The Future of Presence

Presence for all of my Communities, Goods, & Services

It is not just about being reachable on the phone

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Agenda

→ Beyond Phone calls; Is there further motivation?

- Presence on the Move
- New areas Presence might useful

• So there is more than Presence for People

- Challenges and Opportunities for Presence
- A few Services to think about

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Presence on the Move



Presence started with Dorothy,

the only Intelligent Presence System so far, Presence on phone systems started its evolution.



This evolution continued to become Internet Presence





.... nice, but are we still talking about buddies for phone-calls and messaging only?



New areas Presence might be useful

Are there other Presentity-Clients we can support?

- Communities and their state summaries?
 ... this is are collections of the above
- **Commodity tracking** in the manufacturing chain and warehouses?
- State of services

shipments, trucks, leased out goods, ... ?

- Immaterial things

like datasets, wishes, contracts, project states, ... ?



Presence on the Move

OK, we know this ...

- Presence allows to locate & query user states
- Determine his/her availability to communicate via phone, e-mail, text, video, ...
- In RFC 3856, "Presence is defined as the willingness and ability of a user to communicate with other users on the network"
 ... :-)
- Today the status of presence is broader, including online, offline, busy, away and do-not-disturb, etc.

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Presence Business beyond Phone Calls Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges ... not a real business today

- Presence usually comes for free with VoIP & IM clients
- Business development lags behind technology
- Real needs & business cases for users are not yet identified
- Opportunities

... make it a business

- Charge for, or at least increase stickiness on bundled offers.
- Find sweet spots that make users and enterprises pay
- Sell the service and not presence

... and think about Orwell:

If you enforce presence ...

Anti-Presence might become the better business ;-)

Presence Business beyond Phone Calls Lets start with a look to relations

- One to Many:
 - Is good for Phone-Calls
 - Messaging
 - Other personal state publishing



• Many to One:

- Process Control
- Delivery State
- Flag Services



Presence Business beyond Phone Calls Services for Location & Management

• Location & state of Shipping and Goods:

- Current: as pull service with tracking numbers
 e.g. DHL-tracking-number
- With Presence: Push Services that inform all stake-holders through their desired means of communication. Mail, SMS, ..

• Project Management:

- Current: Various SW to keep and show project states e.g. Project
- With presence: State of various sub-tasks can be collected and project-partners can be informed. This automates collaboration.

Presence Business beyond Phone Calls Subscription & Incentive services

• Shopping Clubs Incentive Programs:

Users subscribe to Incentive communities

- Current: Receive SMS messages with incentive codes
- With Presence: Receive Incentive codes on any terminal ready to receive the message

• Dating & Party Services:

- Current: Subscribe on web pages
- With Presence: Change Presence status of your terminal ... watchers can respond to to announcements.

Presence Business beyond Phone Calls Services to Push all sorts of Information

• Communities:

Sports-club or Rescue-Organisations, etc.

- Current: Inform all members of the
- With Presence: Push Services that inform all stake-holders through their desired means of communication. Mail, SMS, ..

• Office Ordering Systems:

- Current: Call secretary to get supply, services etc.
- With Presence: Flag your Supply demand and publish it through presence.

... a mailman will pick up the mail next time he is in the building.

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Identities to re-use for Presence?

Typically, Identity life starts with my "certificate of birth" which asserts My "name" and is filled with all sorts of identities like Social- & Health -Insurance, Picture-Ids, Passports, Driving Licenses, Bank accounts, Web- Identities, phone numbers, ...



... This likely goes on until someone issues my "certificate of death"

What other Identities we could use for Presence?

Actually everything we need to track and check state of Machine-IDs, Shipments, Project states, Health-Conditions, Emotions, ... of course not all of it makes sense.

Presence & Identities

Presence service Shows

- The condition of entities addressed by their Identity
 - ... if the watcher is authorised to be informed

This requires the watcher to become authorised

- The Presentitiy or the presence service therefore requires
 - Identity of the Watcher
 - Authentication of the Identity holder

Based on the authentication, the Presentity authorises

- Authorisation of the watcher (policy decision)

Presence & Identities

Information Elements for Presence

- Presence user and policy repository:
 The aggregation point for Presence services is the Identity of users, communities and other subscribed entities
- Published attribute:
 A State, Location, Value, or Condition offered to watches
- Identity of the Presentity: The subscribed Watcher relies on the Identity of the Presentity
- Identity of Watchers:

To authorise, the Identity of of Watches must authenticated

Conclusions

Presence

- Presence does not come for free as many suggest
- Many services can use Presence
 It is just hard to think beyond phone calls and IM

• Presence relies on people or entities to report

- Authentication of presented identities is required
- Multiple Identities must be handled for combined services



The End

Any Questions?

If they come up Later you may contact me at

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