

PCP Client: Implementation Experiences

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1. Scope

- Implementation of PCP Client:
 - PCP Base I-D v13;
 - Added Port Reservation; <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-boucadair-pcp-rtp-rtcp-02>
 - THIRD_PARTY option not supported.
- Platform – Meego (A Linux based platform):



- PCP Client Core + Graphical User Interface (for interop testing).

2. PCP Client Core

- PCP Client was implemented in C in user space daemon.
- Multithread client:
 - 1. New PCP Requests handler;
 - 2. Incoming PCP Responses listener;
 - 3. Schedule manager (e.g. refresh mappings, resend requests).
- Built around two lists (1:1 relation):
 - Mappings; (NOT_SENT / WAIT_RESP / MAPPED / REFRESHING / ERROR_WAIT_RESEND)
 - Actions. (when to refresh, when to resend request, etc...)

3. Implementation Considerations (1)

- The PCP Client must maintain the state of each mapping requested in a similar way the PCP Server does.
 - Needs to manage each mapping.
- As per Rev 13, if the PCP client realizes that the server has lost state, it will flood the PCP server with requests for the mapping the client is aware of.
- - So we decided to send requests at 0.5 sec intervals
- Needed to use connected UDP sockets to get PCP server address.

3. Implementation Considerations (2)

- Only one server address is supported.
 - For a Dual-stack client (v4 and v6 default gw), which PCP server to use is the absence of a configuration file? We decided that IPv6 default gw takes precedence.
- Client must track changes on the default route to check if the PCP server is reachable.
 - Can use Linux NETLINK for this. Adds complexity to the code.
- The I-D does not state what to do in case of receiving Port Unreachable from the server.

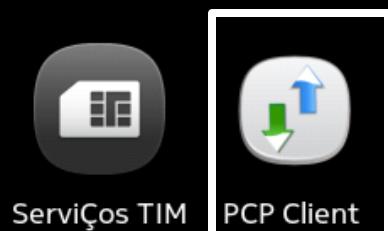
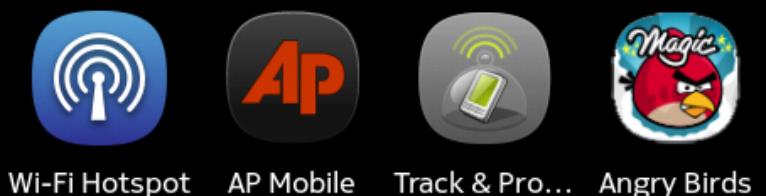
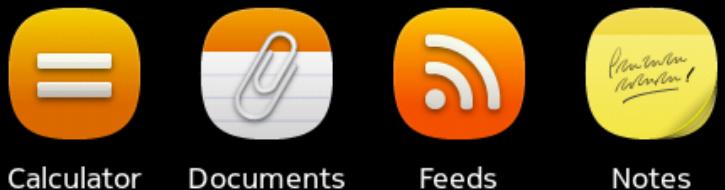
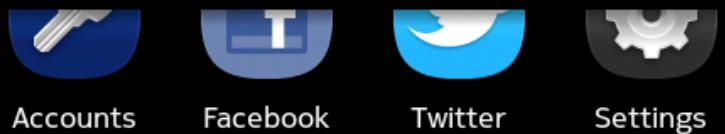
3. Implementation Considerations (3)

- The I-D was ambiguous about what fields the PCP server must copy into the PCP Request packet in case of a result code different than zero.
- As per rev 13 it was not clear if the O bit can be set by the client or if it was part of the Option definition, which means that Option numbers less than 128 are always mandatory.
- When sending delete all mappings request (lifetime, int_port, proto are zero) what opcode should be used?

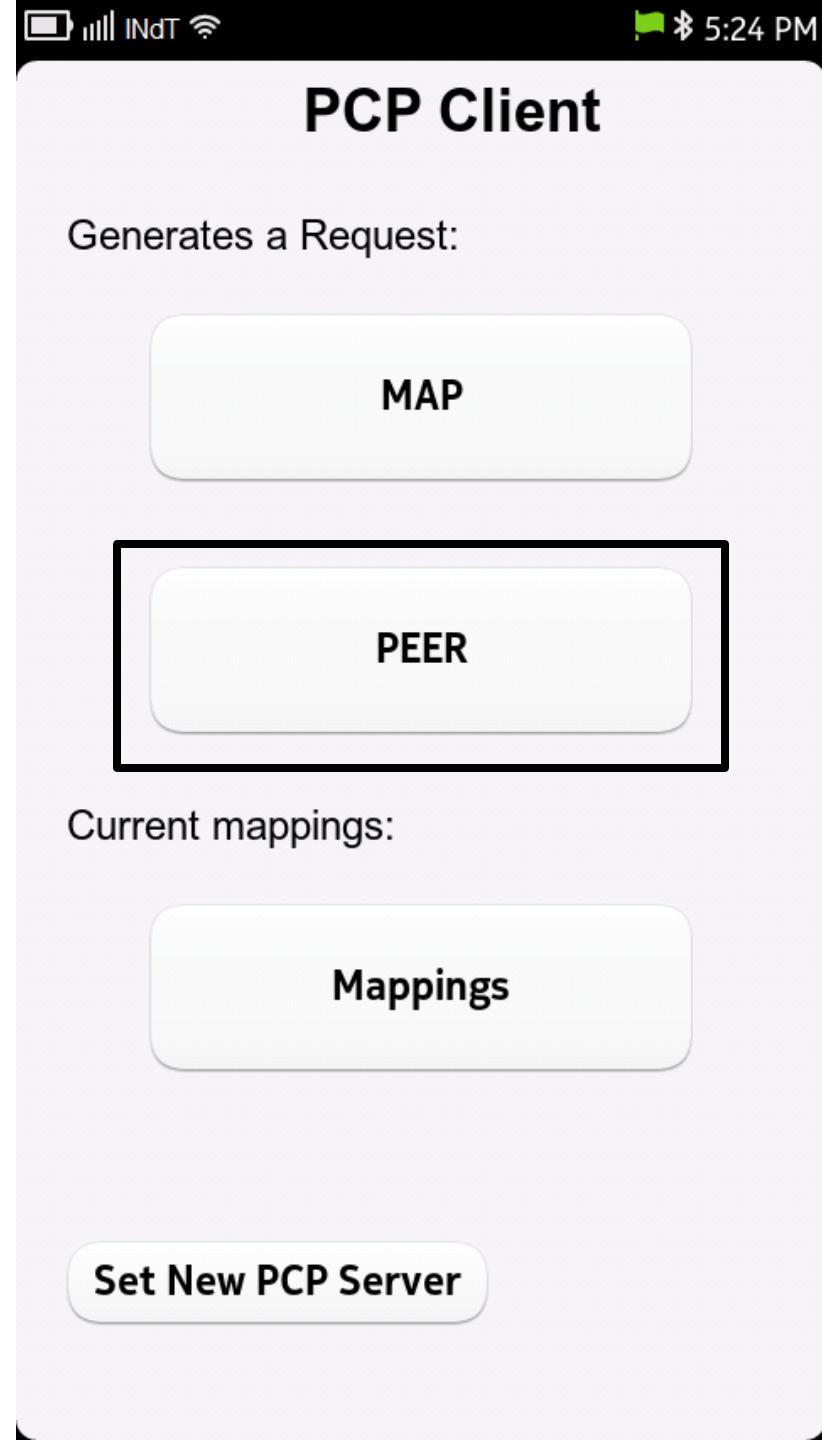
4. Graphical User Interface

- Instead of trying to modify some software to use the PCP Client API, we decided to use a GUI just for testing the PCP Client Behavior.
 - Simulates an application that needs mappings.
- Developed in Qt, using QML and C++.

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The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a list of active TCP connections. At the top, there are icons for battery, signal strength, and Wi-Fi, followed by the text "INdT" and the time "5:00 PM". Below this is a title "Active TCP Connections" and a "Refresh" button. The main area is a table with two columns: "Source" and "Remote Peer". The "Source" column contains four entries numbered 1 to 4. The "Remote Peer" column contains the corresponding remote addresses. A selection dialog at the bottom asks "Select the number of connection:" with options "1", "Ok", and "Skip".

Source	Remote Peer
1. 10.80.30.128:58962	199.59.149.200:80
2. 10.80.30.128:56881	10.80.30.128:22
3. 10.80.30.128:50662	174.129.4.72:80
4. 10.80.30.128:22	10.80.30.128:56881

Select the number of connection:

1 Ok Skip

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INdT 5:00 PM

*opCode: PEER4 PEER6

*Requested Lifetime: 255

*Protocol: 6

Internal Address: fff:10.80.30.128

*Internal Port: 58962

*Remote Peer IP Address: :199.59.149.200

*Remote Peer Port: 80

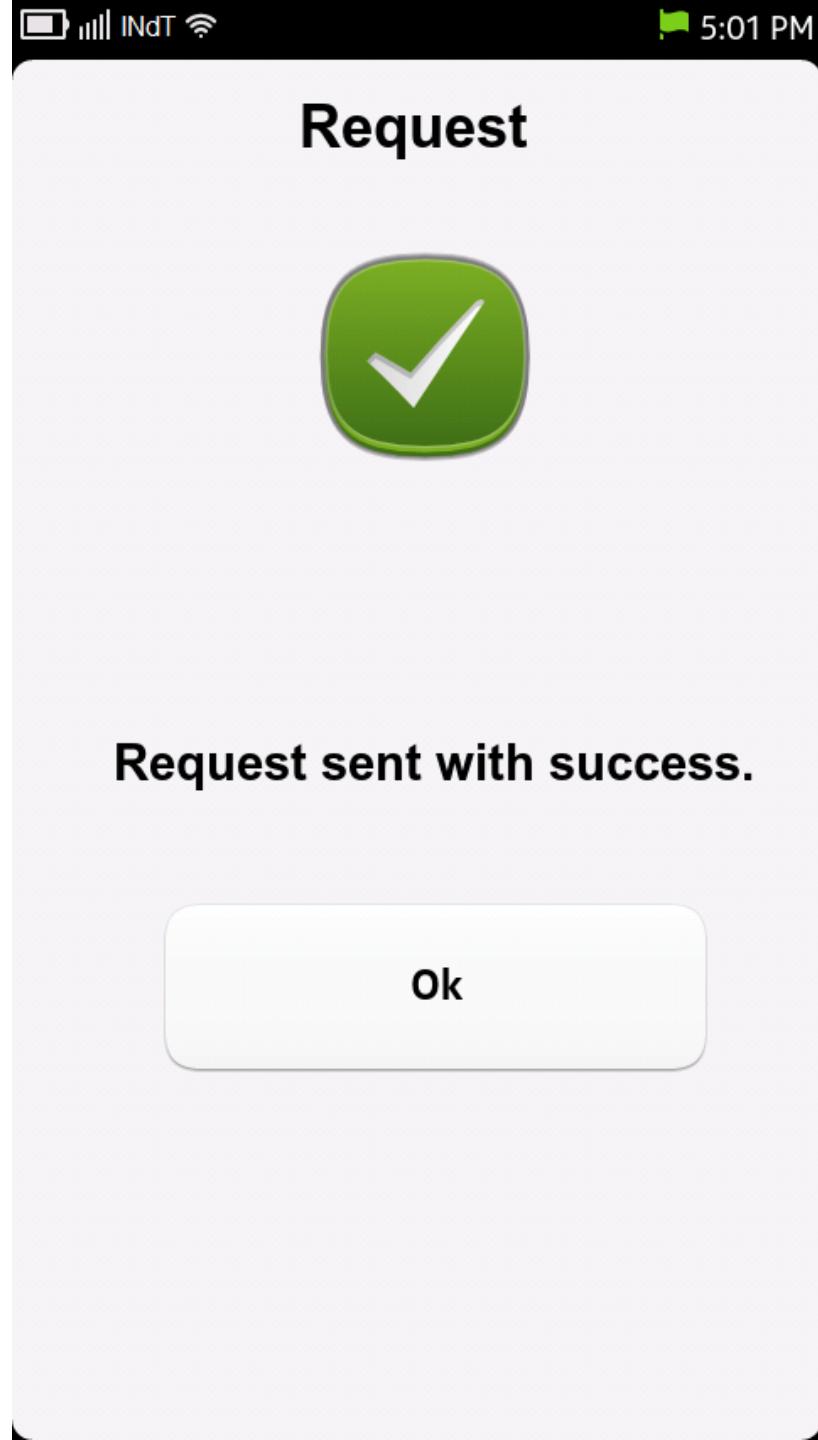
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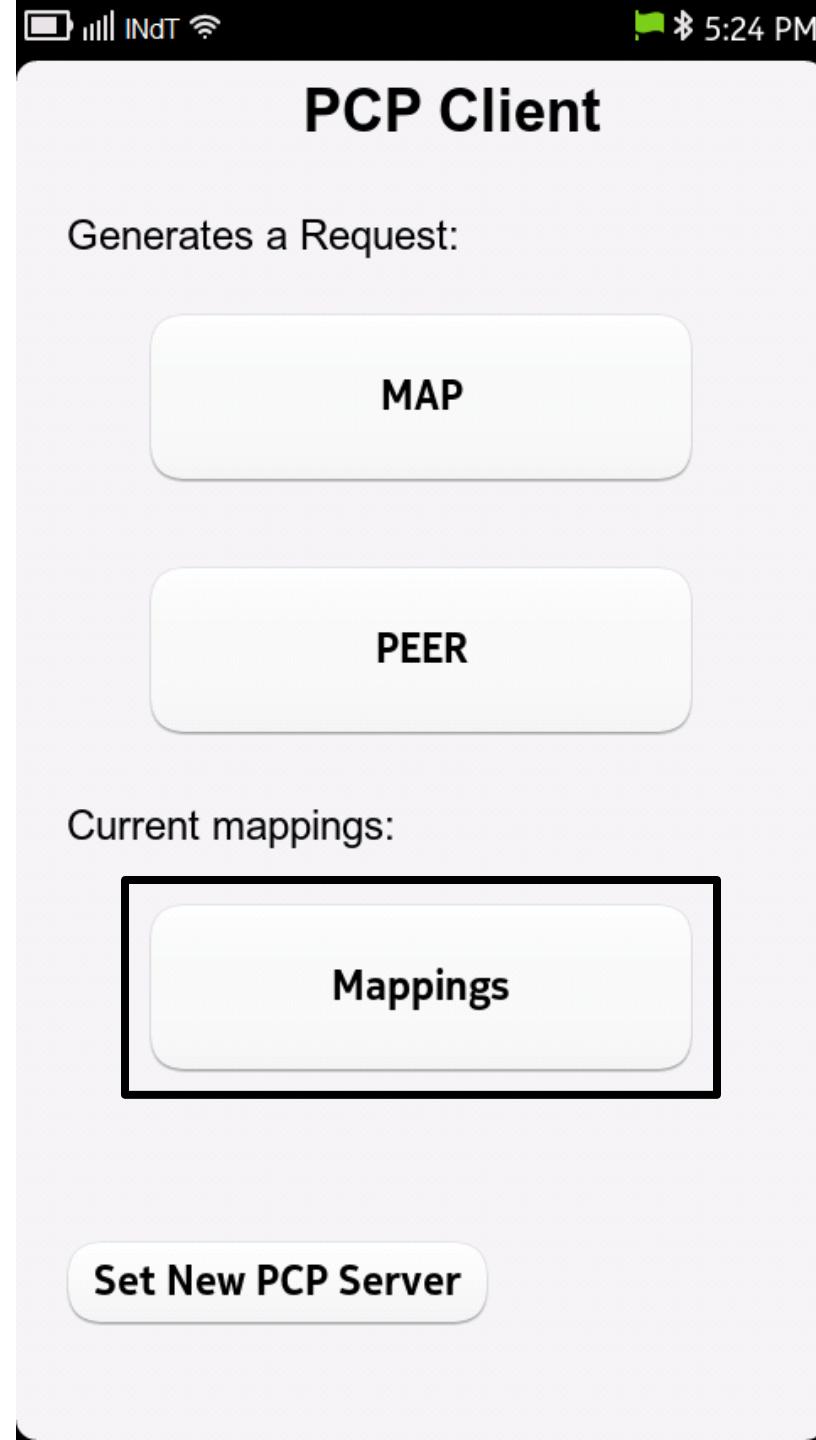
Send Request

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Mappings

***** 1 *****

Opcode: 1
Protocol: 6
Lifetime: 255
State: Port mapped
Internal Port: 22
Internal Address: ::ffff:10.80.30.128
External Port: 0
External Address: ::ffff:64.41.14.10
Remote Peer Port: 0
Remote Peer Address: ::
Result Code: 0
Port Reservation: is NOT SET
Prefer Failure: is NOT SET

Refreshing in 101 seconds...

***** 2 *****

Opcode: 3
Protocol: 6
Lifetime: 255
State: Port mapped
Internal Port: 58962
Internal Address: ::ffff:10.80.30.128
External Port: 0
External Address: ::
Remote Peer Port: 80
Remote Peer Address: ::ffff:199.59.149.200
Result Code: 0
Port Reservation: is NOT SET



Questions?

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