Abstract

The flexibility of WMNs affords their usage to provide broadband and communications services in many environments including rural domains. Routing protocols are central to the design of rural networks to ensure data availability and efficient performance especially under dynamic conditions of resource-constrained rural areas. In this paper, we review four routing protocols utilized for rural deployments namely AODV, OLSR, OSPF and BATMAN vis-à-vis the most critical metrics for rural requirements. Specifically, the comparative analysis shows the need for an objective evaluation of protocols for rural WMN scenarios. We also noted that metrics such as protocol overhead, convergence time and topology control remains critical for the performance of rural WMNs. Consequently, we argue that an objective performance evaluation offers a reliable selection criterion regarding the most efficient routing protocol when deploying WMNs. The study will further conduct simulation experiments to advocate the modification and synthesis of reliable protocols that will meet varying stringent requirements of remote settings.
A Review of Routing Protocols for Practical Rural Wireless Mesh Networks (WMNs)

- Axel Neumann, Ester L’opez and Leandro Navarro; An evaluation of BMX6 for Community Wireless Networks.
A Review of Routing Protocols for Practical Rural Wireless Mesh Networks (WMNs)

- Massimo Reineri, Roberto Rubino, Claudio Casetti and Carla-Fabiana Chiasserini, Experimental Performance Assessment of WMN Routing Protocols with Mobile Nodes, 2011
- Navtej Singh Sandhu, Navdeep Kaur Sandhu and Ashwinder Sing, Performance characteristics of OLSR and AODV protocols in Wireless Mesh Network, 2012
- Kaur, Navneet, and Jatinder Singh Saini. Performance enhancement of 802. 11 based

**Index Terms**

Computer Science Wireless

**Keywords**

AODV OLSR OSPF BATMAN Objective Evaluation.