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Mobile and Wireless Networks

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Recent advances in wireless and mobile computing technologies have led to a new paradigm of computing by providing a lot of services and functionalities. Wireless technologies allow a wide spectrum of devices including laptops, PDA, intellectual sensors, and cellular phones to exchange and process information. To fulfill the potential for new services, applications and businesses offered by new computing and communication capabilities, several complex research issues need to be further studied and resolved. For example, in order to guarantee the performance requirements from applications in heterogeneous Wireless and Mobile Networks (MWNets), we need to develop new techniques for communication, QoS support, middleware, data management, etc. Also, information exchange among unconstrained entities (e.g. people, server, etc) need security mechanisms to guarantee data confidentiality and integrity and protect services from unauthorized use. This special issue is to address some of these challenges in MWNets.

In response to the call for papers, we received regular papers as well as extended versions of the outstanding papers presented at the third International Conference on Complex, Intelligent and Software Intensive Systems (CISIS-2009) and its workshops. All these submitted papers have gone through a strict review process and among them, six high-quality papers were selected for the publication

This special issue starts with the paper entitled "Global Consistency Management Methods Based on Escrow Approaches in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks". The authors assume special types of applications in which the instances of each data item can be partitioned and propose two consistency management protocols which are combinations of an escrow method and the authors' previously proposed protocols. The authors also report simulation results to investigate the characteristics of these protocols in a mobile ad hoc network. From the simulation results, it is confirmed that the protocols proposed drastically improve data availability and reduce the traffic for data operations while maintaining the global consistency in the entire network.

The second paper entitled "Using Mobile Devices to Support Online Collaborative Learning", attempts to bridge relevant aspects of mobile technologies in support for collaborative learning and provides a tighter view by means of a multidimensional approach from pedagogical, technological, and evaluation perspectives. Specifically, the authors first analyze the pedagogical perspective in depth, and then study how mobile technologies intersect with the different pedagogical approaches considered. Finally, the authors propose an evaluation based on real experiences, which considered the different aspects and perspectives presented.

In the third paper entitled "Architecture for Mobile Heterogeneous Multi Domain Networks", the authors assume Heterogeneous Multi Domain (HMD) networks in which the operations are subject to specific domain policies, and propose a hierarchical architecture, with an infrastructure of gateways at highest control level that enables policy based interconnection, mobility and other services among domains. Besides the architecture, the authors discuss in detail the mobility and adaptive capacity of services in HMD. The authors also discuss the HMD scalability and other advantages compared to existing architectural and mobility solutions. Furthermore, the authors analyze the dynamic availability at the control level of the hierarchy.

The fourth paper entitled "Balanced Bipartite Graph Based Register Allocation for Network Processors in Mobile and Wireless Networks" investigates an approach for efficiently generating balanced bipartite graph and register allocation algorithms for the dual-bank register allocation in Intel's network processors IXPs, which are specially designed for fast packet processing to achieve a broad bandwidth. The paper presents a graph uniform 2-way partition algorithm (FPT), which provides an optimal solution to the graph partition, and a heuristic algorithm for generating balanced bipartite graph. Finally, the authors design a framework for IXP register allocation. Experimental results demonstrate the framework and the algorithms are efficient in register allocation for IXP network processors.

In the fifth paper entitled "The Design and Implementation of Tamper Resistance for Reliable Mobile Game Service", the authors design technical countermeasures for mobile game service forgery and alteration which are the biggest security vulnerabilities deduced from the investigation of status of mobile game service infringement. The proposed "Tamper Resistance Software" architecture consists of Anti Debugging, Anti Disassembling, Anti Memory Dump functions and prevents a reverse analysis and alteration of mobile game service. The outcomes of this study indicate that it is possible to preserve infringements against internal logic of mobile game service by actualizing mobile game planning and development with prudent consideration of adequate countermeasures.

In the last paper entitled "Diffie-Hellman Key Based Authentication in Proxy Mobile IPv6", the authors propose a Diffie-Hellman key based authentication scheme that utilizes the low layer signaling to exchange Diffie-Hellman variables and allows mobility service provisioning entities to exchange mobile node's profile and ongoing sessions securely. The proposed authentication scheme minimizes authentication latency when the mobile node moves across different networks. In addition, pre-established security associations between mobility service provisioning entities are not required

so that network scalability in an operationally efficient manner is ensured.

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