

Resilient Algorithms for Advance Bandwidth Reservation in Media Production Networks

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Multimedia production network



Challenge of distributing media files

 Traditional way of distributing media production content is highly inefficient (by hand, point-to-point optical links).





 Using a shared substrate network will increase network utilization and reduce the costs.



Our objective



Requirements of Traffic Flows

Application	Bandwidth	Latency	Loss
Large file transfer			
High-res video (transfer)			
Random access video (editing)			
High-res video (streaming)			
Low-res video (streaming)			

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Characteristics of traffic flows

$\mathbf{Request}$	Specified	Specified	Dependent		Independent	
\mathbf{types}	start time	duration	\mathbf{VS}	\mathbf{FB}	\mathbf{VS}	\mathbf{FB}
STSD	yes	yes			Х	
\mathbf{STUD}	\mathbf{yes}	no				Х
\mathbf{UTSD}	no	\mathbf{yes}	Х			
\mathbf{UTUD}	no	no		Х		



Advance reservation

- Nature of traffic: predicable
- As traffic is predictable, Advance Reservation (AR) would result in great advantages.
- AR techniques: reserving the required amount of bandwidth over time



Contribution



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- Advance reservation approach supporting multipath routing
- Resiliency through protection mechanism
- Support of interdependency among requests
- Support of Video Streams (VS) and File Based transfers (FB)



Flexible/Fast Scheduling - Reservation



Assumptions

- 1. File-based transfers & streaming sessions are supported.
- 2. Multiple requests may depend on each other.
- 3. For the FB:
 - The start time of requests is flexible.
 - The deadline is fixed.
 - The reserved BW may vary.
- 4. For the VS:
 - The start time/end time is fixed.
 - The reserved BW is fixed.



Objective

We aimed at:

- 1. Delivery of the requests before their deadline.
- 2. Maximizing the number of admitted requests.
- 3. Processing requests as quickly as possible.



Definitions

 Scenario: contains a collection of interdependent file and video transfers. We refer to each transfer as request.



 Schedule: a 3-D allocation among requests, links and time slots. Shows how much BW is allocated to each request over each link on each time slot.



Dynamic online approach

- 1. Requests arrive over time
- 2. The AR algorithm is invoked upon arrival of new scenarios
- 3. Requests in the previous schedule are updated:
 - Completely served scenarios are removed.
 - Partially executed requests are updated.
 - Possible dependency to the removed requests are adjusted.
- New scenarios are given lower priority as rejecting admitted ones violates SLA
- Reservation is re-optimized by re-routing existing reservations to accommodate new requests





Resilient AR algorithms

- Advance Bandwidth Reservation with Path protection (ABRP)
 - 1. Find primary multipath
 - 2. Remove links
 - 3. Find secondary multipath

Primary and secondary paths are disjoint but might share links among themselves

- Advance Bandwidth Reservation with Segment protection (ABRS)
 - Use bridge links in both primary and secondary paths



Evaluation setup- Physical networks





12-node

25-node



Evaluation setup - Scenarios

Use case 1: Soccer discussion program

Use case 2: Infotainment show

Use case 3: News Broadcast



- High quality: 200 Mbps
- Low quality: 15 Mbps
- Randomized durations and locations



Impact of available bandwidth - ABRP



Topology: 25-node Scenarios: 50 Requests: 519 Backup: 100% Time slot size: 1 hour



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Impact of backup requirement- ABRP



Topology: 25-node Scenarios: 50 Requests: 519 Bandwidth: 300 Mbps Time slot size: 1 hour



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Impact of backup requirement- ABRS



Topology: 12-node Scenarios: 20 Requests: 209 Bandwidth: 300 Mbps Time slot size: 1 hour



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Availability analysis





Topology: 25-node Scenarios: 50 Requests: 519 Bandwidth: 500 Mbps Time slot size: 1 hour Link length: 100-1000 Km



Topology: 25-node Scenarios: 50 Requests: 519 Bandwidth: 500 Mbps Time slot size: 1 hour Link length: 10-100 Km

Conclusion

- Predictable traffic in media production network can benefit from Advance Reservation techniques
- A resilient multipath, time-variable bandwidth reservation algorithm supporting flexible start times and request dependencies was proposed
- Results indicated that advance knowledge of the scenarios improves the network utilization and acceptance rate
- As part of the future work, we will extend the resilient algorithm with an online scheduler which uses the backup capacity in case of no failure



Thank you

