Student Desktop TV

Safe and Secure Video Over IP

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What Has Been Deployed?

NUTV Service

(http://www.northwestern.edu/nutv)

- 23 channels of entertainment television
 - Combination of off-air and CATV channels
- IP Multicast to all undergraduate dormitories (4350 unique locations)
- MPEG2 encoding, 29.97 FPS, ~2Mbps per stream (128Kbps mono audio)

Internet 2 Multicast Service

(http://www.i2-multicast.northwestern.edu)

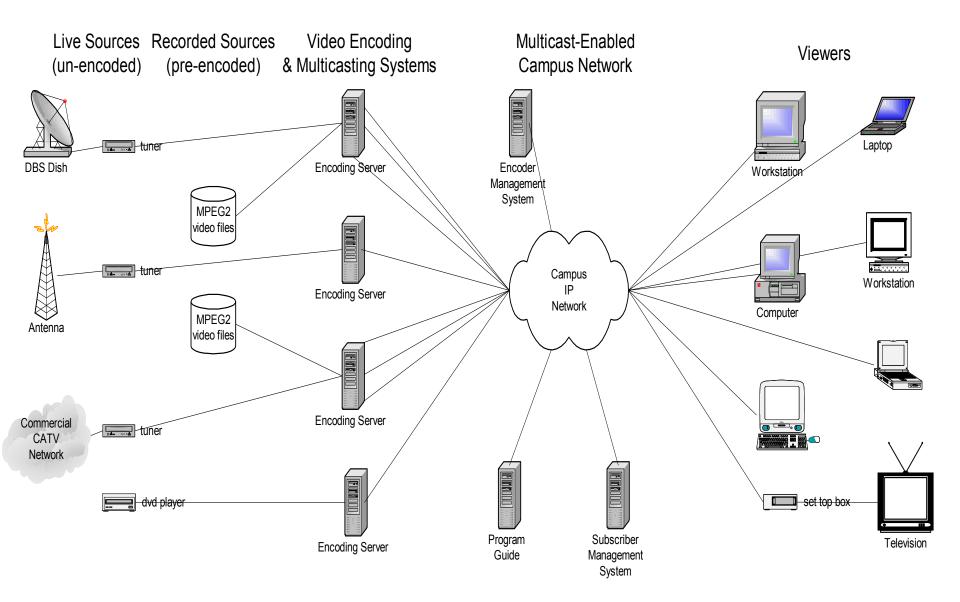
- 2 channels CSPAN and CSPAN2
- IP Multicast to all of Internet 2
- MPEG2 encoding
 - CSPAN 2 Mbps
 - CSPAN2 4 Mbps

- •No client software installed on machine
- •Channel guide services what's on now and later?

Why Deploy This Type of System?

- No CATV in student dormitory rooms
 - Only in common areas/lounges
- Over 60 residence halls
 - Cost to wire with coax very high (\$2-5Million)
 - Estimated time of completion: ~4 years
- CATV major issue for the student population

System Components

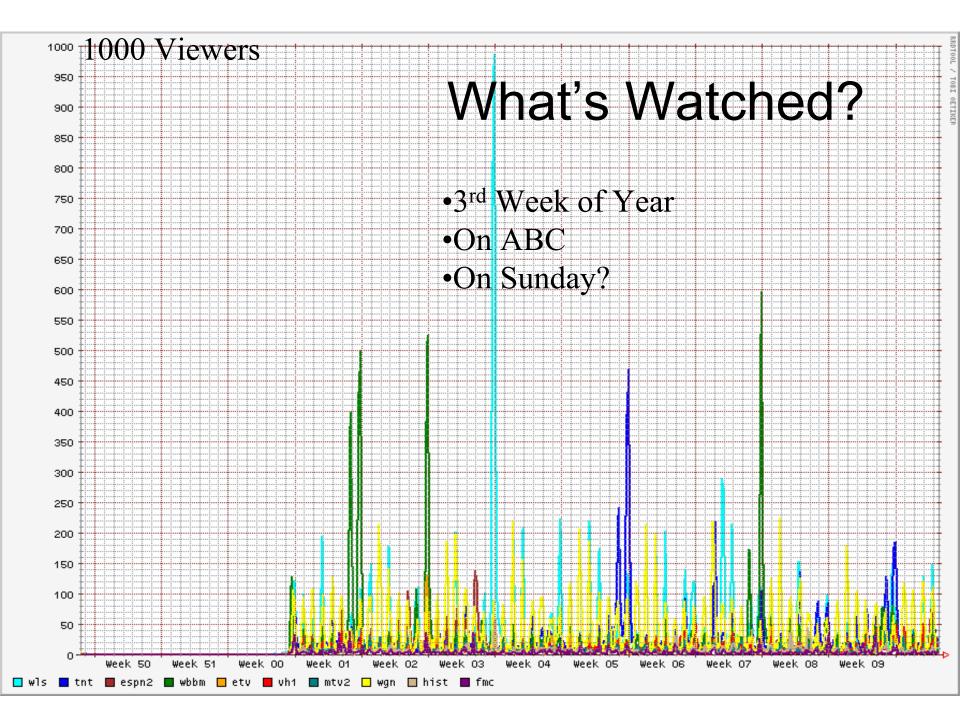


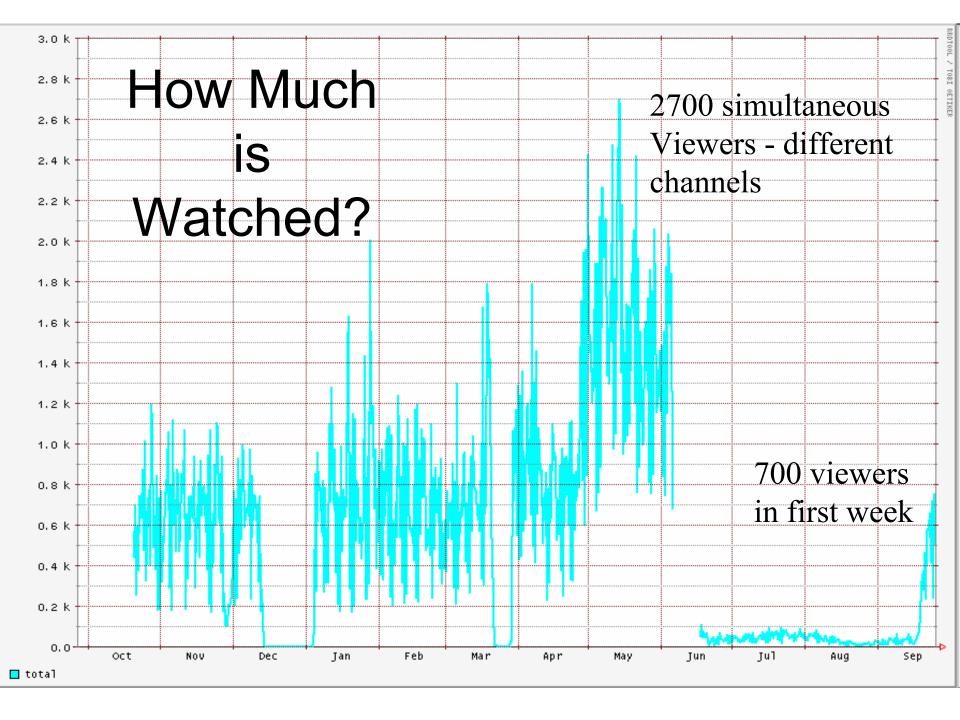
System Features

- Live encoding of television
- Additional pre-encoded video
- Small footprint viewer software
- Viewer downloaded as part of stream
- Viewer available for multiple operating systems
- http://www.videofurnace.com
- Program guide for content labeling

Operational Experiences

- Running since Fall of 2002
- Test phase problem
 - RP for multicast tree not distributed correctly
- Two deployment problems
 - IGMP snooping and CGMP fast leave
 - Switch table flush occurs prior to router flush, causing a flood condition on all switch ports
 - IP multicast TTL Threshold
 - Command causes all multicast packets to be route processed





Keeping it Secure

- Access Control
 - Unicast network allowed to get client?
 - Multicast is the stream available on the network?
- Client to Server License Transaction
 - Can I get a client?
 - Encrypted transaction
- Encrypted Streams
 - Can I watch this stream?
 - Key exchange for stream being watched
 - 128-bit key with a 64-bit block cipher

Keeping it Legal

- Content licenses
 - Local cable provider treats us as a multi-dwelling unit
 - Limited right to re-transmit from the content owners themselves
- MPEG2 licenses
 - Well provision for student TV
 - Over provision for Internet 2-based distribution
- What's missing from the player?

Links

- http://www.northwestern.edu/nutv
 - Campus Multicast of 23 channels
- http://www.i2-multicast.northwestern.edu
 - Internet 2 Multicast of CSPAN and CSPAN2
- tpw@northwestern.edu

