Phased Deployment of RGs



RG Deployment -The Incremental Change





First Generation RGs

- These are not IP based devices & have low bandwidth
- Digital set-top box RGs
 - Broadcast TV into the home
- Utility-centric RGs
 - Enable automated meter reading (AMR), energy optimization, management & monitoring
- PCs
- Gaming consoles





Second Generation RGs

- Devices that bridge one WAN pipe to one LAN connection
- Configurations are digital modems connected to a PC or stand alone devices with the intelligence to handle all of these functions without the aid of a PC
- Conduct majority of routing functions & IP address mgmt
- Broadband access termination devices with integrated LAN hubbing routing functionality
 - Example: Cayman's ADSL 3220H router/RG
 - Example: General Instruments-Motorola's DCT 5000+ Advanced Interactive Digital Consumer Terminal





Second Generation RGs

- PC-based architecture RG
 - Example: Ericsson's E-Box
- Set-top box RG
 - Has the necessary home routing functionality
 - Example: Next level Communications N3 RG
- Smart phones
 - Example: Global Converging Technologies or Home Wireless Networks, Cisco, Alcatel, Nokia, Nortel, Ericsson
- These devices are targeted by service providers & equipment OEMs for wide scale deployment as RGs in the next 2-3 years



Third Generation RGs

- Will have capabilities to terminate several LAN & WAN types
 - Multiple types of WAN connections (wireless, DSL, cable)
 - Multiple LAN connections (Ethernet, RF, HPNA, powerline)
- More expensive given the high degree of modularity
- Will be owned by the consumer
 - Service providers do not inherently share CPE equipment
 - Unless channel & pricing model changes this is not realistic
- Example
 - Sharegate's RG





Third Generation RGs



Conceptual 3rd Generation RG Supporting Multiple WAN & LAN Interface



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RG - Classification Model

RG Functionality Complex

Simple

Convergence Gateway Terminates a specific broadband network & enables multiple services & applications (e.g.: Advanced Set-Top Box)

Whole-House Gateway

Terminates all external networks & enables all services to the home (e.g.: RG Group's Concept)

Service Specific Gateway Terminates a specific external network & enables a specific service (e.g.: Network NIU Device)

Thin-Server Gateway

Terminates multiple or any external networks & enables one or more services (e.g.: Ericsson's e-Box)

Single Network

Source: Parks Associates



Multiple Networks



Early Products

First generation products are already shipping

- Products available from IBM, 2Wire, Panja
- Began shipping in late 1999
- Distribute broadband connectivity throughout the home via phoneline, RF & powerline

Initial focus

Connecting & sharing high-speed Internet, phone services & networking among PCs and computer peripherals





Preferred Provider for Bundled Services





Drivers to RG Deployment

Service providers expanding into integrated services

- Voice, cable & wireless industries are moving to expand their market opportunity beyond their traditional service model
- Providing multiple services over one broadband connection
- RG provides the ability to enable multiple services
- Providing non-native services through the access network
- Internet
 - Massive influence on business & consumers
 - IP bits will one day flow around the house in applications such as entertainment, home automation, security
 - RG will be the device controlling the flow of the bits between the home networking nodes & Internet





Drivers to RG Deployment

- New market opportunity for hardware equipment & silicon vendors
- Smart home construction
 - Incorporating structured wiring into the homes makes them smarter homes
 - Requires an RG that manages the network & controls the access to devices for the external network
- Low cost PCs
 - Leveraging one Internet connection for multiple PCs





Drivers to RG Deployment

- Widespread deployment of home networking
- Always-on broadband connection
 - Necessary for security & home automation services
 - Transforms the Internet into a viable broadcast advertising medium
- New entertainment options/applications
 - Interactive TV or intermingling of Internet & TV broadcasting will result in new entertainment & advertising models
 - Digital TV roll out will result in the demand for new specialized broadcasts & increase in channel capacity





Hurdles to RG Deployment

- Unclear ownership/economic model
 - Standards
 - Cost
- Current services are reliable & cheap
 - Service providers must compete against their legacy services and brands
 - POTS, cable & satellite service is reliable & cheap
- Support issues
 - Service providers need to enable remote support & diagnosis
 - Limit the end-user interaction





Hurdles to RG Deployment

- Immature technology
 - Different home networking technologies are in different stages of maturity
 - Phoneline networking is most widespread
 - Lot of work needs to be done at the physical connection layer & above
 - Microsoft, Sun & others continue to create separate software & APIs to simplify connectivity
 - VoDSL & Voice over cable are still immature compared to the reliable switched voice





Enabling Electronic Services

<u>Services Gateway</u> - Concept is being enabled by network operators or service providers (SP) such as telephone operators, ISP, cable TV operators, utilities



Convergence of Residential Service Industries

Utility Industries

Security Industries

Communication Industries





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Residential

e-Services

Drivers of the e-Services Market

- Opportunities are being created for network operators to provide e-Services to residential users
 - The networked home allows incumbent & new players to provide a range of advanced value added services
 - Differentiate themselves from the competition
 - Managing customer relationships
 - Shift from owning & maintaining infrastructures
- Technology & industry deregulation
 - Rapidly changes the way companies addressing the residential market define & conduct their business





Emerging e-Services

Business opportunity for service providers - Bundling of the following e-Services types such as communication, entertainment, security services, energy service, home automation & home care

- Communication & entertainment
 - Shared Internet access
 - PC, TV, Web phones, gaming consoles
 - Ability to network multiple devices in the home
 - New telephony services such as IP telephony
- Security services, home automation & control
 - Facilitate new & more advanced services
 - Remote monitoring & control through standard Internet browser or mobile phone





Emerging e-Services

Energy services

- Key drivers Deregulation in the energy industry
 - e-Services create new revenues as prices & margins fall
 - Secure customer loyalty on a huge new market
 - Prevent new entrants from highly competitive industries like banking & retail to develop customer relationships
- Automatic meter reading (AMR)
 - Customers in the same local distribution network start buying energy from different suppliers
 - Need arises to measure hourly consumption by consumer
 - Benefits in network optimization, load balancing & outage detection for distribution companies





Emerging e-Services

- Home automation
 - Ease of use & penetration of network-enabled devices
- Home care
 - Key drivers
 - Aging population in developed countries around the world
 - Desire to bridge increasing geographical distances
 - Providing elderly & physically challenged persons with security & monitoring services
 - Providing communication services such as home shopping & video telephony





Requirements of an e-Services Infrastructure

- New e-service infrastructure must use existing technologies & standards
 - Complement & build upon current solutions
- Flexible, open & modular infrastructure
 - Accommodation of a range of communication protocols
 - Allow individual components rather than entire solutions to be replaced as new technologies are introduced
- Consumers should not have to administer any part of the infrastructure
 - Professional & remote system management for operation & maintenance





Requirements of an e-Services Infrastructure

- Edge servers should bridge the public & local networks
 - Run local applications, store information, control & protect devices
- Services should be implemented as distributed applications
 - Using extremely powerful & complex edge servers can be avoided by executing complex services over several infrastructure nodes
 - Increases technical life & reduces cost of edge servers





Requirements of an e-Services Infrastructure

- Consumers should be able to access services & information through different kinds of client
 - Edge server should adapt presentation of information to type of client terminal in use
 - "Fat" clients
 - Workstations & PCs
 - "Thin" clients
 - Mobile phones, PDAs, pagers





Consumer Requirements of e-Services

Reliability

- Mission-critical services such as security & energy management require higher reliability
 - Unlike PC crashing is tolerable by most people

Security

 Consumers do not tolerate invasion of privacy or hacking into mission-critical services by strangers or neighbors

Simplicity

- Services must be simple to install & intuitive to learn & use
- Utility

Home services must provide an obvious consumer value
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Service Provider (SP) Requirements

- Integrity
 - Infrastructure must allow different SPs to share infrastructure without adversely affecting each others services
- SPs must have flexibility in defining their business model
 - While being able to derive cost synergies from sharing the infrastructure
- Future proof
 - Easy to modify & upgrade services on existing infrastructure
 & require minimal consumer involvement
- Reliability
 - Consumers expect same levels of reliability for critical services as the telephone system





Services Gateway - Architecture







Services Gateway - Architecture

- Hardware
 - 32-bit CPU
 - DRAM, Flash memory, SRAM
 - External interfaces: RS232, IEEE 1394
 - I/O card slots
 - Support to 10BaseT Ethernet, xDSL modem, 56K modem
- System software
 - OS
 - Drivers for external & local network access
 - Server components
 - Web servers, WAP (wireless application protocol) servers, DNS (domain name servers)
 - Java virtual machine (JVM)







Services Gateway - Architecture

Basic services

- Services that are basic in the business model & offers technical advantage both in performance & cost
- Internet access
- IP telephony
- Service platform
 - Applications that implement services which can be downloaded, installed or removed
 - Permits remote life-cycle management of service applications
 - Typically fulfills the role of a gateway between servers in the external network & devices in the local network





RG - A New Paradigm in Service Provision

- The world of the 'Service Provider' has traditionally ended at the edge of the house
- Service providers envision RGs to be
 - Delivering traditional & new value-added services to the home
 - Creating the desire to do more, but also bearing the burden of doing more
- New issues
 - Who owns the gateway?
 - Who pays for the gateway?
 - Who installs & maintains the gateway?



