

Topics to be covered

Definitions and Examples Goals Models (architectural, fundamental) Hardware and Software Concepts The Client-Server Model

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Historical

Two developments from mid 50s

• 100 million dollars -- 1 instr per sec 1000 dollars -- 10 million instr per sec

1012 price/performance gain

Rolls Royce cost 1 dollar -- a billion miles per gallon (200-page manual to open the door)

Local and Wide Area networks (LANs)

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Definition of a Distributed System

A distributed system is:

A collection of independent computers that appears to its users as a single coherent system

Two aspects:

(1) Independent computers

(2) Single system \Rightarrow middleware

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Definition of a Distributed System

Characteristics

- (1) Heterogeneity hidden
- (2) Interact with a consistent and uniform way
- (3) Availability
- (4) Scale

Issues

- (1) Concurrency
- (2) No global clock
- (3) Independent failures

A Distributed System as Middleware Machine A Machine B Machine C



Note that the middleware layer extends over multiple machines.

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Examples of Distributed Systems

The Internet Intranets Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing The Web p2p systems (such as Napster) File systems (SUN, CODA, Adrews) Storage Systems (Occean) Object-based Systems (CORBA, DCOM, etc) Groupware

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Date	Computers	Web	servers
1979, Dec.		8	0
1989, July	130,0	00	0
1999, July	56,218,0	00	5,560,86

Computers vs. Web servers in the Internet

Date	Computers	Web servers	Percentage
1993, July	1,776,000	130	0.008
1995, July	6,642,000	23,500	0.4
1997, July	19,540,000	1,203,096	6
1999, July	<u>56,218,000</u>	6,598,6 <u>9</u> 7	12
1999, July	56,218,000	6,598,697	12

Goals

- 1. Connecting Users and Resources
- 2. Transparency
- 3. Openness
- 4. Scalability

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Connecting Users and Resources	
Typical resources Printers, computers, storage facilities,	access transpo
data, files	Hide differ
Why sharing?	a resource
Economics Collaboration, Information Exchange (groupware)	Intel (little bytes) OS with dif
Problems with sharing	
Security	
Unwanted Communication	
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Transparency in a Distributed System

location transparency

Hide where a resource is located importance of naming, e.g., URLs

migration transparency

Hide that a resource may move to another location

relocation transparency

Hide that a resource may move to another location while in use example, mobile users

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replicat	ion transparency
	Hide that a resource is replicated subsumes that all replicas have the same name (and thus location transparency)
concurre	ency transparency
	Hide that a resource may be shared by several competitive users
	leave the resource in a consistent state
	more refined mechanism: transactions

Transparency in a Distributed System

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failure transparency

Hide the failure and recovery of a resource

L. Lamport: You know you have one [distributed system] when the crash of a computer you 've never heard of stops you for getting any work done

Important problem: inability to distinguish between a dead resource and a painfully slow one

persistent transparency

Hide whether a (software) resource is in memory or disk

Access transparency: enables local and remote resources to be accessed using

Mobility transparency: allows the movement of resources and clients within a

Replication transparency: enables multiple instances of resources to be used to increase reliability and performance without knowledge of the replicas by users or

Failure transparency: enables the concealment of faults, allowing users and application programs to complete their tasks despite the failure of hardware or

Performance transparency: allows the system to be reconfigured to improve

without change to the system structure or the application algorithms.

transparency: allows the system and applications to expand in scale

parency: enables resources to be accessed without knowledge of

insparency: enables several processes to operate concurrently

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(Coulouris et. al.)

identical operations. (same)

application programmers.

performance as loads vary.

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their location. (same) - also migration and relocation

system without affecting the operation of users or programs.

using shared resources without interference between them

software components. - also persistent transparency

Different Forms of Transparency in a Distributed System (summary)

Transparency	Description
Access	Hide differences in data representation and how a resource is accessed
Location	Hide where a resource is located
Migration	Hide that a resource may move to another location
Relocation	Hide that a resource may be moved to another location while in use
Replication	Hide that a resource may be shared by several competitive users
Concurrency	Hide that a resource may be shared by several competitive users
Failure	Hide the failure and recovery of a resource
Persistence	Hide whether a (software) resource is in memory or on disk

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Degree of Transparency Not always desirable Examples? Users located in different continents (contex-aware) Not always possible Examples? Hiding failures (you can distinguish a slow computer from a failing one/whether an action was performed) Trade-off between a high degree of transparency and the performance of a system Keep web caches exactly up-to-date Immediately flushing write operations to disk Retry to access a web page to mask a failure





Openness

 \cdot A system organized as a collection of relatively small and easily replaceable or adaptable components

•Provide definitions of the internal parts of the system as well

Separate Policy from Mechanism

A distributed system provides only **mechanisms**

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Policies}}$ specified by applications and users

Example policies:

- What level of consistency do we require for client-cached data?
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Which operations do we allow downloaded code to perform?
- \cdot Which QoS requirements do we adjust in the face of varying bandwidth?
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ What level of secrecy do we require for communication?

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		Sca	lability Problems
Scalability		Concept	Example
Along three different dimensions:		Centralized services	A single server for all users
 size (number of users and/or processes) 		Centralized data	A single on-line telephone book
ullet geographical (maximum distance between nodes)		Centralized algorithms	Doing routing based on complete information
•administrative (number of administrative domains)		Lecentralized algo	prithms
The (non) solution: powerful servers		 No complete Make decisio Failure of on No assumption 	information about the system state n only on local information e machine does not ruin the algorithm on of a global clock
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Scalability	
Geographical scalability:	
Synchronous communication In WAN, Unreliable and point-to-point	
How to scale a distributed system across multiple, independent administrative domains: conflicting policies with respect to resource usage (and payment), management and security	
Expand to a new domain	
 Protect itself against malicious attacks from the new domain 	
 The new domain has to protect itself against malicious attacks from the distributed system 	
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Scaling Techniques

Three techniques:

- hiding communication latencies
- distribution
- replication









System Models

- 1. Architectural models
- 2. Fundamental models

An architectural model of a distributed system is concerned with the placement of its parts and the relationships between them

Examples include the client-server model and the p2p model

· determine the distribution of data and computational tasks amongst the physical nodes of the system

• useful when evaluating the performance, reliability, scalability and other properties of distributed systems

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processes

them

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System Models

Fundamental models are concerned with a more formal description of the properties that are common in all of the architectural models

Models:

• Interaction model deals with performance and with the difficulty of setting time limits in distributed systems, for example for message delivery

• Failure model gives a precise specification of the faults that can be exhibited by processes and communication channels. Defines reliable communication and correct processes.

· Security model discusses the possible threats to processes and communication channels.

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Interaction Model Interaction Model Communication performance characteristics: · Distributed systems are composed of multiple interacting Latency: delay between sending a message by one process and its receipt by another Bandwidth of a computer network: total amount of information • Their behavior and state can be described by a distributed that can be transmitted over it in a given time algorithm: a definition of the steps to be taken by each Jitter: the variation in the time taken to deliver a series of process including the transmission of messages between messages Computer clocks: · Messages are transmitted between processes to transfer information among them and to coordinate their activity Clock drift rate: relative amount that a computer clock differs from a perfect reference clock Distributed Systems, Spring 2003

Variants of the Interaction Model

Based on whether they set time limits (lower and upper bounds) on:

- Process execution speeds
- Message transmission delays
- Clock drift rates

Synchronous distributed systems (can set timeouts, can be built) Asynchronous distributed systems (e.g., Internet, web)

Despite the lack of accurate clocks, the execution of a system can be described in terms of events and their ordering

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Failure Model Classification of failures: •Omission failures: when a process or communication channel fails to perform actions that is supposed to do Process omission failure: crash Fail-stop crash is other processes can detect certainly that the process has crashed ems. Spring 2003





Omission and arbitrary failures

Class of failure	Affects	Description
Fail-stop	Process	Process halts and remains halted. Other processes may detect this state.
Crash	Process	Process halts and remains halted. Other processes may not be able to detect this state.
Omission	Channel	A message inserted in an outgoing message buffer neve arrives at the other end's incoming message buffer.
Send-omission	Process	A process completes a send, but the message is not put in its outgoing message buffer.
Receive-omission	Process	A message is put in a process's incoming message buffer, but that process does not receive it.
Arbitrary (Byzantine)	Process or channel	Process/channel exhibits arbitrary behaviour: it may send/transmit arbitrary messages at arbitrary times, commit omissions; a process may stop or take an incorrect step.

In synchron	ious systems:		
Class of Fail	ure Affects	Description	_
Clock	Process	Process's local clock exceeds the bounds on its rate of drift from real time.	_
Performance	Process	Process exceeds the bounds on the interval between two steps.	
Performance	Channel	A message's transmission takes longer than the stated bound.	

Security Model		
Securing the processes and the channel and protecting the objects		
Protecting the objects: access rights (specify who is allowed to perform each operation of an object)		
Associate with each invocation and each result the authority on which it is issued called a principal		
Nutrikand Sustain Sustain 2002	47	

	Security Model
T٥	model security threats, we postulate an enemy (or adversary)
Sei	nd any message to any process and reading/copying any message between a pair of processes
1.	Threats to processes (cannot identify the identity of the sender: holds for both clients and servers)
2.	Threats to communication channels
3.	Other possible threats (mobile code, denial of service)



















Distributed Operating Systems

• Two types: multiprocessor OS and multicomputer OS

Multi-processor OS

Shared memory

Functionality similar to traditional OSs but handle multiple CPUs

 \cdot Aim at supporting high performance through multiple CPUs, make their number transparent to the application

Similar to multitasking uniprocessor OS:

o All communication done by manipulating data at shared memory locations.

o Protection is done through synchronization primitives

Multicomputer Operating Systems

Harder than traditional (multiprocessor) OS: Because memory is not shared

Emphasis shifts to processor communication by $\underset{\ensuremath{\textit{message}}}{\ensuremath{\textit{message}}}$ passing

 \cdot OSs on each computer knows about the other computers

• OS on different machines generally the same

 \cdot Services are generally (transparently) distributed across computers

Multicomputer Operating Systems



Common layer of software: implements the OS as a virtual machine supporting parallel and concurrent execution of tasks.

Facilities: assigning a task to a processor, providing transparent storage, general interprocess communication

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Semantics of (continued)	^e message	passing
s the communication reliable?	1	
Synchronization point	Send buffer	Reliable comm. guaranteed?
Block sender until buffer not full	Yes	Not necessary
Block sender until buffer not full Block sender until message sent	Yes No	Not necessary Not necessary
Block sender until buffer not full Block sender until message sent Block sender until message received	Yes No No	Not necessary Not necessary Necessary

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Network

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Network Operating Systems Some characteristics: • Each computer has its own OS with networking facilities • Computers work independently (i.e, they may even have different OS) • Services are to individual nodes (ftp, telnet, www) • Highly file oriented (basically, processors share only files) • Compared to distributed OSs • Lack of transparency (harder to use; need to be managed independently) • Easier to add/remove a machine (scalability, openness)

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Middleware Models

Based on some model or paradigm, such as:

- all resources are treated as files (UNIX and Plan 9)
- Distributed file systems
- Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs): allow a process to call a procedure whose implementation is located on a remote machine
- Distributed objects: transparently invoke objects residing on remote machines
- Distributed documents

Middleware Services

Communication services (offer high-level communication facilities to hide low-level message passing)

- Procedure calls across networks
- · Remote-object method invocation
- Message-queuing systems
- Advanced communication streams
- Event notification service

Middleware Services

Information system services (help manage data)

- Large scale system-wide naming services
- · Advanced directory services (search engines)
- · Location services for tracking mobile objects
- Persistent storage facilities
- · Data caching and replication

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Middleware Services

Control services (giving applications control over when, where and how they access data)

- Code migration
- Distributed transaction processing

Security services

- · Authentication and authorization services
- Simple encryption services
- Auditing service

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The Client-Server Model

Item	Distributed OS			Middleware-
	Multiproc.	Multicomp.	Network OS	based OS
Degree of transparency	Very High	High	Low	High
Same OS on all nodes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Number of copies of OS	1	N	N	N
Basis for communication	Shared memory	Messages	Files	Model specific
Resource management	Global, central	Global, distributed	Per node	Per node
Scalability	No	Moderately	Yes	Varies
Openness	Closed	Closed	Open	Open

Comparison between Systems













Alternative Architectures

Cooperating servers: service is physically distributed across a collection of services:

- Traditional multi-tiered architectures
- Replicated files systems
- Network news services
- Large-scale naming systems, etc

Cooperating clients: distributes applications exist by virtue of client collaboration:

- $\cdot \ {\sf Teleconferencing}$
- Publish/subscribe

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Multiprocessor Operating Systems monitor Counter { private: int count = 0; public: int value() { return count;} void incr () { count = count + 1;} void decr() { count = count - 1;} } A monitor to protect an integer against concurrent access.

Multiprocessor Operating Systems





























