Real-Time Switched Network Infrastructures - with Discussions on Their Implications to Building Software Defined Networks
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Abstract
Industry is now calling for multi-hop real-time switched network infrastructures for industrial fieldbuses and software defined networks. The key element for such infrastructures is the real-time switch. However, mainstream Internet switches are designed for best-effort instead of guaranteed service. Fortunately, we discover that by simplifying instead of extending a mainstream Internet switch architecture, real-time support becomes feasible. Based on the proposed real-time switch architecture, we furthermore explore how to support multicast and flow aggregation, meanwhile guaranteeing end-to-end delay bound. These designs lay the infrastructure for not only real-time switched networks, but also software defined networks, as they provide ideal isolation between virtual networks, and guaranteed quality of service for upper layers.

The talk takes 45 minutes and an additional 15 minutes for Q&A.

Biography
Dr. Qixin Wang is an associate professor in the Department of Computing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University since 2009. He received the BE and ME degrees from the Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, in 1999 and 2001, respectively, and the PhD degree from the Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2008.

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