

Next Generation Addressing & Routing Infrastructure

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Background



NetNumber S olutions

- Provider of next generation addressing and routing solutions to the global communications industry.
 - Founded November 1999
 - First revenue 2004
 - Cash-flow positive 2006
 - Recurring revenue profitable 2007
- <u>TITAN</u>: "<u>Transactional IP Telephony Addressing & Numbering</u>"
 - Common addressing/routing platform for SS7/C7 and IP services.
 - ENUM services
 - VoIP, IMS, MMS, SIP-Redirect, SIP Routing Proxy
 - Number-portability LNP/MNP
 - AIN 0.2, PCS-1900, IS-41, MAP/SRF, INAP, CAP, etc.
 - End-user addressing/routing services
 - GTT, SLF, CNAM, etc.

SPIDER: "Service Provider Interconnect Data Exchange Resource"

- Interconnect data distribution platform for use by multiple VoIP registry providers.
 - NeuStar SIP-IX, Arbinet PeeringSolutions, VOEX SuperRegistry, etc.
- <u>LSMS</u>: "<u>L</u>ocal <u>Service</u> <u>Management</u> <u>System</u>"
 - Number-portability database distribution service.

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ENUM Experience - Key customers

- Fixed-line carriers
 - BT 21CN
- Cable MSOs
 - Comcast
 - Cablevision
- ENUM service providers
 - Arbinet PeeringSolutions
 - NeuStar SIP-IX
 - VOEX SuperRegistry
 - Telcordia SIR
 - Syniverse Carrier-ENUM

- Mobile Operators
 - AT&T Mobility
 - Sprint/Nextel
- Messaging Intermediaries
 - MBlox
 - MQube
- Mobile content providers
 - Yahoo!
 - New York Times
- Telecom vendors
 - Cisco
 - Motorola

Architecture

NetNumb ITAN Solution Architecture

Common Infrastructure For Many Applications



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Early Learning Market driver

- ENUM market is being driven by communications service-providers.
 - Internal routing:
 - Routing to a destination switch within a carrier's network.
 - Interconnect routing:
 - Routing to an interconnect partner or intermediary.
- NetNumber has not yet seen a market develop for User-ENUM routing to intelligent endpoints.

User-ENUM market might develop in the future but real-world routing problems are being solved with Carrier-ENUM today.



ENUM Solutions Early Learning End-user routing creates scaling problems in large networks

BT21CN example

- 33 million subscribers
- Up to 50 origin-specific next-hop routes for each end-office switch.
- 33M subs x 50 next-hop routes = 1.65B end-user specific NAPTRs
 - Impossibly slow to load, update and audit.
 - <u>Conclusion</u>: Simple DNS database is insufficient for large-scale ENUM.
- Solution: BT21CN uses a two-step normal-form resolution process to route to a destination-switch not to an end-user.
 - 33 million subscribers associated with 2,000 end-office switches.
 - Routing Number (RN) View: $E.164 \rightarrow RN$ (switch-ID)
 - Origin-specific Route View: $RN \rightarrow NAPTR$ (route)
- - 2k switches x 50 next-hop routes = 100,000 switch-specific NAPTRs.

Carrier-ENUM is about routing to a destination switch or to a destination service-provider, not to an end-user.



Early Learning Destination routing alone is insufficient

- North-American cable operator example
 - Large networks like Comcast, Cablevision, COX maintain multiple SIPservice entry/exit-points.
 - SIP routing often includes a next-hop border-controller that varies based on the origin and destination of the call/session.
 - SIP:+12125551212@sbca.cox.com (insufficient for routing)
 - SIP:+12125551212@sbca.cox.com?route=sip:sbc1.cablevision.net
 - Complete route includes destination and next-hop.
 - See the diagram on the next page.
 - Simple translation of E.164 \rightarrow destination URI only provides part of the routing answer.
 - What is the appropriate next-hop for reaching the destination given where a call/session is originating?

If the ENUM query fails to include next-hop routing information then some other network element needs to solve this problem.





NetNumber Early Learning Multiple options exist for routing to a given dialednumber

- ITSP example (DN = 1-212-555-1234)
 - DN \rightarrow Level3
 - PSTN carrier of record
 - DN \rightarrow ITSP
 - VoIP service provider using PSTN services from Level3
 - DN \rightarrow Enterprise
 - Enterprise customer getting VoIP services from ITSP
 - DN \rightarrow VoIP Community
 - VoIP peering community that includes the ITSP or Enterprise.

Correct routing selection varies depending on the business model of the carrier originating the call. Least-cost-routing is required when more than one valid termination option exists.



Early Learning Multiple ENUM registries will exist

• Current examples:

- xConnect Registry
- Arbinet PeeringSolutions
- NeuStar SIP-IX
- IntelePeer SuperRegistry
- BT IPX
- Verisign NRD
- Telcordia SIR
- Stealth Registry
- GSMA Carrier-ENUM NRS

Multiple registries exist to meet the needs of multiple user-groups defined by geography, network-type, interconnect-model, etc.





Early Learning DNS query for NAPTR isn't the only way to access **ENUM**

- Most of NetNumber's customers license both DNS and SIP interfaces for ENUM on TITAN.
 - TITAN supports three ways of accessing ENUM.
 - DNS query for NAPTR
 - SIP-Redirect
 - Stateless SIP-Routing-Proxy
 - Many operators view ENUM as a "routing concept" not as a DNS protocol.

End-to-end SIP routing is the problem that operators are trying to solve. ENUM is the term that is often used to mean IP service routing.



Conclusions

- Carrier-ENUM is a real business.
 - Multiple Carrier-ENUM registries will exist.
 - Multiple ENUM server/software providers will exist.
- Many carriers/operators view ENUM as a term that describes end-toend IP service routing.
 - Internal routing = routing to a switch.
 - Interconnect routing = routing to a destination carrier or intermediary.
- ENUM routing is a three-step logical process.
 - E.164 \rightarrow RN (List of options)
 - Internal routing number for a destination switch.
 - Portability-corrected carrier-of-record routing number.
 - OCN, HNI (MCC+MNC), DG...
 - Multiple ENUM registry assigned routing-numbers.
 - SPID-1, SPID-2, SPID-3...
 - RN \rightarrow Order
 - Least-cost-routing "ordering" of the options
 - RN \rightarrow Route
 - Origin-specific, next-hop route is often required.





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