3/22/10 Security Level:

PKI Proxy Service

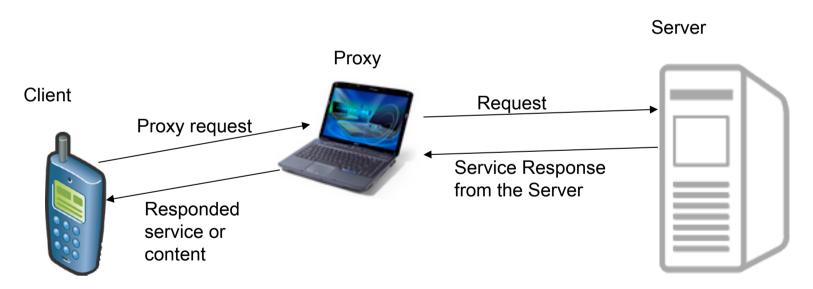
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Scenario

- Not for the scenario only with Server and Client;
- This doc is towards three entities or a relay service chain;



The client does not connect with Server directly for getting the service but via the Proxy.



Security requirement

- The Client should trust the Proxy;
- The Proxy can only take the proxy operations within the Client's specific authorizations;
- The Server should authenticate the service request from the Proxy for the client.
- The authorization is public for all the involved entities.



Solutions

- The Proxy should hold the authorization document while applying for service for the client with the Server.
- The server should verify whether the current request is legal and within the authorization scope.



Discussions

Is this service architecture very general

- "Proxy" is a very popular and widely implemented in many services.
- The three-entities architecture is concise enough to embody the general proxy service architecture.

Related to PKI

- For security solutions, the PKI is appropriate for the public trust requirements.
- May the concept of "authorization" and the associated solution model be reasonably fixed via standard
 - If the three-entities architecture is very general, it deserves and can be extended by the concrete applications.



Thank you!

• Comments and discussions, welcome!

