

Don't let IPv4 die

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Please allow me to introduce myself

- ▶ Freelance Consultant
- ▶ Linux, IPv6, networking, automation, ...



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I was not alone. Wolfgang Zenker is also send a mail starting a discussion.

There were questions

Eric V. asked:

“what did you drink this lunch time?”

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Not my ideas. Just put together what people told me over the years how the successor to IPv4 should look like.

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- ▶ <https://meta.stackoverflow.com/questions/348223/stack-overflow-not-reachable-via-ipv6>
- ▶ https://www.campusmanagement.tu-berlin.de/menue/dienste/kommunikation_internet/ip_adressendns/faqs/parameter/en/
- ▶ <https://ipv6excuses.com/>

Back in 2012

“When will the majority of the systems in the Internet be IPv6 only?”

A question we talked about around 2012. IIRC 2025 was among the answers.

Better question for today: “When will an IPv4 address cost \geq 100€?”

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- ▶ A year later “Well we just bought \$software which does not support IPv6”

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Discussion with the SE from \$vendor: “Your using IPv6 in production?”

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- ▶ If they do support IPv6 it often looks like they are not testing it

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The End



One very last thing



GitHub Network Ops @AS36459 · May 1

A bunch of us from GitHub will be at [#RIPE78](#) Reykjavik. Why don't you come badger us about IPv6?

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Replying to [@AS36459](#)

You'll be probably just waiting for somebody on the stage to complain about github not having IPv6 and then press the big red button and deploy it. ;-)

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Let's discuss