

Secure Messaging Platform as a Service (SMPaaS)

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Background

Previous prototype collaboration
framework:

- Data Distribution Service (DDS) Transport

- Operational Transformations (OT)

- Nodejs + Electron.js

Submitted SMPaaS proposal to DARPA

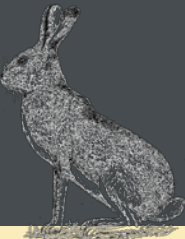
- Distributed Hash Tables (DHT)

- Communication routing

- Blockchain

- Ledger-like data storage

Alternative transport protocols in mind



SMPaaS Introduction

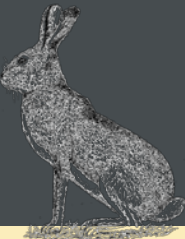
Packaged software that allows for entity collaboration with ease

Manages and records authentic communication between systems and users.

Developed from the ground up with proven building blocks

Data replication

Network auto-connect



Technologies

Data Distribution Services (DDS)

- Interoperable transport protocol

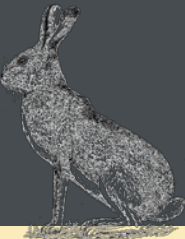
- Secure

Distributed Hash Tables (DHT)

Blockchain

Operational Transformation

- Traceability



Security

DDS Security for now

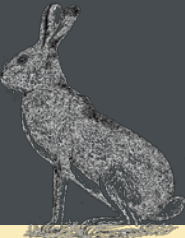
Open to support other transport framework

Must adhere to current security constructs such as 2 Factor Auth

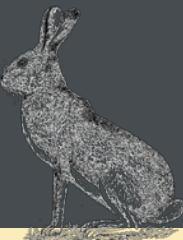
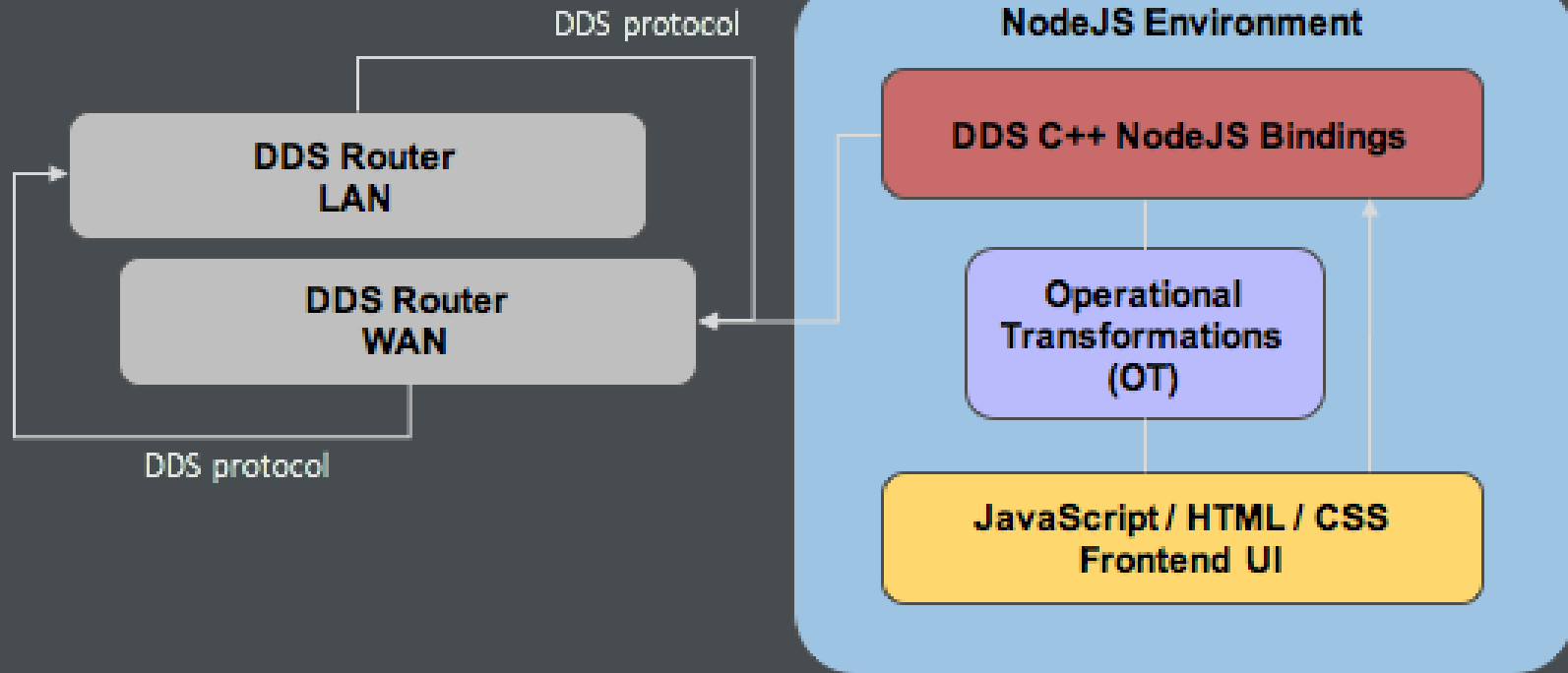
Secure Messaging Platform (SMP) Node Consensus Algorithms ensures

Authenticity of messages and operations

Blockchain ledger-like activity over network



Current Architecture



Security Reference Architecture

Confidentiality

Authentication

X.509 Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) with a pre-configured Certificate Authority (CA).

Access Control

Specified permissions signed by CA control over domains, topics, read/write, and Quality of Service (QOS).

Cryptography

Protected key distribution, AES128 and AES256 encryption.

Integrity

Cryptography

HMAC-SHA1 and HMAC-SHA256 for message integrity.

Blockchain

Public and distributed ledger of all operational messages. All nodes in the network maintain a copy of the blockchain.

Data-Tagging

Classifies messages being sent across the network. Tags can provide valuable data including confidential parameters.

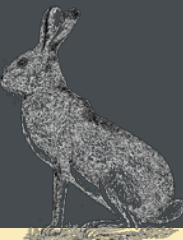
Availability

Non-Repudiation

Nodes or Recording Nodes manage the distribution of data throughout the network. Distribution of data can be customizable through full replication or segmented replication of data.

Network Address Translation (NAT) Relay

Nodes sitting behind a firewall or specific types of NATs can be setup with a NAT Relay Node to manage the network of nodes behind the NAT.



Architecture Layers

Application Layer

Message Creation

Bindings that provide the application with an API to operate the node.

User Interface

Allows for user input to send or receive messages.

Secure Messaging Platform (SMP) Node

Operation History & State

Records and applies operational messages in order to provide history and current state.

Distributed Hash Table (DHT)

Distributed database of all nodes in the network.

Data Distribution Service

Manages all SMPaaS message transfers and network domain security.

Blockchain

Stores encrypted meta-data for messages within blocks that can never be deleted.

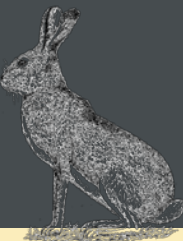
Data Distribution Service

Publish / Subscribe

Provides transport API calls and transfer of data across the DDS Protocol.

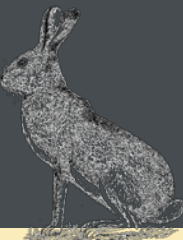
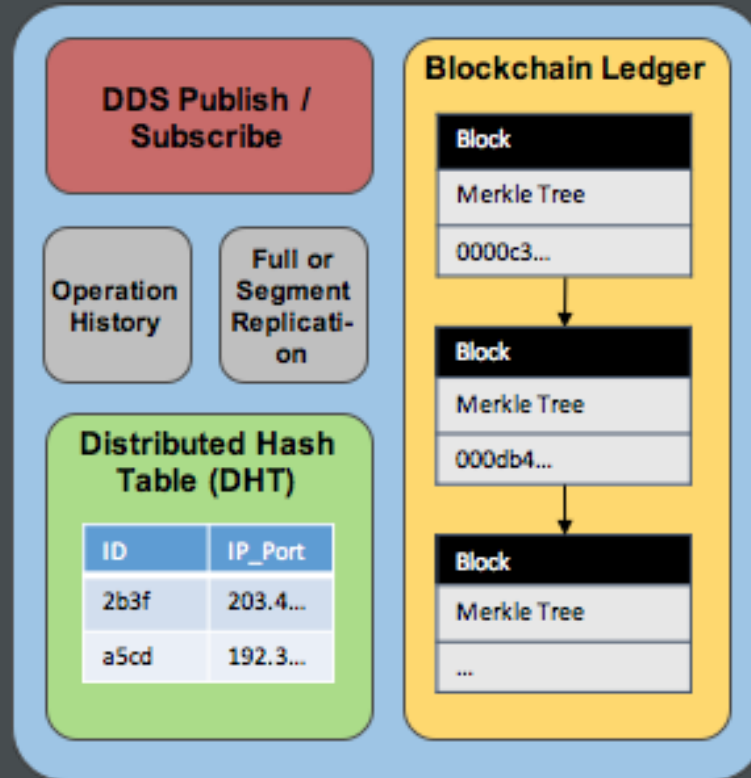
DDS Secure

Handles encryption and decryption of data before and after transfer on the DDS Protocol.

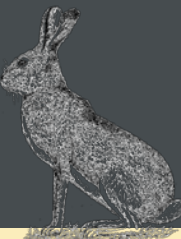
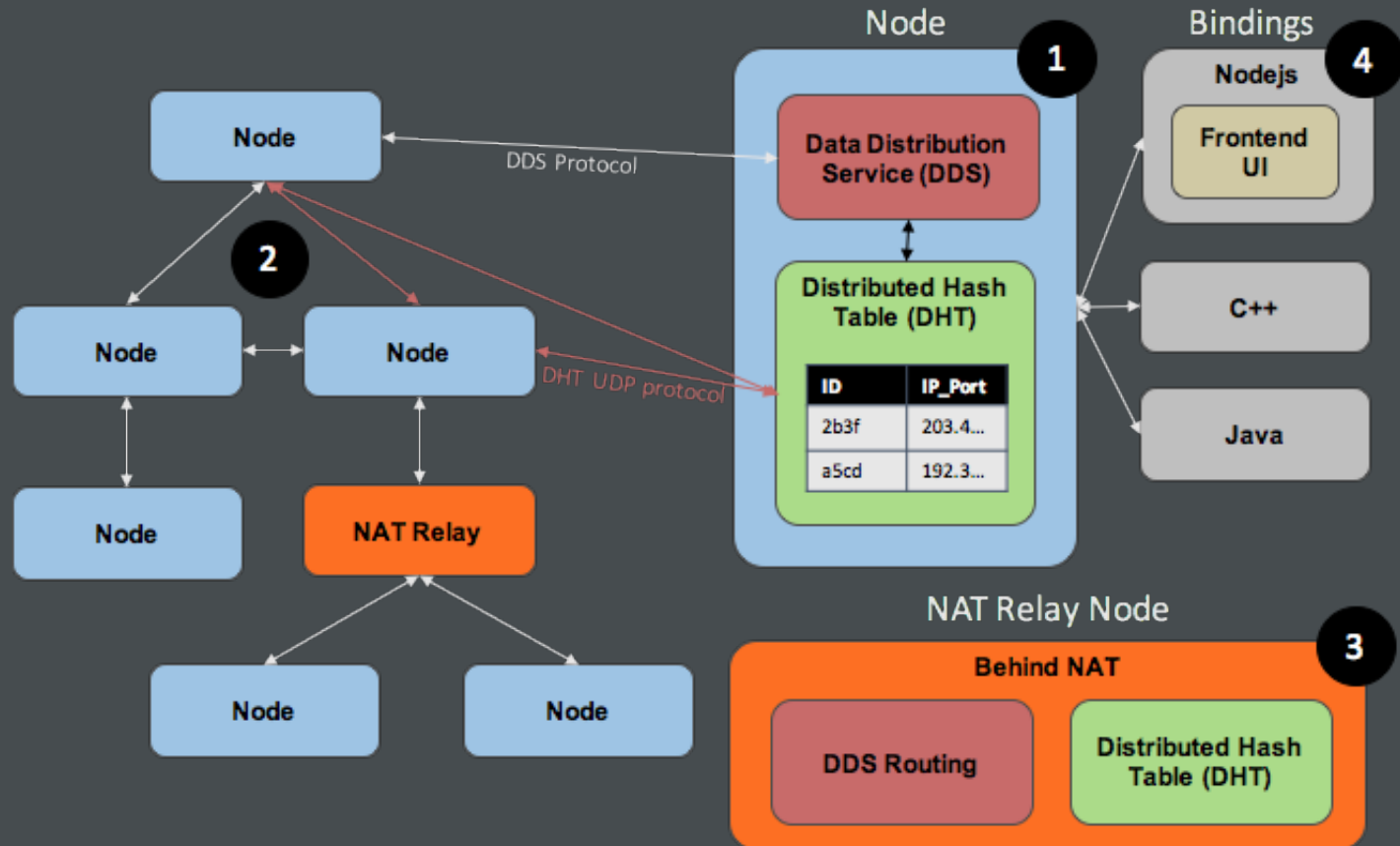


SMP Node Architecture

Node / Recording Node

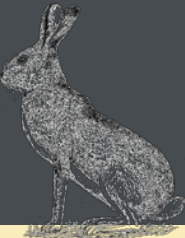


Network Architecture



Demo

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What is Secure Messaging Platform as a

SMPaaS will be designed to work equally well for both military applications in the Department of Defense (DoD) and for Federal/commercial business applications, with virtually any type of payload. SMPaaS messaging could be used *for* almost anything: collaborative document editing, financial transactions, vehicle communication in automated transportation systems, telemetry data for the health of any space or IT system, email systems, even flight crew/command center communication between nations in coalition military actions. SMPaaS messaging could be used *between* almost anything: human-human communication, or machine-machine communication in the Internet of Things (IoT). One appeal of SMPaaS will be its ability to perfectly record an audit trail of messages sent in a distributed ledger, so that an after-action review can reconstruct who said what when. Auditing is a vital need in our world of accountability for compliance with rules and regulations (e.g., Rules of Engagement, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)), and for detection of fraud and tracing the origins of phishing.

