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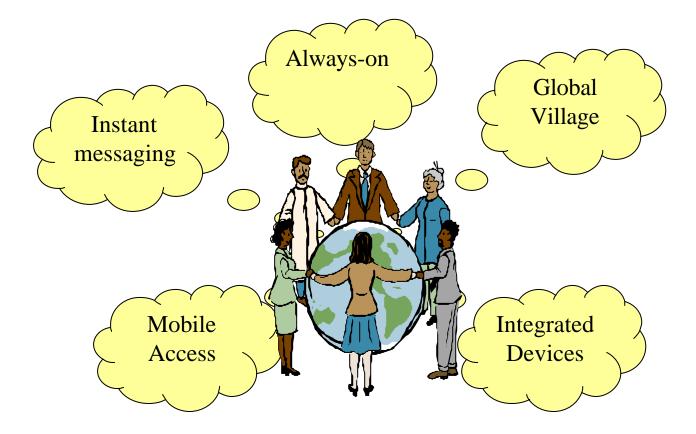


Multi-user operation and roaming over wide area networks

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Technology Evolution Causing Social Revolution





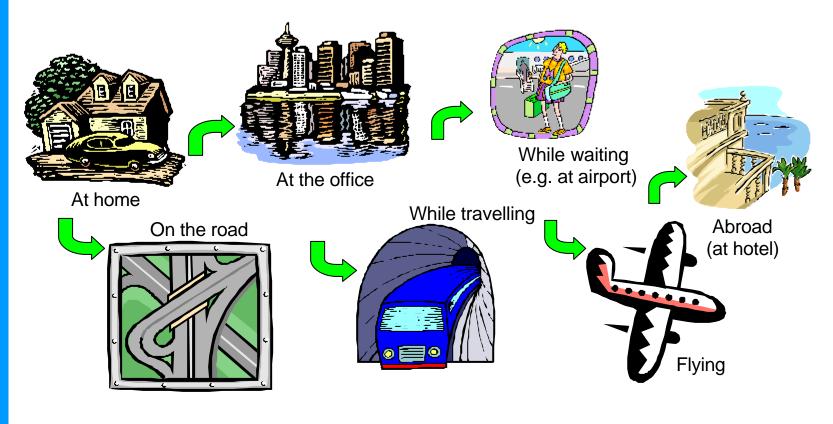
Personal Communicator -Product Evolution

Future personal communication devices will gain functionality, and support all access technologies





Evolution of Service Provider Focus

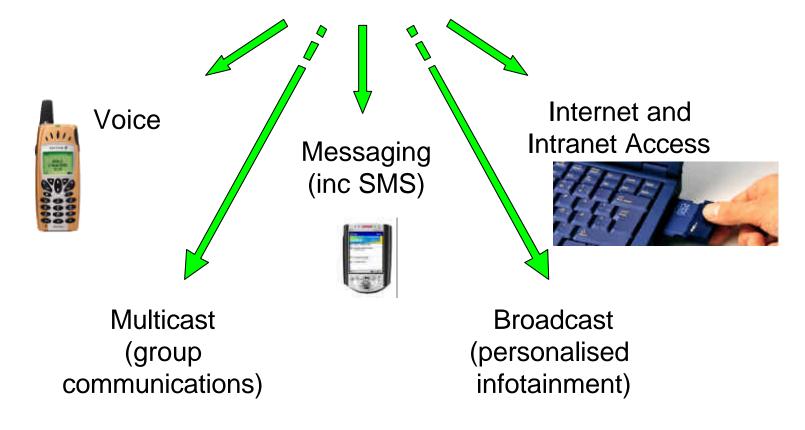


Communications service provider focus is changing from network to service



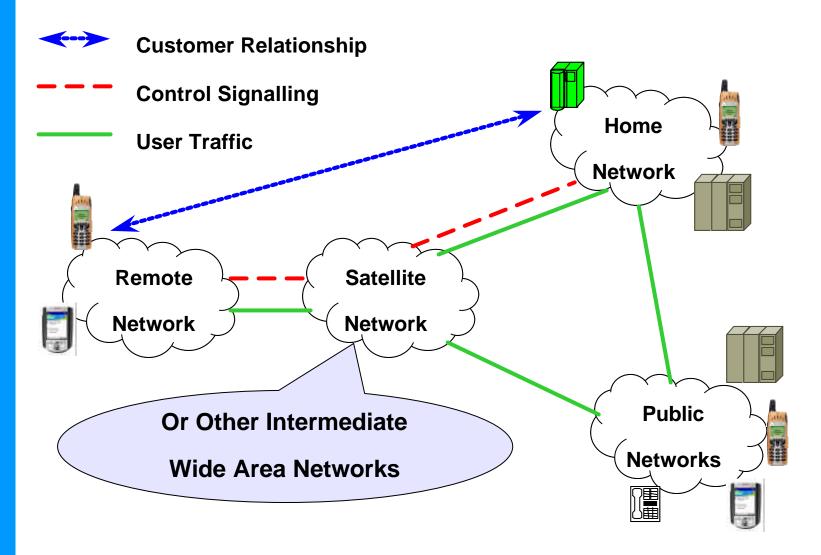
Increasing User Expectations

Users will expect a minimum set of basic services from *their* service provider via *their* preferred personal communicator





Service Model Considerations

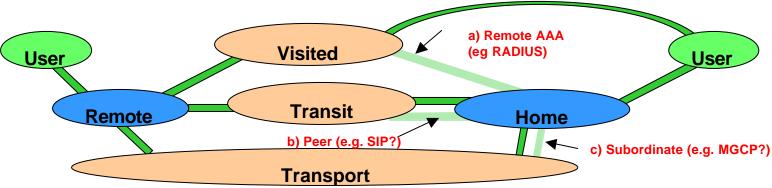




Network Relationships

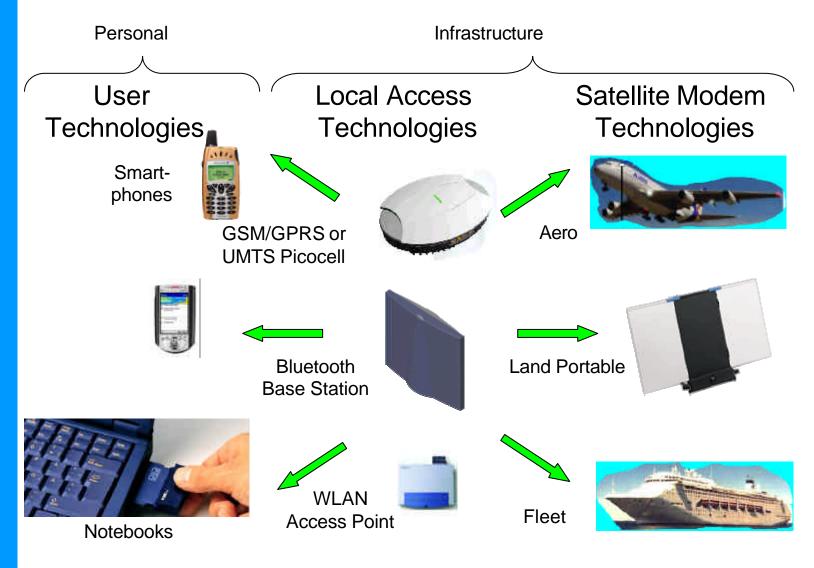
o Intermediate Network Role

- Visited Network (Trusted peer)
- Transit Network (Un-trusted peer)
- Transport Network (Subordinate)
- Other





Local Access Technologies





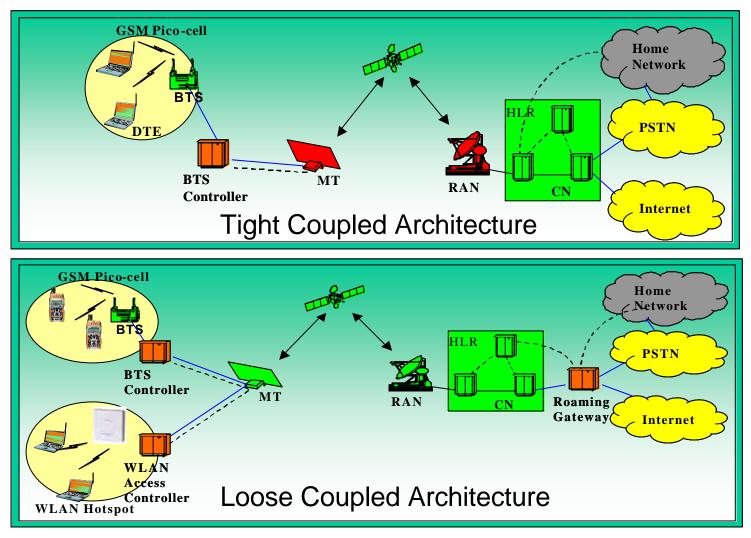
Tight vs Loose Coupled Architectures

- o Tight-coupled
 - Remote Network is extension of Satellite Network
 - Satellite Network appears as Visited Network
 - Changes to satellite network required for each new remote network technology
 - QoS an internal resource problem
 - Native Routing

- o Loose Coupled
 - Remote Network reached across Satellite Network
 - Satellite Network is a Transit or Transport Network
 - Changes to gateways required for each new remote network technology
 - QoS an external interface problem!
 - Routing at edge

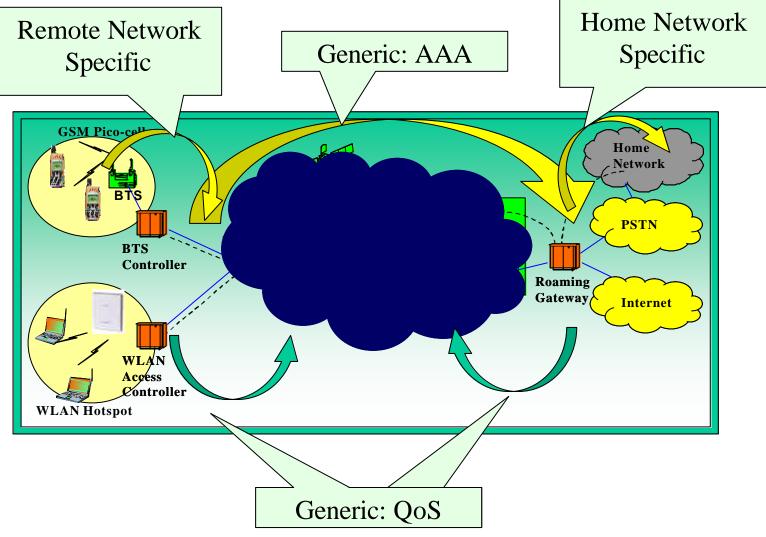


Tight vs Loose Coupled Inmarsat BGAN Example





Inter-Network Interfaces





Inter-network Protocols (Examples)

o AAA

- Should be extensible, eg. RADIUS
- Intermediate
 Network may act
 as a Proxy if
 operating as a
 Transit Network

o QoS

- Session Description (SDP) to allow Resource Optimisation
 - SIP → Transit
 - Megaco → Transport
- Generic QoS
 - RSVP



Opportunities

- A solution to this problem is a solution to the generic problem of supporting roaming across multiple domains, where resources are constrained in the wide area network for example:
 - 2G/3G over 3G (eg on trains)
 - 3G over fixed ISDN/ ADSL (eg in remote office / hotel / home)



Challenges?

o There is one overriding challenge...o Interfaces at mobile domain...

- How should applications running on an external device request services from a mobile network?
 - This problem exists in all current mobile networks → all current interface definitions are inadequate!

STANDARDISATION IS REQUIRED