

DHCPv4 over DHCPv6 Implementation by Tsinghua University

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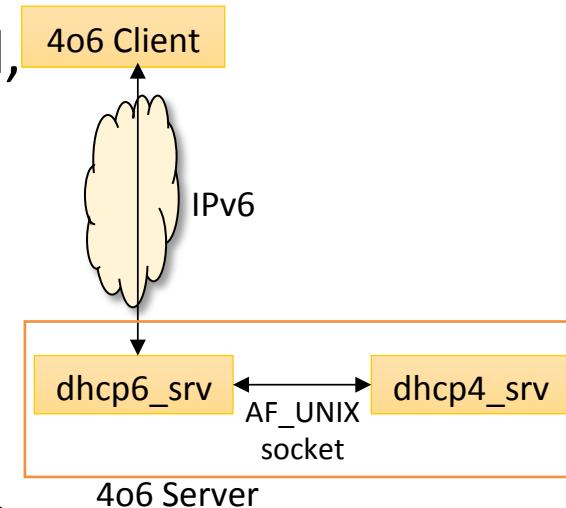
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Introduction

- DHCPv4 over DHCPv6 Transport
 - draft-ietf-dhc-dhcpv4-over-dhcpv6
 - Carry DHCPv4 messages over DHCPv6 transport
- Early implementation on Linux
 - Client: *thclient*, a lite DHCPv4 client
 - Server: modified ISC *bind10-1.1.0* (“Kea”), added 150 lines of C++ code on both v6/v4 server engine
 - Thanks to Tomek and Marcin for the guide on isc-bind10/Kea

Implementation

- Client: Do encapsulation before socket send, do decapsulation after socket recv
- Server: Support new messages & DHCPv4 message option
 - Run both `dhcp6_srv` and `dhcp4_srv`
 - Use `AF_UNIX` socket to communicate between 6/4 server processes
 - `dhcp6_srv` acts as a “relay”: send DHCPv4 message to `dhcp4_srv`, store original DHCPv6 packet states in memory, wait for response from `dhcp4_srv`
 - `AF_UNIX` sockets are added into `select()` list
- Normal DHCPv4/v6 server functions are not affected
 - All 3 functions (`dhcp4`, `dhcp6`, `dhcp4o6`) can run at the same time



Resources

- Source code URL:
 - Client - <https://github.com/gnocuil/thudhcp>
 - Server - <https://github.com/gnocuil/DHCPv4oDHCPv6>
packet capture data by wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	fe80::a00:27ff:fe45:ce18	ff02::1:2	DHCPv6	343	DHCPv4-query XID: 0x0
4	0.001679000	fe80::a00:27ff:fefc:806	fe80::a00:27ff:fe45:ce18	DHCPv6	362	DHCPv4-response XID: 0x0
5	0.002044000	fe80::a00:27ff:fe45:ce18	ff02::1:2	DHCPv6	361	DHCPv4-query XID: 0x0
6	0.003174000	fe80::a00:27ff:fefc:806	fe80::a00:27ff:fe45:ce18	DHCPv6	362	DHCPv4-response XID: 0x0

► Frame 6: 362 bytes on wire (2896 bits), 362 bytes captured (2896 bits) on interface 0
► Ethernet II, Src: 08:00:27:fc:08:06 (08:00:27:fc:08:06), Dst: 08:00:27:45:ce:18 (08:00:27:45:ce:18)
► Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fe80::a00:27ff:fefc:806 (fe80::a00:27ff:fefc:806), Dst: fe80::a00:27ff:fe45:ce18 (fe80::a00:27ff:
► User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: dhcpv6-server (547), Dst Port: dhcpv6-client (546)
▼ DHCPv6
 Message type: DHCPv4-response (246)
 Transaction ID: 0x000000
 ► Server Identifier
 ▼ DHCPv4 Message Option
 Option: DHCPv4 Message Option (54321)
 Length: 274
 Value: 020106003d89be050000000000000000a0003100000000...
 dhcpv4 message

Conclusion

- It works
- Require modifications on both v4 & v6 part
- Modifications are lightweight
- No conflict with normal DHCPv4/DHCPv6 functions