An Architecture for a Secure Service Discovery Service

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Motivation

- Large scale deployment of networks and devices
- Cheaper networks and network-enabled devices

Goals

- Locate a service out of thousands
- Secure and trusted services with minimum client intervention
- Repository of (running) service descriptions
- Hierarchical load-balancing and recovery

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Architecture

SDS Server

- Global multicasts authenticated messages
- Authenticated advertisements contain:
 - Certificate Authority and Capabilities Manager contact
 - Address for sending service announcements
 - Service annoucement rate
- Aggregate rate set by administrators
- Overloaded servers reaching a given threshold start another server
- Failure handled individually or cascading through the hierarchical organisation
- Privacy and authentication possible through the secure one-way service broadcast

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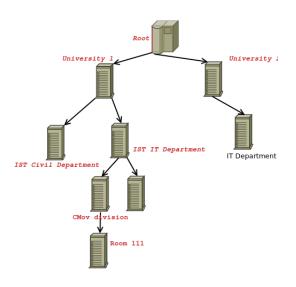
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- Authenticated RMI

A handshake establishes the symmetric key for the session between client and SDS servers and between pairs of SDS servers

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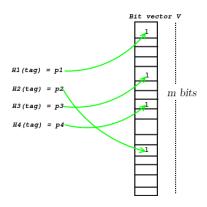
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- Use aggregation tables for routing queries

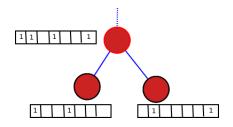
Lossy aggregation & query routing

- Hash values of tag subsets of service descriptions used as summary
- Algorithm:
 - When adding: compute description tag subset, insert into Bloom Filter table
 - When querying: compute tag subsets, examine corresponding entries in Bloom Filter table for possible matches
- Limitations:
 - Computation required: fewer subset hashes
 - Space required: use bloom filters

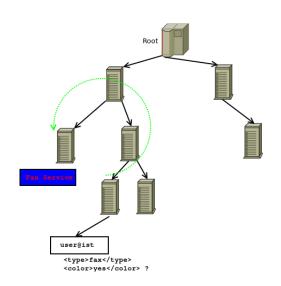
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Name	Time
DSA Signature	33.1 ms
DSA Verification	133.4 ms
RSA Encryption	15.5 ms
RSA Decryption	142.5 ms
Blowfish Encryption	$2.0 \mathrm{ms}$
Blowfish Decryption	1.7 ms

Table 1: Timings of cryptographic routines

Files	ms / query
1000	1.17
5000	1.43
10000	2.64
20000	2.76
40000	4.40
80000	5.64
160000	6.24

Table 2: XSet Query Performance

	Query	
	Null	Full
Insecure	24.5 ms	36.0 ms
Secure	40.5 ms	82.0 ms

Table 3: Query Latencies for Various Configurations

Description	Latency
Query Encryption (client-side)	5.3 ms
Query Decryption (server-side)	5.2 ms
RMI Overhead	18.3·ms
Query XML Processing	9.8 ms
Capability Checking	18.0 ms
Query Result Encryption (server-side)	5.6 ms
Query Result Decryption (client-side)	5.4 ms
Query Unaccounted Overhead	14.4 ms
Total (Secure XML Query)	82.0 ms

Table 4: Secure Query Latency Breakdown

Related Work

- DNS & Globe
- Condor Classads
- JINI
- Service Location Protocol

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Work still needed on:

- Wide area implementation
- Benchmarking
- Ninja infrastructure necessary to evaluate

Questions?