	1	10:2:5::5	10:1:4::4



Source IP	Dest. IP	ICMPv6	Original
10:1:4::1	10:1:4::4	Hop-exc	UDP pkt

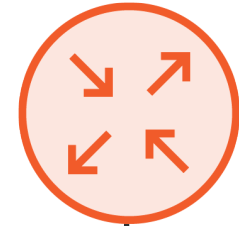


IPv6 Traceroute Packet Flow - Second Hop

FC00:10:1:4::4



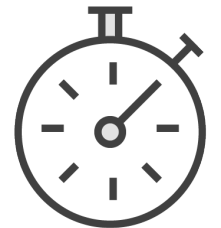
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UDP Dest. Port	Hop	Dest. IP	Source IP
33437 - 33439	2	10:2:5::5	10:1:4::4



Source IP	Dest. IP	ICMPv6	Original
10:1:2::2	10:1:4::4	Hop-exc	UDP pkt



IPv6 Traceroute Packet Flow - Termination

FC00:10:1:4::4



FC00:10:2:5::5



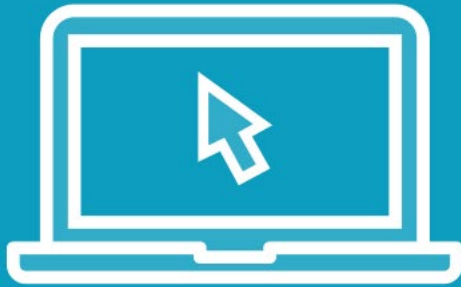
UDP Dest. Port 33440 - 33442	Hop 3	Dest. IP 10:2:5::5	Source IP 10:1:4::4
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Source IP 10:2:5::5	Dest. IP 10:1:4::4	ICMPv6 Port-unrc	Original UDP pkt
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Demo



IPv6 Traceroute in Action



IPv6 UDP Traceroute Probe

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Hop limit	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	59674 → 33434 Len=0
2	0.000470	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
3	0.000586	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	56362 → 33435 Len=0
4	0.000840	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
5	0.005832	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	59665 → 33436 Len=0
6	0.006411	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
7	0.010828	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	64584 → 33437 Len=0
8	0.011692	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
9	0.016235	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	51662 → 33438 Len=0
	0.017019	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
	0.021403	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	65394 → 33439 Len=0
	0.021681	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)

- ▶ Frame 1: 62 bytes on wire (496 bits), 62 bytes captured (496 bits) on interface 0
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:04, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:01
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5
- ▼ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59674, Dst Port: 33434

Source Port: 59674
Destination Port: 33434
Length: 8
Checksum: 0x9bf2 [unverified]
[Checksum Status: Unverified]
[Stream index: 0]

← Target won't be listening

No payload data



ICMPv6 Hop Limit Exceeded

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Hop limit	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	59674→33434 Len=0
2	0.000470	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
3	0.000586	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	56362→33435 Len=0
4	0.000840	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
5	0.005832	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	1	59665→33436 Len=0
6	0.006411	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	64,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
7	0.010828	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	64584→33437 Len=0
8	0.011692	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
9	0.016235	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	51662→33438 Len=0
	0.017019	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)
	0.021403	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	2	65394→33439 Len=0
	0.021681	fc00:10:1:2::2	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	63,1	Time Exceeded (hop limit exceeded in transit)

- ▶ Frame 2: 110 bytes on wire (880 bits), 110 bytes captured (880 bits) on interface 0
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::1, Dst: fc00:10:1:4::4
- ▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

Type: Time Exceeded (3)
Code: 0 (hop limit exceeded in transit)
Checksum: 0x936c [correct]
[Checksum Status: Good]
Reserved: 00000000

← Type 3 is "time exceeded"
Code 0 means "hop limit"

- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5
- ▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59674, Dst Port: 33434

← Encapsulates original
UDP probe



ICMPv6 Port-unreachable

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Hop limit	Info
0.027377		fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	3	53021→33440 Len=0
0.028218		fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	62,1	Destination Unreachable (Port unreachable)
0.032884		fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	3	60249→33441 Len=0
0.033419		fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	62,1	Destination Unreachable (Port unreachable)
0.035217		fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	UDP	3	57782→33442 Len=0
0.035738		fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	62,1	Destination Unreachable (Port unreachable)

▶ Frame 14: 110 bytes on wire (880 bits), 110 bytes captured (880 bits) on interface 0

▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04

▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:2:5::5, Dst: fc00:10:1:4::4

▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

- Type: Destination Unreachable (1)
- Code: 4 (Port unreachable)
- Checksum: 0x9562 [correct]
[Checksum Status: Good]
- Reserved: 00000000

▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5

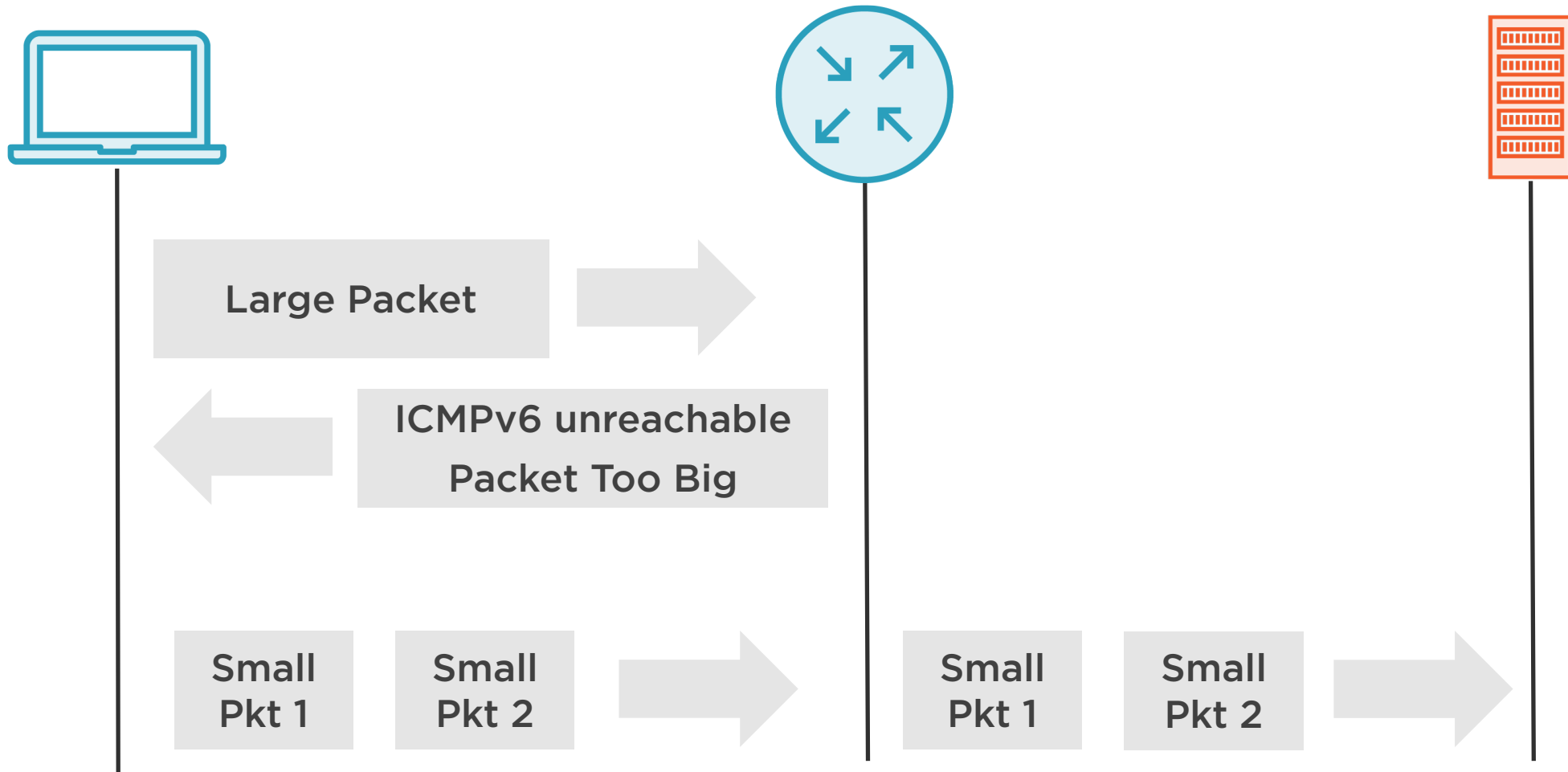
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53021, Dst Port: 33440

← Type 1 is "unreachable"
Code 4 means "layer-4 port"

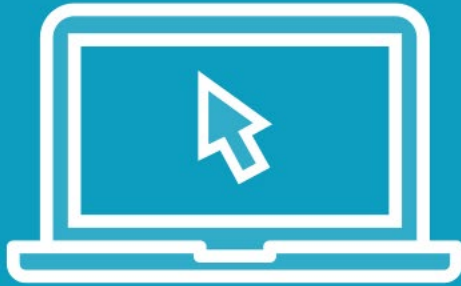
↑
Encapsulates original UDP probe



IPv6 MTU Signaling and "Fragmentation"



Demo



Smarter Fragmentation with IPv6



ICMPv6 "Packet Too Big"

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Payload length	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	1360	Echo (ping) request id=0x0ace, seq=0, hop limit=64 (reply in 2)
2	0.000347	fc00:10:2:5::5	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	1360	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0ace, seq=0, hop limit=62 (request in 1)
3	1.563591	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	ICMPv6	1361	Echo (ping) request id=0x1083, seq=0, hop limit=64 (no response found!)
4	1.563809	fc00:10:1:4::1	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	1240,1361	Packet Too Big

- ▶ Frame 4: 1294 bytes on wire (10352 bits), 1294 bytes captured (10352 bits) on interface 0
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::1, Dst: fc00:10:1:4::4
- ▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6
 - Type: Packet Too Big (2)
 - Code: 0
 - Checksum: 0x917b [correct]
 - [Checksum Status: Good]
 - MTU: 1400
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5
- ▶ Internet Control Message Protocol v6

← Type 2 is "packet too big" (no codes)

← Reveals the MTU

↑
Encapsulates original packet



Firewall Design for ICMPv6

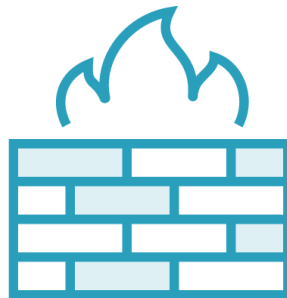
icmp echo-request (128/0)



udp traceroute probe (dest port 33434 - 33464)



icmp admin-prohibited (1/1)



Don't forget about link-local traffic like NS, NA, RS, RA!



icmp echo-reply (129/0)



icmp hop-limit-exceeded (3/0)



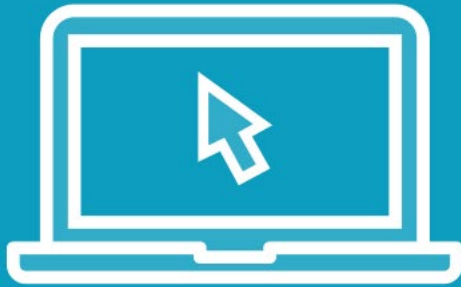
icmp port-unreachable (1/4)



icmp packet-too-big (2/0)



Demo



Firewalling for ICMPv6



ICMPv6 Admin-prohibited

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
1	0.000000	fc00:10:1:4::4	fc00:10:2:5::5	TCP	20722 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=4128 Len=0 MSS=516
2	0.000609	fc00:10:1:3::3	fc00:10:1:4::4	ICMPv6	Destination Unreachable (Administratively prohibited)

- ▶ Frame 2: 126 bytes on wire (1008 bits), 126 bytes captured (1008 bits) on interface 0
- ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:00:a6:16:00:01, Dst: 00:00:a6:16:00:04
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:3::3, Dst: fc00:10:1:4::4
- ▼ Internet Control Message Protocol v6
 - Type: Destination Unreachable (1)
 - Code: 1 (Administratively prohibited)
 - Checksum: 0x9352 [correct]
 - [Checksum Status: Good]
 - Reserved: 00000000
- ▶ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fc00:10:1:4::4, Dst: fc00:10:2:5::5
- ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 20722, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1161381482



Type 1 is "unreachable"
Code 1 is "firewall denied"



Encapsulates original packet



Final Thoughts

**IPv4 and IPv6 are
similar**

Study IPv6 ND

Thank you!

