



# Mobile IP Advanced



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# Agenda

- Introduction to IP Mobility
- Mobile IP Technology
- Cisco Mobile IP Applications
- Summary and References

# “Mobility” in the Context

## The First Impression?



# “Mobility” in the Context

**The First Impression? In the Context...**

**Common Related Buzz Words**



**Where? Location**

**Nomadic**



**What? Type**

**Portability**



**How? Movement**

**Roaming**



# Mobility in the IP Networking World



**Enables  
Continuous  
Application and  
Service Access  
over IP Networks**

**Regardless of  
Location, Type of  
Devices, and  
Movement**



**IP Networks**

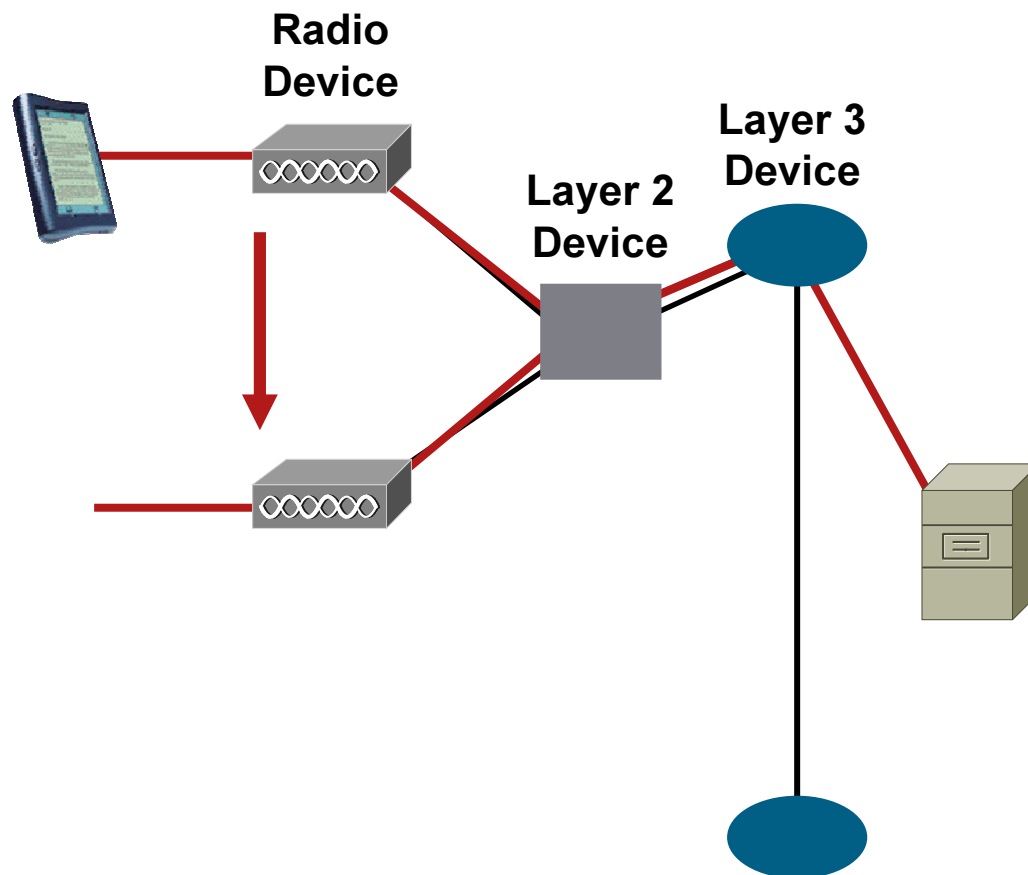
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**Services**

**Internet**

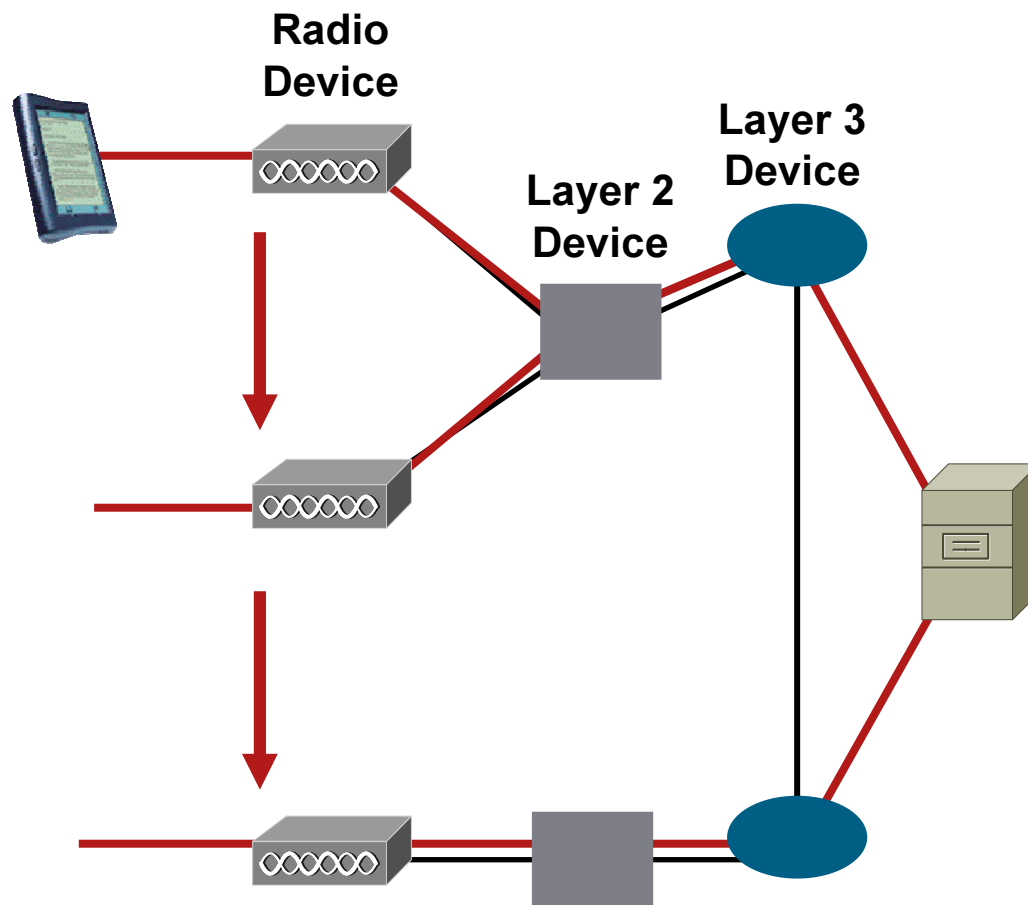
# Layer 2 Mobility

- Movement within a Layer 3 boundary
- IP address does not change
- Application continuity is maintained
- An example is Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP) defined in IEEE



# Layer 3 Mobility

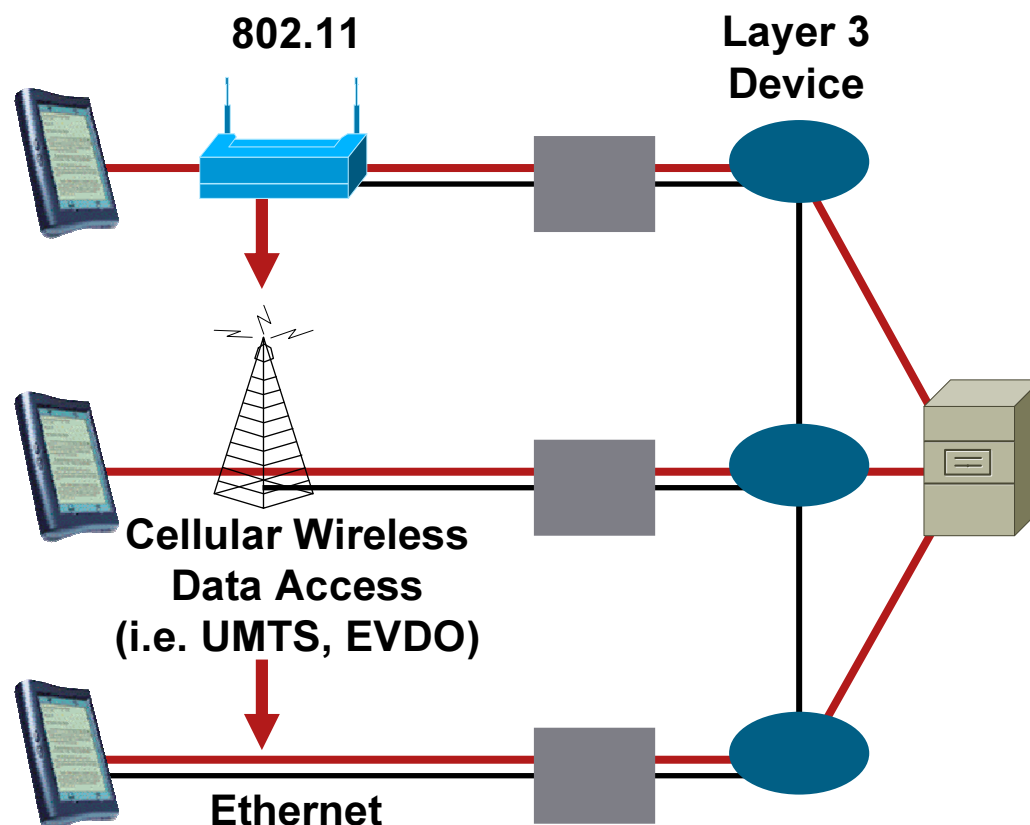
- Movement across Layer 3 boundaries
- “IP address” is changed
- Application continuity is maintained even if it is across a Layer 3 boundary
- Examples are
  - LWAPP in WLAN
  - GTP in GPRS
  - Mobile IP in 1xRTT



LWAPP: Lightweight Access Point Protocol  
GTP: GPRS Tunneling Protocol  
1xRTT: One Time Radio Transmission Technology

# Multi-Access Mobility

- Movement across different types of access networks
- “IP address” is changed
- Application continuity is maintained even a Layer 3 boundary and an access network are across
- Examples are
  - Mobile IP defined in IETF standard
  - Vendor proprietary protocols



# IP Mobility in Our Context

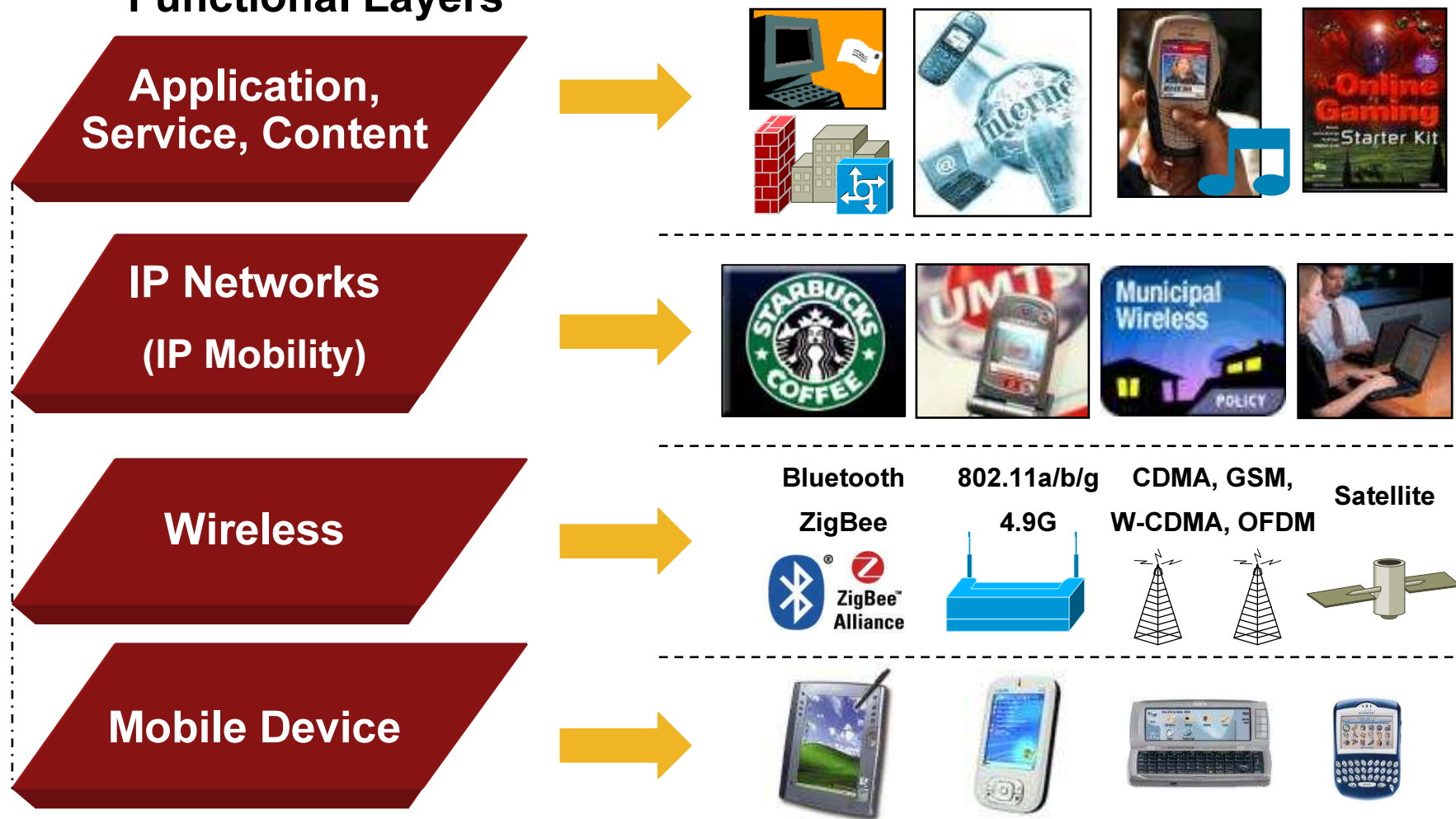
- L3 Mobility +



## Design to Fit?

# Mobile Wireless Service Framework

## Mobile Wireless Service Functional Layers

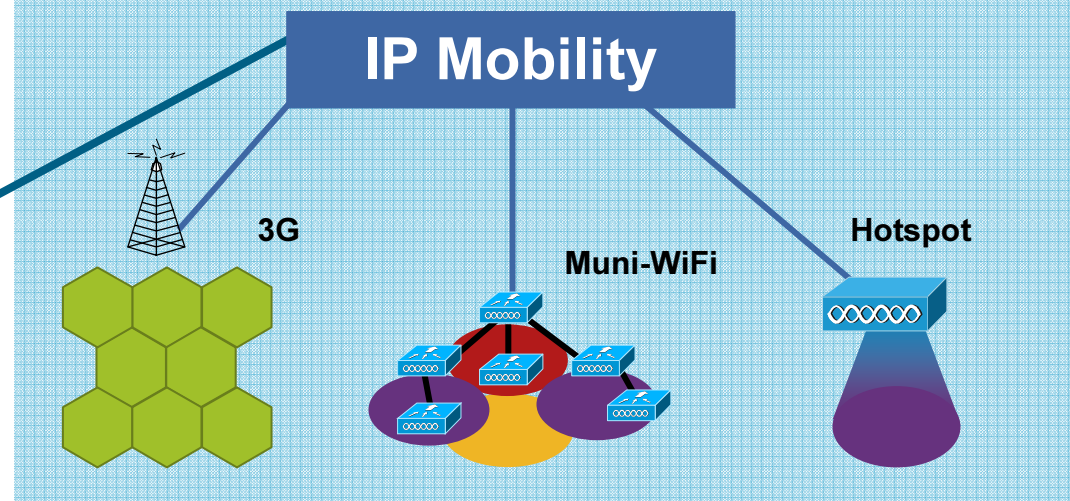


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- Enhance usability and effectiveness
- Enable new services and applications

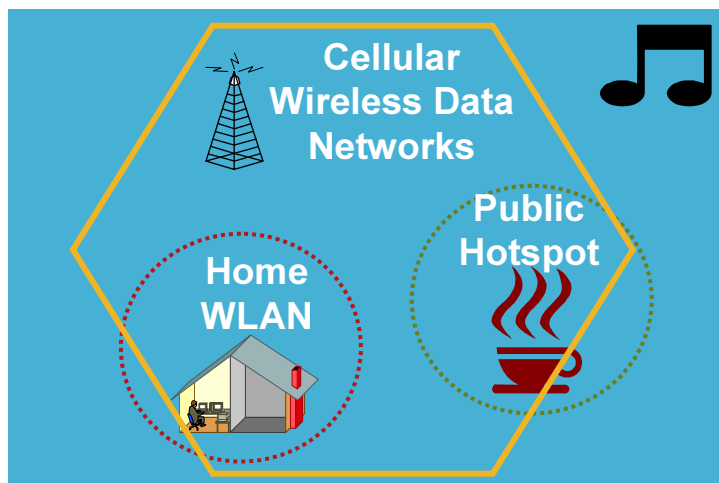
- Wider is perceived better, but...
  - Cost for perfection
  - Bandwidth vs. coverage
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Extending Coverage  
Can Be Simple

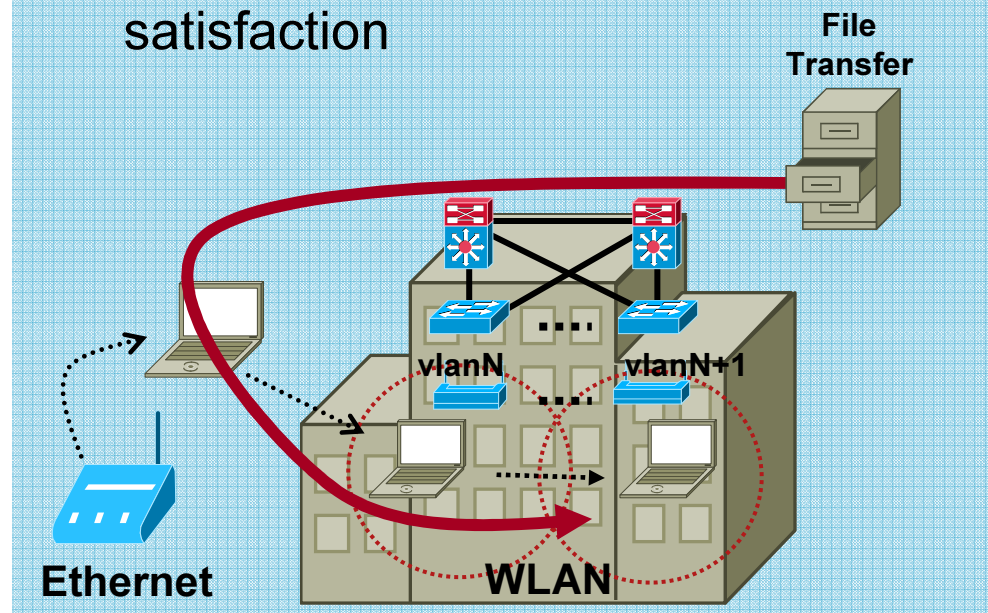


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- Always-on and uninterrupted network and application operations
- Hidden network complexity from users
- Better user and customer satisfaction





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- Seamless Internet roaming
- Secure mobile VPN access
- Remote mobile office
  - Push software updates
  - Dispatch call and data
  - Fleet management
- Video surveillance
- Internet access for passenger

Oil Company



Utility Workers



Public Safety



Knowledge Workers



Transportation



# Mobile IP

## An IP Mobility Technology



# Mobile IP Concept: The Problems

Assume the IP Address Is Unchanged

5.5.5.1

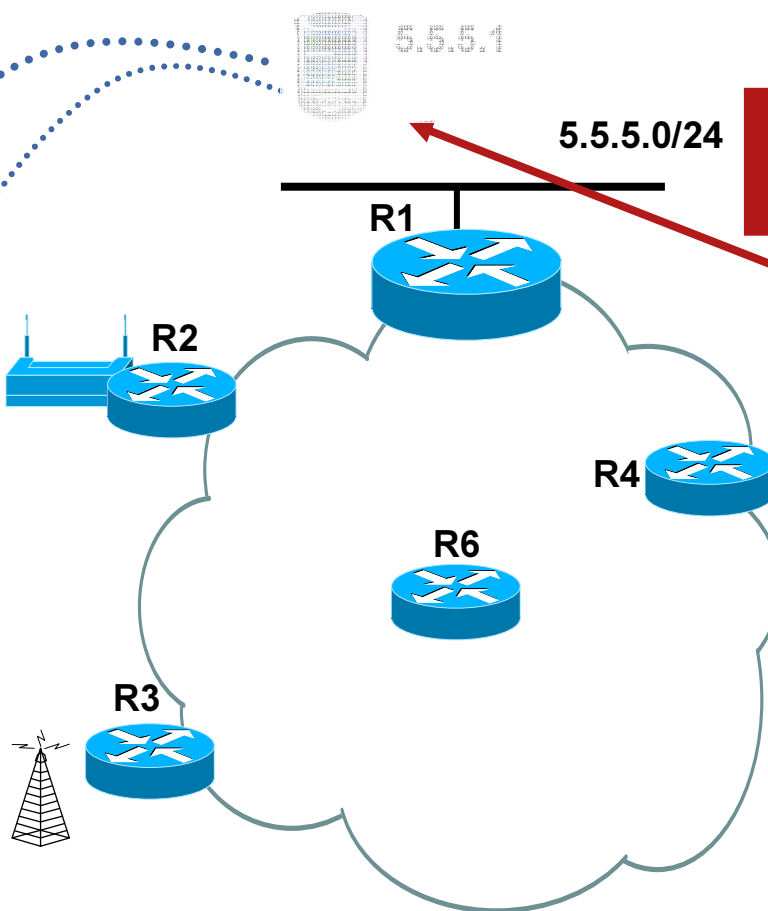


IPCP a New Local IP Address

3.3.3.1



IPCP



When Going Unwired...

5.5.5.0/24 → R1

**Problem 1:**



Network Continues to Route Traffic to R1 Which Is Dropped

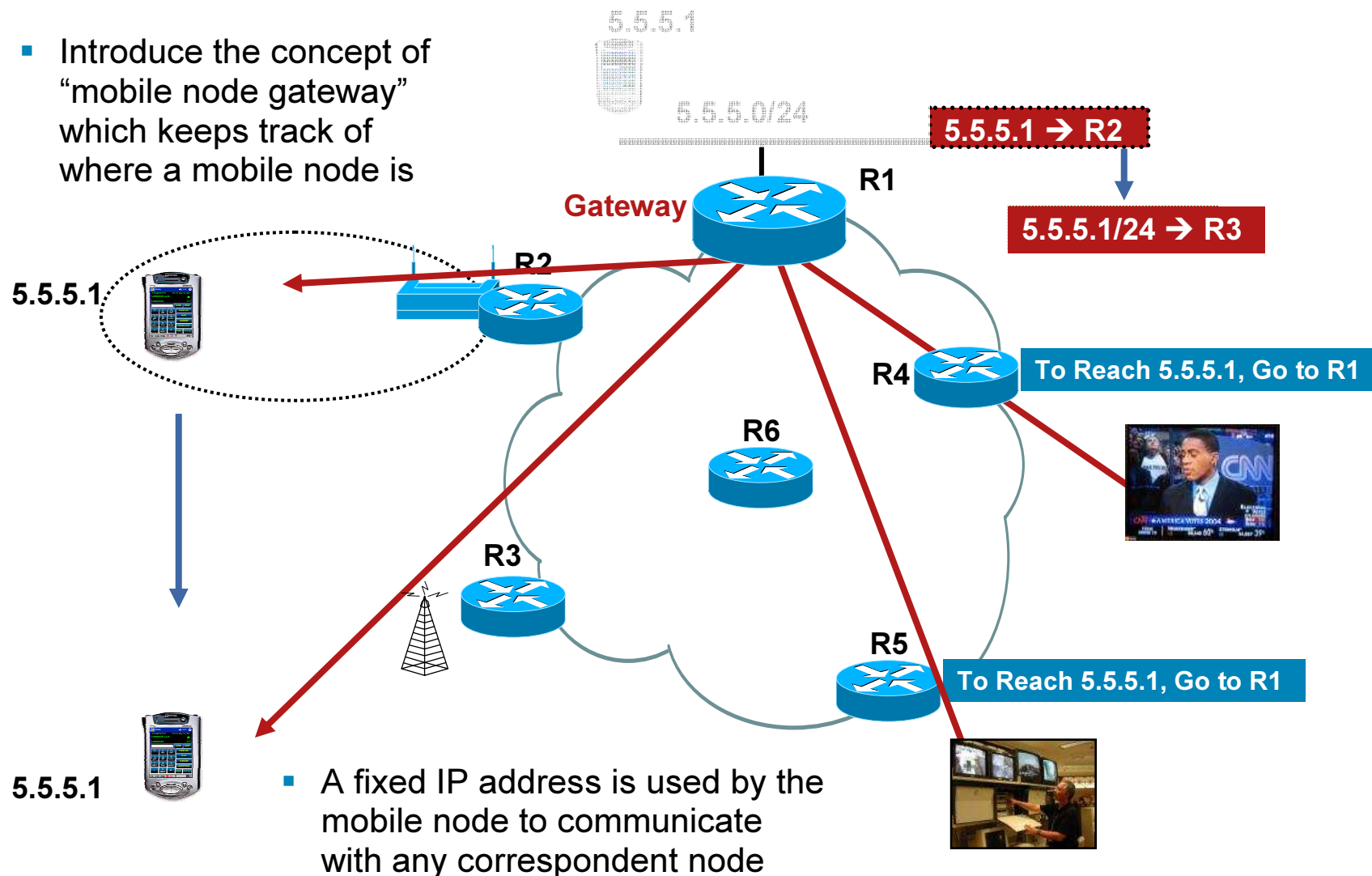
**Problem 2:**

TCP/IP Points to 5.5.5.1

App
TCP
IP 5.5.5.1

# Mobile IP Concept: The Basics

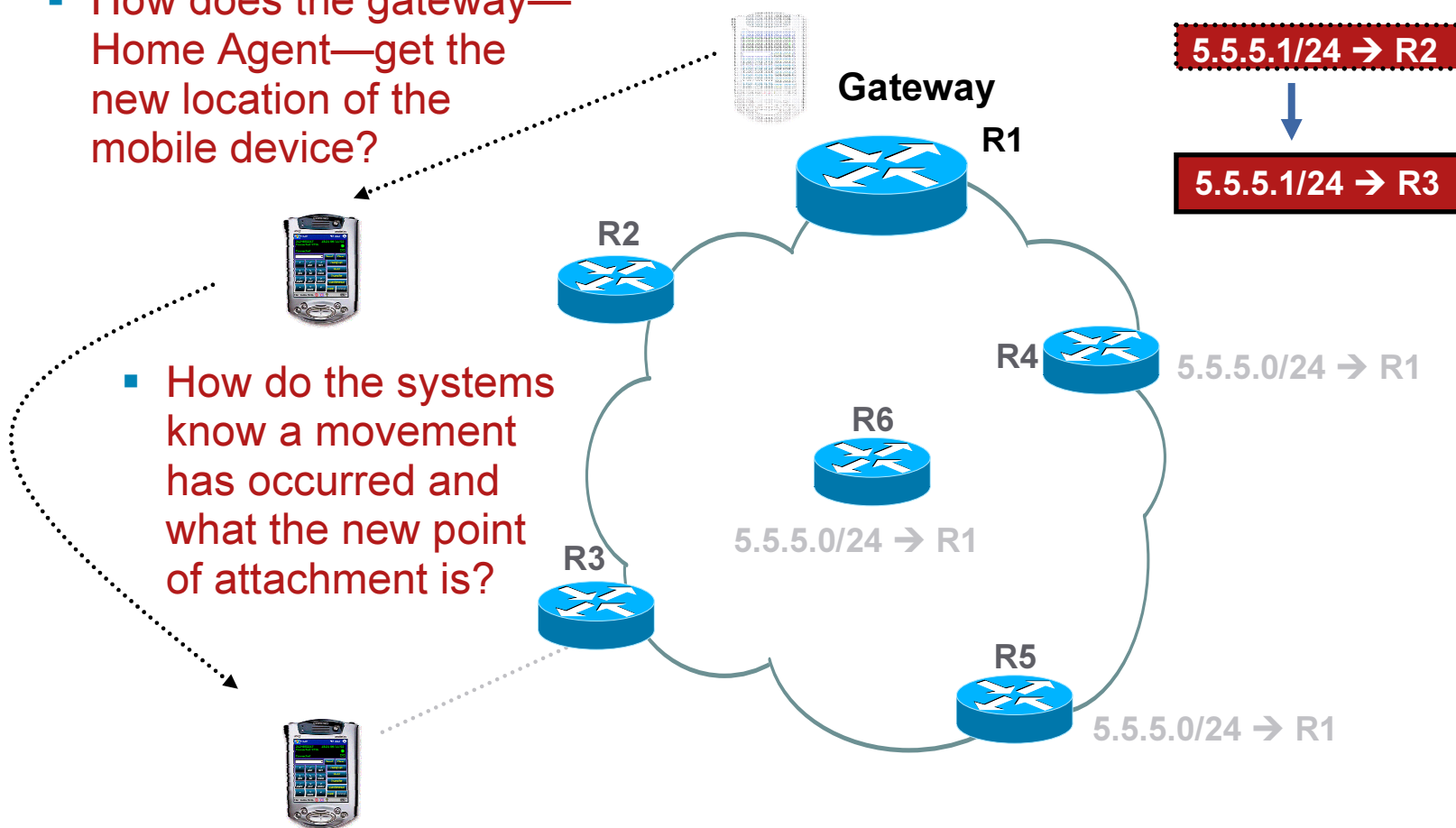
- Introduce the concept of “mobile node gateway” which keeps track of where a mobile node is



# Mobile IP Concept: Protocol Operation Requirements

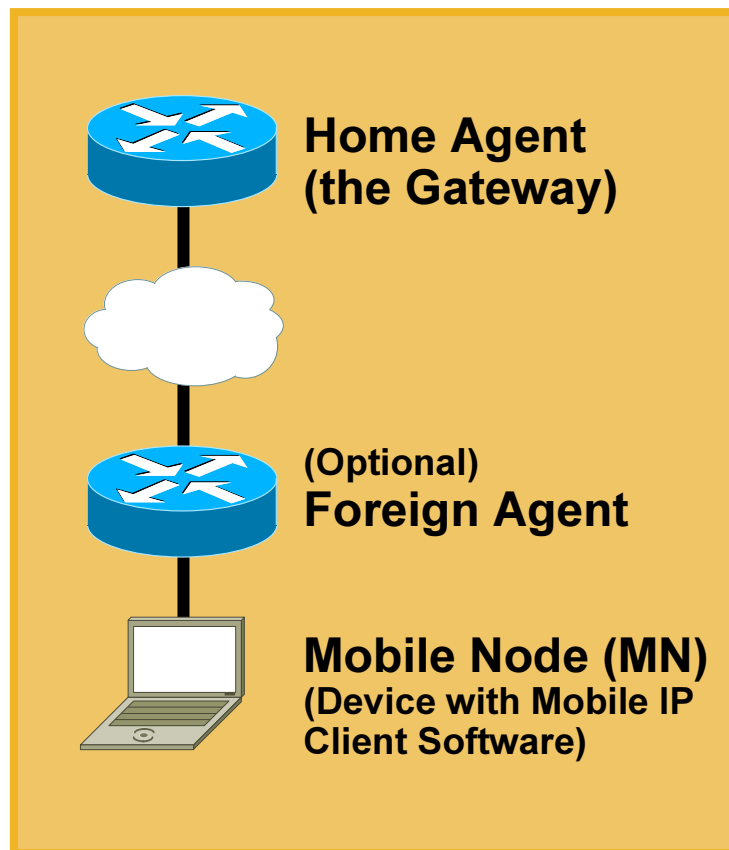
- How does the gateway—Home Agent—get the new location of the mobile device?

- How do the systems know a movement has occurred and what the new point of attachment is?

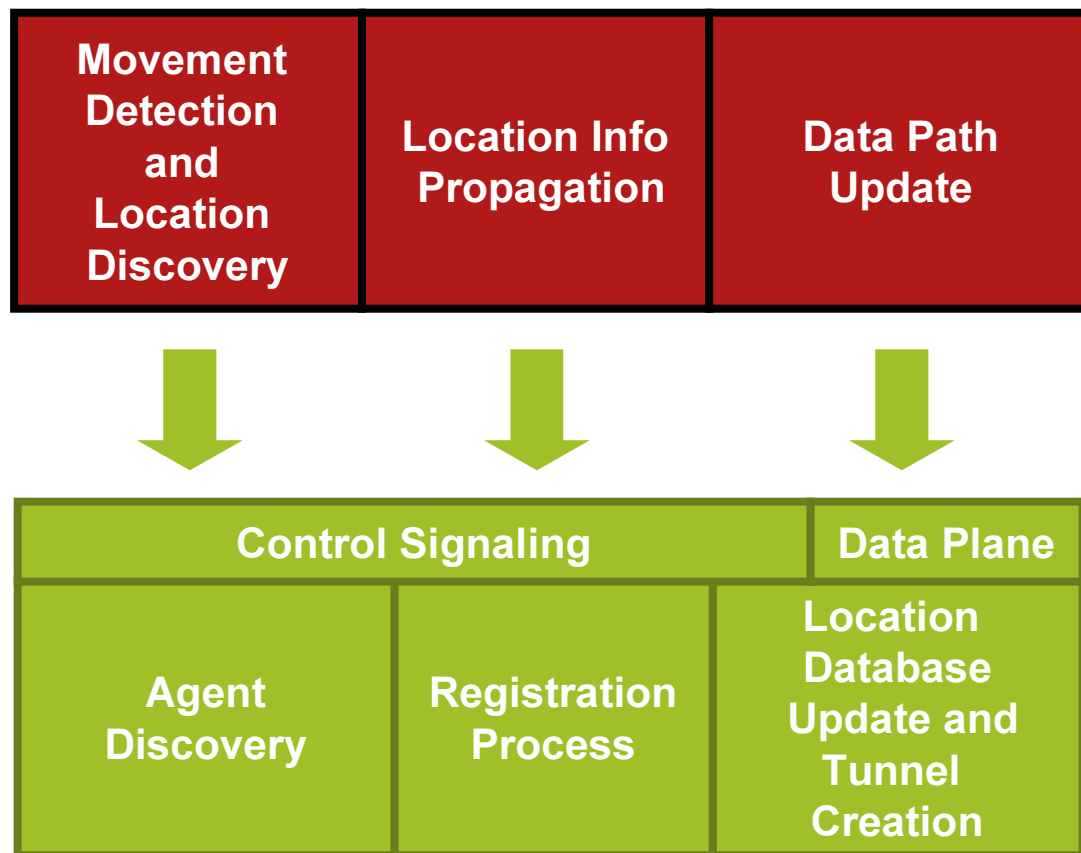


# Mobile IP Protocol Components

## Hardware Components



## Conceptual Level

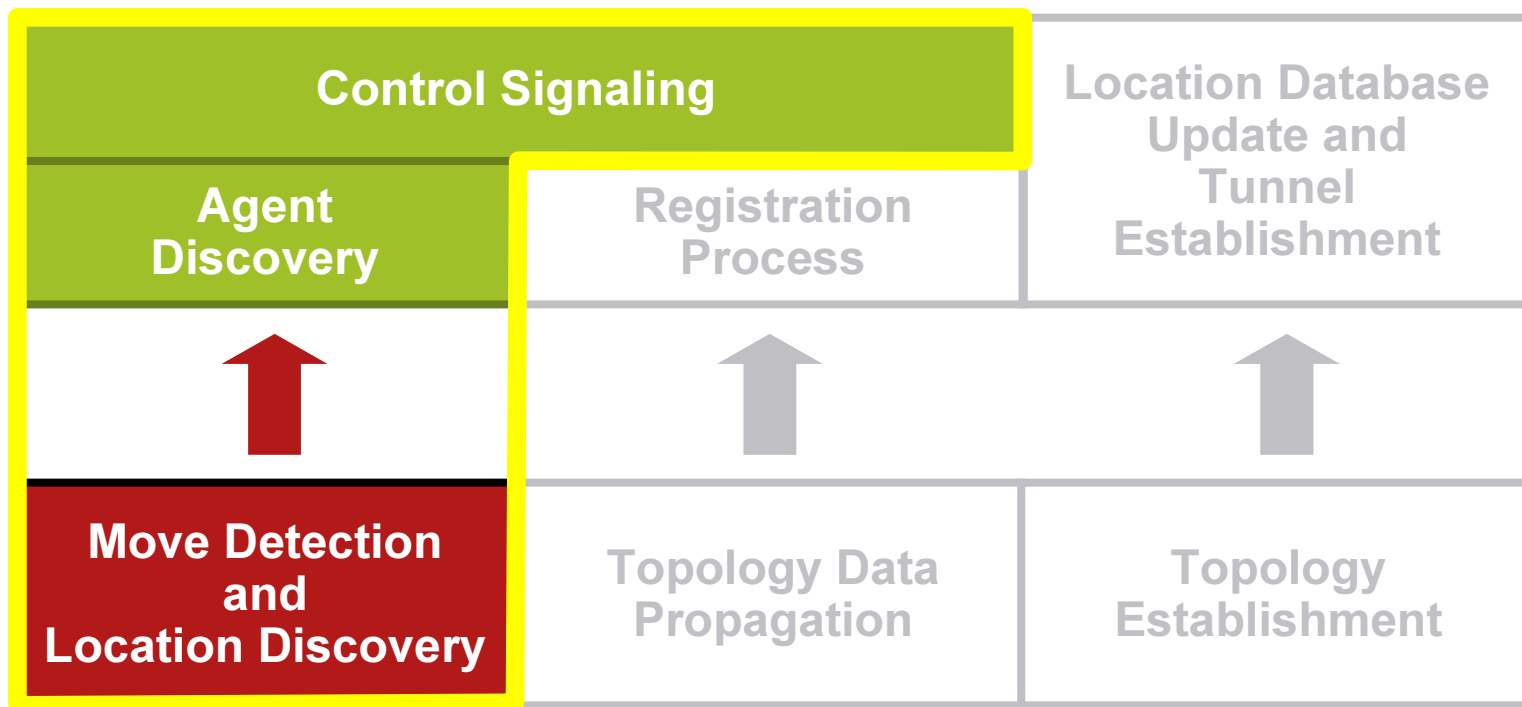


## Software Components

# Mobile IP Protocol Details



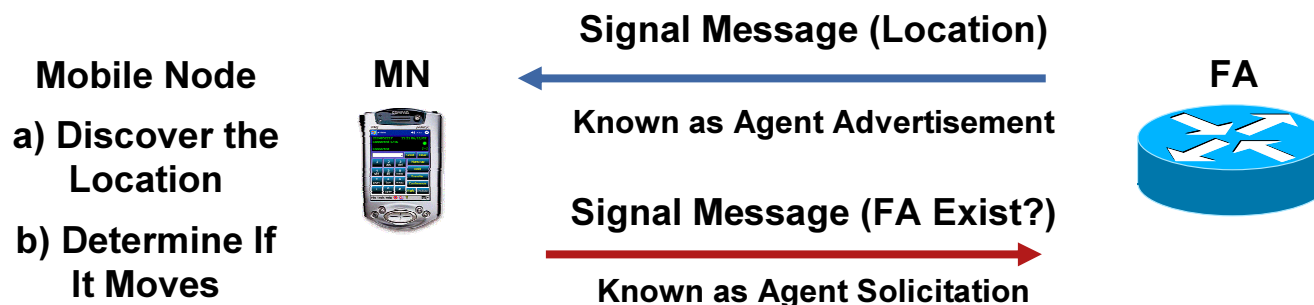
# Movement Detection and Location Discovery





# Movement Detection and Location Discovery Overview

- Performed by the mobile node with assistance from networks
- Foreign Agent sends out a signal message including the location information
- Mobile node evaluates the message to detect its movement and discover its location
- Mobile node can send a signal message to seek a foreign agent



# Agent Advertisements Message Format

- What?

An ICMP packet with  
Mobility Agent extension

- Who?

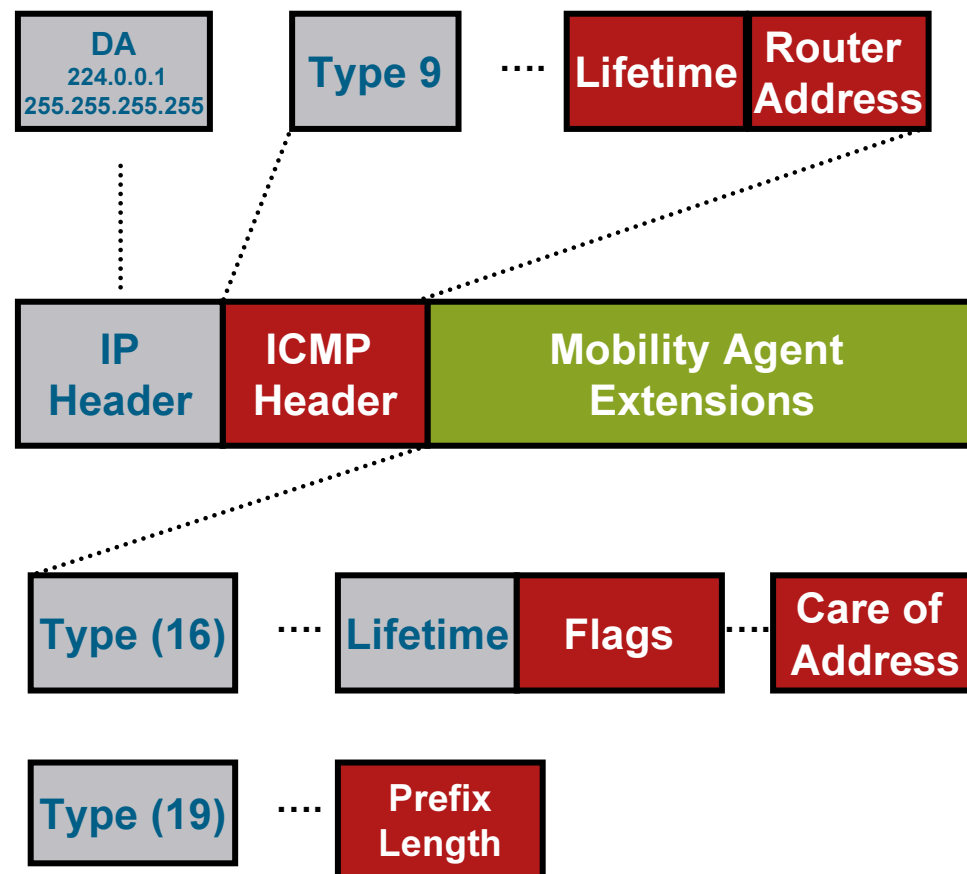
Used by home agent  
and foreign agent

Determined by Flags

- When?

Periodically sent

Or response a  
solicitation from MN



# “How” Does Movement Detection Work?

- Lifetime Expiration (in ICMP Header)**

If not receiving another advertisement from the announced window, MN thinks it has moved

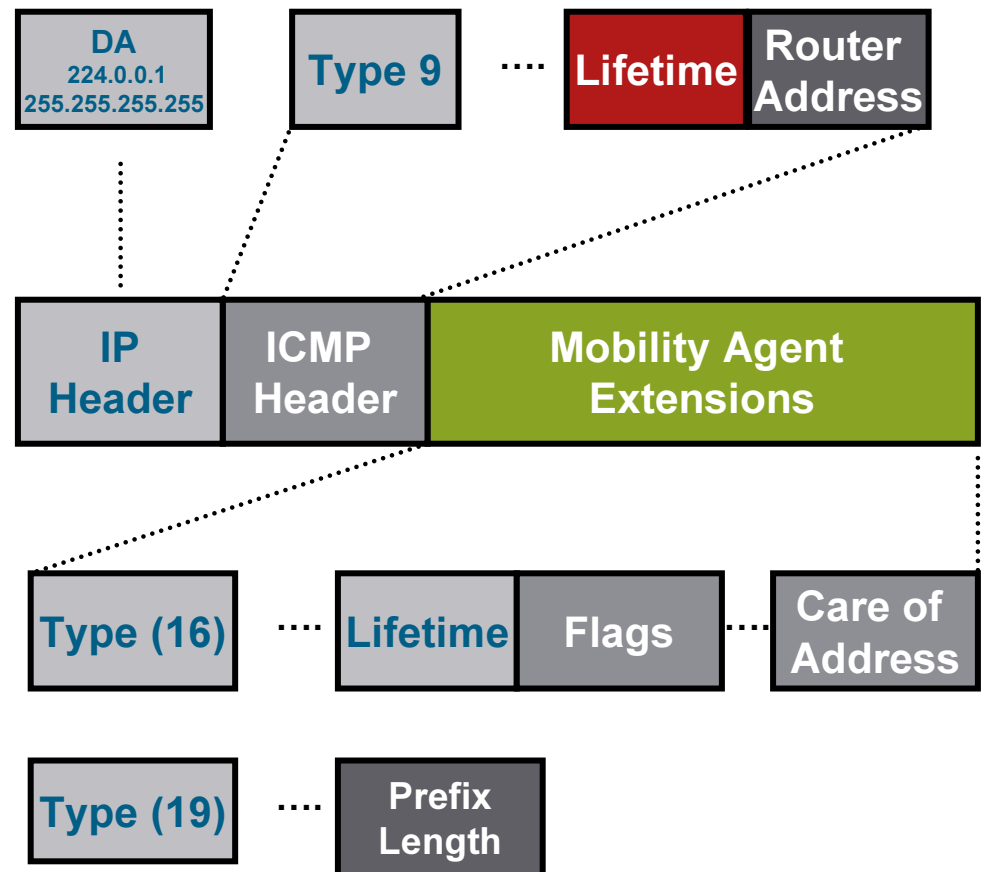
- Prefix Length Extension**

If this FA is on a different subnet, we must have moved

## Example:

Agent	Router Addr	Prefix	Subnet
Existing	2.2.2.1	24	2.2.2.0
New	2.2.3.1	24	2.2.3.0

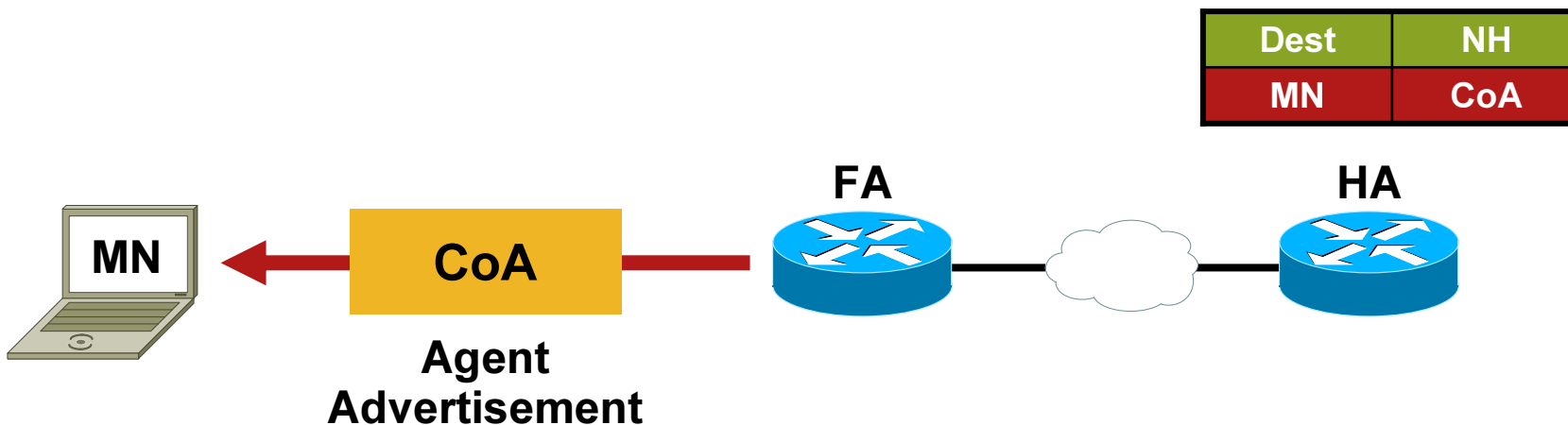
**Not Equal → Movement Detected**



# “How” Does Location Discover Work?

- Care-of-Address (CoA)

Any address on a FA (the first hop router or known as an access router)



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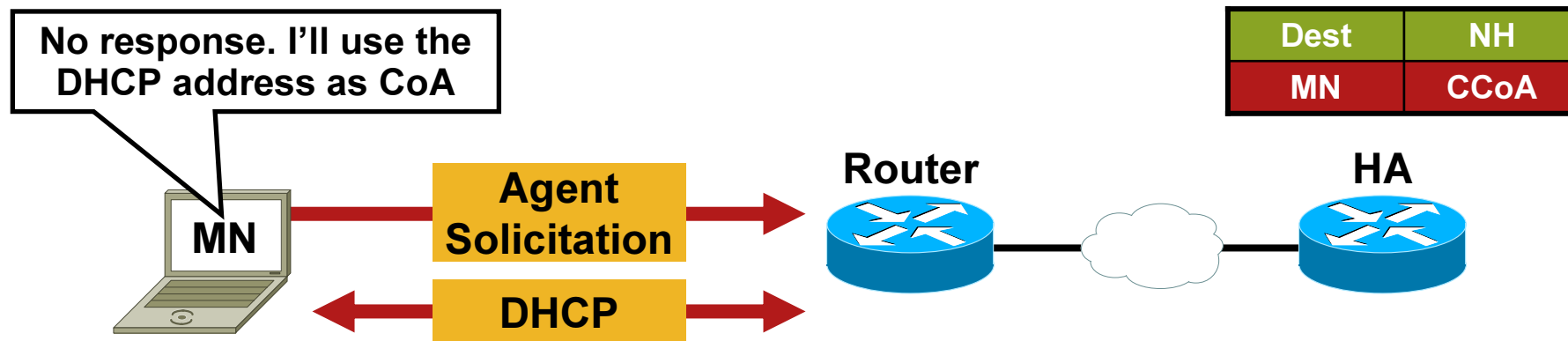
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- What if there is no FA?

**Collocated Care-of-Address (CCoA)**

Commonly the IP address acquired via DHCP or IPCP by a mobile node



# What Is Significant?

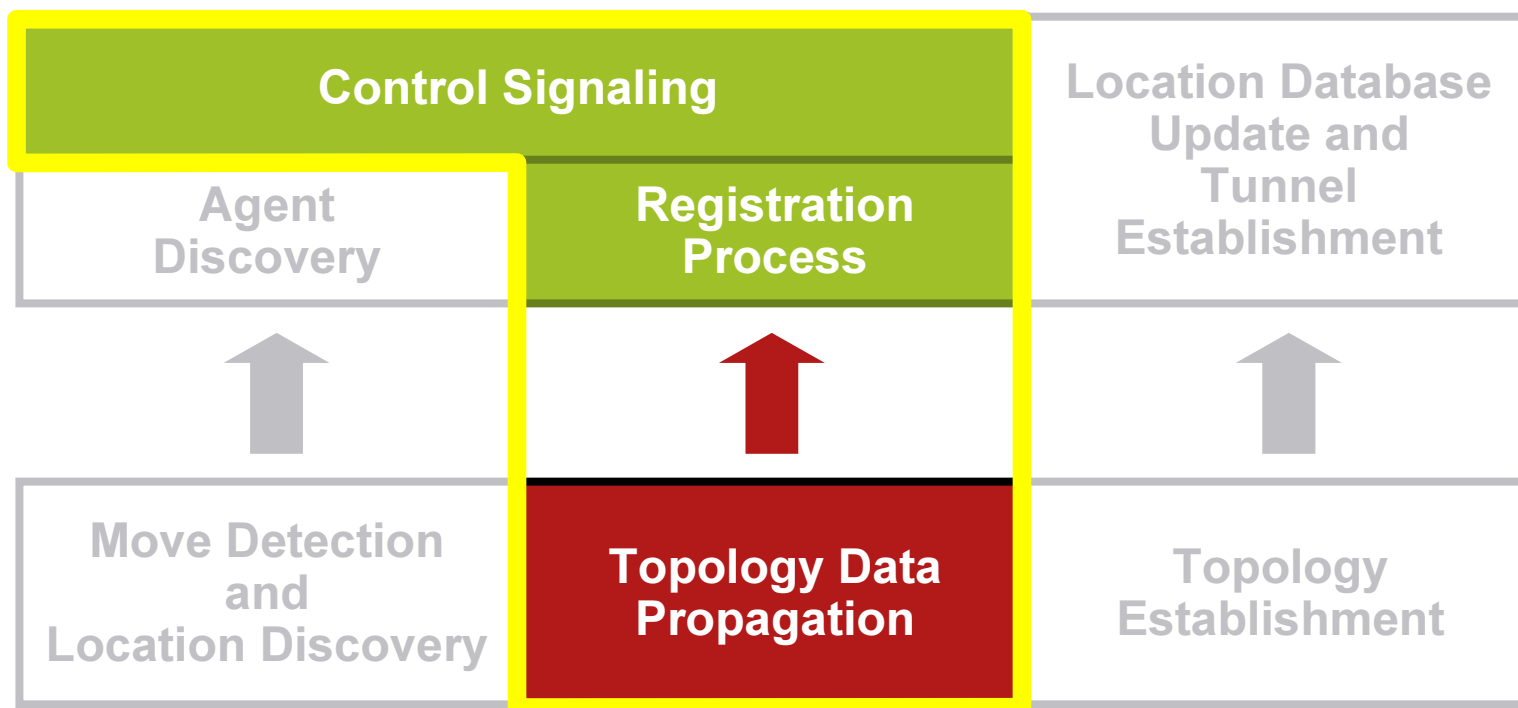
- Agent Discovery can influence roaming time
- Fast detection = fast roaming



## What Is Significant? (Cont.)

- Adjust Agent Advertisement timer?  
Fast vs. chatty
- Proactive approach  
Trigger Agent Solicitation when an interface is up
- When there is no agent at all, DHCP/PCP operations become an important roaming time factor

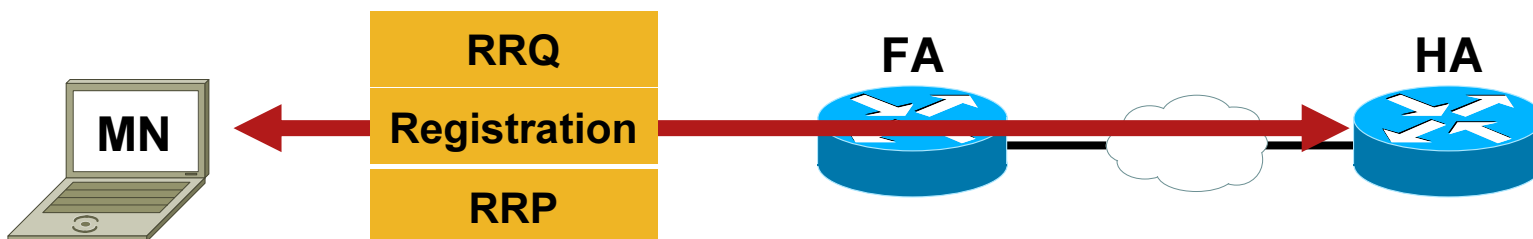
# Topology Information Propagation





# Registration Process Overview

- Reporting MN's location to HA
- Occurring periodically or after the movement is detected
- Involving MN, FA, and HA
- Used for deregistration purposes—reporting MN leaving the Mobile IP networks
- Accomplished through **Registration Request Message (RRQ)** and **Registration Reply Message (RRP)**

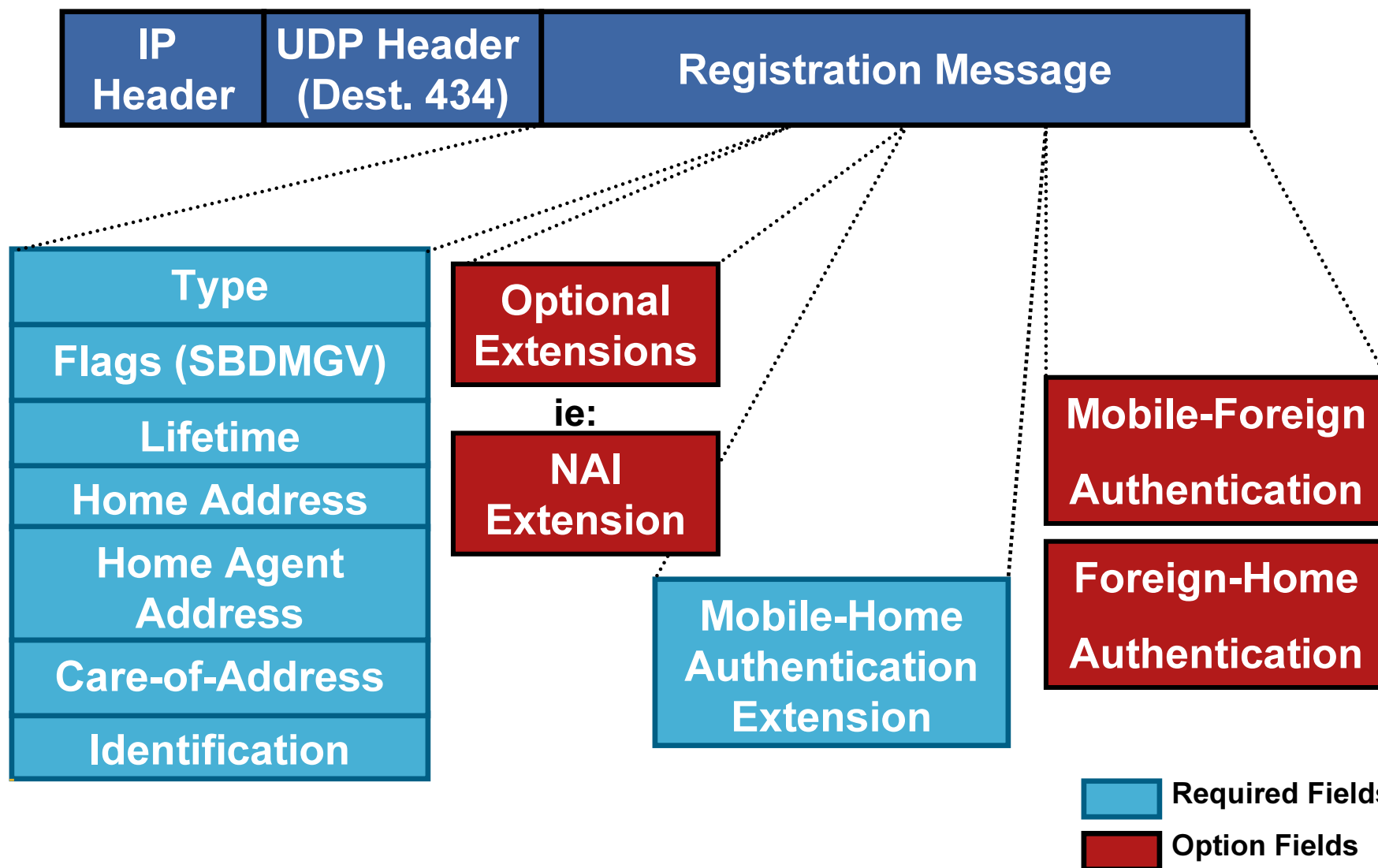


# Registration Request Message

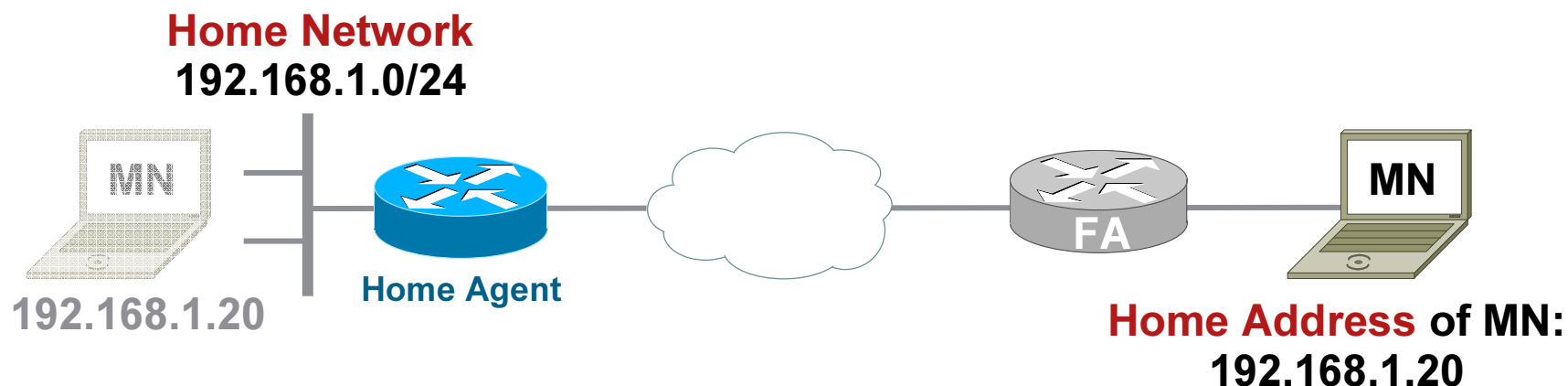
## Answers the Following Questions

- Who is the mobile node?
- Where is a mobile node's location?
- Where to send the registration message?
- How long is the registration valid?
- How to ensure the MN is an authorized user?

# RRQ Message Format



# Home Address and Home Network



## ■ Home Network

Networks attached to a Home Agent

Can be a physical or logical interface

Logical is usually easier to use

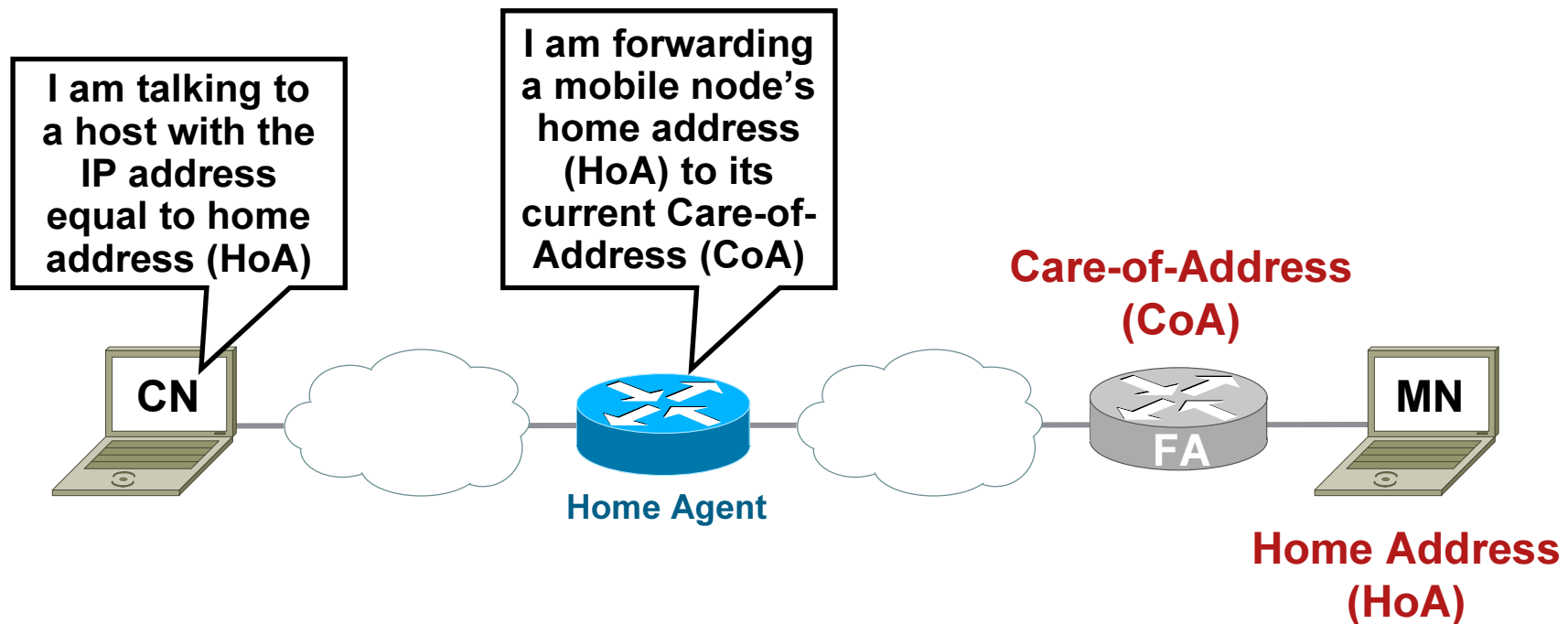
Cisco IOS® Software logical networks are called “virtual networks”

## ■ Home Address

An IP address on the home network allocated to a Mobile Node

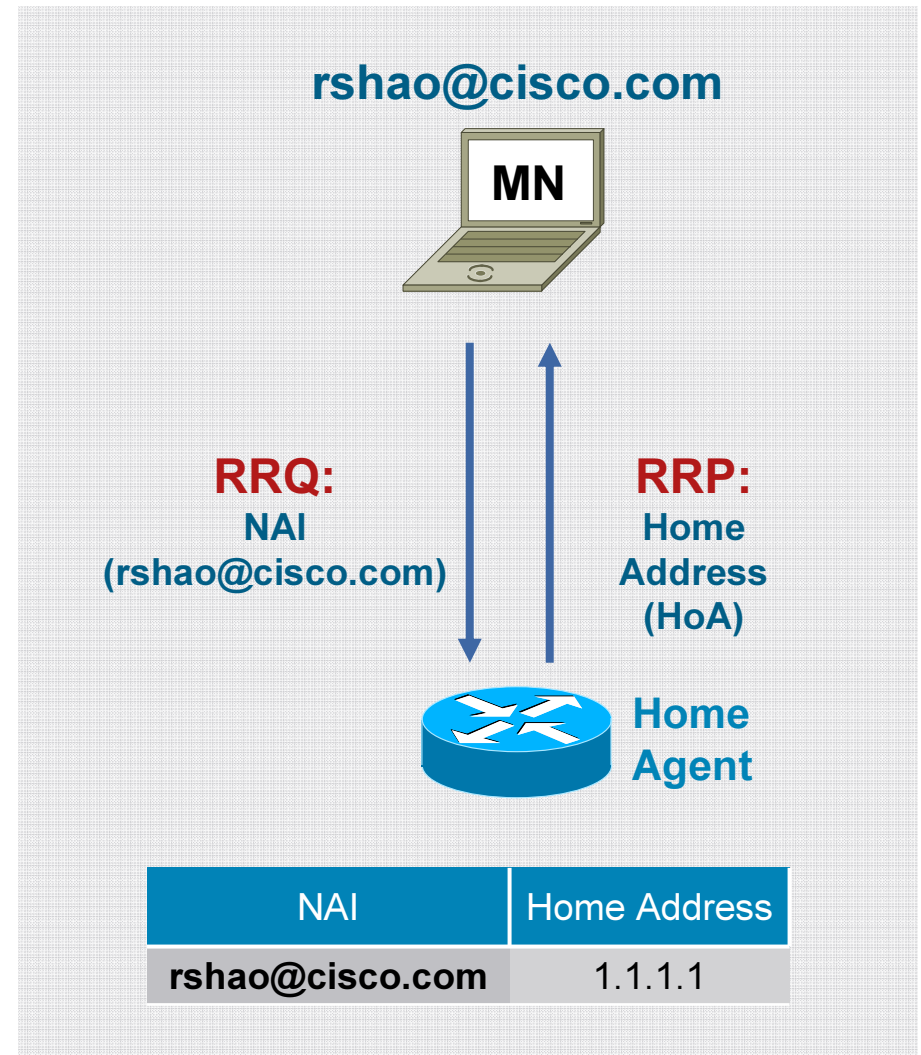
Used for all communication

# Home Address (HoA) vs. Care-of-Address (CoA)



# Another Method to Identify a Mobile Node

- Network Access Identifier (NAI)
  - Save IP addresses
  - a user name appended as an extension in registration message
  - Formation is either “user” or “user@realm”
- A home address still needs to be allocated to a mobile node when requested



# How Long Is the RRQ Valid?

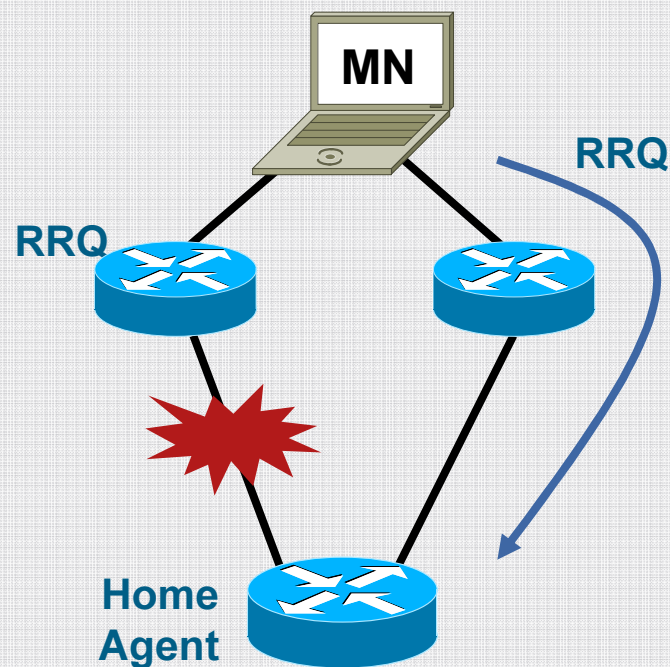
- Lifetime:

Maximum amount of time  
a mobile node will be  
kept active

RRQ is periodically sent

- Can be used to validate the  
path to a home agent

Fast vs. performance



# Secure Authentication Review

- **Security Association (SA)**

  - Is a set of security parameters used to sign a message

  - Hash algorithms

  - Key size

  - Replay protection

- **Security Parameter Index (SPI)**

  - Is a numeric identifier for the SA

  - Allows multiple SAs to be configured between two devices to support multiple sessions

- **Key Management**

  - Manual key distribution

  - Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

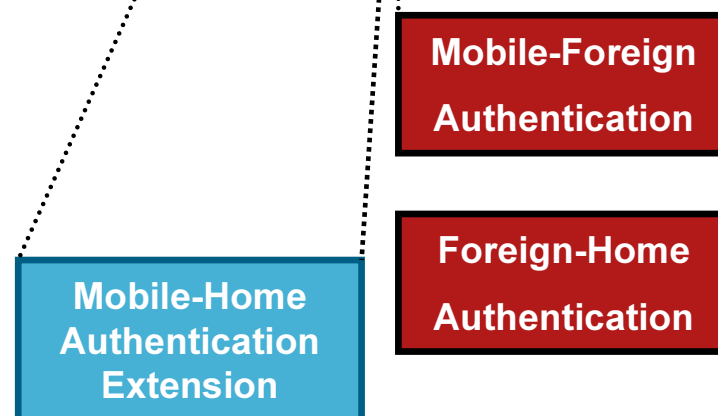


# Mobile IP Registration Authentication

- Mobile IP authentication can occur between any two Mobile IP components
- The mandatory one is between the mobile node and home agent—known as MHAE



	SA and Key Management Used by Mobile IP
Algorithm	HMAC-MD5; Keyed-MD5
Key	128-bit
Replay Protection	Timestamp and Nonce
Key Management	Manual Distribution



# Registration Authentication MHAE, Example



**Selects SA  
Using SPI 100**

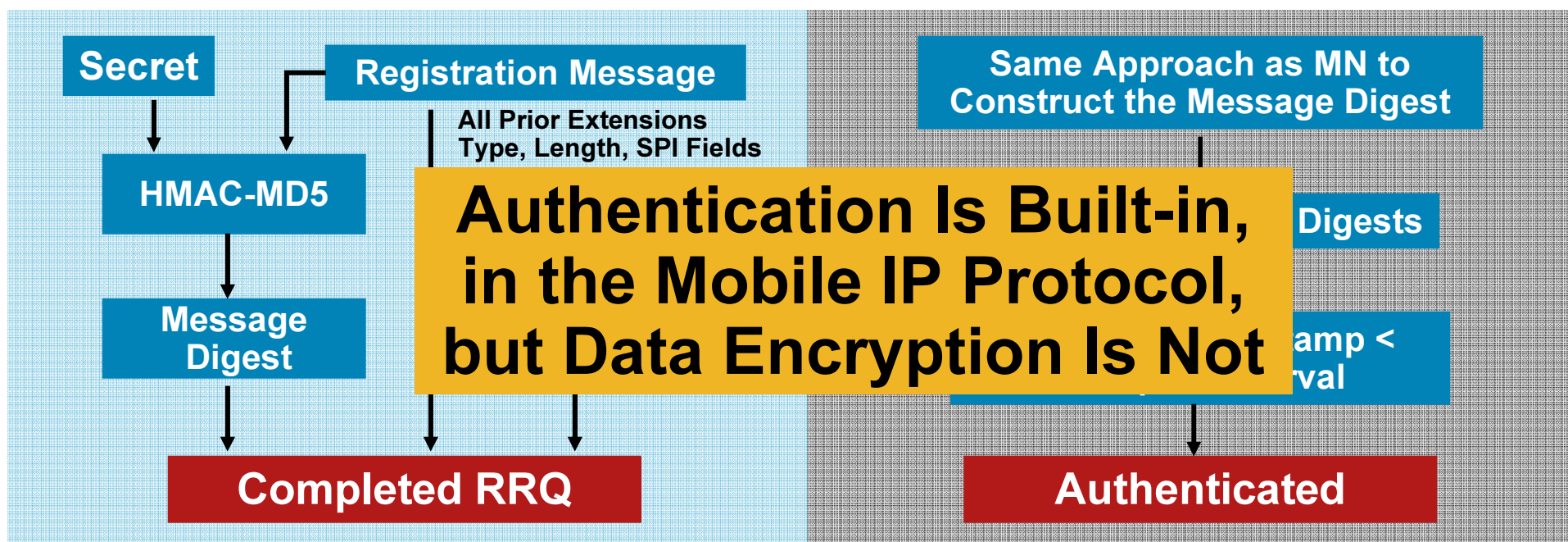
	SPI 100
Algorithm	HMAC-MD5
Key	Secret
Replay Protection	Timestamp



**Home  
Agent**

**Selects SA  
Using MN  
Home Address  
and SPI 100**

	MN 10.1.1.1/ SPI 100
Algorithm	HMAC-MD5
Key	Secret
Replay Protection	Timestamp



# Registration Reply (RRP)

- Generated by HA to ACK the acceptance or rejection of the registration (RRQ)
- Packet format is similar to RRQ with an additional “code” field
- The code field is particularly useful to indicate what errors may be

- Reply codes range: 0 to 255

0–8: Success

64–127: Error from the Foreign Agent

128–192: Error from the Home Agent

192–255: Unallocated

- 129—Administratively Prohibited

Denied by an access list

- 130—Insufficient Resources

Could not assign a Home Address

- 131—**Mobile Node Failed Authentication**

Mismatched keys or SPI

- 133—Registration Identification Mismatch

Clocks out of sync; should retry automatically

# Registration Messages Review



What is used to represent the current location?

CoA or CCoA



How to identify an MN?

Home address or "NAI"



What is the destination of the registration messages?

Home Agent address



How long is the registration valid?

Lifetime



How can the network ensure that the MN is an authorized user?

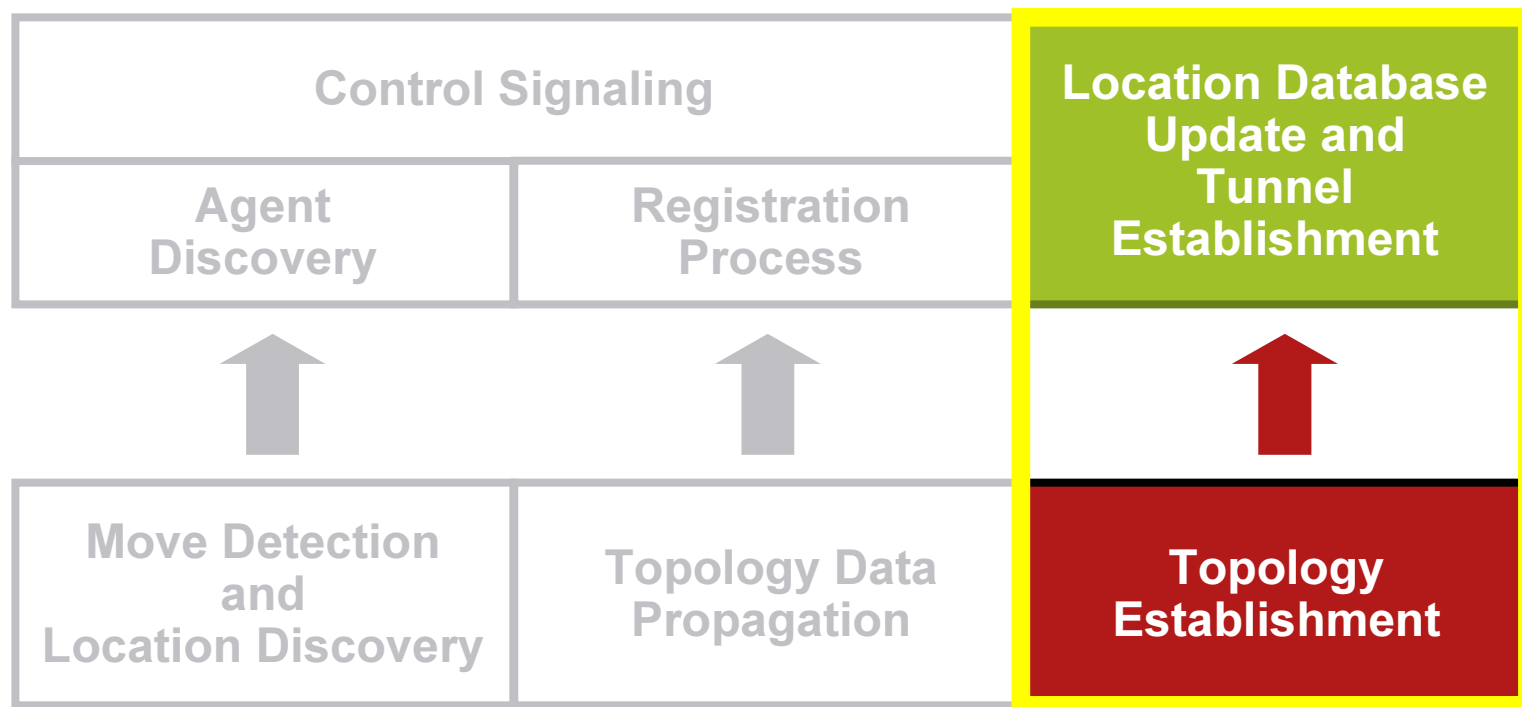
Security Association



How to response the success of registration message?

RFP Message

# Topology Establishment



# Topology Establishment

- Location database update

Contains CoA (the current point of attachment) of a MN

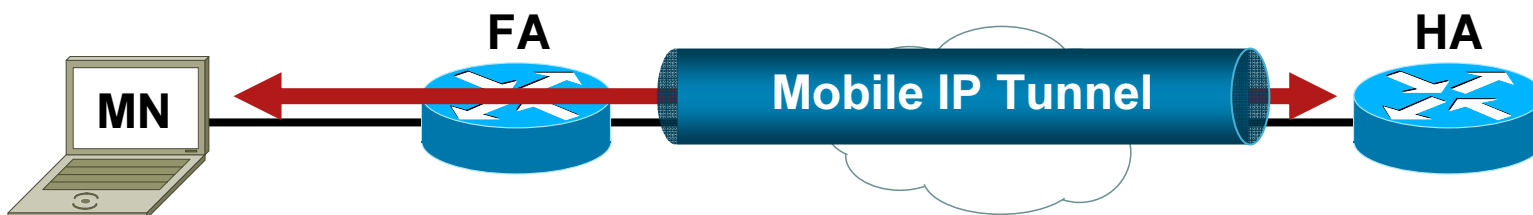
Similar to a routing protocol's topology table

The tables are known as “**binding table**” on a home agent and “**visitor table**” on a foreign agent in Cisco IOS Software

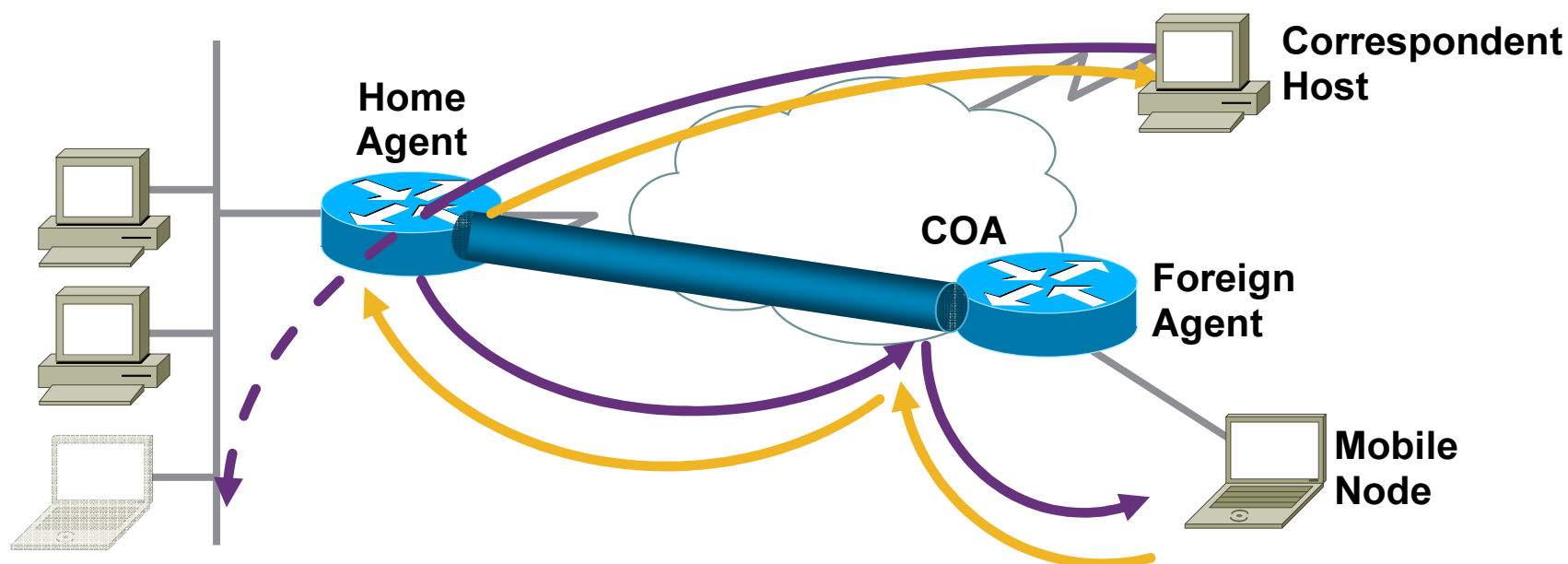
- Tunnel creation

A logical interface to forward traffic to and from a mobile node

Can be an IPinIP, GRE, or UDP tunnel or referring to as a **Mobile IP tunnel** in the Mobile IP context

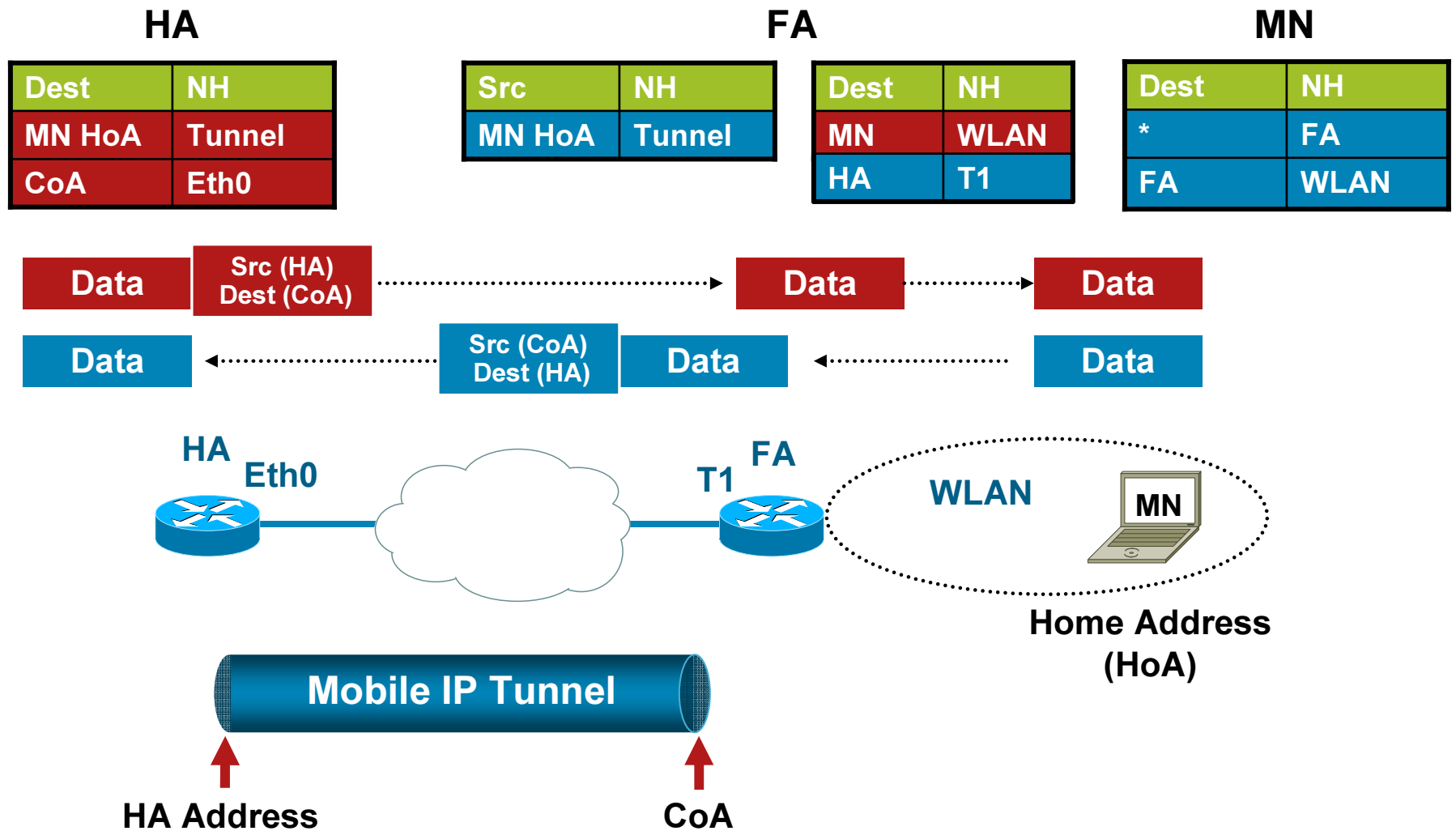


# Reverse Tunneling



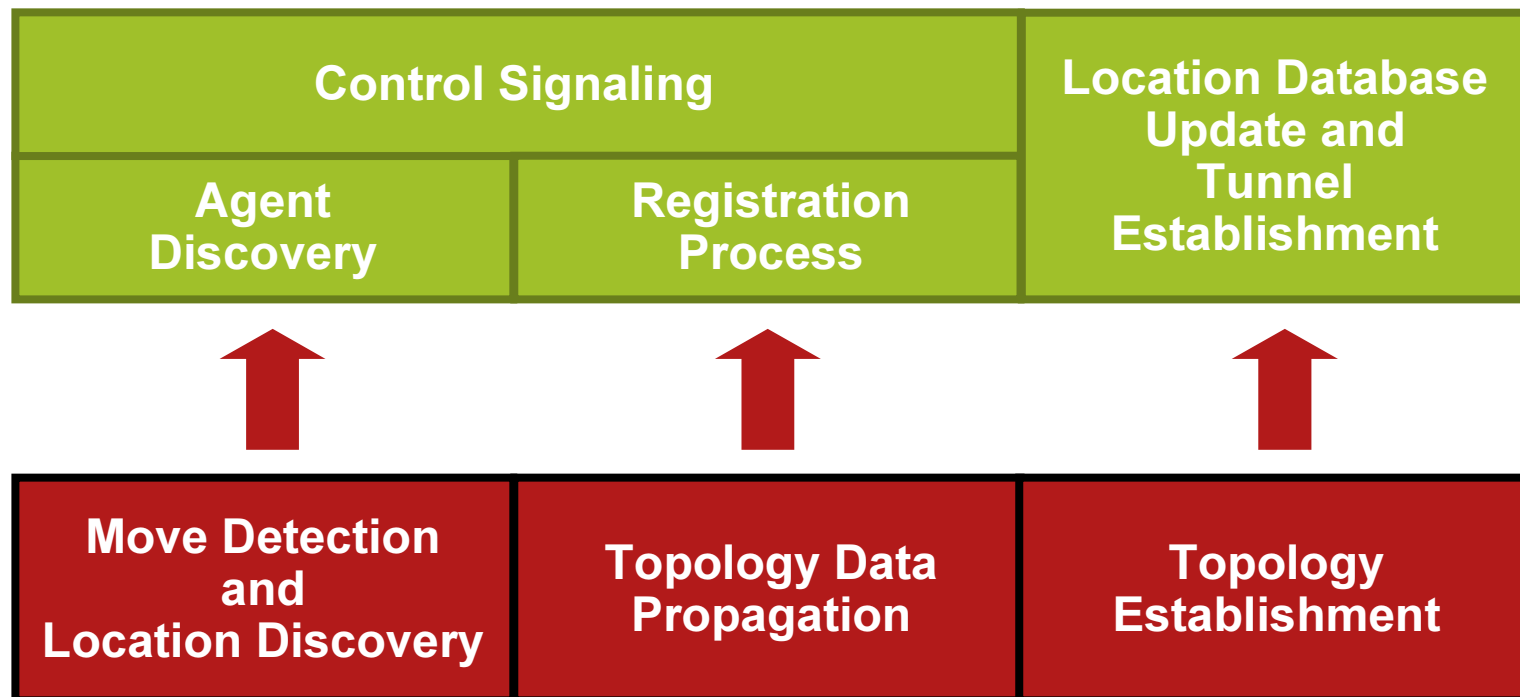
- **Reverse Tunneling**—Traffic is sent from the **MN** to the **HA** via the tunnel, then delivered via routing
- Ingress filtering and uRPF will drop packets that have topologically incorrect source address

# Topology Establishment Example





# Mobile IP Protocol Summary



# Cisco Mobile IP Implementations and Key Features



# Cisco Mobile IP Technology

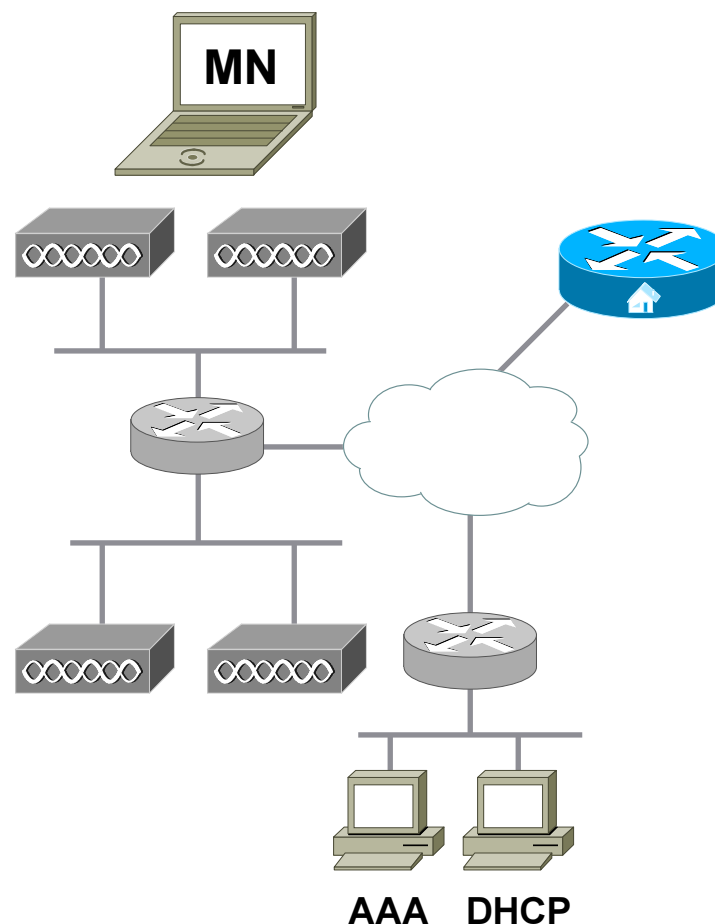
- IETF RFC 3344 and 3GPP2 compliant
- General availability since January 1999
- Cisco platforms and software for Home Agent and Foreign Agent functions are

Hardware	Software	Standard Compliance
Cisco 1700, 2600XM, 3700	T Train with IP Plus Feature Set or Above	IETF RFC 3344
Cisco 1800, 2800, 3800, 7200, 7300, 7400	T Train with IP Voice Feature Set or Above	IETF RFC 3344
Cisco 7200, MWAM	SX Image	IETF RFC 3344 and 3GPP2

- 3rd party standard compliant Mobile IP clients can be used with the Cisco Home Agent and Foreign Agent

# Adding Mobile IP

- Adding mobile IP is as simple as adding an HA or enabling the HA on an existing router
- ... and installing client software
- Mobile IP can run in **co-located Care-of-Address** mode

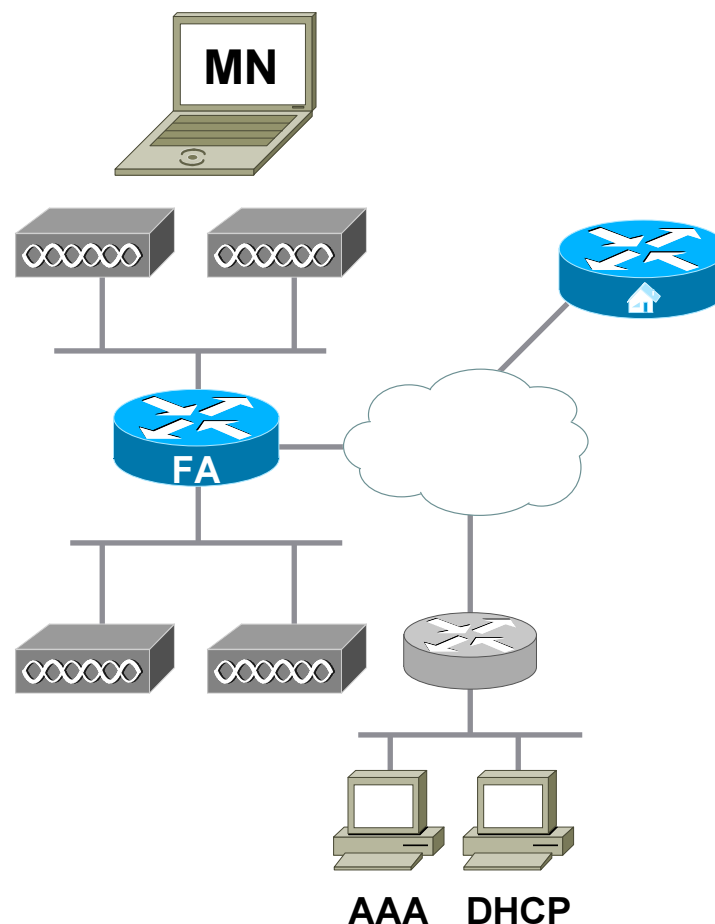


# Home Agent Configurations

AAA	<pre>aaa new-model aaa authorization ipmobile default group radius !</pre>
Home Network	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/0  ip address 192.168.1.1 255.255.255. 0 !</pre>
Enable Mobile IP Process	<pre>router mobile !</pre>
Enable HA and Identify Clients Allowed to Roam	<pre>ip mobile home-agent ip mobile host nai @example address pool dhcp-proxy-client dhcp-server 10.82.70.10 interface FastEthernet0/0 aaa load-sa !</pre>
RADIUS Server	<pre>radius-server host 10.82.70.12 key itsasecret</pre>

# Turning on the FA

- The FA needs be enabled on edge routers if used
- FA is only minimal overhead
- Reverse tunneling may not be needed inside an enterprise network



# FA Configuration

COA Interface	<pre>interface Loopback0   ip address 192.168.250.1 255.255.255.255 !</pre>
Foreign Interface	<pre>interface FastEthernet0/1   ip address 192.168.101.1 255.255.255.0   ip irdp   ip mobile foreign-service   ip mobile prefix-length !</pre>
Enable Mobile IP Process	<pre>router mobile !</pre>
Enable the Foreign Agent	<pre>ip mobile foreign-agent care-of Loopback0/0</pre>

# Cisco Mobile IP

## Key Features You Have Most Likely Encountered





# NAT Traversal

Special Consideration Is Required When the CoA Is a Private Address Behind a NAT or PAT

## RFC 3519 NAT Traversal

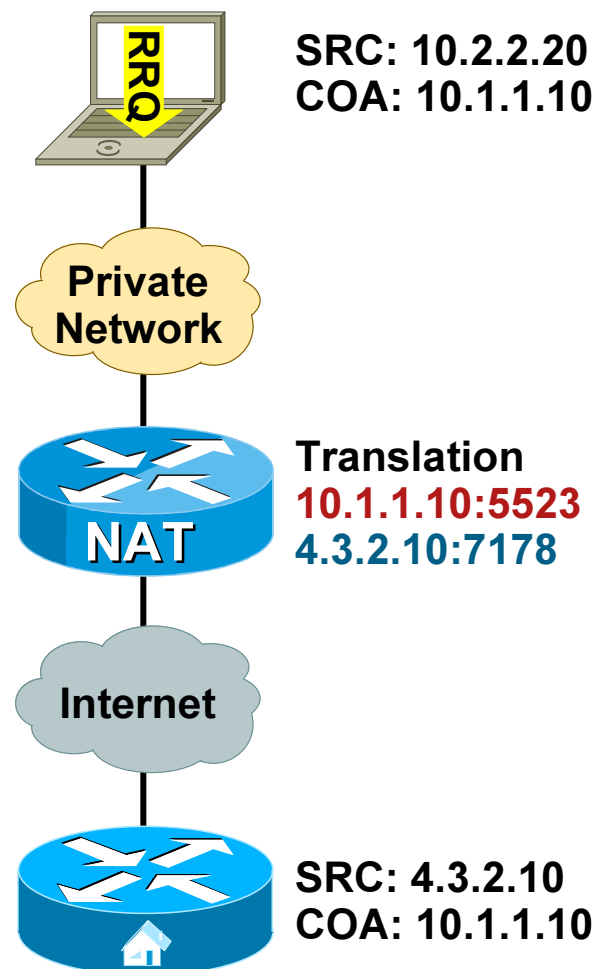
- Supports **NAT and PAT**
- Uses UDP tunneling
- Auto detect or forced usage
- Cisco IOS Software Release 12.3(7)T
- `ip mobile home-agent nat traversal [keepalive <time>] [force <accept | reject>]`

## Cisco NAT Detection

- **NAT only**
  - Uses IPinIP or GRE tunnel
  - Release 12.2(13)T
  - `ip mobile home-agent nat-detect`
- 
- Does not support Home Agent behind a NAT

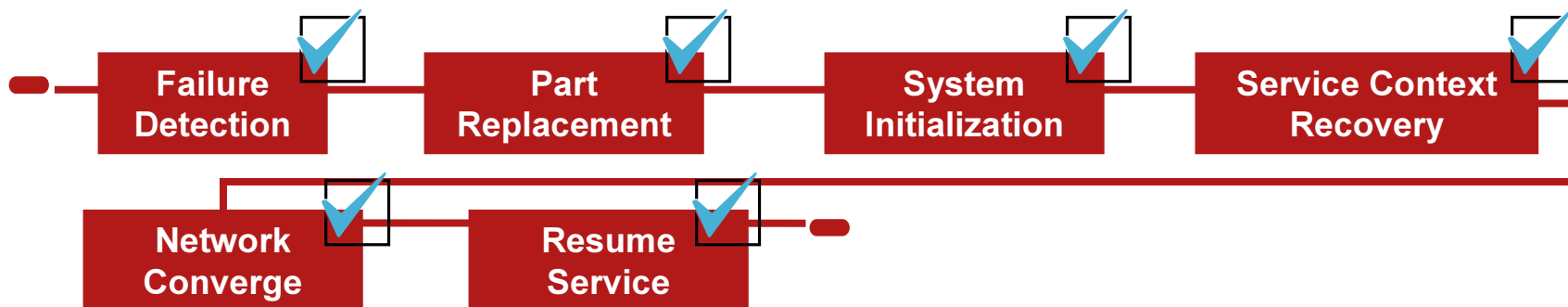
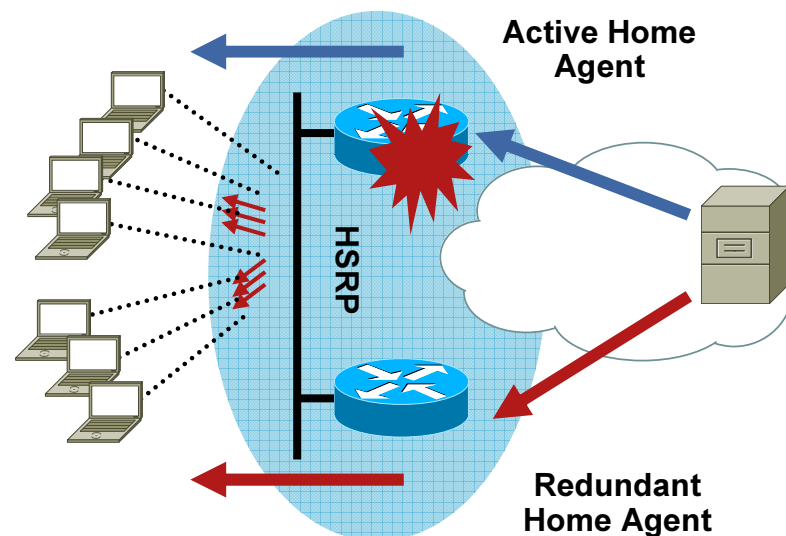
# NAPT Traversal Detection

- Outbound registration sets up the NAT translation
- Home Agent detects that source of registration is not the same as CoA
- If RRQ contains UDP tunneling extension, the HA enables UDP tunneling
- MN can force UDP tunneling for firewall traversal



# Cisco Stateful Home Agent Redundancy

- Uses Cisco HSRP to detect the failure within seconds
- The redundant Home Agent is in the “standby” mode
- The redundant Home Agent contains real-time mobile user’s service context
- The redundant Home Agent is participating in the network routing and can forward traffic if needed



Derived from Enterprise Costs: Infonetics Research, September 2000

# Mobile IPv6



# Mobile IPv6 Protocol

- RFC 3775

- **Similar to** the Mobile IPv4 concept

  - A home agent keeps track of the mobile node's location

  - Including location discovery, movement detection, registration, and topology establishment

- **Different from** the Mobile IPv4

  - No Foreign Agent

  - Traffic can be sent directly between two communicating nodes

- A driver for IPv6

# Location Discovery: IPv6 Host Address Auto-Configuration

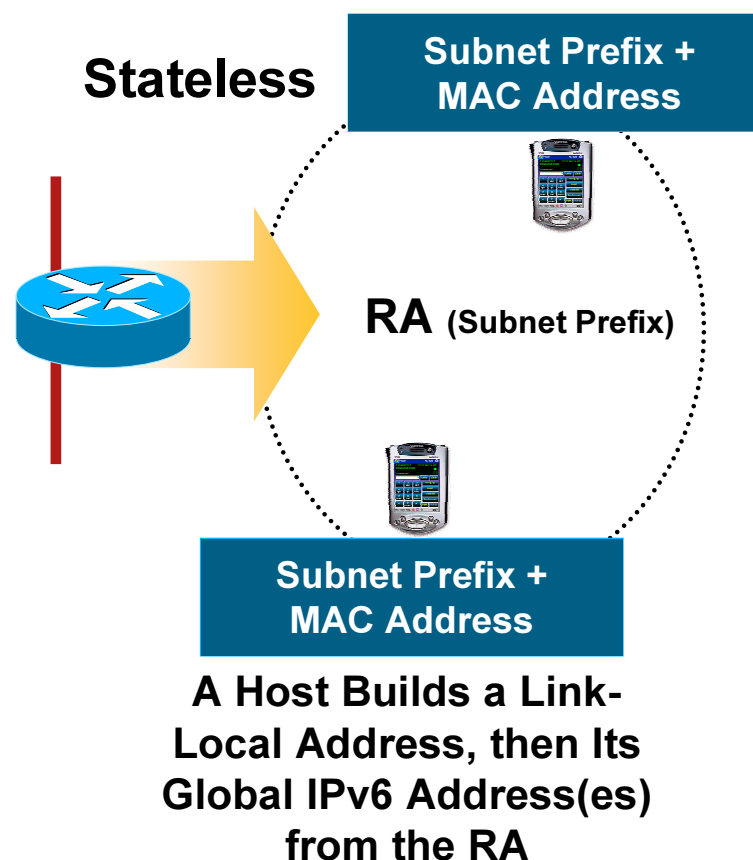
- **Stateless** (RFC 2462)

Host autonomously configures its own Link-Local address

Router Solicitation (RS) are sent by booting nodes to request Router Advertisement (RA)

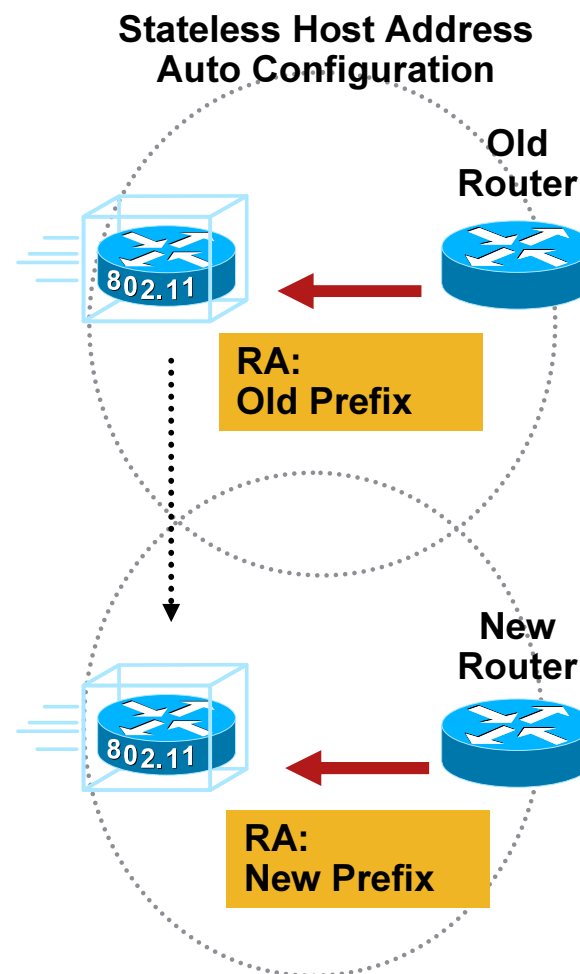
- **Stateful** (DHCPv6) (RFC 3315)

- The acquired address is the CoA—represents the point of attachment



# Movement Detection

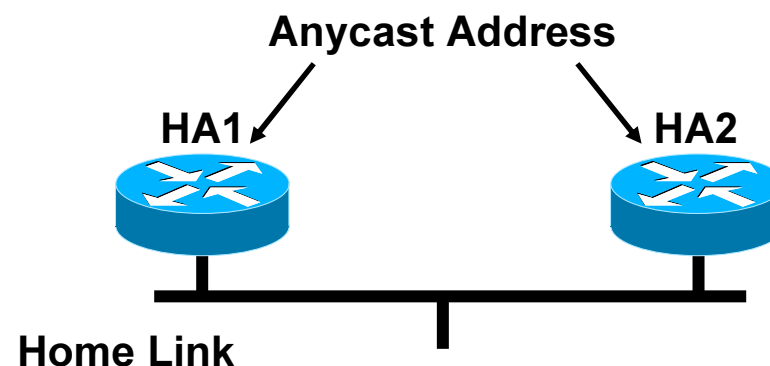
- Informs Home Agent of a new point of attachment
- How?
  - Slightly complicated, but conceptually...
  - When a new prefix has appeared and the current default router has disappeared
- Fast detection is possible
  - msec vs. sec for Router Advertisement interval
- Can also be done using link layer—up/down



# Dynamic Home Agent Address Discovery (DHAAD)

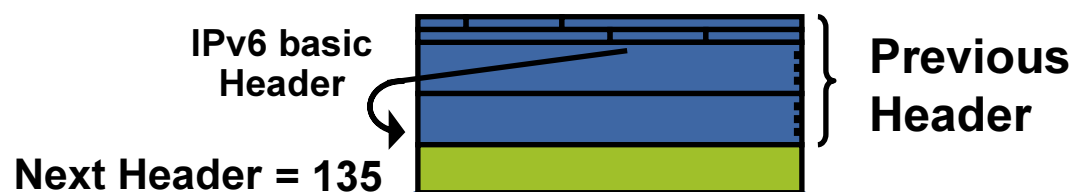
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- A mechanism to find an active home agent in the home link
  - MN still needs to configure the home link address
  - But not the specific home agent address—Anycast address
- Useful if an existing home agent router needs to be replaced
  - Mobile nodes away from home can automatically use the new home agent
- Provides a failover protection
- A non-stateful approach





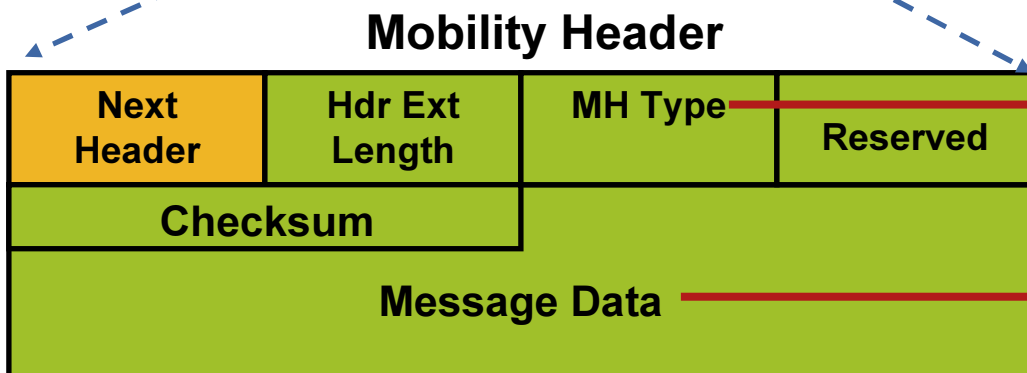
# IPv6 Protocol Extensions for Mobile IPv6



- Defined for Mobile IPv6 registration and binding creation

- Various types and option extensions

- RFC 3775 for details

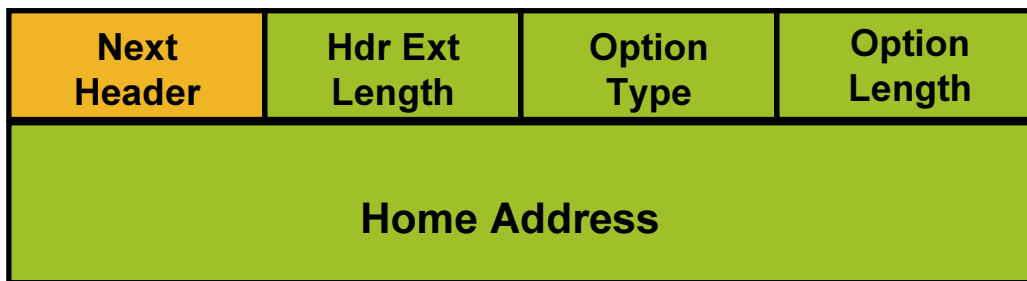


## Example

MH Value	Message
5	Binding Update
6	Binding Acknowledge
0	Binding Refresh Request

Alternate Care-of-Address Option

## Next Header = 60 Destination Header



# Registration

RFC 3775

- Two important messages you should know

Binding Update (BU) and Binding Acknowledge (BA)

- Encapsulation vs. option extensions

- Care-of-Address

Typically derived from the source IP address of the header

Optionally stored in the “alternative care of address” field

- Home address

Stored in Destination Option header of IPv6

## Mobile IPv4 Comparison

- RRQ and RRP

UDP (434) encapsulation

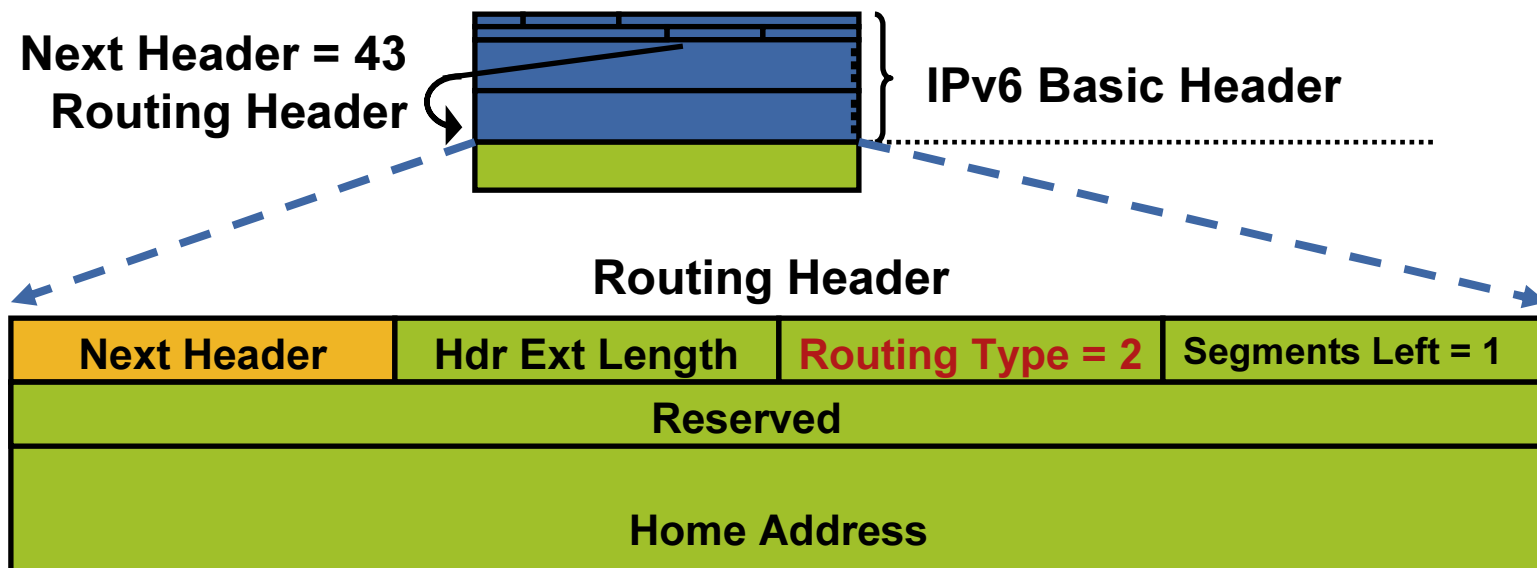
- Care of address

A field inside of RRQ

- Home address

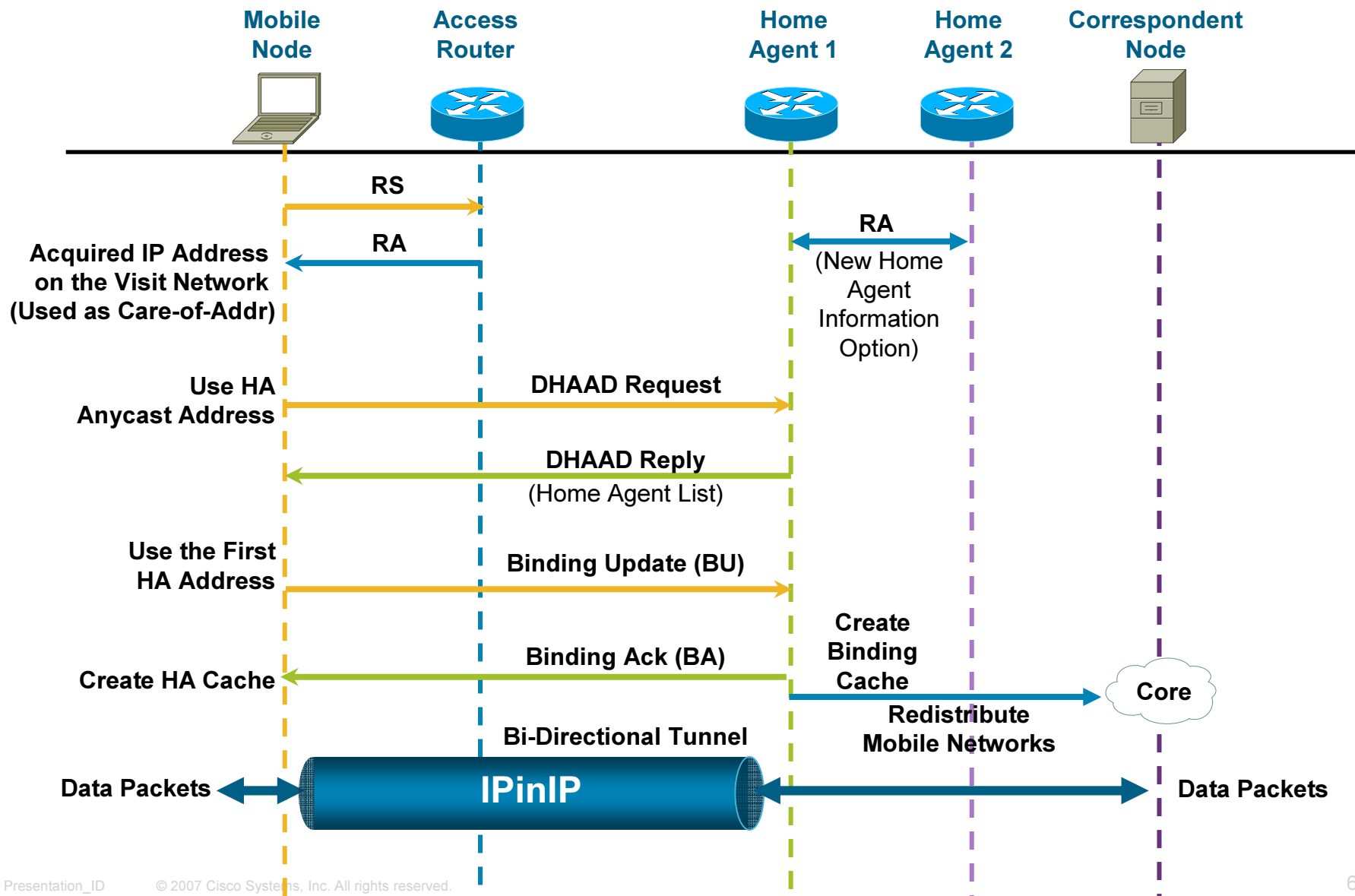
A field inside of RRQ

# Type 2 Routing Header



- A new routing header variant
- Allows a packet to be routed directly from a CN to an MN CoA
- CoA is inserted in the IPv6 Destination Address field (from CN)
- MN swaps the Home Address in the routing header with the destination address in the IP header (normal IPv6 process)

# Put All Together: Mobile IPv6 Registration



# Mobile IPv6 Product Availability

- Cisco Mobile IPv6 Home Agent available in Cisco IOS Software Release 12.3(14)T
  - RFC 3755 compliance
  - Does not support IPsec yet
- Mobile IPv6 client
  - Microsoft Tech preview for Windows XP and 2000

# Cisco Mobile IP Applications Mobile Networks



# Host Mobility vs. Group Mobility

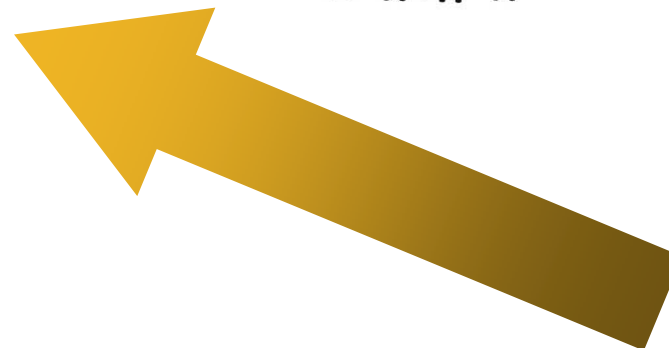
## Host Mobility

I can go anywhere I want!



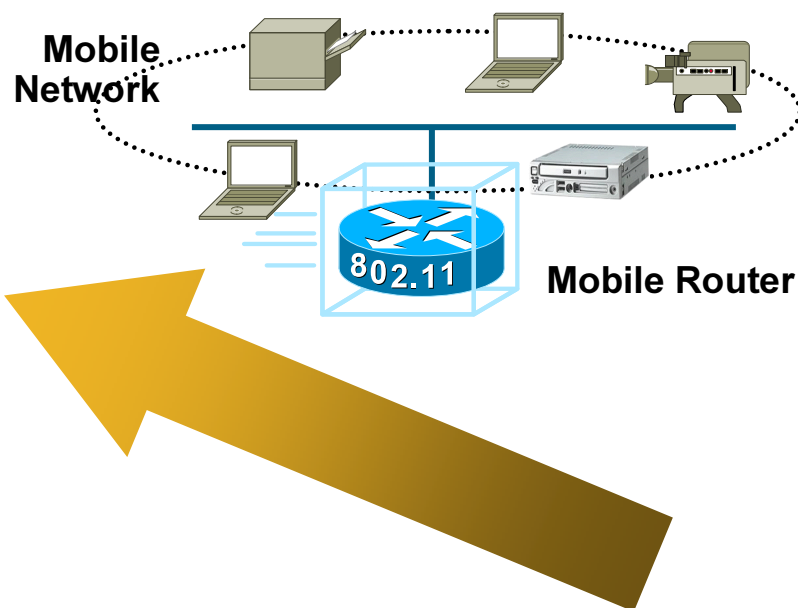
## Group Mobility

Free ride! Saves us lots of energy!



# Network Mobility

- Capability to enable IP mobility for a group of hosts
- Also known as “**Mobile Networks**” in Cisco
- The network or subnet where the group of hosts connected to is referring to as “**mobile network**”
- The router where the mobile network is connected to is referring to as “**mobile router**”

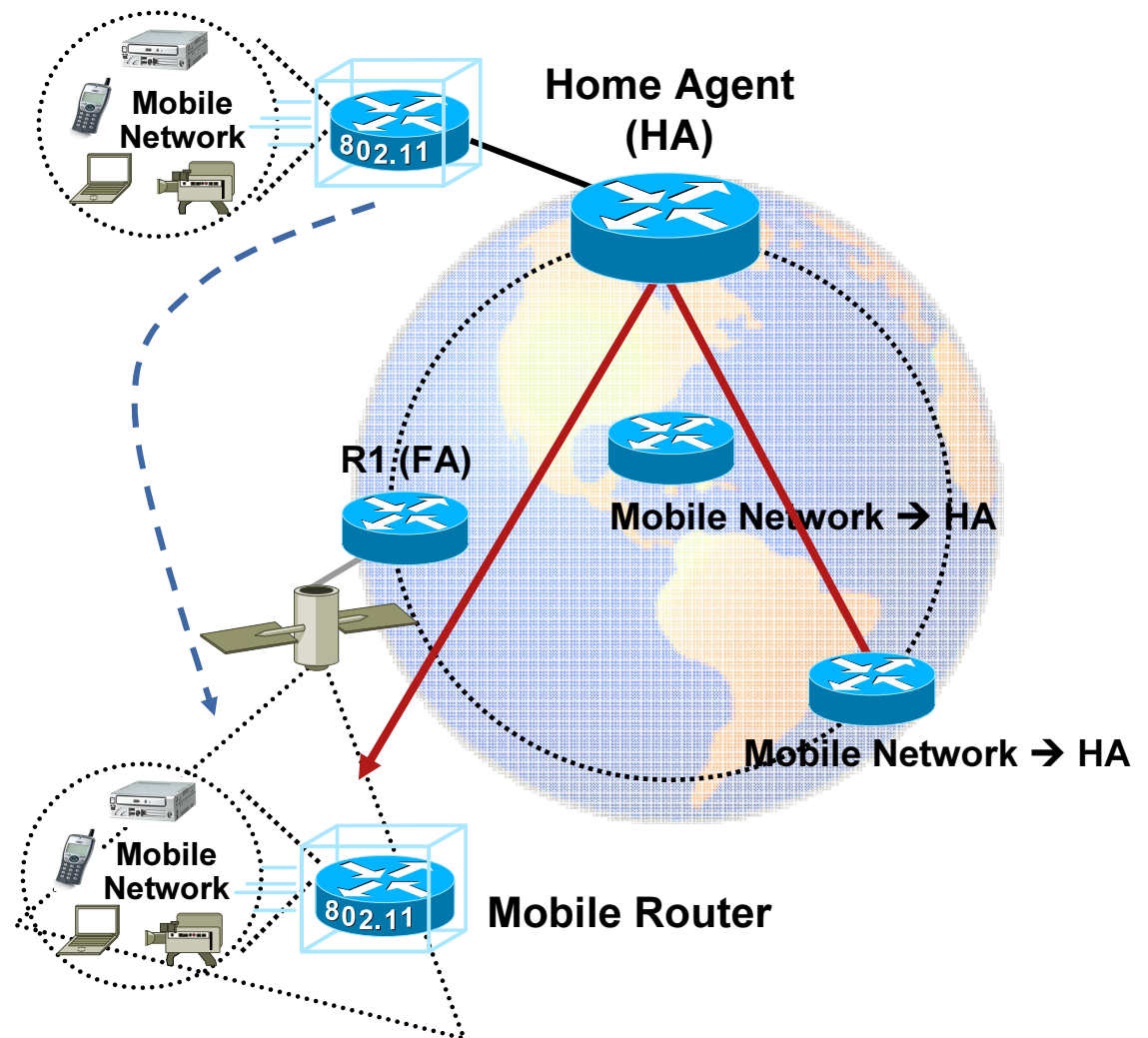




# Mobile Networks Solution Concept

ANIMATION

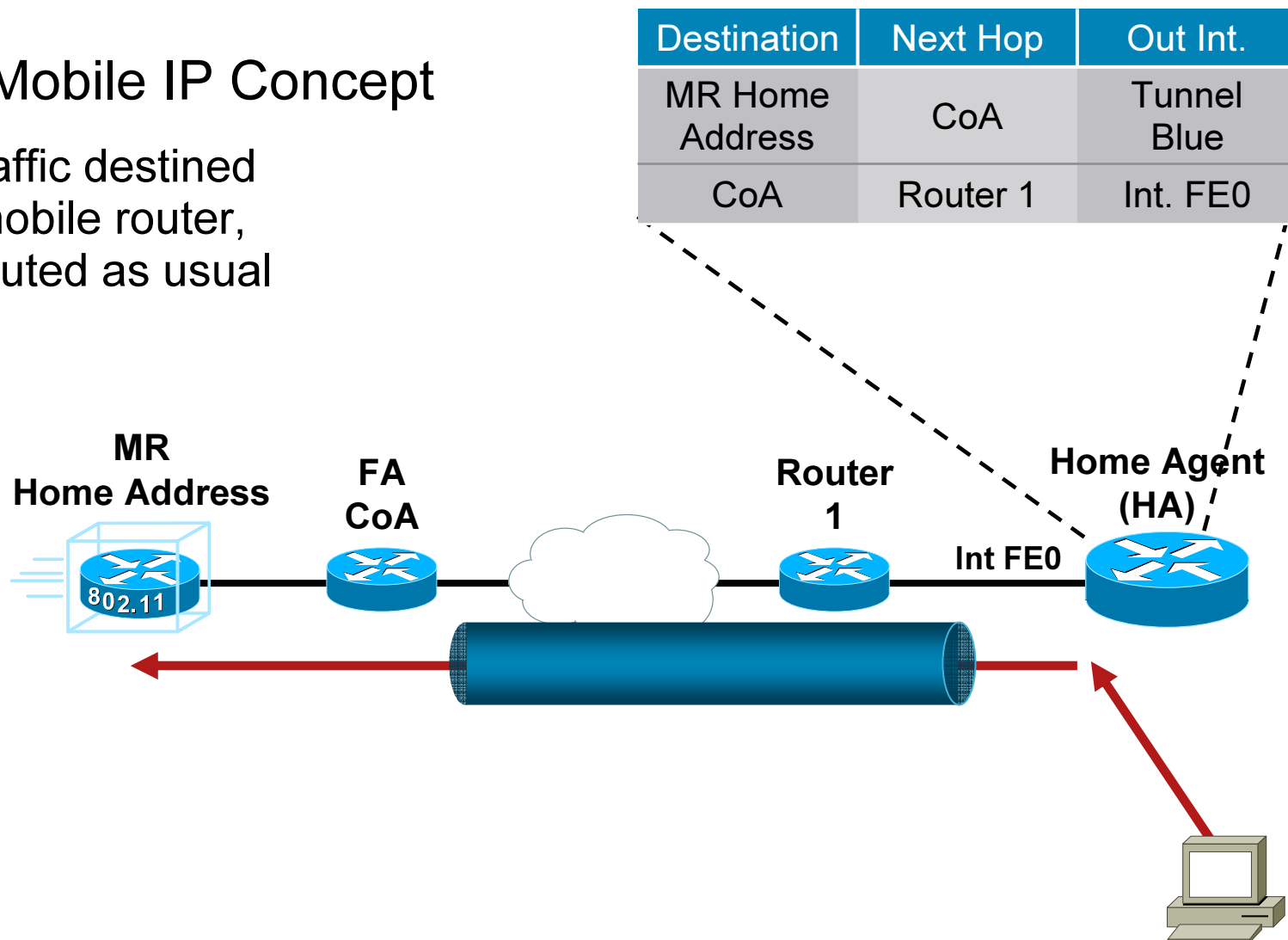
- Based on the same concept as the Mobile IP
- Home Agent as the gateway to route traffic destined to a mobile network
- Foreign agent is optional
  - Useful for fast roaming, performance, and management improvement
- Mobile Router (MR) is similar to a mobile node but with a network connecting to it



# More Details...

## Basic Mobile IP Concept

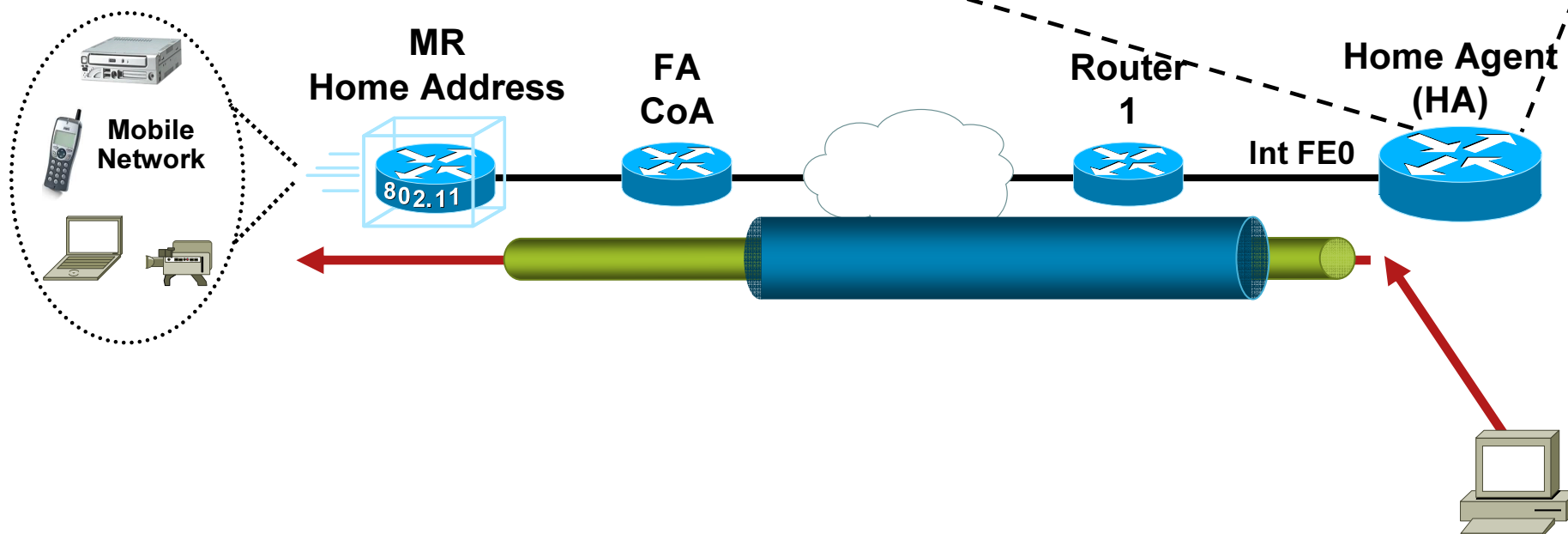
- For traffic destined to a mobile router, it is routed as usual



## More Details... (Cont.)

- If I know how to reach a mobile router, then I can simply forward the mobile network associated with the mobile router to that mobile router

Destination	Next Hop	Out Int.
Mobile Network	MR Home Address	Tunnel Green
MR Home Address	CoA	Tunnel Blue
CoA	Router 1	Int. FE0

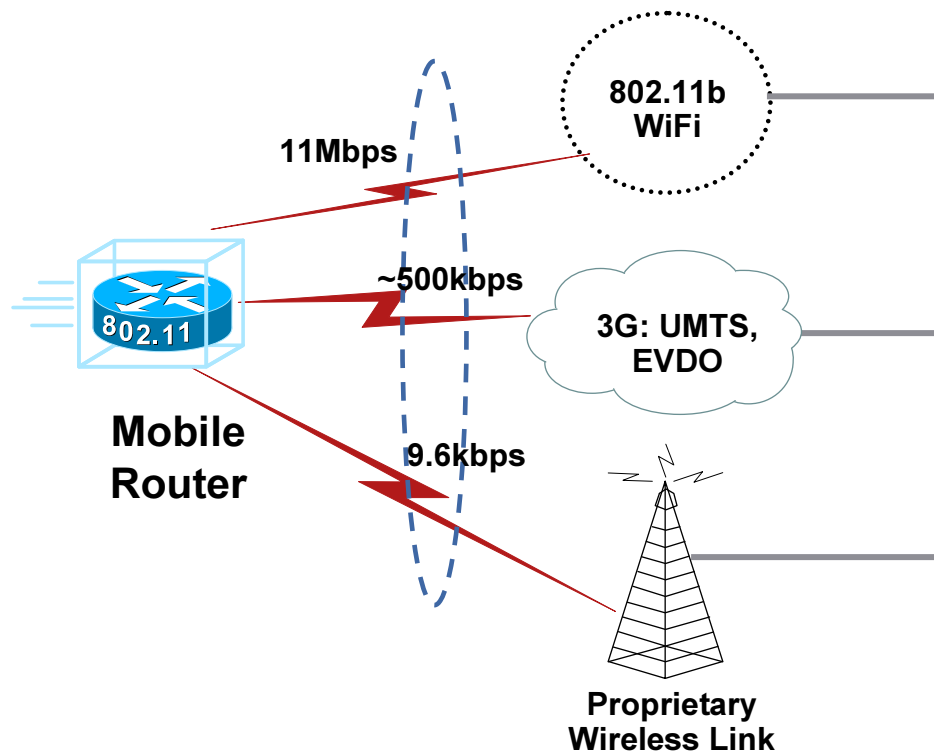


# Connection Management on Cisco Mobile Router

- Multiple links are likely equipped by a mobile router
- Select the “best” link to establish a Mobile IP tunnel

## Selection Algorithm

- Priority can be configured on mobile router interfaces (default 100)
- MR prefers to register with higher priority interface
- If priority is equal, the interface with the higher bandwidth is preferred
- If priority and bandwidth are equal, then the interface with the higher IP address is preferred



# Cisco Mobile Networks

- Cisco home agent and foreign agent

The same home agent routers and the foreign agent routers running Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2T or later for the mobile nodes can be used for the mobile networks

- Cisco mobile routers

Available in the Cisco IOS Software Release 12.2T or later

- Support Cisco Home Agent Redundancy and NAT traversal features

- Cisco Mobile Networks for IPv6

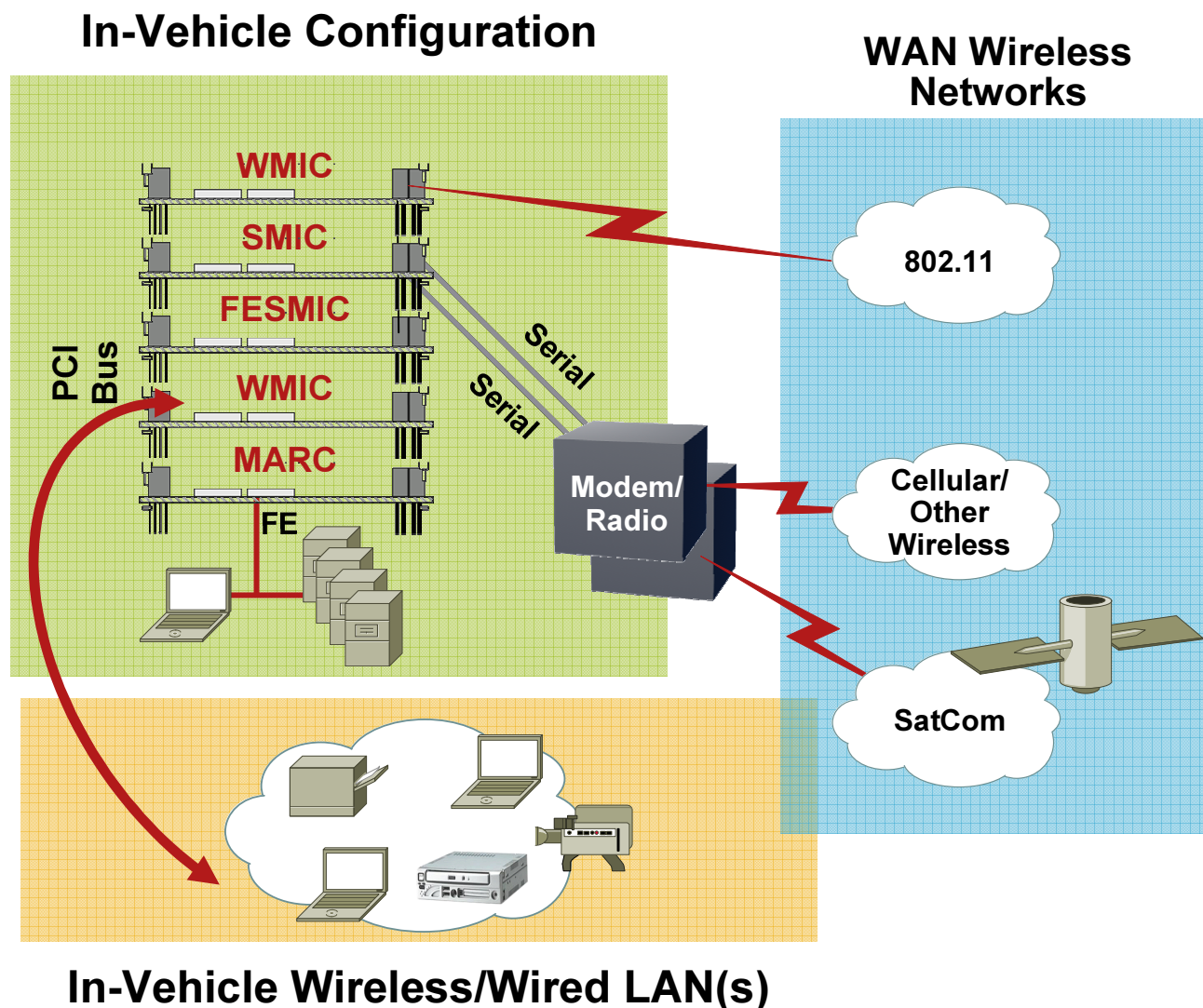
Implementation is based on IETF RFC3963—NEMO

Test image is available

# Cisco Mobile Access Router 3200



- A special rugged router
- Equipped with 802.11 wireless cards
- Connecting to an external wireless modem through a serial interface



## Wrap up



# Summary

- IP Mobility is a key functionality for mobile wireless networking



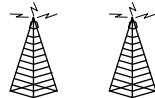
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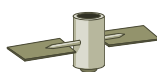
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4.9G



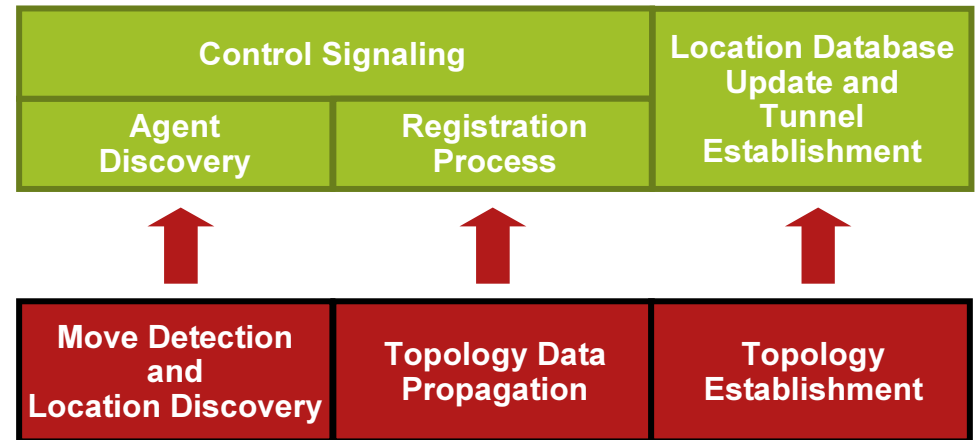
CDMA, GSM,  
W-CDMA, OFDM



Satellite



- Mobile IP, a IP Mobility protocol, enables seamless multi-access roaming



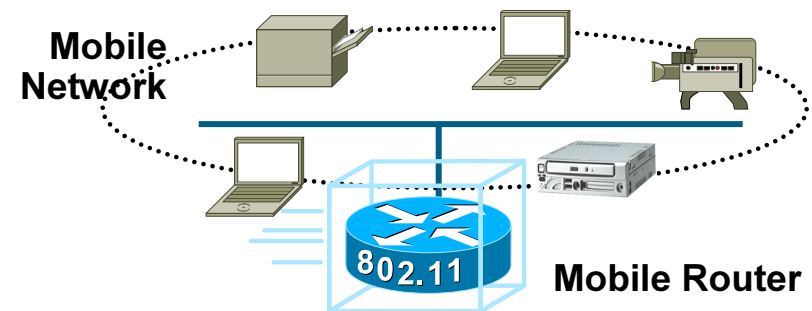


## Summary (Cont.)

- Components to construct a Mobile IP network



- Cisco Mobile Networks enables mobility for an entire subnet



# Reference Materials

- Cisco Mobile IP on CCO

Collateral: [http://www.cisco.com/go/mobile\\_ip](http://www.cisco.com/go/mobile_ip)

Feature Navigator: <http://www.cisco.com/go/fn>

- Mobile IP Client

Birdstep: <http://www.birdstep.com>

IPunplugged: <http://www.ipunplugged.com>

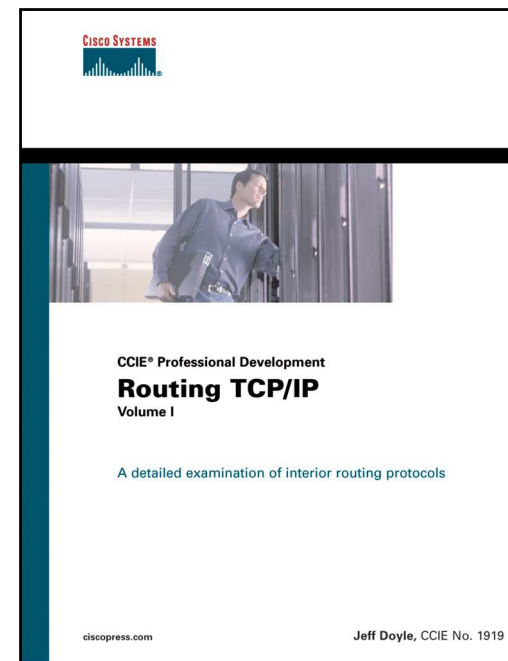
- IETF Standards

<http://www.mip4.org>

<http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/mip4-charter.html>

# Recommended Reading

- Mobile IP Technology and Applications, ISBN: 1-58705-132-X
- 802.11 Wireless LAN Fundamentals [1-58705-077-3]
- Wireless Networks First-Step [1-58720-111-9] available August 2004
- Deploying License-Free Wireless Wide-Area Networks [1-58705-069-2]
- 802.11 Wireless Network Site Surveying and Installation [1-58705-164-8] available September 2004



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# Q and A



