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Abstract

[RFC5014] specifies extension to socket API to allow application to specify the preference among multiple source addresses. [I-D.draft-korhonen-6man-prefix-properties] and [I-D.draft-bhandari-dhc-class-based-prefix-04] propose to extend router advertisement to carry the prefix property and class information. The mobile node can learn the prefix property and class information from the router advertisement message. This document proposes an extension to [RFC5014] to enable the application to select the distributed mobility management related prefixes.

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## 1. Proposed Extension of RFC 5014

[RFC5014] defines socket API extension used for IPv6 source address selection. Application can use this API to override the default source address selection mechanism for IPv6. Currently, [RFC5014] defines the following types of source address selection preference:

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_HOME /* Prefer Home address as source */
```

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_COA /* Prefer Care-of address as source */
```

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_TMP /* Prefer Temporary address as source */
```

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_PUBLIC /* Prefer Public address as source */
```

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_CGA /* Prefer CGA address as source */
```

```
IPV6_PREFER_SRC_NONCGA /* Prefer a non-CGA address as source */
```

This document proposes to extend the above definition to add two new flags:

IPV6\_PREFER\_SRC\_LOCAL\_HNP:

Prefer to use locally allocated home network prefix.

IPV6\_PREFER\_SRC\_REMOTE\_HNP:

Prefer to use the home network prefix that allocated by other access router instead of the one that the MN currently attach.

## 2. Usage Example

This section gives usage example for this API extension.

[I-D.draft-ietf-dmm-best-practices-gap-analysis-01] and [I-D.draft-seite-dmm-dma-06] discuss the distributed mobility management practice. It introduces dynamic anchoring concept: the mobile node can have multiple mobility anchor points and the mobile node select the locally allocated IP address for the newly started application for optimized routing. The mobile node can continue to use the IP address allocated by previous anchor point for the on going session. When the on going session terminate, the mobile node will release the previous anchor point allocated IP address.

In the dynamic anchoring scenario, for the newly started application, it should use the IP address allocated by the local mobility anchor. The application can use IPV6\_PREFER\_SRC\_LOCAL\_HNP flag to select the local allocated IP address. For the on going session, the application can use IPV6\_PREFER\_SRC\_REMOTE\_HNP flag to select the previous mobility anchor allocated home address to gurantee the session continuity.

## 3. IANA Considerations

This document makes no request of IANA.

Note to RFC Editor: this section may be removed on publication as an RFC.

## 4. Security Considerations

TBD

## 5. Acknowledgements

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