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Session Mobility - Seamless Services across Devices

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Background





Session Mobility

- Service Discovery
- Split Session
- Real-time and messaging
- Transcoding
- Security & Privacy
- Performance
- Accounting
- Internet-based customized services become available on most devices
- Providing personalized services to satisfy user needs at anytime and any places
- Supporting of seamless service configuration and
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Session Mobility



- Mobile devices continue to be limited in bandwidth, power and display capability. They can greatly benefit from the capabilities of other devices.
- Goal: A mobile user should be able to discover nearby devices, then **easily** and **seamlessly** include them in his ongoing multimedia session, with the use of only standard internet protocols
- Focus: real-time videoconferencing session

Elements:

- Location-based Device Discovery
- → SIP signaling for session transfer

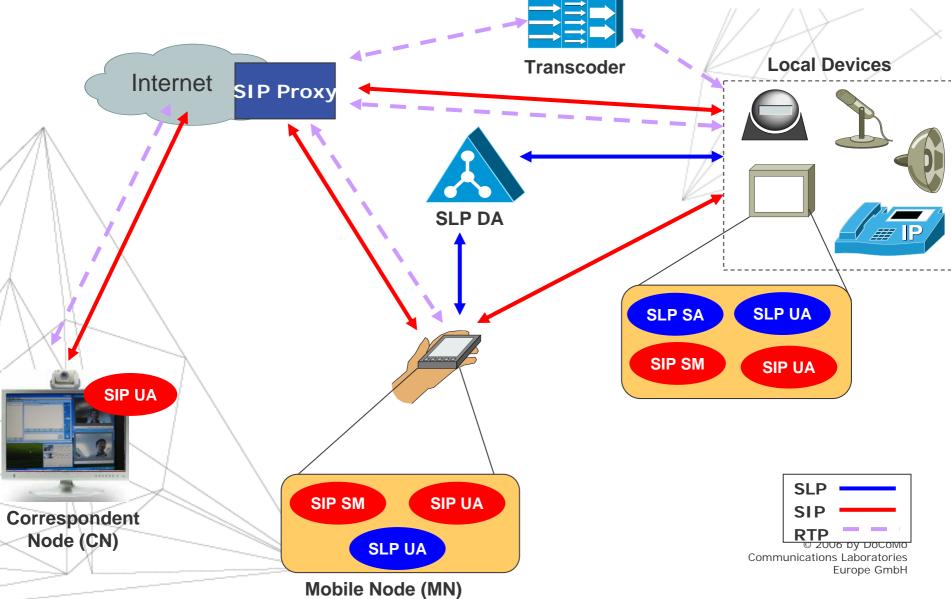
Location-based Splitting Session Transfer Example





Architectural Overview

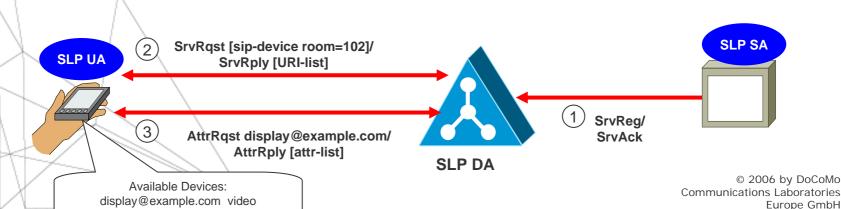




Service Discovery



- Low-power wireless protocols find close devices without knowing location
- We use Service Location Protocol (SLP)
- Location discovered in a variety of ways
 - Direct: Through Bluetooth, DHCP, GPS or other means, the device receives its own location
 - Device subscribes to user presence, presence updated when user walks into a room with his swipe card, the device receives location update



Session Transfer—Options



- Media that may be transferred
 - Real-time media (eg. audio, video)
 - Text messaging
- Transfer modes
 - Mobile Node Control Mode (MNC)
 - Session Handoff Mode (SH)
- Whole or Split Session Transfer
- Transfer in mid-session or on incoming call
- Security and Privacy mechanisms

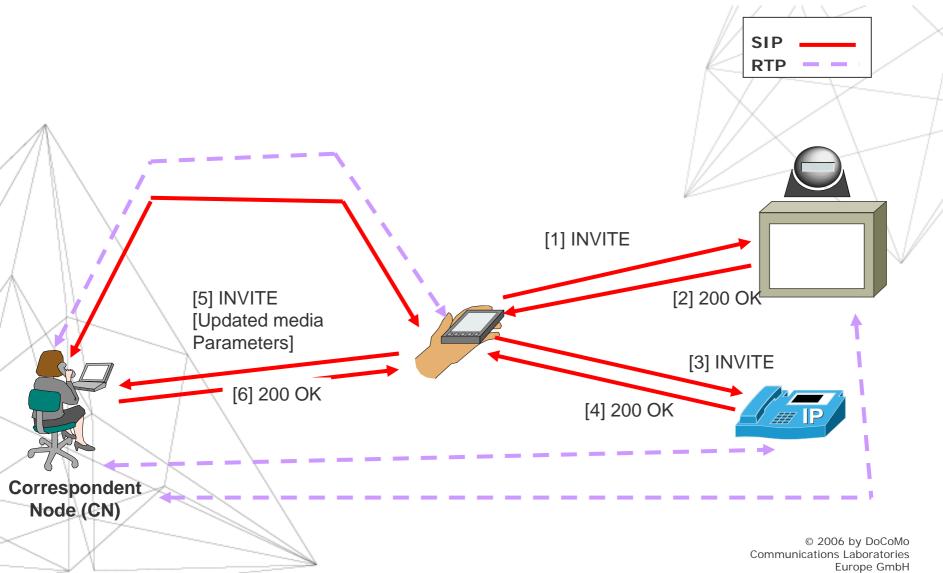
Mobile Node Control Mode (MNC)



- SIP Third-party call-control used
 - mobile node establishes a separate session each local device while retaining session with CN, setting up session media to be transmitted directly between them
- Useful for retaining part of session media (eg. audio) on mobile device, while adding or transferring another media (eg. video)
- Easy to support existing devices
 - they must only support INVITE request

Example—MNC transfer to two devices



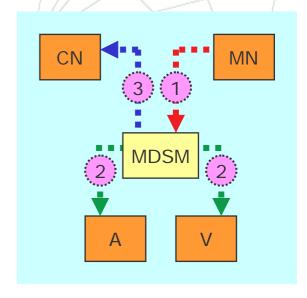


Session Handoff (SH) Mode: Splitting Session Transfer



- Relinquish session control to transferred target device(s)
- Use SIP REFER method asking a referee to initiate a new session between itself and the referred target

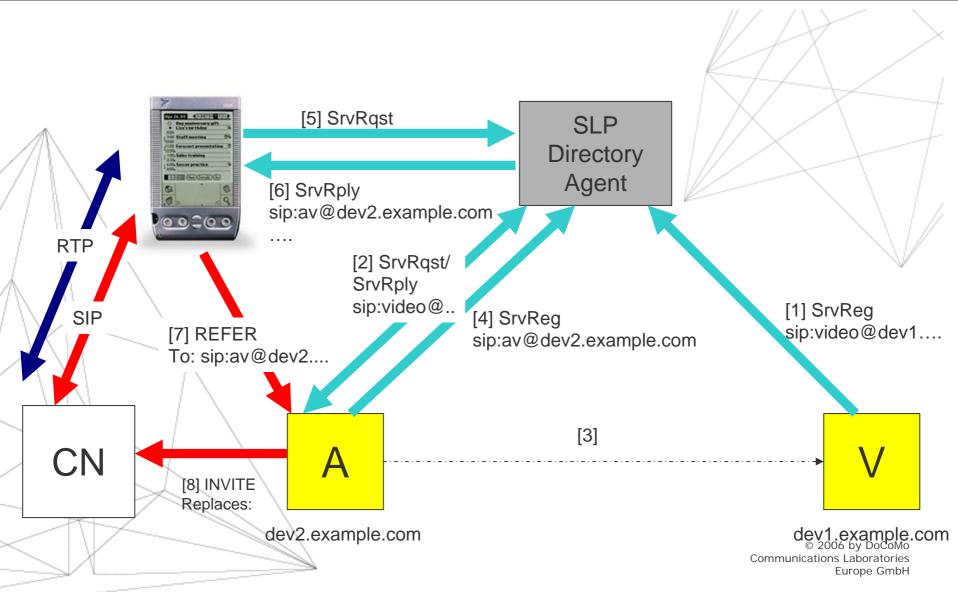
No current standard way to associate multiple sessions with a single call in SIP (between CN and local devices)



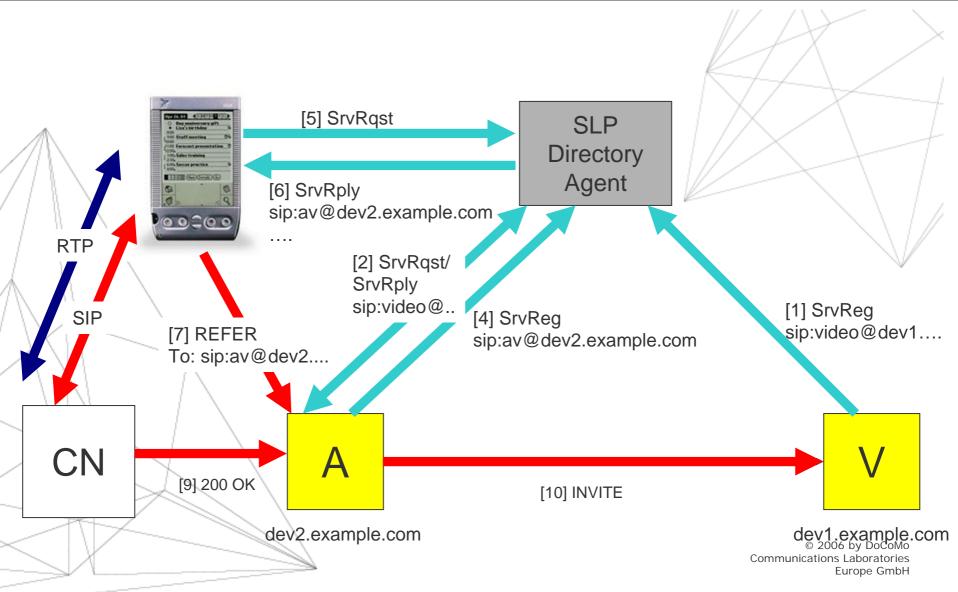
 Require a Multi-Devices System Manager (MDSM) to logically forming local devices and represent them as a single system to the CN.

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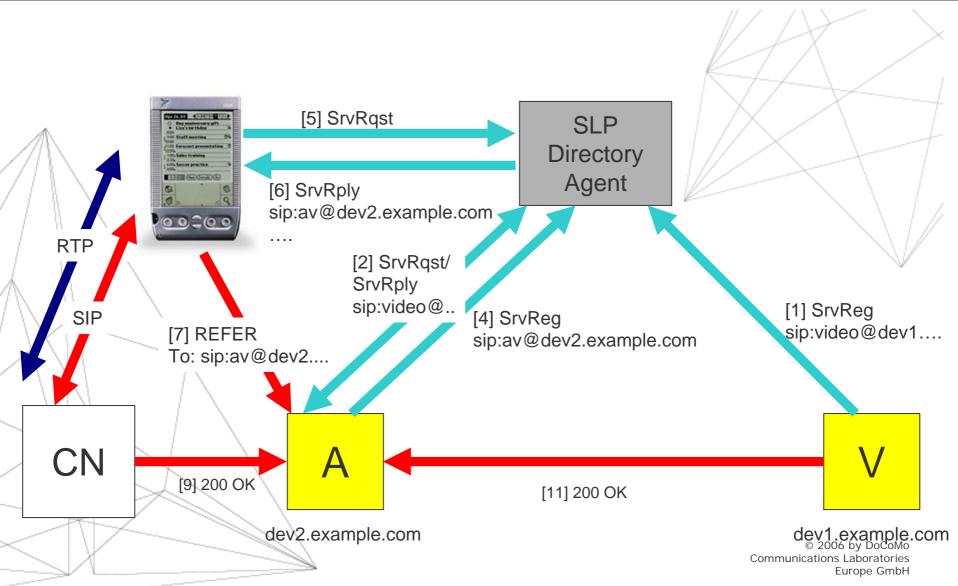




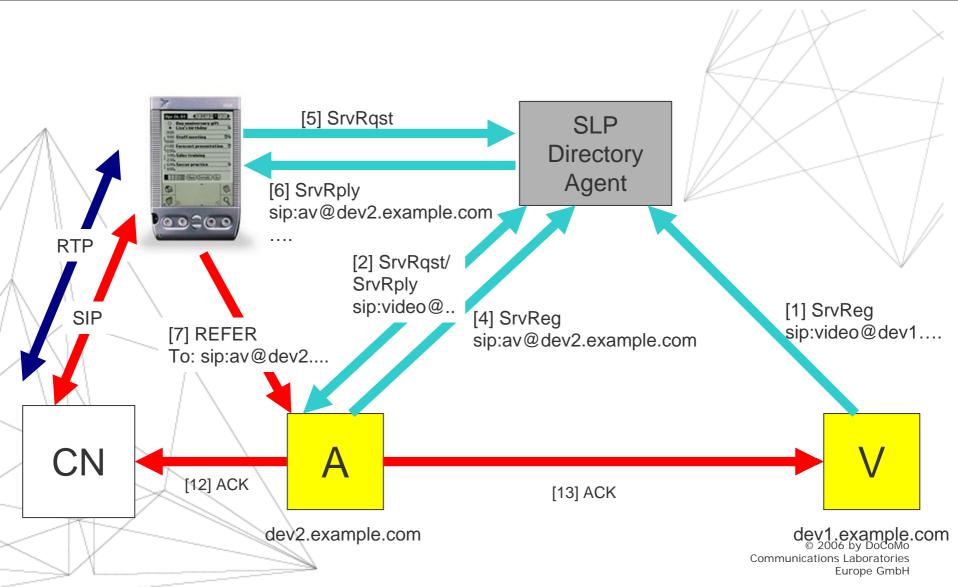




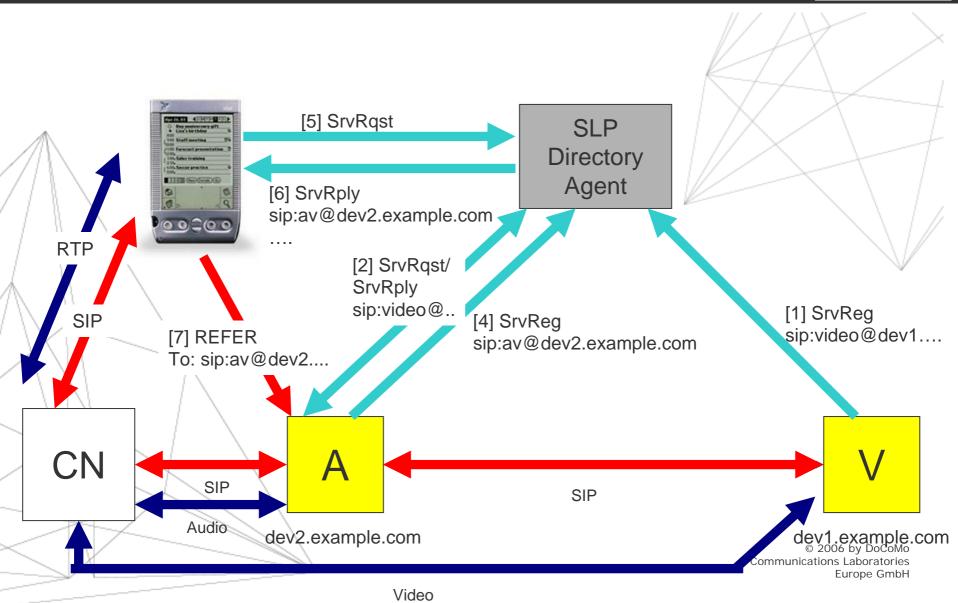












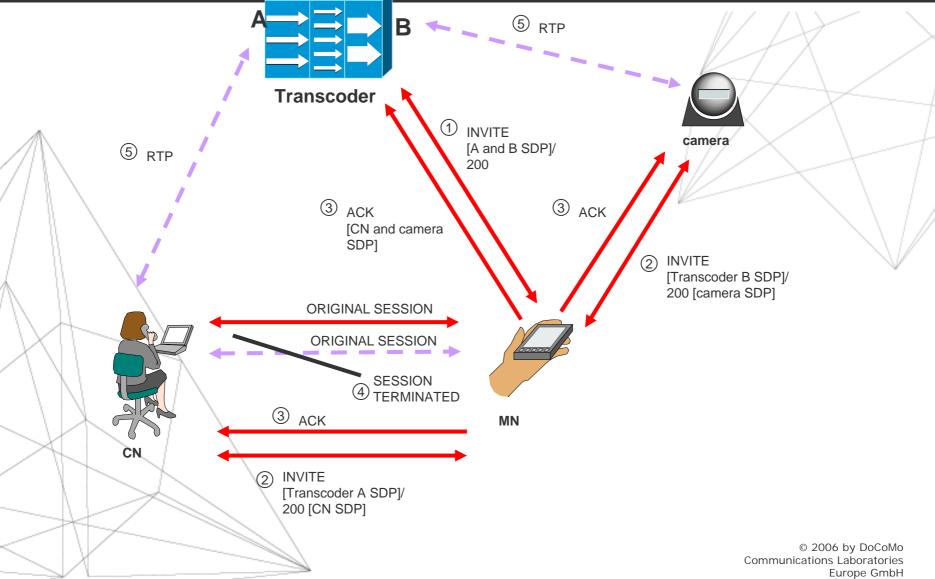
Reconciling Device Capabilities



- When the local device and CN have no common codecs, session transfer must go through a transcoder (may be located through SLP)
- MN maintains sessions with transcoder, CN, and local device, using 3pcc to create media sessions between them
- Transcoder translates between CN and local device media
- Other capabilities, such as bandwidth and display resolution, may be negotiated in SDP, using existing specifications for H.263+

Transcoding Example

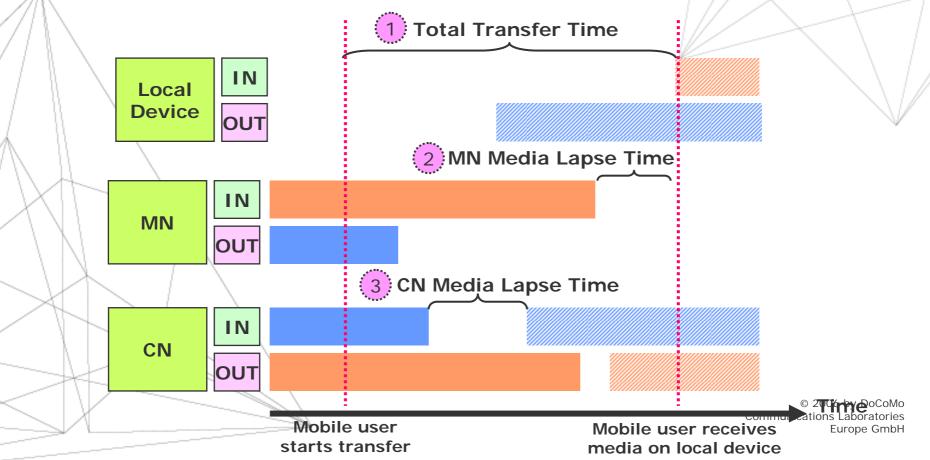




Performance Measurement



- Measurements are carried out by setting up a trans-Atlantic audio and video call between two SIP UAs, and then transfer the call to one or more local devices using both modes.
- To evaluate performance of our system, we do measure three criterias as shown below:



Performance Measurement Results



	CST (only audio)		SST (video call)			
	MNC	SH	MNC Audio	MNC Video	SH Audio	SH Video
TTT (ms)	815	420	397	<i>400</i> (2361)	906	900 (2967)
MNLT (ms)	81	238	99	<i>100</i> (2098)	461	<i>500</i> (2523)
CNLT (ms)	0	154	0	<i>0</i> (1155)	193	6 <i>00</i> (1756)

Correspondent Node (CNLT):

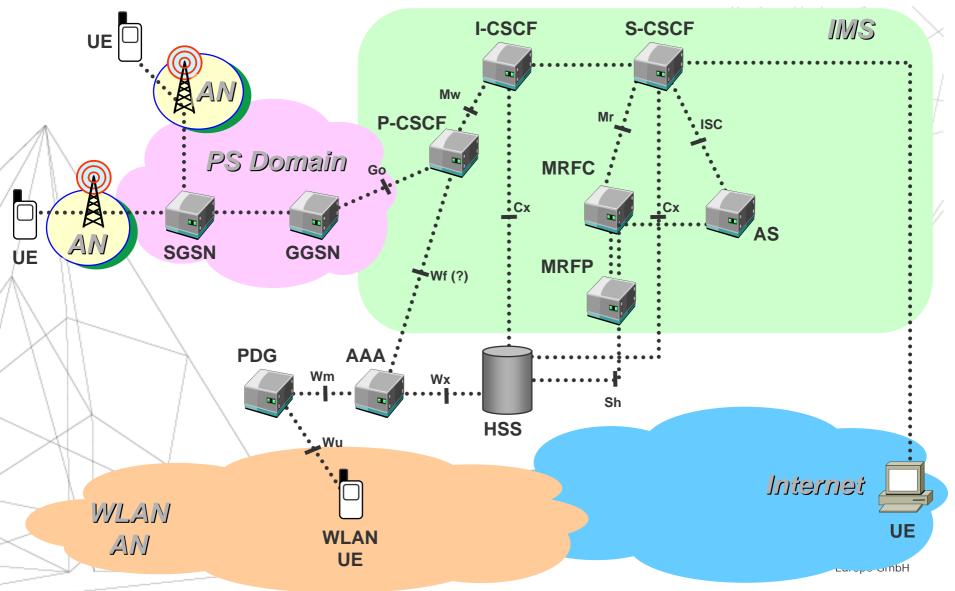
- no disruption in MNC
- small disruption for video
- NOTE: measured 1-2s video delay (given in "()") due to start/restarting of our video application (not due to signaling!)
- NOTE: video delay in SSH is cause by MDS system (implemented on audio node)

Mobile Node (MNLT):

- minimal audio disruption (in MNC mode)
- < 500 milliseconds in SH mode: checking authorization for session replacement
- Total Delay (TTT): not annoying (< 1 second)

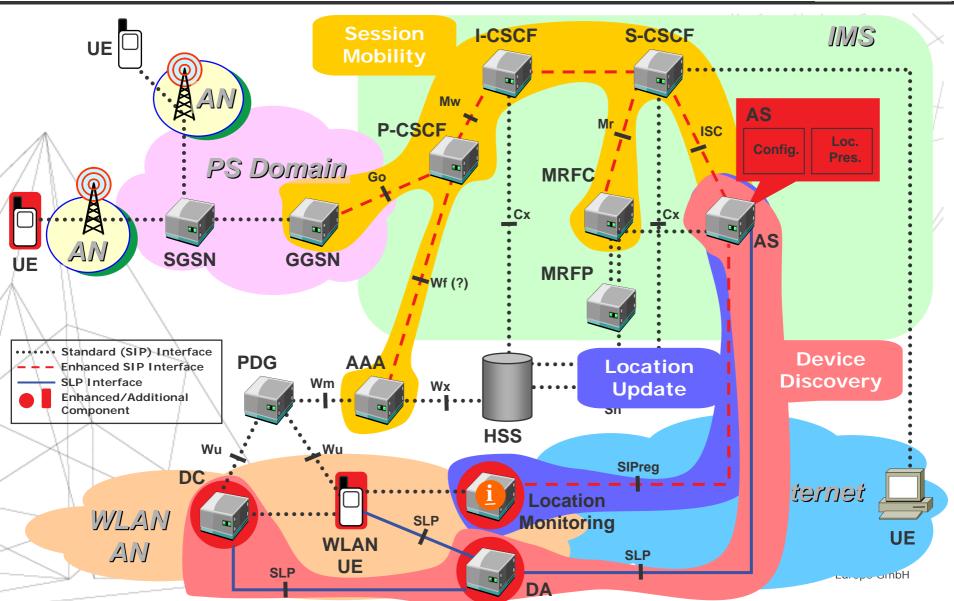
Mapping to IMS: 3GPP Architecture V6





Mapping to IMS





Summary



- Session Mobility = seamless transfer of media of an ongoing communication session from one device to another
- System architecture and methods for providing this service as part of the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
- Basic steps
 - service discovery to locate devices to use as transfer targets (SLP)
 - session transfer
 - reconciliation of device capability differences
- Described as Internet Draft draft-shacham-sipping-session-mobility-02, currently under AD review
- Discussed for standardization in ETSI TISPAN and 3GPP

Publications, Standards and Prototypes



- An Architecture for Location-Based Service Mobility Using the SIP Event Model, Mobisys 2004 Workshop on Context Awareness, Boston, MA.
- The Virtual Device: Expanding Wireless Communication Services through Service Discovery and Session Mobility, WiMob '05, Montreal, CA.
- Ubiquitous Device Personalization: The Next Generation of IP Telephony. Accepted for ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing, Communications, and Applications (TOMCCAP).
- Two current IETF Internet Drafts
 - draft-shacham-sipping-session-mobility-02
 - draft-shacham-sip-media-privacy-01