Performance Analysis Of Live Video Streaming Using Content Distribution.

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Outline

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Introduction

Growing Use of Live Video Streaming.



Live Talk VIP and Popular Person

Live lectures



Requirement

User's Requirement

- Better perceived quality of video.
 - Bitrate, frame rate, resolution.
- Availability of live streaming.

CDEEP Server Requirement

- Lower load on Server.
- Lower load on IIT Bombay network.

Problem Definition

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Unicast streaming has scalability issue.

- t Server overload
- Packet delay , Video frame skips : video quality degrades
- Develop webcasting architecture for CDEEP such that it is more scalable (concurrent users) ensuring lower demand on the server and network also the better perceived quality of video.
- Verify the correctness of the solution.
- Evaluate the performance of the system.
- Integrate it into CDEEP network.

Approaches

Increasing the network capacity.

t Expensive: change in infrastructure.

Transcoding and Variable bit-rate streaming.

- Encoding rate can be downscaled for more scalability.
- Compromize with video quality.

IP multicast

- t Packet replication at router level. (e.g DVMRP)
- Need multicast supporting routers. (stateful routers)
- load on router.
- Unwanted traffic.
- Change in infrastructural level (costly).

Application Level Multicast



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- Packet replication at end system.
 e.g. ALMA (tree), NARADA (mesh)
- Construct distribution tree containing all the receivers.
- Subset of nodes get the live stream directly.Others get the stream from receivers 1 level above them.

Issues

- Highly dynamic behaviour (connection/disconnection) of receivers.
- Complex Mesh/Tree maintenance algorithm.

Approach cont..

P2P Streaming.

- Split video stream into chunks.
- Distribute it using bittorrent-like protocol.
- e.g PPLive, SopCast, GoalBit.
- Content Distribution Based.
 - Clients are redirected to best server.
 - Internally use load balance algorithms.
 e.g Round Robin, least-connection etc.

Proposed Architecture

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Request Redirection module

- t Round Robin- Incoming requests redirected round robin fashion.
 Drawback: Clients behavior dynamic.
 Server capacities are different.
 - Subnet Level Based : Static redirection
 Load may not be balanced among servers.
- Instantaneous Number Of Connection : Dynamic Redirection
 No guarantee of redirection to local server
- Network utilization of servers balancer: Dynamic redirection
 - Server use multiple streaming or some other (network) application.

Campus Network Architecture



http://nms.iitb.ac.in

Part of Campus Network



Experiment Testbed



Streaming VLC_Main_Server

Physical Setup

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Experimental Setup

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 - Media Streaming Server: VLC player
 - Media Streaming Client : Mplayer
 - Performance Metrics:
 - Server and router side:
 - I/O rate
 - CPU utilization of server
 - Client Side:
 - Frame Stats (Frame rate, delay, drop)
 - Packet stats (Packet delay, jitter)

Experimental Setup cont..

- Streaming video
 - Length of video clip : 300 sec.
 - Frame rate : 25 fps.
 - Video bitrate:1000 Kbps, codec: H.264.
 - Audio bitrate: 192 Kbps, codec: mpga.
 - Streaming Protocol: HTTP_streaming.
- Equipment used:
 - 5 Laptops (2.2 Ghz C2D, 2 GB RAM)
 - 3 Server machines.
 - 3 Routers (cpu machines with multiple NICs).
- Client's Request rate = 5 clients per/sec

Prelimenary Experiment

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Performance Analysis

Average Frame Rate



Average Frame drop

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Average Frame Drop %



H8_Extreme (GW1)





CC_Extreme (GW2)





CSE_Extreme (GW3)

Gateway 3 Router I/O rate



Main Streaming server

Simultaneous Client





Content Distribution Server 1

Content Distribution Server 1 I/O rate



Content Distribution Server 2

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Content Distribution Server 2 I/O rate



Network Utilization balancing ratio

 b1,b2,b3 -> network utilizations, total=b1+b2+b3 , balancing_ratio= Abs(b1/total - 1/3) +Abs(b2/total -1/3) +Abs(b3/total-1/3)



Conclusions

- Problem in existing unicast streaming.
 - t Not scalable.
- We implemented a tool for proposed content distribution architecture with various redirection algorithms.
- Evaluated unicast streaming, static as well as dynamic redirection algorithm.
- Dynamic redirection works better in terms of load balancing.
- Subnet level based : minimize campus network load.

Future Work

- In Request Redirection module
 - t CPU load balancer
 - Some hybrid redirection
- Create GUI or itegrate code in VLC player.
- Integrate into CDEEP.

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