Elastic Video Content Delivery Networks at the Edge

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Motivation

Delegating the streaming content to vCDN cache instances deployed at nearby edge locations improves QoE

But, continuously running vCDN cache instances at all edge locations is a waste of resources

➔ The vCDN must continuously adjust its virtual infrastructure in order to optimize the trade-off between the cost and the QoE provided to end-users



"Edge" means anywhere within the mobile network

vCDN system requirements



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vCDN architecture on mobile networks

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Cache Orchestrator

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Network discovery

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- Available cloudlets
- Cloudlet capabilities, status (e.g., load)

Cache management



Cache instantiation/termination based on application metrics within or across cloudlets (e.g., number of sessions, energy consumption) Traffic steering



- Traffic Influence
- Traffic Rules
- IP anycast

Cache instantiation workflow



Experimentations (1/2) – Cache Instantiation/Termination



Experimentations (2/2) – Handover & dash.js issue

- Packet loss may occur during handover (especially at the end of segment delivery)
 → may lead to playback stall
- Propose adding a configurable timer to monitor download progress from last event
- GitHub <u>PR #4126</u> accepted



Concluding remarks

- Fully virtualized CDN infrastructure deployed on private Kubernetes clusters
- Ported on public cloud
- Applicable to both mobile and fixed broadband networks
- Demo at #C8 booth



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