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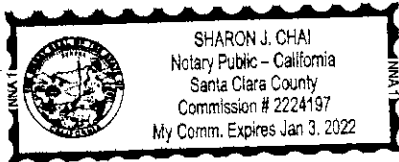
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Traversal Using Relay NAT (TURN)

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Abstract

Traversal Using Relay NAT (TURN) is a simple protocol that allows for an element behind a NAT or firewall to receive incoming data over TCP or UDP connections. It is most useful for elements behind symmetric NATs or firewalls that wish to be on the receiving end of a connection to a single peer. TURN does not allow for users to run servers on well known ports if they are behind a nat; it supports the connection of a user behind a nat to only a single peer. In that regard, its role is to provide the same security functions provided by symmetric NATs and firewalls, but to "turn" the tables so that the element on the inside can be on the receiving end, rather than the sending end, of a connection that is requested by the client.

1 Introduction

Network Address Translators (NATs), while providing many benefits, also come with many drawbacks. The most troublesome of those drawbacks is the fact that they break many existing IP applications, and make it difficult to deploy new ones. Guidelines have been developed [1] that describe how to build "NAT friendly" protocols, but many protocols simply cannot be constructed according to those guidelines. Examples of such protocols include almost all peer-to-peer protocols, for example.

To handle this, we have documented the Simple Traversal of UDP Through NAT (STUN) protocol [2], which allows for clients behind a NAT to discover the presence of the NAT, and then to allocate an address that is useful for receiving data in the case where they are behind a full-cone or restricted-cone NAT. However, it is acknowledged in that draft that while STUN allows a client to discover that its behind a symmetric NAT, it provides no assistance in traversing symmetric NATs.

This protocol serves as a complement to STUN, handling the case where the user is behind a symmetric NAT. It allows a client to request an IP address and port that it can receive data on from any other host on the Internet. This is accomplished using a server in the service provider cloud, known as a TURN server. When a host on the Internet sends to this IP address and port, the TURN server creates an association between the two. The client behind the NAT will receive this, and any other subsequent data from that host. In addition, the client behind the NAT can send data, and that data will be forwarded by the TURN server to the host which connected. TURN servers purposefully support a single association, so that only a single host can be connected using the IP address and port provided by the turn server. This assures that TURN can't be used to violate the policy that symmetric NAT and firewalls are meant to enforce. All TURN does is allow a client to communicate with a single peer whose address it doesn't know ahead of time. TURN is not a tunneling protocol, and therefore does not allow for a user to send and receive UDP, if, for example, the firewall policy prohibits the usage of UDP. Effectively, a TURN server is a NAT function at the UDP and TCP layer, and thus the name of the protocol - its a "relay NAT".

2 Do we need this Protocol?

Originally, the TURN protocol was integrated with the STUN protocol documented in [2]. The authors yanked it out of that document because it solves a sufficiently different problem, with differing requirements. We also observed that there are many other potential solutions for the symmetric case, including RSIP [3] [4], and more traditional VPN tunnels. We therefore had to ask ourselves why another solution was needed in this space. Here are some of the

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