Architectural Issues for intersec

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Related architectural work:

- RFC 3135: Performance Enhancing Proxies Intended to Mitigate Link-Related Degradations
- RFC 3238: IAB Considerations for OPES
- RFC 3426: General Architectural and Policy Considerations

RFC 3135: Performance Enhancing Proxies Intended to Mitigate Link-Related Degradations

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 There are sections on:
Security Implications, Fate Sharing, End-to-end Reliability, End-to-end Failure Diagnostics, Asymmetric Routing, Mobile Hosts, Scalability, and Other Implications of Using PEPs.

- "we believe that ... PEPs should be used only in specific environments and circumstances where end-to-end mechanisms providing similar performance enhancements are not available."
- "the choice of employing PEP functionality should be under the control of the end user ..."

- (2.1) **One-party consent**: An OPES framework standardized in the IETF must require that the use of any OPES service be explicitly authorized by one of the application-layer end-hosts (that is, either the content provider or the client).
- (2.2) **IP-layer communications**: For an OPES framework standardized in the IETF, the OPES intermediary must be explicitly addressed at the IP layer by the end user.

- (3.1) Notification: The overall OPES framework needs to assist content providers in detecting and responding to client-centric actions by OPES intermediaries that are deemed inappropriate by the content provider.
- (3.2) **Notification**: The overall OPES framework should assist end users in detecting the behavior of OPES intermediaries, potentially allowing them to identify imperfect or compromised intermediaries.

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 (3.3) Non-blocking: If there exists a "non-OPES" version of content available from the content provider, the OPES architecture must not prevent users from retrieving this "non-OPES" version from the content provider.

- (4.1) URI resolution: OPES documentation must be clear in describing these services as being applied to the result of URI resolution, not as URI resolution itself.
- (4.2) **Reference validity**: All proposed services must define their impact on inter- and intra-document reference validity.
- (4.3) Any services that cannot be achieved while respecting the above two considerations may be reviewed as potential requirements for Internet application addressing architecture extensions, but must not be undertaken as ad hoc fixes.

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• (5.1) **Privacy**: The overall OPES framework must provide for mechanisms for end users to determine the privacy policies of OPES intermediaries.

[This does not mean that the mechanisms for this would be developed in the OPES WG, or even in the IETF.]

RFC 3426: General Architectural and Policy Considerations

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• Weighing Benefits against Costs:

How do the architectural benefits of a proposed new protocol compare against the architectural costs, if any? Have the architectural costs been carefully considered?

• Robustness:

How robust is the protocol, not just to the failure of nodes, but also to compromised or malfunctioning components, imperfect or defective implementations, etc?

RFC 3426: General Architectural and Policy Considerations:

- What are the interactions between layers, if any?
- Have the architectural costs been carefully considered?
- How robust is the protocol?
- Is the protocol deployable?
- ...