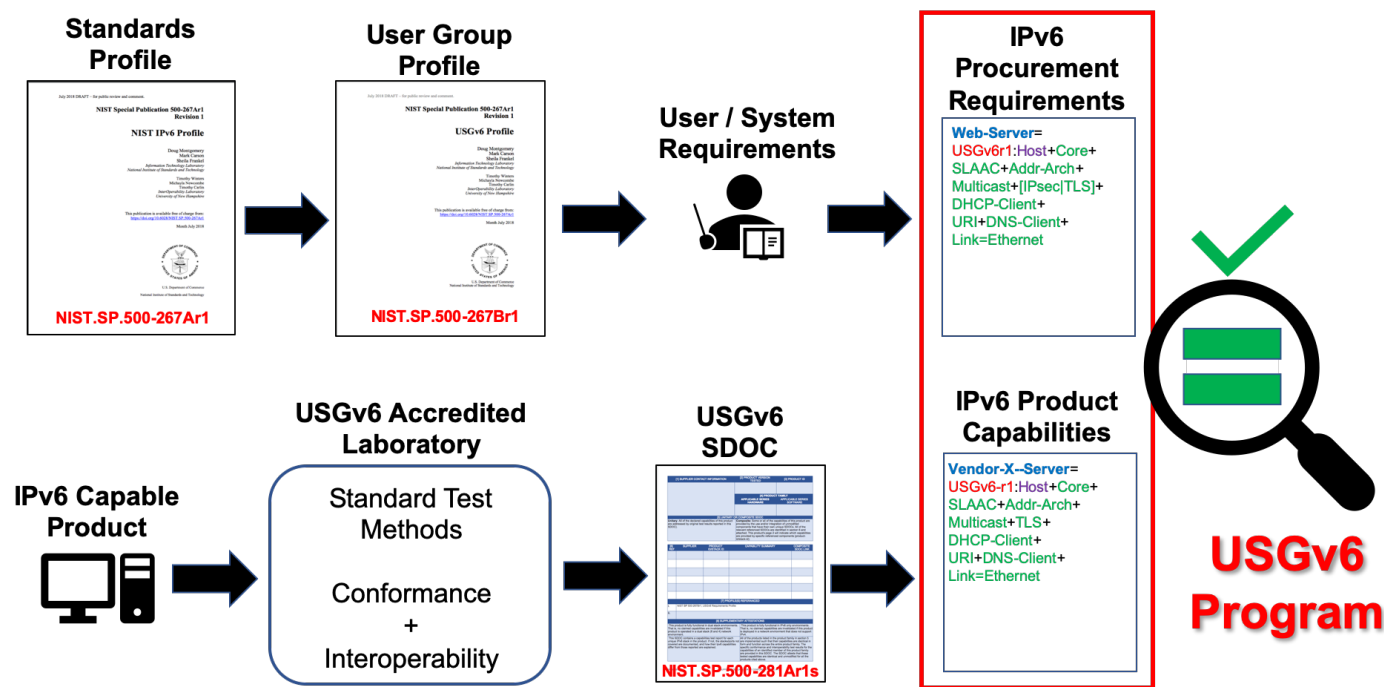


USGv6 Program

Supporting the USG Transition to IPv6-Only Networks



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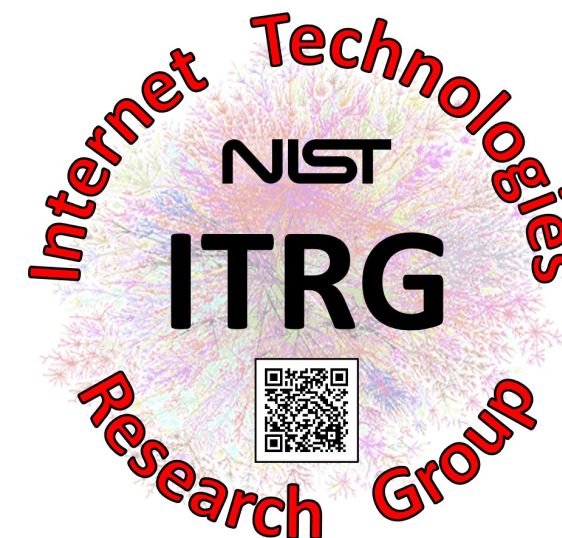
- **Manager, Internet Technologies Research Program.**

- <https://www.nist.gov/itl/antd/internet-scalable-systems-research>

- **Program Manager – USGv6 Program**

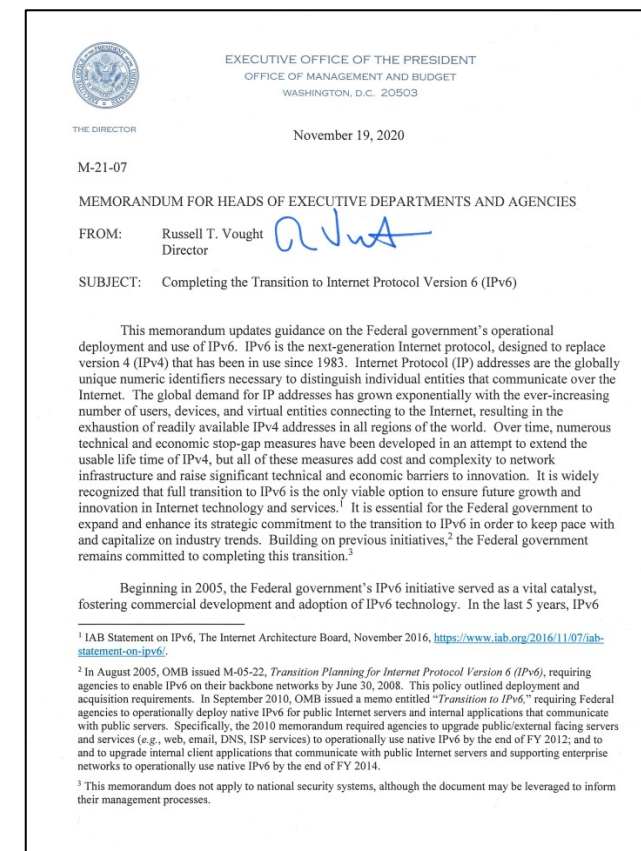
- <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/usgv6-program>

- 35+ years as technical leader in NIST efforts in Internet technologies research, standardization and security.



USG Transition to IPv6-Only Networks

- **Completing the USG Transition to IPv6**
 - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/M-21-07.pdf>
 - *“The strategic intent is for the Federal government to deliver its information services, operate its networks, and access the services of others using only IPv6”*
 - *At least 20% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2023*
 - *At least 50% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2024*
 - *At least 80% IPv6-only by the end of FY 2025*
 - *Identify and justify Federal information systems that cannot be converted to use IPv6 and provide a schedule for replacing or retiring these systems;*

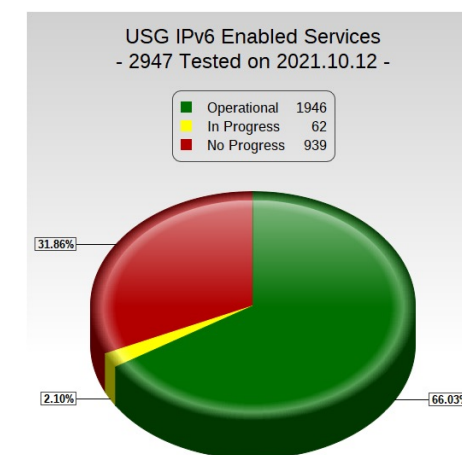
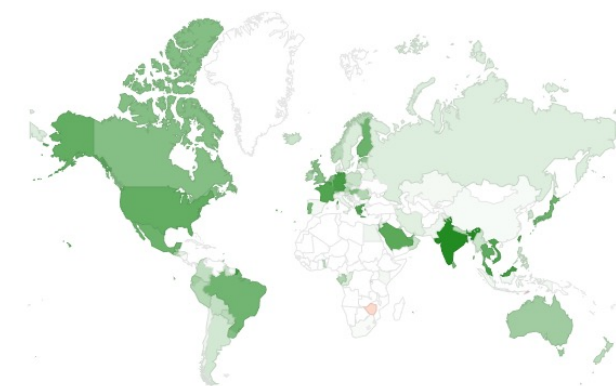


Why IPv6?

- **Enable Internet growth and innovation.**
 - **Remove technical and economic barriers.**
 - IPv4 – the Internet’s basis for global interoperability stopped evolving ~20 years ago.
 - IPv4 address exhaustion creates both technical and economic barriers to innovation.
 - **Provide a modern network protocol as the global barer service for interoperability.**
 - In 2016 the IAB adopted a policy that all new standards assume IPv6 and not require IPv4.
 - The result is that in many recent network advances are only designed and standardized for IPv6.
- **Ensure Internet security and stability.**
 - The use of globally unique network addresses significantly improves the effectiveness of today’s network defense technologies and cyber forensics.
 - IPv6 and its vast address space enables innovation in network security technologies.
- **Reduce cost and complexity in networks.**
 - Engineering around address exhaustion has had a significant impact on protocol design and system architectures for years.
 - While NAT has successfully extended the life of IPv4, its ramifications on protocol and system design adds cost and complexity to today’s networks.
 - In modern networks NATs / CGNATs have become the bottle neck resource in delivering internet scale services.

Why Now?

- **In short, it is doable and needs to be done.**
 - Significantly easier than in 2010.
- **Significant advances in both the state of technology and deployment of IPv6 over the last 10 years.**
 - Major operating systems include mature IPv6 implementations.
 - Major ISPs and service providers have IPv6 services.
- **IPv6 deployment and use is growing throughout the Internet.**
 - Various measurement efforts (with differing techniques) show significant growth in IPv6 adoption and use
 - USG agencies have gained operational IPv6 deployment experience over the last 10 years.
- **Industry and Governments aligned on strategic direction.**
 - Numerous large enterprises, service providers, governments / DoD have stated plans to migrate to IPv6-only environments in the next 5-10 years.
 - Some organizations are already there in data-center networks, mobile broadband networks, ISP core network functions.

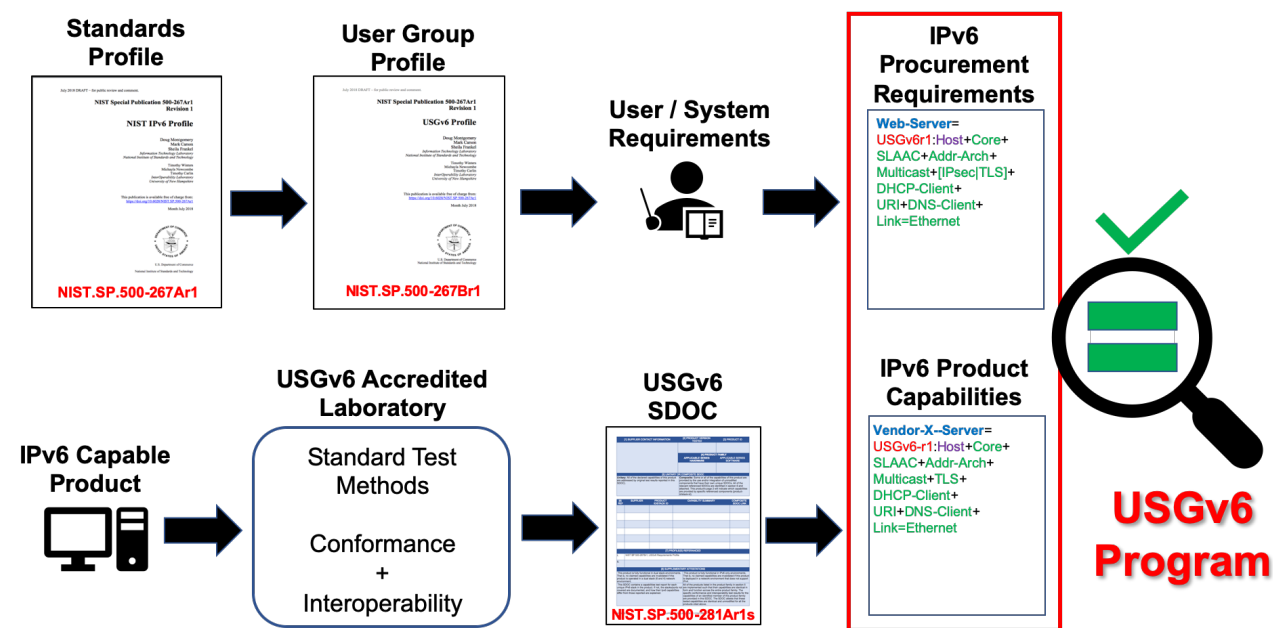


Why IPv6-Only?

- **Why would you operate two protocol stacks if you did not have to?**
 - Is continued support of IPv4 a strategic goal?
- **Ubiquitous dual-stack networking is a necessary transition phase in IPv6 deployment ...**
 - ... but it is not designed nor desired to be a final state.
 - Operating the control and data plane for two IP protocols does add some complexity to network operations.
 - Increased attack surface to secure – although few attacks are IP centric.
 - Monitoring and debugging dual-stacked hosts is complicated by simultaneous use of two protocols.
- **Commercial implementations of scalable transition mechanisms are readily available.**
 - To allow IPv6-only systems to communicate with IP4 only systems.
- **Getting to IPv6-only will require work in some areas**
 - Application space is near infinite – legacy applications that are not IPv6 capable must be addressed.
 - Some environments – such as network internals of cloud service providers will require longer to migrate.
 - IPv6 support of full range of networked functions (install, configure, update, etc) on some platforms are still under development.

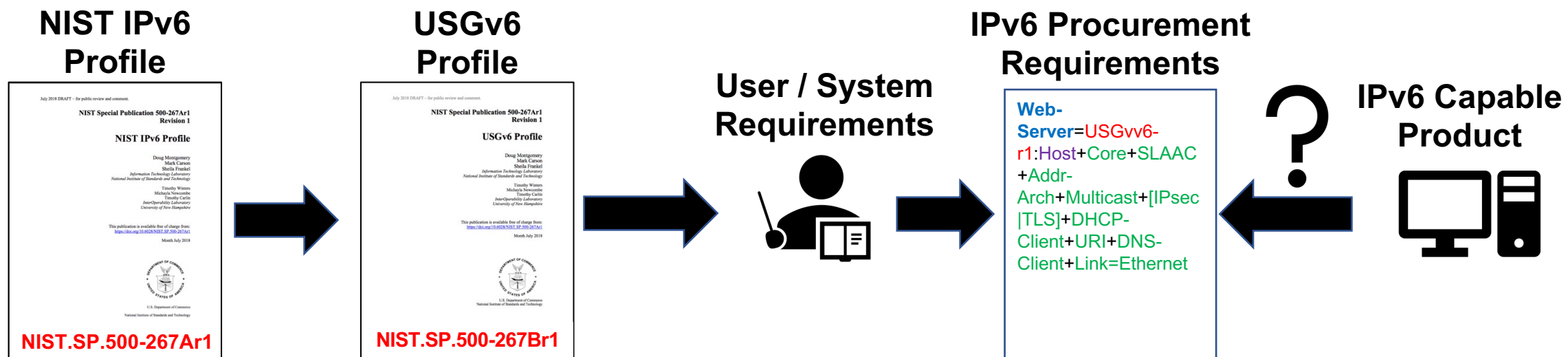
USGv6 Profile and Test Program

- **How to evolve IT infrastructure?**
 - Establish policies to always buy IPv6-capable networked IT.
 - Long term tech refresh cycles.
- **How to define IPv6-capable?**
 - Establish means for specifying detailed IPv6 capability requirements in individual procurements.
- **How to protect IPv6 investments?**
 - Establish means to test vendor products against requirements statements.
 - Conformance, Interoperability, and Functional tests to insure completeness, correctness and interoperability.



USGv6 Profile: IPv6 Capability Vocabulary

- **<Label>=Profile:<Host|Router|NPP>+<Capabilities>**
 - Capability Summary String (CSS) – Named set of IPv6 requirements for a specific system.
 - Can specify capability choice. e.g. [DHCP-Client|SLAAC]
 - A single product might have multiple capability strings for different stacks / management.
- **Agency-Web-Server=USGv6-r1:Host+Core+SLAAC+Addr-Arch+Multicast+[IPsec|TLS]+DHCP-Client+URI+DNS-Client+Link=Ethernet**



USGv6 Profile – Details

Defines Capability Choices for Products

- NISTv6-r1:Host Capabilities Template:**
- **IPv6-Only Capabilities** - see section 4.1
 - [O] - **IPv6-Only** - support for full product functionality on an IPv6-only network.
 - **Basic Capabilities** - see section 4.2
 - [M] - **Core** - support for IPv6 core functions.
 - [O] - **Extended-ICMP** - support for ICMPv6 extended messages.
 - [O] - **PLPMTUD** - support for Packetization Layer Path MTU Discovery.
 - [O] - **ND-Ext** - support for Neighbor Discovery enhanced DAD and First-Hop Selection.
 - [O] - **ND-WL** - support for packet-loss for router solicitations.
 - [O] - **SEND** - support for neighbor discovery security extensions.
 - [M] - **SLAAC** - support for stateless global address auto-configuration.
 - [O] - **PrivAddr** - support for SLAAC privacy extensions.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Stateless** - support for stateless (DHCP) configuration.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Client** - support for stateful (DHCP) address auto-configuration.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Client-Ext** - support for additional DHCP options including SIP.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Prefix** - support for stateful (DHCP) prefix delegation.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Prefix-Ext** - support for additional DHCP options for prefix exclude using prefix delegation.
 - [O] - **6Lo** - support for IPv6 over low power networks.
 - [O] - **Happy-Eyeballs** - support for Happy Eyeballs algorithm for dual stack environments.
 - **Addressing Capabilities** - see section 4.7
 - [M] - **Addr-Arch** - support for address architecture and selection.
 - [O] - **CGA** - support for cryptographically generated addresses.
 - **Network Support Capabilities** - see section 4.11
 - [O] - **DNS-Client** - support for DNS client/resolver functions.
 - [O] - **URI** - support for IPv6 uniform resource identifiers.
 - [O] - **NTP-Client** - support for NTP client capabilities.
 - [O] - **NTP-Server** - support for NTP server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DNS-Server** - support for DNS server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Server** - support for DHCP server capabilities.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Server-Ext** - support for DHCP server additional DHCP options and Bulk Leasequery.
 - [O] - **DHCP-Relay** - support for DHCP relay capabilities.
 - **Security Capabilities** - see section 4.8
 - [O] - **IPsec** - support for the IP security architecture.
 - [O] - **IPsec-IoT** - support for IoT Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **IPsec-CHACHA** - support for ChaCha20 Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **IPsec-SHA-512** - support for SHA-512 Cryptographic Algorithms.
 - [O] - **SSHV2** - support for SSHv2 over IPv6.
 - [O] - **TLS** - support for Transport Layer Security architecture version 1.2.
 - [O] - **TLS-1.3** - support for Transport Layer Security architecture version 1.3.

Maps Capabilities to Technical Requirements

Basic Capabilities					
Flag	Host	Router	Other	Capability	Definition
	✓	✓		Core	support for IPv6 core functions.
U	✓	✓			RFC8200 <i>Internet Protocol, Version 6 (IPv6) Specification</i>
	✓	✓			RFC4443 <i>Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMPv6) for the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Specification</i>
U	✓	✓			RFC8201 <i>Path MTU Discovery for IP version 6</i>
	✓	✓			RFC4861 <i>Neighbor Discovery for IP version 6 (IPv6)</i>
	✓	✓			RFC4861 Section: 8 Redirect <i>Neighbor Discovery for IP version 6 (IPv6)</i>
N	✓	✓			RFC6437 <i>IPv6 Flow Label Specification</i>
N	✓	✓			RFC5942 <i>IPv6 Subnet Model: The Relationship between Links and Subnet Prefixes</i>
N	✓	✓			RFC6980 <i>Security Implications of IPv6 Fragmentation with IPv6 Neighbor Discovery</i>
N		✓			RFC7608 <i>IPv6 Prefix Length Recommendation for Forwarding</i>
N	✓	✓			RFC4191 <i>Default Router Preferences and More-Specific Routes</i>
	✓	✓			RFC4862 Section: 5.3 Creation of Link Local Addresses <i>IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration</i>
	✓	✓			RFC4862 Section: 5.4 Duplicate Address Detection <i>IPv6 Stateless Address Autoconfiguration</i>
	✓	✓		Extended-ICMP	support for ICMPv6 extended messages.
	✓	✓			RFC4884 <i>Extended ICMP to Support Multi-Part Messages</i>

Mandates support for optional feature

Groups requirements in logical / testable sets

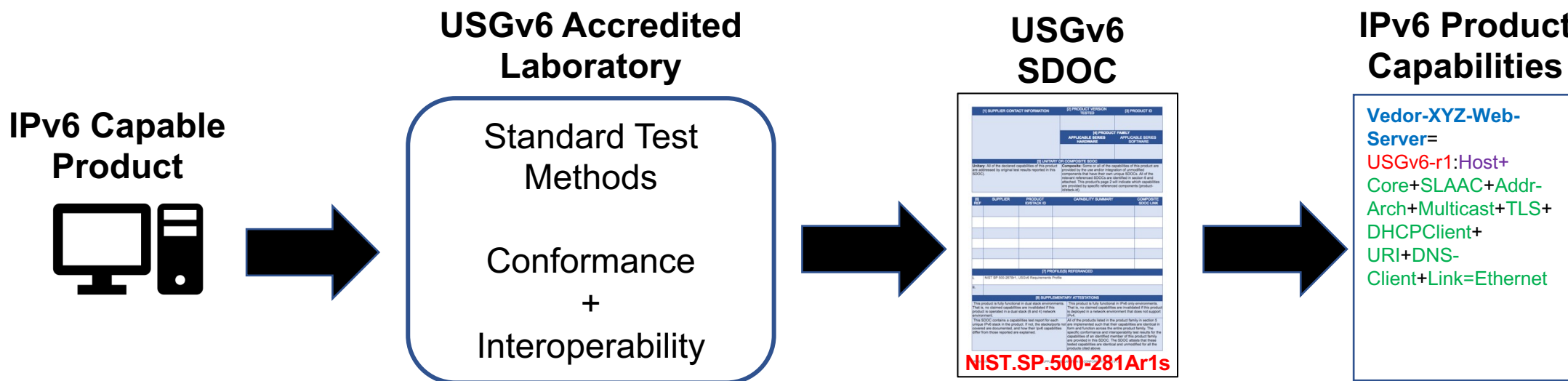
Establishing the Technical Basis for Trustworthy Networking

USGv6 Test Program

- USG defined and managed - operated by independent test laboratories.
- USGv6 Test Program committed to converge / harmonize
 - IPv6 Ready Logo Test Specifications
 - NIST and IPv6 Forum sign MOU
- Claims of compliance documented using Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)



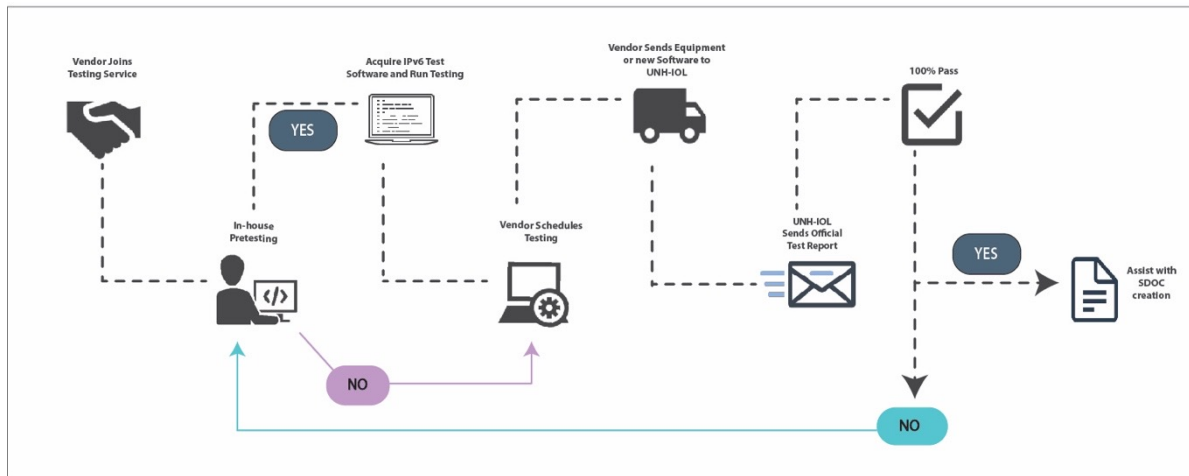
Establishing the Technical Basis for Trustworthy Networking



USGv6 Test Program

• USGv6 Tested Product List

- <https://www.iol.unh.edu/registry/usgv6>
- Hosts Tested (298)
- Routers Tested (142)
- NPDs Tested (34)
- ~1400 products tested for USGv6
 - Over 10,000 products listed.



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Laboratory

Company	Product Name	Type	Version Tested	Hardware	Software	Test Suites	SDoc
Cisco Systems	Cisco ATA 191 Analog Telephone Adapter	Host	12.0(1)SR1	• ATA 191 Analog Telephone Adapter	12.0(1)SR1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Interoperability v1.1 (29915) • Basic Conformance v1.2 (29913) • SLAAC Interoperability v1.2 (29915) • SLAAC Conformance v1.1 (29913) • Addr Arch Interoperability v1.1 (29914) • Addr Arch Conformance v1.2 (29912) 	View
Riverbed Technology, Inc.	Riverbed SteelFusion	Host	6.0.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SteelFusion Core: SteelFusion Core 3500 • SteelFusion Edge: SteelFusion Edge 2100, SteelFusion Edge 2200, SteelFusion Edge 3100, SteelFusion Edge 3200, SteelFusion Edge 5100 	Virtual SteelFusion Core 6.0 Virtual SteelFusion Edge 6.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Interoperability v1.1 (29579) • Basic Conformance v1.2 (29577) • SLAAC Interoperability v1.2 (29579) • SLAAC Conformance v1.1 (29577) • Addr Arch Interoperability v1.1 (29580) • Addr Arch Conformance v1.2 (29578) 	View
Microsoft Corporation	Windows Server	Host	Windows 2016 Server		Windows 2016 Server and all versions of Windows based on the Windows Server stack without any significant changes that would affect the performance of the IPv6 stack.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Interoperability v1.1 (29787) • Basic Conformance v1.2 (29786) • SLAAC Interoperability v1.2 (29787) • SLAAC Conformance v1.1 (29786) • Addr Arch Interoperability v1.1 (29789) • Addr Arch Conformance v1.2 (29788) 	View

USGv6 Testing & Reporting

<https://www.iol.unh.edu/registry/usgv6>

Detailed Conformance and Interop Results

- Standardized test suites, standardized reporting format.

Goal - Full Disclosure of IPv6 capabilities

- Report of capabilities that pass all conformance and Interop Tests
 - Red Hat REL 8.2 = USGv6-v1-Host: IPv6-Base+Addr-Arch+SLAAC+Link = Ethernet

Pragmatic Test Reports

- Some "near miss" capabilities are reported with notes as to what was missing / failed.
 - See IPsec notes on REL 8.2 IPsec deficiencies.

Company	Product Name	Type	Version Tested	Hardware	Software	Test Suites	SDoc
Red Hat	Red Hat Enterprise Linux	Host	8.2		8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Interoperability v1.2 (32133) Basic Conformance v1.3 (32132) SLAAC Interoperability v1.3 (32133) SLAAC Conformance v1.2 (32132) Addr Arch Interoperability v1.2 (32136) Addr Arch Conformance v1.3 (32134) ESP Interoperability v1.1 (32207) * Notes ESP Conformance v1.1 (32206) IKEv2 Interoperability v2.0 (32209) * Notes IKEv2 Conformance v1.1 (32209) * Notes IPsecv3 Interoperability v1.2 (32207) * Notes IPsecv3 Conformance v1.3 (32206) 	View

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Red Hat Enterprise Linux											Stack Id:		
Product Id:	USGv6-v1 Profile Requirements										USGv6 Testing Program Results		
Spec / Reference	Section	USGv6-v1 Profile Requirements	Context / Configuration	Supported Capabilities	Host	Router	NPD	Test Suite	Test Lab / Result ID, Note #, or	Test Suite Interoperability	Test Lab / Result ID, Note #, or		
SP500-267	6.1	IPv6 Basic Requirements											
		support of IPv6 base (IPv6, ICMPv6, PMTU, ND)	IPv6-Base	P				Basic v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32132	Basic v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32133		
		support of PMTU Discovery Protocol requirements	PMTU	P				Basic v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32132	Basic v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32133		
		support of stateless address auto-configuration	SLAAC	P				SLAAC-v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32132	SLAAC-v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32133		
		support of Creation of Global Addresses	SLAAC -GM	P				SLAAC-v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32132	SLAAC-v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32133		
		support of SLAAC privacy extensions	PrivAddr					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of stateful (DHCP) address auto-configuration	DHCP-Client					DHCP Client v1.* C		DHCP Client v1.* I			
		support of automated router prefix delegation	DHCP-Prefix					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of neighbor discovery security extensions	SEND										
SP500-267	6.6	Addressing Requirements											
		support of addressing architecture reqs	Addr-Arch	P				Addr_Arch v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32134	Addr_Arch v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32136		
		support of cryptographically generated addresses	CGA										
SP500-267	6.7	IP Security Requirements											
		support of the IP security architecture	IPsecv3	N				IPsecv3 v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32206	IPsecv3 v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32207, Note 1, 2		
		support for automated key management	IKEv2					IKEv2 v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32209, Note 3	IKEv2 v2.* I	UNH-IOL/32209, Note 3		
		support for encapsulating security payloads in IP	ESP	N				ESPv3 v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32206	ESP v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32207, Note 1, 2		
SP500-267	6.11	Application Requirements											
		support of DNS client/resolver functions	DNS-Client					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of Socket application program interfaces	SOCK					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of IPv6 uniform resource identifiers	URI					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of a DNS server application	DNS-Server					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of a DHCP server application	DHCP-Server					Self Test		DHCP Serv v1.* I			
SP500-267	6.2	Routing Protocol Requirements											
		support of the intra-domain (interior) routing protocols	IGW					Self Test		OSPFv3 v1.* I			
		support for inter-domain (external) routing protocols	EGW					Self Test		BGP v1.* I			
SP500-267	6.4	Transition Mechanism Requirements											
		support of interoperation with IPv4-only systems	IPv4					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of tunneling IPv6 over IPv4 MPLS services	6PE					Self Test		Self Test			
SP500-267	6.8	Network Management Requirements											
		support of network management services	SNMP					Self Test		Self Test			
SP500-267	6.9	Multicast Requirements											
		support of basic multicast	Mcast					Self Test		Self Test			
		full support of multicast communications	SSM					Self Test		Self Test			
SP500-267	6.10	Mobility Requirements											
		support of mobile IP capability	MIP					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of mobile network capabilities	NEMO					Self Test		Self Test			
SP500-267	6.3	Quality of Service Requirements											
		support of Differentiated Services capabilities	DS					Self Test		Self Test			
SP500-267	6.12	Network Protection Device Requirements											
		support of common NPD reqs	NPD					N1N2N3N4 v1.3					
		support of basic firewall capabilities	FW					N1_FW v1.3					
		support of application firewall capabilities	APPFW					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of intrusion detection capabilities	IDS					N3_IDS v1.3					
		support of intrusion protection capabilities	IPS					N4_IPS v1.3					
SP500-267	6.5	Link Specific Technologies											
		support of robust packet compression services	ROHC					Self Test		Self Test			
		support of link technology (ID-11) Link=Ethernet	Link=Ethernet	P				Self Test	Self Declaration	Self Test	Self Declaration		
		(repeat as needed) support of link technology (Link*)											
12	< Check HERE if this stack's DOC includes additional information about tested capabilities and options on an attached page 3 of notes.												
Level	Level of support for USGv6-v1 Requirements for capability.							Color	Indication of USGv6-v1 Recommended Level of Support for device type / stack role.				
	Blank - SDOC makes no declaration for this capability.								Indicates capability that is recommended as mandatory (unconditional MUST) in the USGv6-v1 Profile.				
	P - Passed required tests of USGv6-v1 requirements for these capabilities.								Indicates capability that is unusual for a given device type / stack role. Do not select without careful analysis.				
	N - See notes page for details on the level of support of USGv6-v1 requirements for this capability.								Indicates capability that is left optional / conditional by the recommendations of the USGv6-v1 Profile.				
	X - USGv6 capability not supported in product.												
Test Suite - Specific USGv6 Test suite used for test. See: http://www.nist.gov/usgv6/test-specifications.html											Note # - reference to a detailed note about this capability or result on attached page		
Test Lab / Result ID - Abbreviation of accredited laboratory and its local identifier for this test result											Component Ref - Supplier / Product / Stack ID of distinctly tested component that provides this capability.		

Suppliers Declaration of Conformity for USGv6 Products: Notes Page and Detailed Test Results Summary											USGv6-v1 SDOC-v1.10 Page 3		
Red Hat Enterprise Linux											Stack Id:		
Field 13 Note #	Spec / Reference	Section	USGv6-v1 Profile Requirements	Context / Configuration	Supported Capabilities	Host	Router	NPD	Test Suite	Test Lab / Result ID, Note	Test Suite	Test Lab / Result ID, Note	
1	RFC4301		Security Architecture for the IP	IPsecv3	M						IPsecv3 v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32207, Note 1	
Discussion: After receiving a valid unencrypted Packet Too Big message the DUT did not transmit an Echo Response packet.													
2	RFC4302		Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)	IPsecv3	M						IPsecv3 v1.* I	UNH-IOL/32207, Note 2	
Discussion: The DUT did not transmit a tunneled, fragmented Echo Request packet.													
3	RFC6114		Diffie-Hellman MODP group 24	IKEv2	M				IKEv2 v1.* C	UNH-IOL/32209, Note 3	IKEv2 v2.* I	UNH-IOL/32209, Note 3	

Increasing the Usability and Utility of USGv6

- **Example requirement statements**
 - See USGv6 Profile section 5 – Profile Usage Guidance and Examples.
- **Default requirement statements**
 - USGv6 Profile now specifies default definition of “IPv6 Capable” for several product types
 - USGv6-Capable-Host
 - USGv6-Capable-Router
 - USGv6-Capable-Switch
 - USGv6-Capable-NPP
 - USGv6-Capable-Application
 - SDoC now clearly identifies if products meet the above requirements.

USGv6 Profile Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) R1.0 NIST.SP.500-281Ar1s

[1] SUPPLIER CONTACT INFORMATION			
			Signature:
[2] PRODUCT VERSION TESTED		[3] PRODUCT ID	
[4] PRODUCT FAMILY			
APPLICABLE SERIES HARDWARE		APPLICABLE SERIES SOFTWARE	
[5] UNITARY OR COMPOSITE SDOC			
<input type="checkbox"/> Unitary: All of the declared capabilities of this product are addressed by original test results reported in this SDoC.		<input type="checkbox"/> Composite: Some or all of the capabilities of this product are provided by the use and/or integration of unmodified components that have their own unique SDoCs. All of the relevant referenced SDoCs are identified in section 6 and linked.	
[6] REF	SUPPLIER	PRODUCT ID/STACK ID	CAPABILITY SUMMARY
			COMPOSITE SDOC LINK
[7] USGv6-CAPABLE REQUIREMENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Host <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Router <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-Switch <input type="checkbox"/> USGv6-r1-Capable-NPP			
[8] PROFILE(S) REFERENCED			
i. NIST SP 500-267B1, USGv6 Profile			
ii.			
[9] SUPPLEMENTARY ATTESTATIONS			
<input type="checkbox"/> This product is fully functional in dual stack environments. That is, no claimed capabilities are invalidated if this product is operated in a dual stack (6 and 4) network environment.		<input type="checkbox"/> This product has been tested for the IPv6-only capability. This product is fully functional in IPv6 only environments. That is, no claimed capabilities are invalidated if this product is deployed in a network environment that does not support IPv4.	
<input type="checkbox"/> This SDoC contains a capabilities test report for each unique IPv6 stack in the product. If not, the stacks/ports not covered are documented, and how their IPv6 capabilities differ from those reported are explained.		<input type="checkbox"/> All of the products listed in the product family in section 4 are implemented such that their capabilities are identical in form and function across the entire product family. The specific conformance and interoperability test results for the capabilities of an identified member of this product family are provided in this SDoC. The SDoC attests that these tested capabilities are identical and unmodified for all the products cited above.	

USGv6 Revision 1 – Published!

- **Revision of the USGv6 Program**

- Split profile into generic and USG specific profiles.
- Update specifications to latest versions.
- Add new capabilities, including IPv6-Only.
- Simply the notation and use of the profiles.
- Simply the definitions of the testing program.

- **Extensive public review**

- 3 rounds of public comments (USG, DoD, industry).

- **Published November 2020.**

- <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/usgv6-program/usgv6-revision-1>

- **Specifications**

- **"NIST IPv6 Profile"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Ar1](#), November 2020.
- **"NISTv6 Capabilities Table"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Ar1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Profile"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Br1](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Capabilities Table"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-267Br1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Test Program Guide"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Ar1](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Suppliers Declaration of Conformity"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Ar1s](#), November 2020.
- **"USGv6 Test Methods: General Description and Validation"**, [NIST Special Publication \(NIST SP\) - 500-281Br1](#), November 2020.

“USGv6 Conformance” - Misconceptions

- **Products can’t “conform to USGv6 Profile”.**

- They can conform to a requirement defined in terms of the profile.
 - **USGv6-Capable-Host = USGv6-r1:Host + IPv6-Only + Core + Addr-Arch + Multicast + [SLAAC|DHCP-Client] + [IPsec|TLS] + Link=Ethernet**

- **Tested vs Approved Products?**

- USGv6 Test Program results in a report of claimed and tested IPv6 product capabilities.
 - **Having a USGv6 SDoC does not mean it is a USGv6 approved product!**
- It is up to users to examine the results and to see if they meet their acquisition requirements requirements.

- **FAR requirements**

- “Unless the agency Chief Information Officer waives the requirement, when acquiring information technology using Internet Protocol, the **requirements documents must include reference to the appropriate technical capabilities defined in the USGv6 Profile (NIST Special Publication 500-267) and the corresponding declarations of conformance defined in the USGv6 Test Program.**”

- **Defining Acquisition Requirements**

- Appendix A of the NIST IPv6 profile and USGv6 Profile contain numerous examples of Capability Summary Strings.
 - Specifying a CSS for a specific type of product effectively defines an approved product list.
 - Adapt examples to your needs.
 - **NIST-Laptop = USGv6-r1:Host + IPv6-Only + Core + Addr-Arch + Multicast + SLAAC + DHCP-Client + TLS + Link=WiFi**

Questions and Discussion

- **For more information:**
 - **USGv6 Program**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/usgv6-program>
 - **Internet Technologies Research**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/itl/antd/internet-scalable-systems-research>
 - **Trustworthy Networks Program**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/trustworthy-networks-program>
 - **Communications Technology Laboratory**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/ctl>
 - **Information Technology Laboratory**
 - <https://www.nist.gov/itl>

