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Peer-to-Peer Services in Community Mesh Networks

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Introduction Wireless Networks – An Overview





Introduction **Evolving IP Traffic Mix**



Elastic traffic : File Sharing, P2P Traffic, www

Source: IP 2010, IDC, ScreenDigest, Ovum, DETECON



Introduction Broadband Penetration



- Other include
 - FTTN (Fibre To The Neighborhood)
 - FTTC (Fibre To The Curb)
 - FTTB (Fibre To The Basement)
 - FTTH (Fibre To The Home)
 - Mobile Broadband Access

Broadband: at least 256 Kbps



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Introduction Last Mile is Key to Cost



Solution 1: wire every house/device?

Internet

Backbone

Middle Mile



- Significant Cost and problematic in
 - Countries with large rural areas \rightarrow Sweden!
 - Large Coutries with 100 million housing units.
 - Developir

Do you have Fixed Broadband Access? -ADSL -Ethernet -Fiber



Introduction Broadband Wireless Access?

- Last Mile: Mobile Radio Networks such as UMTS?
 - Significantly less costs but still need wires
 - Expensive license fees
 - Competition limited to network Operators
 - Licensed frequency bands!
 - Capacity is an issue
 - current 3G is not really high speed
 - Network Architecture is strictly hierarchical

Do you have Mobile Broadband Access?





För första gången växer antalet mobila bredband snabbare än traditionella bredband som ADSL. ... Det betyder att mer än halva bredbandstillväxten (56 procent) kommer från mobilt bredband...

DN Ekonomi, 29. August 2007 URL: http://www.dn.se/DNet/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=678&a=686338



Introduction Broadband Wireless Access?

WLAN Hotspots as Alternative?





"Even if I had \$1 billion and set up 1000s of locations, I could never in my network have a completely ubiquitous footprint."—Sky Dayton, founder of Boingo



Do you have WLAN in your home?

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ntial APs =



starvation



Introduction Residential Broadband

""We need to think of ways to bring wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi) applications to the developing world, so as to make use of unlicensed radio spectrum to deliver cheap and fast Internet access."

Source: "Kofi Annan's IT challenge to Silicon Valley", CNET NEWS.com, Nov 2002, http://www.news.com/2010-1069-964507.html

- Recent trends
 - Penetration of WLAN increases steadily
 - Novel services such as FON (www.fon.es)
 - build a **community** of users that are willing to cooperate and share their wireless access points for e.g. Skype.
 - While the number of users is substantial
 Key Question:
 How to make WLAN coverage more ubiquituos?





Are you a **Fonero?**



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Motivation and Use Cases Current Wireless Networks

- Infrastructure-based
 - needs "wired" connectivity to access points.
 - Deployment slow and expensive





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Motivation and Use Cases Multi-Hop Wireless Networks

- Get rid of the wires!
 - mesh routing backbone created by grid of wireless APs
 - Clients can associate with any access point.
 - Complete transparency: nodes forward voice, video and data traffic to and from nearby nodes wirelessly and ultimately to the internet

Every node is now Access Point AND Router

Node Reachable!

Internet



Motivation and Use Cases HotSpots

Extend HotSpots

Hotel HotZone with MeshDynamics All Wireless Switch Stacks



Source: www.meshdynamics.com





Source: www.belair.com



Motivation and Use Cases Broadband Internet Access for rural/urban areas



http://muniwireless.com



Motivation and Use Cases More Use Cases

- Alternative Communication during desasters
 - Roll Out Network rapidly
- Broadband Home Networking
 - Solve the AP positioning problem
- Building and Factory Automation
 - Reduced deployment and maintenance cost
- Enterprise networking
 - Backhaul access modems can be shared
 - Recuced costs
- Security Surveillance Systems
 - Wirelessly connect cameras, sensors, etc



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Community Networks Introduction

- Typical Deployments
 - Low Mobility
 - Low/Medium Density
 - Example: Government Subsidized Housing

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Community Networks Introduction

- Typical Deployments
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 - Medium Density
 - Example: Immigrant Community

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Community Networks Introduction

- Typical Deployments
 - High Mobility
 - High Density
 - Example: Young Professionals

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Community Networks WiFi Mesh: Community Networks

- Grass-roots broadband Internet Access → support unplanned growth
- Not run by ISPs, but connected to
 - Public, private and often non-profit, may be municipally supported, hybrid partnerships
 - Several neighbors may share their broadband connections with many other neighbors → cost-effective
 - Typically driven by a community belonging to specific geographic area
- Reducing significantly number of internet access points
- Small area, locally-based
- Cheap, Off-the-shelf hardware
- Mission to support both social & economic development



Source: research.microsoft.com/mesh/



Community Networks Overview

- www.muniwireless.com, as of August 1, 2007:
 - 92 regional and city-wide networks,
 - 68 city hotzones,
 - 40 public safety and municipal use networks
 - 215 ongoing city and country-wide projects.
 - \rightarrow 415 projects compared to 122 as of 2005
 - Europe: lagging started to develop interest
- Application examples for wireless city projects
 - Digital divide for schools, businesses and residents;
 - Traffic signal management;
 - Automated meter reading for utility companies;
 - leased line replacement; access to remote county buildings;
 - public safety;
 - Integrated digital, voice and video for city buildings;



Community Networks Broadband Internet Access for urban areas



- Philadelphia Mesh
 - Internet Access
 - Uses 70 Tropos Mesh APs (2000 USD each) per square mile using cities light poles
 - Outsourced to Earthlink ISP
 - Mobile city workers will use it to communicate

- Public vs. Private Sector
 - Who Owns the Network?
 - Who Pays for the Network?
 - Who Operates the Network?
 - Many combinations possible, but typically influenced by regulatory issues
- Metro WiFi Funding Models
 - Fully Outsourced (Philadelphia)
 - Privately Funded (Boston)
 - Federally Funded (New Orleans, Sandoval)



Community Networks MIT Roofnet

- - 37 node single-channel 802.11 based outdoor roof testbed
 - Coverage area: ~4 km around MIT campus
 - High power transmission \rightarrow 200 mW, omnidirectional antenna
 - Mesh Relay nodes use private IP addr, clients use 192.168.1.x address
 - Collissions are an issue \rightarrow RTS/CTS does not help much
 - Uses combination of link state and on-demand routing
 - evaluates link quality (ETX)
 - ignore long, low capacity links
 - Use faster, lossy rate links
 - Performance Characteristics:
 - Mean data rates of over 600kb/s
 - ~1.4Mb/s for internet gateway traffic
 - Latency below 50 ms





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Community Networks Broadband Internet Access for urban areas

Map of Users per Node



- Bridges digital divide in Boston
 - Provides broadband internet access to a predominately Cantonese Speaking Population
 - due to cost and broadband unavailability would otherwise not have access to the Internet.
 - Exchange e-mail and voice over IP with China.
 - Pursue language and educational studies.

- Boston Castle Square Mesh
 - Delivers broadband wireless Internet access to housing complex in Boston
 - Run by tenants organization (private)
 - Three high speed **ADSL** connections
 - \$30,000 grant from the Boston Foundation for hardware
 - run by a consortium of volunteers



Community Networks Berlin Freifunk

- Characteristics → http://start.freifunk.net/
 - Community Network from people for people
 - Started in Germany, now worldwide effort
 - Berlin (500 nodes, 1/10 city coverage)
 - Some DIY guides: http://wirelessafrica.meraka.org.za/wiki/index.php/DIY_Mesh_Guide
 - Uses OLSR link state routing \rightarrow Significant scalability problems







Community Networks WiFi Mesh for Rural Networks

- Extend Internet access into areas which do not have wired networking infrastructure.
- Reduced Infrastructure cost
- Typically semi-infrastructured backbone network (Mesh)
- Long distance links can be common
- Cheap, Off-the-shelf hardware
- Mission to support both social & economic development
- Useful for developing areas





Figure 1. The Digital Gangetic Plains testbed





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Community Networks Open Source Platforms for Mesh

- Cost Issue
 - Proprietary Mesh Boxes expensive
 - Proprietary solutions might be not compatible/expandable
- Open Source
 - Ubiquitous available, Inexpensive, Easy to extend
 - Example: Linux, etc
- OpenWRT
 - Embedded OS can run on many wireless devices, e.g. Netgear WGT634U
 - Free to use and install (GNU General Public license)
- Roofnet Software
 - Runs on e.g. Netgear routers (~40.- EUR)
 - MADWifi drivers (www.madwifi.org)
- **8**02.11s
 - WiFi Mesh standard
 - Open source: http://o11s.org/
- Community Wireless Access
 - Mostly uses combination of Low Cost wireless router and open source software





Community Networks Open Source Platforms for Mesh

- One Laptop Per Child XO
 - developed for children in least developed countries
 - Comes with support for 802.11s
 - Linux based GUI frontend
 - Supports interaction among OLPC users
 - Fosters community building
 - Distribute and share Internet access
 - Share thoughts, ideas, equations, learning, music, ebooks...
 - Play music together





Any screen. Any time. **MOVIE SEARCH RESULTS** ND VIDEO MOVIE SEARC Drama, romance and action movies, with more than 10 Woodmark Great! votes: Step Into Step Movie Viewing Plans - Southwind Video lauid Geoff Gr PG13 Any screen. Any time. **MOVIE VIEWING PLANS** A wonde l's 10120 greates

Internet use in communities increased social contact, public participation and size of social network. (social capital - access to people, information and resources)

Keith N. Hampton, MIT (author of "Netville Neighborhood Study") URL: http://www.asanet.org/media/neville.html





Community Networks User Centric Networks

- Owning the User is key to Success
 - Users most likely own the equipment in the last hop due to incentives ightarrow e.g. Fon
 - Physical neighbours share the same environment
 - organized in clusters (streets, blocks, buildings)
 - Location of APs and Terminals reflects social behaviour
 - Great potential of social relations in neighboured users
 - Neighbors in local communities most likely share similar interest
 - Similar ethnicity ("Little India", "Chinatown")
 - Similar age ("Young Professionals", "Elderly")
 - Localized information exchange is likely to dominate if same social interest
 - Social networking communities such as Youtube on a local basis
 - Exchange of photos, films, etc.
 - Include location information (could be available from Mesh Network)
 - Information Finding and Exchange



Community Networks User Centric Networks

- Network should adapt itself to user environment and context
 - Maximize performance of user applications
 - Take in consideration social interest
 - Promote interactions and content exchange
 - Peer-to-Peer interactions most likely common model
 - Network should support Community Formation
 - Communities are clusters from a network perspective
 - Community members share common context and interests
 - Knowledge on Context and Interest allow to optimize the network towards specific uses
 - Towards Social Community Mesh Networking
 - Social and Community Networks already available in the Internet
 - Myspace, YouTube, Facebook, etc.
 - Currently, network layer agnostic of communities



Community Networks Communities

- Users most likely might join different communities
 - Based on interest and social interactions \rightarrow Friends, "Madonna fans", FONEROS
 - Based on location \rightarrow my neighborhoud, my building, my city
- Different Communities have different purposes
 - "Friends" → exchange pictures, self-made videos, information
 - "Madonna" → exchange music and "Madonna" videos
 - FONEROS → share internet, support charging functions
 - Mechanisms
 - Discovery of communities/services
 - Delegation/Permissions
 - Negotiate Delegation Parameters
 - Revocate Delegations





Community Networks Community Management Framework

- Community Management Framework for Mesh Users
 - Ontologies \rightarrow define structure of information, using OWL
 - Supports automatic and user defined communities
 - Provides overlay functionalities based on Peer-to-Peer principles
 - Uses WINE-SD with mesh optimized mSLP extension



"Ontology driven Framework for Community Network Management", J.P. Barraca, Rui Aguiar, ICT 2008


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Terminology and Classification Multi-Hop Wireless Networks





Terminology and Classification What is a Wireless Mesh Network?

- Key characteristics:
 - wireless
 - multi-hop
 - broadband
 - self-organizing and self-healing \rightarrow Reduced OPEX
 - infrastructure components
 - Categories (cf. Akyi05)
 - client-mesh
 - infrastructure/backbone mesh
 - hybrid mesh
 - \rightarrow Reduced CAPEX





Terminology and Classification Mesh Routers – Mesh Relay Nodes (MRN)

- At least one wireless interface.
 - Typically two
 - backbone mesh formation (Ad Hoc)
 - client access (Infrastructure)
 - Can have multiple (wireless) access technologies (e.g. WLAN and Cellular)
- Mobility
 - Stationary (e.g. rooftop)
 - Mobile (e.g., airplane, busses/subway).
- Provide coverage (acts as a mini-cell-tower) by establishing the mesh connectivity
- Contains routing logic for mesh connectivity
- Many needed for wide areas, hence, cost can be an issue.





(a) PowerPC and (b) Advanced Risc Machines (ARM)



Terminology and Classification Mesh Clients

- Typically one interface.
 - Laptops
 - PDAs
 - MobilePhones
 - ...
- Mobility
 - Stationary
 - Mobile
- Can connect directly to the mesh network through mesh routers (or directly to gateways) through
 - Wireless (direct or via Ad-Hoc) or
 - Wired





Terminology and Classification Access Routers (AR) - Gateways

- Multiple interfaces (wired & wireless)
- Mobility
 - Stationary (e.g. rooftop) most common case
 - Mobile (e.g., airplane, busses/subway) → NEMO
- Serve as (multi-hop) "access points" to user nodes
- Relatively few are needed
- Integrate WMNs with various existing wireless networks such as
 - Cellular
 - Wireless sensor
 - WiMax





Terminology and Classification User – Mesh Router Links

- Wired
 - Bus (PCI, PCMCIA, USB)
 - Ethernet, Firewire, etc.
- Wireless
 - 802.11x
 - 802.16
 - Bluetooth
 - Proprietary
- Point-to-Point or Point-to-Multipoint
- If properly designed is not a bottleneck.





Terminology and Classification Router to Router Links

- Wireless
 - 802.11x
 - 802.16
 - Proprietary
- Usually multipoint to multipoint
 - Sometimes a collection of point to point
- Often the bottleneck
 - Also called backhaul links





Terminology Gateway to Internet Links

- Wired
 - Ethernet, TV Cable, Power Lines
- Wireless
 - 802.16 (again meshed possible)
 - Proprietary
- Point to Point or Point-to-Multipoint
- Also called backhaul links
 - If properly designed, not the bottleneck





Terminology Data Transmission

- User-Internet Data Flows
 - In most applications the main data flows
 - User-User Data Flows
 - In most applications a small percentage of data flows





Terminology and Classification Multi-channel Multi-Radio WMNs

- Multi-channel wireless mesh networks:
 - in the context of 802.11
 - wireless mesh network which utilizes transmissions on several typically non-overlapping 20MHz channels in the 2.4GHz band or 5GHz band
 - in a general context multi-frequency mesh networks
- Multi-radio wireless mesh networks:
 - mesh network where some of the nodes have multiple (at least two) radio interfaces which might be used independently
 - Typical scenario:
 - backbone: 802.11a (5GHz)
 - client connectivity: 802.11g (2.4 GHz)



Terminology and Classification Multi-Channel Multi-Radio Mesh Network



- Problems:
 - number of radios per node (mesh network planning)
 - channel assignment
 - static (mesh network planning)
 - dynamic (radio resource management)
 - centralized, decentralized, time-scale?
 - multi-channel single-radio
 - routing



Terminology and Classification Multi-Gateway WMNs

- Wireless mesh networks with multiple gateways to the Internet
- Multiple gateways are required to
 - keep routes to the Internet short (few hops)
 - increase access capacity
- **Problems:**
 - Gateway detection
 - Routing





Terminology and Classification Multi-Technology WMNs

- Wireless mesh networks built on mesh links from multiple technologies
 - IEEE 802.11 and 802.16
 - IEEE 802.11a and IEEE 802.11g ?





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Introduction to Mesh Networks and Routing An Early Multi-Hop Wireless Network



What Challenges can we identify?



- Network entry
 - neighbor detection
 - gateway detection
 - network association
- Medium access control
 - resource reservation (optional)
 - data transmission/scheduling
 - buffering and forwarding
- Routing
 - find path to gateway
 - optimize path
 - coordination with MAC-Layer (cross layer design)





MAC Layer Functionality

- Medium access control
 - random access
 - resource reservation (optional)
- Intra-node scheduling
 - service differentiation
 - fairness
 - traffic forwarding
- Network entry
 - neighbor detection
 - gateway detection
 - network association
 - synchronization



MAC Layer Medium Access Coordination



Goal for MAC layer design:

- avoid parallel interfering transmissions
- do not hinder parallel non-interfering transmissions



MAC Layer Random Access without reservation

- IEEE 802.11 Distributed Coordination Function DCF (CSMA-CA)
 - Stations have to equally compete for access to the medium
 - Acknowledgment scheme is used for error indication



simple, well accepted, most frequently implemented and used



MAC Layer Hidden Node Problem

- Hidden Node Problem
 - A mesh node is hidden for an ongoing transmission if it is not able to sense the ongoing transmission but its transmission would disturb the reception.
 - A node not in the sensing range of the transmitter but within the interference range of the receiver

- HN-induced problems
 - Throughput degradation
 - Unfairness





MAC Layer Simple Reservation – Two-way Handshake

- IEEE 802.11 RTS/CTS
 - RTS: Ready to send
 - CTS: Clear to send
- Nodes receiving RTS or CTS might not get involved in new transmissions

RTS/CTS

- partially solves hidden node problem
- induces increased overhead and delay
- also virtual carrier sensing

RTS

hidden nodes

CTS



MAC Layer RTS/CTS





MAC Layer RTS/CTS Problems



receiving range

- A node unable to decode the CTS might nevertheless disturb the transmission.
- Hidden node problem still exists.
- Critical if adaptive modulation and coding is used.
- Threshold on packet size for RTS/CTS usage typically maximum packet size.



MAC Layer Exposed Node Problem

- disabling of possible non-interfering parallel transmissions
- nodes that only receive RTS can transmit
- nodes that only receive CTS can receive





MAC Layer Exposed Node Problem

- actually, it's all a problem of
 - "actual" interference
 - frame error probabilities for different SNRs
 - antennas
 - power control





Mesh Network Routing Why Mesh Routing?

- Why do we need specialized Mesh routing?
 - (A) To reach nodes that are no direct neighbors
 - (B) To deal with topology dynamics induced by dynamical Power-on, Power-off
 - (C) To support spontaneous formation of the network
 - (D) To match the characteristics of wireless communication
 - (E) Because all end-systems are also acting as routers
 - (F) To operate without fixed infrastructure
- Applying Ad-hoc network routing protocols, BUT
 - WMN routers differ from MANET routers
 - Power supply, Mobility,...
 - Separation of WMN routers and clients
- Routing Approaches
 - Flooding-based routing
 - Reactive (on-demand) routing
 - Proactive routing
 - Hierarchical routing





Mesh Network Routing Taxonomy of MANET Routing Protocols



- Proactive protocols
 - Determine routes independent of traffic
 - Traditional link-state and distance-vector routing protocols are proactive

see also http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ad_hoc_protocol_list

- Reactive protocols
 - Maintain routes only if needed → OnDemand



Mesh Network Routing Overview



Key issues:

- Individual nodes cooperate in the wireless forwarding
- Main traffic: to/from internet gateway
- How to find routes?
- How to find internet gateways?
- Which routes are "good"?
- How to make the MESH transparent to end-nodes?

Video: source Microsoft



Mesh Network Routing Single-Radio Single-Channel



Per MN Capacity=1/N , (N=hops) Single Radio and Single Channel → 12 Steps to send 4 packets



Mesh Network Routing AODV

- Ad-Hoc onDemand Distance Vector Routing [Perkins99]:
 - Reactive routing protocol
 - Based on distance vector principle: for each destination store direction, distance.
 - Route discovery cycle for route finding
 - Flooded / Broadcast Route Request (RREQ)
 - A node re-broadcasting RREQ sets up reverse path pointing towards source
 - Unicast Route Reply (RREP) along reverse path of RREQ
 - At most one next-hop per destination maintained at each node
 - Unicast Route Error (RERR)
 - No overhead on data packets
 - Unused routes expire even if topology does not change
 - Loop freedom is achieved through sequence numbers
 - assume symmetric (bi-directional) links.
 - Experimental RFC status issued (July 2003): http://ietf.org/rfc/rfc3561.txt
 - Kiyon Inc.'s Autonomous Network



Mesh Network Routing Route Requests in AODV





Represents a node that has received RREQ for D from S

Represents that two nodes are connected as within each others transmission range



Mesh Network Routing **Route Requests in AODV**



- **RREQ** includes
 - source and destination IP address
 - current destination seq. number
 - broadcast id (incremented for every RREQ)
 - TTL.



Mesh Network Routing Route Requests in AODV



- RREQ processing:
 - node creates *reverse* route table entry for RREQ source with TTL.
 - If node has "unexpired" route to destination in its table with sequence number >= RREQ's, it replies to RREQ with Route Reply (RREP) back to source. Otherwise, broadcast RREQ onward



Mesh Network Routing **Reverse Path Setup in AODV**



- Identifier
 - Source IP + bcast id uniquely identifies RREQ: nodes do not forward RREQs they have forwarded recently.
 - Node C receives RREQ from G and H, but does not forward it again, because node C has already forwarded RREQ once



Mesh Network Routing Reverse Path Setup in AODV



- Destination Sequence Number
 - When node D receives route request with destination sequence number N, D sets its sequence number to N, unless it is already larger than N.
 - Node's own sequence number is monotonically increasing.
 - Sequence number is incremented after neighborhood topology change.


Mesh Network Routing Reverse Path Setup in AODV



Node D does not forward RREQ, because node D is the target of the RREQ



Mesh Network Routing Route Reply Example



- An intermediate node that has current route to destination, may respond to RREQ with RREP.
- RREP contains source and destination IP, current sequence number, number of hops to destination. If destination, then destination seq. #. Else, node's current record of destination's seq. #.



in Community Mesh Networks

Mesh Network Routing Forward Path Setup in AODV

Forward links are setup when RREP travels along the reverse path

Represents a link on the forward path



- Node receiving RREP sets up forward path to destination.
- If multiple RREPs received, node forwards first one.
- Later RREPs discarded unless greater seq. # or smaller # of hops.



Mesh Network Routing Data Delivery in AODV



- Routing table entries used to forward data packet.
- Route is *not* included in packet header.



Mesh Network Routing AODV – Route Maintenance



- Timers to keep route alive
 - Reverse link deleted after TO \rightarrow long enough to allow RREP to travel back
 - Forward path deleted if not used for a active_route_timeout interval
 - Deleted if not used, even if route still valid \rightarrow problematic for long silence periods



Mesh Network Routing AODV – Route Error



- Link failure reporting / repairing routes
 - When a node is unable to forward packet on link (X,Y) towards D, it generates a RERR
 - Node X increments the destination sequence number N++ for D cached at node X
 - *N*++ is included in the RERR, which is sent out based upon precursor lists
 - S receives RERR, initiates a new route discovery for D using larger sequence number



Mesh Network Routing Summary / Other Features of AODV

- Target networks
 - Where routing churn is high enough that proactively maintaining routes is unproductive, and that can absorb a network wide broadcast rate
 - The authors claim scalability up to 10,000 nodes (performance suffers, simulation results)
- Multiple optimizations
 - AODV-LR Local Repair
 - AODV-ESP Expanding-Ring Search
 - Multi-path extension proposed (AODVM, AOMDV)
- Multiple open issues
 - Security
 - QoS
 - ..
 - Protocol needs operational experience to discover further issues



Mesh Network Routing Dynamic Source Routing (DSR)

- DSR Characteristics:
 - On-demand routing, Route contained in each packet header
 - loop-free routing
 - No need for routing table in intermediate nodes
 - Efficient routing cache by forwarding or overhearing nodes
 - Two phases:
 - Route Discovery
 - Route Maintenance



Mesh Network Routing DSR Operation

- Route discovery phase
 - initiated if the source node does not have routing information in its cache
 - source node broadcasts a route request that contains source address, destination address, unique ID
 - Intermediate nodes
 - Send back route reply if route in cache,
 - otherwise
 - add their own address to the route record of the packet in the header
 - forward the packet along its outgoing links
 - Route Reply
 - generated by the destination or a node that has a valid route in the cache
 - contains route record obtained from the route request
 - is sent via the path in the route record, or from a cached entry, or is discovered through a route request
 - route error packets and acknowledgments for route maintenance



Mesh Network Routing DSR Operation





Mesh Network Routing Proactive Routing Schemes

- General Principle
 - Nodes maintain global state information
 - Consistent global routing information is stored at all nodes
 - Changes in network topology are propagated to all nodes with corresponding state information being updated
 - Routing state maintenance can be flat or hierarchical
 - Examples of proactive routing protocols
 - Destination Sequenced Distance Vector (DSDV)
 - Topology Broadcast based Reverse Path Forwarding (TBRPF)
 - Optimized Link State Routing (OLSR)



Mesh Network Routing Proactive Routing Schemes

- Mostly based on Distance Vector or Link State
 - DV protocols
 - may form loops and thus waste bandwidth and power
 - Loop avoidance may be complex
 - LS protocols
 - Higher storage and communication overhead
 - Link State Routing Principle [Huitema95]:
 - Each node periodically floods status of its links
 - Each node re-broadcasts link state information received from its neighbor
 - Each node keeps track of link state information received from other nodes
 - Each node uses above information to determine next hop to each destination
 - Proactive
 - Network wide dissemination of local information



- OLSR Jacquet, http://hipercom.inria.fr/olsr/rfc3626.txt
 - Reduce overhead of flooding link state information
 - A broadcast from node X is only forwarded by special neighbors: *multipoint relays (MPR)*
 - Multipoint relays of node X are its neighbors such that each two-hop neighbor of X is a one-hop neighbor of at least one multipoint relay of X
 - MPRs should globally optimize flooding by optimizing it locally
 - The number of multipoint relays should be minimized (per node)
 - MPRs of X are 1-hop neighbors of X covering X's 2-hop neighbors
 - Each node transmits its neighbor list in periodic beacons, so that all nodes can know their 2-hop neighbors, in order to choose the multipoint relays
 - A node forwards the flooding packets with the following rules
 - Forward if the packet has not already been received
 - The node is multipoint relay of the last emitter



• Which nodes are multipoint relays of node A???





Node that has broadcast state information from A

Example adopted from Nitin Vaidya (UIUC)



Nodes C and E forward information received from A





Node that has broadcast state information from A

Example adopted from Nitin Vaidya (UIUC)



- Nodes E and K are multipoint relays for node H
- Node K forwards information received from H
 - E has already forwarded the same information once





Mesh Network Routing OLSR

- Link Sensing
 - Periodic HELLO messages: a local link set, describing links between "local interfaces" and "remote interfaces" is defined
- MPR Selection and MPR Signaling
 - Nodes select a subset of their neighbors such that a broadcast message, retransmitted by these selected neighbors, will be received by all nodes 2 hops away
 - MPR calculation based on HELLO messages
 - Topology Control Message Diffusion (Link State Messages)
 - Topology control messages are used to declare MPRs
 - carry link-state information to allow route calculation to all nodes in the network
 - Route Calculation:
 - Bases on link state information + interface configuration
 - The routing table can be calculated at each node
 - The OLSR standard specifies all messages + mechanisms



Mesh Network Routing OLSR Summary

- Target Networks
 - Scalability problems for large and many mobile nodes networks due to overhead
 - Low latency for route discovery (proactive)
 - Various extensions exist, so-called auxilliary functions to complement the core functionality of OLSR, including QoS features etc
- Multipoint relays reduce the flooding overhead because
 - only MPRs forward control messages
 - MPRs may flood partial link state, that is, only MPRs generate link state information including MPR Selector information
 - A MPR Selector of node X is a node which has selected its 1-hop neighbor, node X, as its multipoint relay



Mesh Network Routing 802.11s Routing

- Two defined routing schemes
 - Hybrid Wireless Mesh Protocol (HWMP) Mandatory
 - combines On-demand and Proactive Routing
 - (Radio Metric) RM-AODV (On-Demand part)
 - Tree based routing to Root Portal node (pro-active part)
 - Airtime Link Metric as mandatory link metric defined in standard
 - Other Link metrics allowed
 - Extensible framework allows any path selection metric (QoS, load balancing, power-aware, etc)
 - (Radio Aware) RA-OLSR Optional
- Alternative routing schemes supported
 - Vendor specific



Mesh Network Routing 802.11s RA-OLSR

- Proactively maintains link-state for routing
 - Changes in link state (radio aware link metric) are flooded through MPRs
 - Combines
 - OLSR (RFC 3626) Extended with:
 - Use of a radio aware metric in MPR selection and routing path selection
 - Efficient association discovery and dissemination protocol to support 802.11 stations
 - (Optional) Fisheye State Routing Concepts
 - message exchange frequency control (fish-eye state routing)
 - Lower frequency for nodes within larger scope
 - Reduce message exchange overhead in time.



Future Directions, Conclusion



Future Directions, Conclusion Technical Issues

- Applications, Requirements and Use Cases
- Interoperability and Internet Integration
- Capacity Increase
 - Exploit Diversity through Multi-*Technology
 - channels, radios, paths, rates, antennas,
 - Routing, MAC and Quality of Service
 - Cross-layer Design
- Robustness and Security
 - Important for user adoption and community building
- Services
 - Also Peer-to-Peer, Overlays



Future Directions, Conclusion Important Future Trends

- Mesh Management and Monitoring
 - Build management capabilities into the network \rightarrow self-managed
 - Reduced OPEX
 - Requires decentralized operation
- Cognitive Mesh Networks
 - Build intelligence into the network using monitoring data
 - Observe the environment, adapt operation, re-configure, learn!
 - More than cross-layer!
 - Tools
 - Need to develop proper tools for management, monitoring operation and deployment of nodes
- Wishlist:
 - Scalability to metropolitan size, reliable communication, broadband capacity, security and robustness, easy of deployment, minimize cost, interoperable with wireless internet and other (wireless) network technologies, etc.





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Peer-to-Peer Services in Community Mesh Networks Part 2

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Client-Server concept Life Before P2P

- Peer-to-Peer Services in Community Mesh Networks Andreas J. Kassler, Marcel Castro
- Client-Server (CS) based
- Centralized architectures
- Simple model





Client-Server concept Client-Server model



- Client and server communicate using a well defined protocol
- Server stores all the service logic (centralized architecture))
- Clients (dumb) ask the server to perform tasks for them
- Clients can only use what the server provides and allows
- Communication between clients goes through the server
- Servers can and do exercise control of usage
- This made it a very popular model among businesses



- Simple architecture
- Works well with simple clients
- Centralized logic is easy to maintain/upgrade
- Centralized data storage is easy to maintain
- Can impose restrictions on client communication
- Clients cannot communicate directly
- It can have privacy implications
- It has scalability issues
- The server can be a single point of failure
- Acquiring high availability is hard and costly



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Client-Server concept Client-Server model evolution

- It started with small servers holding a few resources, to which a small number of clients had access.
- But other people liked the idea and they also wanted to have access to those resources...
- ...so larger servers have been built to handle more clients
- But more and more people wanted to join in, to be able to access the resources...





And all was well until scalability and availability problems started to raise their heads





And so the clusters were born to address high availability issues and eliminate single points of failure...





... and multilevel load balancing schemes were created to address scalability issues





But at this point the architecture was no longer simple...

The systems became hard to build and maintain. They became costly and required highly skilled individuals to keep them up and running

And more often than not, failures in such complex systems lead to frustration on all levels





And yet the main issues are still unsolved...

- The single point of failure became a double point of failure
- The central database is still a single point of failure
- Load balancing nodes are bottlenecks and single points of failure
- •There are still privacy issues (operators detain information)



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Understanding P2P P2P Traffic: Internet Protocol Breakdown 1993 - 2006



• Up to 50-70% of Internet traffic is contributed by P2P applications



Understanding P2P Issues addressed by P2P

- Eliminate the control that can be imposed on clients
- Provide high availability
- Provide scalability
- Provide privacy



How to address them

- By distributing the logic and the resources
- By expanding horizontally not vertically (collaboration)
- By adapting to network changes on the fly
- By using direct client-to-client communication



Understanding P2P P2P definition

A self-organizing, distributed network of entities which contribute their individual resources and collaborate in order to reach the goal for which the network was built.



- □ P2P networks are those which exhibit 3 characteristics:
 - self-organization
 - distributed control / resources
 - symmetric communication

Dan Pascu, "Overview of P2P SIP Principles & Technologies". Int. SIP Conf. 2007.



Understanding P2P P2P model evaluation

- More scalable
- Highly distributed (no single point of failure)
- Intelligence moved to the network border (clients)
- No centralized control
- No server maintenance

- More complex
- Higher latency in routing (routing stretch)
- Distributed data storage is hard to do in a consistent way



- An overlay network is a virtual network of nodes and logical links that is built on top of an existing network with the purpose to implement a network service that is not available in the existing network. (by I. Stoica)
 - A P2P network is an overlay itself (over TCP/IP)
 - E.g. of services:
 - Routing (Resilient Overlay Networks, MPLS)
 - Security (VPN)
 - Application-level Multicast



Understanding P2P Overlay networks





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Understanding P2P P2P overlay design



- Choice of identifier space (IS)
 128 bits overlay identifier
- Map resources and peers to IS
 HASH(MAC, IP, or Locality)
- 3. Management of the IS by peers- Unstructured, structured, hybrid
- 4. Routing strategy
 - Flooding, random walk, Finger table (Chord)
- 5. Maintenance strategy
 - Proactive (probe), or reactive correction



Understanding P2P Unstructured P2P

- Each peer only indexes its own content and flood queries widely
- Can perform complex searches (rich queries not just key lookups)
- Are becoming rare (used mostly by unstructured P2P networks)





Understanding P2P Unstructured P2P

• Fast lookup

- •Low join and leave overhead
- Popular files are replicated many times

- Not 100% success rate
- Very high communication overhead
- Uneven load distribution



Understanding P2P Structured P2P

- Also known as Distributed Hash Table (DHT)
- Idea: Route a packet based on a key to the node in the network that is currently responsible for the packet's key.
 - This process is referred to as indirect or key-based routing.
 - Many recent academic systems
 - CAN, Chord , Kademlia, Pastry, Tapestry, Viceroy, Bamboo.



Understanding P2P DHT - Distributed Hash Table



□ Large id space

Nodelds picked randomly from space
Hash[192.168.1.1] = N1
Keys picked randomly from space
Hash[picture.jpg] = K46
Key is managed by its root node:
Live node with id closest to the key
location of object or actual object



Understanding P2P Key-based routing





Understanding P2P The Chord DHT overlay



I. Stoica, et. al., "Chord: A Scalable Peer-to-Peer Lookup Service for Internet Applications", SIGCOMM'01

- Uses SHA-1 hashes (160 bits)
- Maps nodes and keys to a ring
- O(log N) lookup performance
- O(log N) routing table size
- Supports join and leave operations for maintaining the network
- It basically supports one operation: lookup a node for a given key
- Each node handles the resources which have their hashes mapped between the node itself and its predecessor
- Each node knows its predecessor, successor and keeps a list of successor nodes known as the finger table, which is used to improve lookup performance and increase fault tolerance
- If a lookup doesn't yield a local resource, it is forwarded to the node in the finger table which has the closest hash value preceding the hash of the queried resource



Understanding P2P Tradeoff of routing table size vs. network diameter





- Scalability: O(log N) routing
- •Load-balancing
- Overlay robustness

- No control where data is stored
- Complex queries are not possible
- Join and leave overhead



Understanding P2P The P2P family

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How to integrate P2P and MANET MANET - Mobile Ad-hoc Networks

- Mobile Ad-hoc Networks (MANET) consist of mobile nodes communicating with each other using multi-hop wireless links.
 - Self-organization for communication.
- Self-healing to cope with network failures.
- Without (necessarily) using a pre-existing infrastructure.





How to integrate P2P and MANET Need for P2P in MANET

- P2P model can be an attractive approach in MANETs in order to provide distributed services such as:
 - Data sharing(file, video, music)
 - Mobility Management
 - Security (Anonymity)
 - P2PSIP



No central server as in MANET, search latency



How to integrate P2P and MANET MANET and P2P

- Wireless Ad-hoc networks have many similarities to peer-topeer systems:
 - Same paradigm
 - Resource (e.g., files) Discovery vs. Route Discovery
 - Self-organizing network
 - Lack of managing and centralizing units



How to integrate P2P and MANET Challenges in supporting P2P over MANETs

| | P2P Networks | MANET |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Motivation for | Logical infrastructure to | A physical infrastructure |
| creating the network | provide a service | to provide connectivity |
| Connection between two nodes | Fixed medium and direct | Wireless and indirect |
| Connection confidence | High (physical connections) | Low (wireless connections) |
| Peer location | Any Internet point | Restricted area |
| Structure | Physical apart from logical structure | Physical structure corresponding to logical structure |
| Routing | Proactive, reactive, hybrid | Proactive, reactive, hybrid |
| Peer Mobility | Fixed/Limited | Mobile |
| Broadcast | Virtual, multiple unicasts | Physical, to all nodes in transmission range area |



How to integrate P2P and MANET Unstructure P2P over Broadcast





How to integrate P2P and MANET Unstructure P2P over Broadcast

- 1. Broadcast over Broadcast:
- Broadcast-based P2P lookup protocol over MANET on-



Strict layering of unstructured overlay approached on top of wireless routing protocols is unlikely to work in MANETs.





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How to integrate P2P and MANET Structure P2P over Broadcast





How to integrate P2P and MANET Structure P2P over Broadcast

- 2. DHT over Broadcast:
- DHT-based P2P protocol over MANET.
- P2P lookup can be scalable
- Underlying network routing protocol is based on broadcast

- Flooding is still necessary to discover routes and maintain the DHT.





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How to integrate P2P and MANET Chord over AODV, OLSR, DSR

Ns-2 simulations of Chord DHT over AODV, OLSR, DSR:

- Standard routing configuration
- 50 nodes
- Node mobility (max. speed 2m/sec)



C. Cramer, T. Fuhrmann. "Performance evaluation of chord in mobile ad hoc networks". MobiShare '06.





How to integrate P2P and MANET Structure P2P over key-based routing

| P2P techniques | Unstructured, Flooding | Structured, IT 3 |
|------------------|---|---|
| MANET Routing | Broadcast, on demand routing (AODV) | Ke ased routing MANET (DHT routing) |



How to integrate P2P and MANET Structure P2P over key-based routing

3. DHT over DHT:

- DHT is applied to the MANET routing protocol
 - To improve the network routing.
 - It should be cost-effective to maintain multiple DHT above the same routing protocol.
 - separately
- Complexity of routing algorithm
 - O((log n) ²)

between peers

Routing path

Shortest path

at P2P application

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How to integrate P2P and MANET DHT Application and MANET routing integration





How to integrate P2P and MANET DHT Application and MANET routing integration

4. DHT:

- Application layer lookup is integrated to the network layer routing
- Single cross-layer DHT routing
 - Virtual Ring Routing
- Key and Network ID are hashed to the same key space
- Complexity of routing algorithm
 O(log n)





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VRR: Virtual Ring Routing Motivation

M. Caesar et al., "Virtual Ring Routing: Network routing inspired by DHTs". In ACM SIGCOMM'06.

- No flooding
 - Proactive protocols flood on topology change
 - Reactive protocols flood to discover routes
 - Hybrid protocols flood on route discovery + topology change
- Single topology-independent address
- Paths to virtual neighbours ensure correctness
- Route stretch empirically small
- Many alternate paths to route around failures



VRR: Virtual Ring Routing VRR: The Virtual Ring



Each node maintains a virtual neighbour set (vset) Nodes organized into the virtual ring by increasing identifier value



VRR: Virtual Ring Routing VRR: Routing Paths



Nodes only maintain routing paths to virtual neighbours:

• Paths are bidirectional and typically multi-hop


VRR: Virtual Ring Routing VRR: Forwarding Table

| endpointA | endpointB | nextA | nextB | pathId |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| 8F6 | 90E | me | F42 | 31 |
| 910 | 8F6 | 10E | me | 10 |
| 14A | 140 | F42 | 10E | 2 |
| 8F6 | F42 | me | F42 | FF |

forwarding table for node 8F6

- Paths recorded in forwarding tables along path
- Forwarding table contains
 - Paths between node and vset members
 - Paths between other nodes that go through node
 - Paths to physical neighbours

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14A

F42

8F6

10E

140

90E 8F6 8F0 8E2



VRR: Virtual Ring Routing VRR: Forwarding Table State

- Physical neighbours
- VSet paths
- Other VSet paths







VRR: Virtual Ring Routing VRR: Node Joining





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VRR: Virtual Ring Routing Mobility: Simulation

- Simulation in ns-2
 - 802.11b MAC
 - Mobility: 0-20 m/s
 - CBR: 1 packet/sec (100 bytes)

M. Caesar, M. Castro, E. B. Nightingale, G. O'Shea, and A. Rowstron. "Virtual Ring Routing: Network routing inspired by DHTs". In ACM SIGCOMM'06





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SSR: Scalable Source Routing Idea

- Main Idea: Indirect routing at network layer
 - Source Routing (DSR) + Chord
- Nodes are organized into a Virtual Ring
- Like VRR, ring is constructed independent of the physical topology
- Interactive process is required if network is inconsistent or partitioned networks reunite.



SSR: Scalable Source Routing Route prune



T. Fuhrmann et al., "Pushing Chord into the Underlay: Scalable Routing for Hybrid MANETs", Technical Report, Universität Karlsruhe (TH) 2006.



- Claim 1: If each node knows a source route to its successor (in the virtual ring), any node can reach any destination
 - Routing along the ring
- Claim 2: These source route can be obtained without flooding
 - Interactive Successor search
- Claim 3: A small per node cache suffices to achieve efficient routing
 - Cache source routes in a LRU (Least recent used) to avoid flooding



SSR: Source Route Cache SSR state information

- Nodes use static memory:
 - Each node stores:
 - its direct physical neighbors
 - Source route to its successor
 - Source route to its predecessor (to be able to send updates)
 - All remaining memory (assigned to routing) is used to cache source routes (LRU cache).
 - Source route to all nodes that are part of a source route.
- Like DSR, data packets contain source address, destination address, and source route.
 - Source route does not need to span the entire path from packet source to packet destination, but a node *virtually closer* to the destination is achieved.



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Some Open Points 1/2

- Given the high dynamics in MANETs due to node mobility, which of the unstructured or structured overlay is more efficient in supporting common distributed applications ?
- Can DHTs be leveraged to support scalable unicast in MANETs?
- Will the ubiquitous deployment of large-scale MANETs happen?



Some Open Points 2/2

- Will overlay systems such as DHTs be employed in small-scale environments such individual MANETs?
- Would conventional DHT-based Internet applications be ported directly for a deployment in MANETs? Or such applications would have to be adapted in MANETs?
- How does node heterogeneity could be exploited to further increase the performance of DHT in MANETs?
 - The state-of-art for simulating p2p characteristics in MANETs is far from perfect; how do we achieve better validation of simulators and underlying models?



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