

ARP vulnerability issues in migration

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Scope of ARMD?

Scalability
issues ✓

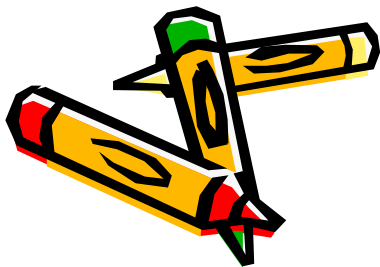
Vulnerability
issues ?

Cause: large amount of
non-local broadcast ARP
traffic

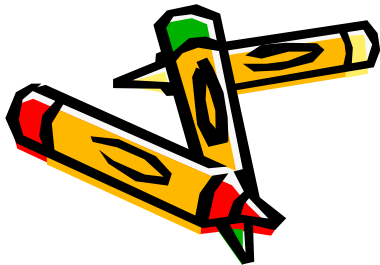
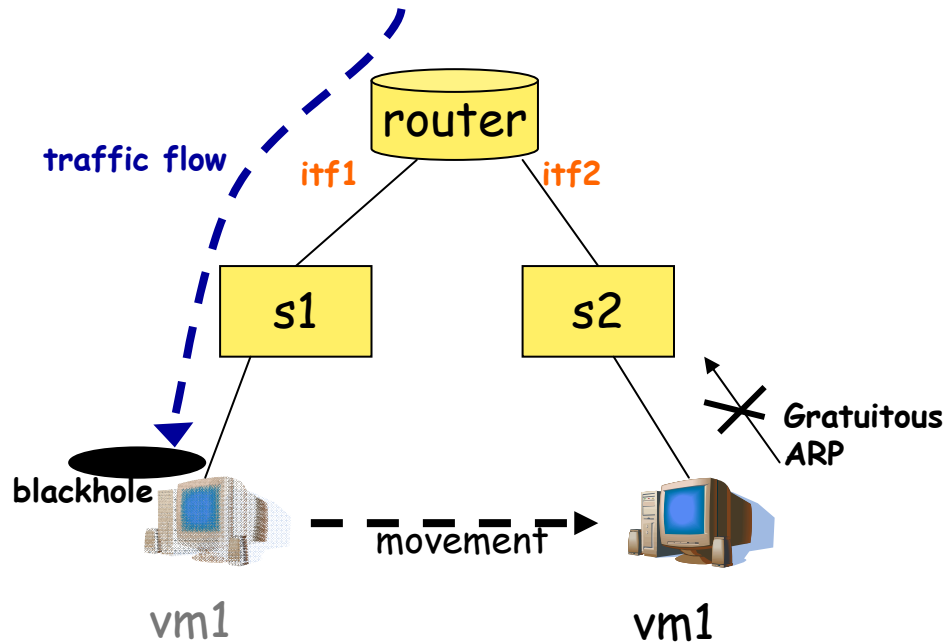
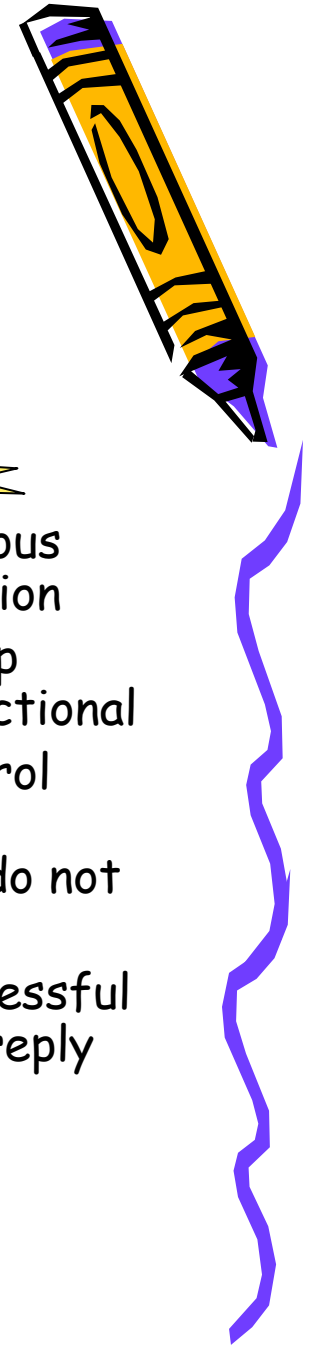
Cause: ARP not designed to
accommodate migration's
special characteristics

Consequences:
• CPU consumption?
• ARP table size?
• Bandwidth consumption?
• ...?

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• blackhole effect due
to packet loss
• messy DAD checking
• ...?

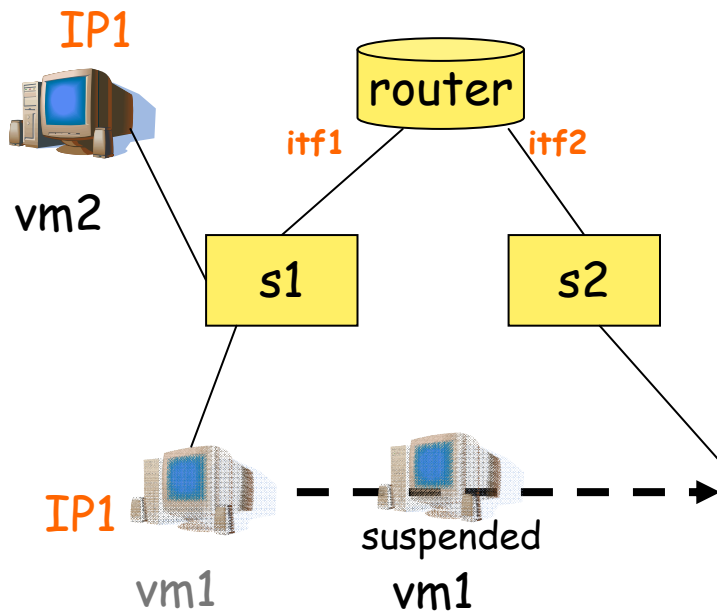
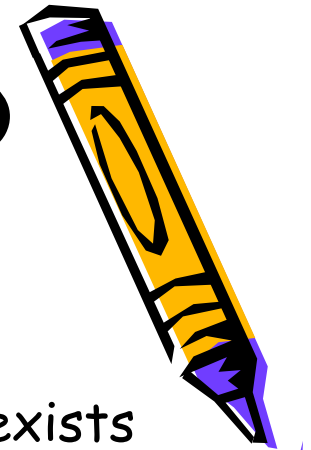


Vulnerability Issues (1) – ARP packet loss

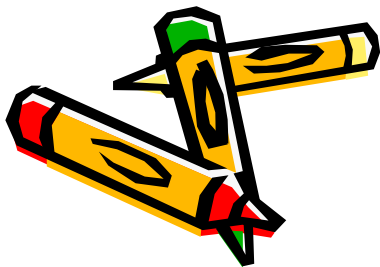


- Address resolution: IP + MAC + **Interface**
- Blackhole issue: gratuitous ARP lost due to congestion
- Severe consequence, esp when traffic is uni-directional
- Normal congestion control mechanisms (re-trans, reducing sending rate) do not help
- Recovered by next successful gratuitous ARP or ARP reply

Vulnerability Issues (2) – DAD (duplicate address detection)



- Suspension time always exists when vm moves
- Suspension time = vm's non-responding time
- Not able to respond to DAD
- Late comer (vm2) may take over IP (vm'1 IP) *legally*
- Mess up the address allocation



Solicit the feedback

- ARMD covers “vulnerability issues” too?
- Suggestions?

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