

WAP (Wireless App Protocol)

- In a mobile network wireless data are delivered with several constraints. As mobile devices are of small size and weight, it has smaller display and keyboard, less powerful CPU and small memory capacity it has limited bandwidth, low degree of reliability. Hence the protocol used here internet is not suitable for mobile network.
- In order to address above mentioned problem Ericsson, Motorola, Nokia and Phone.com founded wireless app protocol (WAP) forum. The WAP forum has drafted a set of global wireless protocol specification for many wireless network. Most handset manufacturers have committed to WAP enable devices.
- To converge wireless data and internet WAP integrate a light weight web browser into handheld device with limited computing and memory capacity.
- The WAP implemented on both the WAP gateway and WAP handsets enable a mobile user to access internet web application through client server model.

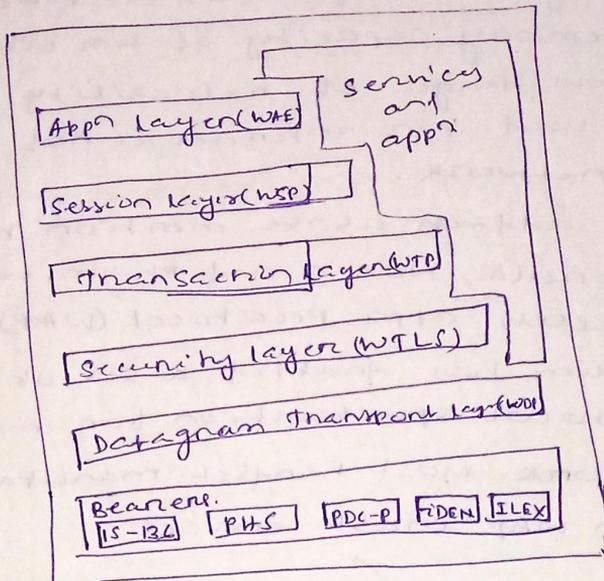
WIRELESS APPLICATION PROTOCOL

- WAP is an universal open standard developed by the WAP forum to provide web browser mobile users of wireless phones and other wireless terminals.
- WAP standard represents the first successful attempt to establish a broadly accepted environment for delivering information, data and service to both enterprise and consumer users over wireless network.

→ WAP is based on existing internet standard such as IP, XML, HTML and HTTP.

→ It also include security features.

WAP Architecture:



WAP Standard is a set of standard which together define

(1) how wireless data handset communicates with the wireless network and how content and services are delivered and execute to their handsets

→ Using these standards the handset can establish a connection to a WAP data infrastructure request content, and service from infrastructure

(2) WAP is based on layered architecture

The WAP stack is similar to the OSI network model. The architecture consists of a set of service encompassing network protocol, security and application environment

→ The WAP Standard is layered i.e. one layer rests on top of another and therefore depend on another to provide service

→ Each layer on the network infrastructure are exposed to the interface layer above it

→ Layer are symmetric i.e they run both on the client device and network infrastructure.

Advantage

- Layering allows the design of each protocol to involve independently of the other protocol. Each layer assumes that the layer below it has a particular set of capabilities and provides a particular set of capabilities to the layer above it.
- Layering allow subset of the standard to be implemented.
- Layering permits effective bridging to internet protocol world over both internet and WWW and layers.
- Layering support the principle of separability.

Disadvantage:

- Layered protocol implementation is more difficult to optimize and maintain.
- Layered protocol tends to be less efficient.

WAP gateway:

- WAP gateway is located between the origin server and mobile network.
- WAP gateway utilize web proxy technology to provide efficient wireless access to the internet.
- A proxy plays role of both server and client.
- WAP gateway handset can't directly communicate with the origin server.
- On the internet side, WAP gateway translate request from the WAP protocol stack to the internet protocol stack.
- WAP gateway support the DNS service to resolve the domain name used in URL.
- It also provide quick response to the WAP handset by aggregating data from different origin server.

WAP protocol:

HTML/
Java

Wireless APP Environment
(APP Layer) (WAE)

HTTP

Wireless session protocol
(Session Layer) (WSP)

Wireless transaction protocol
(Transaction Layer) (WTP)

SSL/TLS

Wireless transport layer
(Transport Layer) (WTLS)

TCP/IP

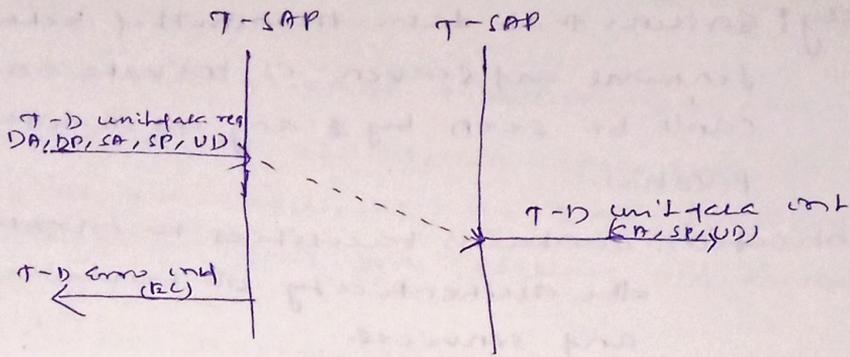
Wireless datagram protocol
(Transport Layer) (WDP)

UDP/IP

IP-based wireless bearer (GPRS)	Non-IP based wireless bearer (SMS)
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WDP (Wireless datagram protocol)

- The transport layer protocol in WAP is called WDP
- It operates above bearer service and offers a consistent service to upper layer
- WDP offers similar function like UDP and T-SAP
- UDP provides port addressing for IP based bearer service
- WDP offers source and destination port numbers used for multiplexing and demultiplexing of data
- The service is initiated by sending a datagram



- T-D unit data req with destination address (DA), Destination port (DP), source Address (SA), source port and user data (UD)
- DA and SA are unique address of receiver and sender which can be IP-address or PCRN number
- T-D unit data cont service indicates the reception of data. Here DA, DP are optional
- If that request can't be fulfilled by WDP then an error is indicated with T-D error ind service
- An error code (EC) is returned indicating reason for the error to higher layers.

WTLS (Wireless Transport Layer Security)

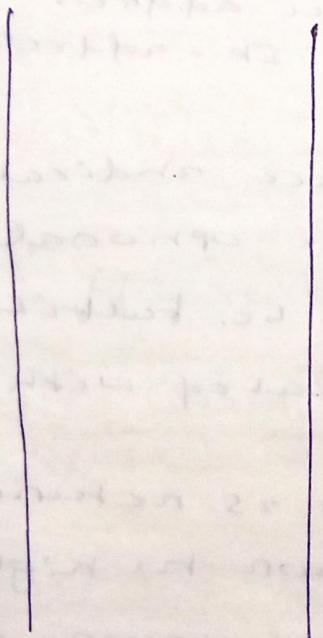
- WTLS is a security protocol based on TLS
- If request by an app, a security service can be integrated on the WAP architecture on top of WDP.
- WTLS can provide diff. level of security for privacy, authentication and data integrity.
- WTLS takes into account the low processing power and very limited memory capacity and it's usable for cryptographic algorithms
- WTLS support datagram and connection oriented transport layer protocol
- WTLS provides

* Data integrity: ensure that data sent betw terminal and server is unchanged

* privacy: ensure that data transmitted between terminal and server is private and can't be seen by any intermediate parties.

* Authentication: contains facilities to establish the authenticity of terminal and services.

→ TLS divide the whole transaction by 2 sub-
→ originator
→ peer.



Wireless transaction protocol:

WTP run on top of a datagram service and provides transaction oriented protocol that is suitable for implementation in thin client such as mobile phone WTP other following advantage

→ improve reliability over datagram service

→ improve efficiency over connection oriented service

→ support for transaction oriented service.

WTP supports three class of transaction service

• class 0: unreliable with no result message

• class 1: reliable with no result message

• class 2: reliable with one result message

WTP achieved reliability using duplicate removal, retransmission, acknowledgement and unique transaction identification.

- WTP allows for asynchronous transaction, abort of transaction, connection of message and can support report success or failure of reliable message

- For reliable transmission of message three service primitives are offered by WTP are as follows

• TR- invoke: this used to initiate a transaction

• TR- result: this used to send back a result of previously initiated transaction

• TR- abort: this used to abort a normal transaction

WSP: (Wireless session protocol)

- WSP provides connection orient service on top of WTP.

- It provides a consistent interface between two session service.

- WSP protocol is based on concept of request and a reply
- Each WSP protocol data unit consist of a body and header.
- WSP provides application with an interface for two session services
- The connection oriented session service operates above WTP and connectionless operates above WDP.
- WSP offers following general features need for content exchange.

i) session management: WSP introduce a session that can be established from a client to a server and may exist for a long time.

ii) capacity negotiation: Client and server can agree upon a common level of functionality based upon a common level of functionality to suit the capacity of a mobile. depending upon parameter such as client size, server size and maximum request it handle.

iii) content encoding: It defines encoding for transferring the content.

WAE (Wireless APP Environment)

The objective of WAE is to provide an interoperable environment to build wireless service among operators and service provider. It offers a framework for the integration of different world wide web and mobile telephony app. The major element of WAE are

a) wireless telephony app: A collection of telephony feature for call mechanism.

b) Content generator: Appⁿ on origin server that produces standard content format in response to request

c) User Agent: User agent signifies an agent who work on behalf of user

d) WML: It is a markup language optimized for use on wireless devices to HTML.

WML: (wireless markup language)

- WML was designed to describe the content and format for presenting data on devices with limited bandwidth, limited screen size, limited user input capability.
- It is designed to work with telephone keypads, stylus and other input devices common to mobile wireless communication.
- WML permits the scaling of displays for use on two line screen found on small devices as well as the large screen found in smart phone.

- For an ordinary pc a web browser provides the contents in the form of a web coded with HTML.
- To translate an HTML coded webpage into WML with content and format suitable for wireless device much of the information especially graphics and animation must be stripped away. WML presents ~~present~~ mainly text based information that attempts to capture the essence of web page and that is organized for easy access for users of mobile devices.

Important features:

- Text and image support: Formatting and layout command are provided for text and limited image capability.
- Deck/Card organization: WML documents are subdivided into small, well defined unit of user interaction called cards. User navigate by moving back and forth betn card. A card specifies one or more unit of interaction. A WML deck is similar to an HTML page in that it is identified by a web address (URL) and is the unit of content transmission.
- Support for navigation among card:
WML include provision for event handling.

- WML is tagged language similar to HTML in which individual language elements are designed by lowercase tag, enclosed in angle bracket.

- Typically WML definition of a card begin with non visible portion which contain executable element followed the visible content.

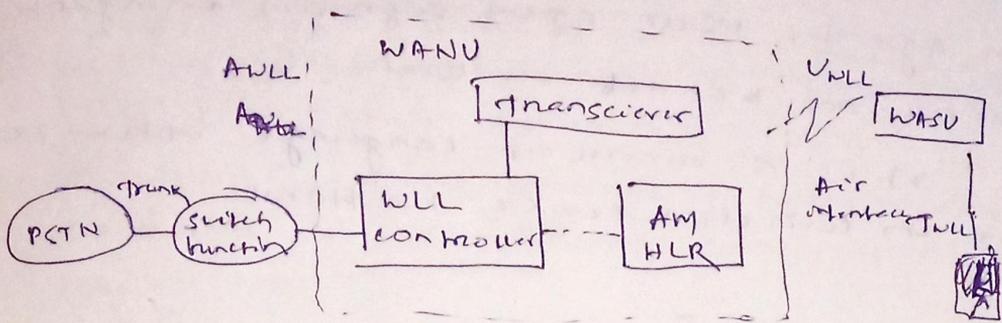
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<P>
  Hello WAP World
</P>
</card> </WML>
  
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WLL:

- It provides two way calling service to the stationary or fixed users which is intended to replace the wireline counterpart.
- It is a system that connects a subscriber to PSTN using wireless technology and use radio signal to provide standard telephone service.
- It is a broadcast communication system that uses high frequency radio link to deliver voice and data without fibre optic cables.
- In telephony loop is defined as the circuit connecting a subscriber station with the terminating equipment in a central office.
- The trunk starts from the central office on the loop and are broken down into several smaller bundle of circuit after some distance from the central office.
- These circuit are eventually separated into individual drops to the residence houses.
- The central office switch is typically the first point of traffic concentration in the PSTN.
- New installation use fibre optics to connect residential neighbourhood or business campus to the central office.

Architecture



In this fig. the wireless access network unit consists of ~~BTS~~ Base station Transceiver (BST) or radio port (RP), the radio controller (RPCU) an access manager (AM) and HLR as required.

- The interface betw WANU and switch is called AWLL
- The air interface between WANU and the user side is called UWLL.
- The WANU should provide for the authentication and privacy of the air interface, radio resource management, limited mobility management and over-the-air registration of subscriber units (SU).
- It may also be required to provide operation and maintenance (OAMP), routing, billing and switching function as necessary.
- The WANU also provide protocol conversion and transcoding of voice and data.
- The wireless access subscribe unit (WASU) provide an air interface towards the network and a traditional interface Tull to the subscriber.
- The interface include protocol conversion, and transcoding, authentication function, local power, OAMP, dual tone multi frequency (DTMF)

WCDMA:

→ The international telecommunication union (ITU) identified 230 MHz of spectrum in the 2 GHz band to implement the E-UTRA system on a worldwide basis for satellite and terrestrial components.

Aim - is to provide universe coverage enabling terminals to have seamless roaming across multiple network.

→ network using WCDMA is called UMTS.

→ UMTS (universal mobile telecom service) uses WCDMA as radio access technology.

→ this network started evolving from GSM network

→ the entire network is divided into two subnets

(1) Radio access network.

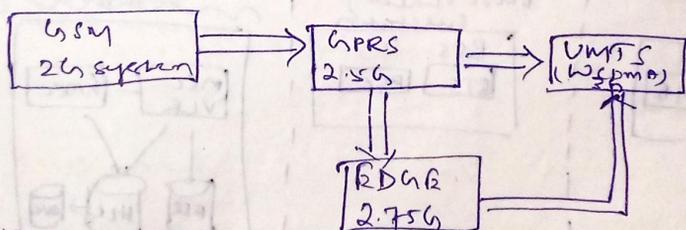
(2) core network

→ the first release of UMTS is focused to change the radio access network

→ the network for radio access is called as universal terrestrial radio access network (UTRAN)

→ the next release change the core network to make it an IP network

→ Evolution path of UMTS



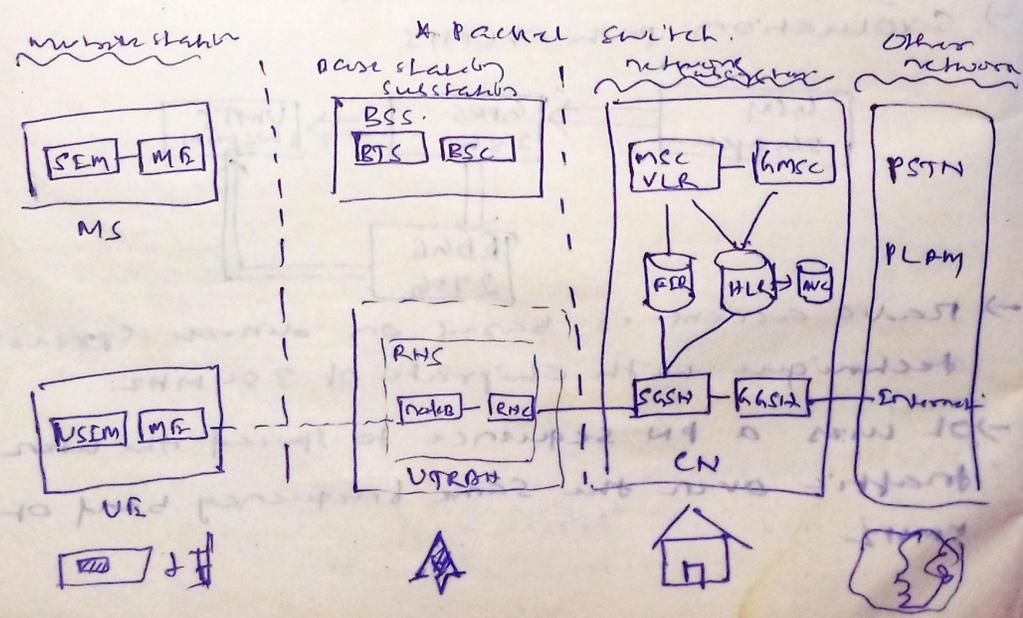
→ Radio access is based on direct spread (DS) technique with chip rate of 3.84 MHz

→ It uses a PN sequence to spread the user traffic over the same frequency band of 5 MHz

- > on the receiver side the same PN code is used to demodulate the data.
- > As it is wider than the conventional CDMA one system so it is referred as wideband CDMA (W-CDMA)
- > W-CDMA supports two modes of duplexing
 - FDD
 - TDD
- > For uplink FDD was 1920 - 1980 MHz
- > For downlink " " 2110 - 2170 MHz
- > In TDD different timeslot for uplink and downlink are assigned in same frequency band. It supports asynchronous data transfer.

UMTS network Architecture:

- > The major change is made in radio access network which is based on WCDMA and ATM
- > UMT architecture has 3 main functional entities
 - (i) user equipments.
 - (ii) UMTS
 - (iii) core network (CN) which is also divided into
 - * circuit switch
 - * packet switch.



UE: (User equipment)

- > UE replaces MS used in GSM/GPRS network
- > Every UE contains one or more USIM which is a user subscription to UMTS mobile network
- > It contains all relevant data that enable access into subscribed network
- > USIM is downloadable and can be accessed via air interface and modified by network
- > It can also execute Java application

Node B:

- > The base station used in UMTS is known as Node-B which replaces BTS.
- > It provides the physical radio link between the UE and the network
- > The access technique used by Node B is CDMA and support high data rate
- > It perform following tasks.
 - i) power control
 - ii) report to RNC
 - iii) combine the receive signal coming from multiple sector of the antenna

-> three types of Node-B are possible

i) UTRA-FDD NodeB

ii) UTRA-TDD

iii) Dual mode

RNC: (Radio network controller)

- > It replace BSC of GSM/GPRS network. It is interfaced with CS of a GSM core network to handle circuit switched calls and with SGSN for packet data transport.

- It is also interconnected to other RNCs which is a new feature in UMTS.
- It segregates the packet switched and circuit switched call and routes to appropriate location.
- RNC performs the tasks as admission control, radio bearer management, power control and general management.

3G MSC: It is much superior than 2G MSC. It has to handle speech across the ATM over the interface to circuit switch connection with adaptive multirate.

- So a new node is connected to RNC and MSC called interworking function which is responsible for transcoding speech into 64 kbps.