



AD HOC – P2P on Android



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Overview of Talk

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- Demo

- Software Architecture and Development
- Future Plans

Background

Finding resources in a network without a central location/server

AD HOC Networking

P2P Networking

Network connectivity between nodes without infrastructure support Smart Phone Applications

Our project focuses here

Novel applications utilizing the capabilities of mobile platforms

Our Achievements So Far

Initial Objective

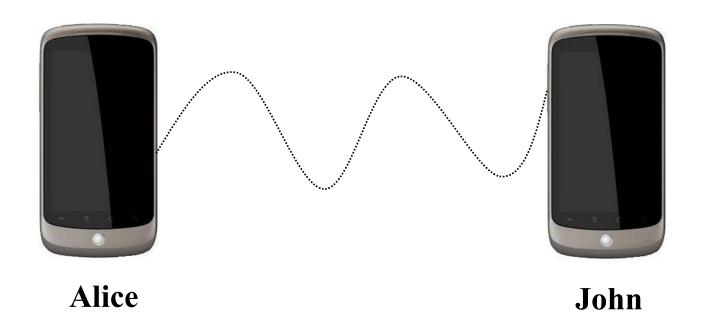
 Feasibility study of peer-to-peer communication system on an Ad-Hoc network of Smartphones

Prototype System Development

- We developed a prototype system based on an open source project
- A user can exchange text messages with a peer on an Ad-Hoc network

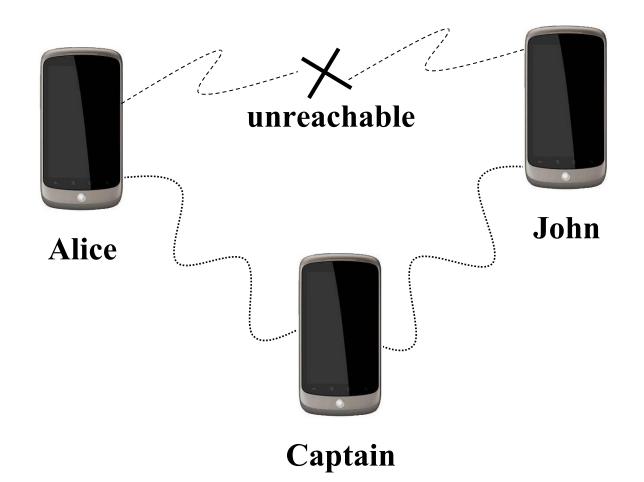
Demo – Text Messenger Application

Direct communication between two phones



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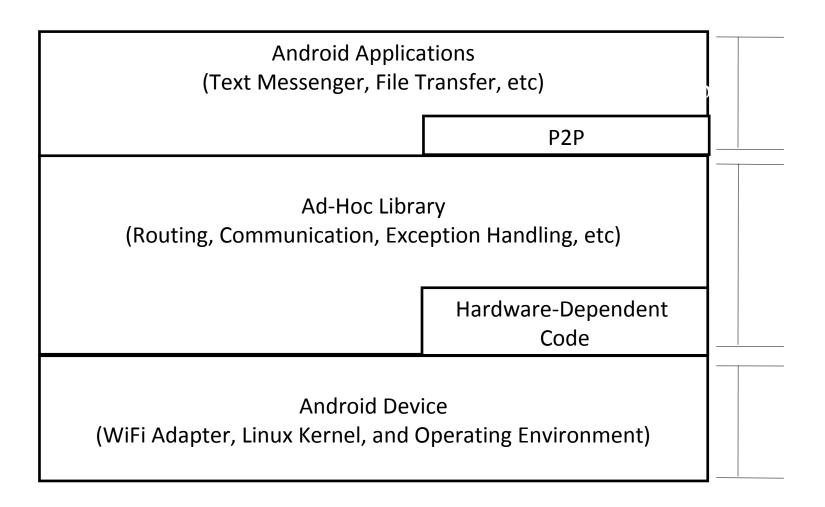
Indirect communication through a routing phone



Software Architecture

- We started this project based on an open source implementation
 - But the source code was not fully matured
 - Stabilized the source base
 - Ported to multiple platforms
- Software Architecture
 - Two Components
 - Ad-hoc library
 - Android application on top of the library
 - Contains P2P functionality

Software Architecture



Routing Protocol

- Ad-hoc library uses AODV (Ad-hoc On-Demand Distance-Vector) routing protocol
 - A route between two phones is constructed ONLY when needed (on demand)
 - The routing protocol maintains routes as long as they is active data communication
 - Route times out when not used for a given amount of time
 - AODV uses several messages to build routes such as route request, route reply, and route error.

Android Platforms Supported

- The software has been ported on the Nexus One and HTC Evo 4G.
- Hardware-Dependent Code
 - Turn on/off the WiFi network driver
 - Enable WiFi ad hoc mode
 - Control signal strength
 - Etc

Future Plans

On demand VS table driven routing

- Manual vs Automatic resource find at the P2P layer
 - Structured vs unstructured P2P
- Security implications

Portability

Seamless integration into Android