A taxonomy

for

New Routing & Addressing Architecture Designs

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Goal

- Build a framework, to allow us to
 - position each proposed solution in the design space
 - facilitate the evaluation of various design tradeoffs
- How:
 - Identify the solution directions
 - Find the open issues to be addressed
 - Find the dimensions of the design space
 - Look thru proposed solutions, find missing points
 Iterate !

Routing system scalability

(GRA: Globally Routable Address space)

- Problem: Too many entries in GRA, too many updates
- Solution space:
 - A. Reduce the table size, or
 - B. Find a way to handle large routing tables

The proposed solutions

- (so far) fall into the first category, which can be further sorted into:
- A1: Only using topologically aggregatable addresses Multihomed sites → multiple prefixes

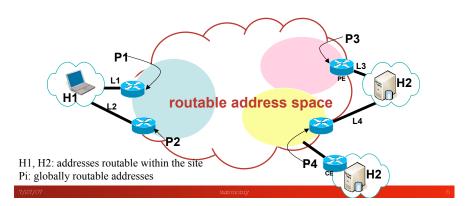
A1a: the site uses site-local prefix internally (GSE) A1b: the site uses GRA prefixes internally (SHIM6, Six/One)

- A2: Moving "edge" prefixes out of the global routing system
 - Find "edge" attachment points in the routable space
 - Deliver packets by tunneling to their attachment points

A rough picture for solution space discussion

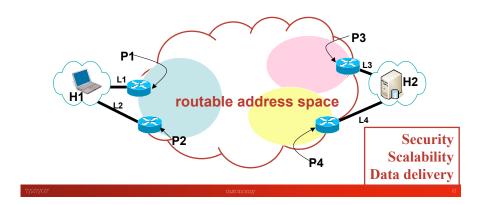
grossly simplified; the boundary between GRA and the rest of the world (ROW) vary among different solutions

- Ranging from inside hosts (SHIM6) to stopping at site border (GSE, LISP)



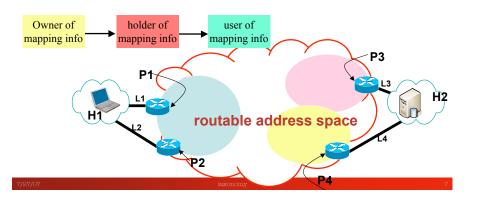
Common issues among the solutions

- Q1: How to get mapping info
- Q2: How to detect failure (e.g. P3 unreachable, or L3 failure)
- Q3: How to handle failure



Q1. How to get the mapping info

- Q1.1 How to inject the mapping info into the system
- Q1.2 Where to distribute, who holds the mapping info
- Q1.3 Where/who makes selection decision from multiple (Pi \rightarrow Hi)



Q1.1 How to inject mapping info into the system

- Mapping info:
 - A1: DNS name \rightarrow GRA address(es)
 - A2: ROW prefix \rightarrow GRA address(es)
- Injection
 - Manual configuration
 - Automated protocol exchange
- Important consideration: Authentication of mapping info



Q1.2 where to distribute mapping info

- Flood
- Push: to *specific node*(s)
- Poll/look-up:

A1: by hosts

A2: by site edge router, or any "responsible" router

- What is the system structure each of the above operates in?
 - Combining mapping info into DNS
 - Establishing a new/separate mapping info system
 - Combining mapping info with routing
- What is the trust model/relation between neighbor nodes in the distribution chain; how to insure info authenticity



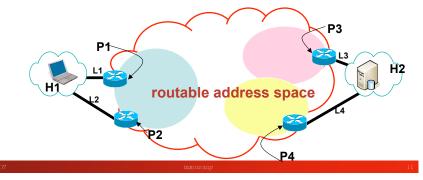
Q1.3 Where/who makes selection decision from multiple (Pi \rightarrow Hi)

- The holder is a database, a user (e.g. host, or ITR) receives complete (Hi → Pi's) mapping
- The holder makes decision on which mappings are given to which ITR

Owner of mapping info	 holder of mapping info	 user of mapping info	

Q2. How to detect failures

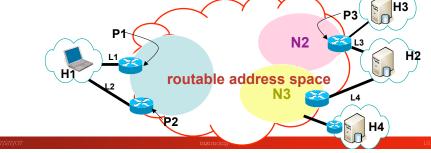
- A1: host detects failures
- A2: Look at the picture again:
 - failures within GRA space: can do business as usual (or can do better!)
 - failures at Pi or Li: need new solutions



Q2: means for failure detection

Data-traffic triggered failure detection

- A1: up to transport/upper level protocols
- A2:
 - data traffic triggered ICMP message (or equivalent)
 - Piggyback TR status on data packets
 - Indirect inference
 - e.g. ICMP triggered by packets to H2 can be applied to H3 ETR selection



Q3: How to handle failures

- A1: host handles detection and recovery
 - Potentially duplicate detection efforts by multiple hosts
 - e.g. multiple hosts suffer data losses caused by the same failure before they can react

A2:

- Q3.1 Which nodes to inform
- Q3.2 How to handle in-flight packets
- *Shared question*: which party holds the temporary failure info, and how to promptly remove it when failure recovered?

Summary of questions

Q1: How to get mapping info

- 1.1 How to inject the mapping info into the system
- 1.2 Where to distribute, who holds the mapping info
- 1.3 Where/who makes selection decision from multiple (Pi \rightarrow Hi)
- Q2: How to detect failure
- Q3: How to handle failure
 - 3.1: Which nodes to inform
 - 3.2: How to handle in-flight packets
 - 3.3: which party holds the temporary failure info, and how to promptly remove it when failure recovered?

Evaluation criteria

- Data delivery performance
 - Delay due to mapping look up
 - Delay due to suboptimal paths
 - Loss due to lack of mapping info
 - Loss during transient failure
 - Traffic concentration
- Scalability: with regard to the sizes of GRA system and "edge" population
 - Table size at mapping info holding nodes
 - Control data distribution overhead
- How to secure mapping info distribution

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