Overlay and P2P Networks

Introduction

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Course Overview

• Overlay networks and peer-to-peer technologies have become key components for building large scale distributed systems.
• This course will introduce overlay networks and peer-to-peer systems, discuss their general properties, and applications. The course will cover the following topics:
  – Currently deployed peer-to-peer systems and how they work
  – Distributed Hash Tables as a base for structured peer-to-peer systems
  – Peer-to-peer storage systems
  – Performance issues, legal aspects, and privacy issues
  – Peer-to-peer content distribution algorithms
General Info

Advanced course, 4 credits

The course replaces the P2P Networks course
You cannot take this course if you took the old course

Requirements: basics of networking

Assignments/exercises done as group work (1-3 persons),
idea is to keep the same group structure (but do tell about freeriders!)
Lectures

- Lectures
  - **Tuesday 10-12 in C222 21.09-21.09.**
  - Wednesday 12-14 in D122 29.09-13.10.

- Assignments
  - Thursdays 12-14 D122 27.09-15.10.
    - **First session on 30.9.**
  - Assignment topic given one week before, done for the next assignment session

- Course based on book
Overlay Networks Book

Introduction
Overview
Overlay Technology
Applications
Properties of Data
Structure of the Book

Network Technologies
Networking
Firewalls and NATs
Naming
Addressing
Routing
Multicast
Network Coordinates
Network Metrics

Properties of Networks and Data
Data on the Internet
Zipf’s Law
Scale-free Networks
Robustness
Small Worlds

Unstructured Overlays
Overview
Early Systems
Locating Data
Napster
Gnutella
Skype
BitTorrent
Cross-ISP BitTorrent
Freenet
Comparison

Foundations of Structured Overlays
Overview
Geometries
Consistent Hashing
Distributed Data Structures for Clusters

Distributed Hash Tables
Overview
APIs
Plaxton’s Algorithm

Chord
Pastry
Koordinate
Tapestry
Kademlia
Content Addressable Network
Viceroy
Skip Graph
Comparison

Probabilistic Algorithms
Overview of Bloom Filters
Bloom Filters
Bloom Filters in Distributed Computing
Gossip Algorithms

Content-based Networking and Publish/Subscribe
Overview
DHT-based Data-centric Communications
Content-based Routing
Router Configurations
Siena and Routing Structures
Hermes
Formal Specification of Content-based Routing Systems
Pub/Sub Mobility

Security
Overview
Attacks and Threats
Securing Data
Security Issues in P2P Networks
Anonymous Routing
Security Issues in Pub/Sub Networks

Applications
Amazon Dynamo
Overlay Video Delivery
SIP and P2PSIP
CDN Solutions

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Lectures

27.9. Unstructured networks continued
29.9. Structured networks
4.10. Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs)
11.10. Security
13.10. Applications and summary
Grading

Course grading will be based on the final exam and the assignments.

The exam will be held on 20.10. 16-19 in A111.
Assignments/Exercises

- Assignments are given about one week before the session, due date is the day before the assignment session 4pm
- Assignments can be done in a group (or alone), groups can change between assignments
- Assignments give bonus points for the exam
  - Max 20%
- Thursdays 12-14 D122 27.09-15.10.
  - 30.9. General questions and BitTorrent
  - 7.10. DHT questions
  - 14.10 DHT, security, and reliability questions
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<td>Overlay and peer-to-peer networks: definitions and systems</td>
<td>Basics of data communications and distributed systems (Introduction to Data Communications, Distributed Systems)</td>
<td>Knowledge of how to define the concepts of overlay and peer-to-peer networks, and state their central features Ability to describe at least one system in detail</td>
<td>Ability of being able to compare different overlay and p2p networks in a qualitative manner Ability to assess the suitability of different systems to different use cases</td>
<td>Ability to give one’s own definition of the central concepts and discuss the key design and deployment issues</td>
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<td>Distributed hash tables</td>
<td>Basics of data communications and distributed systems (Introduction to Data Communications, Distributed Systems) Big-O-notation and basics of algorithmic complexity</td>
<td>Knowledge of the concepts of structured and unstructured networks and the ability to classify solutions into these two categories Knowledge of the basics of distributed hash tables Ability to describe at least one distributed hash table algorithm in detail</td>
<td>Ability of being able to compare different distributed hash table algorithms Ability of designing distributed hash table-based applications Knowledge of key performance issues of distributed hash table systems and the ability to analyze these systems</td>
<td>The knowledge of choosing a suitable distributed hash table design for a problem Familiarity with the state of the art</td>
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<td>Reliability and performance modelling</td>
<td>Basics of probability theory Basics of reliability in distributed systems</td>
<td>Ability to model and assess the reliability of overlay and peer-to-peer networks by using probability theory Knowledge of the most important factors pertaining to reliability</td>
<td>Ability of analytically analyzing the reliability and performance of overlay and peer-to-peer networks Understanding of the design issues that are pertinent for reliable systems</td>
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<td>Content distribution</td>
<td>Introduction to Data Communications</td>
<td>Knowledge of the basic content distribution solutions Ability to describe at least one overlay and p2p network based content distribution solution</td>
<td>Knowledge of different content distribution systems and the ability to compare them in detail Knowledge of several content distribution techniques</td>
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<td>Security</td>
<td>Basics of computer security</td>
<td>Knowledge of the basic security issues with overlay and p2p networks Knowledge of the sybil attack concept</td>
<td>Ability to discuss how security problems and limitations can be solved Knowledge of how to prevent sybil attacks</td>
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Questions?