

# Spatially aware sublayer and RPR reserved MAC address

---

Marc Holness, Nortel Networks  
October, 2004

# Agenda

- Objectives
- Problem overview
- Solution overview

# Objectives

- Outline procedures by which a RPR frame, with a reserved group MAC address, is never bridged off the ring

# Problem overview

- In the event that a RPR station client inadvertently request the transmission of a frame with a destination address that is a RPR reserved group MAC address
  - Intermediate bridging stations on the ring, may broadcast these frames out the off-ring network
  - The RPR reserved group MAC address should only be local to the ring

# Solution overview

- Utilize the permanent database and/or filtering database associated within bridge clients on RPR
  - As specifically by IEEE Std 802.1D-2004, the permanent or filtering databases should be statically configured with (reserved) MAC addresses that should be filtered
- Statically add an entry in the permanent and/or filtering databases of all bridging clients on RPR such that the RPR reserved group MAC address is filtered