INFM 603: Information Technology and Organizational Context

Session II: HTML and CSS

(And Networking, Computing Tradeoffs)



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Ways to characterize computing

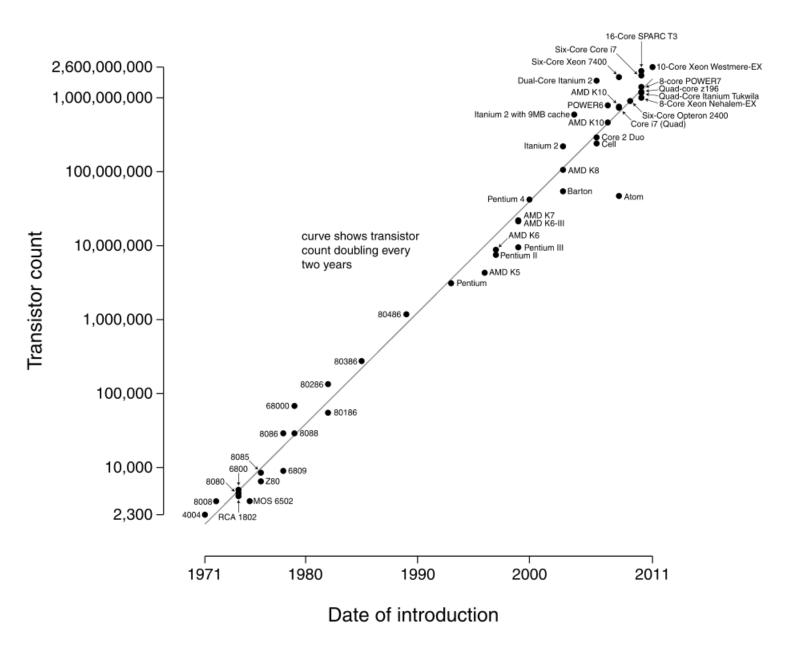
- O How big?
- O How fast?
- O How reliable?

Computing is fundamentally about tradeoffs!

Example I: Multi-Core



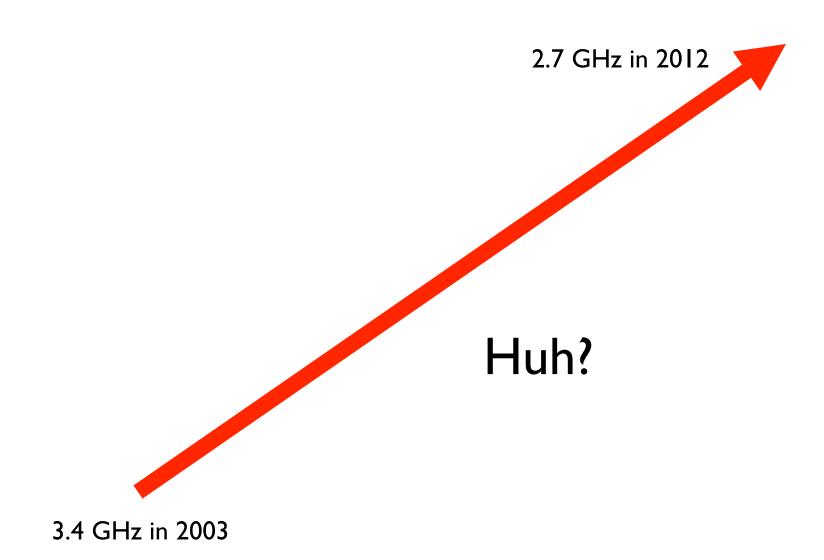
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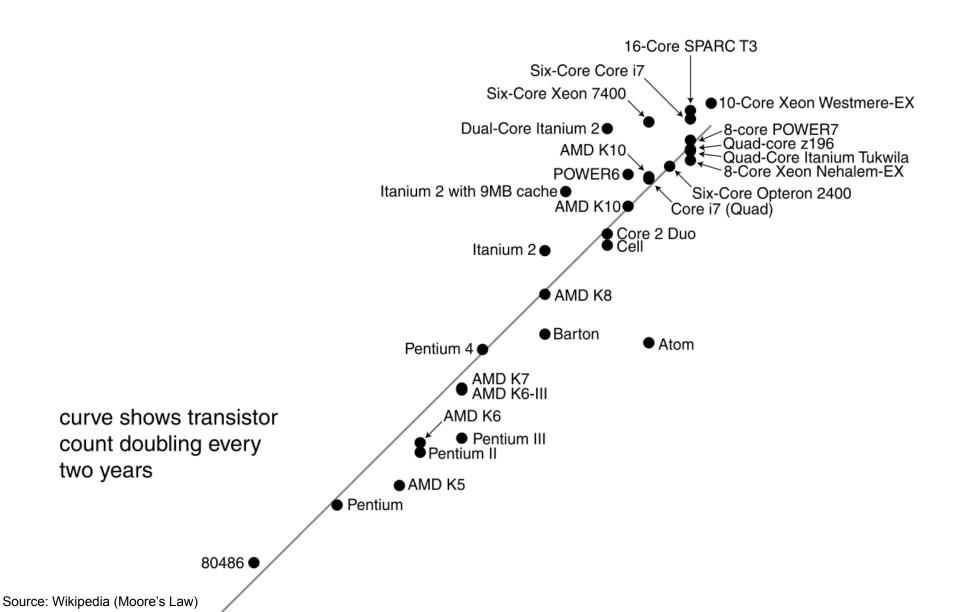




Trends in Computing: #1



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What's big shift?

- From single to multiple cores:
 - Increasing speed of single processor reached point of diminishing returns
 - Solution: put more cores on a processor!
- Important issues:
 - Power
 - Cool
 - Parallelism

Example 2: Caching



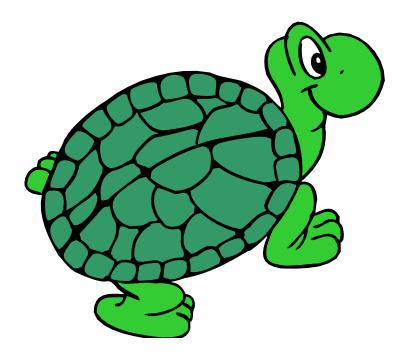


Pick two

- Speed
- Capacity
- Cost



RAM: small, expensive, fast



Hard drives: big, cheap, slow



Best of both worlds? cheap, fast, and big

Caching

- Idea: move data you're going to use from slow memory into fast memory
 - Slow memory is cheap so you can buy lots of it
 - Caching gives you the illusion of having lots of fast memory
- Physical analogy?
- How do we know what data to cache?
 - Spatial locality: If the system fetched x, it is likely to fetch data located near x (Why?)
 - Temporal locality: If the system fetched x, it is likely to fetch x again (Why?)

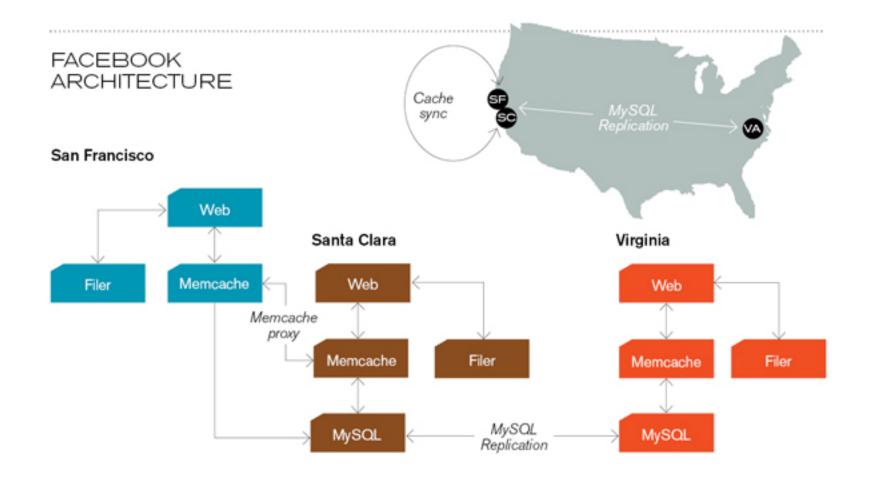
Example 3: Replication

Characterizing Reliability

"Nines"	Availability	Downtime (per year)			
One nine	90%	36.5 d			
Two nines	99%	3.65 d			
Three nines	99.9%	8.76 h			
Four nines	99.99%	52.56 m			
Five nines	99.999%	5.256 m			
Six nines	99.9999%	31.536 s			

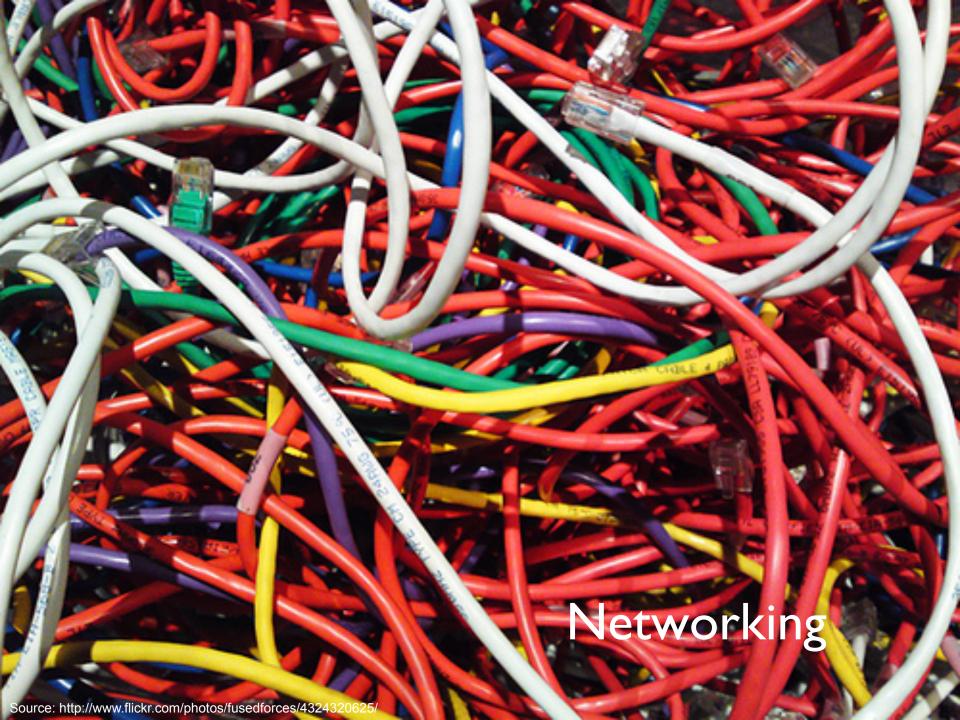
How do you ensure reliability?

- Keep multiple copies:
 - On different machines
 - On different machines far apart
- What are the challenges with this?
 - Synchronous vs. Asynchronous
 - Active-Active vs. Active-Passive
 - ...



Facebook architecture (circa 2008)

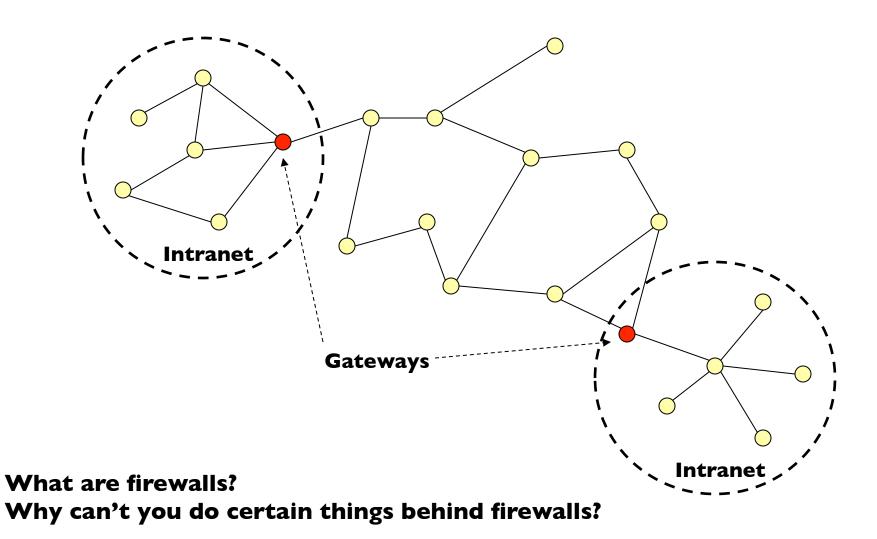
Source: Technology Review



Internet ≠ Web

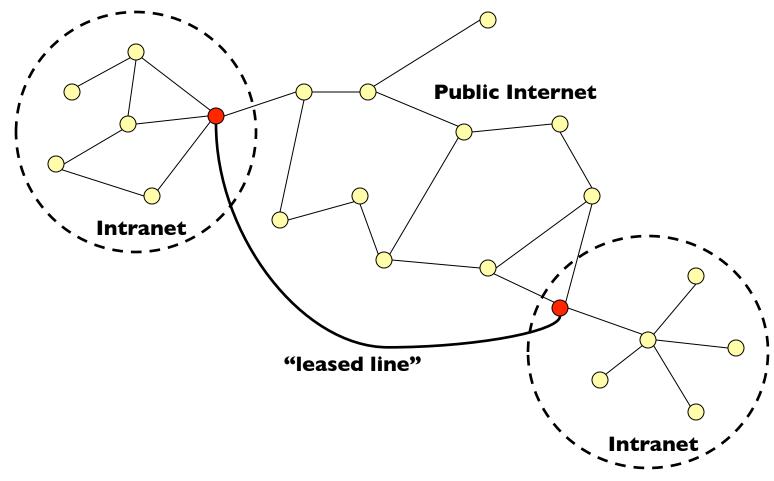
- Internet = collection of global networks
- Web = particular way of accessing information on the Internet
 - Uses the HTTP protocol
- Other ways of using the Internet
 - Usenet
 - FTP
 - email (SMTP, POP, IMAP, etc.)
 - Internet Relay Chat

Intranets

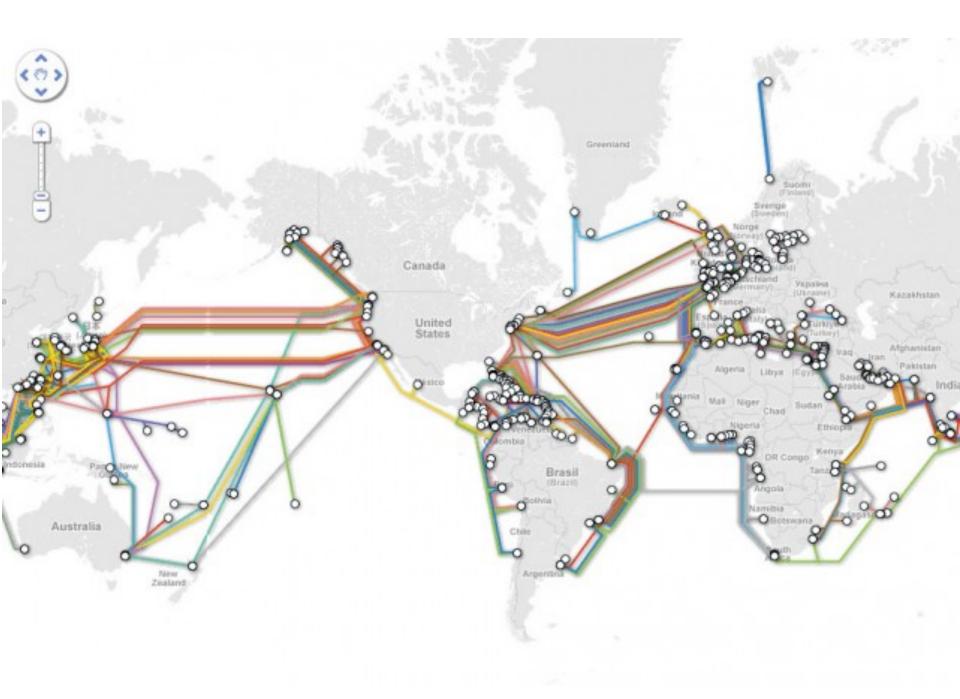


Intranets

Problem: How do you securely connect separate networks?



VPN = Virtual Private Network
a secure private network over the public Internet



Foundations

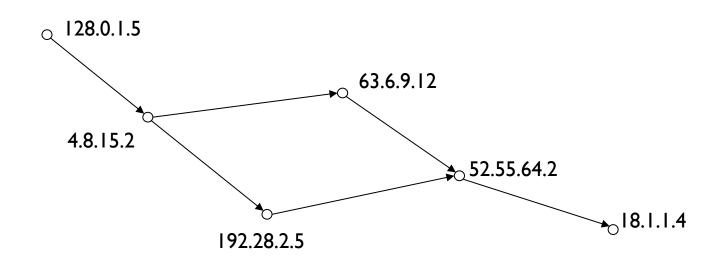
- Basic protocols for the Internet:
 - TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol): basis for communication
 - DNS (Domain Name Service):
 basis for naming computers on the network
- Protocol for the Web:
 - HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol): protocol for transferring Web pages

IP Address

- Every computer on the Internet is identified by a address
- IP address = 32 bit number, divided into four "octets"
 - Example: go in your browser and type "http://74.125.131.147/"

Are there enough IP addresses to go around? What is the difference between static and dynamic IP?

Packet Routing (TCP/IP)



(Much simplified) Routing table for 4.8.15.2

Destination	Next Hop
52.55.*.*	63.6.9.12
18.1.*.*	192.28.2.5/63.6.9.12
4.*.*.*	225.2.55.1

Domain Name Service (DNS)

- Domain names improve usability
 - Easier to remember than IP addresses
 - DNS provides a lookup service
- Each name server knows one level of names
 - "Top level" name server knows .edu, .com, .mil, ...
 - .edu name server knows umd, mit, stanford, ...
 - .umd.edu name server knows ischool, wam, ...

Demo

- Play with various utilities at
 - http://network-tools.com/
 - http://www.yougetsignal.com/tools/visual-tracert/
 - http://en.dnstools.ch/visual-traceroute.html

HyperText Transfer Protocol

Send request

GET /path/file.html HTTP/1.0 From: someuser@somedomain.com

User-Agent: HTTPTool/1.0

Server response

HTTP/I.0 200 OK

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 23:59:59 GMT

Content-Type: text/html Content-Length: 1354

Tell me what happens...

- From the moment you click on "check messages" to the moment you start reading your email
- From the moment you click "send" to the moment the other party receives the email
- From the moment you type a URL and hit "enter" to the moment you see the Web page



Tables

>	eenie	>	mennie	>	miney	
>	mo	>	catch	>	a tiger	
>	by	>	the	>	toe	



What's a Document?

- Content
- Structure
- Appearance
- Behavior

CSS: Cascading Style Sheets

- Separating content and structure from appearance
- Rules for defining styles "cascade" from broad to narrow:
 - Browser default
 - External style sheet
 - Internal style sheet
 - Inline style

Basics of CSS

Basic syntax:

```
selector {property: value}

HTML tag you want to modify...

The property you want to change...
```

The value you want the property to take

• Example:

```
p { text-align: center;
  color: black;
  font-family: arial }
```

Causes

- Font to be center-aligned
- Font to be Arial and black

Different Ways for Using CSS

- Inline style:
 - Causes only the tag to have the desired properties
 ...
- Internal stylesheet:
 - Causes all tags to have the desired properties

```
...
<head>...
<style type="text/css">
p { font-family:arial; color:blue}
</style>
</head>
<body>
...
...
```

Customizing Classes

Ability to define customized styles for standard HTML tags:

```
'head>...

'style type="text/css">
p.style I { font-family:arial; color:blue}
p.style2 { font-family:serif; color:red}

'style>

'head>

'body>

p class="style I">...

- class="style 2">...
...

'nead>

'p>

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```

External Style Sheets

Store formatting metadata in a separate file

```
p.style | { font-family:arial; color:blue}
                    p.style2 { font-family:serif; color:red}
<head>...
k rel="stylesheet" href="mystyle.css" type="text/css" />
</head>
<body>
...
...
```

Why Use CSS?

- What are the advantages of CSS?
- Why have three separate ways of using styles?