



## IPv6 Client IP Address Learning

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### Prerequisites for IPv6 Client Address Learning

Before configuring IPv6 client address learning, configure the clients to support IPv6.

### Information About IPv6 Client Address Learning

Client Address Learning is configured on device to learn the client's IPv4 and IPv6 address and clients transition state maintained by the device on an association, re-association, de-authentication and timeout.

There are three ways for IPv6 client to acquire IPv6 addresses:

- Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLACC)
- Stateful DHCPv6
- Static Configuration

For all of these methods, the IPv6 client always sends neighbor solicitation DAD (Duplicate Address Detection) request to ensure there is no duplicate IP address on the network. The device snoops the client's Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) and DHCPv6 packets to learn about its client IP addresses.

When a duplicate IPv6 address is configured, DAD detects the duplicate address, and advertises it in the Router Advertisement (RA). The duplicate address can be manually removed from the system, so that it is not displayed in the connected address and not advertised in the RA prefix.

## SLAAC Address Assignment

The most common method for IPv6 client address assignment is Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLAAC). SLAAC provides simple plug-and-play connectivity where clients self-assign an address based on the IPv6 prefix. This process is achieved

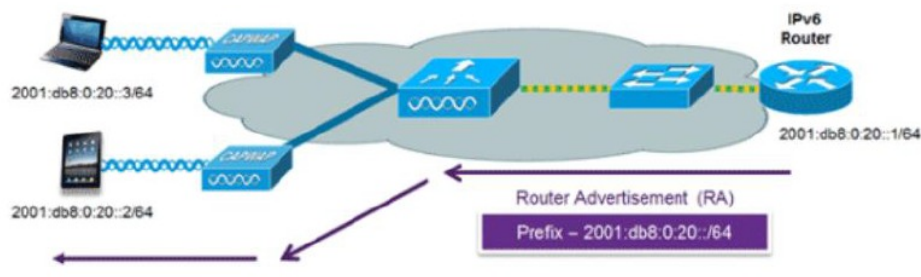
Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLAAC) is configured as follows:

- Host sends a router solicitation message.
- Hosts wait for a Router Advertisement message.
- Hosts take the first 64 bits of the IPv6 prefix from the Router Advertisement message and combine it with the 64 bit EUI-64 address (in the case of ethernet, this is created from the MAC Address) to create a global unicast message. The host also uses the source IP address, in the IP header, of the Router Advertisement message, as its default gateway.
- Duplicate Address Detection is performed by IPv6 clients in order to ensure that random addresses that are picked do not collide with other clients.
- The choice of algorithm is up to the client and is often configurable.

The last 64 bits of the IP v6 address can be learned based on the following 2 algorithms:

- EUI-64 which is based on the MAC address of the interface, or
- Private addresses that are randomly generated.

**Figure 1: SLAAC Address Assignment**



The following Cisco IOS configuration commands from a Cisco-capable IPv6 router are used to enable SLAAC addressing and router advertisements:

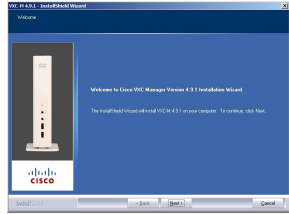
```

ipv6 unicast-routing
interface Vlan20
description IPv6-SLAAC
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address FE80:DB8:0:20::1 linklocal
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64
ipv6 enable
end

```

## Stateful DHCPv6 Address Assignment

**Figure 2: Stateful DHCPv6 Address Assignment**



The use of DHCPv6 is not required for IPv6 client connectivity if SLAAC is already deployed. There are two modes of operation for DHCPv6 called Stateless and Stateful.

The DHCPv6 Stateless mode is used to provide clients with additional network information that is not available in the router advertisement, but not an IPv6 address as this is already provided by SLAAC. This information can include the DNS domain name, DNS server(s), and other DHCP vendor-specific options. This interface configuration is for a Cisco IOS IPv6 router implementing stateless DHCPv6 with SLAAC enabled:

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
ipv6 dhcp pool IPV6_DHCPPPOOL
address prefix 2001:db8:5:10::/64
domain-name cisco.com
dns-server 2001:db8:6:6::1
interface Vlan20
description IPv6-DHCP-Stateless
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 nd other-config-flag
ipv6 dhcp server IPV6_DHCPPPOOL
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64
end
```

The DHCPv6 Stateful option, also known as managed mode, operates similarly to DHCPv4 in that it assigns unique addresses to each client instead of the client generating the last 64 bits of the address as in SLAAC. This interface configuration is for a Cisco IOS IPv6 router implementing stateful DHCPv6 on a local device:

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
ipv6 dhcp pool IPV6_DHCPPPOOL
address prefix 2001:db8:5:10::/64
domain-name cisco.com
dns-server 2001:db8:6:6::1
interface Vlan20
description IPv6-DHCP-Stateful
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64
ipv6 nd prefix 2001:DB8:0:20::/64 no-advertise
ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
ipv6 nd other-config-flag
ipv6 dhcp server IPV6_DHCPPPOOL
end
```

This interface configuration is for a Cisco IOS IPv6 router implementing stateful DHCPv6 on an external DHCP server:

```
ipv6 unicast-routing
domain-name cisco.com
dns-server 2001:db8:6:6::1
interface Vlan20
description IPv6-DHCP-Stateful
ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64
```

```

ipv6 nd prefix 2001:DB8:0:20::/64 no-advertise
ipv6 nd managed-config-flag
ipv6 nd other-config-flag
ipv6 dhcp relay destination 2001:DB8:0:20::2
end

```

## Static IP Address Assignment

Statically configured address on a client.

## Router Solicitation

A Router Solicitation message is issued by a host to facilitate local routers to transmit Router Advertisement from which it can obtain information about local routing or perform Stateless Auto-configuration. Router Advertisements are transmitted periodically and the host prompts with an immediate Router Advertisement using a Router Solicitation such as - when it boots or following a restart operation.

## Router Advertisement

A Router Advertisement message is issued periodically by a router or in response to a Router Solicitation message from a host. The information contained in these messages is used by hosts to perform Stateless Auto-configuration and to modify its routing table.

## Neighbor Discovery

IPv6 Neighbor Discovery is a set of messages and processes that determine relationships between neighboring nodes. Neighbor Discovery replaces ARP, ICMP Router Discovery, and ICMP Redirect used in IPv4.

IPv6 Neighbor Discovery inspection analyzes neighbor discovery messages in order to build a trusted binding table database, and IPv6 neighbor discovery packets that do not comply are dropped. The neighbor binding table in the switch tracks each IPv6 address and its associated MAC address. Clients are expired from the table according to Neighbor Binding timers.

## Neighbor Discovery Suppression

The IPv6 addresses of clients are cached by the device. When the device receives an NS multicast looking for an IPv6 address, and if the target address is known to the device and belongs to one of its clients, the device will reply with an NA message on behalf of the client. The result of this process generates the equivalent of the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) table of IPv4 but is more efficient - uses generally fewer messages.




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**Note** The device acts like proxy and respond with NA, only when the **ipv6 nd suppress** command is configured

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If the device does not have the IPv6 address of a client, the device will not respond with NA and forward the NS packet. To resolve this, an NS Multicast Forwarding knob is provided. If this knob is enabled, the device gets the NS packet for the IPv6 address that it does not have (cache miss) and forwards it. This packet reaches the intended client and the client replies with NA.

This cache miss scenario occurs rarely, and only very few clients which do not implement complete IPv6 stack may not advertise their IPv6 address during NDP.

## RA Guard

IPv6 clients configure IPv6 addresses and populate their router tables based on IPv6 router advertisement (RA) packets. The RA guard feature is similar to the RA guard feature of wired networks. RA guard increases the security of the IPv6 network by dropping the unwanted or rogue RA packets that come from clients. If this feature is not configured, malicious IPv6 clients announce themselves as the router for the network often with high priority, which would take higher precedence over legitimate IPv6 routers.

RA-Guard also examines the incoming RA's and decides whether to switch or block them based solely on information found in the message or in the switch configuration. The information available in the frames received is useful for RA validation:

- Port on which the frame is received
- IPv6 source address
- Prefix list

The following configuration information created on the switch is available to RA-Guard to validate against the information found in the received RA frame:

- Trusted/Untrusted ports for receiving RA-guard messages
- Trusted/Untrusted IPv6 source addresses of RA-sender
- Trusted/Untrusted Prefix list and Prefix ranges
- Router Preference

RA guard is applied on the device. You can configure the device to drop RA messages on the device. All IPv6 RA messages are dropped, which protects other clients and upstream wired network from malicious IPv6 clients.

```
//Create a policy for RA Guard//
ipv6 nd rguard policy rguard-router
trusted-port
device-role router

//Applying the RA Guard Policy on port/interface//
interface tengigabitethernet1/0/1 (Katana)
interface gigabitethernet1/0/1 (Edison)

ipv6 nd rguard attach-policy rguard-router
```

## How to Configure IPv6 Client Address Learning

The following sections provide configuration information about IPv6 client address learning.

### Configuring IPv6 Unicast

IPv6 unicasting must always be enabled on the switch. IPv6 unicast routing is disabled.

To configure IPv6 unicast, perform this procedure:

### Before you begin

To enable the forwarding of IPv6 unicast datagrams, use the **ipv6 unicast-routing** command in global configuration mode. To disable the forwarding of IPv6 unicast datagrams, use the **no** form of this command.

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 unicast routing</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>ipv6 unicast routing</b>	enable the forwarding of IPv6 unicast datagrams

## Configuring RA Guard Policy

Configure RA Guard policy on the device to add IPv6 client addresses and populate the router table based on IPv6 router advertisement packets.

To configuring RA guard policy, perform this procedure:

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 nd rguard policy rguard-router</b> <b>Example:</b>	Defines the RA guard policy name and enters RA guard policy configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config)# <b>ipv6 nd raguard policy raguard-router</b>	
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>trustedport</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-ra-guard)# <b>trustedport</b>	(Optional) Specifies that this policy is being applied to trusted ports.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>device-role router</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-ra-guard)# <b>device-role router</b>	Specifies the role of the device attached to the port.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-ra-guard)# <b>exit</b>	Exits RA guard policy configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

## Applying RA Guard Policy

Applying the RA Guard policy on the device will block all the untrusted RA's.

To apply RA guard policy, perform this procedure:

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface tengigabitethernet 1/0/1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>interface tengigabitethernet 1/0/1</b>	Specifies an interface type and number, and places the device in interface configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy raguard-router</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 nd raguard attach-policy raguard-router</b>	Applies the IPv6 RA Guard feature to a specified interface.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if) # <b>exit</b>	Exits interface configuration mode.

## Configuring IPv6 Snooping



**Note** We recommend that you configure SISF-based device tracking configurations instead of IPv6 snooping legacy configuration. For more information, refer to the *Configuring SISF-Based Device Tracking* section in the *Security Configuration Guide*.

IPv6 snooping must always be enabled on the switch.

To configuring IPv6 snooping, perform this procedure:

### Before you begin

Enable IPv6 on the client machine.

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>vlan configuration 1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>vlan configuration 1</b>	Enters VLAN configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ipv6 snooping</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vlan)# <b>ipv6 snooping</b>	Enables IPv6 snooping on the Vlan.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ipv6 nd suppress</b> <b>Example:</b>	Enables the IPv6 ND suppress on the Vlan.



	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device(config-vlan-config)# <b>ipv6 nd suppress</b>	
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-vlan-config)# <b>exit</b>	Saves the configuration and comes out of the Vlan configuration mode.

## Configuring IPv6 ND Suppress Policy

The IPv6 neighbor discovery (ND) multicast suppress feature stops as many ND multicast neighbor solicit (NS) messages as possible by dropping them (and responding to solicitations on behalf of the targets) or converting them into unicast traffic. This feature runs on a layer 2 switch and is used to reduce the amount of control traffic necessary for proper link operations.

When an address is inserted into the binding table, an address resolution request sent to a multicast address is intercepted, and the device either responds on behalf of the address owner or, at layer 2, converts the request into a unicast message and forwards it to its destination.

To configure IPv6 ND suppress policy, perform this procedure:

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 nd suppress policy <i>policy_name</i></b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>ipv6 nd suppress policy policy1</b>	Defines the ND suppress policy name and enters ND suppress policy configuration mode.

## Configuring IPv6 Snooping on VLAN/PortChannel

Neighbor Discover (ND) suppress can be enabled or disabled on either the VLAN or a switchport.

To configure IPv6 snooping on VLAN/PortChannel, perform this procedure:

**Procedure**

	<b>Command or Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>vlan config901</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>vlan config901</b>	Creates a VLAN and enter the VLAN configuration mode
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ipv6 nd suppress</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-vlan)# <b>ipv6 nd suppress</b>	Applies the IPv6 nd suppress on VLAN.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-vlan)# <b>end</b>	Exits vlan configuration mode and enters the global configuration mode.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>interface gi1/0/1</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>interface gi1/0/1</b>	Creates a gigabitethernet port interface.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>ipv6 nd suppress</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-vlan)# <b>ipv6 nd suppress</b>	Applies the IPv6 nd suppress on the interface.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-vlan)# <b>end</b>	Exits vlan configuration mode and enters the global configuration mode.

## Configuring IPv6 on Switch Interface

Follow the procedure given below to configure IPv6 on an interface:

**Before you begin**

Enable IPv6 on the client and IPv6 support on the wired infrastructure.

**Procedure**

	<b>Command or Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface vlan 1</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b>	Creates a interface and enters interface configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip address fe80::1 link-local</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# <b>ip address</b> <b>198.51.100.1 255.255.255.0</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>fe80::1 link-local</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5/64</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F/64</b>	Configures IPv6 address on the interface using the link-local option.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ipv6 enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>ipv6 enable</b>	(Optional) Enables IPv6 on the interface.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>end</b>	Exits from the interface mode.

## Configuring DHCP Pool on Switch Interface

Follow the procedure given below to configure DHCP Pool on an interface:

**Procedure**

	<b>Command or Action</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <code>configure terminal</code>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 dhcp pool Vlan21</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <code>ipv6 dhcp pool vlan1</code>	Enters the configuration mode and configures the IPv6 DHCP pool on the Vlan.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>address prefix</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::/64</b> <b>lifetime 300 10</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-dhcpv6)# <code>address prefix 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::/64 lifetime 300 10</code>	Enters the configuration-dhcp mode and configures the address pool and its lifetime on a Vlan.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>dns-server 2001:100:0:1::1</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-dhcpv6)# <code>dns-server 2001:20:21::1</code>	Configures the DNS servers for the DHCP pool.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>domain-name example.com</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-dhcpv6)# <code>domain-name example.com</code>	Configures the domain name to complete unqualified host names.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <code>end</code>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode.

## Configuring Stateless Auto Address Configuration Without DHCP

Follow the procedure given below to configure stateless auto address configuration without DHCP:

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device> <code>enable</code>	Enables privileged EXEC mode.  Enter your password if prompted.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface vlan 1</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b>	Creates a interface and enters interface configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip address fe80::1 link-local</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# <b>ip address</b> <b>198.51.100.1 255.255.255.0</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>fe80::1 link-local</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5/64</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F/64</b>	Configures IPv6 address on the interface using the link-local option.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ipv6 enable</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>ipv6 enable</b>	(Optional) Enables IPv6 on the interface.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>no ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b> Device(config-if)# <b>no ipv6 nd</b> <b>managed-config-flag</b>	Ensures the attached hosts do not use stateful autoconfiguration to obtain addresses.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>no ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config-if)# <b>no ipv6 nd</b> <b>other-config-flag</b>	Ensures the attached hosts do not use stateful autoconfiguration to obtain non-address options from DHCP (domain etc).
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b>  Device(config)# <b>end</b>	Returns to privileged EXEC mode. Alternatively, you can also press <b>Ctrl-Z</b> to exit global configuration mode.

## Configuring Stateless Auto Address Configuration With DHCP

Follow the procedure given below to configure stateless auto address configuration with DHCP:

## Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>interface vlan 1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b>	Creates a interface and enters interface configuration mode.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ip address fe80::1 link-local</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ip address 198.51.100.1 255.255.255.0</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address fe80::1 link-local</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5/64</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F/64</b>	Configures IPv6 address on the interface using the link-local option.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>ipv6 enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>ipv6 enable</b>	(Optional) Enables IPv6 on the interface.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>no ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b> Device(config-if)# <b>no ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b>	Ensures the attached hosts do not use stateful autoconfiguration to obtain addresses.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>no ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b>	Ensures the attached hosts do not use stateful autoconfiguration to obtain non-address options from DHCP (domain etc).
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>end</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>end</b>	Exits from the interface mode.

## Configuring Stateful DHCP Locally

This interface configuration is for a Cisco IOS IPv6 router implementing stateful DHCPv6 on a local device.

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 unicast-routing</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config)# <b>ipv6 unicast-routing</b>	Configures IPv6 for unicasting.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>ipv6 dhcp pool IPv6_DHCPOOL</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config)# <b>ipv6 dhcp pool</b> <b>IPv6_DHCPOOL</b>	Enters the configuration mode and configures the IPv6 DHCP pool on the VLAN.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>address prefix</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::/64</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>address prefix</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::/64</b>	Specifies the address range to provide in the pool.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>dns-server 2001:100:0:1::1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>dns-server</b> <b>2001:100:0:1::1</b>	Provides the DNS server option to DHCP clients.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>domain-name example.com</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>domain-name</b> <b>example.com</b>	Provides the domain name option to DHCP clients.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>exit</b>	Returns to the previous mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>interface v1an1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config)# <b>interface v1an 1</b>	Enters the interface mode to configure the stateful DHCP.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>description IPv6-DHCP-Stateful</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>description IPv6-DHCP-Stateful</b>	Enter description for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64</b>	Enters the IPv6 address for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ip address 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0</b>	Enters the IPv6 address for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.
<b>Step 13</b>	<b>ipv6 nd prefix 2001:db8::/64 no-advertise</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 nd prefix 2001:db8::/64 no-advertise</b>	Configures the IPv6 routing prefix advertisement that must not be advertised.
<b>Step 14</b>	<b>ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b>	Configures IPv6 interfaces neighbor discovery to allow the hosts to uses DHCP for address configuration.
<b>Step 15</b>	<b>ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b>	Configures IPv6 interfaces neighbor discovery to allow the hosts to uses DHCP for non-address configuration.
<b>Step 16</b>	<b>ipv6 dhcp server IPv6_DHCPPPOOL</b> <b>Example:</b> Device(config-if)# <b>ipv6 dhcp server IPv6_DHCPPPOOL</b>	Configures the DHCP server on the interface.

## Configuring Stateful DHCP Externally

This interface configuration is for a Cisco IOS IPv6 router implementing stateful DHCPv6 on an external DHCP server.



## Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>enable</b> <b>Example:</b> Device> <b>enable</b>	Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>configure terminal</b> <b>Example:</b> Device# <b>configure terminal</b>	Enters global configuration mode.
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>ipv6 unicast-routing</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config)# <b>ipv6 unicast-routing</b>	Configures the IPv6 for unicasting.
<b>Step 4</b>	<b>dns-server 2001:100:0:1::1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>dns-server</b> <b>2001:100:0:1::1</b>	Provides the DNS server option to DHCP clients.
<b>Step 5</b>	<b>domain-name example.com</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>domain-name</b> <b>example.com</b>	Provides the domain name option to DHCP clients.
<b>Step 6</b>	<b>exit</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-dhcpv6)# <b>exit</b>	Returns to the previous mode.
<b>Step 7</b>	<b>interface vlan 1</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config)# <b>interface vlan 1</b>	Enters the interface mode to configure the stateful DHCP.
<b>Step 8</b>	<b>description IPv6-DHCP-Stateful</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if)# <b>description</b> <b>IPv6-DHCP-Stateful</b>	Enter description for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.
<b>Step 9</b>	<b>ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:20::1/64</b> <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if)# <b>ipv6 address</b> <b>2001:DB8:0:20::1/64</b>	Enters the IPv6 address for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.
<b>Step 10</b>	<b>ip address 192.168.20.1</b> <b>255.255.255.0</b> <b>Example:</b>	Enters the IPv6 address for the stateful IPv6 DHCP.

	Command or Action	Purpose
	Device (config-if) # <b>ip address</b> 192.168.20.1 255.255.255.0	
<b>Step 11</b>	<b>ipv6 nd prefix 2001:db8::/64 no-advertise</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if) # <b>ipv6 nd prefix</b> 2001:db8::/64 <b>no-advertise</b>	Configures the IPv6 routing prefix advertisement that must not be advertised.
<b>Step 12</b>	<b>ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if) # <b>ipv6 nd managed-config-flag</b>	Configures IPv6 interfaces neighbor discovery to allow the hosts to use DHCP for address configuration.
<b>Step 13</b>	<b>ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if) # <b>ipv6 nd other-config-flag</b>	Configures IPv6 interfaces neighbor discovery to allow the hosts to use DHCP for non-address configuration.
<b>Step 14</b>	<b>ipv6 dhcp relaydestination 2001:DB8:0:20::2</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device (config-if) # <b>ipv6 dhcp relay destination 2001:DB8:0:20::2</b>	Configures the DHCP server on the interface.

## Verifying IPv6 Address Learning Configuration

This example displays the output of the **show ipv6 dhcp pool** command. This command displays the IPv6 service configuration on the device. The vlan 21 configured pool detail displays 6 clients that are currently using addresses from the pool.

### Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>show ipv6 dhcp pool</b>  <b>Example:</b> Device show ipv6 dhcp pool DHCPv6 pool: vlan21 Address allocation prefix: 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::/64 valid 86400 preferred 86400 (6 in use, 0 conflicts) DNS server: 2001:100:0:1::1 Domain name: example.com Active clients: 6	Displays the IPv6 service configuration on the device.

## Additional References

### Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
For complete syntax and usage information for the commands used in this chapter.	<i>Command Reference (Catalyst 9200 Series Switches)</i>

## Feature History for IPv6 Client Address Learning

This table provides release and related information for the features explained in this module.

These features are available in all the releases subsequent to the one they were introduced in, unless noted otherwise.

Release	Feature	Feature Information
Cisco IOS XE Fuji 16.9.2	IPv6 Client Address Learning Functionality	Client Address Learning is configured on device to learn the client's IPv4 and IPv6 address and clients transition state maintained by the device on an association, re-association, de-authentication and timeout.
Cisco IOS XE Cupertino 17.9.1	IPv6 Client Address Learning Functionality	This feature was implemented on C9200CX-12P-2X2G, C9200CX-8P-2X2G, and C9200CX-12T-2X2G models of the Cisco Catalyst 9200CX Series Switches, which were introduced in this release.

Use the [Cisco Feature Navigator](#) to find information about platform and software image support.

