

SAVI thoughts

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Complexity vs. Features

- Is it possible to handle hosts moving between switch ports?
- Is it possible to handle hosts that failover IP address between NICs?
- Note that DHCP-based approaches get no hint that a move or failover has occurred
- Perhaps there are simpler approaches that doesn't require hooking into DHCP

Straw-man

- To show that it should be possible to find solutions which have such properties
- To see how we can extend those towards more secure mechanisms e.g., when SeND is in use

First-come-first-serve SAVI

- Switch checks each packet against list of allowed IP addresses on the port
 - IP source address, but also
 - ARP source protocol address
 - Neighbor Discovery source/target
- If not in list for port, there are two cases
 - The IP address is in the list for some other port
 - The IP address is not in any list
 - Add to list for port (FCFS)

Conflict?

- Could be that the host moved to another port, or that the host failed over the IP address to another NIC/port
- Simply check if the IP address responds on the old port
 - Means sending one or a few ICMP echo packets.
 - If no response then we remove the IP address from the old port and add it to the new

Different failover schemes

- NIC bonding
 - One NIC at a time; IP address moves
- IP Multipathing
 - Both NICs active; IP address moves
- When both NICs are active a given source IP address could be used when sending packets out both NICs
 - That would be problematic with the strawman
 - And allowing that would be a security hole
 - Require configuration of the switch in that case??

Additional security with SeND

- Instead of ICMP echo send a unicast Neighbor Solicitation and wait for a Neighbor Advertisement
 - The signature would be verified as part of SeND

Additional security without SeND

Out-of-scope in current charter

- Purpose-built keys?
 - A key or tag (random number) associated with the IP address
 - Make ICMP echo reply include a key/tag
- Moves and failovers (including concurrent use of IP source address on multiple NICs) would be more secure
 - When conflict check that the same key is used in the ICMP echo reply on the new port
 - Also send ICMP echo on the old port to handle the concurrent use case

Next Steps?

- Should we make a internet-draft out of the straw man?