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IPv6 Security for Broadband Access, Wireless and ISPs

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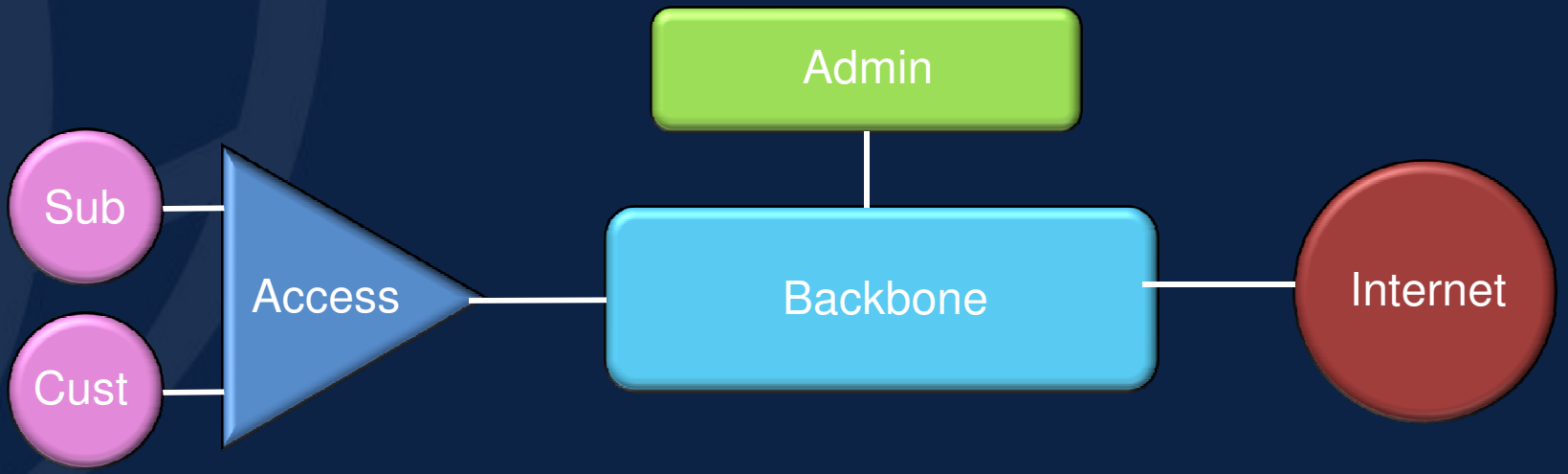
IPv6 Security Focal Areas

- IPv6 security controls should be implemented at the points where networks with diverse trust levels touch
- Similar techniques used for IPv4 for IPv6



Secure IPv6 BGP Peering

- Use Typical BGP Security Practices
- BGP TTL Security Hack (BTSH/GTSM)
- TCP port 179 filtering
- Prevent Long AS Paths, private ASNs, and limit the maximum prefixes received
- Enable graceful restart and log neighbor activity
- Use Global IPv6 addresses instead of Link-Local addresses

Layer-3/4 Spoofing

- Spoofing of IPv6 packets is easy (Scapy6)
- IPv6 BOGON (Martians) Filtering
  - Filter traffic from unallocated space and filter router advertisements of bogus prefixes
  - Permit Legitimate Global Unicast Addresses
- Hierarchical addressing and ingress/egress filtering
- Unicast-RPF Checks (BCP38/RFC 2827)
- Block RH0, illegal option headers
- Rate-limit ICMPv6 and Hop-by-Hop (HbH) options

Blocking RH0

- IOS interface command blocks RH0 (not RH2)
  - `no ipv6 source-route`
  - `ipv6 access-list BLOCKRH0`
  - `deny ipv6 any any routing-type 0 log`
  - `permit ipv6 any any`
  - `interface GigabitEthernet 1/1`
  - `ipv6 traffic-filter BLOCKRH0 in`
- JUNOS
  - firewall { family inet6 { filter filter_v6_rh { term 0 { from { next-header [hop-by-hop routing]; } then { discard; } } } } }
- ASA, Windows, Linux and MacOS all block RH0 by default

Hop-by-Hop Options

- HbH option packets like “Router Alert” packets are processed by each network device along the forwarding path
  - Resource consumption attack potential
- ASR & ISR
  - CoPPr (control-plane cef-exception & class-default) and ACL blocking
  - Implicit rate limiting for transit traffic (CoPPr)
- CRS-1 limits HbH to 500 punts/sec
  - Use of Local Packet Transport Services
- 7600 (12.2(33)SRD1) can rate limit
  - `test platform police ipv6 set 1000`

Flooding – DDoS

- IPv6 doesn't use broadcast only multicast – Smurf attacks more difficult
  - FF02::1 - All Nodes Address, FF02::2 - All Routers Address
  - FF05::1:3 – All DHCPv6 servers
- ICMPv6 error message should not be generated in response to a packet with a multicast destination address
- JUNOS rate limiting of ICMPv6 messages
  - edit system internet-options
  - icmpv6-rate-limit { bucket-size bucket-size; packet-rate packet-rate; }
- DDOS attacks can still exist on the IPv6 Internet just like they exist on IPv4 Internet
  - Document your procedures for "last-hop traceback" ahead of time – work with your ISP

Router Infrastructure Attacks

- Resource consumption attacks are possible
- BGP, IS-IS, EIGRP still use MD5, OSPFv3 uses IPSec (MD5 for HSRPv6 and GLBPv6)
- Passive-interfaces where routing is not needed
- Send packets that initiate ICMPv6 unreachable
  - Disable ICMPv6 unreachable messages on interfaces, null 0, and loopback 0
  - **`no ipv6 unreachables`**
- Ping-pong when using a /64 for pt-2-pt link
  - IOS implements RFC 4443 so this is not a threat (CSCds81086)
  - Juniper's have problems – JUNOS 9.6 [PR/94954]

Hardening IPv6 Network Devices

- Use random bits for static hosts and loopback Interface IDs – for router interfaces use regular IPv6 addresses
- Disable ICMPv6 Redirect messages on interfaces
- SSH works over IPv6 so use IPv6 Access-Class – Disable Telnet!
- Use Inbound Infrastructure ACLs (iACLs) that deny packets sent to infrastructure IPv6 addresses
- Use IPv6 Receive ACL (rACLs) on Cisco devices
- IPv6 syslog is now available

High-Bandwidth Usage Subscribers

- Subscribers may use either 6to4, Teredo, or 6in4 to send peer-to-peer or high bandwidth streams to avoid traffic-shaping/rate-limiting
- Need to inspect IP protocol version 41 and UDP 3544 packets (2001::/32)
  - Tunnel broker or 6to4 (2002::/16) use IP Protocol 41
  - Teredo could be run on other UDP or TCP port #s
- Options include:
  - Performing deep packet inspection
  - Deploying 6to4 and Teredo anycast relays and then inspect IPv4 traffic as it emerges from the relay

IPv6-Capable DPI

- Few products have the ability to decode encapsulated packets
- Traditional/Enterprise IPS products have few IPv6 packet signatures
  - Command Information Assure6
  - SandVine PTS 8210, PTS 14000, PTS 24000
  - Cisco Flexible Pattern Matching (FPM)
  - Snort 2.8.5.3 "./configure --enable-ipv6"
  - Ipoque Protocol and Application Classification Engine (PACE) library for OpenDPI

Lawful Intercept of IPv6 Traffic

- Lawful Intercept issues, CALEA
  - PacketCable Electronic Surveillance Specification, PKT-SP-ESP-I03-040113, CableLabs
  - IPCableComm Electronic Surveillance Standard, ANSI/SCTE 24-13 2001, Society of Cable Television Engineers
- CNR 7.1 Dynamic Lease Notification
- Introduction of IPv6 won't change this process or make it any more challenging than it already is

Admin Networks

- Use stateful firewall between production and admin/management/operation networks
  - Look for vendor support of Extension Headers, Fragmentation, PMTUD, granular filtering of ICMPv6 and multicast
- Protect provisioning servers with host-based filtering like ip6tables

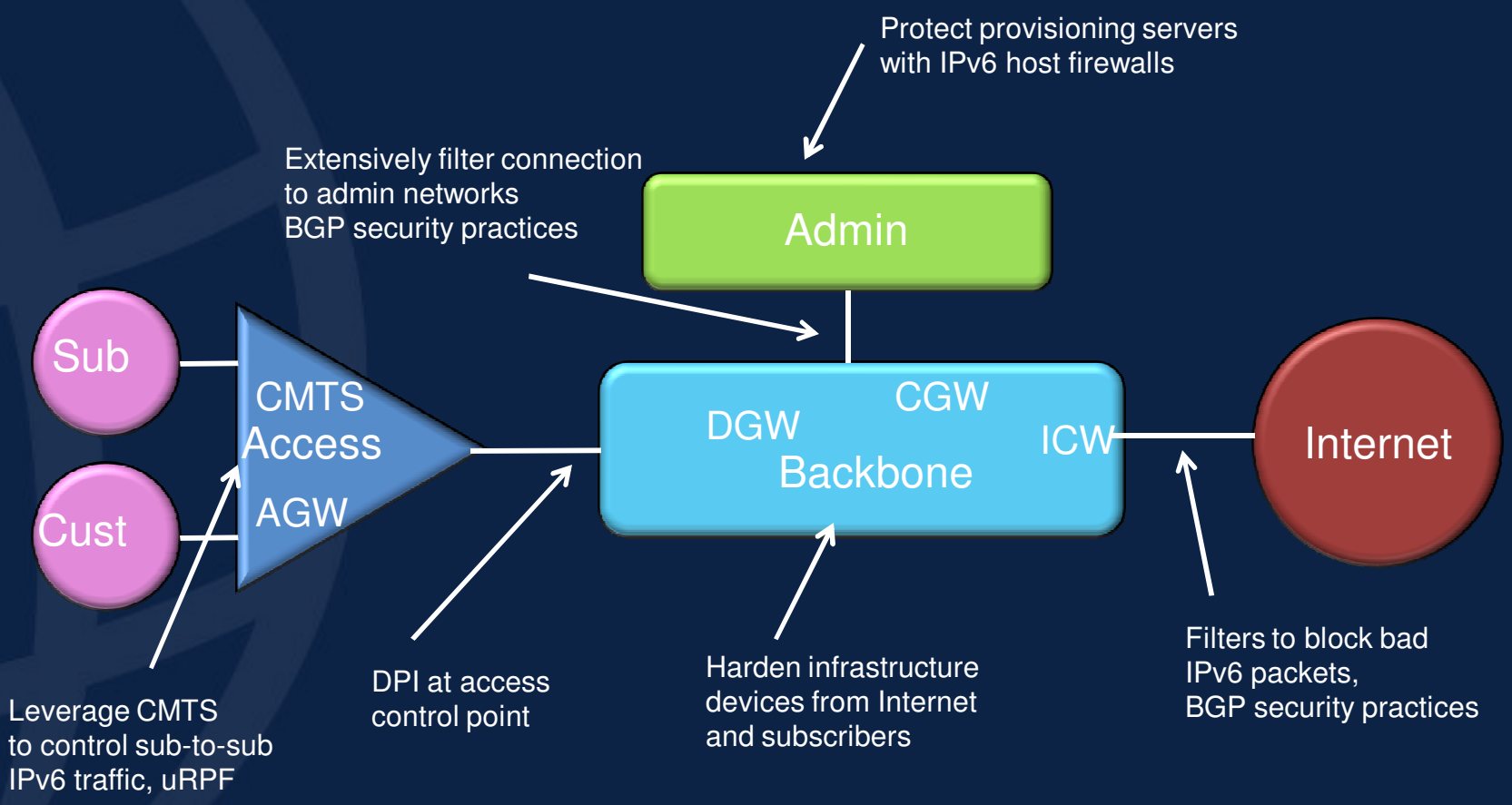
Access Networks

- Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) Attacks
- Spoofed RA messages
- Forged NS/NA messages
- Leveraging Multicast
- RA-Guard IETF draft

DHCPv6 Security Issues

- Pool consumption attack
  - How many IPv6 addresses does that guy need anyway?
- DoS with many SOLICIT messages
  - Police these messages to low bandwidth
- Scanning – if leased addresses given out sequentially
  - Use randomized node identifiers
- Rogue DHCPv6 server providing malicious information (ADVERTISE or REPLY) to unknowing users – the most dangerous issue
  - Filtering DHCPv6 messages, authentication options
  - Port ACL (PACL) to prevent rogue RAs and DHCPv6 from user ports or from admin servers

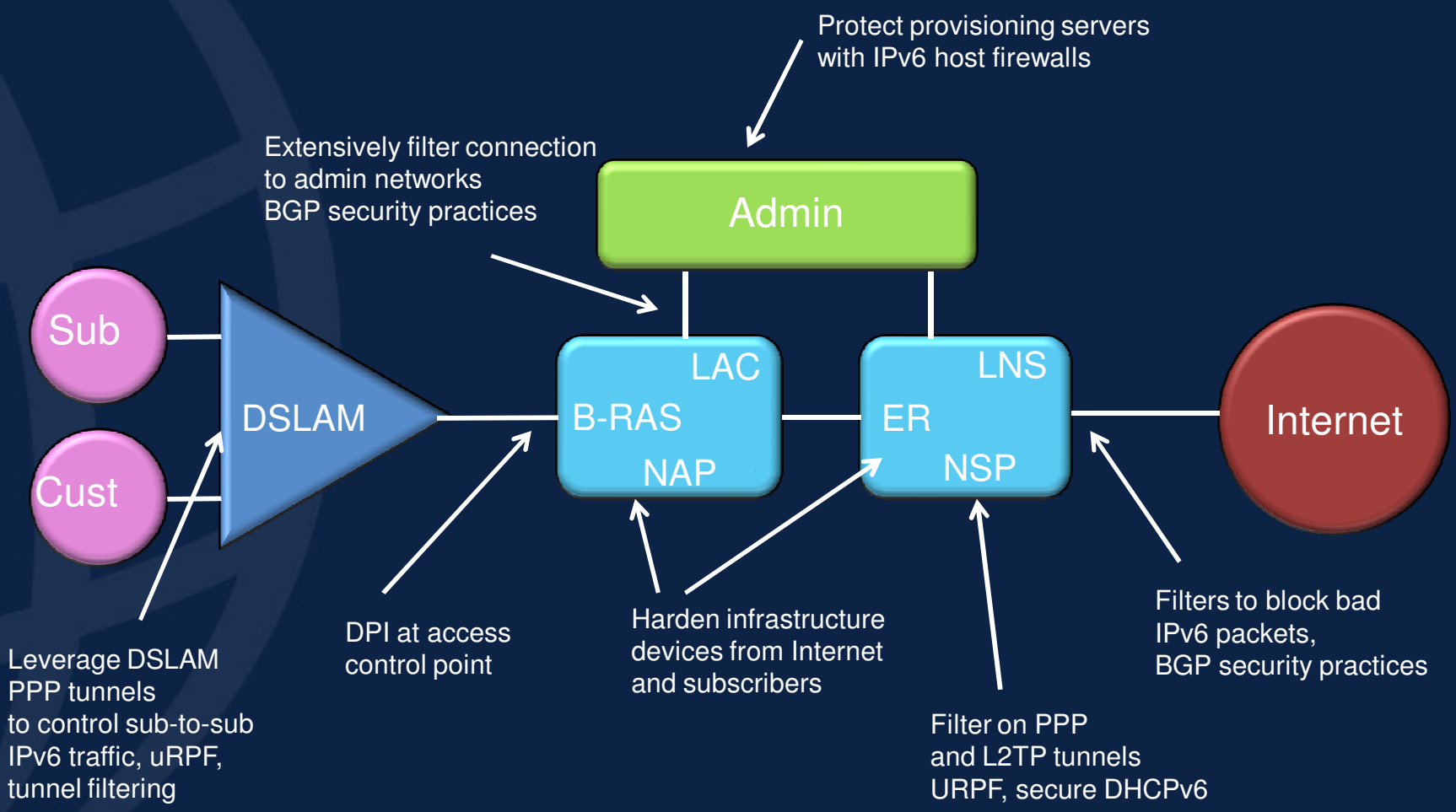
Cable IPv6 Security Controls



CMTS IPv6 Security Practices

- Early Authentication and Encryption (EAE)
- Baseline Privacy Plus (BPI+) and Baseline Privacy Key Management (BPKM)
- Secure Software Download (SSD)
- Extended Subscriber Management Network
  - Use ACLs to prevent malicious packets from subscribers (RH0, unknown options, …)
- Unicast RPF filtering toward subscribers
- Protect control traffic (DHCPv6, DAD, MLD, RA/RS, NA/NS, …) (SAV)
  - **`cable ipv6 source-verify`**
  - Don't expect SEND any time soon

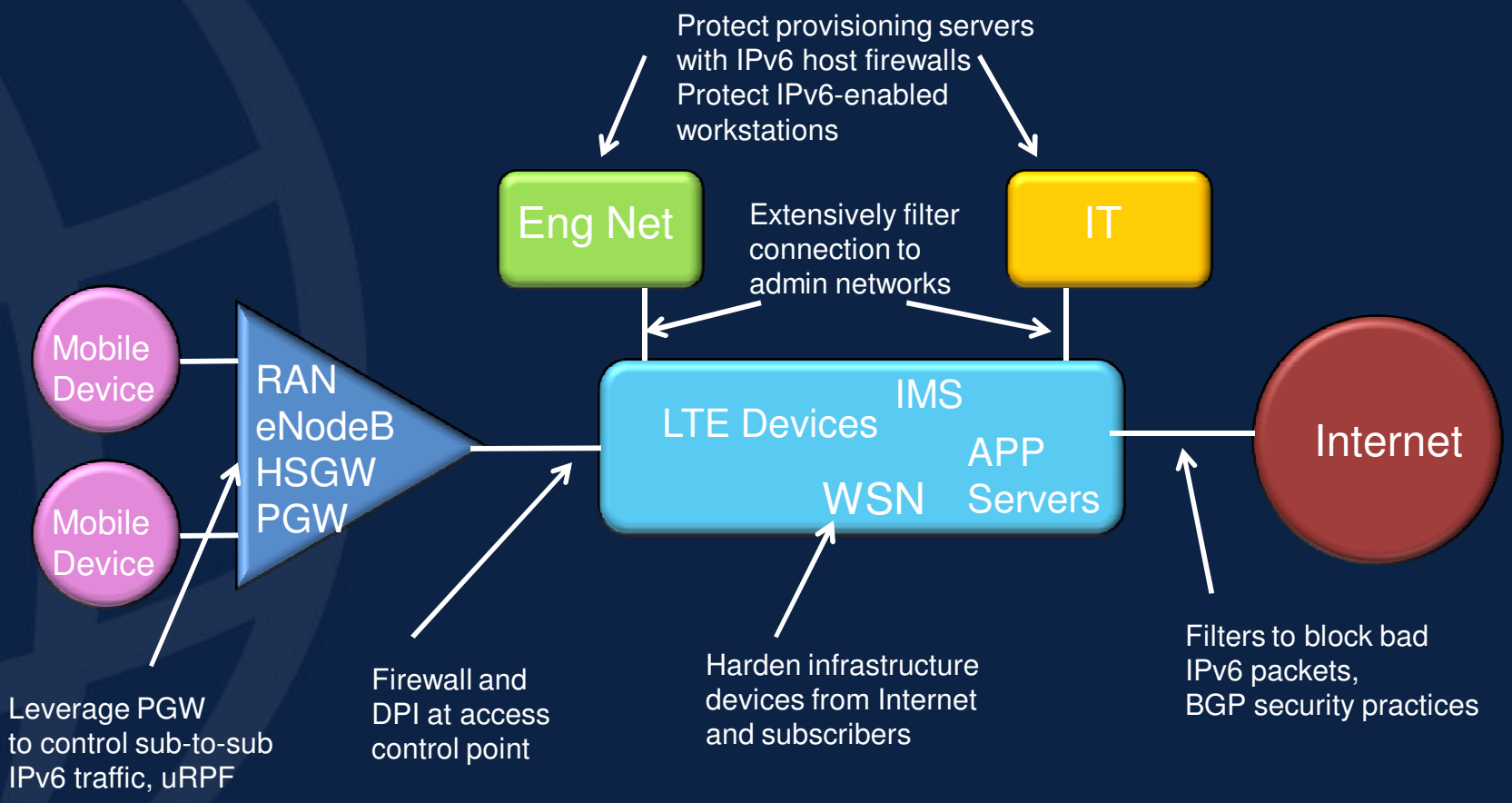
DSLAM IPv6 Security



xDSL IPv6 Security

- Different xDSL deployment options
  - ISP-operated, wholesale model (LAC, LNS)
  - PPPoA, PPPoE, RBE all work with IPv6
- Control NDP and DHCPv6 issues close to the access (B-RAS, or ER)
- Secure tunnels with filtering and Unicast RPF
- Perform IPv6 packet filtering at the perimeter/edges
- Use RFC2827 filtering and Unicast RPF checks throughout the network

Wireless IPv6 Security Controls

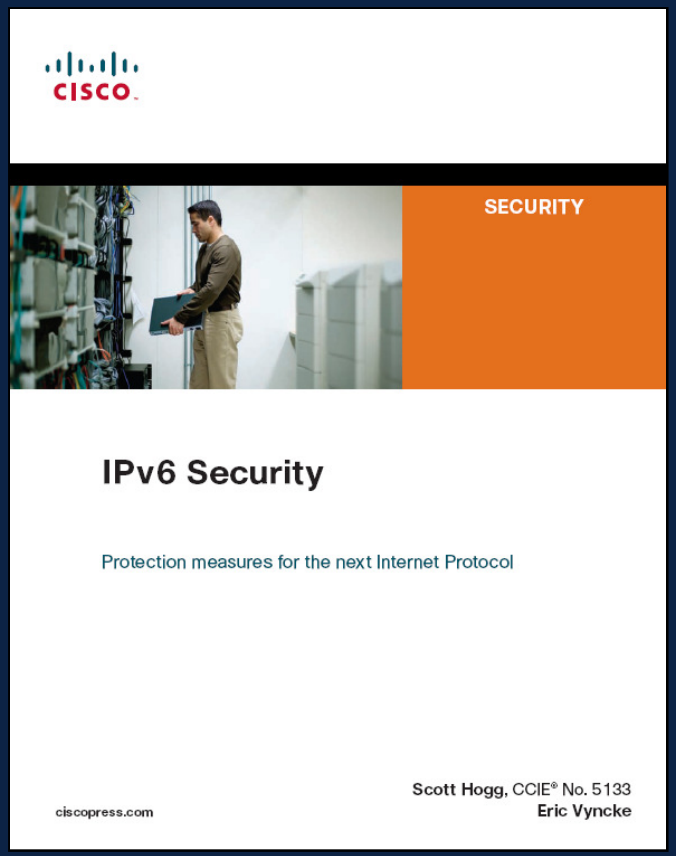


Wireless IPv6 Network Security

- Secure MIPv6 with filters, harden the HA, and use IPSec between MN and HA
- Proxy MIPv6 helps secure NDP
- Inherent security between MS and BS (WiMAX TEK) or between mobile subscriber and eNodeB/HSGW/PGW
- Prevent multicast or other mobile-2-mobile communications (NDP attacks)

Yet Another IPv6 Book

- *IPv6 Security*, By Scott Hogg and Eric Vyncke, Cisco Press, 2009.



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