

User-network interface for path-aware networking

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Goals of this presentation

- Challenge of Path-aware networking
- Provide multi-path support in current Internet
- User-network interface



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Challenge of Path-aware Networking

Lack of architecture that can be accepted/deployed soon

- > Current new architecture proposes (Scion, Nira, Pathlet...) are hard to be deployed
- > More research needed for technologies that can lead to the path-aware for Internet., either by new architecture or evolving of current Internet

Current Internet

- > Only deployable scenario for MPTCP
 - » Wifi+LTE, or DSL+LTE,
- > Current solutions only consider multi-path exists on access network, does not consider multi-path exists in other area of Internet:
 - » BBF TR-348 Hybrid Access Broadband Network Architecture
 - » RFC8157 Huawei's GRE Tunnel Bonding Protocol
 - » MPTCP proxy KT's GiGA LTE, IETF97 Banana BOF
- > What about one access interface/network?
- > What if the multi-path is available in other areas?



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Can we have "path-aware networking" on current Internet?

Yes for some scenarios

- > Multi-paths exist in some areas between two ends
- > One operator; multiple operators

and need more works

- > Provisioning, maintenance
- New control protocol



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One operator

- One operator network E2E,
- More and more popular for 5G and beyond, MEC, cloudlet, private-cloud, etc
- Operator can manage multi-path by provisioning properly and provide path info to end user.



Multiple operators

• Topology is easy to figure out/check/maintain the disjoined multi-path



More works

Provisioning at access network:

- > Majorly on the access network, depends on access network, different technologies are used (Eth, MPLS, IP, Optic, etc)
- > The bandwidth for the user's multi-flows are not constrained by MPTCP fairness principal (Multipath TCP should take as much capacity as TCP at a bottleneck link, no matter how many paths it is using); Two ways
 - » Provision each flow to disjoined path; by existing proposals (BBF TR-348, RFC8157, etc), or by SDN
 - » At key network device (bottleneck device), allocate expected bandwidth for specific user or sub-flows; by in-band signaling for flow level QoS (draft-han-tsvwg-ip-transport-qos-00), or by SDN
- Maintenance:
 - > BGP multi-home and multi-path technology (RFC7911, RFC6774, etc)
 - > multi-path are disjoined and available



User-network protocol

Between user and operator

Purpose

- > Distribute the SR and other multi-path info info to end-user before the Internet architecture can do so.
- > End-user can tell operator his service expectation.
- > Different data plane support, IP/MPLS/SR
 - » Different network may support different multi-path technology, SR, IP, MPLS, etc
 - » SRv6 is not efficient for mobile, too much overhead. Even using SRv6, the stack should be not be added at user side.
 - » New data plane is expected to get better performance and efficiency.

• Message exchanged:

- > User service expectation
- > Network information for multi-path, properties,
- > How to use multi-path for different data planes



Q&A



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