CCNx: Content Centric Networking

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Project CCNx

- Project CCNx[™] is an open source project exploring the next step in networking, based on one fundamental architectural change: replacing named hosts with named content as the primary abstraction
- Early-stage specifications, software libraries and tools intended for use by researchers
 - http://www.ccnx.org/content/download-releases
 - ccnx-0.3.0.tar.gz [2010-11-04]
 - https://github.com/ProjectCCNx/ccnx
 - https://github.com/ProjectCCNx/ccnx#readme
 - http://www.ccnx.org/content/docs

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Package contents

- C/POSIX and Java reference implementation of CCNx forwarder, library, primitive utilities, skeleton API docs, and unit test suite.
- Minimal sample Apps
 - (ccnChat) to demonstrate basic communication on local LAN.
 - file proxy (ccnFileProxy) to demonstrate basic communication on local LAN.
 - vlc (media transport) and wireshark (packet dissector) plugins
 - Android implementation for smartphones.
 - Android implementation has a service wrapper for ccnd and the repository. It also has a CCN Chat implementation.
- Documentation is built from source files of various kinds (using a combination of doxygen and asciidoc)

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Supported platforms

- Only Unix-like platforms are currently supported.
 - tested on Ubuntu Linux, MacOS, Solaris, and FreeBSD.
- Limited Cygwin and no support for Windows platforms yet.
- Android is supported

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND TOOLS

- Require a standard toolchain including gcc, make etc.
 - libcrypto >= 0.9.8 from openssl available from http://openssl.org/source/
 - expat available from http://sourceforge.net/projects/expat/
 - libpcap available from http://www.tcpdump.org (optional, needed for certain utilities only)
 - libxml2 available from xmlsoft.org
 - In addition, you will need vlc and wireshark to build and use the CCNx plugins for those packages.
- See csrc/README* files for further notes about what needs to be installed or configured on each OS.
- JAVA LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS AND TOOLS
 - For parts of the system written in Java, CCNx code is tested with Sun Java JDK Java JDK 1.5 and 1.6 only
- Eclipse IDE for Java Developers for your own Apps
 - http://eclipse.org

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Ubuntu - Linux for Human Beings!

You are using Ubuntu 10.04 LTS - the Lucid Lynx - released in April 2010 and supported until April 2013.

This section is an introduction to Ubuntu. It explains the Ubuntu philosophy and roots, gives information about how to contribute to Ubuntu, and shows how to get help with Ubuntu.



Ubuntu is an entirely open source operating system built around the *Linux* kernel. The Ubuntu community is built around the ideals enshrined in the Ubuntu Philosophy: that software should be available free of charge, that software tools should be usable by people in their local language and despite any disabilities, and that people should have the freedom to customize and alter their software in whatever way they see fit. For those reasons:

- Ubuntu will always be free of charge, and there is no extra feet or the "enterprise edition"; we make our very best work available to everyone on the same Free terms.
- Ubuntu includes the very best in translations and accessibility infrastructure that the free software community has to offer, to make Ubuntu usable for as many people as possible.
- Ubuntu is released regularly and predictably; a new release is made every six months. You can use the current stable release or the current development release. Each release is supported for at least 18 months.
- Ubuntu is entirely committed to the principles of open source software development; we encourage people to use open source software, improve it and pass it on.

Find out more at the Ubuntu website.

- 1. About the Name
- 2. Free Software
- 3. The Difference
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- 6. Backing and Support
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- 8. What is Linux?
- 9. What is GNU?

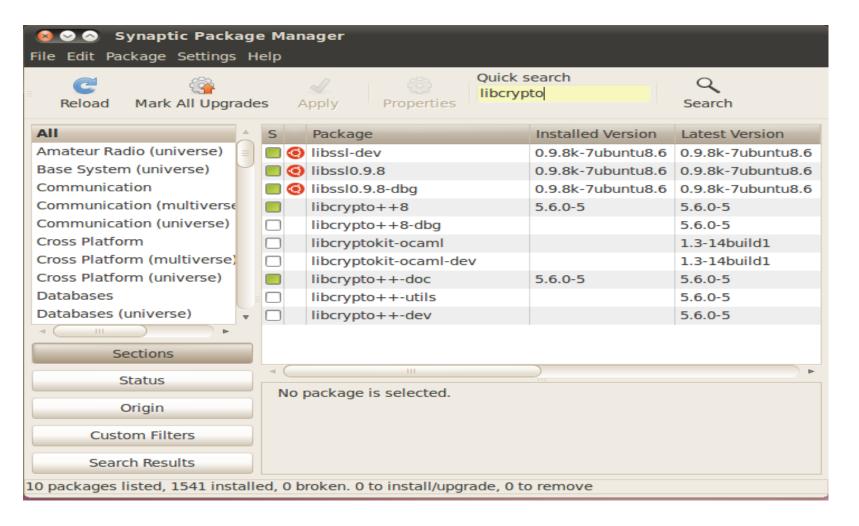
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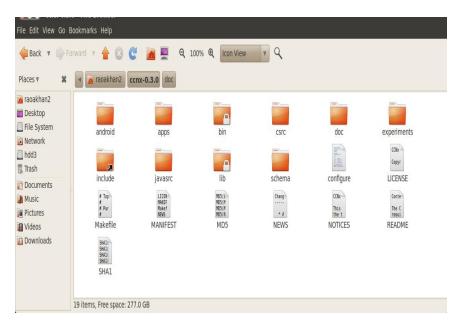
Install, remove and upgrade software packages

System->Administration->Synaptic Package Manager



Use the command line Applications->terminal

- 1. sudo ./configure
- sudo make
- sudo make test
- sudo make install
- 5. cd bin/ccndstart

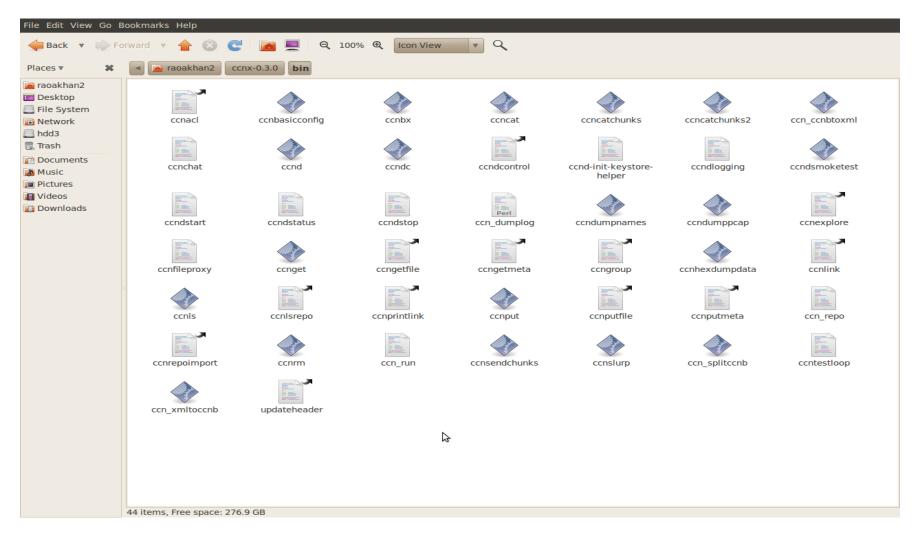


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CCNx code base consists of

- Core network/routing daemon, ccnd. every CCNx node needs to run a ccnd.
 - control programs to set routes that determine how ccnd forwards traffic, ccndc, which basically populates static routes into ccnd's forwarding table.
 - load routes from a configuration file in the user's home directory (~/.ccnx/ccnd.conf) if one exists, or can be given new routes on the command line.
- Repository, currently in Java.
 - Think of ccnd's cache as ephemeral storage, and a repository as long-term storage analogous to a hard drive.
 - Anything other than the most simple or network-focused of applications will run a repository, locally or remotely.

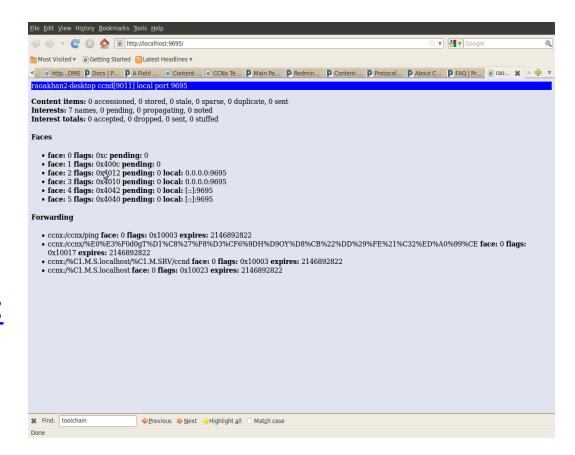
Ccnx3.0/bin



Ccnx web interface

- web interface
 - cache statistics and forwarding table

http://localhost: 9695



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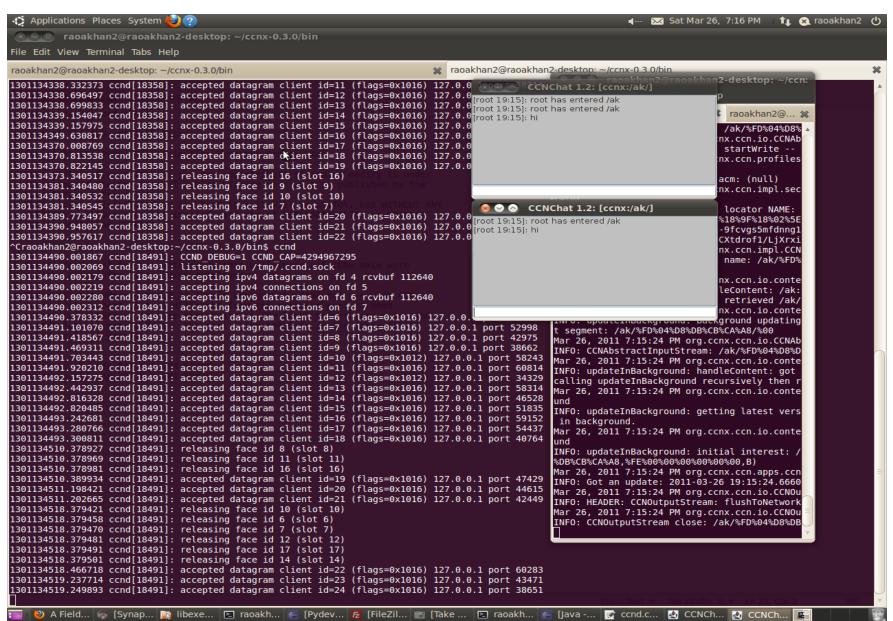
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Play with some simple apps

- ccnChat
 - sudo ccnchat ccnx:/akmal/
 - You can run more than one ccnChat on the same machine and they will talk to each other;
 - if your forwarding is set up properly
 - you can have ccnChats on multiple machines talk back and forth.

ccnChat



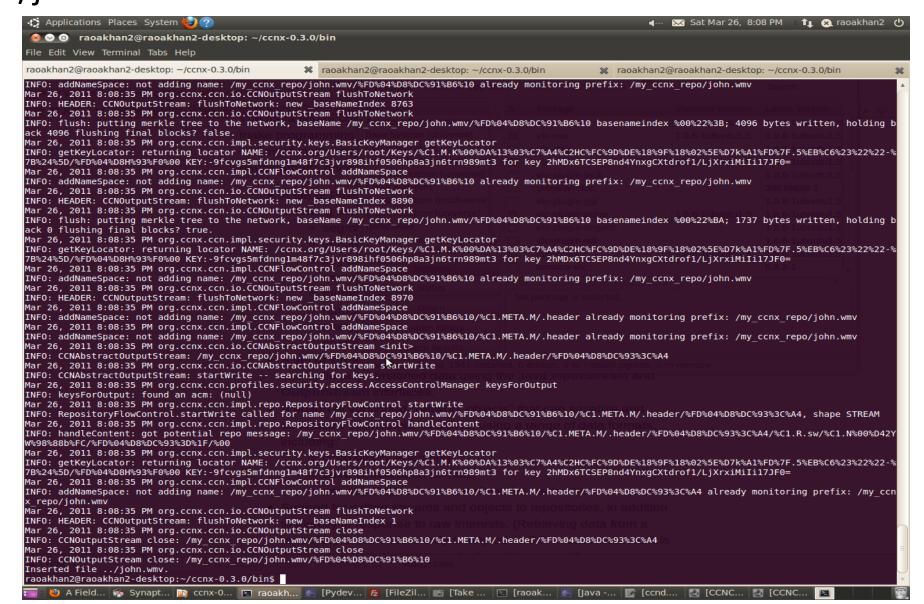
REPOSITORY

- persistent storage of CCNx content backed by a file system, and responds to interests in the content it has available.
 - bin/ccn_repo (give a usage message showing options.)
- Start a repository with the name of a directory to use for its backing store.
 - bin/ccn_repo ~/my_ccnx_repo
 - ccn_repo will turn into a daemon.
 - Note the PID given in the output so you can terminate it later
 - bin/ccn_repo stop 17328
- Do not run two repositories on the same backing store directory at the same time.
 - The experimental implementation has no protection to prevent this.

ccnputfile/ccngetfile

- pair of programs to write files from the file system or web into CCNx, and read fileoriented data out again.
 - If started at the same time, they can write directly to each other;
 - otherwise ccnputfile can be used to load data into a repository, and ccngetfile to read data out again.

ccnputfile -unversioned ccnx:/my_ccnx_repo /john.wmv ../john.wmv



VLC: plugin

- plugin to the standard video player VLC that can read ccnx data.
 - Start a repo, load some content into it, and use VLC to play it.
 - ccnputfile -unversioned ccnx:/ my_ccnx_repo / john.wmv ../john.wmv
 - vlc ccn:/// my_ccnx_repo /john.wmv
 - Note: you need the triple-slash, because VLC doesn't even try to find an access module, and, I just noticed -the name for the VLC CCNx access scheme is "ccn" where it should be "ccnx".

Other Apps

ccnsendchunks

- produces its chunks as it receives interests, or once per second, whichever is faster.
- Its data can be read (at least) by ccncatchunks and ccncatchunks2.

ccnFileProxy

- front end that makes content in the file system accessible to CCNx.
- Not highly optimized, but an alternative to loading a repository to get some data.
- Content Explorer: (ccnexplore)
 - GUI for browsing data stored in CCNx, basically like a simple file browser.
- ccn s to list the contents of ccnd's cache
- ccn|srepo to list the contents of a repository or other name enumeration protocol responder from the command line

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CCNx Java Library

- Java library contains a number of higher-level APIs designed to make programming CCNx simpler, as well as more sophisticated security functionality.
- Profiles, conventions on names and data
 - Segmentation/versioning, including retrieval of latest versions of content
 - key publishing/name enumeration/metadata publication
 - /namespace management /encryption-based access control
- stream abstractions for reading and writing segmented, and optionally versioned data
 - writing streams and objects to repositories, in addition to directly in response to raw Interests.
- versioned "network objects" that can serialize and deserialize themselves to CCNx, using a range of data formats, including:
 - ccnb binary encoding/Java serialization formats/per-object type formats defined for each object
- Low-level support for content encryption and decryption using application-supplied keys.
 - Preliminary support for automated encryption and decryption of content using pluggable key distribution policies.

CCNx Java Library

- CCNx's notion of Links, including preliminary support for automated dereferencing of Links to particular pieces of segmented content.
- Automated signing and verification using both per-packet signing and support for aggregating signatures across multiple packets.
 - Library currently uses Merkle Hash Trees as its default aggregation technique
- Automated key retrieval and verification of all packets.
 - Packets that fail to verify are discarded.
- Mechanisms for hooking application-level trust decisions into the packet retrieval process, to ensure applications retrieve only packets they deem as trustworthy.
 - These latter pieces of functionality can be combined to implement a variety of trust models;

CCNx C Library

- support for segmentation/versioning and retrieval of latest versions of content
- per-packet signature generation, and verification of data signed either with per-packet signatures or with Merkle Hash Tree signature aggregation
- some metadata support (header retrieval)
- Most importantly, note that the C library has no facilities for encrypting or decrypting data encrypted by the Java library.
 - Some C-based CCNx applications, such as VoCCN, have application-level support for encryption.
 - It also does not include support for writing data to repositories, though it can read data from them

If you want to write some code... Install eclipse IDE and import projects

- In Java: ccnChat and ccnFileProxy.
 - ccnFileProxy demonstrates filter registration, interest handling, and the use of the stream API.
 - ccnChat demonstrates the use of "network objects" -versioned objects that use CCNx, rather than a database,
 as a backing store.
- In C: start with VoCCN
 - demonstrates basic use of the C library, and how to integrate CCNx with an existing C application.
 - amount of CCNx code is relatively small, and well localized.
 - It also uses a CCNx encapsulation of RTP that might be useful for other things.

Areas of Future Work Project ideas

- Improving OS integration for better performance, e.g. through kernel drivers
- Content Routing
- Trust Management
- Apps Development
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Conclusion

- CCNx technology is still at a very early stage of development, with pure infrastructure and no applications, best suited to researchers like us.
 - Project CCNx is an invitation to join and participate in this exploration of the frontier of content networking.
- Where to look for help
 - Search and Subscribe CCNx Mailing lists
 - ccnx-dev core development discussion
 - ccnx-users discussion of general development and use

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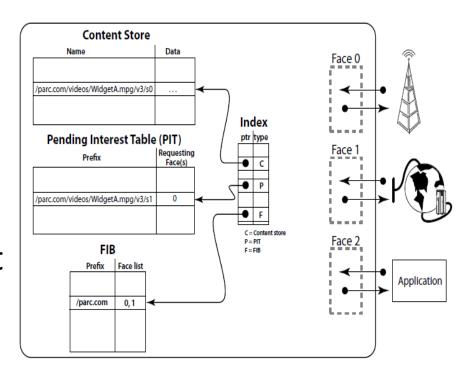
Backup Slides

- README ,configure master configure script.
- doc/ documentation tree.
 - doc/technical specifications,doc/ccode API documentation generated from C code,doc/javacode API documentation generated from Java code
- csrc/ C code tree
 - csrc/include/ccn C header files ,csrc/lib C application library implementation ,csrc/ccnd CCN daemon, the user-space forwarder implementation
 - csrc/libexec connectivity utilities, especially ccndc, the ccnd configurator and connectivity agent ,csrc/cmd simple command-line utilities
 - csrc/conf OS-specific configuration scripts etc. ,csrc/contrib third-party library needed for certain platforms that are POSIX-deficient
 - csrc/test C test suite csrc/util launch script support
- javasrc/ Java code tree. The usual Java conventions are used for mapping package names to the file tree, with root package org.ccnx.ccn.
 - javasrc/src Java source tree javasrc/lib third-party libraries ,javasrc/tools convenience scripts schema XML schema and DTD files apps -
- experimental/sample apps tree
 - apps/ccnChat simple text chat sample in Java ,apps/ccnFileProxy simple proxy making local files available via CCNx
 - apps/vlc vlc plugin for media transport experiments, apps/wireshark wireshark plugin dissector for decoding CCNx packets
 - experiments/multicast scripts for running multi-machine experiments in content distribution performance over local multicast group.
- android/ The Android implementaiton
 - android/external External libraries needed for ARM ,android/CCNx-Android-Lib A common Android Library for working with CCNx ,android/CCNx-Android-Services - Wrappers for ccnd and repository ,android/apps - Android applications that use CCNx
 - android/apps/CCNx-Android-Chat The CCNx Chat application for Android

CCN forwarding Engine model

Interest packets

- specify the prefix of the name of the desired content
- and a set of rules by which to determine what of the content under that prefix to return.



- CCN does not require that data be published and registered with the infrastructure before it can be retrieved;
 - Interests and Data flow in lock-step, each Interest retrieving a single data packet.

Common to both Java and C library

- support for encoding/decoding ccnb, a compact binary encoding for XML. ccnb encoding is used for CCNx's messages on the wire, and is available for applications to tailor to their own use for stored and transmitted content. the core CCNx Interest-Data protocol, embodied in the following operations: asynchronous data retrieval API ("expressInterest"): registering an Interest, and calling back into the application when corresponding data is received. Both libraries take care of automatically reexpressing Interests if they time out without a response. Automated reexpression can be canceled.
- synchronous data retrieval API ("get"): presenting a blocking get method, where an application can express an Interest and block until data is returned or it times out
- asynchronous interest retrieval API: registering a filter causes ccnd to send the registeree interests that match that filter (rather than data); the registeree can then choose to send back or generate data in response
- support for automated key generation support for basic signing and verification (see details below)

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File Edit View Terminal Help
1300532185.446963 ccnd[9011]: CCND DEBUG=1 CCND CAP=50000
1300532185.447148 ccnd[9011]: listening on /tmp/.ccnd.sock
1300532185.447247 ccnd[9011]: accepting ipv4 datagrams on fd 4 rcvbuf 112640
1300532185.447280 ccnd[9011]: accepting ipv4 connections on fd 5
1300532185.447340 ccnd[9011]: accepting ipv6 datagrams on fd 6 rcvbuf 112640,
1300532185.447372 ccnd[9011]: accepting ipv6 connections on fd 7
Generating a 1024 bit RSA private key
.....raoakhan2@raoakhan2-desktop:~/ccnx-0.3.0/bin$ ..... ++++++
unable to write 'random state'
writing new private key to 'private key.pem'
unable to write 'random state'
1300532185.670271 ccnd[9011]: accepted client fd=8 id=6
1300532185.670370 ccnd[9011]: shutdown client fd=8 id=6
1300532185.670385 ccnd[9011]: recycling face id 6 (slot 6)
1300532751.038882 ccnd[9011]: accepted client fd=8 id=6
1300532751.039297 ccnd[9011]: shutdown client fd=8 id=6
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1301123384.906476 ccnd[9011]: accepted datagram client id=7 (flags=0x1016) 127.0.0.1 port 52481
1301123385.593146 ccnd[9011]: accepted datagram client id=8 (flags=0x1016) 127.0.0.1 port 47568
1301123393.921167 ccnd[9011]: releasing face id 6 (slot 6)
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1301124744.855701 ccnd[9011]: accepted datagram client id=9 (flags=0x1016) 127.0.0.1 port 40295
1301124761.920863 ccnd[9011]: releasing face id 9 (slot 9)
1301124789.444675 ccnd[9011]: accepted datagram client id=10 (flags=0x1016) 127.0.0.1 port 41159
1301124809.924012 ccnd[9011]: releasing face id 10 (slot 10)
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1301124958.721266 ccnd[9011]: accepted datagram client id=12 (flags=0x1016) 127.0.0.1 port 58759
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