

Is Mobility a Solved Problem?

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[On the edge]

- End-host diversity
 - Multiple interfaces
 - Cognitive radios
- Environment diversity
 - Edge networks combine
 - Point-to-point networks
 - Ad hoc networks
 - Sensor networks
 - Delay tolerant networks
 - Islands of connectivity



[5 Challenges]

1. Detection

- What connectivity do I have?
- The more available interfaces/channels, the more expensive detection becomes
- Always-on connectivity is not feasible
- Can there be a common control channel?



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2. Discovery

- Who are my neighbors
- Can they help me with my communication?

- All roads don't lead to the Internet
- Move more routing into the end host
- Selfish vs. cooperative routing



[5 Challenges]

3. Naming

- Who do I want to talk to?
- Host vs. service based communication



[5 Challenges]

4. End-to-end services

- What is a connection?
- What service can I expect?
- How is end-to-end communication supported?

- Revisit hop-by-hop communication
- Move more services into the network



[5 Challenges]

5. Resource management

- Where are the bottlenecks?
- Buffer space
- Energy
- Bandwidth



[What do we need?]

- Simple design
 - Easy to use
- Can we design an architecture that supports these new communication paradigms?
 - Is IP an option?
 - Can we enhance IP?
 - Do we need something new?

