Infinity: In-Network Storage for Mobile Devices

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Data access on mobile device is extremely popular

- Mobile data traffic is rapid growing
 - Cisco forecasts 6.3 Exabytes per month of mobile data traffic by 2015 (Source: Cisco VNI Mobile, 2011)
- Social networks are exploding
 - Facebook has ~350 million active mobile users
- File hosting and syncing services are popular
 - Dropbox has 25 million users and 200 million files are saved daily







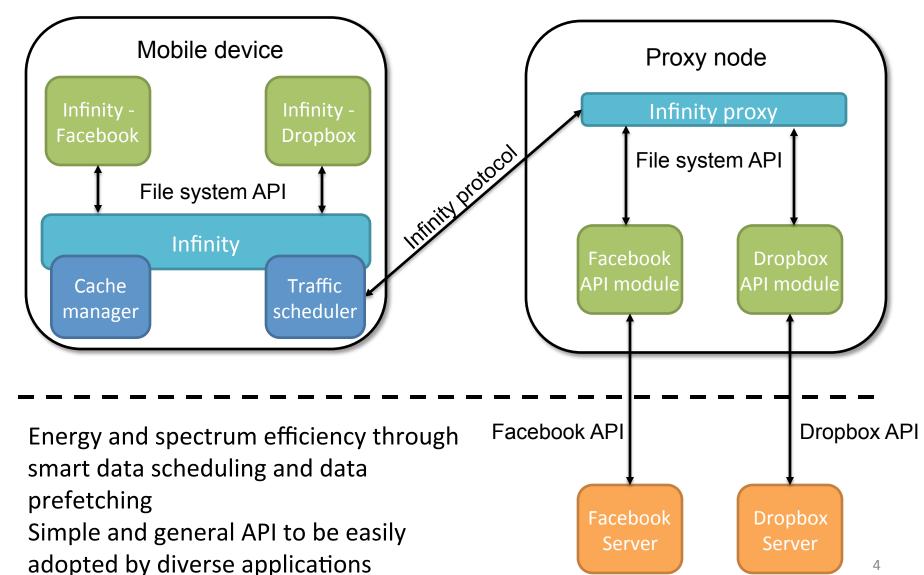




Existing data storage and sharing support are inefficient!

- On device
 - Limited resources (e.g., storage, network, memory, power)
 - Not reliable (e.g., failure, stolen)
- On service providers
 - Ignorance of the characteristics of mobile devices
- Short battery life, long access delay, degraded user experience
- Infinity improves the efficiency of data delivery for mobile devices!

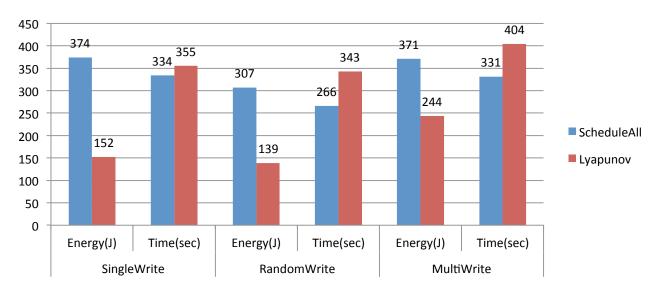
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Infinity features

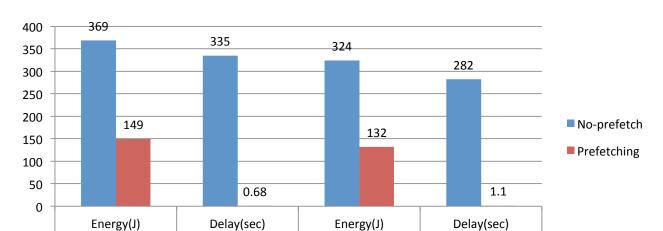
- File system API
 - Flexible policy support
- Smart data scheduling
 - Uplink
 - Delay scheduling to avoid uploading with high cost
 - Bound the delay to avoid queuing data forever
 - Downlink
 - · Prefetch when beneficial
 - Leverage the characteristics of the applications, e.g., social links
 - Notification
 - Dynamic switch between pull and push to minimize the overhead of maintaining the notification channel
 - Batching and piggybacking requests

Infinity performance with local experiments over 3G



Uplink trace:

50% of energy saving while increasing the delay by 16% on average.



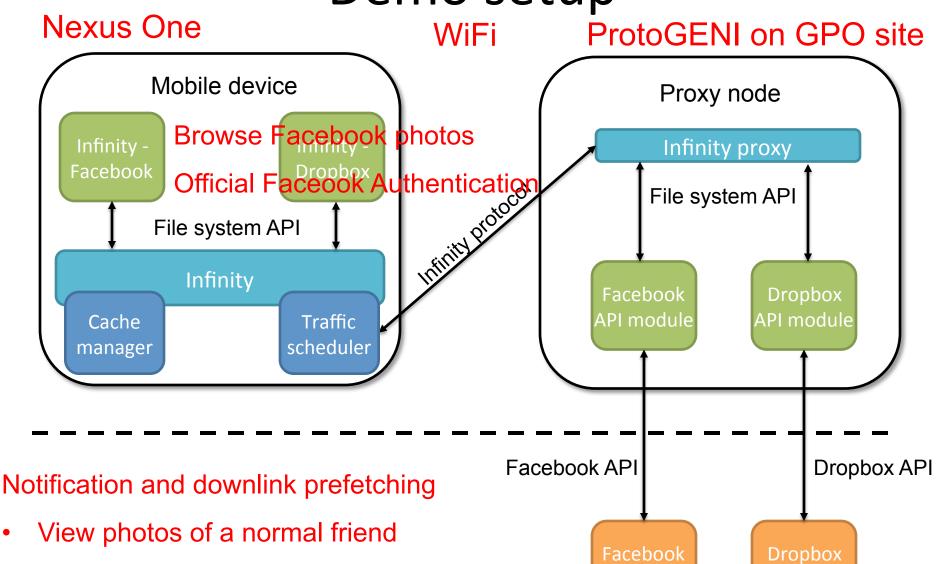
RandomRead

SingleRead

Downlink trace:

60% of energy saving and reduce the access delay by 99%.

Demo setup



Server

View photos of a good friend

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Server

Next step

- Scale up the back-end
 - Deployment on more ProtoGENI sites
 - Performance improvement
- Release the Infinity Android App
 - Please try and help evaluate Infinity!
- Support other services
 - Dropbox, Google+, Flickr.....

Thanks!

BACKUP SLIDES

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