Analysis of IPv6 jumbogram packages transmission using jumbo frame in mikrotik-based tunneling

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ABSTRACT

The validation and accuracy of internet protocol version 6 (IPv6) performance using jumbo frames is still not perfect, due to peer-to-peer connections testing within the same operating system and between operating systems. Therefore, inaccurate data test results. To mitigated, testing with a wider platform is recommended, a medium-scale network connection is proposed such as metropolitan area networks. In this works, a connection between computer devices connected by three proxy routers are made, with different IPv6 segments on each port. Then each computer device sends traffic data to each other using a traffic-generator application. The first test through three routers without tunnel connection is carried out as the first scenario to compare performance with tunnel-based testing. Three parameters have been used in this test, such as maximum transfer unit (MTU) 1500 bytes, MTU 400 bytes and MTU 9000 bytes. The results of the tests conducted show that the use of jumbo frames using a proxy is less effective, even though it produces a larger throughput when using the MTU 4000, but there is fragmentation in the packet passing through the proxy because the packet passing through the proxy is split into 1500 byte sizes.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Jumbo frame data transmission utilization in internet protocol version 6 (IPv6) research is less attention [1]-[3]. Moreover, most researchers are focuses on round trip time (RTT) a number of 1500 bytes of maximum transmission unit (MTU) during sending process in Windows and Linux platform [4]-[11]. Previous research [12]-[19] was conducted only comparing round trip time (RTT) and data transmission time using file transfer protocol (FTP). A normal maximum transfer unit (MTU) of 1500 bytes is used and a modified MTU of up to 9000 bytes is also used by some researchers. Jumbo frame is a frame size sent from ethernet with a payload size exceeding 1500 bytes, while gigabyte Ethernet is a jumbo frame transmission ethernet that can transmit 1 gigabyte of data in one second [20]-[27].

In [28] The purpose of this research is to find out how the performance is obtained when using jumbo frames. The method is performed by retrieving files from the ftp server. The results obtained by the network throughput using a larger jumbo frame so that the data retrieval time is twice as fast. In other hand, [29] has proposed examination of jumbo frames in similar operating systems. The purpose of this study

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was to see the performance when using jumbo frames. The method used is sending data between 2 computers with the same operating system. By using jumbo frames, data traffic is expected to be more stable [30]-[36]. Peer-to-peer performance testing has been proposed by [37] with Windows and Linux platform without passing some sort of connections from couple router hardwares.

A few jumbo frame tests are conducted by [38]-[47] using the tunnel method only peer-to-peer and not testing on a true scale. Testing in the use of home and office computers, or computers with general specifications that are widely used in the community has not been widely used. This is because no one has mentioned that jumbo frames can run on tunnel media. Meanwhile, for communication between two or more offices that require a large data connection [48]-[52], tunnel media can be used by maximizing the running throughput. By increasing the MTU value on the tunnel connection, the number of packets sent is reduced so that the network structure that will be carried out in the test is to build a new network, consisting of 4 computers connected by 3 router units with different network addresses, then the router will be arranged so that the connection between computer running using tunnel media. There are three parameters used in testing this jumbo frame, namely MTU 1500 bytes, MTU 400 bytes and MTU 9000 bytes, and MTU parameters above 9000 bytes cannot be performed, because the device is not capable, then forward the connection made is using the transmission control protocol (TCP) protocol.

2. RESEARCH PROPOSED METHOD

In this work, network modeling will be carried out by building a seven-node connection using three routers and four computers, at the end of the network there will be a computer with Windows and Linux operating systems. At the time of testing, data traffic will be captured using the Wireshark application, with this application it will be seen how many throughputs are running, how many packets are sent, how many packets are lost and also the jitter that occurs during transmission.

The testing technique is that there are two computer devices connected to a computer network, connected by three routers will send data using a traffic-generator application called iperf, and run for 10 seconds on each test, the protocol used in the throughput test is TCP computers that are used using Windows and Linux operating systems. The testing is done by sending data from a computer with the same operating system, then across operating systems. The network structure used uses 2 methods, the first is the network that is connected directly using a cable on each device, as shown in Figure 1.

![Figure 1. Direct connection without tunnel media](image)

Then the second network method, the connection is made using tunneling on the router device, so that routers 1 and 2 are directly connected using the tunnel method. As shown in Figure 2. Technical testing is done like when testing a connection without using a tunnel, namely by sending traffic between 2 computers, for the type of tunnel used is IP IPv6 tunnel, by encapsulating the IP packet in the IP packet then sending it into the network to another router by using IPv6 [53]-[57].
3. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Connection testing between the same operating systems and between operating systems is carried out to measure network performance using jumbo frames. There are two tests, namely testing without using a tunnel and testing using a tunnel.

3.1. The performance without tunnel

Tests with the same Windows operating system have been carried out using the Iperf application for 10 seconds, then Wireshark captures the data sent and received after Iperf runs for 10 seconds, as shown in Figure 3, the data that has been recorded by Wireshark. In Figure 3, the results of testing using a computer with the Windows operating system are shown. With an MTU of 4000 bytes, the resulting throughput is the MTU with the largest throughput of 914 Mbps. Tests show that the greater the MTU used, the fewer packets sent for the number of packets sent for 10 seconds. When using MTU 1500 bytes, the total number of packets sent is 633,785 packets, and if MTU 4000 bytes is used, it can send 288,580 packets and MTU 9000 bytes has sent 121,745 packets.

In Windows testing, when using MTU 4000 bytes, the most packet loss occurred, there’s only 19 packet loss. Furthermore, the jitter test that occurs during testing shows that the larger the packet sent, the greater the jitter values. Likewise, the time span has also shown results that are not different from jitter, the larger the packet size sent, the longer it takes.

In Figure 4, the test on the Linux operating system shows that the fellow Linux operating system platforms are not able to send packets with an MTU of more than 9000 bytes. So that the use of MTU 4000 bytes has shown results with the greatest throughput, which is equal to 955 Mbps. The number of packets that can be sent is also getting less, for MTU 9000 bytes the packet sent is the value of the packet that was sent from ethernet but failed to send so the value is very small. In testing Linux and Linux, MTU 4000 bytes shows that the test does not produce a packet loss greater than MTU 1500 bytes, less packet loss that occurs...
only 4 packets. However, the jitter at the 4000 bytes MTU still occurs and shows a higher number than the 1500 bytes MTU, with a value of 0.0374 ms.

The use of the 4000 bytes MTU time span has shown that in addition to producing a larger throughput, the transmission time can also be faster, so that it is unable to send packets with an MTU of more than 9000 bytes. So that the use of MTU 4000 has shown results with the greatest throughput, which is equal to 955 Mbps. In testing Linux to Linux, the use of 4000 bytes MTU did not result in a packet loss greater than MTU 1500 bytes, the packet loss was less, only 4 packets. In the use of MTU 4000 bytes, jitter still occurs and still shows a higher number than MTU 1500 bytes, which is equal to the value of 0.0374 ms. Meanwhile, the time span shows that using an MTU of 4000 bytes, in addition to producing a larger throughput, data transmission has also shown that the transmission time is also faster.

Figure 5 shows the results of cross-operating systems testing with the test method without using a tunnel between the Linux and Windows operating systems. The results of these tests show that the largest throughput generated is MTU 4000 bytes, the number of packets sent for MTU use is 9000 bytes, namely 126,167 packages per test which is the least packet delivery. The greater the MTU used, the less packet loss that occurs, by using an MTU of 9000 bytes, packet loss does not occur. However, the jitter that occurs is that the greater the MTU the greater the jitter that occurs. And the time span also shows results like jitter, where the greater the MTU, the greater the span that occurs.

3.2. Tunneling testing

The second stage of testing is carried out using a network model that has a tunnel link in the connection between the routers used. Three tests were carried out, the first and second tests used the same operating system, then the third test was cross-testing between Windows and Linux operating systems. Figure 6 has shown the performance testing of Windows-Windows via tunnel. The results of the analysis are.

In Figure 6, the tunnel network is used in the first test on the same Windows operating system. The test results show that for the greatest throughput is to use the MTU 4000 bytes. Meanwhile, the smallest total number of packets when sent in one test using MTU is 9000 bytes, which is 106,494 packages. There were only 3 packet loss that occurred during the test, when using MTU 4000 bytes. Then for jitter shows that the larger the packet sent, the greater the resulting jitter. When using the 4000 bytes MTU, the time span shows the fastest time among other MTUs, it is at 10.2026 seconds.
In the next test is testing on the same Linux operating system, as shown in Figure 7. The test results show that the largest throughput is the one using the MTU 4000 bytes, while the 9000 bytes MTU shows that the system cannot send data, because the operating system is unable sends a packet larger than the MTU of 900 bytes. Figure 7 shows that the number of packets sent using the MTU of 4000 bytes is a total of 299,877 packets. The difference of 1 packet loss is shown in the use of MTU 1500 bytes and MTU 9000 bytes. The jitter that occurs is still greater for the use of a larger MTU as well. Meanwhile, the time span at MTU 4000 bytes has shown a value smaller than MTU 1500 bytes.

![Figure 7. Linux tunneling to Linux testing](image)

The last test was carried out between cross-platform operating systems, Windows and Linux as shown in Figure 8. The test results show that the throughput can run optimally using the MTU 4000 bytes, and the total number of packets generated in one test using the 4000 bytes MTU is 264,943 packages. While packet loss using MTU 4000 bytes in this test does not occur, for the jitter is still the same as the previous test results, with the use of a larger MTU it will produce a greater jitter, and the resulting time span shows that in the use of 9000 bytes MTU , this test has shown the lowest value.

![Figure 8. Tunneling Linux to Windows testing](image)

### 3.3. Traffic on mikrotik

Retrieval of traffic data that passes through the mikrotik is not in accordance with the MTU that is set, on a mikrotik packet size that is more than 1500 bytes will be fragmented into small packets with a size of 1500 bytes illustrated in Figure 9. In Figure 9 shows the results of the tests that have been carried out, computer 1 sends a packet to computer 2 going through several mikrotik routers, the jumbo size of the packet that comes out of computer 1 is received by router 1, then from router 1 the packet is fragmented into a small size, then sent to to router 3 and proceed to router 2, after the packet is received by router 2, the size of the packet which was previously broken down into small pieces is returned back to its original size and continues sending the packet to 2, the resend packet and lost segmen will show in Figure 10. In Figure 10 shows the sending of jumbo packets between mikrotik, packet fragmentation occurs, the fragmentation process causes packet loss between mikrotiks so that performance and throughput decrease.
4. CONCLUSION

Tests carried out between computer devices using a network system without using a tunnel and using a tunnel has been done. The test results show that the use of 4000 bytes MTU can produce the greatest throughput in sending data on the same operating system and across operating systems. The number of packages sent indicates that the greater the MTU used, the fewer the number of packages sent. So this 4000 bytes MTU is ideal for running on the IPv6 platform. The amount of packet loss that occurs during the test does not always indicate that the use of a large MTU is bound to occur with a large packet loss, or vice versa. The occurrence of packet loss depends on the readiness of all connected devices, if there are devices that are not ready to receive the packet, then packet loss will occur during transmission.

The data shows that the greater the MTU used, the greater the jitter value and Jitter occurs because it is influenced by the amount of MTU used. The use of a larger MTU shows that it can reduce the time span value, so that performance is better. The analogy in using jumbo frames in everyday life is like sending goods by entering into a larger size box, when the box size is small, the shipping process will take longer, whereas by using a larger box, the number of goods sent can be reduced, so that the shipping process can run faster, but increasing the size of the box does not always make the delivery of goods faster, enlarging the shipping medium must be adjusted to the maximum capacity of the transport medium, because sending packages with sizes that exceed the capacity or are too large can also reduce performance when delivery of goods.

The use of jumbo frames using a mikrotik is less effective, even though it produces a larger throughput when using the MTU 4000, but there is fragmentation in the packets passing through the mikrotik because the packet passing through the mikrotik is split into 1500 byte sizes. In the future, from the results of the research conducted, it can still be developed to find better test values and accuracy, by using a tunnel method other than IPIPv6, then in network design it can combine from different test locations on a wider scale.

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