Infrastructure Support for Host Identity Protocol

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Background

- Funding from: Tekes (Finnish government), TKK,
 Nokia, Ericsson, Elisa, Finnish Defense Forces
 - 2,5 years, mid 2004-2007
- Project Goals
 - Study and develop the infrastructure support necessary for a wide deployment of HIP.
 - Provide scientific results and play a leading role in the standardization of HIP

People Involved

- Doc. Pekka Nikander, Prof. Martti Mäntylä (HIIT)
- Prof. Antti Ylä-Jääski (TKK)
- Andrei Gurtov, PhD, project manager
- Dmitry Korzun, PhD
- 3 PhD students
- 3 MSc students

International Connections

- ICSI, Berkeley (Scott Shenker)
- UC Berkeley (Ion Stoica, Anthony Joseph)
- M.I.T (Hari Balakrishnan, Mike Walfish)
- Meetings so far
 - Collaboration meeting, Berkeley, 11/04
 - HIP Workshop, Washington, 11/04
 - OASIS retreat and i3 meeting, Tahoe, 1/05

InfraHIP Work Packages

- 1. Next gen. Internet architecture
- 2. HIP on Linux
- 3. Rendezvous and naming
- 4. Multiple HIP identities
- 5. Application migration
- 6. HIP applications
- 7. Corporate HIP

WPI.Architectural

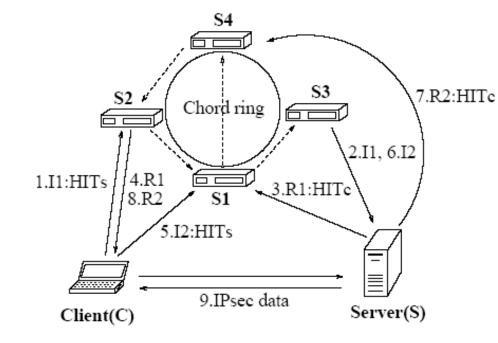
- Explore the effect of identifier/locator split
- Study alternative solutions to HIP
 - i³ Internet Indirection Infrastructure
 - Multi6/shim6, Mobile IP, ...
- Produce a report on findings
 - Comparison criteria for alternatives to HIP
- Cooperate on integrating HIP as one component of the next-generation Internet architecture

WP2. HIP on Linux

- Finalize HIP implementation in Linux kernel
- Release as open source, maintained, and easily usable software
- Integrate into official Linux kernel
- Performance evaluation
- Regular interop testing
- Demonstrations
- Further development of native HIP API

WP3. Rendezvous & Naming

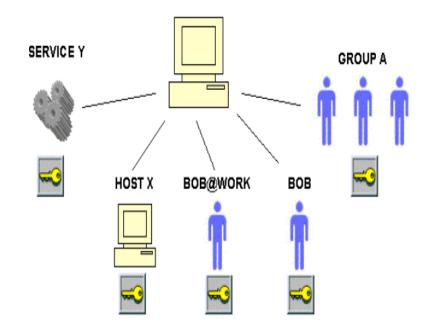
- Infrastructure for resolving Host Identities to IP addresses
 - DNS Extensions
 - Use of Distributed Hash Tables or i3 systems
 - Rendezvous servers
- Deploy an experimental infrastructure on a widescale testbed PlanetLab



WP4. Multiple Identities

Various entities with HIP identities inside a host.

- How to manage and store multiple host identifiers on a single operating system
 - Needed e.g. for privacy protection
- Major extensions to HIP API and implementation



WP5. Application Migration

- Study migration of a running HIP application between hosts
 - Maintaining communication transparency
 - Avoiding residual dependency
- Delegation-based approach
 - Destination re-establishes the associations with remote peers
 - Destination receives an authorization to use old HIT using a signed certificate
- Implementing a prototype using ZAP migration system from Columbia University

WP6. Applications for HIP

- Evaluate new possible applications enabled by HIP
- "Road warrior" = mobile VPN user
 - E.g. distributed file system with back-up
- Search in peer-to-peer systems
- Faster WLAN access control
- Device peering
- Ad-hoc networking

WP7. Corporate

- Study use of HIP in the corporate sector
- NAT/Firewall traversal
- Group communication
- Management of HIP hosts, MIBs
 - Make network renumbering easier
- VPN solutions

Summary

- InfraHIP
 - Funded by Finnish government and companies
 - 2.5 years, ~8 people
 - 7 work packages
- http://infrahip.hiit.fi