Desktop sharing with the Session Initiation Protocol

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RFC 3261: The Session Initiation Protocol

- User location
- User availability
- User capabilities
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Wherever they are on the internet. Addresses are easy to remember.

For example: michiel@nlnet.nl

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Originally, "User not found"

Nowadays also presence information, like in instant messaging clients.

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The session types supported:

- Voice
- Video
- Instant Messaging
- Desktop sharing

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- Calling
- Redirections

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- Transfers
- Hangups

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SIP does not do the session itself!

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- \bullet + Simply call your problem solver and offer your desktop

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How does SIP work?



The NAT-Traversal problem

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| NAT Binding table | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Internal | External | |
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 192.0.0.1:6789 | |

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How does SIP deal with it?



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Industry solutions



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Full cone NAT



| NAT Binding table | | |
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| Internal | External | |
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 192.0.0.1: 6789 | |

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Address restricted cone NAT



| Internal | External | Servers |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 192.0.0.1: 6789 | 74.125.79.104 145.100.96.70 |

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Port restricted cone NAT



| Internal | External | Server & port |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 192.0.0.1: 6789 | 74.125.79.104:80 145.100.96.70:80 |

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The IETF answer

Symmetric NAT



| Internal from | External to | External from |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 74.125.79.104:80 | 192.0.0.1: 6789 |
| 10.0.0.8:2345 | 145.100.96.70:80 | 192.0.0.1: 5555 |

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- - SBCs work well

Media specific solutions: MSRP



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MSRP Messages

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Alice \rightarrow
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MSRP ydD6J6w SEND
Byte-Range: 1-112/112
Message-ID: QZ3ts6C3Ed
Content-Type: message/cpim
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From: Alice
<sip:alice@example.com>
To: Bob <sip:bob@example.com>
Content-Type: text/plain
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Hi Bob ----ydD6J6w\$

MSRP t4gk7Sv 200 OK -----t4gk7Sv\$

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\leftarrow \mathsf{Bob}
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Content-Type is agreed upon by SIP (User Capabilities)

RFB over MSRP!

vncviewer \rightarrow

 \leftarrow vncserver

MSRP ydD6J6w SEND Byte-Range: 1-10/10 Message-ID: QZ3ts6C3Ed Content-Type: application/x-rfb

RFB data -----ydD6J6w\$

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The solution:

- Copy data from object to vnc software
- Copy data from vnc software to object

But how to connect...

Connecting endpoint



• - vncserver is already running

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- - others can connect too

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Connecting endpoint



- - vncserver is already running
- others can connect too
- - password protection

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Listening endpoint



 \bullet + No such problems here

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Reverse VNC connection

 \bullet + No others that can connect to the server

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Reverse VNC connection

- + No others that can connect to the server
- + No password is required



Python based vncviewer

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- But a real viewer might be nicer

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