Internet Number Resources
Key Internet resources

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IPv6 addresses
Autonomous System number
IPv4 addresses
Fully Qualified Domain Name

Internet
The IP resources management hierarchy

Internet Number Resources

IANA

AfriNIC

LIRs

ARIN

End sites (PI)

RIPE NCC

End sites (PA)

LACNIC

APNIC
IP resource management by region

Internet Number Resources

- ARIN
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| **Upstream**             | - Obtain blocks from RIRs  
                          - Hand to customers as part of service  
                          - Typical customer is a small ISP  
                          - Example – Internet of VSAT |
| **ISP**                  | - Obtain blocks from RIRs  
                          - Hand out to customers as part of service  
                          - Customers too small to approach RIRs directly |
| **REN**                  | Obtain blocks from RIRs  
                          Handout to universities |
Address Management Objectives

1. **Conservation** (applies mainly IPv4)
   - Efficient resource usage (avoid waste)
   - Allocations are based on demonstrated need

2. **Aggregation**
   - Limit growth of the routing table
   - Support provider-based routing

3. **Registration**
   - Uniqueness of addresses for each network
   - Helps with network troubleshooting
Why should an organisation get its own address resources?

1. Connect to more than one upstream (multi-homing)
2. Eliminate the need to re-number when you change ISP
3. Better plan and manage own addressing requirements
“Ownership” of IP resources

• Section 8 of the contract between AfriNIC and members:

  “NO PROPERTY RIGHTS. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the numbering resources are not property (real, personal or intellectual) and that The Applicant shall not acquire any property rights on any numbering resources by virtue of this Agreement or otherwise. ...“

  —AfriNIC could cancel the contract (and reclaim any resources) if there’s evidence of violation.
AfriNIC’s resource pool

IPv4
- 41/8
- 102/8
- 105/8
- 197/8

IPv6
- 2c00::/12
- 2001:4200::/23

ASNs
- 36864 - 37887
- 327680 - 328703
AfriNIC has issued about 38m IPv4 addresses since 2005
Resource Application and Membership
Resource allocation & membership

• Resources are only issued to members
  – As defined in AfriNIC public policies
  – Must be in good standing

• To request resources
  – [Existing member] – apply directly for resources
  – [Non-members] - apply for membership first
Types of membership

- **Local Internet Registry (LIR)**
  - Takes a block block from AfriNIC
  - Issues addresses to its customers
  - Typically ISPs

- **End-site (PI)**
  - Organisations that want provider independence
  - Not individuals
  - Referred to as “End-user” in policy documents
Membership advantages

① Request IP resources directly from AfriNIC
② Preferential admission to training workshops
③ Access to web portal for managing resources
④ Eligibility to vote for Board Members
⑤ Preferential access to our Public Policy meetings
Membership criteria

1. Incorporated in Africa
2. Possess IP network infrastructure in Africa
3. Individual (non-company) memberships not allowed
Supporting Documents

- Membership
  - Certificate of Incorporation
  - Proof of Address
Supporting Documents

Resources:

- Regulator’s license
- Agreements with upstream providers
- Proof of infrastructure purchase
Demonstrate an immediate requirement address space

- Existing ISP network infrastructure
- Customers

Prefix and numbering plan if planning to renumber from current upstream IPs

Minimum allocation size for ISPs: /22
IPv4 eligibility criteria for end sites

- Show utilization of at least a /25 prefix from current ISP/upstream OR:
- Show that at least 50% of total size requested is required immediately (0 – 3 months)
- Minimum assignment size for End-Sites: /24
IPv6 eligibility criteria for ISPs

✔ Plan to provide IPv6 connectivity to organizations in the AfriNIC region within twelve months.

✔ Plan to announce the allocation as a single aggregated block in the inter-domain routing system within twelve months.

✔ Minimum allocation size for ISPs: /32
IPv6 eligibility criteria for End Sites

- Either hold an IPv4 PI prefix or qualify for it from AfriNIC (under current policy).
- Must justify the need for the requested v6 space.
- Show a plan to use and announce the IPv6 PI prefix within 12 months.
- Minimum assignment size for End Sites: /48
ASN eligibility criteria

✓ Show a plan to be multi-homed.
✓ Have a routing policy.
Initial online application

Start

Read all relevant policies

Register at https://my.afrinic.net/registration

System generates RSA & ticket

A
AfriNIC organisational evaluation

1. AfriNIC Ltd evaluates membership
2. Eligible?
   - Yes: Courier original, signed RSA
   - No: C

The AfriNIC Membership Process
AfriNIC resource request evaluation

AfriNIC Ltd evaluates resource request

Approved?

Yes

AfriNIC sends pro forma invoice

No

B

C

D
Conclusion

The AfriNIC Membership Process

Follow-up

No

Invoice paid?

Yes

Membership approved and resources allocated

End

C

D
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