

S-38.3151 Delay-tolerant Networking

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Please write readably and answer in English.

There are three classes of questions: (a) expecting (relatively) short answers, (b) expecting more elaborate answers, and (c) a small design task. The questions are marked accordingly.

Questions:

1. [6p, a] What is a *knowledge oracles*? List four different knowledge oracles relevant to routing.
2. [6p, a] a) Describe two entity mobility models and name one shortcoming for each of these?
b) What is a group mobility model?
3. [6p, b] a) Sketch the bundle protocol stack and describe the respective layers and their functions.
b) Explain *reactive* and *proactive* fragmentation.
4. [6p, a] What is meant by *estimation-based routing*?
5. [6p, b] Explain source routing, per-hop routing and per-contact routing. What problems / benefits they have in DTNs?
6. [6p, a] Which security services does the *Bundle Security Protocol* offer for bundles?
7. [6p, b] Discuss the key differences between IP multicasting and DTN multicasting. Describe how DTN multicasting can explicitly address the issues that arise.
8. [12p,c] The POSTMANet was conceptually proposed as a postal mail-based messaging system using rewritable CDs to bring high volume high delay connectivity to otherwise less well connected places. "Less well connected" depends on the application and may even apply to the Helsinki area.

Assume a typical household with a DSL access link: 1 Mbit/s uplink, 8 Mbit/s downlink capacity, connected via flat-rate, always on. Assume a — legal — video recording application in which people can exchange recordings from public television that they had missed (or they don't have access to because they do not have a digibox). Assume further that recorded contents is not well compressed so that a 90min recording has a mean volume of 4.5 GB stored data, so a 15 minutes news broadcast is 500 MB in size and a full-length movie is some 6 GB.

Let us replace the postal mail service and the CDs by regularly moving buses (with typical schedules) equipped with WLAN connectivity at 100 Mbit/s data rate and a few terabytes of storage capacity. We also ignore protocol overhead and take gross=net data rate.

You want to design a system that enables efficient video exchange for people living close to the bus stops (where buses stop for about one minute). Your system makes use of opportunistic connectivity and store-carry-and-forward delivery.

- a) Sketch the topology of the system.
- b) Which are the potential bottlenecks? How will you address them (at the application and/or DTN protocol layer(s))?
- c) Discuss which types of routing protocols are applicable for the application and which are not (and why). Which one(s) would you suggest to use? Why?
- d) How can you maximize user satisfaction by minimizing transmission delay?
- e) Which further optimizations come to mind?

(Note: there are many possible solutions.)