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 (1-2 persons),
   idea is to keep the same group structure (but do tell about freeriders!)
Lectures

• Lectures

• Assignments
  – Friday 14-16 D122 21.09-22.2.
    – First session on 18.1.
  – Assignment topic given two weeks before deadline

• Course based on book
Lectures

14.1. Introduction. Assignments
17.1. Unstructured networks I
21.1. BitTorrent and unstructured networks II
24.1. P2P Modelling (Petri Savolainen)
31.1. Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs) I
4.2. DHTs II
7.2. Applications I
11.2. Applications II (also invited speakers)
14.2. Advanced topics
18.2. Conclusions and summary
Grading

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

Course exam 27.2.2013 16:00 CK112

Final exam on 19.4.2013 16:00 in A111
Assignments/Exercises

• Assignments are given two weeks before the session, due date is the day before the assignment session 4pm
• Assignments are done in two-person groups (or alone), groups can change between assignments
• Assignments give bonus points for the exam
  • Max exam points 60, max bonus points 12
• Fridays 14-16 D122 last session 22.2.
  – 18.1. Reception on questions I
  – 25.1. Answers to questions I
  – 1.2. Reception on questions II
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  – 15.2. Reception on questions III
  – 22.2. Answers to questions III
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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</td>
<td>Ability of being able to compare different overlay and p2p networks in a qualitative manner</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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Contact information

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Questions?