

Namespace Resolution in  
Future Internet Architectures  
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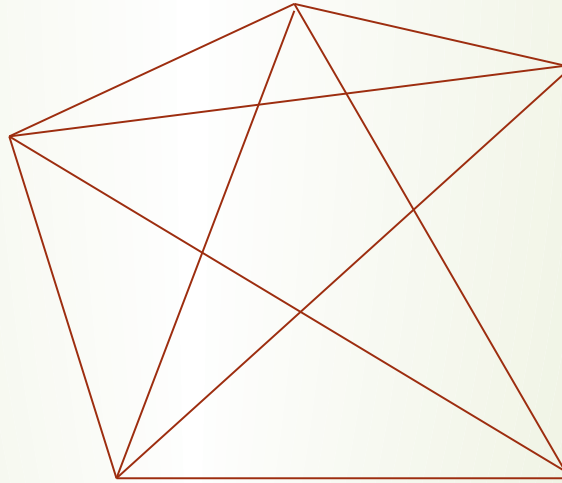
# Outline

- Draft Overview
- Summary of existing namespace resolutions
- Requirements of an open namespace management system
- Proposed Namespace Management System
- Conclusion

# Draft Overview

- ▮ Presents the architecture and implementation of an open and flexible namespace resolution mechanism to be used with Future Internet Architectures.
- ▮ This resolution mechanism allows the resolution of different network entities and can be adapted to the needs of network, application and service providers alike.

# Namespace and Resolution Protocols Are Essential



- Namespace
  - How are names defined?
  - What is the scope of the namespace?
- Resolution Policy
  - Which namespaces are involved ?
  - How names are resolved?
  - What actions are associated?
- Resolution Management
  - Where is name resolution done?
  - How is the resolution initialized and updated?

# Summary of Existing Schemes (1)

- Many namespaces in existing and future networks
  - Defined by different entities
  - With various naming styles
    - URL (human readable, hierarchical)
    - Fixed-sized (IP, IP+Port, MAC address, GUID in MobilityFirst)
    - Flexible (XID in XIA)
    - Attribute (SID:PID in PURSUIT, naming in GreenICN)
    - Compression (RoHC)
  - Valid in different scopes
    - Global
    - Regional (e.g., local network in NAT)
    - Two ends of a link (e.g., in RoHC)
    - Single point (e.g., IP routing at individual router)

# Summary of Existing Schemes (2)

- Many name resolution policies
  - Different number of namespaces involved
    - Two Namespaces: DNS, NAT, ...
    - Multiple Namespaces: NDN, GreenICN
  - Different resolution directions
    - One-way: DNS, IP Routing, ASP Messaging, MobilityFirst, PURSUIT routing
    - Two-way: NAT, RoHC
    - Sequential: NDN, GreenICN
    - DAG: XIA

# Summary of Existing Schemes (3)

- Many name resolution policies
  - Different number of resolution results
    - One-to-one: NAT, RoHC, IP Routing (unicast, single path)
    - One-to-many: DNS, IP Routing (multicast)
  - Different resolution algorithms
    - Exact matching: NAT, RoHC, DNS,
    - Longest matching: IP routing
    - Bloom filter: PURSUIT content routing
  - Different following actions
    - Forwarding: IP routing, NDN routing, PURSUIT content routing, XIA routing
    - Translating/Updating: DNS, NAT, RoHC, MobilityFirst, GreenICN
    - Caching: NDN



# Summary of Existing Schemes (4)

- Many name resolution management schemes
  - Location of the resolution
    - Local: NAT, IP routing, NDN routing, XIA routing, PURTSUIT content routing
    - Remote server: DNS, ASP messaging, MobilityFirst, GreenICN, SDN controller
      - Protocol needed
    - Two end points of a link: RoHC
  - Resolution update
    - Single node: NAT gateway (static or manual, dynamic)
    - Hierarchical: DNS servers, SDN (two-level: controller, router)
    - Distributed: Routing protocols (IP, NDN), DHT (MobilityFirst)
    - Two end points of a link: RoHC



# Issues of existing namespace resolution systems

- ❑ Many namespaces, many resolution policies, and many resolution management schemes
- ❑ Inflexible routing in a particular domain
- ❑ Reduced performance due to name resolution managed by different entities
- ❑ Unclear (or inefficient) interoperation among different FIAs

# Requirements

- Design a generic namespace management framework
  - Supporting different types of namespaces
  - Supporting different resolution policies
  - Supporting different resolution management schemes
  - Improving flexibility for routing
  - Enabling co-existence and Interoperability
    - For different architectures/protocols/schemes on same physical infrastructure
  - Enhancing security and privacy protection

▢ Define namespaces and resolution policies flexibly

- Open and unified APIs
- Access control

# Definable Routing (Continue)

□ Define private/anonymous network on public network infrastructure

□ Definability

private/anonymous network by  
namespaces and policies on  
public network infrastructure

□ Flexibility

Changing Source/Destination  
Name by policies for anonymous  
communication

□ Security& Privacy

- Segment-by-segment Communication.
- Fully control of routing and resolution

# Co-existence of different FIAs

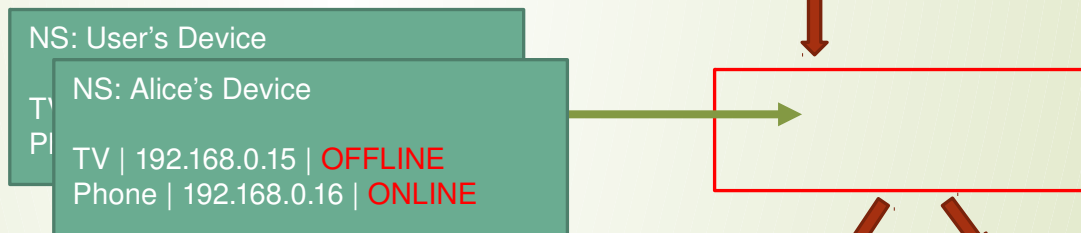
- Flexible name resolution policy for any particular routing scheme.

# Compatibility/Interoperability

- Deploy different network schemes/protocols in a unified framework
- Example: Interoperability between NDN and MobilityFirst

## □ Support better mobility

### Status Updating



REQUEST FOR SWITCHING



# A possible System Architecture

## Control Plane

- Register namespaces and resolution policies
- Define access control policies

## Data Plane

- Policy execution
  - Filters
  - Actions
- Logic/Algorithms
  - Namespace looking up
  - Longest Matching
  - Compression
  - Translation
  - ...

# Define Namespace and Policy

□ Packet



□ Policy

– Filter

- The condition of accessing a namespace
  - For a namespace, e.g.: **IF (SourceName=="Alice") { Input(); }**

Only the packets from Alice can be processed by this namespace.

- The condition of hitting an entity of a namespace
  - For a Entity, e.g.: **IF (DestinationName.IndexOf("Bob")!=-1) { Action(); }**

When a packet with a destination name contains "Bob", there is lookup matching.

– Action

- What should be done when a lookup matching has been found (hit a entity)
  - E.g.: **ForwardToInterface("Interface\_0");**

The packet hit this entity will be forwarded to interface "Interface\_0"

- What should be done when no lookup matching has been found in the whole namespace
  - E.g.: **ForwardToNamespace("PIT");**

If there is no entity hit in the current namespace, forward this packet to namespace "PIT"

# Define Namespace and Policy

## □ Namespace

- Metadata
  - Name
  - Tag
  - Filter
  - Default action (i.e., action to be done when no lookup matching can be found)
- Entities
  - Name
  - value
  - Action
  - Filter
  - Other extend fields e.g.: status, timestamp ...

# Conclusion and Next Steps

- We have introduced a new namespace management system that is compatible with any FIA
  - We believe this is needed to interoperate between the different architectures
- Next steps:
  - Interest from the group? Comments on the group page
  - V1 of the draft after comments
  - Approval by the WG as WG-draft

# Extra Slides

MobilityFirst

NDN

PURSUIT

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XIA

GreenICN

Which one will be the winner ?  
Or we can let them work together!

# Domain Name System (DNS)

## □ Namespaces

- URL (global)
- IP Address (global)

## □ Resolution policy

- One-way: URL to IP Address
- One-to-many mapping
  - One URL to one or multiple IP addresses

## □ Resolution management

- Resolution at a DNS server
- A hierarchical architecture for DNS servers



# Network Address Translation (NAT)

## Namespaces

- Private IP Address and Port
- Global IP Address and Port

## Resolution policy

- Bi-directional
- One-to-one
  - With different restrictions

## Resolution management

- At a gateway
- Static
- Dynamic

# IP Routing

## Namespaces

- IP Address (global)
- Interface ID (in router)

## Resolution policy

- One-way: IP address to Interface ID
- Longest match
- Following action
  - Forwarding

## Resolution management

- At router
  - SDN: router + controller
- Update
  - Distributed: Routing protocols : BGP, OSPF ...
  - Centralized (two-level hierarchy): SDN
- Creation / Update algorithms: Shortest path, QoS, ...

# Resolution in Mobile Communication

## Example: Robust Header Compression ( RoHC )

### ▢ Namespaces

- Original Header (local)
- Compressed Header (local)

### ▢ Policy

- Bi-directional
- One-to-one

### ▢ Management

- Resolution at individual compressor/decompressor
  - E.g., at two ends of a wireless link
- Header compression

## Naming by Application Service Provider (ASP)

### Example: Messaging

#### ▢ Namespaces

- User ID (global)
- Device Network Address (NA) (global)

#### ▢ Resolution policy

- One-way
- One-to-one or One-to-many (Skype)
- Different restrictions:
  - Accessibility verification
  - Management
    - Defined by ASP

# MobilityFirst (Destination Resolution)

## □ Namespaces

- GUID
- Network Address (NA)

## □ Policy

- One-way: GUID to NA

## □ Management

- Resolution at distributed server
- Resolution servers are chosen by distributed hash table (DHT)
- Update
  - Dynamic / Late binding

# NDN (Routing for Content Request and Content)

## Namespaces

- URL-like name (global)
- Interface ID (local)
- Cached content ID (local)

## Policy

- When receives an interest packet
  - Sequential: CS->PIT->FIB
- When receives a data packet
  - Once: PIT (one-to-many)

## Management

- Resolution at individual router
- Update architecture
  - Local: CS, PIT
  - Distributed: FIB

# Internames-Green ICN (Destination Resolution)

## Namespaces

- A: Object Name (e.g., URL)
- B: <realm, dst, SD>
- C: <gateway, SD>

## Policy

- One-to-one
- One-way
- NRS: A->B
- RRS: B->C (if necessary)

## Management

- Name Resolution Service (NRS)
- Routing Resolution Service (RRS)



# XIA (Routing)

## Namespaces

- XID (global)
  - Multiple names are included by using a DAG
- Interface ID (local)

## Policy (forwarding)

- One-way: XID to Interface ID
- A sequence of resolution according to the DAG

## Management

- Resolution at router

# PURSUIT (Content Routing)

## Namespaces

- FID (Regional, associated with a routing tree)
  - Specifying a set of links by Bloom Filter
- Interface ID (local)

## Policy (forwarding)

- One-way: FID to Interface ID
- One-to-many

## Management

- FID is calculated by TM