

# PrefixLen & ExtRef

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# Two Drafts

draft-gasser-opsawg-prefix-lengths

Like GeoFeed for publishing an Op's  
customer assignment size

draft-ymbk-opsawg-rpsl-extref

Generalizing these external references

# Initial Motivation

- Applications want to know the width of IP space used by a 'customer'
  - Blocklisting/throttling
  - Rate limiting/CAPTCHAs
  - etc.
- It benefits ISPs to publish this as it benefits our customers by reducing collateral damage

# PrefixLen CSV File

2001:db8::/32,56

192.0.2.0/24,32

Publish the **width** of allocations  
within a prefix

# inetnum: Hack

```
inetnum: 192.0.2.0/24 # example  
prefixlen: https://my.com/prefixlen
```

or, in the interim

```
inetnum: 192.0.2.0/24 # example  
remarks: Prefixlen https://my.com/prefixlen
```

# CGNAT

The 'consumer' of the PrefixLen data (a provider of services) needs to know that there is high granularity and mobility

192.0.0.0/20, 36

The CGNAT uses 192.0.0.0/20 and 16 customers share each /32

# Proliferation!

Oops! Now we have

inetnum: 192.0.2.0/24

geofeed: <https://my.com/geofeed>

prefixlen: <https://my.com/prefixlen>

There will be more!! They will breed!!

# So Generalize!

inet6num: 2001:db8::/32

extref: Geofeed <https://my.com/geofeed>

extref: Prefixlen <https://my.com/prefixlen>



# whois -> RDAP

RIRs want to move from whois to RDAP. So the inetnum: hacks will also have to migrate. RIRs already have GeoFeed in test.

This will be a long transition. We just need to be aware of it.

```
{  
  "objectClassName": "ip network",  
  "startAddress": "192.0.2.0",  
  "endAddress": "192.0.2.127",  
  ...  
  "links": [  
    {  
      "href": "https://rdap.example.net/ip/192.0.2.0/25",  
      "rel": "self",  
      "type": "application/rdap+json",  
      "value": "https://rdap.example.net/ip/192.0.2.0/25"  
    },  
    {  
      "href": "https://rdap.example.net/ip/192.0.2.0/24",  
      "rel": "up",  
      "type": "application/rdap+json",  
      "value": "https://rdap.example.net/ip/192.0.2.0/25"  
    },  
    ...  
  ],  
  ...  
}
```

# Other Attributes

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- last mile properties - e.g: rough indication of latency and BW
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