

#### Incognito Software Inc.

✓ Corporate Profile

✓ DHCP-IPAM solutions overview

#### Who is....Incognito Software Inc?

- Incognito, Founded in 1992, 18 years in business, year over year profit, year over year growth, 70 Employees, Locations worldwide
- Leader in device provisioning with well over 50 Million devices provisioned, countless services enabled spanning over 75 customers worldwide
- Products: Device provisioning, IP address management (IPAM), and DNS management.
- Support over 20 different SIP VoIP terminal vendors and over 45 phone and MTA models, the largest selection offered by any provisioning solution
- Key Benefits We Provide: Reduced manual administration, faster renewed service activation, prevention of IP address inventory depletion, DNS security and simplified service activation via our recent acquisition of IEL and the Conexon suite of products.
- Differentiators: Carrier-grade 5-nines reliability, easy service customization, high-speed response, multi-tiered security, low integration and startup costs



#### What is our Mission?

To help communication service providers achieve fast, cost-effective deployment of IPbased data, voice, and video services using IP management and device activation systems. This is our sole focus!



#### Prospering

- □ Sales tripled in 5 years (2004-2009)
- Profitable year / year
- No debt
- Continually self funded
- □ 60% of revenues go to R&D
- All code controlled by Incognito



#### **Our Lead Customers**



Uncognito<sup>™</sup> software

## Global Partners, Integrated Solutions







#### **Incognito Product Family**







#### Broadband Command Center – Centralized DHCP Solution

• Enabling Centralized and Weighted DHCP Access Networks

#### **DHCP Challenges in Telco Access**

- □ Legacy DHCP Solutions:
  - Force operators to strand precious IPv4 Addresses per aggregation network element like BRAS (xDSL aggregation) or GGSN (Mobile Core)
  - Limit ability to handle peak busy hour address utilization which causes over scarce provisioning of IPv4 space to BRAS or GGSN elements
  - Unable to support new IPoE Access network architectures
  - Exhaust IPv4 resources under topology convergence should a BRAS or a GGSN fail





#### **DHCP Challenges in Telco Access**



- Central DHCP challenges:
  - A Carrier Ethernet access network does not know the MAC address of its clients
  - The network spans xDSL, Circuit Facility, Fiber, and Wireless Access
  - Multiple types of DHCP Relay mux elements all with vendor independent Relay Information formats
  - Central DHCP Clusters need to support the Topology in the event of convergence
    - Simply put, DHCP Cluster 1 needs to service Addresses for DHCP Cluster 2 side of the network and vice versa
  - Support the current OSS infrastructure to add and remove subscribers, yet not know the MAC address of a 'Subscriber' device

### Incognito Centralized DHCP Solutions

- (1/2)
  - Enable centralized DHCP architecture
  - Support both PPPoE and IPoE
    Network models
  - IPv4 Addresses may be associated with multiple BRAS or GGSN
  - Peak Busy Hour IPv4 space to
    BRAS or GGSN elements solved
    with Weighted DHCP Networks
    with Dual BRAS or GGSN

luster 2 Standb Cluster 2 Activ **Region 1** Region 2

association

## Incognito Centralized DHCP Solutions (1999)

- Offer dynamic addressing
- Influence the Weight of one Associated Network from another
- Associate networks on GIAddr (Gateway client was heard from) with the Weighted order
- Failover service with same weight from Top Down as normal
- Failover server also respects the Weight of an Associated Network
- Incognito DHCP Clusters Spanning two Data Centers establish Geo-Redundancy for the Customer
- Access network defines 2 Relays (one per DHCP in cluster as normal)



## Use Case 1 ; Centralized DHCP deployed for a European Telco (1/2)

- □ OSS Integration Over SOAP XML or CORBA API
  - Each SubscriberID is a unique subscriber from the point of the Relay Information in the Access Network / The subscriber is assigned a Client Class Membership
- MPS manages Subscriber Client Class updates to all DHCP services known
- DHCP Service with Option 82.6/.2 contents is able to match a Client Class
- DHCP Service Alternate Clusters
- RADIUS Accounting for Lease Collection
- Overall Incognito has:
  - Reduced costs in integration and hardware requirements for the customer
  - All main functionality contained in core Incognito service components
  - Made it far easier to maintain than other approaches based on LDAP
  - Offered flexibility and control over the DHCP solution



## Use Case 1 ; Centralized DHCP deployed for a European Telco (2/2)



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### Use Case 2 ; Centralized DCHP deployed for a Mobile operator (1/2)



Different GGSN regions might require more/less IP addresses at certain times of day in order to handle increased subscriber

activity.



BCC (DHCP)assigns IP addresses according to the addressing needs of different GGSN regions.

-Reduce IP waste -Improve utilization -Easy to report/collect data -Centralized IP address

### Use Case 2 ; Centralized DHCP deployed for a Mobile operator (2/2)



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## BCC - Centralized DHCP solution key benefits

- Incognito is the only commercial DHCP vendor to offer Weighted DHCP address pools with fully redundant Secondary standby DHCP services
- Reduced costs in integration and hardware requirements for the customer
- Made it far easier to maintain than other approaches based on LDAP
- Offered flexibility and control over the DHCP solution
- Customers may now influence the order of sub-networks DHCP will utilize based client location in the access network
- The implementation is Relay agnostic
  - CMTS, DSLAM, MEN & PBT, PON, Wireless BTS and Wireless GGSN would all be enabled



#### Address Commander IPAM Solution

#### **IP Address Management Issues**



- □ Lack of address space visibility for IPv4 and v6 addresses
- Inability for geographically dispersed personnel to manage IP addresses simultaneously
- Inconsistencies between DNS and IP information
- Lengthy IPv4 request process for new services
- Inconsistent regional deployments
- Solutions don't meet our needs



#### **IP Address Management Issues**



- Inaccurate or duplicated addresses due to the management of disparate spreadsheets, managed different groups and different applications
- Example of a spreadsheet maintained by a service provider:

Block						Customer Name	Cust ID	City	Edge
206.169.0.0/20 for LSAG Region									
208	169	0	0	1	28	OPEN		SNFR	DEV-01
208	169	0	16	1	28	National Instruments	898998	OLKD	DEV-02
208	169	0	32	1	27	Revere Data LLC	898999	OLKD	DEV-01
208	169	0	64	1	26	Munger Properties, LLC	899000	OLKD	DEV-02
208	169	0	128	1	25	Argonaut Hotel	899001	OLKD	DEV-02
208	169	1	0	1	29	Tapestry Financial	899002	OKLD	DEV-02
208	169	1	8	1	30	MD Beauty Inc	899003	OKLD	DEV-02
208	169	1	12	1	30	OPEN		OKLD	DEV-02
208	169	1	16	1	28	OPEN		OKLD	DEV-02
208	169	1	32	1	27	VEOH Networks	176231	SNDG	DEV-01
208	169	1	64	1	27	OPEN		OKLD	DEV-02

#### **IP Address Management (IPAM) Solution (1 of 4)**

- Centralize and track IPv4 and IPv6 address blocks
- Easily move free IP blocks by allocating them to different groups or regions

Subnet : 74.128.4.0/24								
X Delete   Plan	Allocate Assign   Reserve   Delegate	Merge		Move	'n	iark	€P	
Name:	74.128.4.0/24	Service	Тур	Reconcile with RIR Validate RIR data				
Block:	🔂 Free	Owner:		None				
Parent Subnet:	74.128.0.0/21	DHCP:		None				
Subnet Group:	BACKBONE	Device:		None				
Details Options								
	74 400 4 0/04							







#### **IP Address Management (IPAM) Solution (2 of 4)**

- Track IP space associated with regional offices and business units or customers
- Automate reporting for internal audit and reconciliation with Regional Internet Registries (RIR)
- Replace spreadsheets with a more powerful solution that allows multiple users and automated processes to request allocations simultaneously



#### **IP Address Management (IPAM) Solution (3 of 4)**

- □ The deployment of a IPAM solution allows:
  - Multiple users to access and update the information simultaneously
  - Indexed searching based on IP address, purpose, customer, user defined fields and other properties
  - Creation of various customizable reports



#### **IP Address Management (IPAM) Solution (4 of 4)**

- □ The deployment of a IPAM solution also allows:
  - Visual representation of free, assigned and reserved address space
  - Standardized and automated requests for additional allocations

Subnet Group : TYTIN-VAN X Delete   Change Parent   Create Child   S Bookmark   Print										
Details Options Subnets Child Subnet Groups Devices										
Starting IP: Mask:			Service Type: Status:		Allocation Assignment		Seed:			
		Any 💌	Any	Any Any	V Pary					
	CIDR Range	Owner	Service Type	Description	Status	Туре	DHCP Man			
	75.75.0.0/24		Single IPs		Assigned	Public	false			
	75.75.1.0/24		Interface Blocks		Subdivided	Public	false			
	75.75.1.0/29	University of Texas	Interface Blocks	New Assignment	Assigned	Public	false			
	75.75.1.8/29	Customer A	Interface Blocks		Assigned	Public	false			
	75.75.1.16/29	Customer A	Interface Blocks		Assigned	Public	false			



#### How It Fits into Your Network







### Address Commander integration with DHCP Servers

- Easy integration with any DHCP server allows:
  - Collection of IP address usage and assigned status
  - Detection of IP related configuration changes
  - Detection of problematic configurations across DHCP servers
- Prevents duplicate assignments through business rules and constraints

# Address Commander features with BCC-DHCP Integration

- □ Broadband Command Center<sup>™</sup> (BCC)
  DHCP scope discovery and utilization
- Incognito Service Management Proxy (ISMP)
- Automatic capturing of BCC utilization numbers
- Detection of problematic DHCP configurations
- □ Provision static addresses directly with Address Commander<sup>™</sup> (AC)





### Address Commander features with Name Commander Integration

- Centralized management of DNS information
- Automatic DNS Synchronization
  - A constellation of controlled name servers can be treated as one system via a hidden master
- IPv6 and IPv4 Host Names
- Node Form
- Reverse Zones Management





#### **Address Commander key benefits**



- □ Effortlessly visualize and plan address space
- Monitor space usage and trends
- Collaborate with other department and regions
- Easily report to RIR
- □ Integrate and manage previously independent processes



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