

I3: Internet indirection infrastructure.

Point to point abstraction

↳ not suitable to support other communication primitives.

- Multicast
- Anycast
- Mobility
- content centrality?

Why mismatch? Point-to-point assumes one ~~center~~ sender, one receiver at fixed well known locations

How do current approaches solve it? Indirection

IP Multicast group

Home agent / foreign agent in mobility.

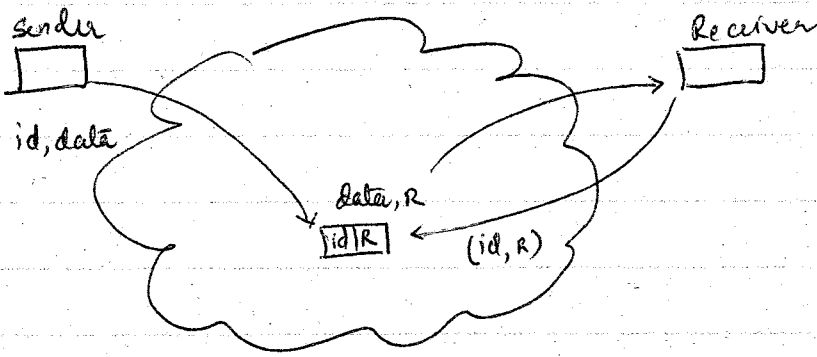
Create indirection as the primitive

Build an efficient indirection layer on top of IP.

Build using an overlay → no need to change IP
→ incrementally deployable.

I3 basics: Packets have id

to receive id, receiver R maintains a trigger (id, R)



Service model: API: `sendpacket(P)`
`inserttrigger(t);`
`removetrigger(t) → optional`
 Best effort delivery, just like IP.

Triggers periodically refreshed by end-hosts.
 ID → 256 bits.

How to support various services.

Mobility: update with new mapping.

Multicast: - receivers insert triggers with the same identifier.
 - can dynamically switch unicast to multicast.

Anycast - use longest prefix match instead of exact match

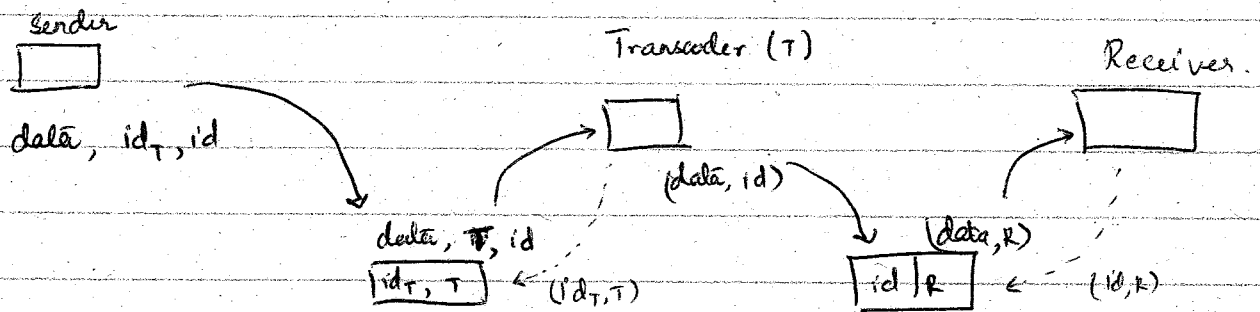
`P | si | R1`

`P | s2 | R2`

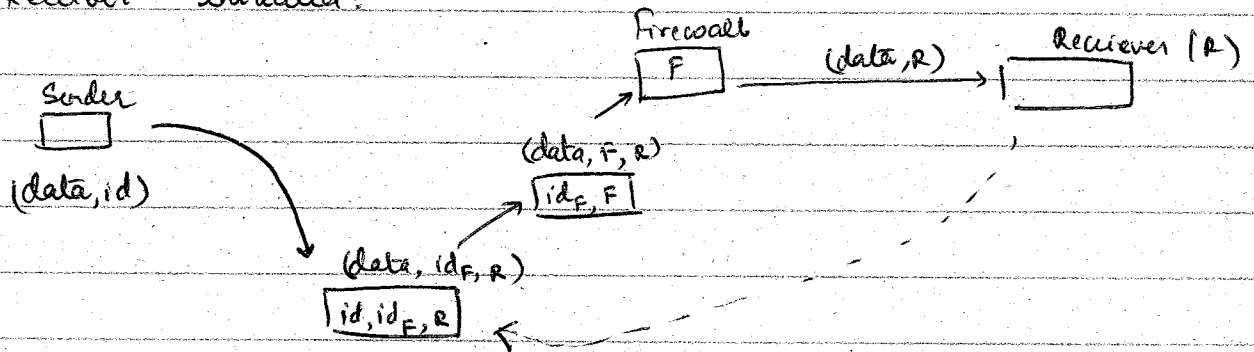
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 Anycast group identifier
 s_i encodes app semantics.

Service composition, sender initiated.

- use a stack of ids. to encode a sequence of operations to be performed.



Receiver initiated:



Implementation / practice

- collection of infrastructure nodes
- ID space is partitioned across nodes
 - A node is responsible for a region of ID space.

Use chord to route triggers and packets to nodes responsible for their IDs.

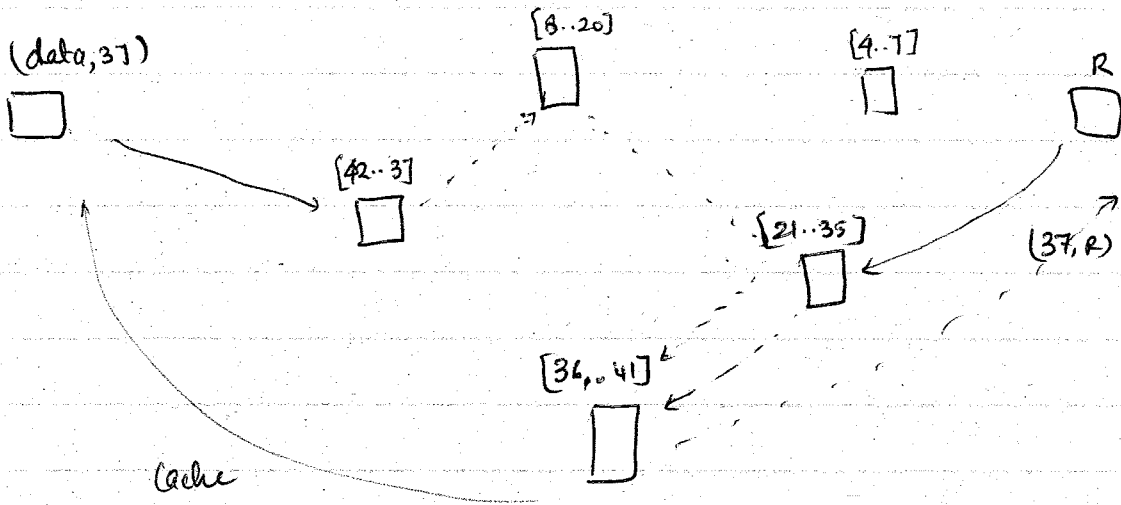
$O(\log N)$ hops.

Example:

ID space [0..63]

partitioned across 5 nodes

Each host knows one IB node



Optimization, path length.

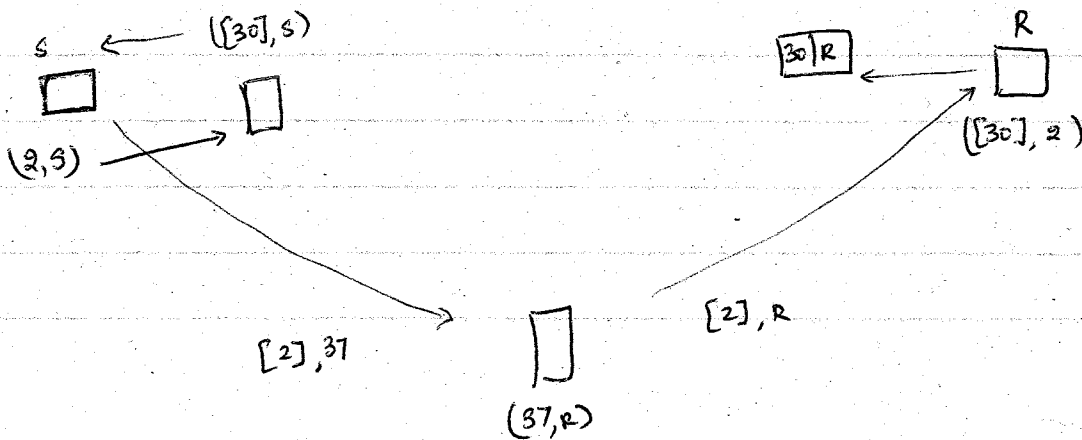
Sender, receiver caches IB node mapping a specific ID.

Triangle routing:

- Use well known trigger for initial rendezvous

- Exchange a pair of private triggers well-located

- Use private triggers to send data traffic



Security challenges

- Eavesdropping - private triggers + PKI

- ~~loop~~

- ~~Confluence~~

- Dead end.

Trigger hijack → (id, x) (x, S)

DOS attacks → challenges to verify that trigger was inserted by end-host claiming to insert

→ Resource allocation

→ loop detection.