

416 Distributed Systems

Mar 1, Peer-to-Peer



• P2P Lookup Overview

- Centralized/Flooded Lookups
- Routed Lookups Chord





- Leverage the resources of client machines (peers)
 - Traditional: Computation, storage, bandwidth
 - Non-traditional: Geographical diversity, mobility, sensors!

Peer-to-Peer (storage) Networks



- Typically each member stores/provides access to content
- Basically a replication system for files
 - Always a tradeoff between possible location of files and searching difficulty
 - Peer-to-peer allow files to be anywhere → searching is the challenge
 - Dynamic member list makes it more difficult
- What other systems have similar goals?
 - Routing, DNS



Searching



- Needles vs. Haystacks
 - Searching for top 40, or an obscure punk track from 1981 that nobody's heard of?
- Search expressiveness
 - Whole word? Regular expressions? File names?
 Attributes? Whole-text search?

Framework



Common Primitives:

- Join: how do I begin participating?
- **Publish**: how do I advertise my file?
- Search: how to I find a file?
- Fetch: how to I retrieve a file?





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Napster: Overiew



Centralized Database:

- Join: on startup, client contacts central server
- **Publish:** reports list of files to central server
- Search: query the server => return someone that stores the requested file
- Fetch: get the file directly from peer

Napster: Publish







Napster: Discussion



- Pros:
 - Simple
 - Search scope is O(1)
 - Controllable (pro or con?)
- Cons:
 - Server maintains O(N) State
 - Server does all processing
 - Single point of failure

"Old" Gnutella: Overview



Query Flooding:

- Join: on startup, client contacts a few other nodes; these become its "neighbors"
 - "unstructured overlay"
- Publish: no need
- Search: ask neighbors, who ask their neighbors, and so on... when/if found, reply to sender.
 - TTL limits propagation
- Fetch: get the file directly from peer



Gnutella: Discussion

Pros:

- Fully de-centralized
- Search cost distributed
- Processing @ each node permits powerful search semantics

Cons:

- Search scope is O(N)
- Search time is O(???)
- Nodes leave often, network unstable
- TTL-limited search works well for haystacks.
 - For scalability, does NOT search every node. May have to re-issue query later; no guarantee that it will find the file!

Flooding: Gnutella, Kazaa



'Super Nodes"

- Modifies the Gnutella protocol into two-level hierarchy
 - Hybrid of Gnutella and Napster
- Supernodes
 - Nodes that have better connection to Internet
 - Act as temporary indexing servers for other nodes
 - Help improve the stability of the network
- Standard nodes
 - Connect to supernodes and report list of files
 - Allows slower nodes to participate
- Search
 - Broadcast (Gnutella-style) search across supernodes
- Disadvantages
 - Kept a centralized registration \rightarrow allowed for law suits \otimes