Bridging the Gap: IPv6 Security Through Staff Education and Technical Advancement

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Agenda

- History of the Internet – From NCP to IPv6
- IPv6 Scope of Technologies
- What is IPv6?
- What is the Security History of IPv6?
- Where are all the IPv6 Trained people?

History of the ARPA & Internet

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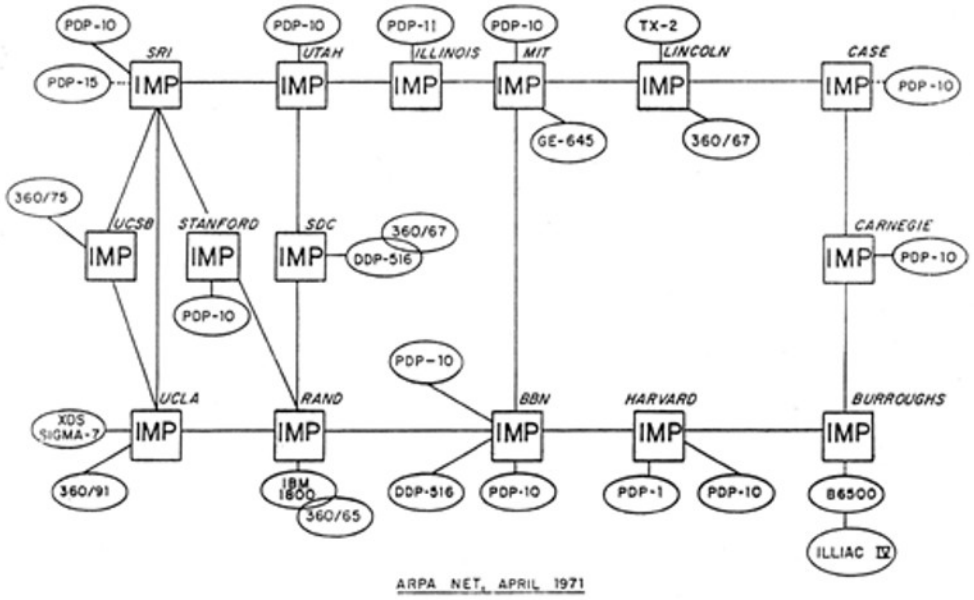
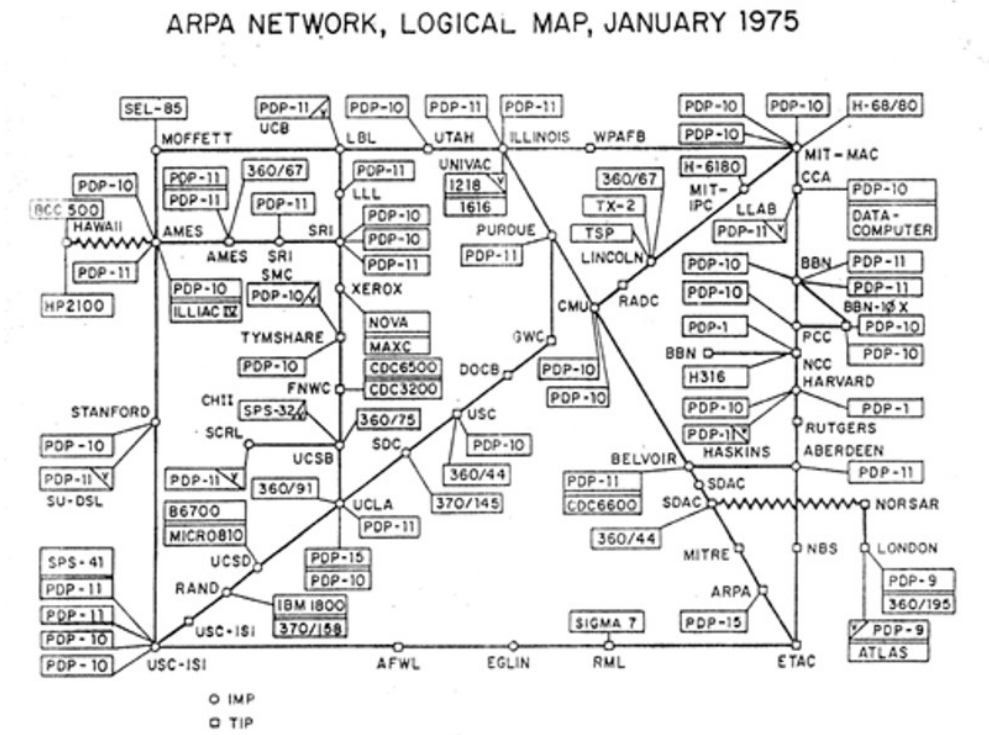
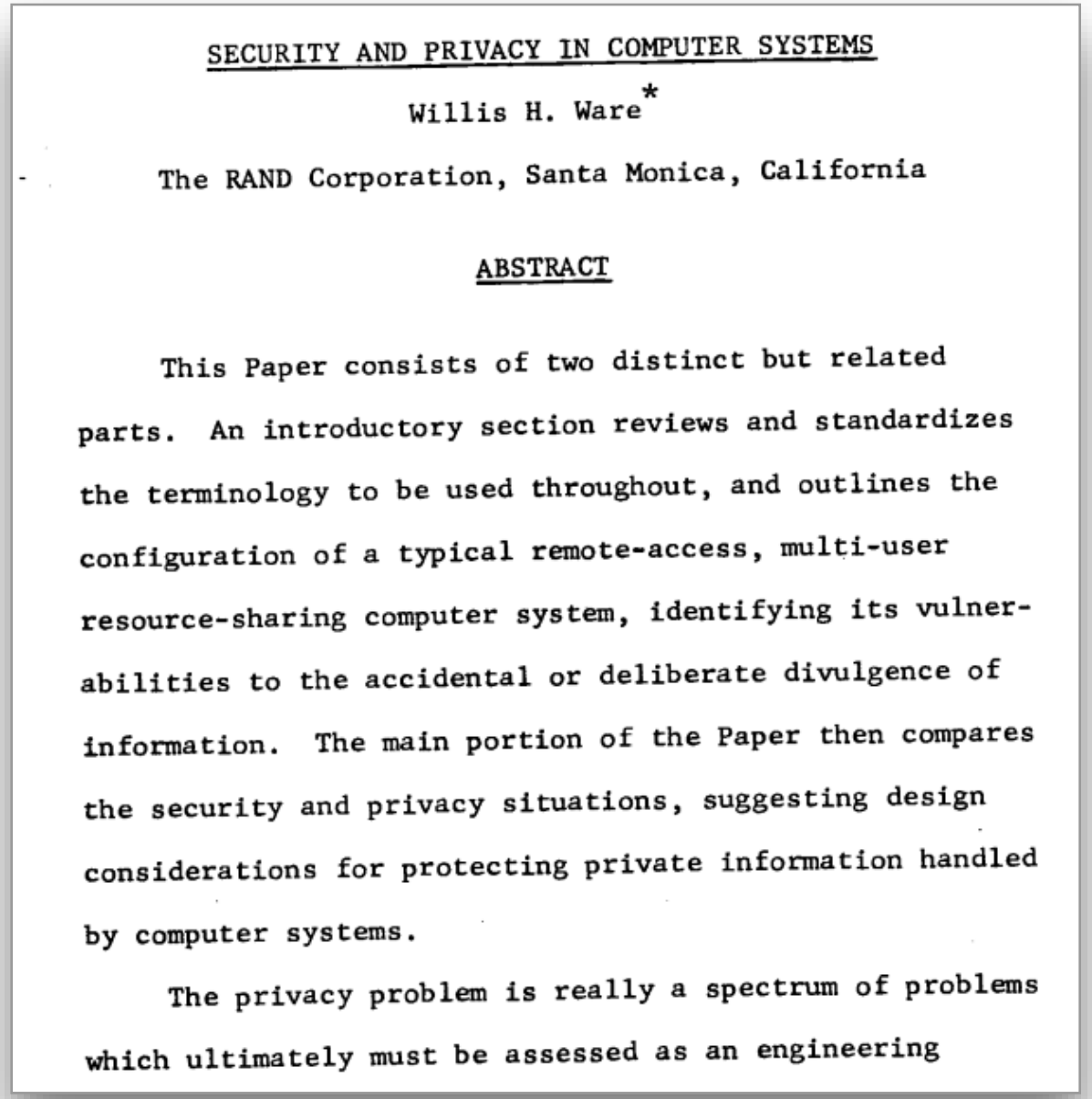




Security & Privacy Source Document?

- "A spectrum of problems which ultimately must be assessed as an **engineering Trade-off question**"
- PRIVACY
  - "The **value** of private information **to outsider** determining the **resources** he is will to **expend for acquisition**"
- SECURITY
  - "The **value** of the information to its **owner** determining what he is **willing to pay for protection**"
- "All-important difference is that the **users** of the computer-private network **may not be subject to a common authority and discipline**, or that these **forces may be inadequate to deter deliberate attempts at penetration**"
- **Defines** the problems of **Cyber Espionage against government and corporations.**
- "**Industrial Security**" **to protect business information**



SECURITY AND PRIVACY IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

This Paper consists of two distinct but related parts. An introductory section reviews and standardizes the terminology to be used throughout, and outlines the configuration of a typical remote-access, multi-user resource-sharing computer system, identifying its vulnerabilities to the accidental or deliberate divulgence of information. The main portion of the Paper then compares the security and privacy situations, suggesting design considerations for protecting private information handled by computer systems.

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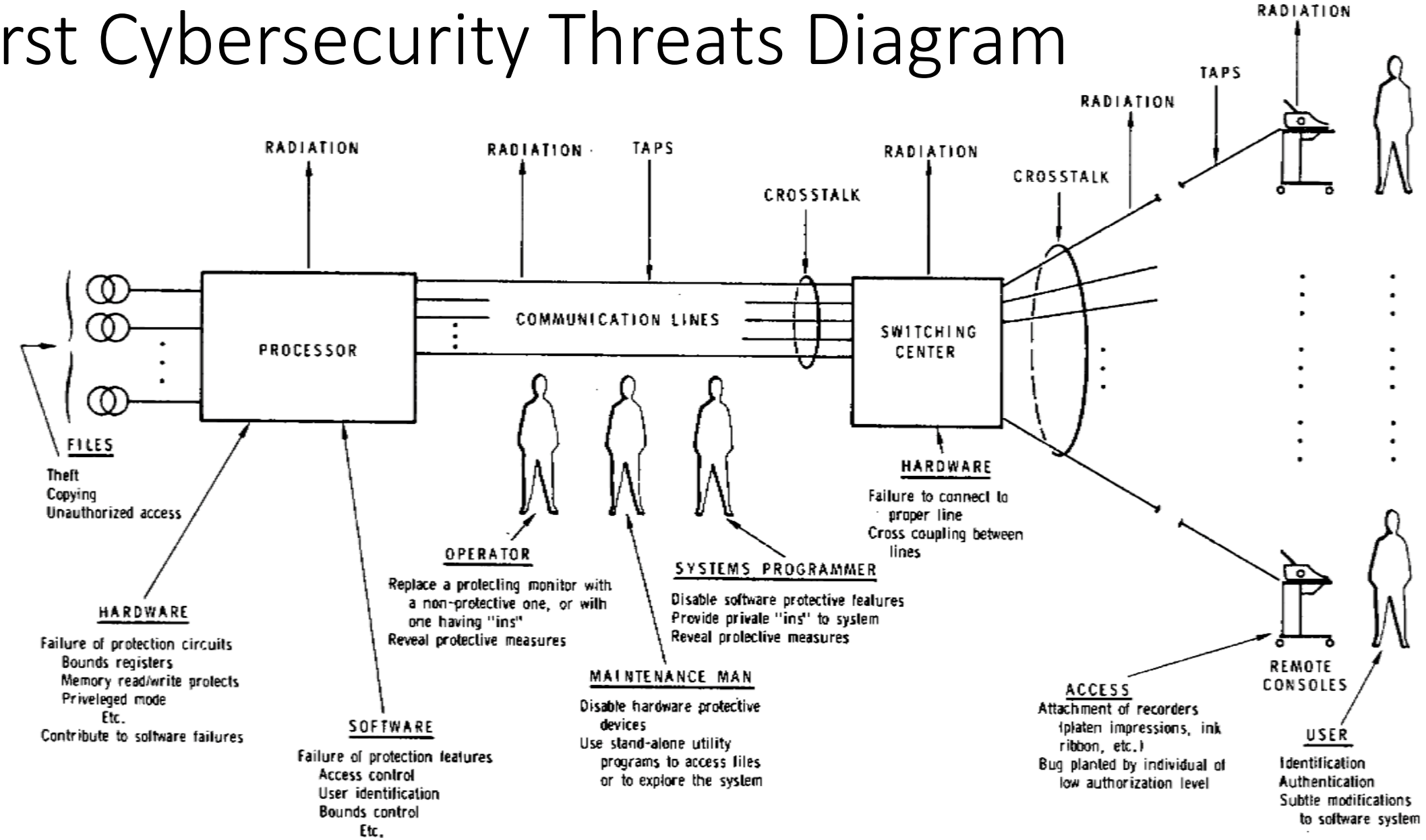
First Cybersecurity Threats Diagram



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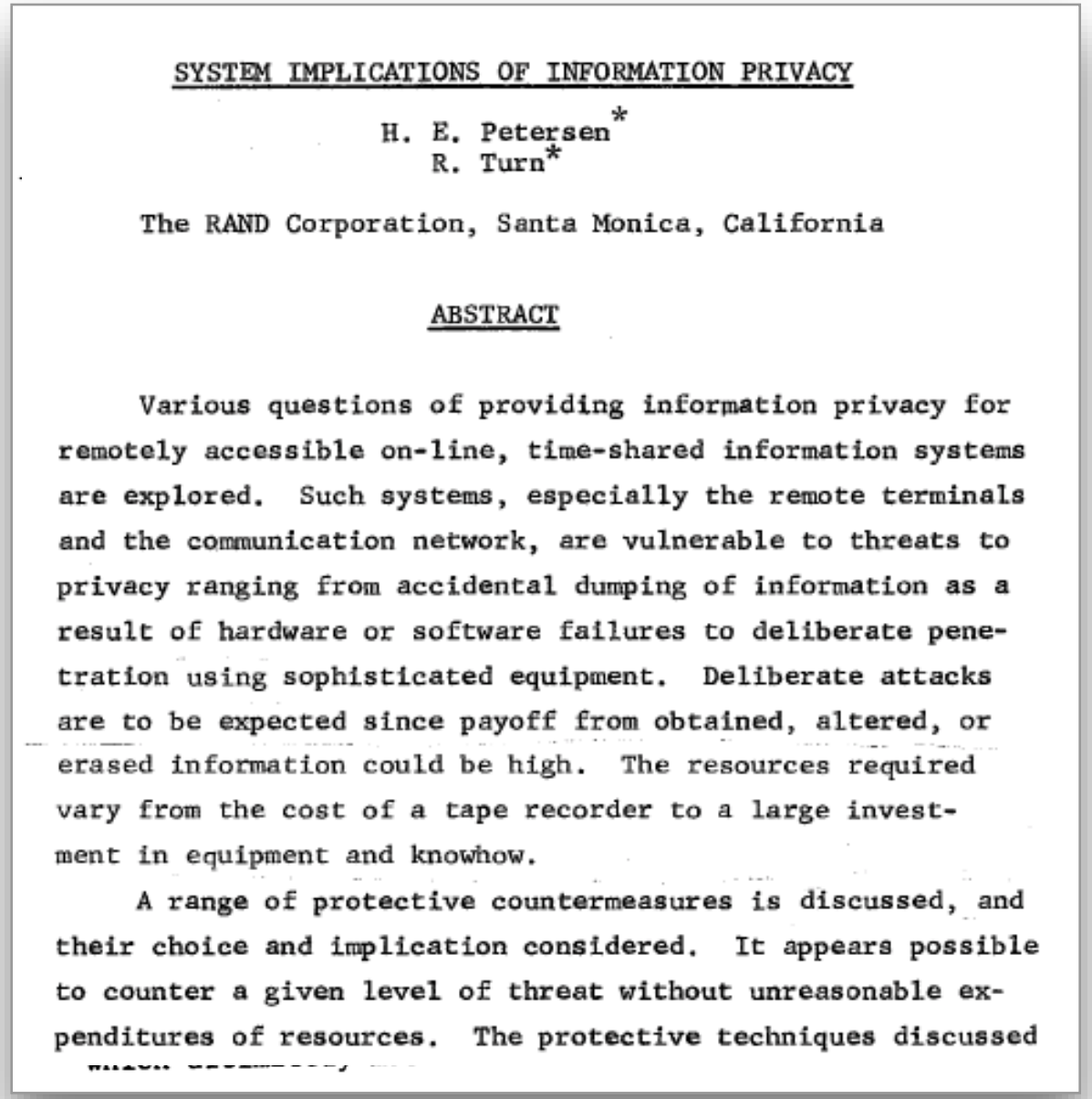
- "Suggested that **one-time passwords** are necessary to satisfactorily **identify and authenticate the users**"
  - "University… **permanently assigned password** are considered acceptable for **users identification**"
- "**Divulgence of sensitive information** can be some extent damage other parties or organizations… it is conceivable that liability for **unauthorized leaking of sensitive information** may become as **severe as for divulging classified material**."
- "**Need-to-know** restrictions and in conformance with **corresponding attributes in the privacy** situation."
- "One **cannot exploit the good will of users** as part of a privacy system's design"



SYSTEM IMPLICATIONS OF INFORMATION PRIVACY

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ABSTRACT

Various questions of providing information privacy for remotely accessible on-line, time-shared information systems are explored. Such systems, especially the remote terminals and the communication network, are vulnerable to threats to privacy ranging from accidental dumping of information as a result of hardware or software failures to deliberate penetration using sophisticated equipment. Deliberate attacks are to be expected since payoff from obtained, altered, or erased information could be high. The resources required vary from the cost of a tape recorder to a large investment in equipment and knowhow.

A range of protective countermeasures is discussed, and their choice and implication considered. It appears possible to counter a given level of threat without unreasonable expenditures of resources. The protective techniques discussed

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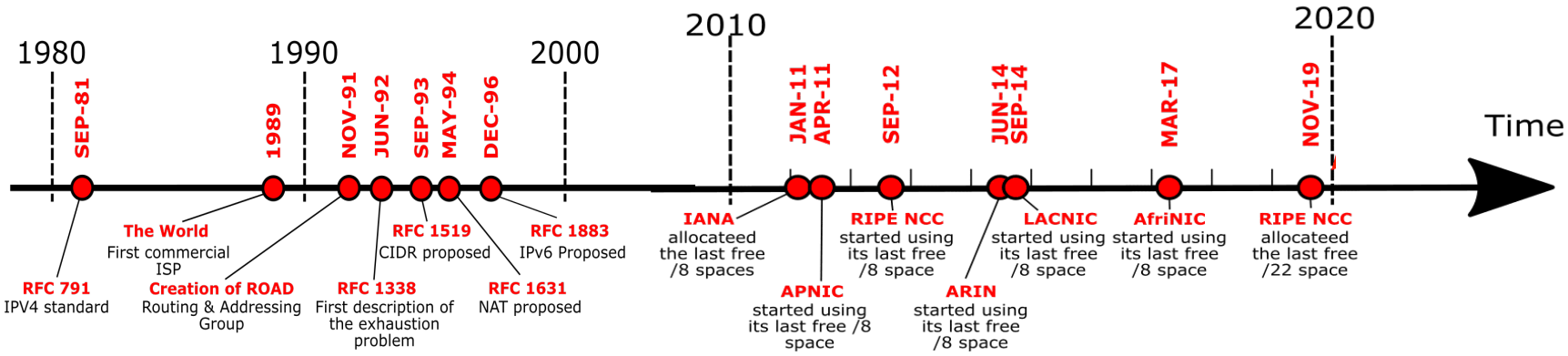
Recognized change	Research	Standard Established	Operational	Extend Life	Flag Day
1970	1970-1973	1981	1985	1991 - 2014	2030 - 2032

60Y

IPv4: US Patents: 559,786 RFC's: 2,483

34 Years → +3.8 Billion IP's ~82 Billion Devices



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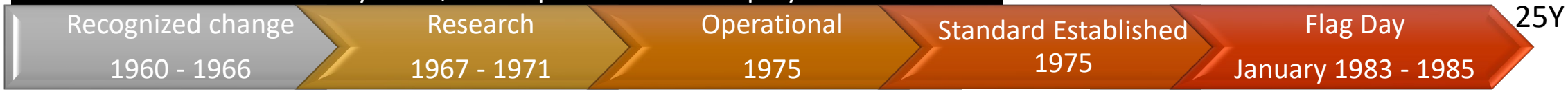

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Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) – 2^128 Addressing

Goal: Anything to Anything Communications, over any type of network

IPv6: US Patents: 72,145 RFC's: 579

22 Years → 360 Trillion-Trillion-Trillion Addresses

IPv6 Scope of Technologies

Delay Tolerant Network (DTN)
Bundle Protocol Version 7
over IPv6

IPv6 – Wired & Wireless Technologies

6LoWPAN - 2009 - Basis of Smart Cities, Buildings, Government, etc.

IEEE 802.15.4 , ITU-T G.9903,
- Urban - RFC 5548
- Industrial Routing - RFC 5673
- Home Automation Routing - RFC 5826
- Building Automation Routing - RFC 5867

Bluetooth 4.2 and beyond - 2014
- Low-power Wireless Personal Area Network (6LoWPAN) - RFC 7668
- IPv6 Mesh over BLUETOOTH(R) Low Energy using IPSP
- IETF draft-ietf-6lo-blemesh-02

4G/LTE - 2013
- 464XLAT - IETF RFC 6877
- NAT64/DNS64 - IETF RFC 6052, RFC 6146

5G – 2017 - IETF - Segment Routing IPv6 (SRv6) - draft-ietf-6man-segment-routing-header-21

LoRa – 2012 - IoT - Energy management, natural resource reduction, pollution control, infrastructure efficiency, disaster prevention

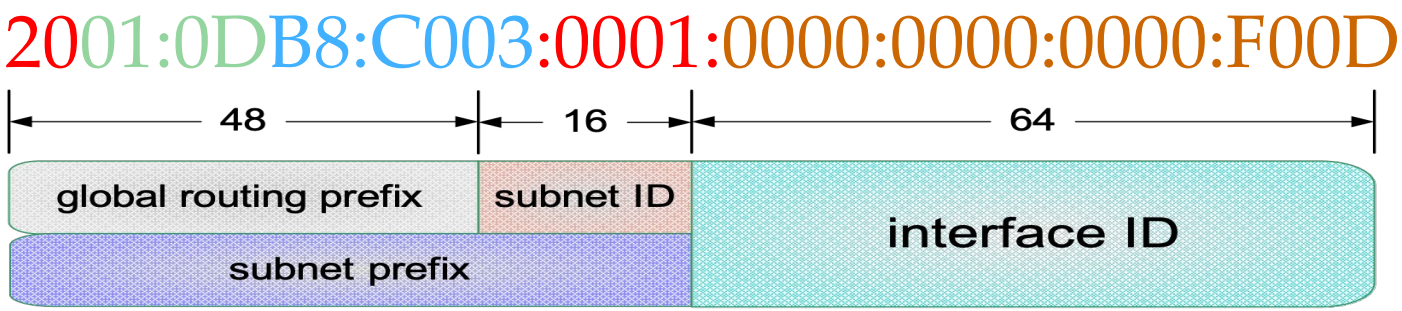
Automobiles - Self-driving car in traffic - convoyed (platooned) – 2019 - IETF - IPv6 over 80211-OCB

What and Why of IPv6?

Why Should You Care?

IPv6 Addressing – Has Context

All IPv6 Addresses are 128 bits or 32 Hex Characters



First 64 bits concern routing - 9,223,372,036,854,775,807 Networks
Last 64 bits concern local segment devices - 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
Routers, Servers, VM's, Containers, per network

Simplifies Host, VM, Container Configurations

Address Autoconfiguration Method	ICMPv6 RA (Type 134) Flags M Flag	O Flag	ICMPv6 RA (Type 134) ICMPv6 Option Prefix Info A Flag	L Flag	Prefix Derived from	Interface ID Derived from	Other Configuration Options	# of IPv6 Addr
Link-Local (always configured)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Internal (fe80::)	M-EUI-64 or Privacy	Manual	1
Manual	Off	Off	Off	On	Manual	Manual	Manual	2 (LL, Manual)
SLAAC	Off	Off	On	On	RA	M-EUI-64 or Privacy	Manual	3 (LL, IPv6, IPv6 temp)
Stateful (DHCPv6)	On	N/R	Off	On	DHCPv6	DHCPv6	DHCPv6	2 (LL, DHCPv6)
Stateless DHCPv6	Off	On	On	On	RA	M-EUI-64 or Privacy	DHCPv6	3 (LL, IPv6, IPv6 temp)
Combination Stateless & DHCPv6	On	N/R	On	On	RA and DHCPv6	M-EUI-64 or Privacy and DHCPv6	DHCPv6	4 (LL, IPv6, IPv6 temp, DHCPv6)

Technical & Business Case – Scalability

IPv6 Technical

- **Home/Small Business:**
  - /64 (1 network) or /56 (256 networks)
  - Devices, Virtualizations, and Containers on each LAN Segment 18,446,744,073,709,551,616
- **Government/Enterprise:**
  - /48 (65,536 LAN Segments)
  - /32 (65,536 /48 locations)
  - Devices, Virtualizations, and Containers on each LAN Segment 18,446,744,073,709,551,616

Abundance

IPv6 OPEX Cost Estimate

- Obtain IPv6 addresses
  - Home/Small Business – No cost
  - Enterprise - /36 yearly - $1,000

Abundance

IPv4 OPEX Cost Estimate

- *Obtain Internet Facing IPv4 addresses*
  - $9,600 for 256 Addresses + $250 Yearly
  - $1,409,024 for 131,072 Addresses + $4,000 Yearly

Scarcity Costs

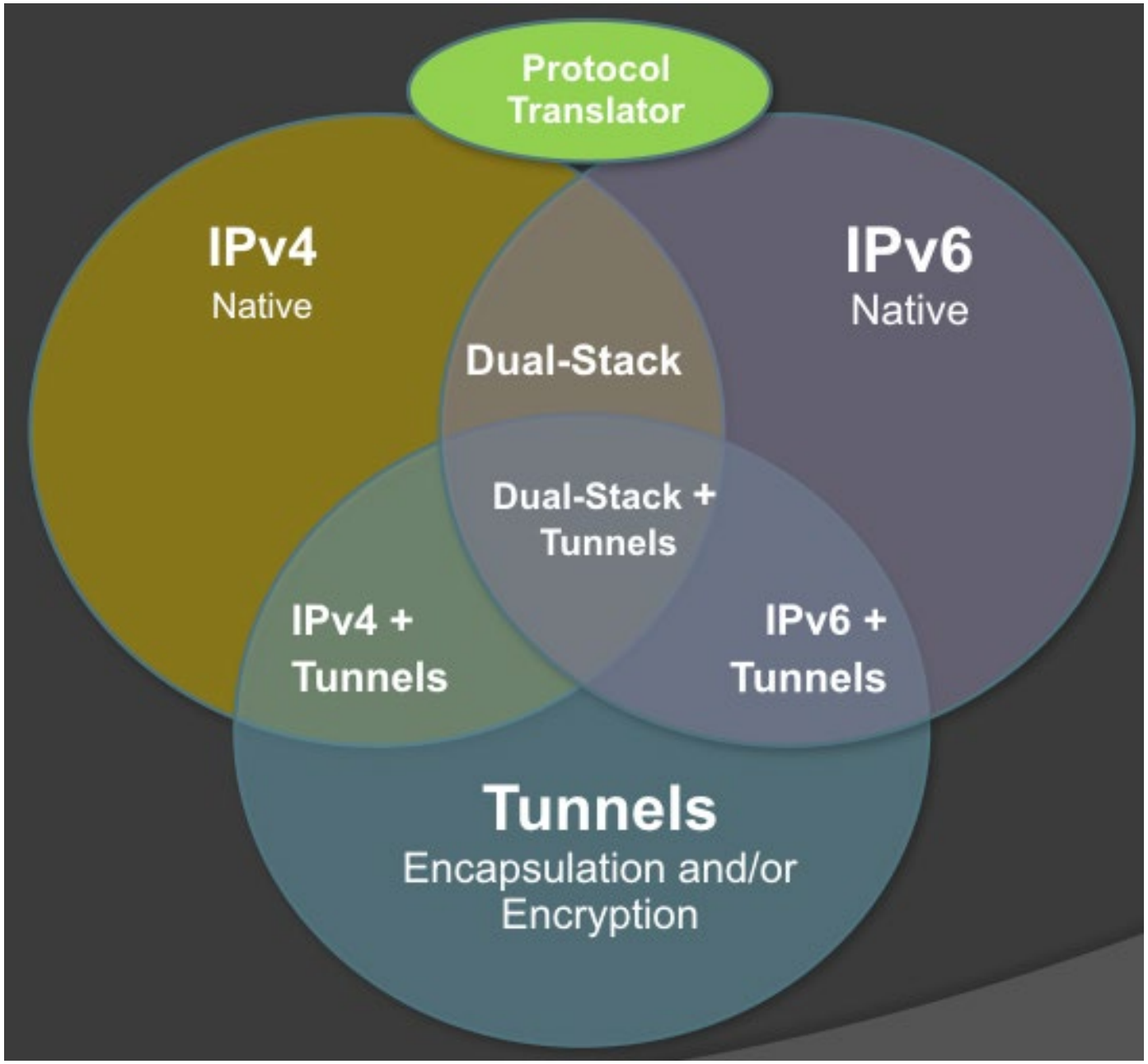
IPv4 CAPEX Cost Estimate

- Readdressing a Data Center
  - ~$5.2 Million per data center
- Changing Subnets /24 -/25
  - $13,800
- DNS changes, firewall objects and policies, renumbering servers, applications testing
  - $12,000
- Amazon – Internet Facing per IPv4 address:
  - $43.80/Year

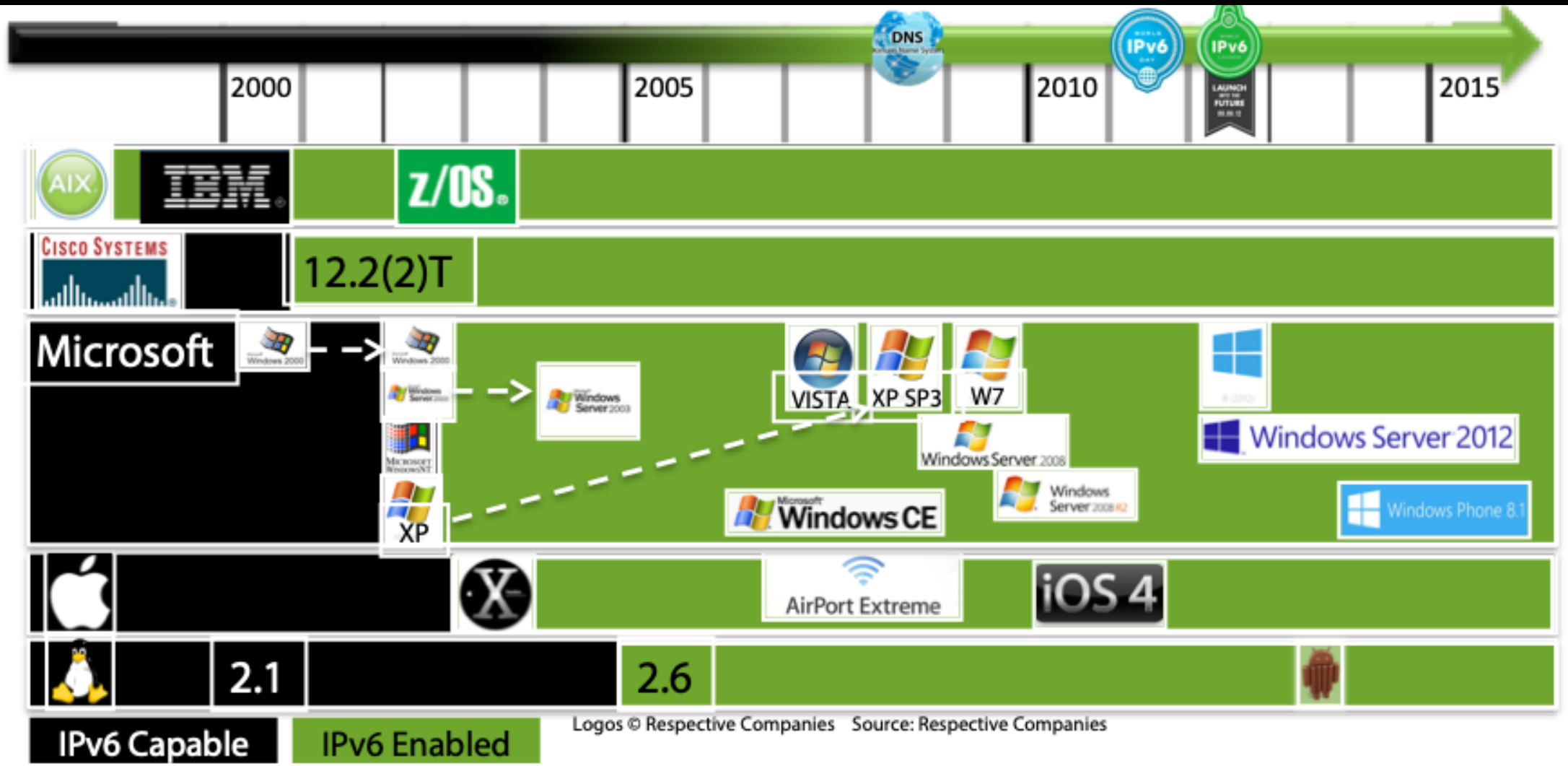
Scarcity Costs

History of IPv6 Security

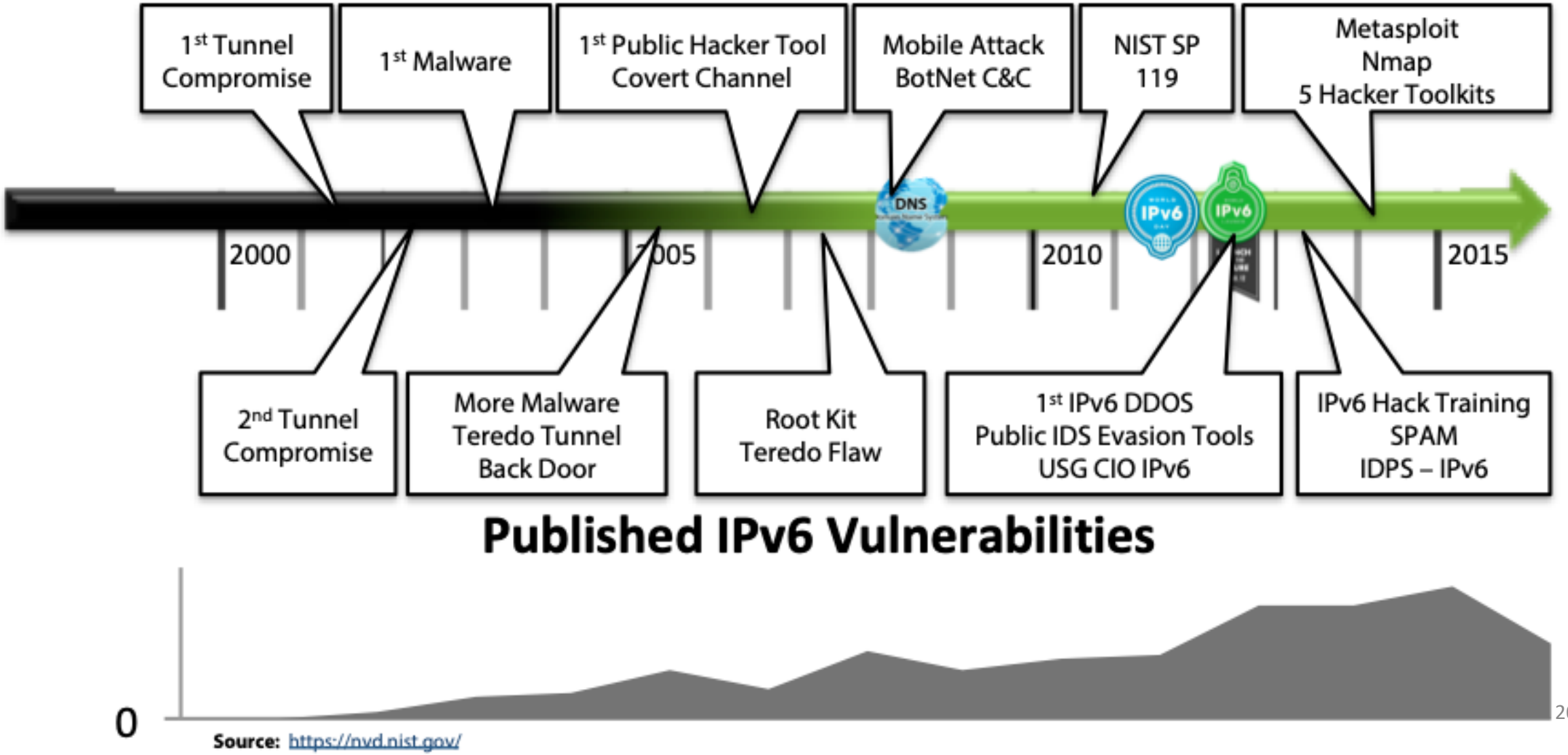
Attack Surface



No One is Adopting IPv6!
Operating System Adoption



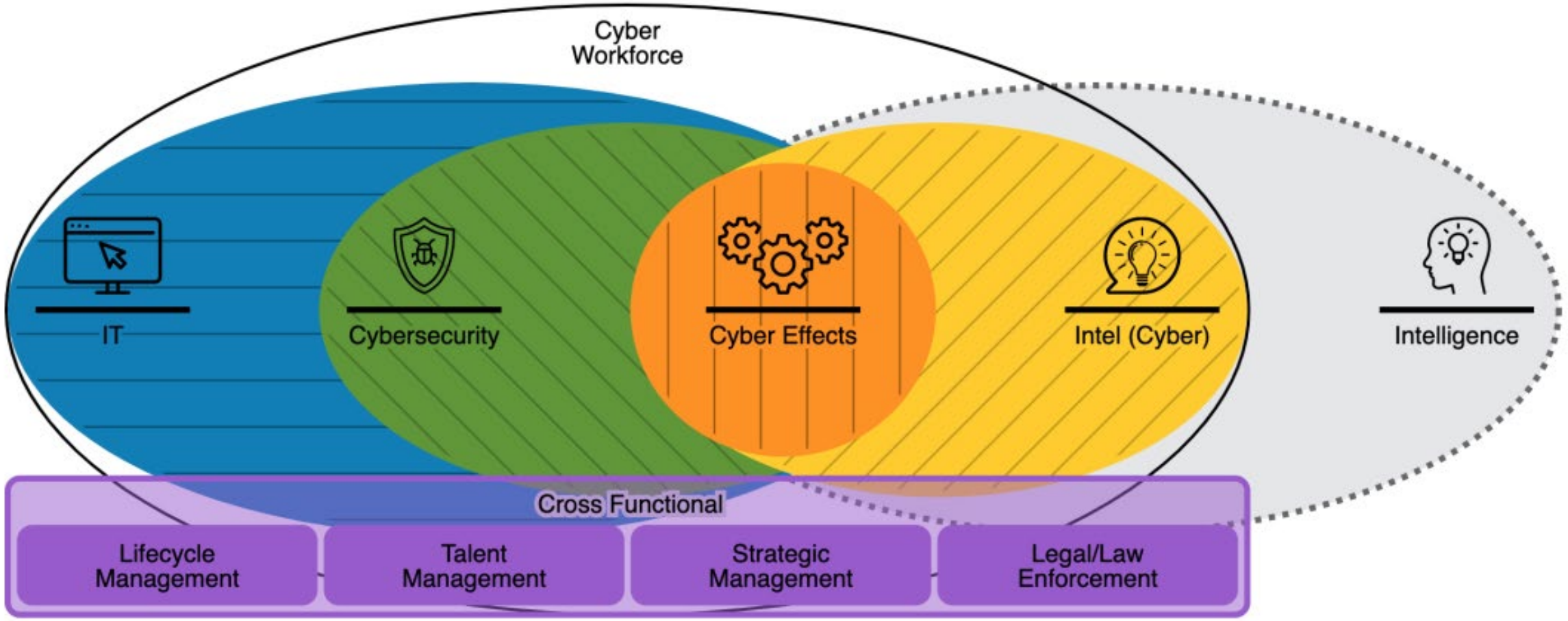
Early IPv6 Attacks and Vulnerabilities



IPv6 Training

How are we doing with Training, Certifications?

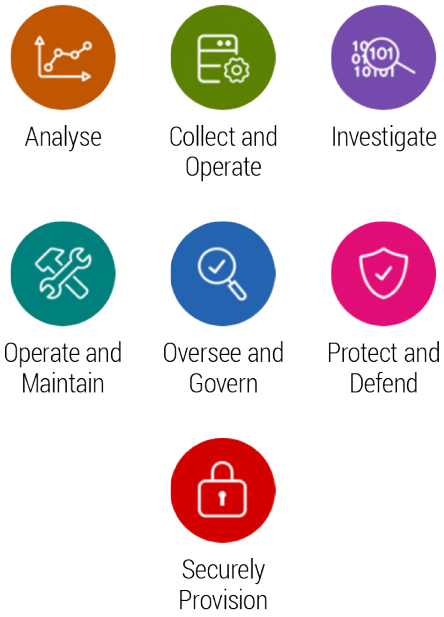
Where is the IPv6 Training?



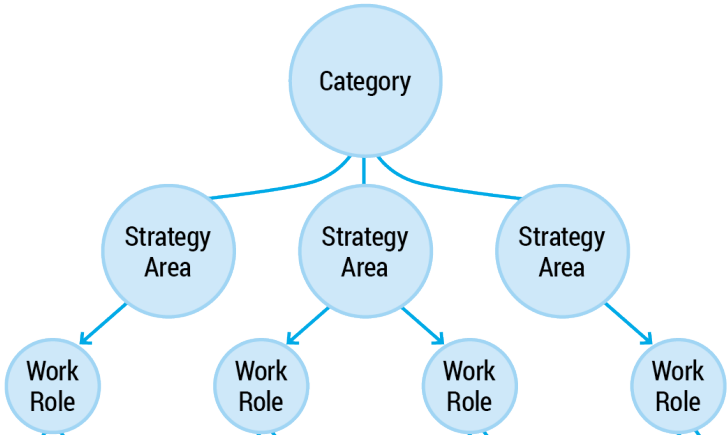
Where is the IPv6 Training?

The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Workforce Framework

7 categories of work



Structure of the Framework



SOURCE: Nice Framework

70 Tasks for network
58 Knowledge
477 Skills
12 Abilities

URL: https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nice

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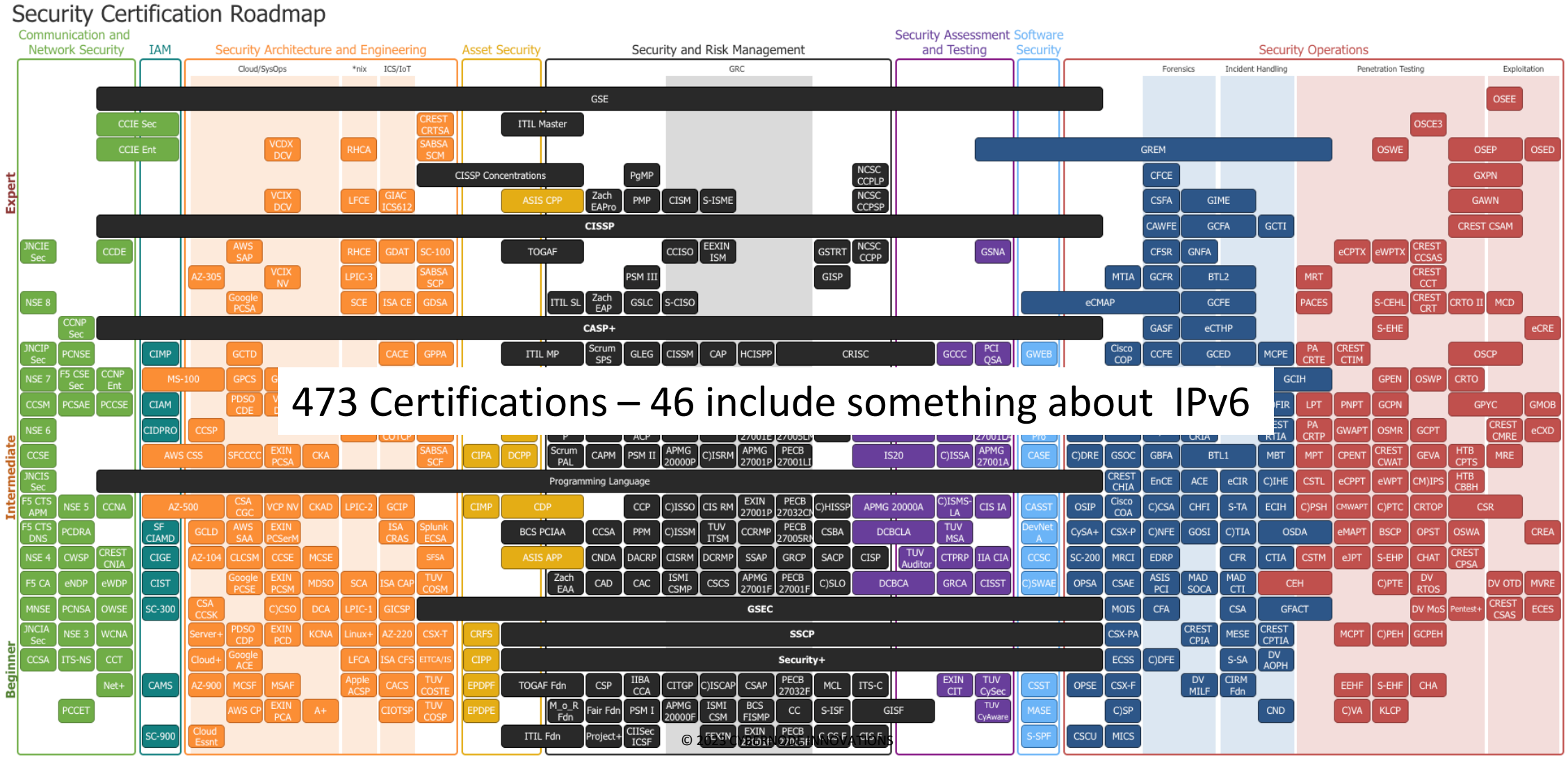
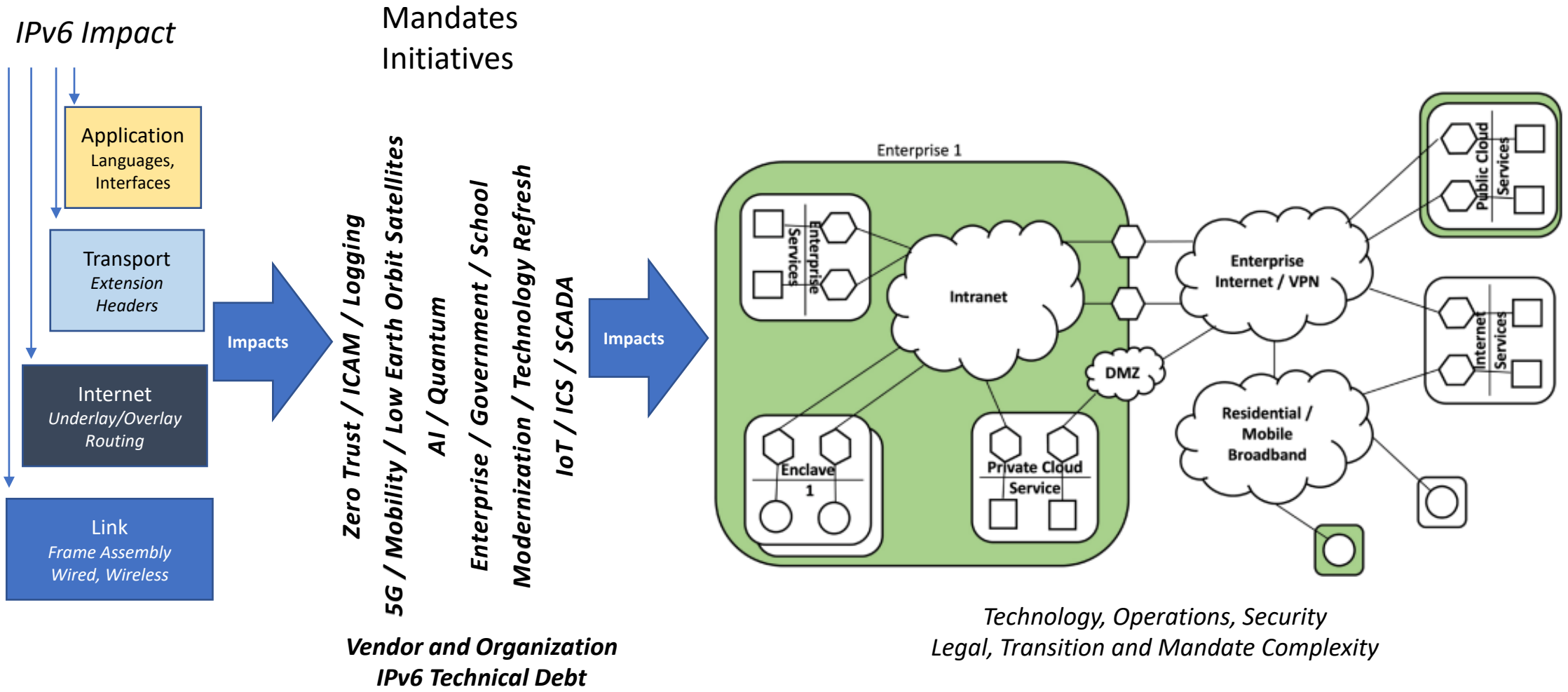


473 certifications listed | January 2023

How Does IPv6 Impact all the Mandates and Initiatives?

Did the vendor apply all security controls?

Scope of IPv6 Transition – Architecture & TCP/IPv6 Stack



The Complexity of the IPv6 Only Transition

IPv6 Cyber Pro Tip:

Deter, Detect & Deny (Linux)

IPv4 Only:

```
# Disable Ping, No Unreachable Responses, DISABLE TCP RST
/etc/sysctl.conf: net.ipv4.icmp_echo_ignore_all = 1
Iptables –I OUTPUT –p icmp –icmp-type destination-unreachable –j DROP
Iptables –I OUTPUT –p tcp –tcp-flags ALL RST, ACK –j DROP
```

IPv6 Only:

```
# Disrupts outbound Teredo
Ipv6tables –O OUTPUT –p icmpv6—icmp –icmpv6-type echo-reply –j DROP
# Drop ICMP Echo Request, ICMP Destination Unreachable – TCP RST
ipv6tables –I OUTPUT –p ipv6-icmp --icmpv6-type destination-unreachable –j DROP
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ipv6tables –I OUTPUT –p ipv6-icmp –icmpv6-type port-unreachable –j DROP
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80% Reduction in IPv4 & IPv6 Logs and Increases Bandwidth

MITRE ATT&CK - Mitigates & Reduces – Active Scanning, Search Open Technical Databases,
Gathering Victim Identity Information (Hardware, Software), Gather Victim Network (Network Topology, IP Addresses, Network Security Appliances)

IPv6 Security Tips

- IPv6 is a latent threat, if you choose not to secure your network.
  - Discussion with Management and Legal
  - Build a proactive strategy, to mitigate the threat!
  - Default security, of any technology.
- Be aware IPv6 WIFI, LTE, 5G, etc. is everyplace. Ensure you have applied firewall rules and controls on Wifi, Bluetooth, NearField, USB's and other protocols.
- Gartner Group does not believe Enterprises are moving to IPv6.
  - Do your own research on Zero Trust and any other tools and cybersecurity products!
  - Reading websites, looking up USGv6/IPv6 Ready, reading blogs are not enough.
- Train staff across 7 categories, 32 specialty areas, 52 work roles.

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