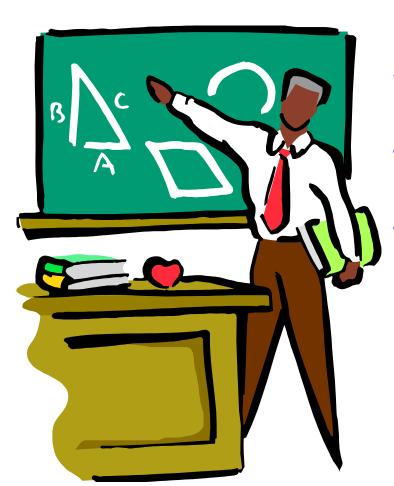


Project Specification Multimedia Session: Planning, establishment, termination



Multimedia session planning, establishment and termination



- 1 Overview and assumptions
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Overview and assumption

Overview

- A client / server application running on top of TCP/UDP that allows an end-user to:
 - 1. Check the availability of other end-users for a multimedia session at a given time of the day
 - 2. Ask the end-users who are available for the session if they are willing to join at the given time
 - 3. Establish the session with the end-users who are available and willing
 - 4. Exchange media during the session
 - Terminate the session



Overview and assumption Assumption

Every end-user has an electronic agenda she/he can populate through an end-user interface



Phase I

- 1. The end-user willing to establish the session sends an availability request to a centralized electronic session manager
- 2. The centralized session manager consults electronically the agendas of the potential participants and replies back, specifying the time slot where all potential participants are available.



Phase II

- 1. The end-user willing to establish the session sends a request (through the centralized session manager) to all potential participants to inquire whether they are willing to join at the given time
- 2. Every end-user who receives the request replies back and states whether or not she/he is willing to participate at the given time



Phase III

- 1. The end-user willing to establish the session sends a session establishment (through the centralized manager) to all those who are willing to participate
- The session is established.



Phase IV

Media is exchanged (text as a minimum)

Voice and video could be added



Phase V

The session initiator sends a request (through the session manager) to end the session

Session is ended



What students should do

Scope

- Design and implement simple protocols for:
 - Participants availability checking
 - Session setup
 - Media exchange
 - Session termination

Note: The implementation should be done using socket programming — However, existing application layer protocols (e.g. SIP) may also be re-used for parts of the project.



What students should do

Groups

- The project should ideally be done in groups of 4
- However groups of small size are allowed:
 - These groups should work on the whole project as specified, but will have bonus points.
 - Group of 3: 5 points bonus
 - Group of 2: 10 points bonus
 - Group of 1: 15 points bonus
- Note: The project will be graded nil if none of the phases could be demonstrated.



What students should do

Output

- Short presentation
- Live demo
- Project report
 - Should include
 - Which protocols were used/re-used and why?
 - Protocol design (e.g. messages, rules governing their exchange)
 - Implementation
 - Who did what?
- Note: The report should be 20 pages max