Multimedia Gateway Architecture for Adaptive Content Distribution

Work in Progress –

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Summary

Scope:

Multimedia streaming to mobile clients

Problem:

- Transmission of multimedia data consumes high bandwidths
- Decoding of such data takes much processing power
- Mobile devices often cannot comply with such requirements

Solution:

Adaptation of the data to the requirements of the client

Our Approach:

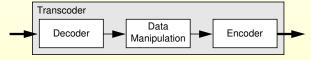
Transcoding of multimedia streams on intermediate systems





Transcoding

- Transcoding = Changing the coding format
- Cascaded Pixel Domain Transcoder (CPDT):



- very flexible, but intensive computing needed
- Improvements:
 - Minimizing the need of decoding the multimedia stream
 - Reusing information from the original data
- Result:
 - Many different transcoding techniques exist



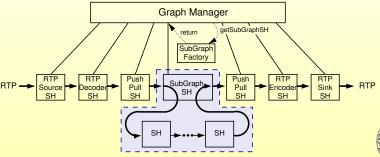




Transcoding Proxy Implementation



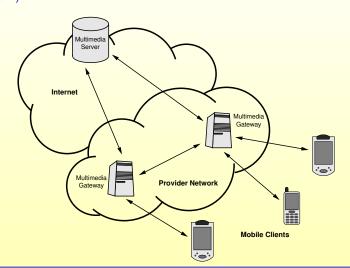
- Based on an RTSP/RTP-Proxy
- Uses a datapath consisting of Stream Handlers (SH)
- Each Stream Handler can manipulate the stream
- Transcoding modules can be loaded at runtime







Towards a Multimedia Gateway System (Future Work)



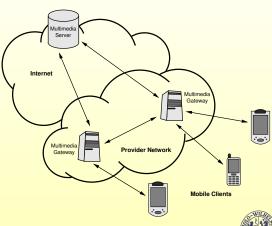






Towards a Multimedia Gateway System (Future Work)

- Gateway location
- Capability exchange
- Gateway handoff
- Caching







Summary

Goal:

Multimedia streaming with mobile clients

Problem:

Mobile clients often have constrained resources

Approach:

- Transcoding of multimedia streams on gateways
- Gateways can load transcoding modules at runtime
- Modules will be loaded according to the requesting client
- System can be extended easily by implementing new modules





