Management of Content-Centric Networking

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CCN an old idea ?

A MOBICOM 2000 paper [IGE00] [AY05] "Directed Diffusion" describes the "Data-Centric" paradigm

- "Directed Diffusion is an important milestone in the data-centric routing research of sensor networks. The idea aims at diffusing data through sensor nodes by using a naming scheme for the data"
- "The main reason behind using such a scheme is to get rid of unnecessary operations of network layer routing"
- "In order to create a query, an interest is defined", "The interest is broadcast"
- "Each node receiving the data can do caching for later use"
- "Hence, by utilizing interest and gradients, paths are established between sink and sources. Several paths can be established"
- "all communication is neighbor-to-neighbor with no need for a node addressing mechanism"

Why focusing on CCN ?

Why is CCN so popular among ICN solutions ?

- Simple architecture based on simple ideas
- ACM CoNEXT 2009 paper [JST+09] : Good educational introduction, most architectural aspects covered
- Many research questions clearly highlighted (routing, key management, etc.)
- ... even if not all (scalability regarding number of contents or updates frequencies, enforcement of unique names at the Internet scale, mobility while providing content, etc.)
- CCNx implementation / community
- Lucky factor : right time / right research community ?

Network management

What is network management ?

- Wikipedia attempt : "Network management refers to the activities, methods, procedures, and tools that pertain to the operation, administration, maintenance, and provisioning of networked systems"
- NMRG functional areas : Fault management, Performance management, Security management, Configuration management, Accounting management, Service management, Event management
- Configure and control a set of resources that ensure the network is running well
- Means : monitoring (centralized, distributed, autonomous) coupled with control/optimization/economic/machine learning/stochastic theories

Network management

What is relevant for CCN ?

- Traffic management
- Cache management
- Content management
- Nodes management
- Security management

Traffic Management

Key challenges

- Traffic control for QoS [ORS12] [FRRS12]
  - Fair queuing, congestion avoidance (Interest discard, etc.)
- Traffic control for business/political purposes (easier filtering / censorship ?)
- Traffic differentiation : several hacks of the CCN architecture to handle specific traffic types
  - Private data [ACG+13] [a]
  - Ephemeral data [CPW11] [b]

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a. "Cache Privacy in Named-Data Networking" Acs & al.

b. "Content-based publish/subscribe networking and information-centric networking" Carzaniga & al.

Cache Management

Key challenges

- What types of contents should be cached ? Where ? With which priority ? [FRRS12]
  - Video on demand
  - Long lived multimedia contents (file sharing or user generated)
  - Web
- What types of contents should not be cached ?
  - Conversational (two parties)
  - Ephemeral events (notifications from IoT world, online games)
  - Private communications (email, VOIP, etc.)
- How to use cache efficiently : size, location, caching policy (LRU, LFU, popularity, etc.)

Content Management

Key challenges

- Accountability of content's access
- Monitoring of content (diffusion, replication)
- Revocation of deprecated contents
- Access control (restriction per country, per user, etc.)

Nodes Management

Key challenges

- Monitoring of CCN nodes : collect information and status of CCN nodes, detection of anomalies
  - Strategy layer needs information
  - Define relevant information to be monitored + right granularity (per prefix, per face) ?
  - Define efficient architecture (CCN ready) for collection of information
- Design and implementation of new network tools (ping, traceroute, etc.)
- Design of new metrics (CCN/ICN flows, etc.)
- Remote configuration (no push mechanism)

Security Management

Key challenges

- Identification of new threats [WSV12] [a]
- DoS by resource exhaustion of stateful routers
  - On PIT : Interest flooding attack
  - On FIB : Announcing conflicting domains, non-existing content, non-aggregable names
  - On CS : Privacy issues (cache probing) [LLR+12] [b] [ACG+13], cache pollution
  - Cryptography attacks (long-lived content, many encryptions with the same key)

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a. "Threats to Stability and Security in Information-Centric Networking" Wahlisch & al.

b. "Privacy risks in named data networking : what is the cost of performance ?" Lauinger & al.

Security Management

Key challenges

- Security of contents (revocation, pollution [FMP10] [a], etc.)
- Security of the naming space (malicious names, route poisoning ∼BGP)
- Key management scheme : How to retrieve public keys quickly, efficiently, securely ?
- Collaboration for attack detection
- Enforcement of security policies within a network

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a. "Information ranking in content-centric networks" Fotiou & al.

What is available in CCNx commands ?

Content management

- ccngetfile : retrieve a file published as CCNx content and save it to a local file
- ccnputfile : publish a file as CCNx content (local file filename or url to content with the ccnxname), manage segmentation, key signature, etc.
- ccnrm : mark as stale any locally cached content objects matching the given prefix (no further Interest response)
- ccnls : list name components available at the next level for a given CCNx name prefix
- ccnlsrepo : explore content stored under a given prefix (one or more repositories)

CCNx commands

Tools

- ccn_ccnbtoxml : convert ccn binary encoded data into XML form
- ccn_xmltoccnb : convert XML into ccn binary encoded data (ccnb)
- ccndsmoketest : testing of communications, send and receive data on sockets

Monitoring of ccnd

Monitoring commands

- ccndstatus : display the status a running ccnd (nb of active faces, stat of each face, etc)
- ccnpeek : generates an Interest, get one content item matching the name prefix and write it to stdoud (eq to IP ping)
- ccnponk : read data from stdin, send it as a single ContentObject in response to an interest

Web Interface

- http ://localhost :9695/ , similar to ccndstatus
- Limitation : sliding time window (avg of last minute) provides inaccurate results

Monitoring web interface

mailly ccnd[14550] local port 9695 api 6000 start 1338724361.760754 now 1338726149.399268

Content items: 23 accessioned, 23 stored, 11 stale, 0 sparse, 112 duplicate, 143 sent
Interests: 31 names, 2 pending, 2 propagating, 14 noted
Interest totals: 586 accepted, 447 dropped, 588 sent, 112 stuffed

Faces

- **face:** 0 **flags:** 0xc **pending:** 0
- **face:** 1 **flags:** 0x400c **pending:** 0
- **face:** 2 **flags:** 0x5012 **pending:** 0 **local:** 0.0.0.0:9695
- **face:** 3 **flags:** 0x5010 **pending:** 0 **local:** 0.0.0.0:9695
- **face:** 4 **flags:** 0x4042 **pending:** 0 **local:** [::]:9695
- **face:** 5 **flags:** 0x4040 **pending:** 0 **local:** [::]:9695
- **face:** 7 **flags:** 0x81412 **pending:** 0 **remote:** 127.0.1.1:9695 **via:** 2
- **face:** 12 **flags:** 0x1014 **pending:** 2 **activity:** 13 **remote:** 127.0.0.1:38200
- **face:** 13 **flags:** 0x1014 **pending:** 0 **activity:** 7 **remote:** 127.0.0.1:38202
- **face:** 14 **flags:** 0x21012 **pending:** 0 **activity:** 7 **remote:** 127.0.0.1:9695 **via:** 2

Face Activity Rates

	Bytes/sec In/Out	recv data/intr sent	sent data/intr recv
face: 0	259 / 31	0 / 0	0 / 0
face: 7	0 / 176	0 / 0	0 / 0
face: 12	128 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
face: 13	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0
face: 14	440 / 263	0 / 0	0 / 0

Forwarding

- ccnx:/%C1.M.S.localhost/%C1.M.SRV/ccnd **face:** 0 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147481862
- ccnx:/ccnx/ping **face:** 0 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147481862
- ccnx:/ccntuto2 **face:** 7 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147482037
- ccnx:/%C1.M.S.neighborhood **face:** 0 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147481862
- ccnx:/%C1.M.S.localhost **face:** 0 **flags:** 0x23 **expires:** 2147481862
- ccnx:/ccnx/%1B%D20%5C%AD%86%99Z%1F%BE%94%09%06%FAy%12%F6%19%E4%8E%B6%F6oI%8B%17%A4%E5%A3.%05%DB **face:** 0 **flags:** 0x17 **expires:** 2147481862
- ccnx:/ccntuto **face:** 7 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147481922
- ccnx:/ccntuto2/test_chat_room/Users/tibs/Keys/%C1.M.K%00%9D%BA%9Cv%AC%DC%BE%DA%CE%80%21HAYG%1A%D1izN%3A_%2F8s%7F%FC%D1%E9%13cR/%FD%04%EAXb
  12 **flags:** 0x3 **expires:** 2147483637

Experimentation for management activities

Need of better tools

- More monitored parameters
- Better accuracy
- New metrics

Need of a large scale testbed to support experiments

- Based on CCNx enabled nodes
- Solution 1 : federated testbed between academic partners (like the young Internet)
- Solution 2 : PlanetLab nodes (cf NEPI talk)

IRTF Information-Centric Networking Research Group

Main topics

- Naming schemes for ICN, including scalable name resolution for flat names
- Scalable routing schemes
- Congestion control, QoS approaches, and caching strategies
- Metrics that make it possible to evaluate ICN implementations in a consistent manner
- Security and privacy, including scoping of information objects and access control to them
- Application/application-protocol design and APIs
- Business, legal and regulatory frameworks
- Deployment and interoperability (with BGP, OSPF)

IRTF Information-Centric Networking Research Group

- Verye active group, mailing list : icnrg@irtf.org, web : irtf.org/icnrg
- Other related IRTF working groups : RRG (Routing Research Group), NMRG (Network Management Working Group)

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Motivation

How to enforce security policies in CCN ?

- Goal : prevent users from downloading malicious/forbidden contents
- Authentication of content possible (lower layers : simple verification) but real security tools missing
- Inheritance of IP firewalls limited : no filter on IP addresses or ports
- New security features enabled by the CCN paradigm

Contribution

- Content firewall : considering content name and signature
- Use case analysis : Identification of security needs for CCN
- Design of a semantic CCN firewall : grammar definition, preprocessing for semantic enhancement
- Implementation in CCNx and performance evaluation

IP firewall main use cases

- IP_UC1 : Filtering based on the protocol (Example : http, smtp, etc.)
- IP_UC2 : Filtering based on status of the connection (new, established, etc.)
- IP_UC3 : Filtering based on a list of known blacklisted IP addresses
- IP_UC4 : Filtering unusual inbound traffic pattern (from a denial of service attack attempt)

Some use cases do not make sense in CCN, others must be adapted.

CCN-specific use cases

- CCN_UC1 : Filtering on content provider (Example : known untrustworthy or banned)
- CCN_UC2 : Filtering on bad signature
- CCN_UC3 : Filtering on content name and semantic (Example : excluding contents named with a given keyword)
- CCN_UC4 : Composition (content provider & content name)
- CCN_UC5 : Filtering on content direction (Example : avoid leakage of certain documents)
- CCN_UC6 : Filtering on heavy traffic (Preservation of QoS)
- CCN_UC7 : Filtering of stored data (Example : caching only storing specific content)

Comparison : IP vs CCN use cases

IP use cases	CCN use cases	Filtering on
IP_UC1	CCN_UC3	Protocol / Content name
IP_UC2	--	Status of the connection
IP_UC3	CCN_UC1	Listed IP / Content provider
IP_UC4	CCN_UC6	Unusual / Heavy traffic
--	CCN_UC2	Bad signature
--	CCN_UC4	Composition of filters
--	CCN_UC5	Content direction
--	CCN_UC7	Stored data

Syntax definition

- Syntax based on iptables for ease of use and readability
- 3 different types of rules

```
rule = r_interest | r_data | r_face

r_interest = "interest" SP direction SP
             match_interest SP "pit" SP action

r_data = "data" SP direction SP match_data
         SP ["cs"|"pit"] SP action

r_face = "face" SP number
```

r_interest

Main rule

```
r_interest = "interest" SP direction SP
             match_interest SP "pit" SP action
```

Syntactic elements

```
direction =  "*"|"int"|"ext"
action = "forward"|"drop"
match_interest = content_name
```

Example

```
interest * \@game|play|fun\@ 15 pit drop
```

r_data

Main rule

```
r_data = "data" SP direction SP match_data
         SP ["cs"|"pit"] SP action
```

Syntactic elements

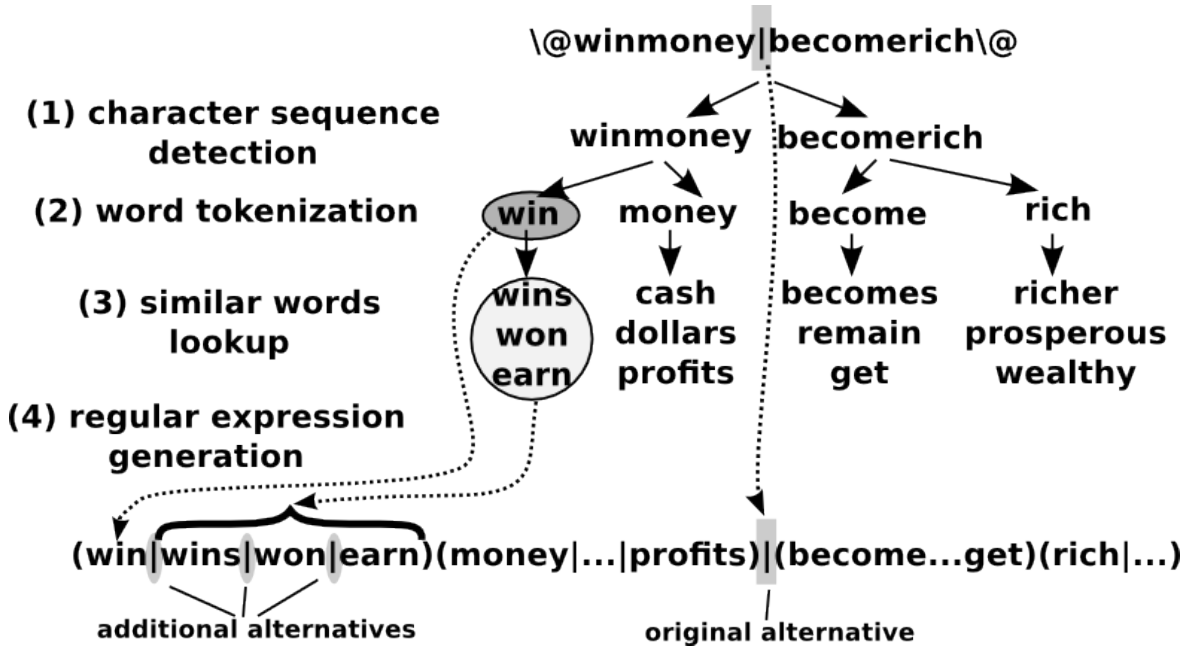
```
direction =  "*"|"int"|"ext"
action = "forward"|"drop"
match_data = content_name SP provider
content_name = "*"|reg_exp
provider  = sign_check SP provider_sign
sign_check = "0" | "1"
provider_sign = "*"|first_sign *next_signs
```

Example

```
data * \@game|fun\@ 0 0 123456789ABCDEF;FFFF0000AAAA pit di
```

Pre-processing with Disco

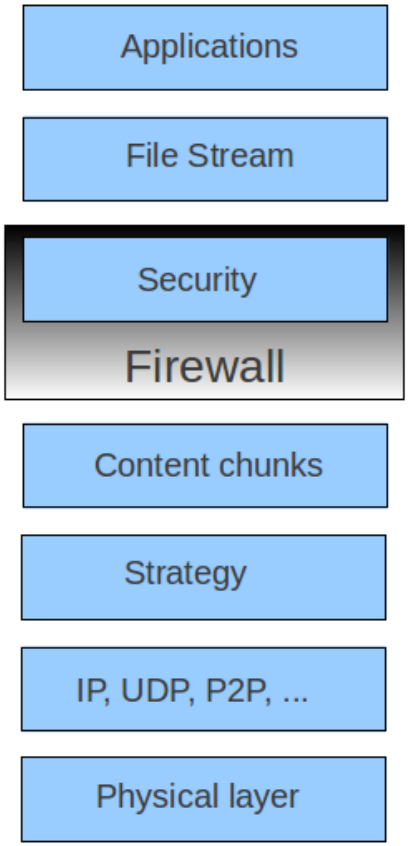
- Sequences of more than 3 characters are extracted
- Segmented as real human-readable words
- For each word, x semantically similar words are found...
- ... and included into an extended regular expression



Implementation

Integration within the CCN stack

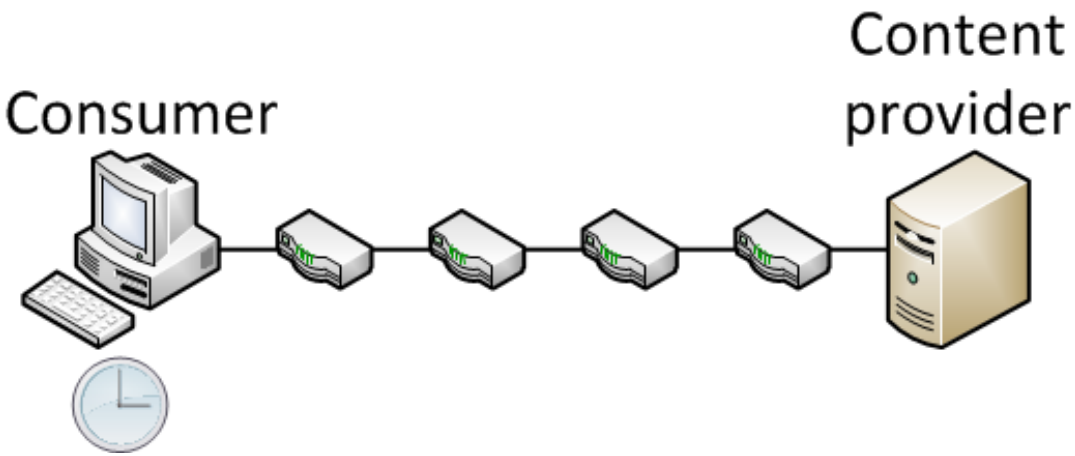
- Firewall directly processes content chunks : captures packets arriving on a face, applies rules on it, eventually calls standard CCN process



Evaluation (1/3)

CCN firewall evaluation setup

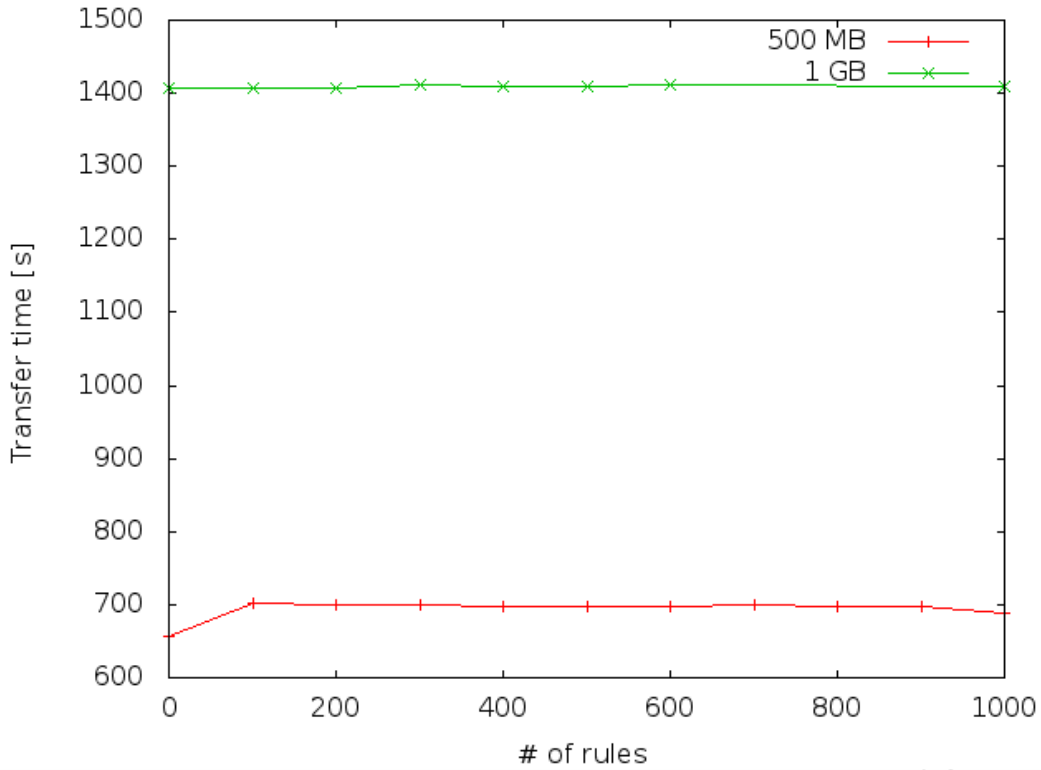
- 6 nodes
- Intermediate routers do not cache
- Consumer request single binary file
- Measurement of transmission time



Evaluation (2/3)

Impact of the number of rules on the transfer time

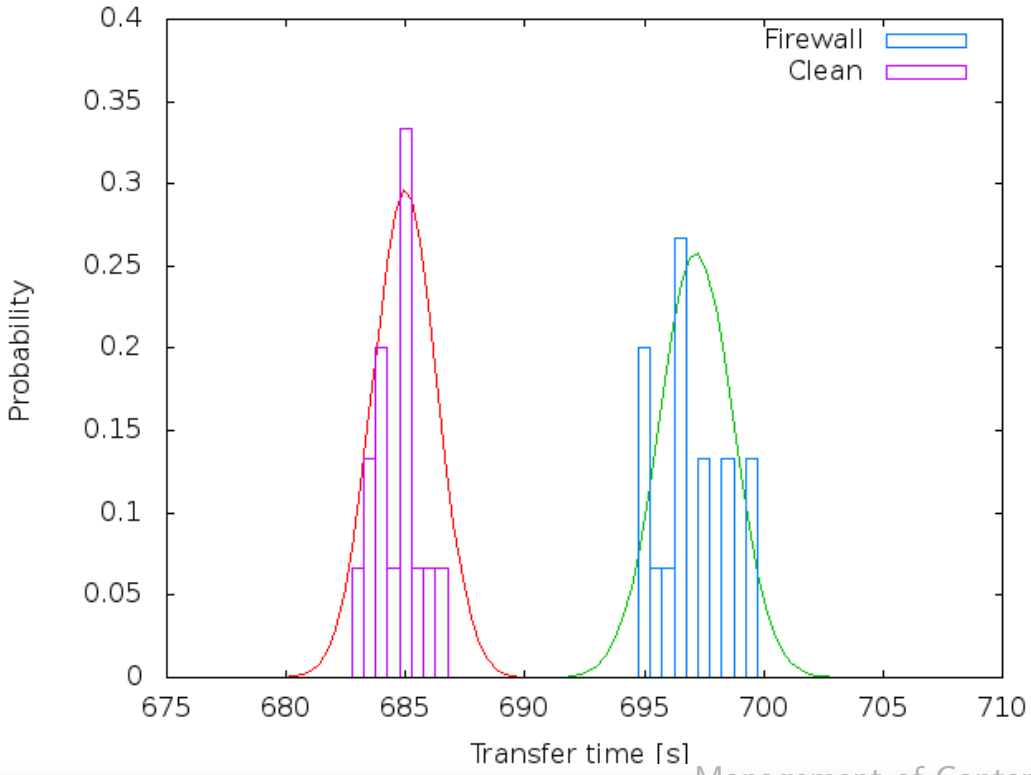
- Increasing step 100 MB
- Requested files size : 500 MB and 1 GB
- Shows small to no impact on transfer time



Evaluation (3/3)

Impact of a 1000-rules firewall on the transfer time

- Repeated experiment (500 MB file transfer) to obtain significant results
- Applied Chi-square and KS-test on obtain result
- Overhead of the firewall is insignificant



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