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# IPv6 in the RIPE Database

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# Overview



**IPv6 Address  
Distribution**

**IPv6 Objects**

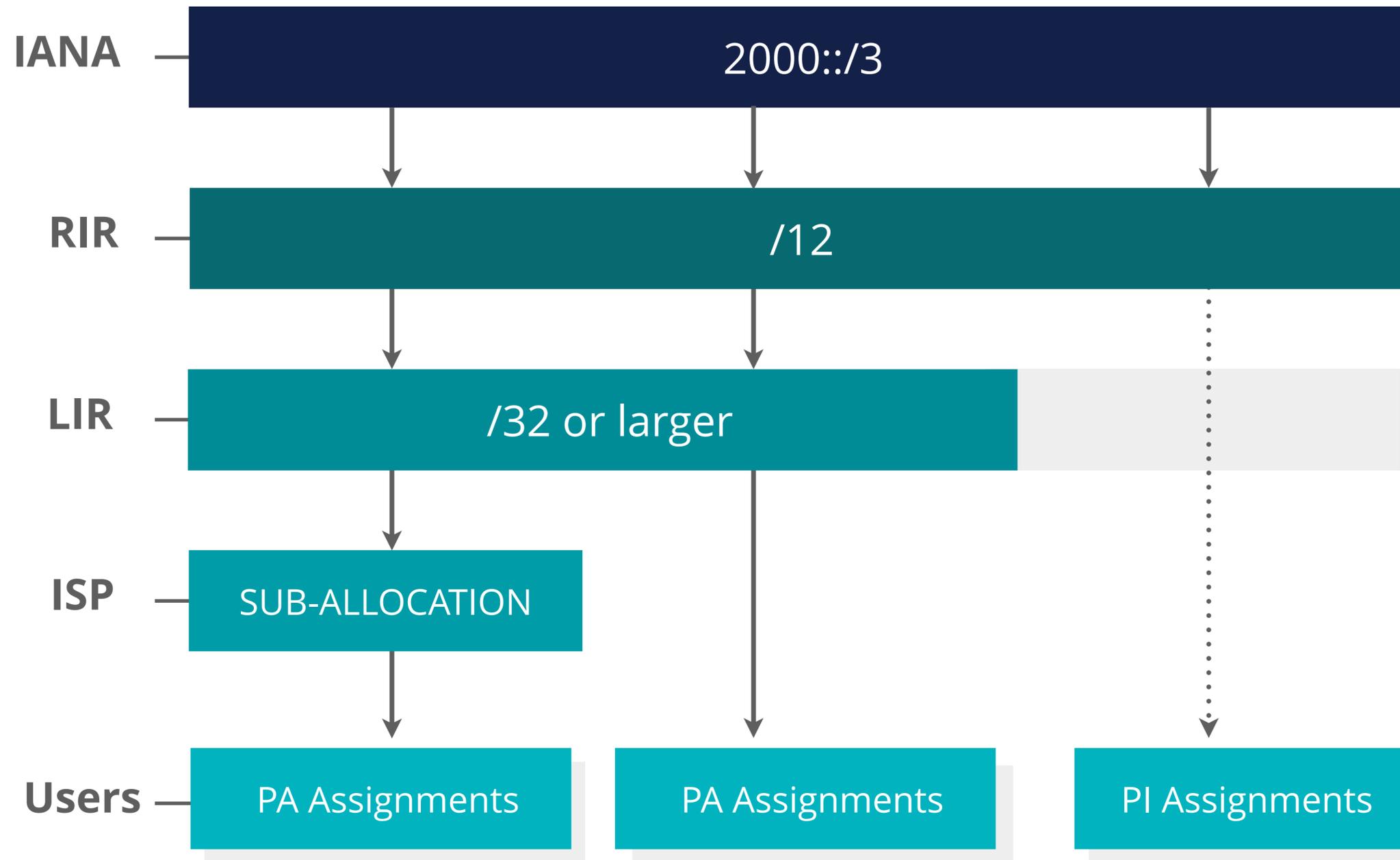
**route6 and  
domain Objects**



# IPv6 Address Distribution

From allocation to assignment

# IPv6 Address Distribution





# IPv6 Subnets

- **Minimum allocation size /32**
  - Up to /29, no extra documentation needed
  - 65,536 x /48s
  - 16,777,216 x /56s
  - 4 billion x /64s
- **Every subnet should be a /64**
- **Customer assignments (sites) should be "n" x /64**
  - *"How many /64s do they need?"*



# Customer Assignments

- Give your customers **enough** address space
  - Consider future growth and new technologies
- Typical assignment **sizes** are:
  - Residential: /56 or /48
  - Business: /48
- **Every** assignment **must** be registered in the RIPE Database

# Take the poll!

What is the **recommended size** of an IPv6 subnet?



# Take the poll!

What size assignment would you give to a **home user**?

 1 min.



# RIPE Database Objects



## IPs and ASNs

**inetnum**

**inet6num**

**aut-num**

## Reverse DNS

**domain**

## Routing

**route**

**route6**

**as-set**

## Object Protection

**mntner**

## Contact Information

**organisation**

**person**

**role**

# Comparison IPv4 and IPv6 status



IPv4		IPv6
<b>ALLOCATED PA</b>	Allocation	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-RIR</b>
<b>ASSIGNED PA</b>	Assignment	<b>ASSIGNED</b>
<b>AGGREGATED-BY-LIR</b>	Group of Assignments	<b>AGGREGATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>SUB-ALLOCATED PA</b>	Sub-Allocation	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>ASSIGNED PI</b>	PI Assignment	<b>ASSIGNED PI</b>

# ALLOCATED-BY-RIR



IANA  
2000::/3

RIPE NCC  
ALLOCATED-BY-RIR

LIR  
ALLOCATED-BY-RIR

- Used by RIPE NCC to register allocations
- Minimum size is /32
- LIR is the “mnt-by:” of their own allocation

# ALLOCATED-BY-RIR - Example object



<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:db8::/32</b>	IPv6 prefix allocated to the LIR
<b>netname:</b>	NL-LAIKABV-20150531	
<b>country:</b>	NL	
<b>org:</b>	<b>ORG-LBV1-RIPE</b>	Organisation object of the LIR
<b>admin-c:</b>	ADM321-RIPE	
<b>tech-c:</b>	NOC123-RIPE	
<b>status:</b>	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-RIR</b>	Represents an allocation
<b>mnt-by:</b>	RIPE-NCC-HM-MNT	
<b>mnt-by:</b>	<b>DEFAULT-LIR-MNT</b>	LIR partially maintains this object
<b>mnt-lower:</b>	BRIGHTLIFE-MNT	
<b>mnt-routes:</b>	BRIGHTLIFE-MNT	
<b>created:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z	
<b>last-modified:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z	
<b>source:</b>	RIPE	

# Take the poll!

For whom would you register an **inet6num** with the status: **'ALLOCATED-BY-RIR'**?



# ASSIGNED



- Use 'ASSIGNED' for single assignments
- Minimum assignment size is a /64
- Document the justification for any assignment larger than /48

# ASSIGNED - Example object



<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:db8:1000::/48</b>
<b>netname:</b>	<b>LAIKA-NET</b>
<b>country:</b>	NL
<b>admin-c:</b>	ADM321-RIPE
<b>tech-c:</b>	NOC123-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>ASSIGNED</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	BRIGHTLIFE-MNT
<b>created:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
<b>last-modified:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
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IPv6 prefix assigned to network

Name of the network

Represents one assignment

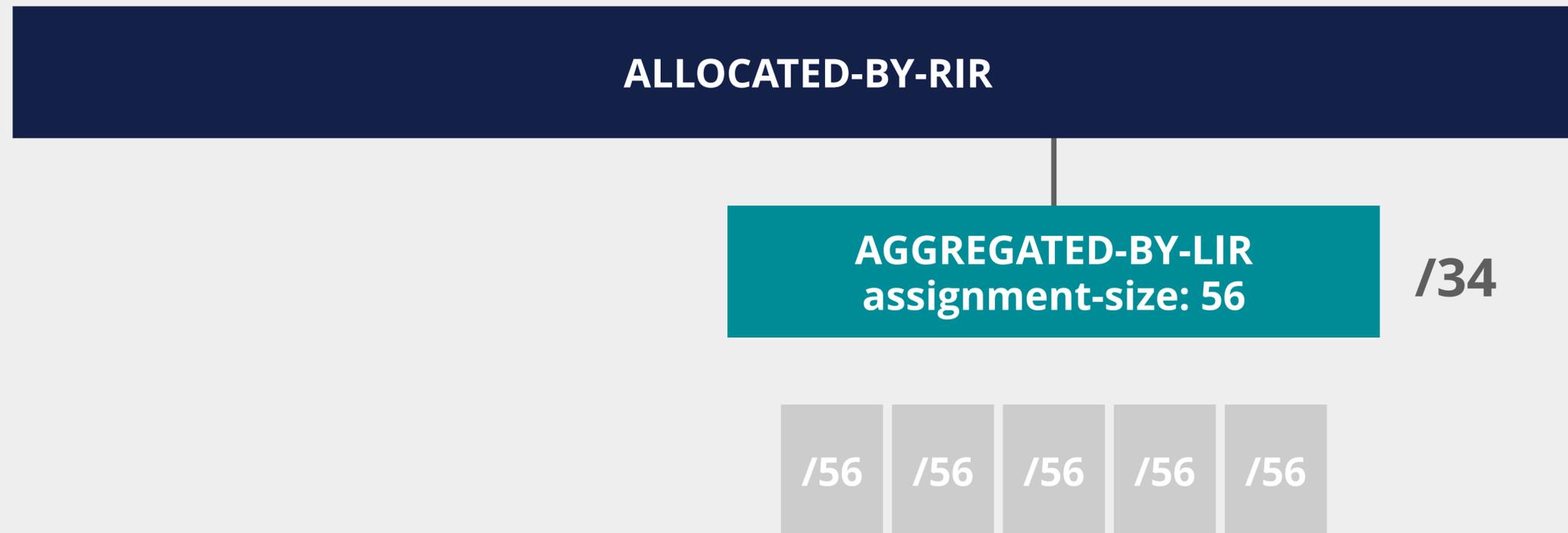
# Take the poll!

You want to register one object with the status **'ASSIGNED'** to represent ten different users.

Is this correct?



# AGGREGATED-BY-LIR



- Can be used to group customers
  - Broadband pool, for example
- “assignment-size:” = assignment size for every customer

# AGGREGATED-BY-LIR - Example object



<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:db8:1000::/36</b>
<b>netname:</b>	<b>Brightlife-Broadband-Pool</b>
<b>country:</b>	NL
<b>admin-c:</b>	ADM321-RIPE
<b>tech-c:</b>	NOC123-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>AGGREGATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>assignment-size:</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	BRIGHTLIFE-MNT
<b>notify:</b>	noc@example.net
<b>created:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
<b>last-modified:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
<b>source:</b>	RIPE

Block of IPv6 address space

Name for the block

Represents a group of assignments

Size of each assignment in block

# Take the poll!

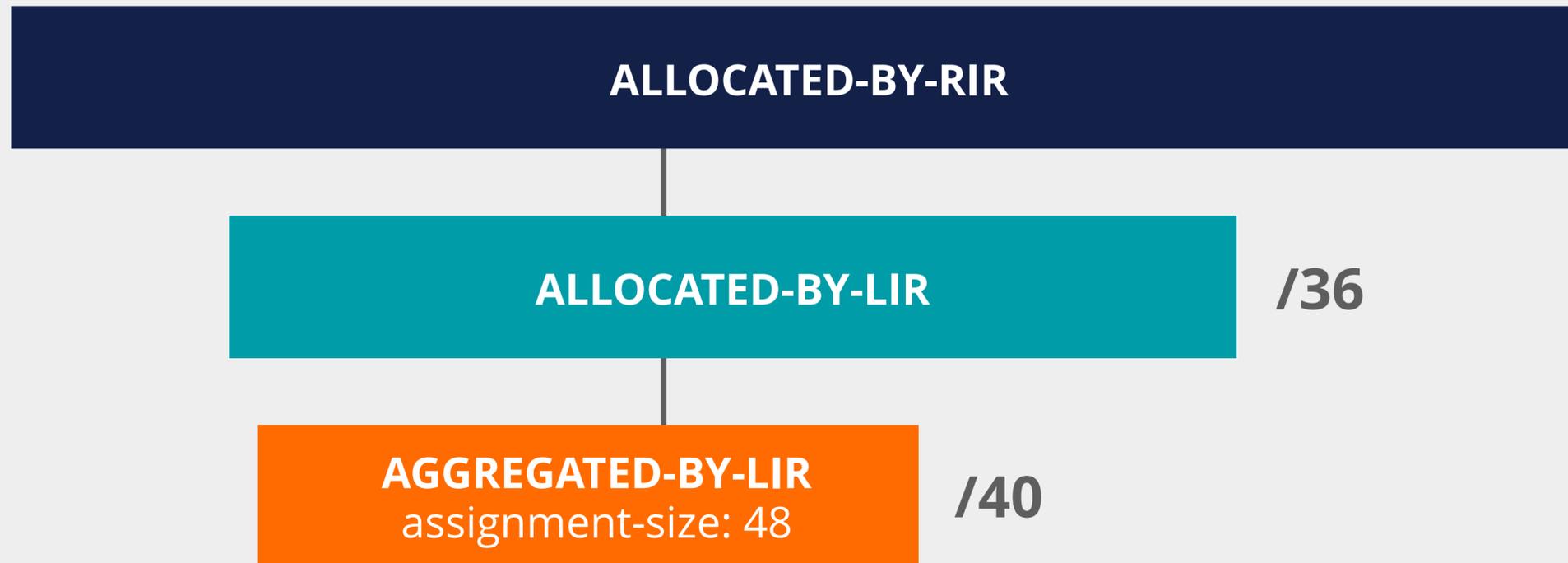
You want to register an **inet6num** object for a large customer that is an ISP. They will register assignments to their customers.

You want to use **'AGGREGATED-BY-LIR'**.

Is this correct?



# ALLOCATED-BY-LIR



- Partition of a larger address block
- Can be used for the LIR infrastructure
  - i.e., branch offices or departments
- Reserve a block for a large customer



# ALLOCATED-BY-LIR - Example object

<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:db8:50::/44</b>
<b>netname:</b>	<b>Big-Customer-Network</b>
<b>country:</b>	NL
<b>admin-c:</b>	ADM321-RIPE
<b>tech-c:</b>	NOC123-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>ALLOCATED-BY-LIR</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	BRIGHTLIFE-MNT
<b>mnt-lower:</b>	<b>BIG-CUSTOMER-MNT</b>
<b>notify:</b>	noc@example.net
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<b>last-modified:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
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Block of IPv6 address space

Name for the block

Represents a sub-allocation/partition

Can be delegated to someone else

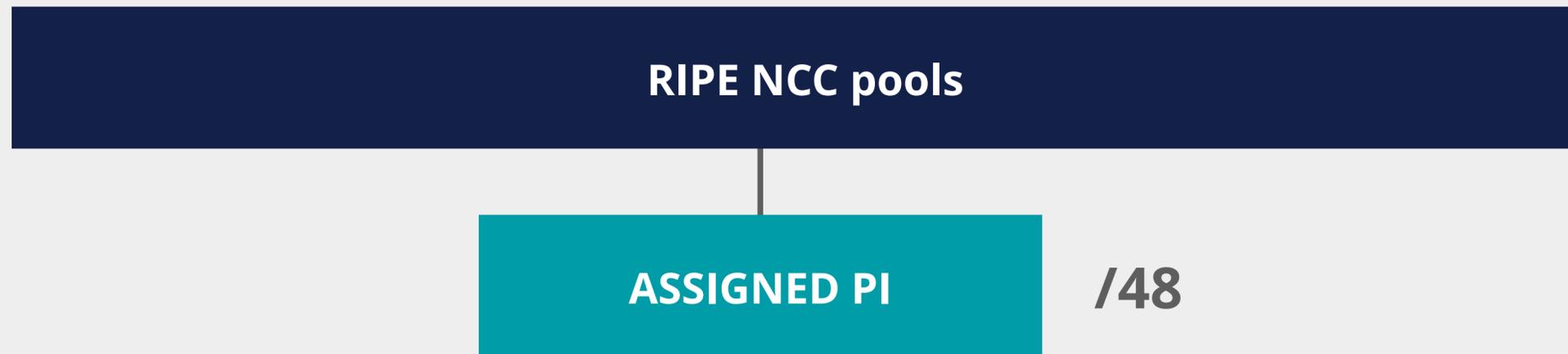
# Take the poll!

You want to register an **inet6num** object with the status **'ALLOCATED-BY-LIR'**.

Do you need to request an approval from the RIPE NCC?



# ASSIGNED PI



- Represents a PI assignment
- Only used by the RIPE NCC
- Minimum assignment size is a /48
- Address space comes directly from RIPE NCC pools

# ASSIGNED PI - Example object



<b>inet6num:</b>	<b>2001:67c:2e8::/48</b>
<b>netname:</b>	<b>RIPE-NCC-NET</b>
<b>org:</b>	ORG-RIEN1-RIPE
<b>country:</b>	NL
<b>admin-c:</b>	JDR-RIPE
<b>tech-c:</b>	OPS4-RIPE
<b>status:</b>	<b>ASSIGNED PI</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	RIPE-NCC-END-MNT
<b>mnt-by:</b>	<b>MNT-ENDUSER</b>
<b>mnt-routes:</b>	<b>MNT-ENDUSER</b>
<b>mnt-domains:</b>	<b>MNT-ENDUSER</b>
<b>created:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
<b>last-modified:</b>	2015-05-31T08:23:35Z
<b>source:</b>	RIPE

IPv6 prefix assigned to network

Name of the network

Represents a PI assignment

End User maintains the object and can create route6 and domain objects

# Take the poll!

Can you register an **inet6num** object with status **'ASSIGNED PI'**?



# IPv6 in the Routing Registry



## Register a route

```
route6:    2001:db8::/32
origin:    AS65550
```

## Register your routing policies

```
aut-num:    AS65550
mp-import:  afi ipv6.unicast from AS64496 accept ANY
mp-export:  afi ipv6.unicast to AS64496 announce AS65550
```

# Requesting Reverse Delegation



- 1 2001:db8:3e:ef11::c100:4d
- 2 2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d
- 3 2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d
- 4 8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa

# Domain object example



<b>domain:</b>	<b>8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa</b>
<b>descr:</b>	RIPE-NCC Infrastructure
<b>admin-c:</b>	GII-RIPE
<b>tech-c:</b>	GII-RIPE
<b>zone-c:</b>	<b>GII-RIPE</b>
<b>mnt-by:</b>	RIPE-GII-MNT
<b>nserver:</b>	<b>pri.authdns.ripe.net</b>
<b>nserver:</b>	<b>sns-pb.isc.org</b>
<b>created:</b>	2011-01-21T13:52:29Z
<b>last-modified:</b>	2014-11-12T12:30:22Z
<b>source:</b>	RIPE

Reverse DNS zone

Contact for the DNS zone

Minimum of two name servers

# Reverse DNS in IPv6



1

2001:0db8:003e:ef11:0000:0000:c100:004d

2

d.4.0.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa

3

d.4.0.0.0.0.1.c.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.1.f.e.e.3.0.0.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. PTR your.domain.tld.

# Take the poll!

What is the **smallest block size** for which you can request reverse delegation in IPv6?





# Questions



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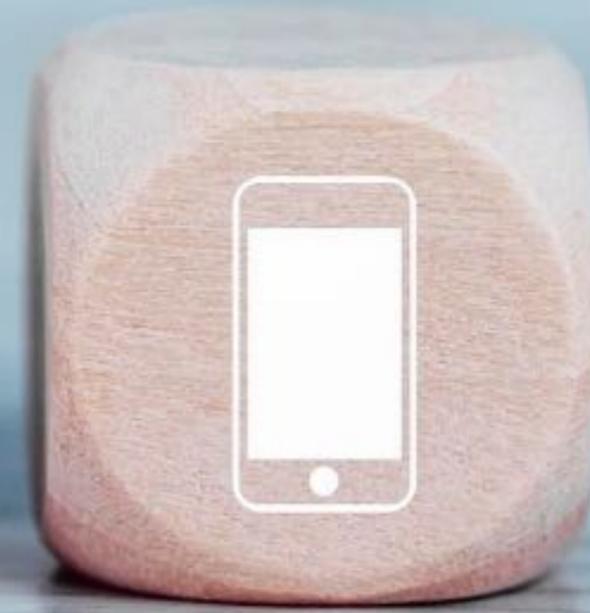


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