

# IPv6-Mostly: The Definitive Transition

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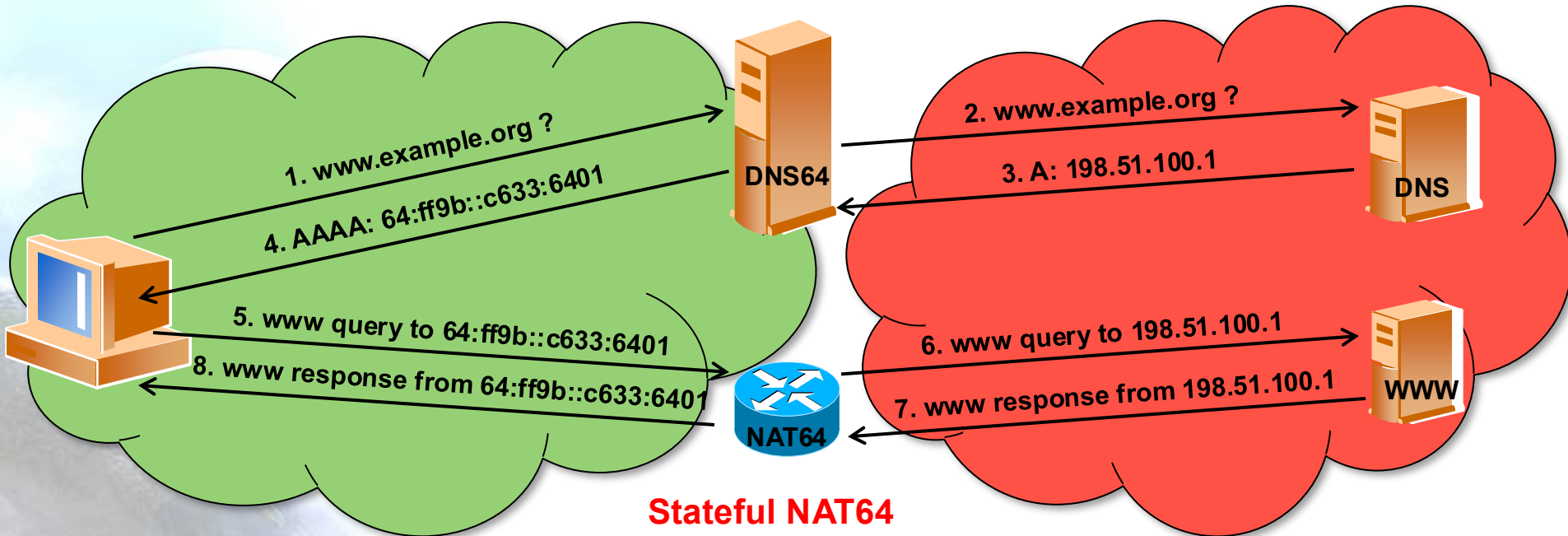
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# NAT64+DNS64

IPv6-only

IPv4-only



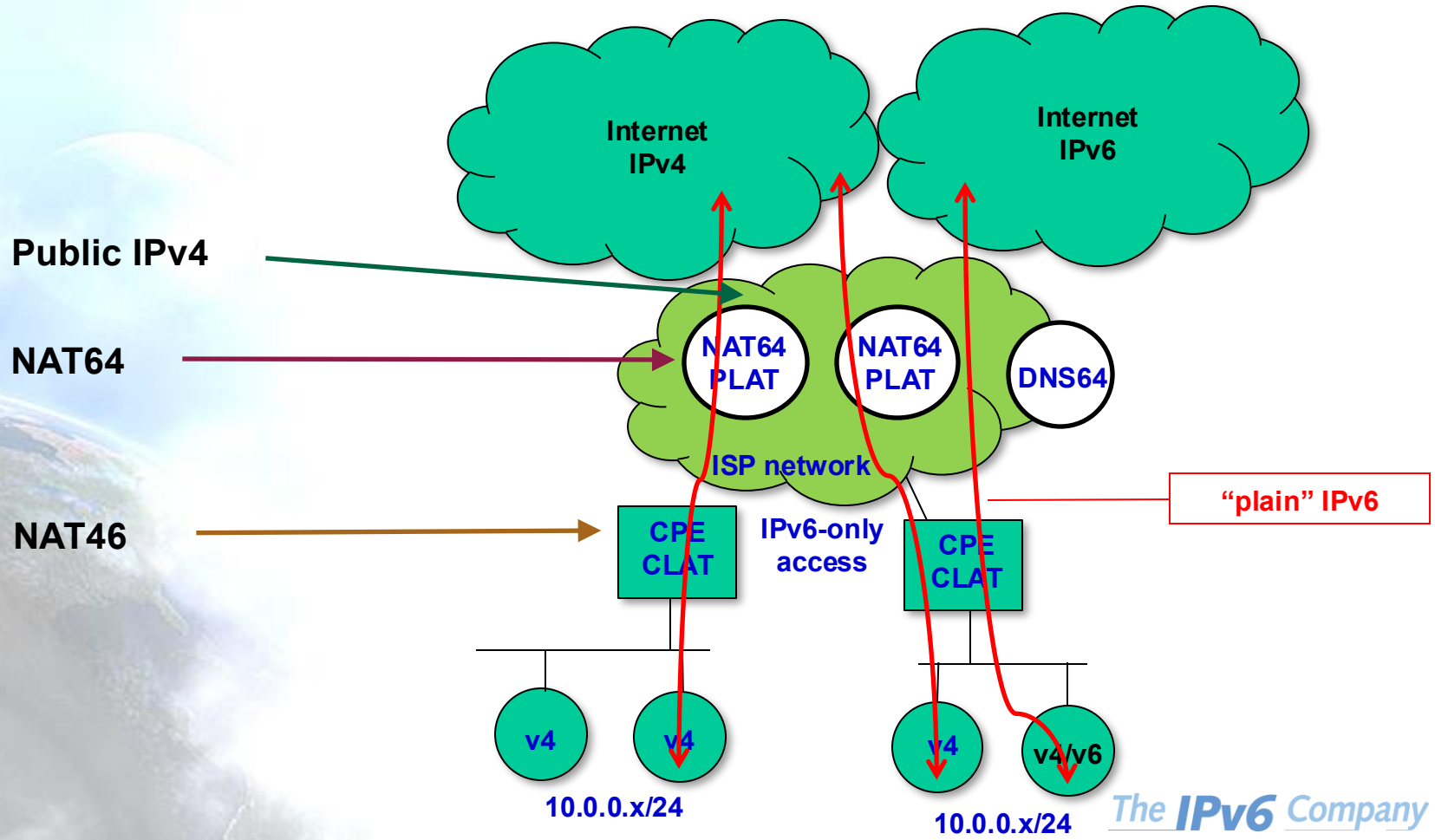
**Stateful NAT64**

- |              |   |                                 |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 198.51.100.1 | - | documentation address (RFC5737) |
| 64:ff9b::/96 | - | NAT64 WKP (RFC6052)             |
| c6.33.64.01  | - | IPv4 to hex                     |

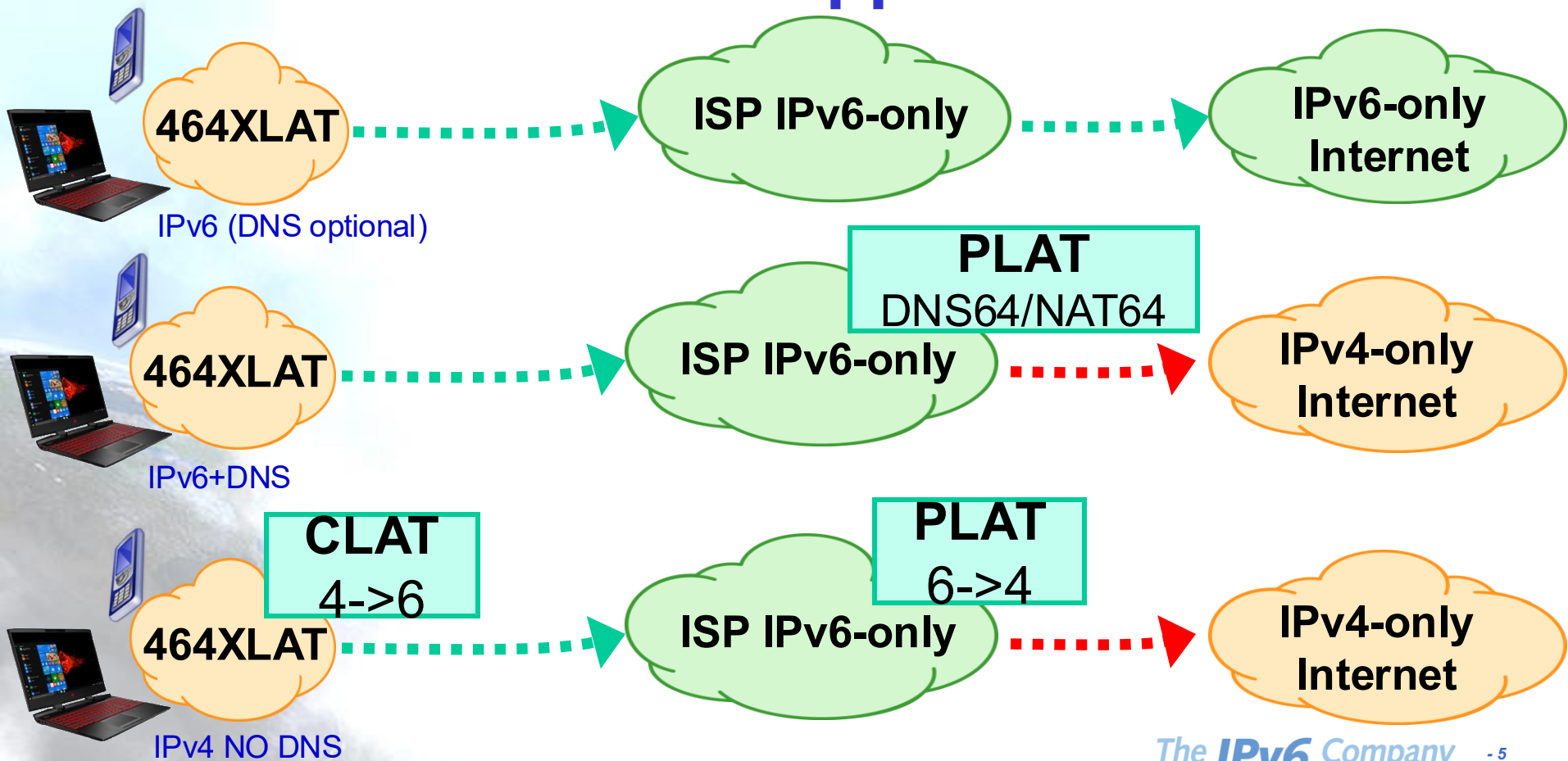
# A Bit of History: 464XLAT

- 464XLAT (RFC6877): RFC6145 + RFC6146
- Very efficient use of scarce IPv4 resources
  - $N \times 65,535$  flows per each IPv4 address
  - Network growth not tied to IPv4 availability
- IPv4 basic service to customers over an-IPv6 only infrastructure
  - **WORKS** with applications that use socket APIs and literal IPv4 addresses (Skype, etc.)
- Allows traffic engineering
  - Without deep packet inspection
- Easy to deploy and available
  - Commercial solutions and open source

# 464XLAT



# Possible “app” Cases



# Motivation for IPv6-Mostly

- Cost of Dual-Stack
  - Foster IPv6-only adoption
- Cost of VLANs for IPv6-only
  - Users in WiFi using the wrong SSID
  - Wired 802.1x authentication not having all the info
- Cost of NAT
- Avoid Happy Eyeballs issues
- Usage of IPv4 addresses when not needed
- Support of IPv4-only, IPv6-only and dual-stack hosts

# IPv6-Mostly Advantages

- Incremental, selective, automatic move to IPv6-only
  - Only if both client and server “agree”
- No delays in configuring IPv4 and/or IPv6
  - Per interface

# RFC8925: IPv6-Only Preferred Option for DHCPv4

- **IPv6-Mostly Network:**

A network that provides NAT64 (possibly with DNS64) service as well as IPv4 connectivity and allows the coexistence of IPv6-only, dual-stack, and IPv4-only hosts on the same segment. Such a deployment scenario allows operators to incrementally turn off IPv4 on end hosts, while still providing IPv4 to devices that require IPv4 to operate. But IPv6-only-capable devices need not be assigned IPv4 addresses.

- Specifies a DHCPv4 option (108) to indicate that a host supports an IPv6-only mode and is willing to forgo obtaining an IPv4 address if the network provides IPv6 connectivity.



# DHCPv4

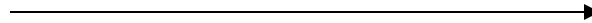
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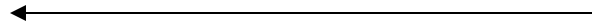
Server



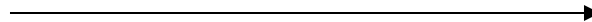
Discovery



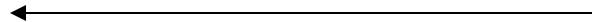
Offer



Request



Ack



Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover -
192.168.1.1	192.168.1.17	DHCP	339	DHCP Offer -
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Request -
192.168.1.1	192.168.1.17	DHCP	339	DHCP ACK -

# DHCPv4 Option 108 to Disable IPv4!

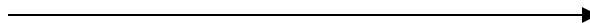
Client



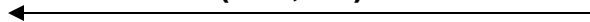
Server



Discovery (including 108)



Offer (108, n'')

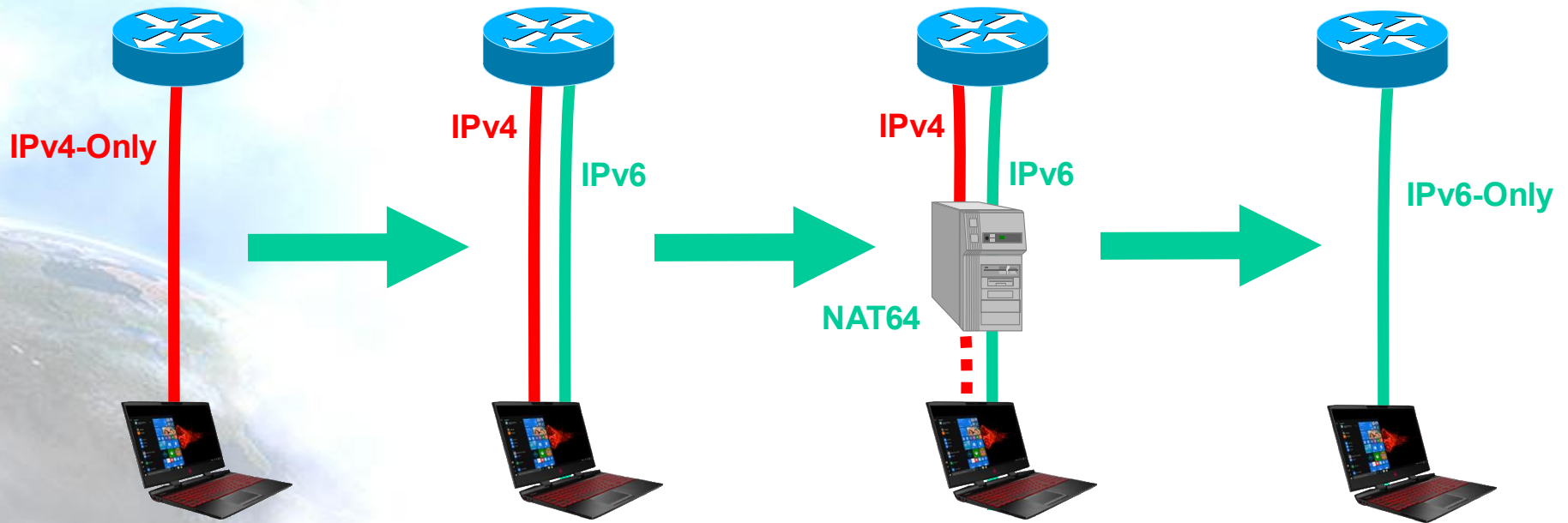


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192.168.1.1	192.168.1.17	DHCP	341	DHCP Offer	-

# Options

- CLAT in clients
- Support of RFC8781 (Discovering PREF64 in Router Advertisements)
- V6ONLY\_WAIT: 1800”
  - MIN\_V6ONLY\_WAIT: 300”

# IPv6 Phased Transition



# IPv6-Mostly in Industry Events

- RIPE meetings
- Cisco Live
- IETF meetings
- Supported in:
  - iOS
  - MacOS
  - Android
  - Linux
  - Windows coming soon!

# Thanks!

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