Discovering PREF64 in Router Advertisements

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Problem Statement

How to discover NAT64 prefix for address synthesis

- Validating stub resolvers
- IPv4 literals
- 464XLAT
Why RA Option?

- All L3 Network stack config on a host in a single packet
- Atomic: no state when config is incomplete
- Network *is* the authoritative source of information
- No additional services required
- No “trust DNS response to be able to use DNSSEC” paradox
Option Format

- 8 bits: Type
- 8 bits: Length
- 16 bits: Lifetime
- 96 bits: Prefix
Prefix Length

RFC6052 (IPv6 Addressing of IPv4/IPv6 Translators):

“The prefixes can only have one of the following lengths: 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, or 96”
Open Questions

- Do we need to support prefix length != 96?
  - Are there any real world deployments of this?
  - Support all use cases vs simplicity?

- Do we need to support per-destination PREF64s like RFC 7225?
  - Increases implementation complexity
  - Can be trivially implemented by routing more specifics in the network
  - Requires that network operators trust hosts to do the right thing