IPv6 & Linux

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About me (or who I am)

- Living in Munich (Germany)
- Employee of AERAsec Network Services and Security GmbH (since 2000)
 - focussing on IT security and network consulting
 - trainer for IPv6, TCP/IP and others
- Co-founder and core member of Deep Space 6
- Member of the German IPv6 Task Force





My IPv6-related time line

- 1993: First contact with the Internet
- 1996: Got a request designing a course on IPv6
- 1997: IPv6 & Linux HowTo, initscripts-ipv6
- 1999: IPv6 & Linux Current Status
- 2001: Linux IPv6 HOWTO, ipv6calc
- 2002: Co-founded Deep Space 6

- IPv6 & Linux HowTo
 - 1997: first release
 - Format: HTML only
 - Focus: how to enable IPv6 in Linux and some daemons
 - 2001: migration of important content into Linux IPv6 HOWTO
 - Status: going obsolete after end of migration

URL:

http://www.bieringer.de/linux/IPv6/IPv6-HOWTO/IPv6-HOWTO.html

Linux IPv6 HOWTO

- 2001: first release
- Format: HTML, PS, PDF generated from SGML source
- Focus: extensive information about IPv6 on Linux
- Currently available in the following languages:
- English (since beginning)
- German (since February 2003)
- French (since May 2003)
- Italian (since March 2004)
- Greek (work in progress)
- Status: maintained

URLs:

http://www.tldp.org/HOWTO/Linux+IPv6-HOWTO/ (English only) http://mirrors.bieringer.de/ (all available languages)

- IPv6 & Linux Current Status
 - 1999: first release
 - Format: HTML only
 - Focus: status of IPv6 in kernel, applications and distributions
 - 2003: migration of application status to DeepSpace6
 - Status: still partially maintained
 - Planned for Q4/2004: migration of kernel status to Deep Space 6

URL:

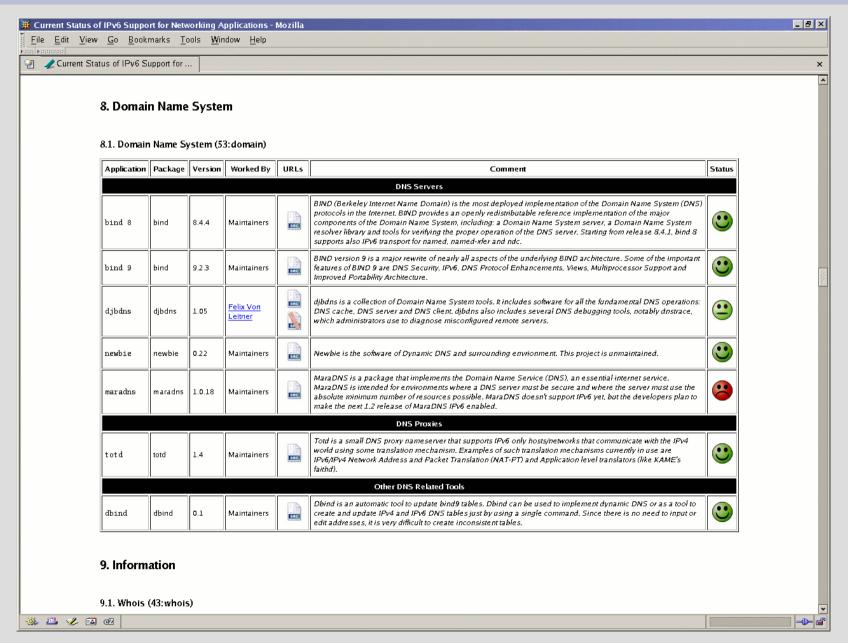
http://www.bieringer.de/linux/IPv6/status/IPv6+Linux-status.html

- Current Status of IPv6 Support for Networking Applications
 - 2003: first release
 - Format: HMLT generated from XML
 - Migration of content from IPv6 & Linux Current Status
 - Focus: status of IPv6 in networking applications
 - Status: extended and maintained by Deep Space 6 team
 - Statistics (July 2, 2004):
 - Native support: 171
 - IPv6 patch available: 38

URL:

http://www.deepspace6.net/docs/ipv6_status_page_apps.html

Screenshot of Application Status



History of my IPv6 related projects

initscripts-ipv6

- 1997: start of development
- Focus: integration of handling of permanent IPv6 setup into IPv4 initscripts (Fedora/Red Hat Linux and clones)
- Status:
 - Maintained
 - Sometimes development of new features (see CVS for more)
 - Migration into official initscripts (with help of Pekka Savola)

URLs:

http://www.deepspace6.net/projects/initscripts-ipv6.html http://cvs.deepspace6.net/view/initscripts-ipv6/

http://fedora.redhat.com/projects/additional-projects/initscripts/

History of my IPv6 related projects

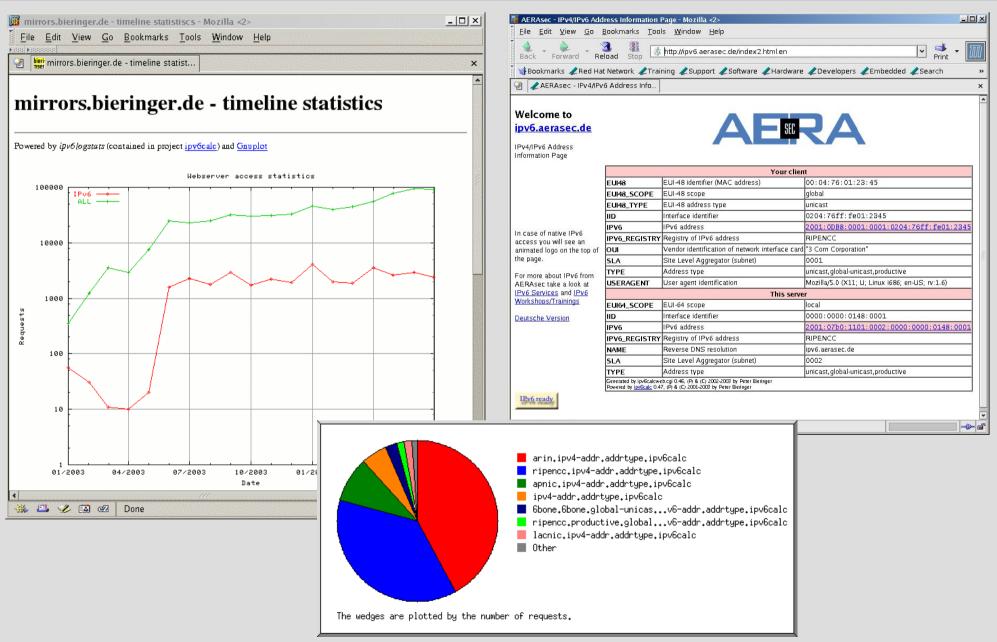
ipv6calc

- 2001: start development
- Reason: no tools exist for manipulation of IPv6 addresses
- Conversion tool for various IPv6 related address formats
- Status:
 - Maintained
 - Sometimes development of new features

URL:

http://www.deepspace6.net/projects/ipv6calc.html http://cvs.deepspace6.net/view/ipv6calc/

Examples powered by ipv6calc



IPv6 support in Linux

IPv6 support in Linux

- Several components need IPv6 support in Linux:
 - Kernel
 - Networking
 - Firewalling
 - C-Libraries
 - resolver functions
 - RPC (portmapper)
 - Client applications
 - understanding IPv6 addresses in input
 - understanding AAAA records during DNS resolving
 - using IPv6 socket, if AAAA record is in DNS available
 - Server applications
 - understanding of IPv6 addresses in configurations
 - using IPv6 server socket (either by configuration or by default)
 - proper logging of IPv6 addresses

History of IPv6 in Linux - Kernel

- History of IPv6 implementation in Linux kernel
 - First rudimentary in version 2.1.8 (1996)
 - 2.2.19+ worked relatively stable, but less features
 - 2.4.x works relatively stable, some more features
 - In October 2000 the USAGI team was founded with focus of implementing all required features into the kernel
 - URL: http://www.linux-ipv6.org/
 - USAGI team submitted patches for 2.5.x series
 - Still ongoing process for 2.6.x
 - e.g. fixing problems reported by TAHI Conformance Test Report
 - completing IPsec support
 - further fixes
 - Awarded with IPv6 Ready Logo[™] (Phase 1)
 - USAGI snapshot 20040119
 - For router and host role



Status of IPv6 in Linux - Kernel

- According to the TAHI Conformance Test Report
 - Vanilla linux-2.6.1
 - USAGI 20040119 Snapshot linux26



		<u>Vanilla</u>	<u>USAGI</u>
•	IPv6 Specification	100%	100%
•	ICMPv6 for IPv6 Specification	100%	100%
•	Neighbor Discovery	65%	91%
•	Stateless Address Autoconfiguration	98%	98%
•	Path MTU Discovery	0%	100%
•	IPSec AH and ESP	77%	72%
•	IPv6 over IPv4 Tunnel	100%	100%
•	Robustness	100%	100%

Status of IPv6 in Linux - Kernel

- IPv6 IPsec
 - USAGI and Netdev team ported code of *BSD KAME project to Linux
 - Replaces KLIPS code of FreeS/WAN
 - Features IPv4 and IPv6 support
 - IKE daemons racoon and pluto
 - Both are IPv6 capable
 - raccon was also taken from KAME project, intention was replacing pluto (from the FreeS/WAN project) because of its complex code base
 - But pluto is still alive, already supporting native IPsec of 2.6.x kernels
 - now maintained by
 - Openswan (URL: http://www.openswan.org/)
 - strongSwan (URL: http://www.strongswan.org/)

Firewalling in IPv6 is very important...

...there is no implicit "protection" anymore!

Reasons for IPv6 Firewalling

- Firewalling in IPv6 is very important, because
 - Client gets a global IPv6 address by design
 - in case if a global prefix is available
 - quickly happen by autoconfiguration after receiving a router advertisement
 - Unlike in IPv4, no hiding NAT on border routers possible
 - in IPv6, NAT was left out from design (see also RFC 2993)
 - but hiding NAT in IPv4 does not solve all security problems...think about tunneling via HTTPS (HTTP CONNECT), DNS or ICMP payload
 - Without protection, any listening service can be accessed from remote

Like in very modern IPv4 world
firewalling on
border AND host
is also required for IPv6

Reasons for IPv6 Firewalling

- Need careful design because
 - Tools are already available
 - Latest versions of nmap are already IPv6 capable
 - IPv6 networking is not as well reviewed and tested as IPv4 code
 - the developers hopefully learnt from the bugs found in IPv4 code
- One "advantage"...address range scanning isn't easy anymore
 - Per subnet 2⁶⁴ addresses are possible
 - This can consume much time...
 - But reduction to 2²⁴ per a chosen common used NIC vendor ID
 - But clients normally respond to IPv6 ping to all-node linklocal multicast address
 - Example: ping6 -I eth0 ff02::1
 - Currently only a problem in link-local range

Status of IPv6 firewalling in Linux

- Modern Linux kernel contains netfilter firewalling
 - ipchains was replaced 2001 in 2.3.x series
 - User-space tool for IPv6: ip6tables



- Development
 - Mostly USAGI team is working on kernel side
 - Netfilter team is working on user-space tools
- Current status
 - Vanilla kernel supports <u>stateless</u> IPv6 packet filtering
 - Very useful and also important for client security
 - Stateful IPv6 packet filtering is already available
 - currently USAGI extension, but waiting to be included in vanilla kernel
 - But still no GUI tools (e.g. fwbuilder) are IPv6 enabled –
 scripts have to be used instead
- More hints

URL: http://www.tldp.org/HOWTO/Linux+IPv6-HOWTO/chapter-firewalling-security.html

Example of IPv6 firewalling in Linux

Chain INPUT (policy DROP)

```
target prot opt
                           destination
                source
# Destination Unreachable (1) Packet Too Big (2) Time Exceeded (3) Parameter Problem (4)
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
             ::/0
                           ::/0
                                   ipv6-icmp type 1
             ::/0
                                   ipv6-icmp type 2
      icmpv6
                          ::/0
ACCEPT
             ::/0
                                   ipv6-icmp type 3
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
             ::/0
                           ::/0
      icmpv6
                                 ipv6-icmp type 4
ACCEPT
# Router Advertisement (134) Neighbor Solicitation (135) Neighbor Advertisement (136)
      icmpv6 fe80::/10 ff02::/16 ipv6-icmp type 134
ACCEPT
      icmpv6 fe80::/10 ::/0
                                 ipv6-icmp type 135
ACCEPT
                          ff02::/16 ipv6-icmp type 135
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
             ::/0
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
             ::/0
                           ::/0
                                ipv6-icmp type 136
# Incoming Secure Shell (tcp/22)
ACCEPT
       tcp ::/0
                              ::/0 tcp spts:1024:65535 dpt:22
```

Chain OUTPUT (policy DROP)

```
prot opt
                         destination
target
               source
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
               ::/0
                         ::/0
                                    ipv6-icmp type 1
            ::/0 ::/0 ipv6-icmp type 2
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
            ::/0 ::/0
ACCEPT
      icmpv6
                              ipv6-icmp type 3
      icmpv6 ::/0 ::/0
                              ipv6-icmp type 4
ACCEPT
      icmpv6 ::/0
                    ff02::/16 ipv6-icmp type 135
ACCEPT
            ::/0
                        ::/0
                                  ipv6-icmp type 136
      icmpv6
ACCEPT
# Outgoing Secure Shell response (tcp/22 without only SYN flag set)
ACCEPT
        tcp
                  ::/0
                             ::/0 tcp spt:22 dpts:1024:65535
  flags: 10x16/0x02
```

IPv6 in DNS (server and resolver)...

...required to avoid typing these long addresses

e.g. 2001:0DB8:0123:4567:89AB:CDEF:0123:4567

IPv6 in DNS

IPv4 world

- Name to address: "A" record ipv4host IN A 192.0.2.1
- Address to Name (reverse resolution):

```
1.2.0.192.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR ipv4host
```

IPv6 world

Name to address: "AAAA" record

```
ipv6host IN AAAA 2001:0DB8::1 (a short one...)
```

Address to Name (reverse resolution):

DNS IPv6 status - server

- Support of "AAAA" record
 - BIND since version 4.9.5
- Native IPv6 transport of queries
 - BIND8 since version 8.4.0
 - BIND9
 - djbdns (with patch from Felix Leitner experimental)

Note:

 No changes are required for the reverse lookup (PTR), each nibble of the <u>expanded</u> IPv6 address is separated by a dot, same mechanism as on IPv4 is used

DNS IPv6 status - resolver

- IPv6 address query support
 - GNU C-Library since version 2.1
 - dietlibc
- Resolver able to use IPv6 transport for queries
 - GNU C-Library since version 2.2
 - dietlibc since version 0.10
- RPC bind (portmapper)
 - GNU C-Library: status currently unknown
 - dietlibc: not planned

Configuring IPv6 on a Linux box...

...some scenarios

Enable IPv6 on Linux client

Prerequisites:

- native IPv6 connectivity is available on the link
- router already sends advertisements (RA)
- Manual setup
 - Activate IPv6 by loading the kernel module "ipv6"
 - Manual

```
# modprobe ipv6
```

- After next reboot (current Debian already contain this by default)
 - Kernel 2.4.x

```
# echo "alias net-pf-10 ipv6" >>/etc/modules.conf
# depmod -a
```

- Kernel 2.6.x

```
# echo "alias net-pf-10 ipv6" >>/etc/modprobe.conf
# depmod -a
```

- Autoconfiguration does the rest for you:
 - adds IPv6 address using the prefix received by the RA
 - setup default route to the address of the router which is received also by the RA

Enable IPv6 on Linux client

Prerequisites:

- native IPv6 connectivity is available on the link
- no router sends advertisements
- Manual setup
 - Activate IPv6 by loading the kernel module "ipv6" # modprobe ipv6
 - Add an IPv6 address to the interface

```
# ip -6 addr add 2001:0DB8::2/64 dev eth0
# ip link set dev eth0 up
```

Add static route to a router

```
# ip -6 route add 2000::/3 via 2001:0DB8::1
```

 Note that support of manual setup of default route in IPv6 was recently enabled in latest kernels (::/0)

IPv6 on Linux client - 6to4 tunneling

- Prerequisites:
 - Global routable IPv4 address on one interface (eth?, ppp?)
- Manual setup
 - Generate 6to4 prefix

```
# ipv6calc -q --action conv6to4 <u>192.0.2.1</u> 2002:<u>c000:201</u>::
```

- Create a tunnel interface

```
# ip tunnel add tun6to4 mode sit ttl 64 remote any
local 192.0.2.1
# ip link set dev tun6to4 up
```

- Add 6to4 IPv6 address to the interface (example suffix ::1)
 # ip -6 addr add 2002:c000:201::1/16 dev tun6to4
- Add static route through device to IPv4 <u>anycast address of</u> 6to4 relays

```
# ip -6 route add 2000::/3 via :: 192.88.99.1 dev tun6to4 metric 1
```

URL: http://staff.csc.fi/~psavola/residential.html (how 6to4 works)

IPv6 on Linux client - static tunneling

Prerequisites:

- Global routable IPv4 address on one interface (eth?, ppp?)
 - static IPv4 address in normal cases
 - dynamic IPv4 address can be used using heartbeat protocols
 e.g. by SixXS Tunnel Broker, URL: http://www.sixxs.net/
- IPv4 address of remote tunnel server
 - sometimes (but not needed for unnumbered tunnels) IPv6 address

Manual setup

Create a tunnel interface

```
# ip tunnel add sit1 mode sit ttl 64 remote
  192.0.2.254 local 192.0.2.1
# ip link set dev sit1 up
```

Add static route through device

```
# ip -6 route add 2000::/3 dev sit1 metric 1
```

IPv6 on Linux router

IPv6 enabled router

- Can supply native IPv6 connectivity for local network
 - Using Router Advertisement Daemon radvd for autoconfiguration of clients
- Can provide upstream connectivity via tunneling
- Should have IPv6 firewalling
 - Remember: no NAT is available in IPv6 for "auto-protection" on layer
 3!

Manual setup

- IPv6 configuration of at least 2 devices (e.g. LAN and tunnel interface)
- IPv6 forwarding needs to be enabled

```
# sysctl -w net.ipv6.conf.all.forwarding=1
```

Permanent IPv6 setup in Linux

- Permanent IPv6 setup depends on support of Linux distributions
 - Fedora/Red Hat Linux and clones
 - Setup options are described in
 - File: /usr/share/doc/initscripts-<version>/sysconfig.txt
 - initscripts-ipv6 homepage
 URL: http://www.deepspace6.net/projects/initscripts-ipv6.html
 - Debian
 - Setup options are described in
 - Craig Small's web page
 URL: http://people.debian.org/~csmall/ipv6/setup.html
 - SuSE
 - Setup options are described in
 - File: /usr/share/doc/packages/sysconfig/README
- Major problem: IPv6 support is not equal
 - some distributions (e.g. Debian, SuSE) use different configuration file and rc-script structures
 - initscripts-ipv6 extension cannot be used here :-(

IPv6 is now configured on the Linux box...

now let's look for support in applications

Some IPv6-ready daemons/clients

DNS: BIND + glibc resolver

SSH: OpenSSH

HTTP: Apache2, Mozilla

FTP: ProFTPD, vsftpd

SMTP: postfix

POP3/IMAP4: courier-imap

IPv6-enabling of DNS

DNS

- BIND server "named" (http://www.isc.org/products/BIND/)
 - Configuration file, usually /etc/named.conf
 - Adjust listening option

- glibc resolver (http://www.gnu.org/software/libc/libc.html)
 - Configuration file /etc/resolv.conf
 - Specify IPv6 address before IPv4 address of a DNS server (support since version 2.2)

```
# ns.ripe.net
nameserver 2001:610:240:0:53::193
nameserver 193.0.0.193
```

- Configuration file /etc/nsswitch.conf
 - Force to enable AAAA queries on host-to-address resolution (only required on some Linux distributions)

```
hosts: files dns6
```

IPv6-enabling of SSH

- SSH
 - OpenSSH server "sshd" (http://www.openssh.org/)
 - Configuration file, usually /etc/ssh/sshd_config
 - Adjust listen option

```
Listen ::
```

OpenSSH client "ssh"

- Use command line option to force IPv6 connect

```
# ssh -6 ::1
```



IPv6-enabling of HTTP

HTTP

- Apache2 webserver (http://httpd.apache.org/) *** The Apache Software Foundath http://www.apache.org/
 - Configuration file, usually /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf
 - Adjust listen option

```
Listen 192.0.2.1:80
Listen [2001:0DB8::1]:80
```

Adjust virtual hosting option, if required

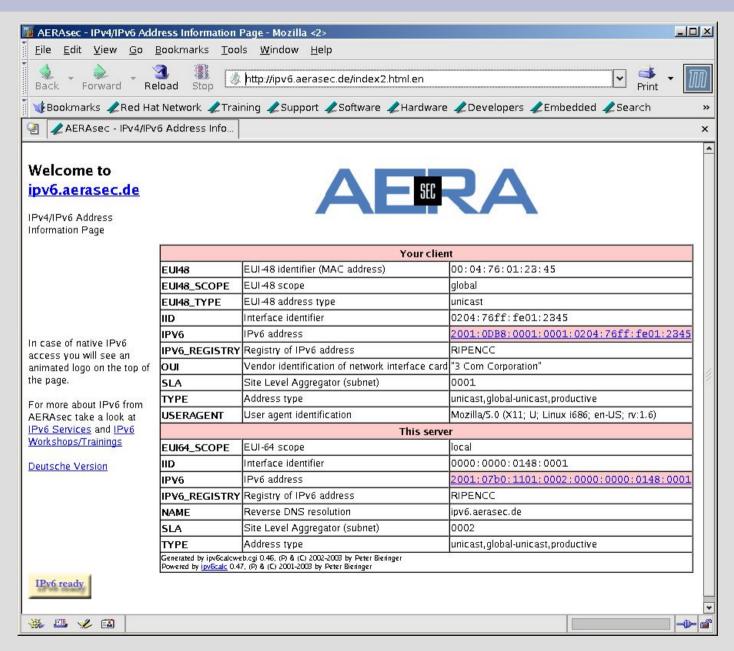
```
<VirtualHost [2001:0DB8::1]:80 192.0.2.1:80>
</VirtualHost>
```

Mozilla web client (http://www.mozilla.org/)



- Most proxies don't support IPv6 to client at the moment, so specify not to use any proxy
 - Screenshot is shown on next slide
 - Note that precompiled/distributed versions for MS Windows don't support IPv6 at the moment

IPv6-enabling of HTTP



IPv6-enabling of FTP

- FTP
 - ProFTPD server (http://www.proftpd.org/)



- Configuration file, usually /etc/proftpd.conf
 - Adjust listen option, but take care, not 100% logical in virtual host setup...

- vsftpd server (http://vsftpd.beasts.org/)
 - Configuration file, usually /etc/vsftpd/vsftpd.conf
 - Adjust listen option

```
listen_ipv6=YES
```

IPv6-enabling of SMTP/POP3/IMAP4

SMTP



- Postfix server (http://www.postfix.org/)
 - Patch is still required, URL: http://www.ipnet6.org/postfix.html
 - Mainstream IPv6 support is planned for 2.2.x
 - Configuration file, usually /etc/postfix/master.cf

```
::1:smtp inet n - n - - smtpd -v
```

POP3/IMAP4

- COUrier-imap Server (http://www.inter7.com/index.php?page=courierimap)
 - Normally nothing to do except courier-imap needs to be compiled with IPv6 support (default, if IPv6 is supported on system)
 - Configuration file, usually /usr/lib/courier-imap/etc/{imapd,pop3d}

```
ADDRESS=0 (default)
```

Future Outlook

Future Outlook

Linux kernel

- Ongoing coding by USAGI/netdev team to reach the 100%
- Client security using IPv6 firewalling is already possible
- Distribution support
 - Permanent setup capabilities and features depending on implementation
 - except for initscripts-ipv6 no information is available about an ongoing development
- Application support
 - Around 200 are ported or a patch is available
 - Major missing ones for IPv6-only networking:
 - sysklogd, syslog-ng (no forecast)
 - RPC portmapper, NFS (no forecast)
 - Possible replacement: coda (first occurance of IPv6 support in 6.0.4)
 - squid (no forecast)
 - amanda (no forecast)

Future Outlook

Major question:

When can we deploy an Linux based IPv6-only network?

Answer:

Still not 100% at the moment

- Good: Internet usage
 - Browsing, e-Mail
- Poor: Intranet support
 - Missing backup, RPC/NFS, central syslogging, caching proxies

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