



Dual-stack Firewalling with husk

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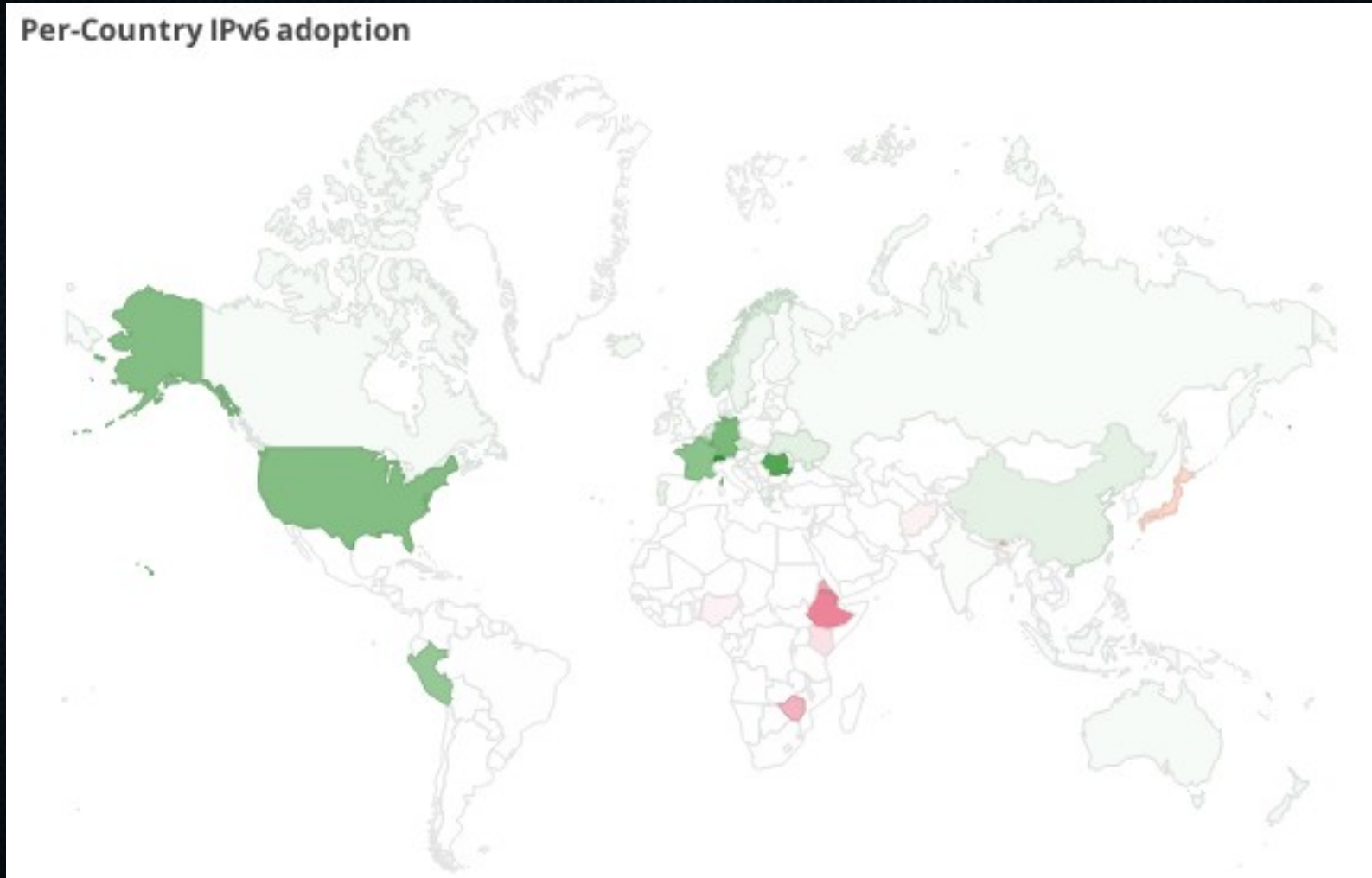
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- SysAdmin from Melbourne
- Personal Care Manufacturer
 - Implemented complete Dual-stack
- Previous role in managed security
- 4WD'ing & Fire-fighting

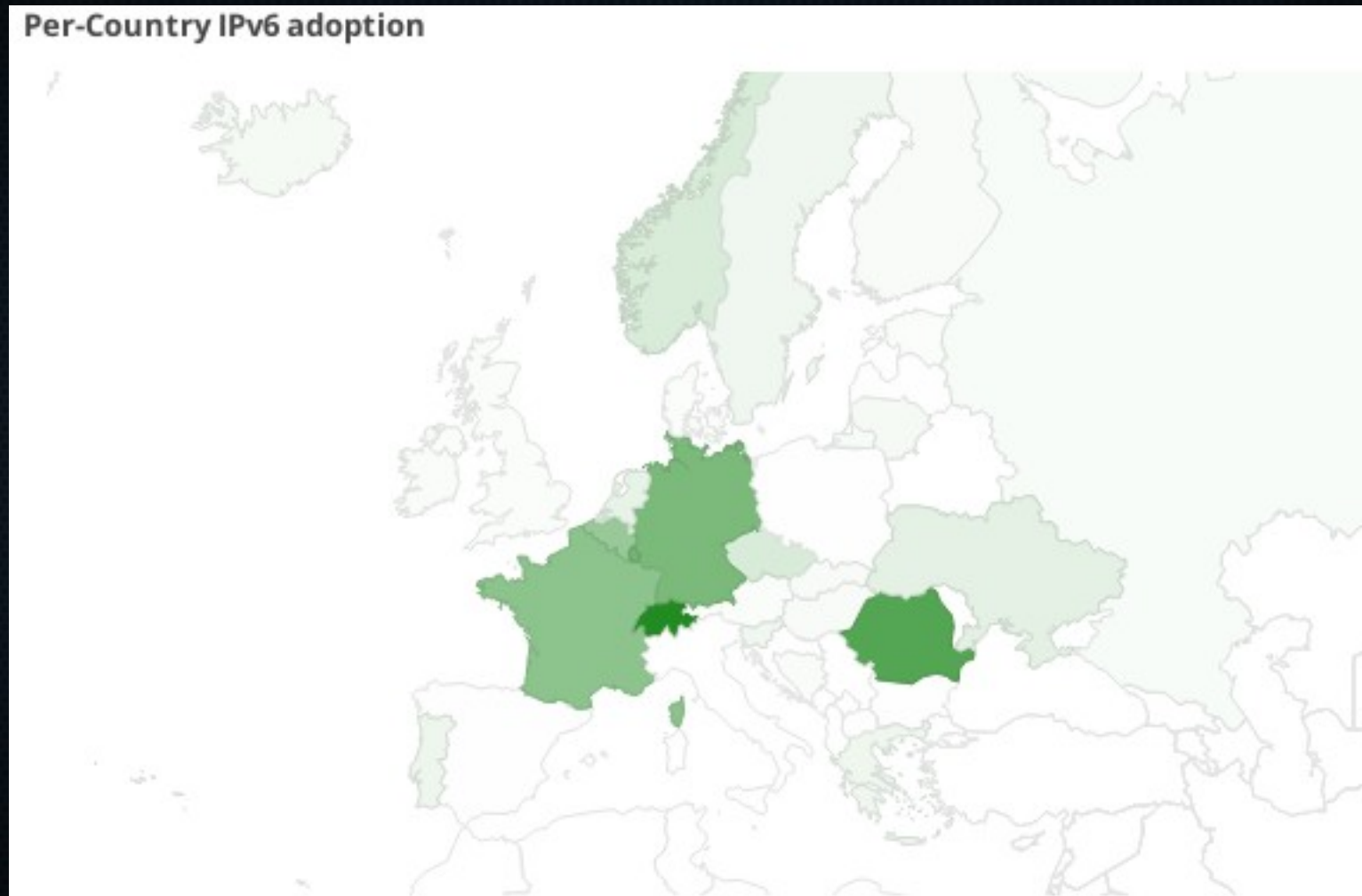
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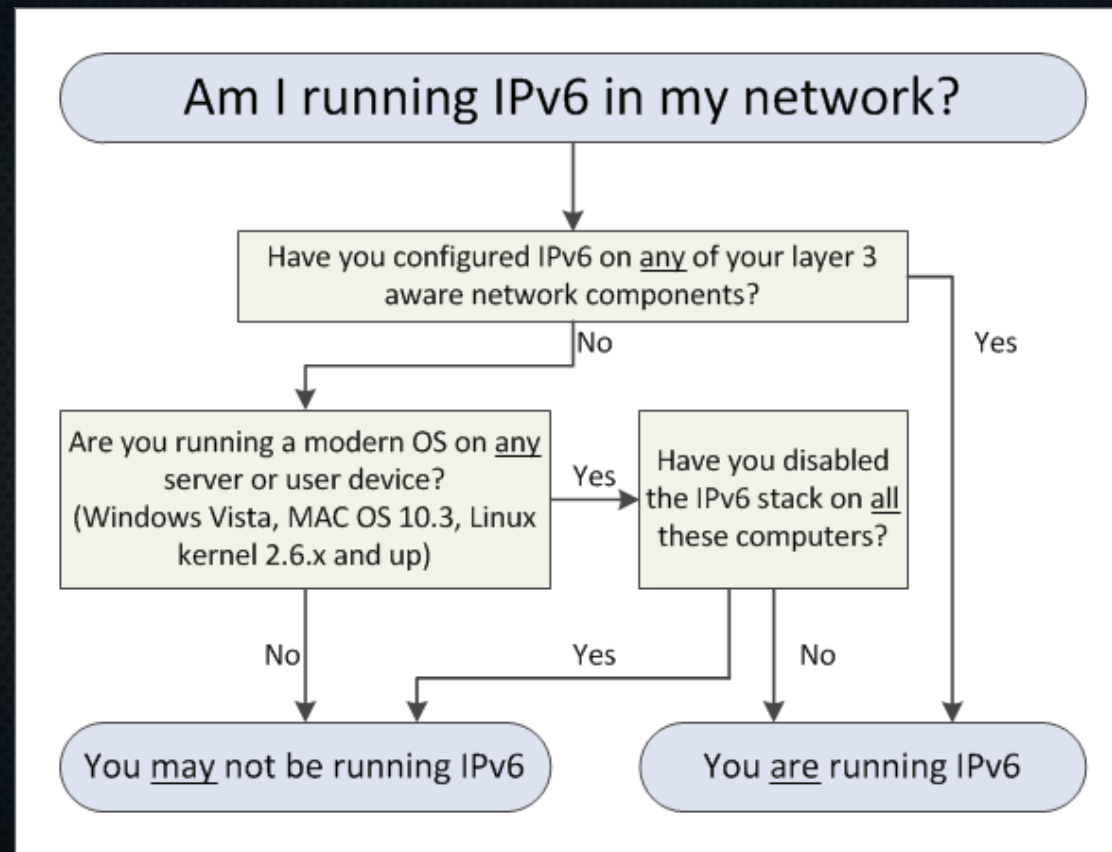
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Are you running IPv6?



IPv6 Challenge for Firewalls

Who has the attention span for this everytime?

```
# vi /etc/sysconfig/iptables
# *tap tap tap tap*
# vi /etc/sysconfig/ip6tables
# *tap tap tap tap*
# iptables-restore < /etc/sysconfig/iptables
# ip6tables-restore < /etc/sysconfig/ip6tables
# kill $(pidof me)
```

IPv6 Challenge for Firewalls

- That's hard.
- If it's hard, it won't get done.



- That's repetitive.
- If it's repetitive, script it!!



Husk

Sweet shell around the juicy core; like a coconut!

- ✓ Wrapper around netfilter
(*iptables / ip6tables*)
- ✓ IPv6 Support
- ✓ Perl (mostly)
- ✓ Only 2 Dependencies
- ✓ Custom DSL
- ✓ Fails Safe (*LOG and DROP by default*)
- ✓ Hooks (eg, *fail2ban*)
- ✓ Helpers



Husk is not...

- Complete abstraction
- Automatic
- Incremental



Fun Fact

Production Dual-stack Firewall

- 2,540 rules managed in 796 lines of configuration 😊

```
fw1 ~ # (iptables-save && ip6tables-save) | grep -c -- -A
2540
fw1 ~ # egrep -cv "^#|^$" /etc/husk/rules.conf
796
```



Custom DSL

- Flexible, human-readable and case-insensitive
<action> <match criteria>

- Examples:

accept in NET protocol tcp port http

vs

-A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp -dport 80 -j ACCEPT

drop in NET source address microsoft.com

vs

-A INPUT -i eth0 -s microsoft.com -j DROP



Custom DSL

- Multiport Example:

```
accept in NET protocol tcp ports http,https
```

vs

```
-A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp -m multiport --dports 80,443 -j ACCEPT
```

- NAT* Example:

```
map in NET protocol tcp port http to 192.0.2.100
```

vs

```
-t nat -A PREROUTING -i eth0 -p tcp -dport 80 -j DNAT --to 192.0.2.100
```



** Please don't do NAT. It kills unicorns.*

Custom DSL

- Also raw iptables rules

```
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -s 150.101.140.197 -j SNAT --to 1.2.3.4
```

```
ip6tables -A INPUT -m physdev --physdev-in eth0 -j ACCEPT
```



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Zones

- Give interfaces nice names
- Example:

ppp0	→	NET
eth1	→	LAN
eth2	→	DMZ
lo	→	ME



Helpers - Builtin

- NAT
 - Apply NAT to outbound traffic in zone.
 - Only applied to RFC1918 source addresses
- BOGON
 - Drop common IPv4 + IPv6 Bogon Traffic (RFC1918, CGN, LL etc)
- PORTSCAN
 - Common port scanning patterns
- XMAS
 - Christmas Tree Packets



Helpers - Custom

- Various helpers distributed with Husk
 - Active Directory
 - GoToMeeting
 - DNS
 - Email
 - ICMP rate-limiting
 - More...



Simple Example – Standalone Host

```
define rules SSH_OK
•accept source address example.com
•end define
•
•define rules INPUT
SSH_OK protocol tcp port ssh
•accept protocol tcp ports http,https
•end define
•
•define rules OUTPUT
•accept all
•end define
```



Simple Example – Router

```
define rules LAN to NET
reject protocol tcp port smtp
accept protocol tcp ports http,https
end define
```

```
define rules NET to DMZ
accept protocol tcp ports smtp,pop3 destination address mail.example.com
DNS destination address ns1.example.com
end define
```

```
define rules LAN to DMZ
accept all
end define
```



Simple Example – Adding IPv6

```
define rules SSH_OK
•accept ip both source address example.com
•accept ip 4 source address 192.0.2.123
•accept ip 6 source address 2001:db8::beef
•end define
•
•define rules INPUT
SSH_OK ip both protocol tcp port ssh
•accept ip both protocol tcp ports http,https
end define
•
•define rules OUTPUT
•accept ip both all
•end define
```



Simple Example – Adding IPv6

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define rules LAN to NET
reject ip both protocol tcp port smtp
accept ip both protocol tcp ports http,https
end define
•
define rules NET to DMZ
accept ip 4 protocol tcp ports smtp,pop3 dest address mail.example.com
DNS ip both destination address ns1.example.com
end define
•
define rules LAN to DMZ
accept ip both all
end define
```



Applying Changes

- Atomic Loads using iptables-restore and ip6tables-restore
- Logged to syslog

```
~ # fire
Compiling rulesets...
=> IPv4
=> IPv6
Saving current rulesets...
=> IPv4
=> IPv6
Running pre-hooks...
Applying new rulesets...
=> IPv4
=> IPv6
Running post-hooks...
Can you establish NEW connections to the machine? (y/N) y
Thank-you, come again!
IPv4: Loaded 470 rules in 47 chains.
IPv6: Loaded 419 rules in 46 chains.
~ #
```



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Husk Firewall

Questions?



<http://huskfw.info>

github.com/fukawi2/husk



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