

Authentication, Authorisation and Accounting in a Distributed Multimedia Content Delivery System

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Introduction

The facts:

- multimedia ubiquity
- broadband connectivity
- demand for new services
- new market opportunities
- new business arises



The multimedia world actors

- Content providers
- Network operators
- ISP User Portals
- End users



The challenge

To provide:

- end-to-end high quality multimedia delivery
- reliability
- scalability
- authentication and authorisation
- accounting
- security
- usability
- transparent access



Content Source

- provides live and ondemand content to the system
- allows easy content management
- allows easy content publication
- many sources for one Content Provider



System node

- distributed over the network
- supports multicast content distribution
- provides content caching and splitting
- allows request routing
- allows content localization
- supports load balancing
- supports distributed authentication
- performs local accounting



Access Portal

- allows users management
- presents content catalogue
- provides access to the content
- performs authentication, authorisation and accounting
- provides information services
- provides profiling and personalisation services





Management Portal

- allows system management
- allows content management for Content Providers
- provides catalogues for Access Portals





The middleware





The advantages

- on-demand and live content support
- high quality content delivery
- scalability and reliability
- transparent content access through Access Portals
- ease of content management for Content Providers
- content distribution policy control
- distributed authentication and authorisation
- pay-per-view ready accounting model



Proposed solutions

- Request routing
- Authentication and authorisation
- Accounting

POZNAŃ SUPERCOMPUTING AND NETWORKING CENTER Request routing Administrator Access Portal Site Management Portal Site System System Management Portal Access Portal Node Node Multicast Enabled Network System System Node Node Content Provider Site User Content Content Provider Source



Request routing model

- based on current network statistics
- based on current system load
- supports load balancing
- provides reliability and scalability
- enables high quality end-to-end multimedia delivery

POZNAŃ SUPERCOMPUTING AND NETWORKING CENTER Request authorisation Administrator Access Portal Site Management Portal Site System m Management Portal Access Portal Node OK Cancel Multicast Enabled Network System System Node Node Content Provider Site User Content Content Provider Source



Authentication and authorisation model

- based on Circle of Trust among Access Portals and Content Delivery System
- supports distributed rights management
- allows easy users management
- provides scalability and reliability
- supports different business models





Accounting model

- scalable and open solution
- pay-per-view ready
- allows to deploy different billing models for different Content Providers
- enables future SLA deployment



The technology

- Java and .NET technology
- JDBC database access
- SOAP protocol and WebServices (middleware)
- Java Servlet and DHTML technologies (portal).
- Microsoft Windows Media (streaming platform)
- COM components (AAA plugins)
- Oracle 9i (DBMS)



Summary

Conclusions

- Clear business roles defined
- Open and scalable grid-portal solution
- Ready to deploy other streaming media platforms
- Provides transparent content access
- Distributed and easy to deploy authentication process

Future Works

- Middleware security improvements
- Content distribution policy development
- Load balancing procedures testing and improvement

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