Internet-wide Geo-networking Problem Statement

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Introduction

 Internet-wide geo-networking concerns IP-layer extensions that allow source nodes anywhere in the Internet to disseminate packets to all/any node(s) with geographic location awareness within a specified destination area

Introduction: Internet-wide Geo-Networking scenario





Support of geographical addressing:

geographical information should be available in the addressing mechanism

Support of Internet-wide geo-routing:

 data packets are forwarded over multiple hops by using geographical position of destination node(s)

• Precision in representing geographical areas



• Environmental Monitoring:

 querying devices, e.g., sensors, actuators, located in specific geographic areas, e.g., fire hazard prevention

Vehicular networking:

 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology required to offer a myriad of applications related to vehicles, vehicle traffic, drivers, passengers and pedestrians

Open design issues to be addressed by IETF (1)

- Geo-addressing in the wired Internet: standard Internet routers are not aware of geo-networking functionality:
 - used addresses must be regular addresses that route to / via the correct geo-aware access router

Geo-routing:

 forwarding from source node to the correct geo-aware access router, over the standard Internet

Open design issues to be addressed by IETF (2)

• Exchange/communicate destination area information:

- destination area specification needs to be exchanged/communicated between source node and correct geoaware access router
- Lookup and translation of destination (geographical) area to IP address
- Updating the location database



Possible solutions: Extended DNS solution (2)

Approach

- Extending DNS to support ITS geo(broad)casting services
- Solves "Geo-addressing in the wired Internet" and "Lookup and translation of destination (geographical) area to IP address" by extending DNS system to resolve a geographical area to relevant IP addresses:
 - source nodes willing to send geo-networking packets can then resolve destination area of (a flow of) packets to a number of IP addresses, and send packets to these destination addresses

Possible solutions: Extended DNS solution (3)

What remains to be done?

- "Geo-routing"
- "Exchange/communicate destination area information"
- "Updating the location database"
- Satisfy set of requirements





Possible solutions: GeoServer (2)

Approach

- Solves "Geo-routing", "Exchange/communicate destination area information" and "Updating the location database" by using a message reflector (GeoServer) to facilitate communication targeted to specific areas:
 - location updates
 - event reporting
 - geographical messaging

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