

### 1. Subnets

- (a) Discuss the difference between a classful network and CIDR.
- (b) When is the subnet mask actually needed?

### 2. IPv4 vs. IPv6

- (a) Discuss the differences of the Internet Protocol version 4 and 6.
- (b) How long does the address space last in case of IPv4/IPv6, when an address is assigned every pico-second.
- (c) How can the two versions of IP coexist?

### 3. IPv6 Tunnel

There are different tunnel brokers that provide your IPv6 capable system with an IPv6 address such that you can access the internet over IPv6.

- (a) How can this be achieved technically, even if the rest of your infrastructure at home or your ISP only understands IPv4?
- (b) Go to [www.tunnelbroker.net](http://www.tunnelbroker.net) and register for an account.
- (c) Create a regular tunnel on the website by providing your current IPv4 address.
- (d) Configure your machine as explained in the *Example Configurations* section.
- (e) Check that your configuration works, i.e. visit [www.wieistmeineip.de/ipv6-test](http://www.wieistmeineip.de/ipv6-test) or make a call to `traceroute6: traceroute6 google.com`
- (f) Capture some IPv6 traffic using Wireshark.

### 4. RIOT Networking

RIOT already provides a lightweight IPv6 network stack called 6LoWPAN. This stack can be used on different devices including a native Linux system by simulating link layer devices (network tap). To point a native RIOT process to a tap interface, you can simply append the numbered tap interface to the program call, i.e. `./bin/chatter.elf tap0`.

- (a) Create two tap network devices on your computer. A script in your local RIOT directory `RIOT/cpu/native/tapsetup.sh` helps you with that.
- (b) Take a look at the *sixlowpan* sample project. Create a new native project called *chatter*, which listens for IP packets and displays their content on the terminal.
- (c) Up to now, nobody sends you any messages. Expand your implementation, such that a chatter instance reads a line from the standard input, and sends the message to the other device.
- (d) Why does RIOT use 6LoWPAN and what is the difference to the IPv6 network stack on your computer?

**Note 1)** The current available version of the *sixlowpan* example has two bugs in the `init()` function. To fix them, take a look at the *strtok* documentation and use `TRANSCIEVER_NATIVE` instead of `TRANSCIEVER_CC1100`.

**Note 2)** The two nodes have to be configured properly to allow communication over IP. The easiest solution is to initialize both nodes as adhoc routers (`sixlowpan_lowpan_adhoc_init`).