Virtual ID Routing

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Goal: Scalable routing architecture for mobile computing

Traditional id such as IP address embeds topology information, so moving a node involves reassigning its id.

Idea: ROFL, Using flat node identifier and DHT to enable mobility. (VRR, Caesar ‘06)

Problem: Neighbors in DHT are not necessarily physical neighbors in topology. Routing efficiency and thus scalability
Virtual Id Routing – Key ideas

- Maintain location-independent flat id design for node and applications
- Introduce dynamically assigned virtual id reflecting topology to help routing efficiency, thus scalability
  - Virtual id space is structured, e.g. Kademlia Tree, routing is based on virtual id.
  - Desired property: Nodes close to each other in virtual id space are also close in physical topology
**Key ideas**

Flat physical Id space with location specific virtual id

1. Virtual Id assignment
2. Routing in virtual id space
3. Physical id to virtual id mapping
Virtual id assignment

Physical topology

Virtual Id space
Routing and Mapping

- Routing in virtual id space
  - Inspired by Kademlia DHT; this design greatly simplifies routing
  - From virtual node A to LCA(A, B), then from LCA(A, B) to B
  - No single point of failure
  - Using local short-cuts table to help efficiency
- Look-up virtual id using physical id
  - Hierarchical rendezvous points
  - Combined mapping and forwarding
Evaluation and Conclusion

- Observations
  - Routing stretch increase slowly with the number of nodes in the topology, indication good scalability
  - Outperforms VRR

- Summary
  - Flat id enable seamless mobility
  - DHT allows utilizing topology specific virtual id to achieve scalability
Future work

- Better virtual id re-assignment for robust routing in mobility scenario
- More simulation results using Omnet++
Thank you!

Questions?