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Software Defined Networking

In this course, you will learn about software defined networking and how it is changing the way communications networks are managed, maintained, and secured.

This Module: SDN In the Wild

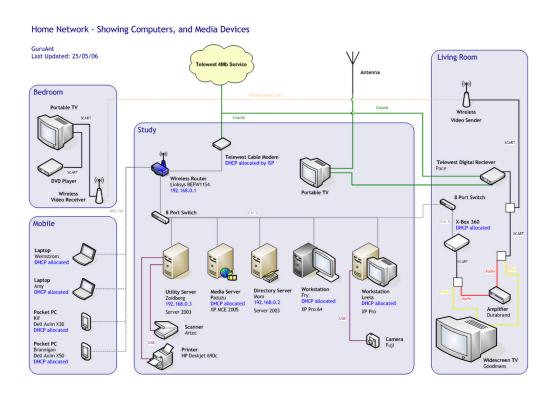
- Three Lessons
 - Data Centers
 - Wide-Area Backbone Networks
 - SDX: A Software-Defined Internet Exchange
 - B4: Google's Wide-Area Backbone Network
 - Home Networks
- Programming Assignment
- Quiz

Home Networking: Two Challenges

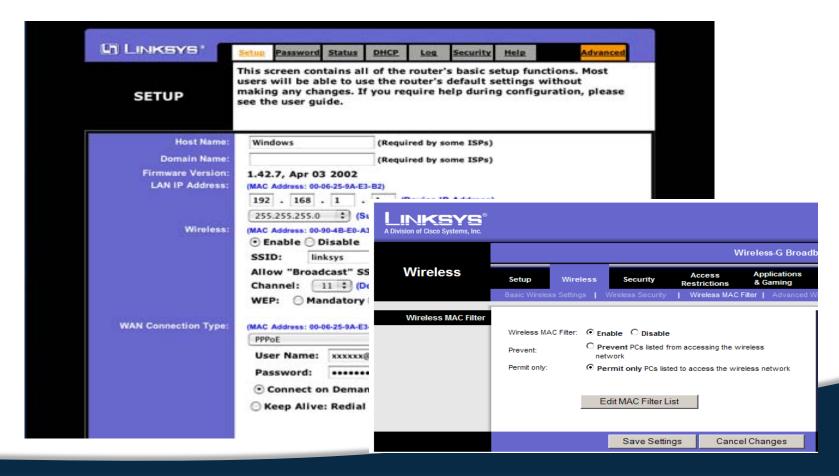
 Providing users with visibility into usage and problems in the network.

 Providing controls to help users better manage resources, usage caps, etc.

Configuration is Complex, Low-Level



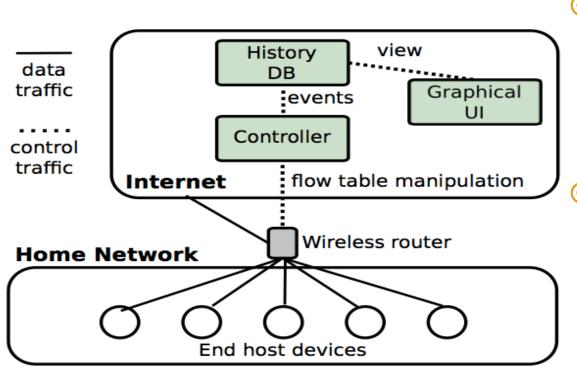
Too Much Complexity is Exposed



Lack of Visibility and Control

- Invisible usage quotas
 - How much do I have left?
 - When will I run out?
- Mysterious processes
 - What applications are getting us capped?
 - Can I limit these?
- Multiple users
 - Who is getting us capped?
 - Share out bandwidth?

SDN: Centralized, Outsourced Control



 User monitors behavior and sets policies with UI

Resonance controller manages policies and router behavior

Feamster, Nick. "Outsourcing home network security." *Proceedings of the 2010 ACM SIGCOMM workshop on Home networks*. ACM, 2010.

Two Applications of SDN Control

- Home network management
 - Example of "outsourced" home network management
 - Enables remote control, better UI

- Slicing home networks
 - Virtualizing network infrastructure to allow service providers direct access

Key Problem: Usage Control



It's official: Comcast starts 250GB bandwidth caps October 1

By Jacqui Cheng | Published 3 years ago

Comcast has announced that it will in fact be introducing bandwidth caps to all residential customers. The cap, which will go into effect as of October 1, will be 250GB per month. Comcast justifies the decision by saying that it's "an extremely large amount of data," and that a very large majority of customers will never cross it.



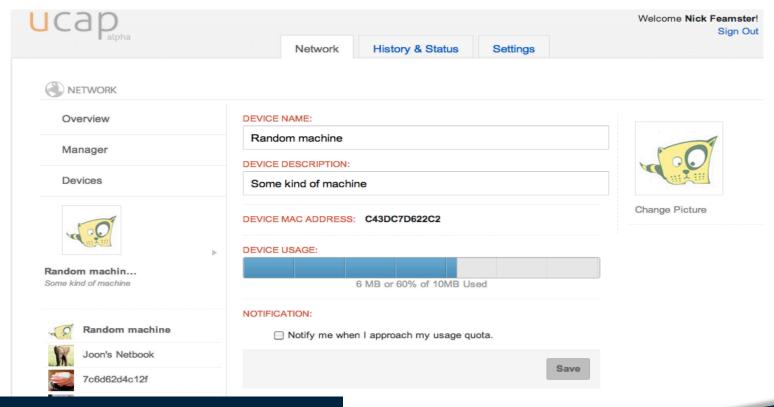
Is AT&T's new 150GB DSL data cap justified?

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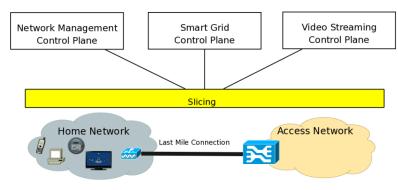


Usage Cap Management



uCap Project Home Page http://ucap.projectbismark.net/

Slicing Home Networks



- Problem: Many service providers want to offer services to home users.
- Solution: Each provider controls a different slice of the infrastructure/resources (flowspace).

Summary

- Home networks can be difficult to manage
 - Users have limited visibility and control
 - Service providers have limited access

- Two applications of SDN in home networks
 - Usage cap management
 - Slicing home networks