

Ad-hoc NDN Relay with MicroForwarder

- Motivation and problem statement
 - Many constrained environments have a good LAN but low-bandwidth Internet connectivity.
 - Use the NDN-JS MicroForwarder to communicate with multicast peers and relay to the Internet.
- Contribution to NDN
 - Enable “locally promiscuous” communication from the browser
 - A protocol to leverage NDN to optimize communication to the Internet
- Tasks
 - Design/implement a protocol for local computers to discover the relays and for multiple relays to coordinate who should be responsible for forwarding local packets to the Internet.
 - Implement a content store in the MicroForwarder suitable for the relay.
 - Implement a demo application that allows local computers to stream large files (videos, images) from the NDN testbed over the relay.

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- Required knowledge for participants
 - JavaScript
 - Basic understanding about ad-hoc networks
 - Experience in browser extension development is a plus
- Expected outcome
 - Demonstrate multiple computer browser apps fetching the same large content through one connection to the Internet.
 - Collect basic measurement of the MicroForwarder throughput to evaluate the feasibility of video streaming using the JavaScript MicroForwarder relay and Python multicast app.
 - Demonstrate cross-browser compatibility (Firefox and Chrome, at least)
 - Extra bonus: Demonstrate multiple computer browser apps fetching from NDNFS on the LAN.