

Mobile IP

Part I: IPv4

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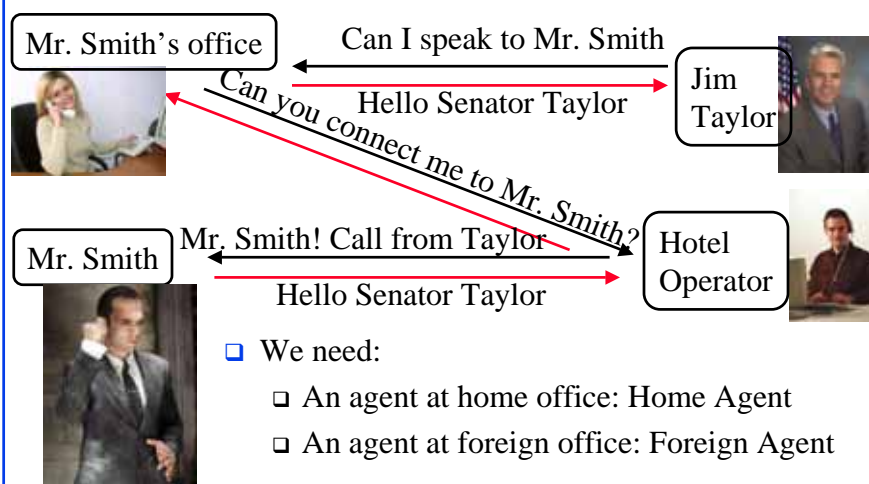
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Mobile IP: Features

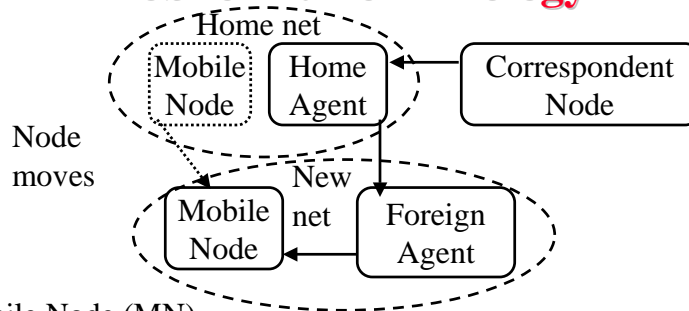
- ❑ You can take your notebook to any location
- ❑ Your TCP connection can continue. TCP connections are from one IP address to another IP address
⇒ TCP is unaware of the mobility
- ❑ Continuous access to your home resources
- ❑ Access to local resources: Printers
- ❑ Finds nearby IP routers and connects *automatically*
- ❑ Your IP messages are delivered to your new location
- ❑ Only "Mobility Aware" routers and mobile units need new s/w
- ❑ Other routers and hosts can use current IP
- ❑ No new IP address formats.
- ❑ Secure: Allows authentication

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington



- ❑ We need:
 - ❑ An agent at home office: Home Agent
 - ❑ An agent at foreign office: Foreign Agent

Mobile IP: Terminology



- ❑ Mobile Node (MN)
- ❑ Home Agent (HA), Foreign Agent (FA)
- ❑ Care-of-address (COA): Address of the end-of-tunnel towards the mobile node
- ❑ Correspondent Node (CN)
- ❑ Home Address: Mobile's permanent IP address

Terminology

- ❑ **Home Address:** Long-term IP address of the mobile on the home network
- ❑ **IP Access Address:** Local IP address of the mobile on the foreign network
- ❑ **Care-of-Address:** Address to which the packets are sent by the home agent. Destination of the IP tunnel between home agent and the mobile. Generally COA=IP Access Address
- ❑ **Mobility Agent:** Home agent or foreign agent
- ❑ **Agent Advertisement:** Periodic advertisement from mobility agents
- ❑ **Correspondent Node:** The node communicating with mobile
- ❑ **Foreign Network:** Any network other than the home network
- ❑ **Gratuitous ARP:** Sent by home agent to update other node's ARP cache

Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ **Mobility Binding:** Binding between home address and COA
- ❑ **Tunnel:** Path followed by an encapsulated packet
- ❑ **Mobile Router:** A router with changing point of attachment
- ❑ **Mobile Host:** A end host (not a router)
- ❑ **Mobile Node:** Mobile Host or Mobile Router
- ❑ **Mobile Network:** An entire network that changes its point of attachment
- ❑ **Mobile Network Node:** A node in a mobile network. May itself be mobile (visiting) or fixed (permanent) member of the network.
- ❑ **Roaming:** Getting connectivity from a foreign network based on a formal agreement between foreign and home network service providers

Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ **Handover:** Changing the point of attachment
- ❑ **L2 Handover:** Moving from one access point to another access point in the same IP network (same network prefix)
- ❑ **L3 Handover:** Moving from one IP network to another. Moving from one access router to another access router
- ❑ **Horizontal Handover:** Moving between same technology. WLAN to WLAN or 3G to 3G
- ❑ **Vertical Handover:** Moving between different technologies. WLAN to 3G.
- ❑ **Push Handover:** Previous access router initiates handover
- ❑ **Pull Handover:** New access router initiates handover

Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ **Make-Before-Break:** Make a new connection before disconnecting previous. Will communicate with both for some time.
- ❑ **Break-before-Make:** Disconnect previous and then connect with next.
- ❑ **Handover Delay:** Time between break and make.
- ❑ **Smooth Handover:** Minimize packet loss. Handover delay not critical.
- ❑ **Fast Handover:** Minimize handover delay. Packet loss not critical.
- ❑ **Seamless Handover:** No change in quality, security, or capability of service.

Terminology (Cont)

- ❑ **Diversity:** Ability to receive two signals at the same time.
- ❑ **Micro Diversity:** Two signals between the same subscriber and base station
- ❑ **Macro Diversity:** Two signals from different base stations
- ❑ **IP Diversity:** Packets from two IP networks
- ❑ **Micro Mobility:** Mobility within a single network. No effect outside the network. a.k.a. Local Mobility.
- ❑ **Macro Mobility:** Mobility between networks. Requires Mobile IP type solution. a.k.a. Global Mobility.

Mobile IP: Processes

- ❑ **Agent Discovery:** To find agents
 - ❑ Home agents and foreign agents advertise periodically on network layer and optionally on datalink
 - ❑ They also respond to solicitation from mobile node
 - ❑ Mobile can send solicitation to Mobile agent multicast group 224.0.0.11
 - ❑ Mobile selects an agent and gets/uses care-of-address
- ❑ **Registration**
 - ❑ Mobile registers its care-of-address with home agent. Either directly or through foreign agent
 - ❑ Home agent sends a reply to the CoA
 - ❑ Each "Mobility binding" has a negotiated lifetime limit
 - ❑ To continue, reregister within lifetime

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Processes (Cont)

- ❑ **Return to Home:**
 - ❑ Mobile node deregisters with home agent sets care-of-address to its permanent IP address
 - ❑ Lifetime = 0 \Rightarrow Deregistration
- ❑ Deregistration with foreign agents is not required. Expires automatically
- ❑ Simultaneous registrations with more than one COA allowed (for handoff)

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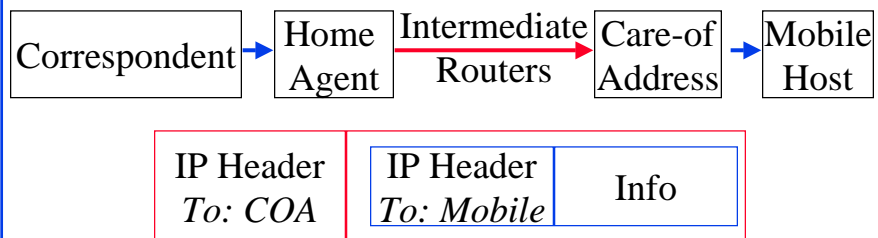
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Encapsulation/Tunneling

- ❑ Home agent intercepts mobile node's datagrams and forwards them to care-of-address
- ❑ Care of Address can be the Foreign Agent or it can be co-located in the mobile host
- ❑ Home agent tells local nodes and routers to send mobile node's datagrams to it
- ❑ De-encapsulation: Datagram is extracted and sent to mobile node



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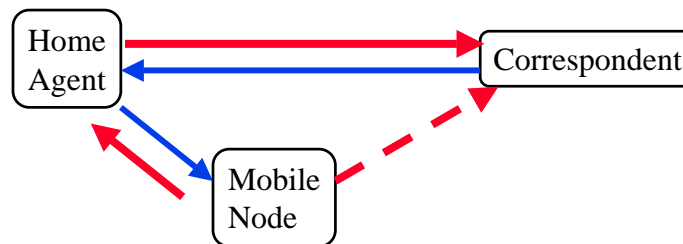
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Reverse Tunneling

- ❑ Normally, MN sends the packets directly to the correspondent with SA=Home Address, DA=Correspondent
- ❑ Problem: Such packets may be dropped by visited network's firewalls since the source address is not on foreign network
- ❑ Solution: Reverse traffic is also sent via home agent [RFC 3024]



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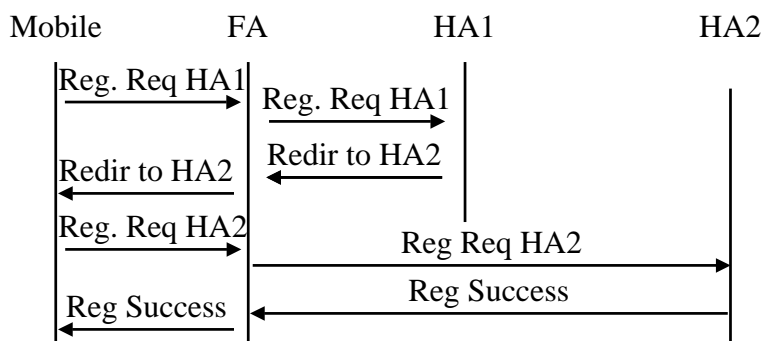
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Home Networks with Dynamic IP Address

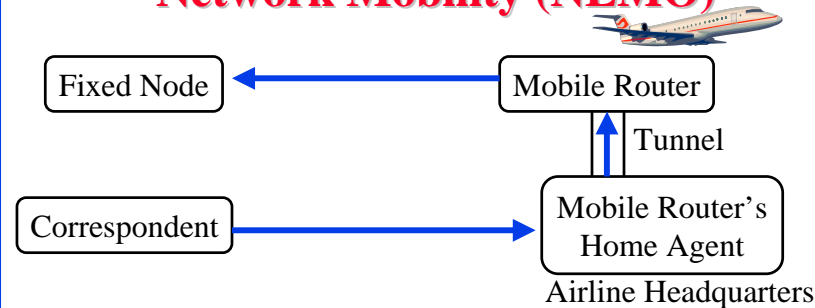
- ❑ Problem: DHCP based hosts do not have the initial IP address, DNS address on the home network
- ❑ Cisco's Solution: The registration request to home agent includes a request for configuration
- ❑ The registration reply includes IP address, DHCP server's address, DNS address
- ❑ RFC 4332, Cisco's Mobile IPv4 Host Configuration Extensions

Dynamic Home Agent Assignment

- ❑ Dynamic HA extension allows home agents to be assigned dynamically. Based on load balancing or other considerations.
- ❑ Example: Using CoA at foreign agent [RFC 4433]



Network Mobility (NEMO)



- ❑ Mobile router registers “network prefixes” with home agent
- ❑ All addresses with those prefixes are forwarded by home agent to Mobile router in a tunnel
- ❑ The reverse traffic is also tunneled.
- ❑ The mobile network may have visiting mobile routers or visiting mobile nodes.
- ❑ RFC 3963, Jan 2005

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Security Issues

- ❑ Need to Authenticate: MN – FA, FA-HA, MN-HA
- ❑ Message Authentication Code: Use keyed-MD5
- ❑ Key Management: Need network key distribution
- ❑ Confidentiality: Use encryption IPsec ESP
- ❑ Replay Protection: Changing Identification field. Use time stamps as ID or Nonces
- ❑ Location Privacy: Reverse traffic is tunneled via HA
- ❑ Ingress Filtering: Firewalls drop outgoing packets with topologically incorrect source address
⇒ Use reverse tunneling with COA as SA

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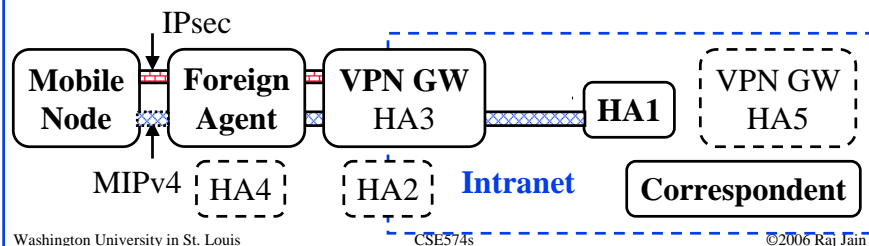
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Mobile IP and VPN

- ❑ Mobile IP \Rightarrow MIPv4 tunnel between Care-of-Address and Home Agent. COA at Foreign agent or co-located in Mobile.
- ❑ VPN \Rightarrow IPsec Tunnel between Mobile and VPN Gateway
- ❑ Depending upon the location of home agent:
 - ❑ IPsec inside MIPv4 tunnel or MIPv4 inside IPsec tunnel
- ❑ RFC 4093 lists five possible locations for Home Agent
- ❑ Work in progress to modify Mobile IP for VPN



Mobile IP and VPN (Cont)

1. Home Agent inside Intranet: MIP inside IPsec.

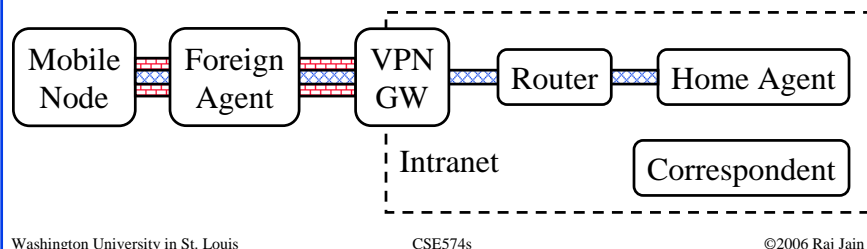
Foreign agent cannot be COA.

Co-located COA only.

Every COA change \Rightarrow New VPN tunnel

This is the most common configuration

\Rightarrow Requires modifications to MIPv4



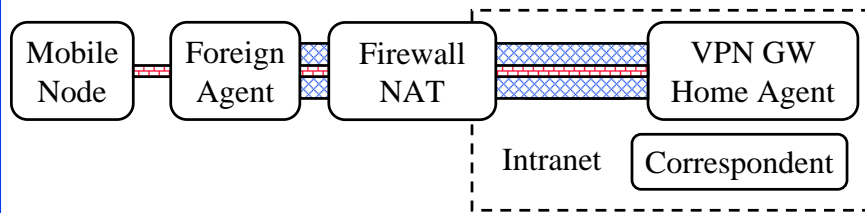
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5. Combined VPN Gateway and HA in the Intranet:

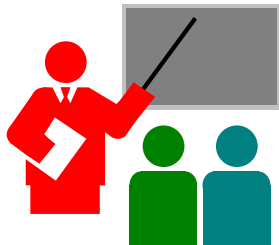
This works without any problems or modifications.

IPsec in MIPv4

Not scalable to thousands of mobile users



Summary



- ❑ Mobile node gets its packet via a tunnel from the home agent to care-of-address
- ❑ Reverse tunnel from mobile to home agent is optional
- ❑ It is possible to dynamically assign home address and home agents
- ❑ Network mobility is supported. Requires reverse tunneling.
- ❑ Need to carefully position VPN gateway and home agents for proper nesting of IPsec and Mobile-IP tunnels

Reading Assignment

Text Books:

- ❑ Dixit and Prasad, Chapter 16, pp. 335-439.
- ❑ Murthy and Manoj, Section 4.3, pp. 158-172

Key RFCs:

- ❑ RFC 3344 IP Mobility Support for IPv4
- ❑ RFC 3753 Mobility Related Terminology

Other Papers:

- ❑ Y. Chen, "A Survey Paper on Mobile IP,"
http://www.cse.wustl.edu/~jain/cis788-95/mobile_ip/index.html
- ❑ Charlie Perkins, "Mobile IP," IEEE Communications Magazine, May 1997, pp. 84-99
- ❑ Charlie Perkins, "Mobile IP," IEEE Communications Magazine, May 2002, pp. 66-82

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Mobile IPv4: RFCs

Secondary RFCs:

- ❑ RFC 3024 Reverse Tunneling for Mobile IP
- ❑ RFC 2005 Applicability Statement for IP Mobility Support
- ❑ RFC 2041 Mobile Network Tracing
- ❑ RFC 2290 Mobile-IPv4 Configuration Option for PPP IPCP
- ❑ RFC 2356 Sun's SKIP Firewall Traversal for Mobile IP
- ❑ RFC 2794 Mobile IP Network Access Identifier Extension for IPv4
- ❑ RFC 2977 Mobile IP AAA Requirements

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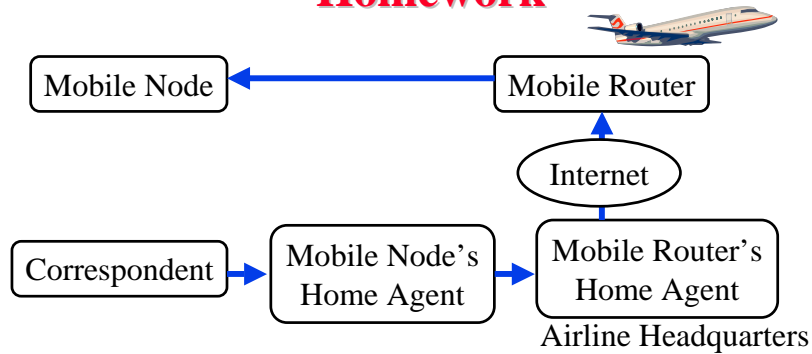
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- ❑ RFC 3012 Mobile IPv4 Challenge/Response Extensions
- ❑ RFC 3115 Mobile IP Vendor/Organization-Specific Extensions
- ❑ RFC 3519 Mobile IP Traversal of Network Address Translation (NAT) Devices
- ❑ RFC 3543 Registration Revocation in Mobile IPv4
- ❑ RFC 3583 Requirements of a Quality of Service (QoS) Solution for Mobile IP
- ❑ RFC 3846 Mobile IPv4 Extension for Carrying Network Access Identifiers
- ❑ RFC 3957 AAA Registration Keys for Mobile IPv4
- ❑ RFC 3963 Network Mobility (NEMO) Basic Support Protocol
- ❑ RFC 4004 Diameter Mobile IPv4 Application

Mobile IPv4: RFCs (Cont)

- ❑ RFC 4064 Experimental Message, Extensions, and Error Codes for Mobile IPv4
- ❑ RFC 4065 Instructions for Seamoby and Experimental Mobility Protocol IANA Allocations
- ❑ RFC 4093 Problem Statement: Mobile IPv4 Traversal of Virtual Private Network (VPN) Gateways
- ❑ RFC 4332 Cisco's Mobile IPv4 Host Configuration Extensions
- ❑ RFC 4433 Mobile IPv4 Dynamic Home Agent (HA) Assignment

Homework



- A mobile node with home address in WUSTL.EDU is traveling in a plane with a router that serves as COA . But the router itself is mobile and has a home address at AA.COM. How many Mobile IP tunnels will be setup and indicate IP addresses of the end points of each tunnel. Hint: See RFC3344.