GSAF: Efficient and Flexible Geocasting for Opportunistic Networks

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Opportunistic Networks

- Infrastructure-less wireless networks
- Mobile devices, instead of connecting to an access point or a wireless modem, connect to each other using their short-range wireless interface (i.e. Bluetooth or WiFi-Direct)

Addressing Methodology



Geocasting in Opportunistic Networks; Why it is important?

- Geographical notifications for emergency scenarios such as: fire alarm, natural disaster, earthquake rescue and awareness by police stations
- Location targeted advertising large volume of users concentrated at specific locations
 - open festival venues, large stadiums, demonstrations
- Geographically restricted service discovery

Two Main Challenges

- 1. Defining Geographical casts and using them in opportunistic networks
- 2. Routing data in the network

1st. challenge: Cast Definition

Related work:

Pros:

- Simple
- Fast

Cons:

- Coarse-grained
- Inefficient
- poor privacy



1st. challenge: Cast Definition

Our Approach:

Pros:

- Simple
- Efficient
- Fine-grained
- Locally resolvable



2nd. challenge: Routing Protocol

- Why do we need a new protocol?
 - 1. Unicast protocols require a node identifier as destination no notion of destination location
 - 2. Existing Geocasting solutions are limited and not efficient enough (e.g. GeoEpidemic, EVR and Geoopp)

2nd. challenge: Routing Protocol

- GSAF (Geocasting Spray and Flood) protocol
- The routing procedure is divided into two phases:
 - 1. Reaching to the destination cast
 - 2. Intelligent flooding the message to all users inside the cast

2nd. challenge: Routing Protocol



Evaluation & Results



Helsinki city

Evaluation & Results

- Evaluation Parameters:
 - # of Users (65 to 520 nodes)
 - Buffer Capacity (5 to 30 MB)
 - Message lifetime (Time to live; 30 to 240 Min.)
- Metrics: Delivery Probability, Average Latency and # of relayed copies in the network.

User Density



Buffer Capacity



Message Lifetime



Per-Message Delivery



GeoEpidemic

GSAF

Conclusions

- Geocasting in opportunistic networks an existing challenge
 - A better approach to define casts
 - GSAF: an efficient routing protocol
- Future work: mobility models, maps, and comparison against other protocols (i.e. Geopp and EVR).

Thank You Questions ?

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