Mobile IPv6 Advanced Socket API Extensions

Draft-chakrabarti-mobileip-mipext-advapi-00.txt
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Why MIPv6 Socket API ?

- Draft-ietf-ipngwg-rfc2292bis-09.txt contains packet header definitions for everything except Mobile IPv6 packet headers
- Mobile IPv6 adds extensions to IPv6 Protocol header

  Mobility Header, Home Address Destination Option and Routing Header Type 2
- This document is an extension to the IPv6 Advanced Socket API
- Complimentary to draft-yokote-mobileip-api-01.txt which provides access to mobility related state

What it covers

- Definitions of constants and structures for Mobile IPv6 specific C programs
- How to access HOA and Routing Header Type 2 using IPv6 Advanced socket API
- How user-level application can observe Mobility Header using IPv6 RAW sockets
- /etc/protocols update for Mobility Header Protocol

Discussions at the mobileip list

- **New protocol name for the API**

  Proposed : mh

  Other alternatives (mobility, mipv6 etc..)
- **A new header file for mobility header related definitions and structures** (netinet/<new_protocol_name>.h)
- **What prefix to use for data structures and definitions (mh_* or ip6m_*) ?**
- **Draft needs to incorporate HA ICMPv6 related definitions and structures (consistent with rfc2292bis)**
- **Routing Header Type 2 structure mandates single IPv6 address as per base Mobile IPv6 Protocol**
- **Should the apps be allowed to set MIPv6 headers ?**

  The API may not disallow this ability; it is up to the implementation to allow this feature

Next Step

- Does anyone plan to use this type of API in the near future ?

- Should this draft be a starting point of a working group draft , similar to RFC2292-bis ?