VolP – not your grandmother's phone any more

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- ★ VoIP as black phone replacement → interactive communications enabler
- * Presence as a service enabler
- * Peer-to-peer VoIP
- * Integrating VoIP with cellular
- * Fax-over-IP

Outline

* VoIP maturing: vision vs. reality
* overview of protocol zoo
* presence and location-based services
* user-programmable services

New VoIP challenges
emergency calling
peer-to-peer systems

The state of SIP standardization
trouble in standards land
interoperability

The three Cs of Internet applications

grossly simplified)..



Killer Application

- Carriers looking for killer application
 iustify huge infrastructure investment
 "video conferencing" (*1950 †2000)
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- * "There is no killer application"
 - * Network television block buster \rightarrow YouTube hit
 - * "Army of one"
 - Users create their own custom applications that are important to them
 - Little historical evidence that carriers (or equipment vendors) will find that application if it exists
- Killer app = application that kills the carrier

Collaboration in transition

inter-organization multiple technology generations diverse end points

intraorganization; small number of systems (meeting rooms)

standardsbased solutions

proprietary (singlevendor) systems

Evolution of VolP



IETF VoIP & presence efforts



Old vs. new

	old reality	new idea	new reality
service provider	ILEC, CLEC	email-like, run by enterprise, homes	E.164-driven; MSOs, some ILECs, Skype, European SIP providers, Vonage, SunRocket
media	4 kHz audio	wideband audio, video, IM, shared apps,	4 kHz audio
services	CLASS (CLID, call forwarding, 3-way calling,)	user-created services (web model) presence	still CLASS GrandCentral The New Way to Use Your Phones
user IDs	E.164	email-like	E.164 IM handles

SIP overview

Internet services – the missing entry

Service/ delivery	synchronous	asynchronous
push	instant messaging presence event notification session setup media-on-demand	messaging
pull	data retrieval file download remote procedure call	peer-to-peer file sharing

Filling in the protocol gap

Service/ delivery	synchronous	asynchronous
push	SIP RTSP, RTP	SMTP
pull	HTTP ftp SunRPC, Corba, SOAP	(not yet standardized)

SIP as service enabler

- * Rendezvous protocol
 - lets users find each other by only knowing a permanent identifier
- * Mobility enabler:
 - * personal mobility
 - * one person, multiple terminals
 - * terminal mobility
 - one terminal, multiple IP addresses
 - * session mobility
 - one user, multiple terminals in sequence or in parallel
 - service mobility
 - services move with user





alice@columbia.edu (also used by bob@columbia.edu)



What is SIP?

- Session Initiation Protocol → protocol that establishes, manages (multimedia) sessions
 - also used for IM, presence & event notification



- uses SDP to describe multimedia sessions
- Developed at Columbia U. (with others)
- Standardized by
 - IETF (RFC 3261-3265 et al)
 - 3GPP (for 3G wireless)
 - PacketCable
- About 100 companies produce SIP products
- Microsoft's Windows Messenger (≥4.7) includes SIP

Philosophy

- * Session establishment & event notification
- * Any session type, from audio to circuit emulation
- Provides application-layer anycast service
- * Provides terminal and session mobility
- Based on HTTP in syntax, but different in protocol operation
- * Peer-to-peer system, with optional support by proxies
 - * even stateful proxies only keep transaction state, not call (session, dialogue) state
 - * transaction: single request + retransmissions
 - * proxies can be completely stateless

Basic SIP message flow



SIP trapezoid



SIP message format

<u>request</u>

INVITE sip:bob@there.com **SIP/2.0**

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP here.com:5060 From: Alice <sip:alice@here.com> To: Bob <sip:bob@there.com> Call-ID: 1234@here.com CSeq: 1 INVITE Subject: just testing Contact: sip:alice@pc.here.com Content-Type: application/sdp Content-Length: 147

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equest line

ader field

o=alice 2890844526 2890844526 IN IP4 here.com s=Session SDP c=IN IP4 100.101.102.103 t=0 0 m=audio 49172 RTP/AVP 0 a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000

SDP

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response

SIP/2.0 200 OK

Via: SIP/2.0/UDP here.com:5060 From: Alice <sip:alice@here.com> To: Bob <sip:bob@there.com> Call-ID: 1234@here.com CSeq: 1 INVITE Subject: just testing Contact: sip:alice@pc.here.com Content-Type: application/sdp Content-Length: 134

v=0

o=bob 2890844527 2890844527 IN IP4 there.com s=Session SDP c=IN IP4 110.111.112.113 t=0 0 m=audio 3456 RTP/AVP 0 a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000

PSTN vs. Internet Telephony



SIP addressing

- * Users identified by SIP or tel URIs
 - * sip:alice@example.com
- tel: URIs describe E.164 number, not dialed digits (RFC 2806bis)
- ★ tel URIs → SIP URIs by outbound proxy tel:110 → sip:sos@domain
- A person can have any number of SIP URIs
- * The same SIP URI can reach many different phones, in different networks
 - * sequential & parallel forking
- * SIP URIs can be created dynamically:
 - * GRUUs
 - conferences
 - * device identifiers (sip:foo@128.59.16.15)
 - Registration binds SIP URIs (e.g., device addresses) to SIP "address-ofrecord" (AOR)





domain > 128.59.16.17 via NAPTR + SRV

3G Architecture (Registration)



visited IM domain

Presence & events

We need glue!

- k Lots of devices and services
 - * cars
 - * household
 - * environment
- * Generally, stand-alone
 - * e.g., GPS can't talk to camera
 - Home
 - home control networks have generally failed
 - * cost, complexity
 - Environment
 - * "Internet of things"
 - * tag bus stops, buildings, cars, ...





Left to do: event notification

- notify (small) group of users when something of interest happens
 - * presence = change of communications state
 - * email, voicemail alerts
 - environmental conditions
 - * vehicle status
 - * emergency alerts
- kludges
 - * HTTP with pending response
 - * inverse HTTP --> doesn't work

with NATs

Lots of research (e.g., SIENA)

- * IETF efforts starting
 - * SIP-based
 - * XMPP

Context-aware communication

- * context = "the interrelated conditions in which something exists or occurs"
- * anything known about the participants in the (potential) communication relationship
- * both at caller and callee

time	CPL	
capabilities	caller preferences	
location	location-based call routing	N
	location events	
activity/availability	presence	
sensor data (mood, bio)	privacy issues similar to location data	İ
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The role of presence

Guess-and-ring

- * high probability of failure:
 - * "telephone tag"
 - inappropriate time (call during meeting)
 - inappropriate media (audio in public place)
- * current solutions:
 - voice mail → tedious, doesn't scale, hard to search and catalogue, no indication of when call might be returned
 - automated call back → rarely used, too inflexible
- ★ → most successful calls are now scheduled by email

* Presence-based

- * facilitates unscheduled communications
- provide recipient-specific information
- * only contact in real-time if destination is willing and able
- * appropriately use synchronous vs. asynchronous communication
- * guide media use (text vs. audio)
- predict availability in the near future (timed presence)

Prediction: almost all (professional) communication will be presence-initiated or pre-scheduled

GEOPRIV and **SIMPLE** architectures



Presentity and Watchers



Basic presence

- Role of presence
 - initially: "can I send an instant message and expect a response?"
 - * now: "should I use voice or IM? is my call going to interrupt a meeting? is the callee awake?"
- * Yahoo, MSN, Skype presence services:
 - * on-line & off-line
 - * useful in modem days but many people are (technically) on-line 24x7
 - * thus, need to provide more context
 - + simple status ("not at my desk")
- * entered manually \rightarrow rarely correct
- does not provide enough context for directing interactive communications

Presence data architecture



Presence data architecture



Rich presence

- Provide watchers with better information about the what, where, how of presentities
- * facilitate appropriate communications:
 - * "wait until end of meeting"
 - * "use text messaging instead of phone call"
 - * "make quick call before flight takes off"
- designed to be derivable from calendar information
 * or provided by sensors in the environment
- allow filtering by "sphere" the parts of our life
 don't show recreation details to colleagues

Rich presence

* automatically derived from
 * sensors: physical presence, movement
 * electronic activity: calendars

* Contains:

* multiple contacts per presentity

- * device (cell, PDA, phone, ...)
- * service ("audio")
- * activities, current and planned
- * surroundings (noise, privacy, vehicle, ...)
- * contact information
- * composing (typing, recording audio/video IM, ...)

The role of presence for call routing

* Two modes:

- watcher uses presence information to select suitable contacts
 - advisory caller may not adhere to suggestions and still call when you're in a meeting
- user call routing policy informed by presence
 - kely less flexible machine intelligence
 - "if activities indicate meeting, route to tuple indicating assistant"
 - "try most-recently-active contact first" (seq. forking)



Presence and privacy

- * All presence data, particularly location, is highly sensitive
- * Basic location object (PIDF-LO) describes
 * distribution (binary)
 * retention duration
- * Policy rules for more detailed access control
 - * who can subscribe to my presence
 - * who can see what when

<tuple id="sq89ae"> <qp:qeopriv> <qp:location-info> <qml:location> <gml:Point gml:id="point1"</pre> srsName="epsg:4326"> <qml:coordinates>37:46:30N 122:25:10W </gml:coordinates> </gml:Point> </gml:location> </gp:location-info> <qp:usage-rules> <qp:retransmission-allowed>no </gp:retransmission-allowed> <qp:retention-expiry>2003-06-23T04:57:29Z </gp:retention-expiry> </gp:usage-rules> </gp:geopriv> <timestamp>2003-06-22T20:57:29Z</timestamp> </tuple>

Privacy rules

* Conditions

- * identity, sphere
- * time of day
- * current location
- * identity as <uri> or <domain> + <except>

* Actions

- * watcher confirmation
- Transformations
 include information
 - * reduced accuracy

* User gets maximum of permissions across all matching rules

- privacy-safe composition: removal of a rule can only reduce privileges
- * Extendable to new presence data

- * rich presence
- * biological sensors
- * mood sensors


Example rules document

<rule id=1>

<id>user@example.com</id></identity>

<sub-handling>allow</sub-handling>

<provide-services>

<service-uri-scheme>sip</service-uri-scheme>

<service-uri-scheme>mailto</service-uri-scheme>

</provide-services>

convide-person>true</provide-person>

cprovide-activities>true</provide-activities>

<provide-user-input>bare</provide-user-input>

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Location-based Services

Location-based services



Location-based SIP services

* Location-aware inbound routing

- * do not forward call if time at callee location is [11 pm, 8 am]
- * only forward time-for-lunch if destination is on campus
- * do not ring phone if I'm in a theater

* outbound call routing

- * contact nearest emergency call center
- * send <u>delivery@pizza.com</u> to nearest branch

* location-based events

- * subscribe to locations, not people
- * Alice has entered the meeting room
- * subscriber may be device in room \rightarrow our lab stereo changes CDs for each person that enters the room

Location delivery







Location determination options

Method	CDP or LLDP- MED	DHCP	HELD	GPS	manual entry
Layer					
advantages	 simple to implement built into switch direct port/room mapping 	 simple to implement network locality 	 traverses NATs can be operated by L2 provider 	 accurate mobile devices no carrier cooperation 	 no infrastructure changes no carrier cooperation
problems	may be hard to automate for large enterprises	mapping MAC address to location?	mapping IP address to switch port?	 indoor coverage acquisition time 	 fails for mobile devices unreliable for nomadic
Use	Ethernet LANs	Enterprise LANs Some ISPs	DSL, cable	mobile devices	fall back

Program location-based services





Emergency calling

Modes of emergency communications



Background on 9-1-1

* Established in Feb. 1968

- * 1970s: selective call routing
- * late 1990s: 93% of population/96% of area covered by 9-1-1
- * 95% of 9-1-1 is Enhanced 9-1-1
- * US and Canada
- Roughly 200 mio. calls a year (6 calls/second)
 * 1/3 wireless
- * 6146 PSAPs in 3135 counties
 - * most are small (2-6 call takers)
 - * 83.1% of population have some Phase II (April 2007)
- * "12-15 million households will be using VoIP as either primary or secondary line by end of 2008" (NENA)

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What makes VoIP 112/911 hard?

POTS			
(landline) phone number limited to limited area	landline phone number anywhere in US (cf. German 180)	no phone number or phone number anywhere around the world	
regional carrier	national or continent-wide carrier	enterprise "carrier" or anybody with a peer-to-peer device	
voice provider = line provider (~ business relationship)	voice provider ≠ ISP	voice provider ≠ ISP	
national protocols and call routing	probably North America + EU	international protocols and routing	
location = line location IEEE DLT 2009	mostly residential or small business	stationary, nomadic, wireless	

Emergency numbers

* Each country and region has their own
* subject to change

* Want to enable

- traveler to use familiar home number
- good samaritan to pick up cell phone

 Some 3/4-digit numbers are used for non-emergency purposes (e.g., directory assistance)



Emergency number

Service URN

- * Idea: Identifiers to denote emergency calls * and other generic (communication) services
- * Described in IETF ECRIT RFC 5031
- * Emergency service identifiers:

SOS sos.fire sos.gas sos.marine sos.mountain sos.physician sos.poison sos.police

General emergency services sos.animal-control Animal control Fire service Gas leaks and gas emergencies Maritime search and rescue Mountain rescue Physician referral service Poison control center Police, law enforcement

LoST: Location-to-URL Mapping





The POC system is deployed in 5 real PSAPs and 3 labs across the USA. PSAP: Public Safety Answering Point (=Emergency call center)



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Defining peer-to-peer systems

Each peer must act as both a client and a server.

Peers provide computational or storage resources for **other** peers.

Self-organizing and scaling.

 & 2 are not sufficient: DNS resolvers provide services to others Web proxies are both clients and servers SIP B2BUAs are both clients and servers

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P2P systems are ...





P2P

NETWORK ENGINEER'S WARNING

P2P systems may be

- inefficient
- * slow
- * unreliable
- based on faulty and short-term economics
- mainly used to route around copyright laws

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VS.

Motivation for peer-to-peer systems

- Saves money for those offering services
 - * addresses market failures
- * Scales up automatically with service demand
- More reliable than clientserver (no single point of failure)
- * No central point of control
 - mostly plausible deniability

- Networks without infrastructure (or system manager)
 - New services that can't be deployed in the ossified Internet * e.g., RON, ALM

P2P traffic is not devouring the Internet...



Energy consumption



http://www.legitreviews.com/article/682/



Bandwidth costs

* Transit bandwidth: \$40 Mb/s/month ~ \$0.125/GB

* US colocation providers charge \$0.30 to \$1.75/GB
* e.g., Amazon EC2 \$0.17/GB (outbound)
* CDNs: \$0.08 to \$0.19/GB

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Economics of P2P

* Service provider view

save \$150/month for single rented server in colo, with 2 TB bandwidth

* but can handle 100,000 VoIP users

* But ignores externalities

- ★ home PCs can't hibernate → energy usage
 ★ about \$37/month
- * less efficient network usage

* bandwidth caps and charges for consumers

- * common in the UK
- * Australia: US\$3.20/GB

Home PCs may become rare
see Japan & Korea



bandwidth

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Which is greener – P2P vs. server?

- * Typically, P2P hosts only lightly used
 - * energy efficiency/computation highest at full load
 - $* \rightarrow$ dynamic server pool most efficient
 - * better for distributed computation (SETI@home)
- * But:
 - * CPU heat in home may lower heating bill in winter
 - but much less efficient than natural gas (< 60%)
 - * Data center CPUs always consume cooling energy
 - * AC energy ≈ server electricity consumption
- * Thus,
 - * deploy P2P systems in Scandinavia and Alaska

Reliability

* CW: "P2P systems are more reliable"

Catastrophic failure vs. partial failure
single data item vs. whole system

* assumption of uncorrelated failures wrong

* Node reliability

- * correlated failures of servers (power, access, DOS)
- * lots of very unreliable servers (95%?)

 Natural vs. induced replication of data items Some of you may be having problems logging into Skype. Our engineering team has determined that it's a software issue. We expect this to be resolved within 12 to 24 hours. (Skype, 8/12/07)

Security & privacy

* Security much harder

- * user authentication and credentialing
 - * usually now centralized
- * sybil attacks
- * byzantine failures
- * Privacy
 - * storing user data on somebody else's machine
- * Distributed nature doesn't help much
 - ★ same software → one attack likely to work everywhere

* CALEA

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M&AO

* P2P systems are hard to debug

- No real peer-to-peer management systems
 system loading (CPU, bandwidth)
 automatic splitting of hot spots
 user experience (signaling delay, data path)
 call failures
- Later: P2PP & RELOAD add mechanisms to query nodes for characteristics
- * Who gathers and evaluates the overall system health?

P2P for VolP

The role of SIP proxies



tel:1-212-555-1234

sip:alice@example.com

Translation may depend on caller, time of day, busy status, ...



sip:line1@128.59.16.1



sip:6461234567@mobile.com

P2P SIP

- k Why?
 - no infrastructure available: emergency coordination
 - * don't want to set up infrastructure: small companies
 - * Skype envy :-)

P2P technology for

- user location
 - only modest impact on expenses
 - but makes signaling encryption cheap
- NAT traversal
 - matters for relaying
- * services (conferencing, transcoding, ...)
 - how prevalent?
- New IETF working group formed
 - multiple DHTs
 - * common control and look-up protocol?



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More than a DHT algorithm Routing-table stabilization Periodic recovery Parallel requests **Recursive routing** Bootstrapping Proximity neighbor selection Reactive recovery Proximity route selection Strict vs. surrogate routing Routing-table exploration

P2P SIP -- components

 Multicast-DNS (zeroconf) SIP enhancements for LAN
 announce UAs and their capabilities

Client-P2P protocol
GET, PUT mappings
mapping: proxy or UA

* P2P protocol
* get routing table, join, leave, ...
* independent of DHT
* replaces DNS for SIP and basic proxy






IETF peer-to-peer efforts

- K Originally, effort to perform SIP lookups in p2p network
- Initial proposals based on SIP itself
 use SIP messages to query and update entries
 required minor header additions
- * P2PSIP working group formed
 * now SIP just one usage
- Several protocol proposals (ASP, RELOAD, P2PP) merged
 - * still in "squishy" stage most details can change

RELOAD

Generic overlay lookup (store & fetch) mechanism
 any DHT + unstructured

Routed based on node identifiers, not IP addresses

- Multiple instances of one DHT, identified by DNS name
- Multiple overlays on one node

Structured data in each node
without prior definition of data types
PHP-like: scalar, array, dictionary
protected by creator public key
with policy limits (size, count, privileges)

Maybe: tunneling other protocol messages

Typical residential access





ICE (Interactive Connectivity Establishment)



<u>OpenVoIP snapshots</u>



OpenVoIP snapshots



OpenVoIP snapshots * Tracing lookup request on Google Maps

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Operations Hotmetrics Results

Result:

SIPLookup: unhashed-id: test_call To: <u>160.193.163.102:10080</u> 302 response: Next hop: <u>128.112.139.75:7080</u> 302 response: Next hop: <u>143.107.111.194:10080</u> 302 response: Next hop: <u>169.229.50.14:9080</u> OnSIPLookup: 200 sip:test_call@128.59.19.152:5060

Query time taken: 474.631 ms

A1:9080

Integrating cellular and 802.11





Experiments

Total Call Setup Delay



Type of call (A \rightarrow B)	Forwarding delay	Call-setup delay
Cell-to-cell *	6.7 s	9.6 s
Cell-to-IP **	3.1 s	6.2 s





Fax pass-through

* Uses G.711 over RTP
* fax signaling events (RFC 3665)
* other codecs may not reproduce modem tones

May be sensitive to packet-specific distortions
∗ bit errors → packet loss bursts
∗ jitter → delay adaptation gaps

* Fixes:

- * PLC in terminal adapter
- * FEC in RTP stream
- * T.38 in gateway?

Standards & interoperability

Interoperability

- Generally no interoperability problems for basic SIP functionality
 - * basic call, digest registration (mostly...), call transfer, voice mail
 - Weaker in advanced scenarios and backward compatibility
 - * handling TCP, TLS
 - NAT support (symmetric RTP, ICE, STUN, ...)
 - multipart bodies
 - * SIP torture tests
 - * call transfer, call pick-up
 - video and voice codec interoperability (H.264, anything beyond G.711)
- SIPit useful, but no equivalent of WiFi certification
 - most implementations still single-vendor (enterprise, carrier) or vendor-supplied (VSP)
 - SFTF (test framework) still limited
- Need profiles to guide implementers
- A role for public shaming?





Trouble in Standards Land

- Proliferation of transition standards: 2.5G, 2.6G, 3.5G, ...
 true even for emergency calling...
- Splintering of standardization efforts across SDOs
 - * primary:
 - IEEE, IETF, W3C, OASIS, ISO
 - * architectural:
 - * PacketCable, ETSI, 3GPP, 3GPP2, OMA, UMA, ATIS, ...
 - * specialized:
 - * NENA
 - * operational, marketing:
 - * SIP Forum, IPCC, ...



IETF issues

- SIP WGs: small number (dozen?) of core authors (80/20)
 - * some now becoming managers...
 - * or moving to other topics
- * IETF: research \rightarrow engineering \rightarrow maintenance
 - many groups are essentially maintaining standards written a decade (or two) ago
 - DNS, IPv4, IPv6, BGP, DHCP; RTP, SIP, RTSP
 - constrained by design choices made long ago
 - * often dealing with transition to hostile & "random" network
 - * network ossification

- * Stale IETF leadership
 - often from core equipment vendors, not software vendors or carriers
- fair amount of not-inventedhere syndrome
 - late to recognize wide usage of XML and web standards
 - late to deal with NATs
 - security tends to be perprotocol (silo)
 - some efforts such as SAML and SASL

tendency to re-invent the wheel in each group

Conclusion

- * Even after 10+ years, VoIP mostly still "cheaper calls"
- * New services and models:
 - * (rich) presence
 - * location-based services
 - * user-programmable services
 - * P2P SIP
- * Scaling to carrier-scale and under duress
- Current standardization processes slow and complexity-inducing