Lesson 05
Service Discovery
Service discovery

• An adaptable middleware in a device (or a mobile computing system) that dynamically discovers services
• Bluetooth Service discovery protocol
• JINI
• SLP (service location protocol)
• UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) service discovery functions
Steps for Service discovery

1. Lets nearby service network (or device or system) recognize that device
2. Lets the nearby network know of device service(s)
3. Searches and discovers a new service(s) at the network
4. Interacting with nearby network using discovered service(s)
Self-administration

- Software for starting the operating system
- Allocating network and system access addresses
- Initiating accesses
Self-administration

- Establishing and terminating the connections
- Making secure connections by the provisions by a system on its own without using network administration software when connecting to a network
Service discovery middleware

• Features of self-healing and self-configuring
Self Configuration

- Means establishing and modifying the route information for the connections by a system on its own
Self-healing network

- Means that the network can establish an alternative route when a connection or enroute node breaks
- The discovery of the neighbouring devices and server and interactions done without administering the device
JINI enabled printer

• When placed close to the camera, the latter discovers the former and starts interacting with it
• Prints the selected pictures
Using Bluetooth self discovery protocol (SDP)

- Enable camera placed near a Bluetooth enabled PC discovers that the PC is Bluetooth enabled
- The camera exchanges information with the PC, which downloads the pictures or video clips onto it
Bluetooth enabled PC discovering WiFi LAN

- Downloads MP3 files from the broadband Internet
Service discovery in iPod

- When placed near it, the PC transfers the media files to iPod
- The user can now listen to selected music when mobile
- The iPod can also download photo albums and iTunes from the PC or network
JINI

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JINI

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- RMIs (remote method invocations)
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Scattering of signals

Core Services:

- Lookup for databases of all devices and their services to make available the service of a newly connected device to all other devices. The device querying is by using attribute and value pair. Lookup protocol at client searches service by database lookup using discovery protocol.

- Remote Method Invocation (RMI) to enable invocation (calling) of objects at the other devices for collaborative and distributed computing.

- Discovery to enable a device to become a part of Jini system by using a discovery protocol. Discovery protocol uses lookup service to register the new device.

- Discovery provides a service object to lookup service to join the service. Joining to the lookup service enables not only uploading of descriptions by a client device, but also the Java classes, and downloading of the other device descriptions. Java classes enable use of other device services. Join enables the interaction of API and programs of a device with those of other devices.
JINI JavaSpaces Technology

• A simple and powerful high-level tool — Used for programming collaborative and distributed applications
• Share network-based object space(s)
JINI JavaSpaces Technology Object space

- Associates memory for the distributed objects on the network
- Used both for object storage and as exchange area
- Communicating nodes use the space indirectly
- It creates a simple API for use by source and destination nodes
JINI

- Also includes extensible remote invocation (JINI ERI)
- Enables programming and dynamic computing in a device and provides a platform to create adaptable, scalable, evolvable, and flexible network-centric services
JINI

- Highly adaptive to changes in software and hardware
- Provides spontaneous interactions between devices and network
- A discovery protocol may or may not provide the facility of device querying but JINI makes it possible using the pairs
Service Location Protocol (SLP)

- Enable client device dynamically discover a service
- SLP stack—consists of SLP header and SLP service URL (universal resource locator)
- A URL is a universally accepted unique identifier for resource and thus a location
- SLP URL enables other devices to use the service of the client device
Service Location Protocol (SLP)

- SLP URL provides the location of the device in the network
- SLP advertises its service needs in multicast mode and does not use directory service
Multicast transmission using SLP

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- Client uses a multicast message to discover a service
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SLP

- An alternative to lookup service database in JINI or a service catalogue
- It provides Java classes (program codes) to a client device
SLP differences from JINI

- SLP just provides the lookup for the URLs and description of other devices during discovery phase.
- Does not provide for database lookup, join, and spaces as JINI.
Description

• Specifies a service
• Device textual description at a lookup database service or service catalogue enables a new device to use a service of a specific device
Description

- It is uploaded at the database when a new device joins a network and is downloaded to the new device to let the device discover the services
- It can be in XML
Unicasting service discovery

- Unicast using TCP/IP or any other SDP means that the service discovery is directly by connecting to the lookup service (database/descriptions)
- Each device as well as lookup service has a URL
- These interact through unicasting
Multicasting service discovery

- Means service discovery by a broadcast of the descriptions of the service to a group of devices
- The directory, service catalogue or service database/descriptions multicast and enables service discovery
Multicasting service discovery

- Each device can use a multicast message to discover a service
- Multicast permits dynamic service discovery
- A device receiving a multicast message for a new service uses it to discover that new service
Advertisement for service discovery

- Means a device need not discover a service.
- A new device establishing a connection to a network advertises its services.
- A device disconnecting from the network advertises its disconnection.
- In this way, each device maintains the database or descriptions of the services presently available.
Universal plug and play (UpnP)

- A Microsoft solution for service discovery
- For service and device descriptions
- For use of control points
- For Control for registering the subscription events and withdrawal after subscribed interval
- For Presentation and event notifications (called venting)
UpnP core protocols for the service discovery, description, control, and eventing

Core Services:
- Control point(s) is a registry for any device establishing connection with the network and deregistering the device disconnecting the network.
- Discovery is by new device multicasting messages using SSDP, which uses control point(s) service to register and save device service descriptions for the new device.
- Device sends description when registering its service.
- Eventing advertises the changes in the state or parameters of a device. The control point(s) register these changes (events).
- Control point also registers the events of subscription and withdrawal of time limit (duration) of subscription.
- Interaction between the devices is by peer-to-peer architecture.
Control Point—A registry

- For any device establishing connection with the network or disconnecting from the network
- Provides descriptions and URLs of all devices presently connected to the network and makes available the service of a newly connected device to all other devices
Control Point—A registry

- Does not allow device querying
- Provides only descriptions of device service
Not a part of UpnP—Discovered Device providing the APIs

- For querying
- downloading
- uploading of classes
- A device itself has to be programmed for dynamic computing and adaptability using the descriptions and URLs provided by the control point(s)
Summary

- Service discovery
- Service discovery self-administered, self-configured and self-healing
- Bluetooth SDP
- SLP
- Unicasting, multicasting and advertisement for service discovery
… Summary

- JINI
- Provisions for the lookup for the databases
- RMIs, Joining (binding) of APIs and Spaces

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UpnP
UpnP Provides descriptions and URLs of all devices presently connected to the network
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