

A Review on Delay Tolerant Network Security Routing Protocol

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Abstract – Delay –disruption Tolerant networks are sparse wireless network which is recently being used by the existing /current network for the purpose to connect devices or the underdeveloped area of the world that works in challenging environment. Network security protocol is always required in any of the secure area, such as military. In DTN there majority of time does not exist the total path from resource to target which is leads to the difficulty of how to route the packet in such environment. Routing in such network is very difficult and for that different routing protocols are developed. In this Survey paper we discuss about various routing Strategy and at the end compared the different routing protocol with their various performance metrics.

Keywords – Delay tolerant networks (DTNs), Routing, Store carry and forward.

I. INTRODUCTION

Due to the rigorous operation condition and the lack of continuous network connectivity, there is a large spectrum of application which prioritizes eventual message delivery over the message delay. Network serving these kind of application are generalized as Delay Tolerant Network (DTN). kavin fall, a member of intel research group introduced the Delay Tolerant network in(2002) [6] in which they provide a network architecture and an application interface to synchronize forwarding of messages within a partition based network in which topology changes continuously and provides long delays.

It is a infrastructure less wireless network. It also experiences frequent and higher duration partitions due to nodes in DTN are intermittently connected. DTN network provides no guarantee that a path from source to destination will remain same at every time instance by which we can end that two nodes will never exist in a one connected portion of the network.

As compared to Traditional Internet TCP/IP protocol which is used to set up an end to end communication path between source to destination and which assumes low error rates, low propagation delays, the maximum round trip time between any node pair in the network is not excessive and Packet drop probability is small.

Unfortunately, this communication standard is not suitable in challenged or opportunistic environment such as underdeveloped region, deep space and interplanetary network in which communications are area under discussion to delays and disruption, such networks

Generally familiarity from frequent conditional partition and are known as intermittently connected networks (ICNs). Popular examples of such intermittently connected networks (ICNs) scenarios are satellites, deep space probes, Mobile Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs) and Sensor/Actuator Networks (SANs) deployed in extreme regions[6].

Mobile Ad-Hoc Networks (MANETs) typically consisting of nodes (e.g. GPSs, PDAs, Cellular Phones, Tracking devices, Laptops, etc). Delay tolerant networking Research Group (DTNRG)[4] study the DTN connected standards. While communication in Delay Tolerant Network the Packet transmission might result in extreme delays.

The node in the delay Tolerant network has the extra limitation of restrict buffer and there is no end to end path ever available. The exceeding circumstances leads the difficulty [5] such as end to end disconnection, Long queuing message Times, High latency, small data rate and restricted resources in terms of partial memory.

Store carry and forward conception used to provides the communication among nodes in the delay tolerant network. By this, a node in the network transfer data from one node to another. By this, any node in the network wants to send data it has to accumulate and buffered the data in the form of package. After that it carry the data until it deliver to other node successfully when they are available. for the period of the communication in DTN the reliability is accomplished by using the conception of Custody transfer mechanism. In the recent years researchers have been

focused on routing problem of DTN. We have tried to categorize the different routing protocol with its advantage and drawbacks.

The rest of this paper structured as follows. In section II we discussed key properties and Application of DTN. Section III includes issues and evaluation measure of DTN. Section IV describes various routing protocol strategy and also present the comparative survey of various routing protocol with its advantage and drawbacks in table form. Section V includes conclusion.

II. KEY PROPERTIES AND APPLICATIONS OF DTN

1. Key Properties of DTN

Contact between two nodes in DTN is opportunistic due to end to end disconnection problem. In such scenario, data delivery only happens when two nodes are in contact. Intermittent Connection DTN is sparse mobile network in which it lacks end to end connection between nodes. This is occurring due to mobility, limited resource and network partition.

1.1 High Latency

In Delay tolerant network scenario, two nodes may never meet each other for long time [6] due to which high latency is occur.

1.2 Low Data Rate

When two nodes may never meet each other for long time in the network, the transmission rate of data may be considerably low and largely asymmetric with long latency of data delivery.

1.3 Long Queuing Delay

In DTNs, the Disconnection problem is high as compared to the conventional network. The queuing delay is the time it takes to drain the queue messages ahead of the tagged on. The queuing delay also depends on the data rate and the amount of competing traffic traversing network, means queuing delay may be extremely large in worst cases e.g. : minutes, hours, and days.

1.4 Applications

There are various real-life application areas that make use of the DTN concepts where wireless nodes, mobile or stationary, are forced to undergo extreme operational conditions and/or wait for extended intervals of time that exceed traditional IP forwarding times before being able to forward their data to next hop.

There are many real-life applications where wireless nodes, –mobile or stationary-, are forced to undergo extreme operational conditions and/or wait for extended intervals of time that exceed traditional IP forwarding times (that are usually measured in milliseconds) before being able to forward their data to next hops. Some of these applications are.

1.4.1 Inter-planetary Communication [5]

Interplanetary communication is the excessive cases in which DTN can be applied. The DTN application of interplanetary network beats the traditional perimeter of TCP. The enormous space separating global artificial purposes restrict the conventional method to swap data among them or with base-stations on earth. The scientist from base location on earth can manage the action of a robot working on Mars.

1.4.2 Wildlife Monitoring [17]

The ZebraNet project has installed a global positioning system (GPS) in a zebra collar to study the habits of zebra activities, which is one of the early DTN projects and was started in 2004. Collar starts every few minutes to record GPS location, and every 2 hours opens radio function, when two collars' distance is in communication range they would exchange information. After a period of time, every horse collar stores the position information of other activities. Through the ZebraNet project zebra's mobility, migration and interspecies are going to be investigated.

1.4.3 Village Network

There are many countryside communication projects in inaccessible villages to make available the access to Internet. Some of the projects use asynchronous transmission in order to reduce the cost of communication. The purpose of DakNet project is to enable connectivity to countryside villages with limited infrastructure established in booths in order to make available basic services such as E-mail, online banking facilities. In order to provide the communication services between village and close to town a connection enabled vehicle passes through villages are used.

1.4.4 Military Application

In the Military network it can be accepted in very Ad Hoc manner in which it can be used by allowing the recovery of vital information in mobile combat scenario using only irregularly connected network. To provide a standard communication in military camps which is located in very rough and difficult terrestrial spots where communication is not easily possible, in such scenario DTN seems much fit to send out and accept data.

1.4.5 Deep Space Exploration

In the next few decades, NASA and other agencies will plan a series of projects of lunar exploration, Mars exploration and others. In September, 2003, Cisco router (CL EO) was launched by satellite to monitor disaster in UK. Till December 2008, CL EO has done a lot of routing tests in space environment including using Saratoga protocol of bundle layer instead of previous protocol making full use of the link source to overcome serious asymmetry link conditions. The experiment shows it is feasible to use Bundle Protocol in space.

IV. ISSUES AND EVALUATION MEASURES IN DTN

1. Issues in DTN

There are many issues in Delay Tolerant Network. In which many researchers has been focused and they are

1.1 Buffer Space

In DTN network suffer from long disconnection due to which node need to store the packet for long period of time. So that, they require enough buffer space to store all message that are waiting for communication opportunities. Therefore, if buffer space of node is limited, the node buffer will be overflow due to which packet will loss.

1.2 Energy

The energy is an important problem in delay tolerant network that needs to be addressed. Nodes in network may have limited energy supplies due to either mobility or disconnectivity. Routing in DTN consumes significant amount of energy by sending, receiving, storing and as well as computation process than conventional routing technique. So that energy efficient routing protocol should be used.

1.3 Encounter Schedule

In DTN when a node send the data from source to destination, it can wait till it encounter the destination node and after that forward the packet by direct delivery to the destination. This may take long time or may not happen because DTN suffer from disconnectivity.

problem [6], Network node try to communicate when opportunistic contact is obtainable. The encounter schedule is very important factor in Delay Tolerant Network. Because the delivery of messages is straightly depends upon the schedule of the encounter.

1.4 Resource Allocation

Resource allocation is a major problem in DTN. As we know Delay tolerant Network work in stressful environment where there is lack of end to end connection. The main goal of DTN is to balance the maximizing message delivery and minimizing resource consumption which are clash with each other.

For example when to increase the packet delivery ratio from source to destination the best way is to distribute the multiple copies of the message in the network. But it consumes more buffer space to store each data in the node.

1.5 Reliability

Reliable delivery of packet can be achieved by ensure the triumphant and steady delivery of packet by any routing protocol that have some acknowledgement. When a packet reaches to the destination, some accepted message should be sent back from destination to source.

IV.DTN ROUTING PROTOCOL STRATEGY CAN BE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE BROAD CATEGORIES AND THEY ARE FLOODING, REPLICATION AND FORWARDING

Many challenges affect the routing in DTN such as the changing network topology, Low delivery ratio and high delay. The problem can be mitigated by using different routing strategy.

Many research interests focus on developing new approaches for routing in delay tolerant network environment. These routing schemes generally use the store-carry-and forward approach, where intermediate nodes keep message until encounter other nodes to set up new links in the path to the destination.

1. Flooding

Flooding families are extended the number of copies of each message to a group of nodes, this node works like relays. The relays stock up the message pending they connect with the target, at which the message is deliver.

With this strategy the flooding families increase the packet delivery ratio, also try to decrease the packet delivery delay. Epidemic routing, MaxProp [18], ProPhet are the example of Flooding routing Protocol. Awareness about the network helps in deciding the best next hop. It is possible that the network has no knowledge about the network.

In such Scenario, all nodes are made relay nodes. Such Schemes are called epidemic routing scheme. The epidemic routing is the simplest and earliest routing scheme for DTN. The basic concept of Epidemic routing is when two nodes encounter, they exchange messages each other and message will be propagated to the destination.

It is based on Flooding delivery and the data delivery results in inefficient use of the network resources such as bandwidth, power and buffer space at each node. Fig: 1 in which the all nodes of network have the packet, where A and G are source and destination.

MaxProp Routing protocol uses the same routing as epidemic but improves buffer management. It is base on the agenda of packets transmit to other peers and the schedule of packets to be drop in delay tolerant networks.

PROPHET [3] is a probabilistic protocol for routing in irregularly connected networks that is more sophisticated, using history of node contacts and transitivity to improve performance.

V. CONCLUSION

Delay Tolerant Network is a new emerging era of intermittently connected wireless networks. Such network operates in extreme environment where end to end communication is area under discussion to delays and disruption. It can introduce the basic idea about the origin and nature of DTN. In this paper we have focused on various routing strategy and classified the routing protocols of Delay Tolerant network into three categories Flooding, Replication and Forwarding. Also we have presented a comparative survey of various routing protocol with their advantages and drawbacks in table. Our survey and classification facilitated us to make the following observation while designing routing protocol in DTN. Firstly, use hybrid technique and replication in order to accomplish a high delivery ratio with low utilization of resources. Secondly, routing protocol must be scalable transversely open diversity of networks in order to make available the satisfactory performance over a open diversity of Connectivity pattern. The research and development of DTN will be applied to the military war, underdeveloped region, disaster recovery, wild life tracking emergency rescue and other challenging environment.

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