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A Short History  
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# Origins

- Late 2010
- BIS found £20k spare cash
- Suggested setting up an organisation to support Ipv6 rollout
- 6::UK formed



# Mission

- To educate UK industry as to the coming shortage of Ipv4 addresses
- To instil a sense of urgency into UK industry towards adoption of IPv6
- To educate on the technical issues
- To encourage government to buy into IPv6



# Start Up

- Classical UK non-profit membership
- Mem & Arts
- Interim Board
  - Nigel Titley, Philip Sheldrake, Peter Kirstein
- Administration
  - Jim Reid



# High Hopes

- Launch Event
  - Vint Cerf (Keynote)
  - Good Media coverage
- Web Site
- Ministerial Meeting
  - Ed Vaisey
- Training Courses



# Membership

- Large members
  - Easynet
- Medium members
  - AAISP, Redstone, Timico
- Small members
  - Fluid Data, Switch communications
- Academic and NFP
  - Dante, Janet, LINX, UCL
- Individual
  - Hardik Lodhiya, Tim Luck, Michard Consultancy Solutions, Mike Simkins, Kevin Taylor



# Stagnation

- Attempts to engage industry met with no interest
  - CBI
  - Institute of Directors
  - IET
- Government thought IPv6 should be industry-led (no further funding)
- No interest in (free) training courses



# Finance

- Income inadequate to cover further publicity
- Cut back on admin costs and ran on purely volunteer effort
- Felt it unfair to ask for more membership fees from members when so little was being delivered





# The End

- Directors decided that with no government support (not even calling a meeting) the effort was doomed
- 2012 AGM board resigned
- Press release gained a lot of publicity
- Still no govt support
- Winding up



Questions?

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