



# What can only be done with IPv6...

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# What are the difference between IPv4 and IPv6?

- Extension headers
- Way more addresses
- Multiple addresses per interfaces

# Extension Headers

# Segment Routing Header (SRH)

- A IETF draft using Routing Header
- Where each segment can be used for network programming
  - **Making Network Function Virtualization easier**
  - **Allowing Load Balancing at layer-3**
- <http://www.segment-routing.net/>

# In-situ Operation, Administration and Management

- Allow routers on the path to mark packets with timing
- Allows for path verification
  - Important for NFV chaining
- Leveraging SRH
- <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/ioam/about/>

Way more addresses

# Containers and IPv6

- In IPv4: containers share 'the' IPv4 address of the host
  - One port per container and usually some ugly NAT
- In IPv6: containers can share a /64 prefix assigned to the host
  - Each container has access to the full range of TCP/UDP port
  - (/64 per host has some security benefits as well)

# Coding Content Description in IPv6 Addresses

## – Example of IPv6 address template for movies

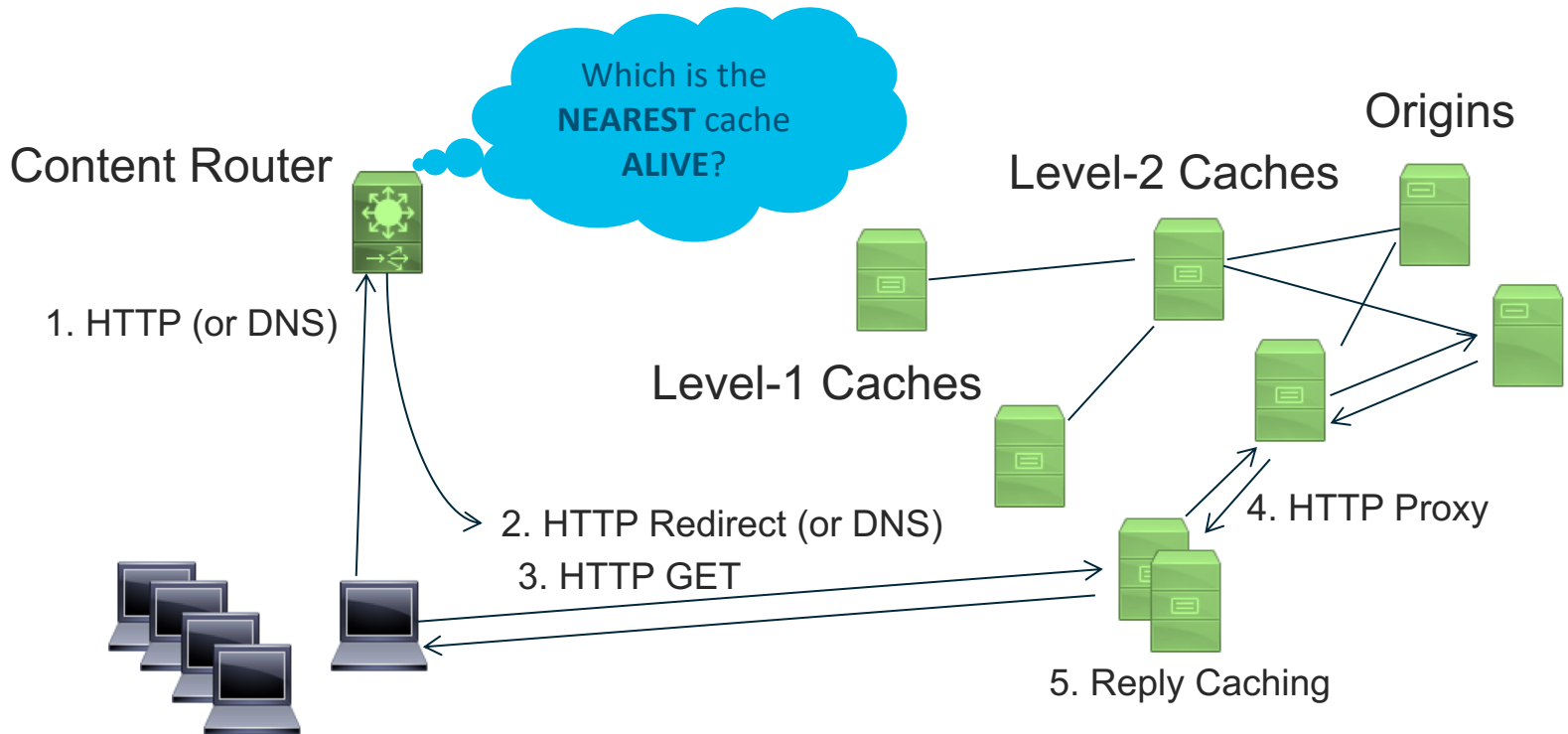
IPv6	Routing prefix + subnet id	Interface identifier
Bits	48 + 16	64

Fields	Stream Type	Service ID	Content Descriptor	Chunk Descriptor		
Bits	2	12	26	24		
				4	4	16
Comments	= 4 types 00 = linear 01 = non-linear 10 = UGC 11 = corp.	= 4096 services per type	= 70+ millions per service	= 16 profiles  To combining appropriated AV formats (DASH/HLS most significant bit) and ABR qualities  =0 reserved value	= duration From 1 to 15s  =0 can be reserved for none, so a single (big) chunk/file	= chunk sequence number  Allows by iteration to (pre)-fetch/cache over the network Combined with Duration, it references from 6 hours to 4 days per service/content. It also gives direct time stamps for trick modes  =0 can be reserved for the DASH/HLS manifest

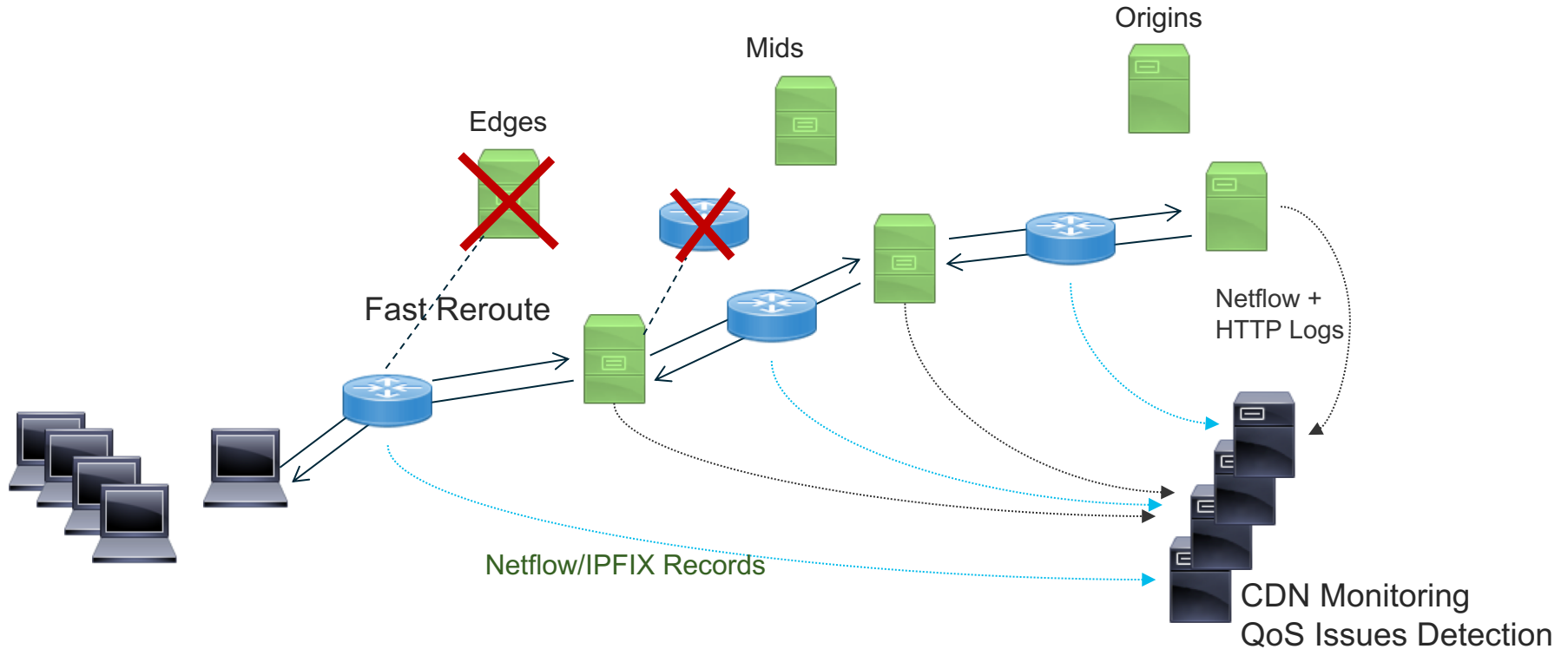
See by your own: <http://6cn.io>



# Traditional Traffic Control CDN



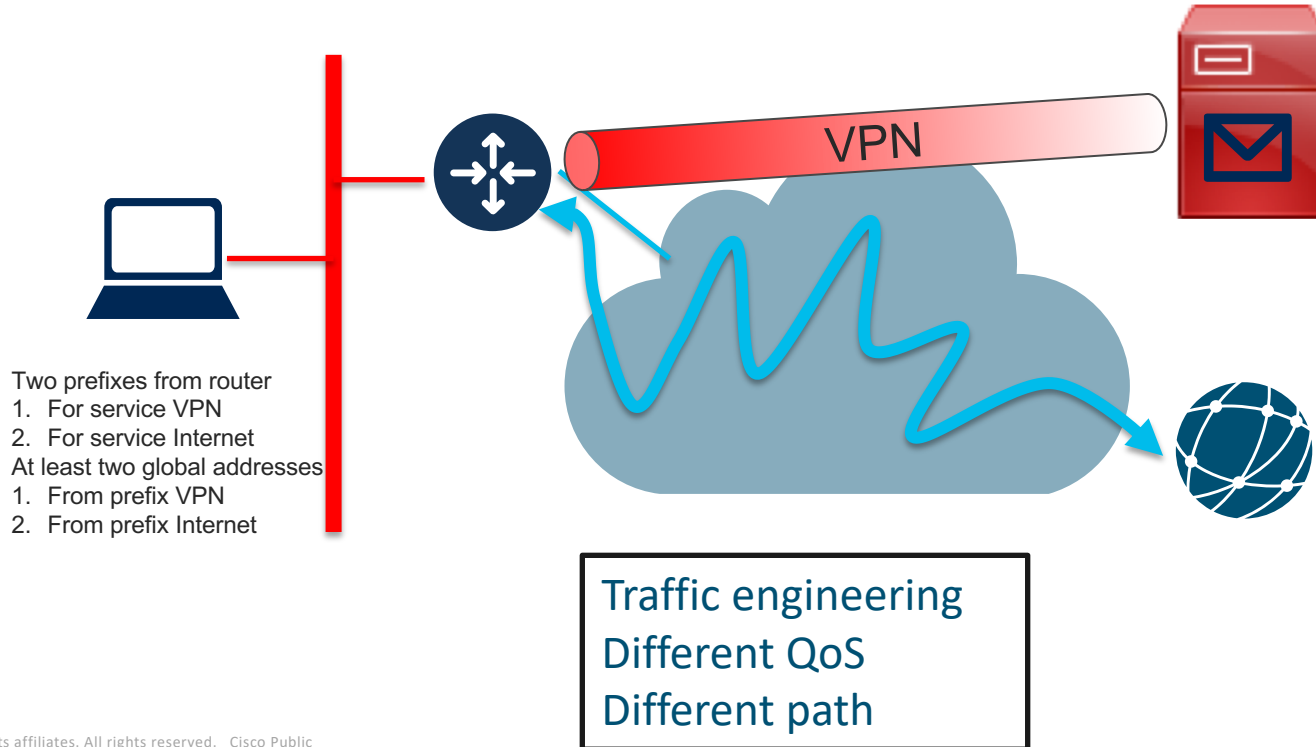
# 6CN Advantages – High Availability, Monitoring



Leverage decades of IP layer optimizations

# Multiple IPv6 Addresses per Interface

# Selecting the Service by Source Address



# Network signals the services to the hosts

- draft-ietf-intarea-provisioning-domains
- Identify Provisioning Domains (PvDs)
  - *[RFC7556] Provisioning Domains (PvDs) are consistent sets of network properties that can be implicit, or advertised explicitly.*
- Extend PvD with additional information
  - For the applications: name, captive portal, etc...

IPv6 can do more  
than IPv4...

***... And we are only  
scratching the  
surface...***

- Extension headers prevent ossification of the IP stack
- Many addresses allow for micro-services addressing
- Multiple addresses per interface to allow the source to select the network service