Networked Device Drivers

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Motivation

- I/O Over the Network
- Architecture
- Demo

Small Devices



Zypad Wearable



iPhone



Netbook



Nanotech



Contact Lens Display (UW)



Big Applications







Virtual Worlds

Maps

Augmented Reality

Data/Computation Intensive, Context Dependent

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We Propose a System Architecture For

 Cloud-based applications with a rich set of I/O devices

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User interaction with the cloud

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Current Network I/O

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I/O Devices • RFID

- Camera
- Microphone
- Mouse
- Accelerometer
- GPS
- Temperature sensor
- Light sensor

- Barcode reader
- Keyboard
- Biometric sensors
- Touch sensor
- Sound card
- Video card

We Need a Generic System for Remote I/O

- Flexible
- Easy to extend/edit
- Performance Sensitive





Problem Statement

Once we move applications across the network, we must figure out how to connect the device to the application, taking into account:

- Heterogeneity of devices
- Transparency to applications
- Minimizing latency
- •Supporting real-time constraints
- Supporting mobility

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functions

- Caching
- Polling
- Buffering
- Encrypting
- Compressing
- Synchronizing Multiple Datastreams

- •Transforming
 - Adding Timestamps
 - Averaging
 - Discarding Non-Recent Updates
 - Predicting Future Updates



Functionality

- Functionality needs change on an application-device basis
- Device designers, application designers and users may all have different functionality needs

Automatic Customization

- Application Developer
- Device Developer
- User

Architectural Features

- Driver on Client is unchanged
- Middleware code added
- Add Networking functionality
- Modify driver on Server to use network instead of device

Middleware Example





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- Preliminary Experiment

Preliminary : Space Navigator







Summary

- New generation of I/O devices
- The Cloud
- We propose a new architecture to support remote I/O

