Safeguarding and Charging for Information on the Internet

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Introduction

- Main Components of electronic commerce (E-Commerce) system
- Stanford Research Projects
 - Payment Mechanism Independence
 - Shopping Model Architecture
- Content Delivery Problem and Possible Solution
 - Delivery Dilemma
 - Copy Protection & Detection
- Conclusion

Components to Build up E-Commerce (Slide 1)

• Ordering System

- General purpose web browser

• Payment System

- Mid-1990's several payment provider turn up
 - CyberCash
 - e-cash from DigiCash
 - Visa
- Credit-based or Debit-based
- Common Goal transfer money from buyer's account to seller's account



Components to Build up E-Commerce (final)

• Delivery System

- Two approaches
 - Delivery products *electronically* or *physically* to buyer

• Problem

Ordering, Payment & Delivery System are stand alone services

Solutions

- Three Approaches
 - Commerce Servers: The "Buy" Approach
 - Universal Protocol: The "Build" Approach
 - Outsourcing: The "Rent" Approach

Stanford Research Projects (Slide 1)

• Payment Mechanism Independence

- Many payment providers exits nowadays
- Standardized payment interface is highly desirable
- Stanford developed a standardized interface to isolate different & complexity named as U-PAI
- U-PAI stand for Universal Payment Application Interface

Stanford Research Projects (Slide 2)

Advantage of U-PAI

- Reduce complexity of payment system
- Neither customer's nor buyer's code need to change
- Compatibles with old payment
- All remote calls are asynchronous and nonblocking
- Callback are implement



Figure 1: An E-cash Transaction using U-PAI

Stanford Research Projects (final)

• Shopping Model Architecture

- Style of Shopping
 - Pay First then Delivery Later
 - Delivery First then Pay Later
- The Goal of shopping model architecture allow customer and seller's to agree upon on shopping style



Figure 2: A high level view of a shopping model

Content Delivery Problem

• Dilemma

- Positive on E-Commerce
 - Attract more buyers on market
 - Lower delivery costs
- Negative on E-Commerce
 - Illegal copies can be make easier relatively

Possible Solutions (Slide 1)

- Copy Protection
 - Placing information on stand-alone CD-ROM
 - Using encryption to protect product
 - IBM introduced Cryptolopes
- Still impossible to avoid illegal copy
 - Once customer buy a product, he/she can reproduce

Possible Solutions (Slide 2)

• Watermarks

- Use steganographic techniques to hide additional information into digital content
- Say put customer's credit card no on the image, so who make illegal copies can be detect
- Watermarks can be remove by Reverse engineer
- More efficient than Copy Protection

Possible Solutions (Slide 3)

- Copy Detection System
 - Register all original copy to database
 - Using similarity matching to detect whether the found copy is illegal
 - Accuracy is very important, not matter the how the illegal copy changed

Possible Solutions (final)

• Stanford Copy Analysis Mechanism (SCAM)

– Chunking

- Chunk documents into parts & save to database
- So matching copy will be easier
- Filtering Expensive Tests
 - Use a cheaper detection first
 - Applied a expensive filter to do a test again
- Selecting Text Databases and Extracting Documents
 - Find out original copy out of database using query or statistics
- Indexing Data Windows
 - Owner's interested in when their work copied
 - Using index to keep track of period

Conclusion

- This paper introduction solution on different payment mechanisms
- Protection on product study in this paper is still no enough