

# **IPTV Delivery Architecture**

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- o IPTV is defined as
  - Multimedia services:
    - -Television / video / audio / text / graphics / data
  - Delivered over managed IP based networks providing appropriate
    - -QoS / QoE, security, interactivity and reliability.
- o Key features of IPTV
  - Supportable by NGN
  - Bi-directional networks
  - Real time and non-real time service delivery



### **IPTV Concept & Roles**





# **IPTV Roles** [Domains]

- o Content Provider
  - Owner of content
  - Delivers contents as: Streams, Files, Tapes ...
- o Service Provider
  - Provides IPTV Service
  - Ingests and protects IPTV content
- o Network Provider
  - Delivers streams from Service Provider to Customer
- o Customer
  - Selects and consumes content
  - Pay bills



# Derive Requirements from Service Outlines



#### Linear TV with Local PVR





- Multicast distribution
  - Very low error rate, low latency transmission
    Potential need for network and application layer FEC
  - Multicast control in LAN and WAN
- o QoS in Network
  - Ensure IPTV traffic not disrupted by other traffic — WAN Traffic prioritisation
    - Admission control, especially for Access Network
- o Local Storage in IPTV Terminal
  - PVR, Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- o TV Service
  - User and subscription management



#### **Content on Demand**





### **Content on Demand**

- Unicast distribution
  - Very low error rate, low latency transmission
    - -Error Correction by
      - o Network and application layer FEC
      - Retransmission
- o QoS in Network
  - Ensure IPTV traffic not disrupted by other traffic
    - WAN Traffic prioritisation
    - Admission control, especially for Access Network
- o CoD Service
  - User and subscription management
  - CoD management and control server



#### **Pre-delivered Content on Demand**





**Pre-delivered Content on Demand** 

- o Delivery Options
  - Unicast
    - –Error free reception by protocol
- o Network Control
  - Limited or no Admission Control or QoS
- o Local Storage
  - Delivery and Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- o CoD Service
  - User and subscription management
  - CoD management and control server



### Hybrid: Online and Off-air Delivery





- o Online Requirements
  - As per Content On Demand
- o Off-Air
  - Local Terrestrial or Satellite Receiver
  - Local Storage in IPTV Terminal —PVR, Trick play (Fwd, Rew, Slow ...)
- o Service Requirements
  - As per Linear TV and CoD



## **Service Operational Requirements**

- o Customer Domain
  - Network connection with LAN QoS
  - IPTV Terminal
    - Set Top Box connected to a TV
    - Soft-client on PC or Games Console
- o Service Provider Domain
  - Operational and Business support systems
    - CRM, Fulfilment, Assurance, Configuration, Billing, ...
  - IPTV Application
    - Content identification, selection, purchase, ...
- o Content Provider Domain
  - Production, Contract Management, Encoding, ...



### **Common Network Requirements**

- o Network Transport
  - Multicast streams one to many
  - Unicast streams one to one
  - Point to point IP connectivity
- Network Authentication
  - Normally provided by Home gateway
- Network Upstream & Downstream Control
  - Admission Control
  - Traffic Prioritisation
- o Network Session
  - Multicast long duration, maintained across channel changes
  - Unicast duration same as content



# Add Detail to Domain Model



### **IPTV Functional Components**





## **IPTV Functional Components**

- o Customer
  - Home gateway, Set Top Box, Display, PC, Phones
- o Content Provider
  - Content: Files & Off-air streams
- o Service Provider
  - Streaming, Digital Rights Management (DRM), Service Portal
  - Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Billing
  - Customer Profiles, Customer Identity, Service Management
- o Network Provider
  - Management, Control & Quality of service
  - Transport: Fixed (DSL, Fibre, Cable), Mobile





## **IPTV Domains and Sub-Domains**

- o Customer
  - Home Network
  - Home Devices
- o Service Provider
  - Service Management
  - Service Execution
  - Content Processing, Management & Streaming
- o Network Provider
  - Control & Management
  - Transport: Core, Metro & Access
- o Content Provider



#### **IPTV** Functions





# Consider Delivery Over Real Network Architecture









### **IPTV to NGN Mapping**





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- Multicast streams Supported by NGN: IGMP & UDP
- Unicast streams Supported by NGN: TCP or UDP
- Network Authentication
  - Home gateway to NACF with DHCP / PPPoE
- o Network Downstream Control
  - Admission Control Supported by NGN: RACF
  - Traffic Prioritisation Supported by NGN: MPLS



- o Application Authentication
  - Registration of IPTV Terminal to IPTV Application
- o Multicast Session
  - Long lifetime (hours, days, ...)
    - Maintained when IPTV Terminal is active
    - Not impacted by channel change
  - Initiated by IPTV Application
  - Downstream control
    - Access network via RACE
    - Metro & Core by capacity planning

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# o Unicast Session

- Shorter Lifetime (minutes, hours, ...)
  - Maintained when Content is being streamed
- Initiated by:
  - -Fixed line IPTV: IPTV Application
  - -Mobile IPTV: IMS
- Downstream control
  - -Access, Metro & Core via RACF



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