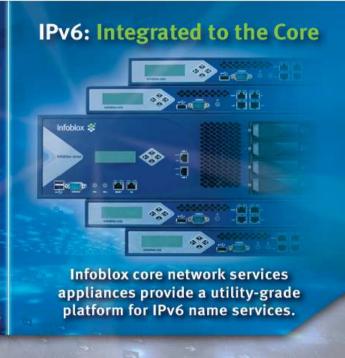


# IPv6 and Core Network Services: An Acquisition Guide

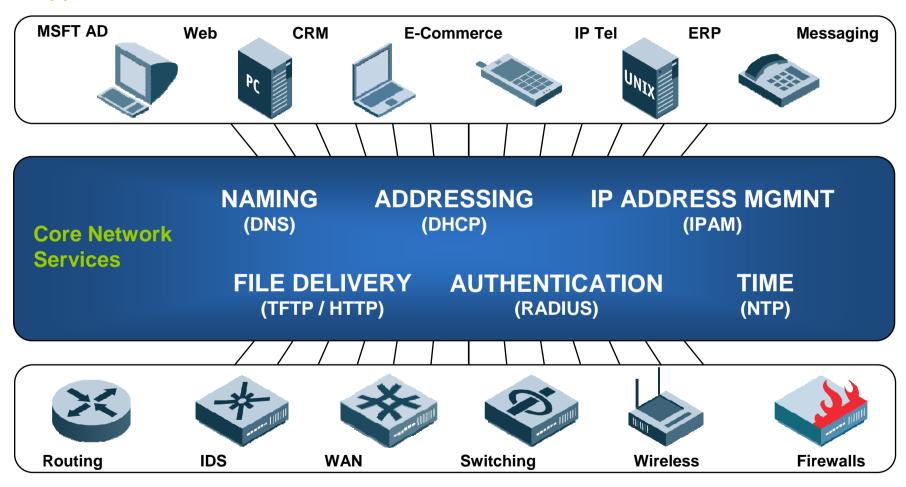


## Core Network Services – The "Glue" Between Networks and Applications





#### **Applications**



**Network Infrastructure** 

## **Infoblox Automates Core Network Services**



## DNS DHCP IPAM RADIUS FTP/TFTP/HTTP NTP MORE...



- Integrated core network services on hardened appliances
  - Central management and control
  - Enhance existing infrastructure, or build a new one

**SIMPLIFY** 

**FORTIFY** 

SAVE

## Infoblox Grid Technology Provides an Integrated, Resilient Core Network Services Platform



Grid: A collection of *member* appliances running one or more services (DNS, DHCP, RADIUS, File Delivery, etc.)

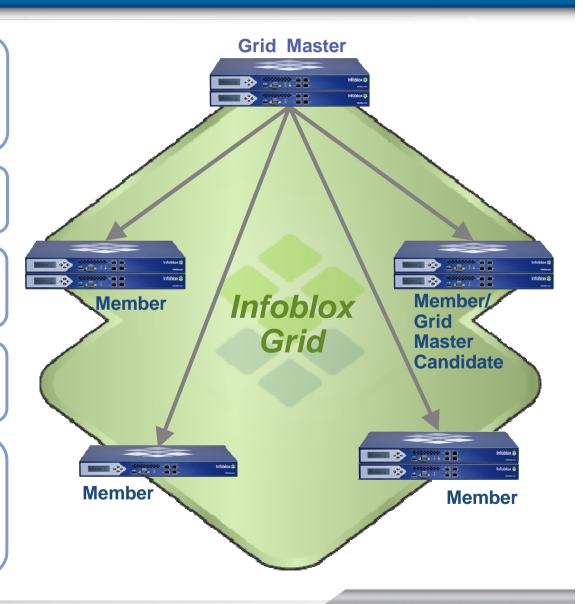
Coordinated by a *grid master* 

Sharing a distributed database

Communicating via an SSL VPN

#### Provides:

- Centralized visibility and control
  - Backup and restore
  - Monitoring and reporting
- Failover and disaster recovery



## Infoblox approach to IPv6





- The Infoblox approach has been to integrate IPv6 into the very core of the product
  - Not an "add-on"
  - Included in the core product, no additional licenses
  - All dialogs that accept v4 also accept v6 (with error checking)
- integration with DNS, DHCP and IPAM
  - Phase I
    - AAAA records
    - ip6.arpa zone
  - Phase II
    - Dual IPv4 / IPv6 network stack
    - DNS configured to listen on IPv6
  - Phase III
    - IPv6 Host and Bulk Host support
  - Phase IV
    - IPv6 IPAM
    - DHCP v6





- The volume of IPv6 addresses along with the length of the address demands better tools for DNS
  - Forward zone has AAAA record instead of IPv4 A record
  - PTR records are in the ip6.arpa zone instead of in-addr.arpa

```
$ dig @10.34.1.30 test-v6.lo0.net aaaa

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;test-v6.lo0.net. IN AAAA

;; ANSWER SECTION:
test-v6.lo0.net. 28800 IN AAAA fe80::20d:93ff:fef0:694e
```

```
$ dig -x fe80::020d:93ff:fef0:694e @10.34.1.30

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;e.4.9.6.0.f.e.f.f.f.3.9.d.0.2.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.8.e.f.ip6.arpa. IN PTR

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```





- Maintaining a forward and reverse mapping for IPv6 using vi(1) on db files won't scale
  - What are the chances you will mistake a digit in a PTR record when you type hundreds of these:

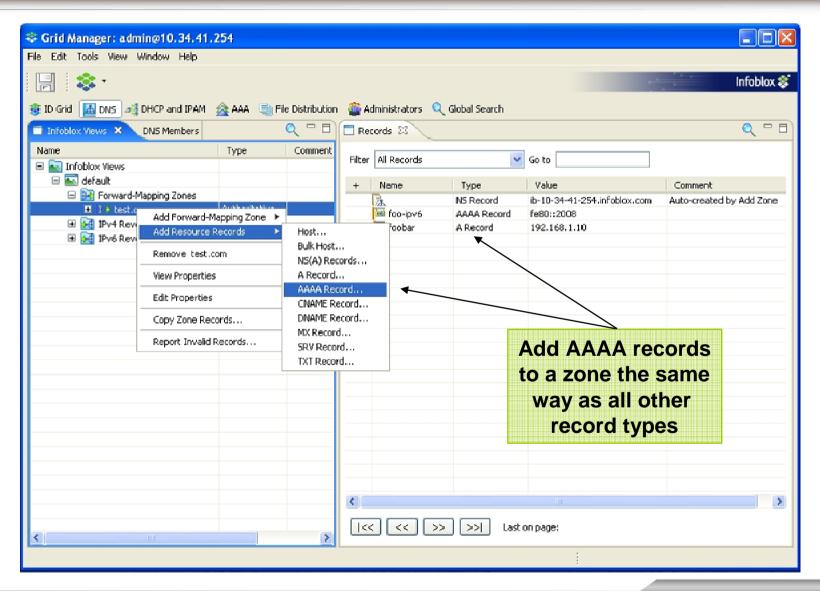
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Need easier ways to maintain forward and reverse mappings

#### **IPv6 AAAA**



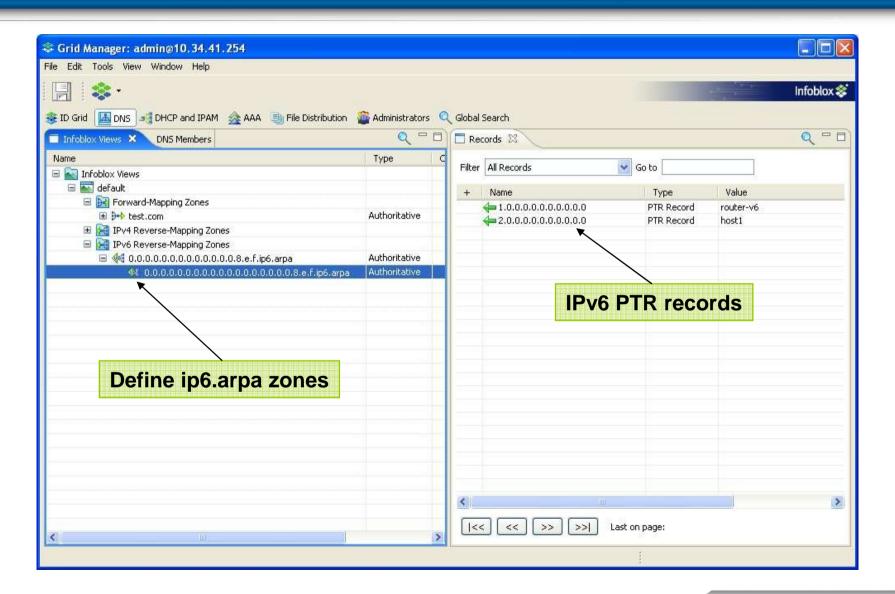




## IPv6 ip6.arpa







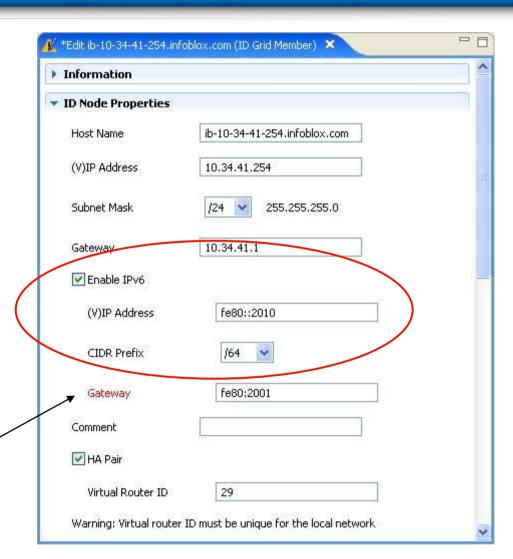
#### **IPv6 Dual-Stack Network Addresses**





 IPv6 addresses maintained across HA failover

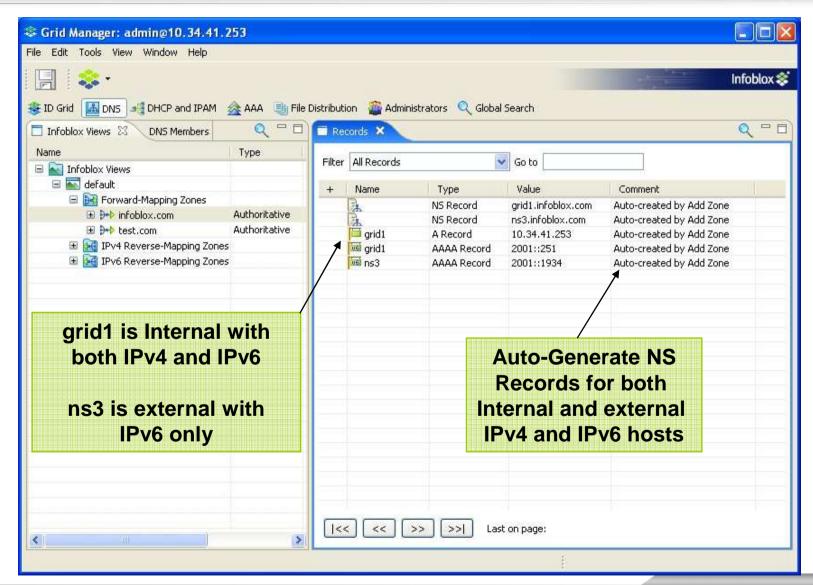
error checking to prevent incorrect or duplicate IPv6 addresses



## **Auto generated NS Records**







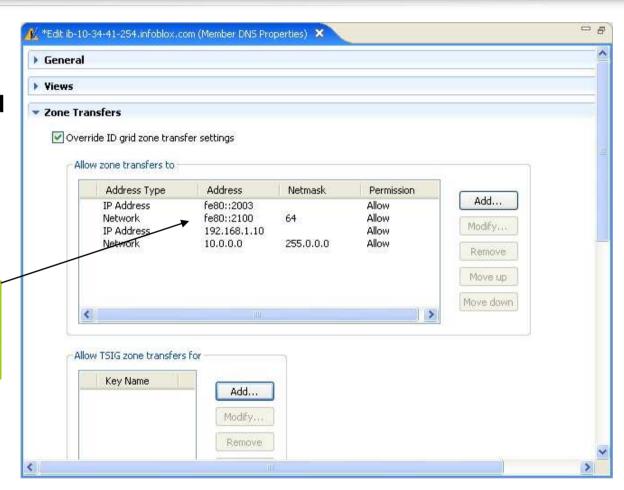
## **Integrated IPv6**





 Dialog boxes and options for DNS are the same for IPv4 and IPv6

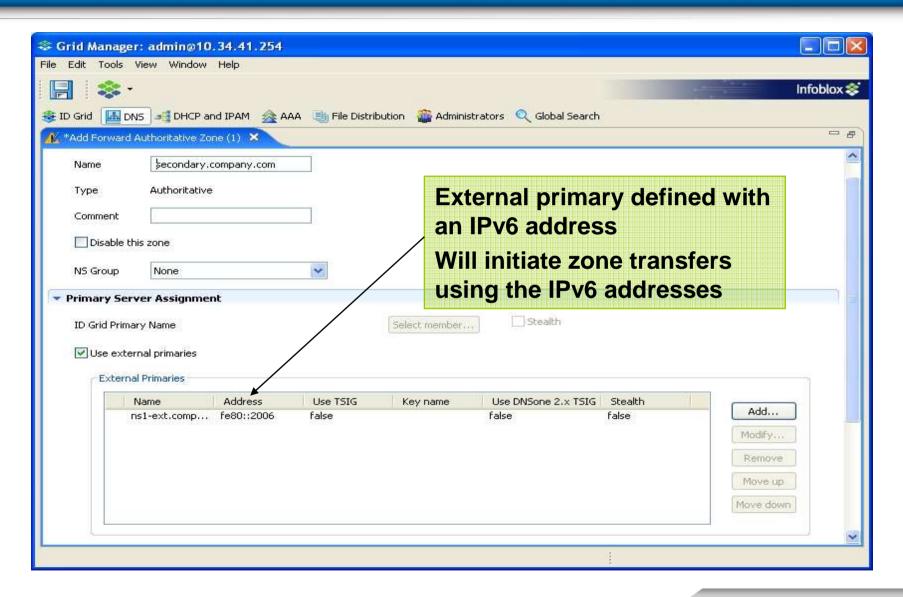
IPv4 and IPv6 addresses in a zone transfer access list



## **External Primary**



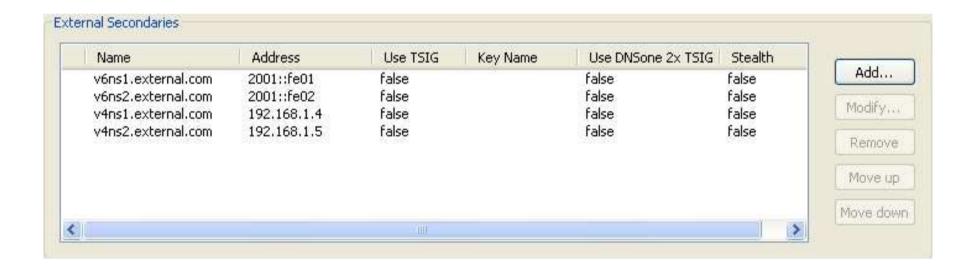








- NS Groups allow the admin to simplify and automate management of groups of name servers
- Can include both v4 and v6 servers



## **Troubleshooting tools**





```
Infoblox > ping
Synopsis:
 ping [ hostname | ip_address ] [ opt ]
      --[ opt ] is any of
                 numerical
                                      (avoid DNS lookups)
                                      (use src_addr as source address)
                 from <src addr>
                 vб
                                       (IPv6 hostname)
Infoblox > traceroute
Synopsis:
 traceroute [ hostname | ip_address ] [ opt ]
      --[ opt ] is any of
                 numerical
                                  (avoid DNS lookups)
                                  (use src addr as source address)
                 from <src addr>
                 ICMP
                                  (use ICMP ECHO instead of UDP)
                 v6
                                       (IPv6 hostname)
```

## **Troubleshooting tools**





Infoblox > dig @localhost infoblox.com ns

#### ;; ANSWER SECTION:

infoblox.com.	28800	IN	NS	grid1.infoblox.com.
infoblox.com.	28800	IN	NS	ns3.infoblox.com.

#### ;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:

ns3.infoblox.com.	28800	IN	AAAA	2001::1934
grid1.infoblox.com.	28800	IN	A	10.34.41.253
grid1.infoblox.com.	28800	IN	AAAA	2001::251

Infoblox > dig @localhost ns3.infoblox.com aaaa

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;; QUESTION SECTION:
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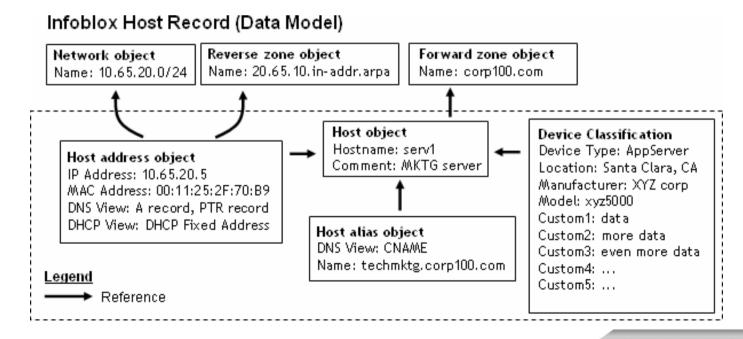
#### ;; ANSWER SECTION:

ns3.infoblox.com. 28800 IN AAAA 2001::1934





- Host objects are a "container" that has both forward records (A), reverse records (PTR) and aliases (CNAME)
- Host Objects link the records so that changes in the forward zone are automatically propagated to the reverse
  - Don't have errors typing A and PTR
  - Don't have errors forgetting to maintain both



## **Summary Buyer's Guide for IPv6**





### Vendor Criteria

- Committed to IPv6: solid current implementation and roadmap
- Provide a complete integration
- No additional costs or limitations

#### Technical Criteria

- IPv6 should be completely integrated
- Anything with a v4 address should also be configurable with a v6 address
- Need a way to "bind" the forward and reverse records DNS records to avoid mistakes and errors



