

# Distributed Systems

## Lecture 1

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# Agenda

- ▶ Distributed Systems History
- ▶ Reasons For the Appearance of Distributed Systems
- ▶ What are Distributed Systems?
- ▶ Distributed Systems Goals
- ▶ Development in Distributed Systems
- ▶ Distributed Systems Evolution.
- ▶ Distributed Systems Examples
- ▶ Why Distributed Systems?

# History

- 1945~1985
  - Computers were large and expensive.
  - No way to connect them.
  - All systems were Centralized Systems.
- Mid-1980s
  - Powerful microprocessors.
  - High Speed Computer Networks (LANs , WANs)



# Cont. History

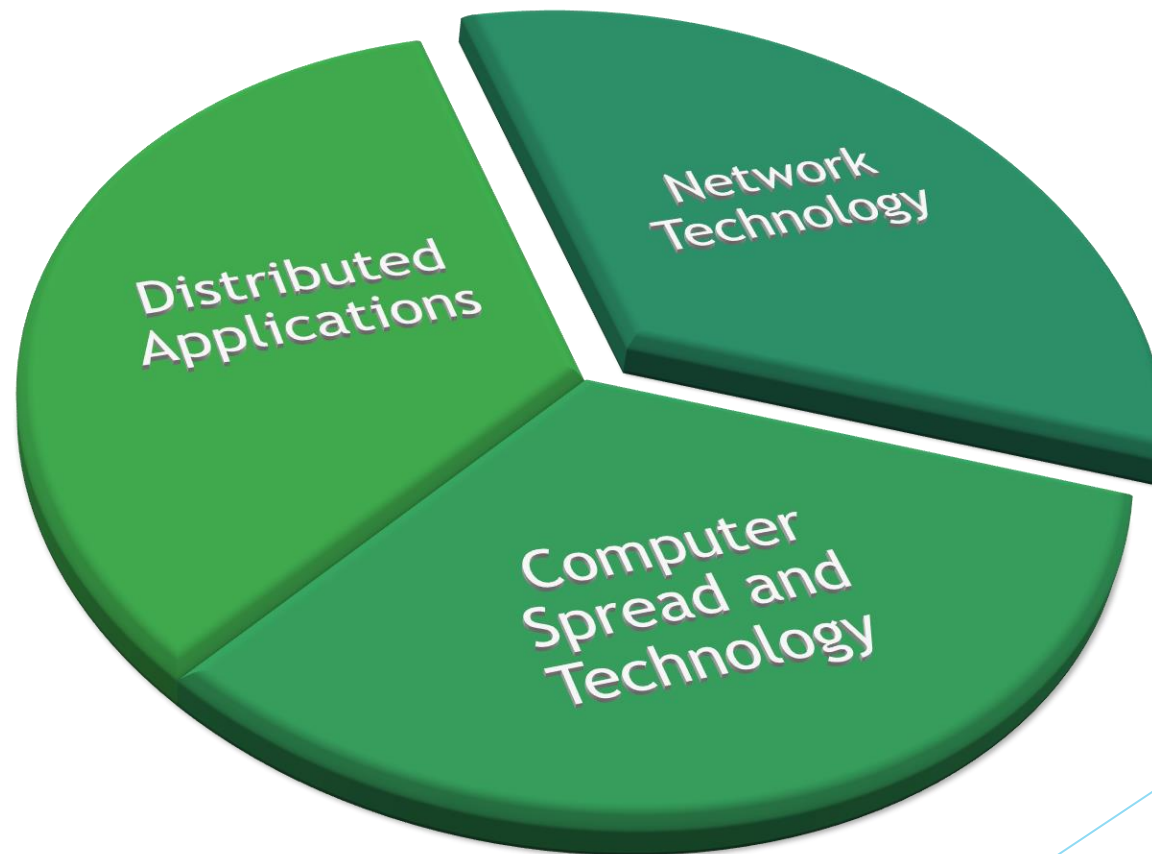
Then came the

**DISTRIBUTED  
SYSTEMS...**

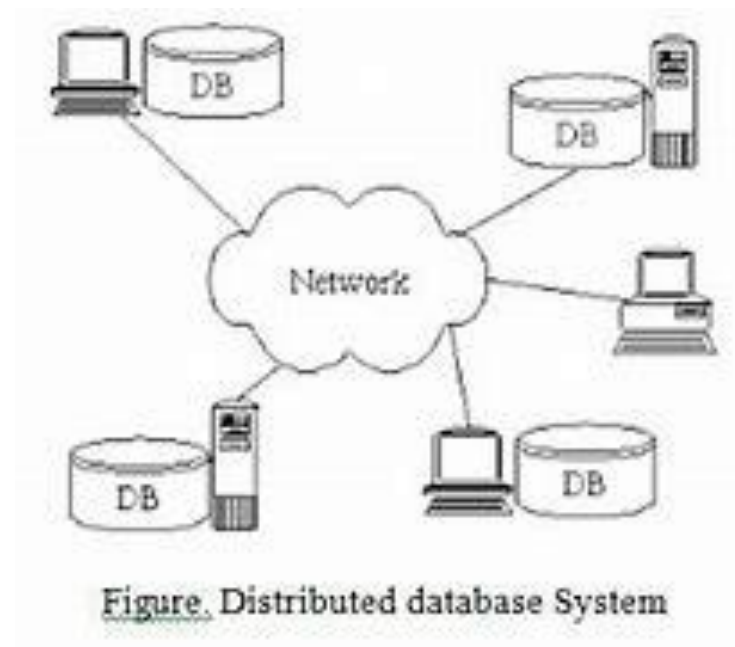
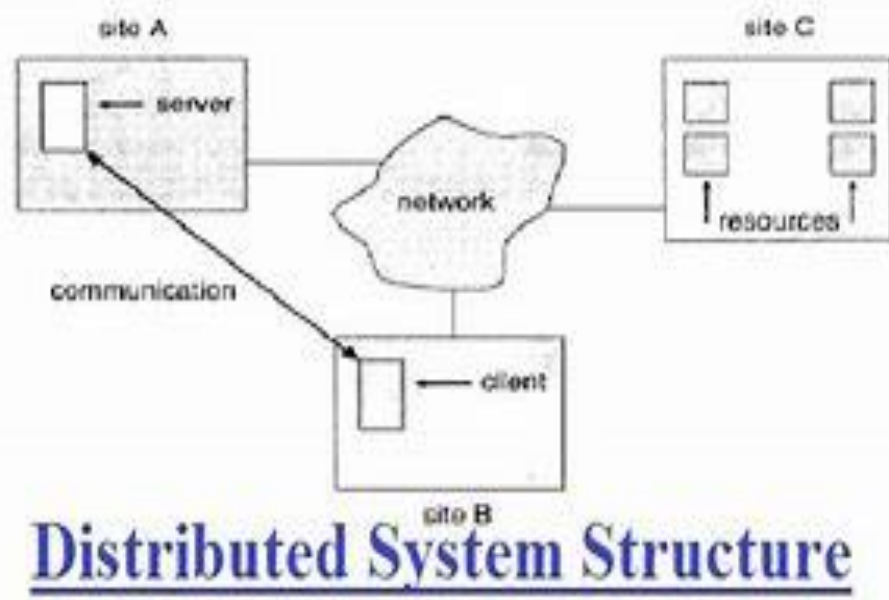
# Why Distributed systems?

- availability of powerful yet cheap microprocessors (PCs, workstations),
- continuing advances in communication technology

# Distributed Systems



- ▶ As soon as computers are **interconnected** and communicating we have a "distributed system"
- ▶ This approach of interconnectivity has been known by several names:
  - ▶ **multi-computers,**
  - ▶ **distributed computers,**
  - ▶ **parallel computers,**
  - ▶ **cluster,**
  - ▶ **and computational grid**

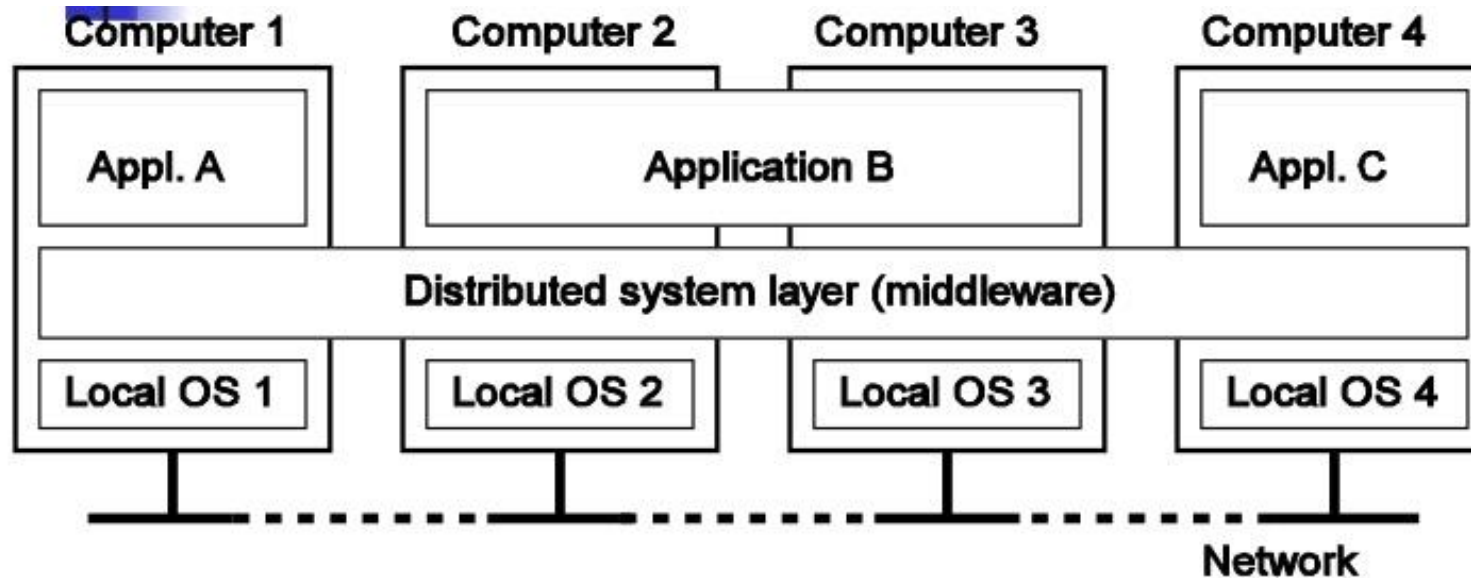




# What are Distributed systems?

- A distributed system is a piece of software that ensures that:
  - a collection of independent computers appears to its users as a single coherent system.
- Two aspects:
  - (1) independent computers and (2) single system => **middleware**.

# Organization of Distributed system



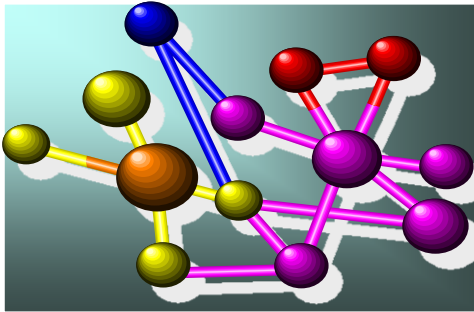
A distributed system organized as middleware.

- The middleware layer extends over multiple machines, and offers each application the same interface.

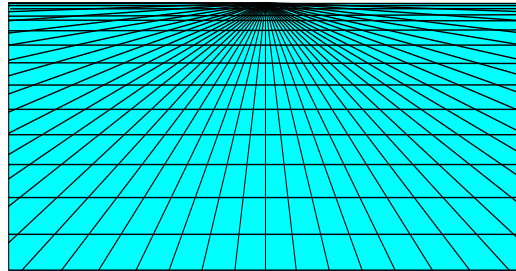
# Distributed Systems Goals and Motivation

## The Need For High Performance Computers

Solving technology problems using  
computer *modeling*, *simulation* and *analysis*



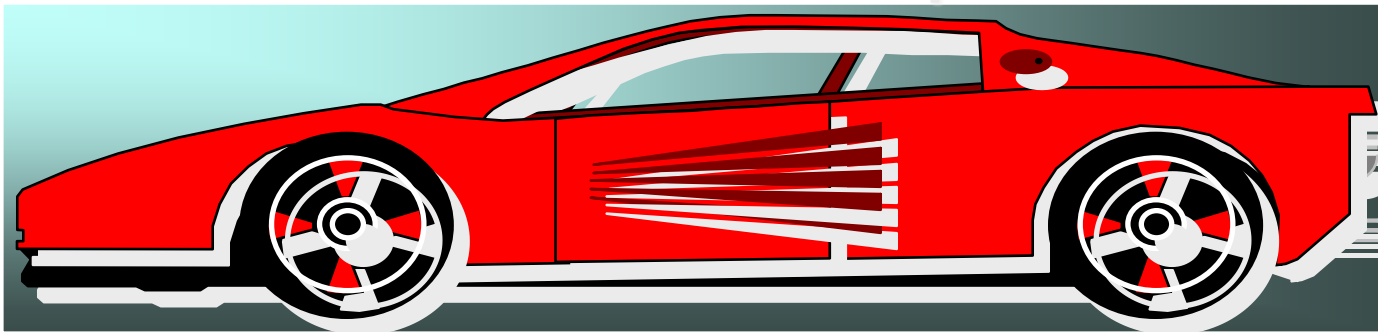
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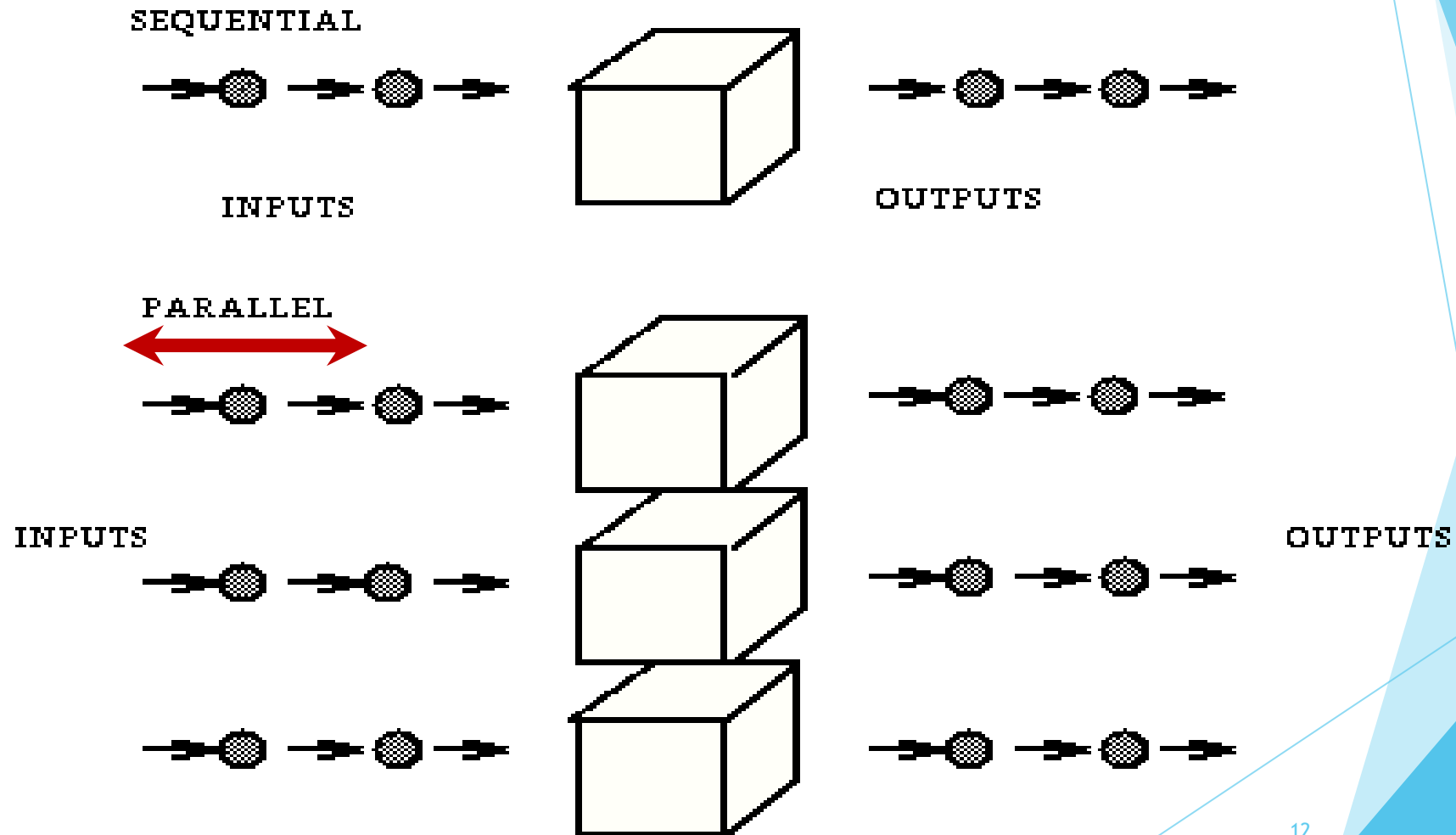


**Geographic  
Information  
Systems**



**Mechanical Design & Analysis (CAD/CAM)**

# The Need For High Performance Computers



# What is a Distributed System?

*A distributed system is a collection of independent computers that appear to the users of the system as a single computer*

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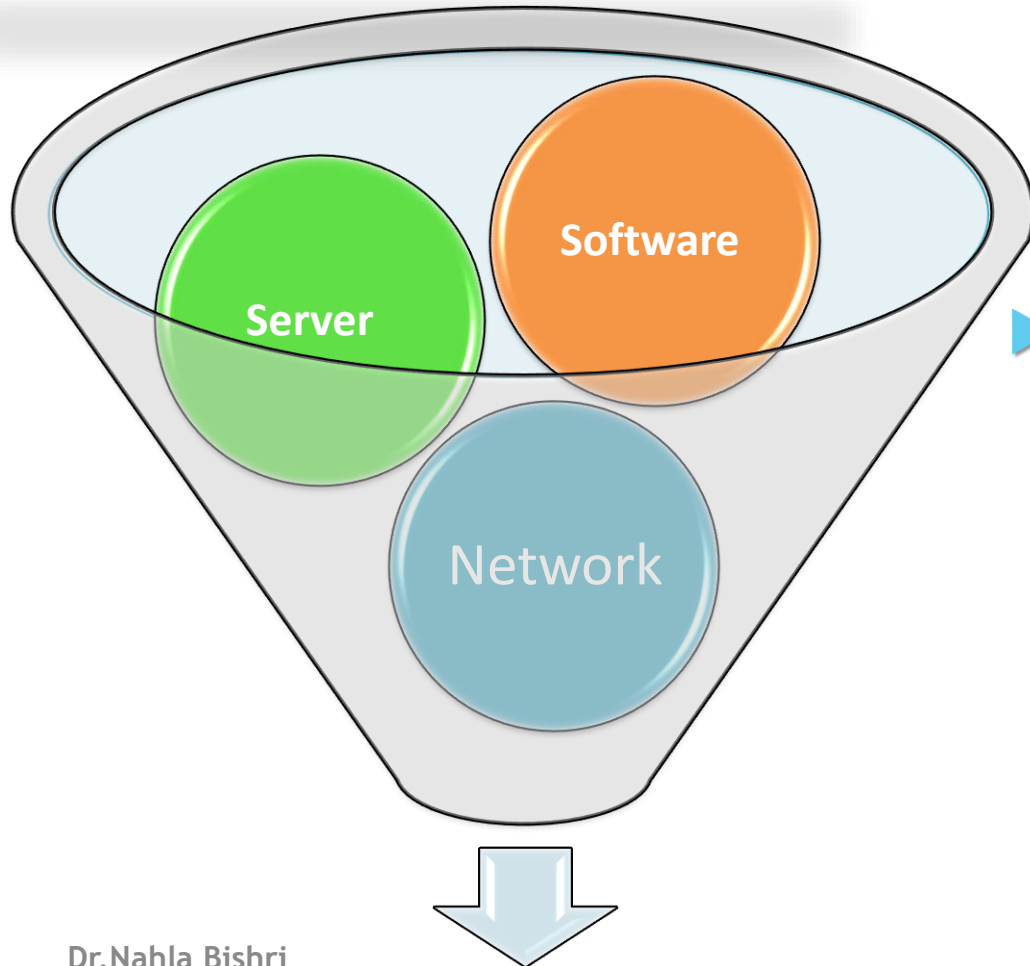
➔ A collection of independent computers linked by a computer network that appears to its users as a single coherent system.

➔ **Parallel system** is a collection of processing elements that communicate and cooperate to achieve a common goal.

➔ **Ideal Distributed system:** to present a single-system image.



# What is a Distributed System?



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## Distributed Systems

- ▶ **Hardware is distributed**
  - ▶ n processing elements (processor + memory), PE
  - ▶ Interconnected by some network
  - ▶ No shared memory
- ▶ **Software is distributed**
  - ▶ No centralized OS, each PE has its own OS
  - ▶ No physically centralized file system
  - ▶ Inter-process communication via message passing at the lowest level



# What is a Distributed System?

- ▶ Two important considerations

- ▶ Autonomous hardware

- ▶ Unifying software

**the users think of the system as a single computer**

- ▶ Interfaces users can plausibly view as a single system

- ▶ Masking machine boundaries in several ways



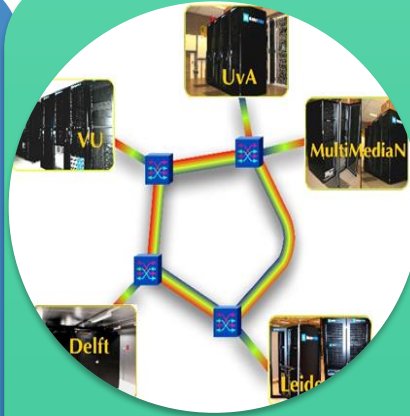
# Distributed systems evolution



## Distributed Systems: 1980s

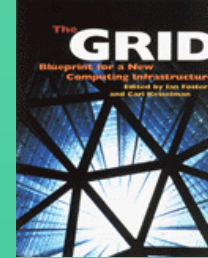
- Networks of Workstations (NOWs)
- Collections of Workstations (COWs)
- Processor pools (Amoeba)
- Condor pools
- Clusters

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## Distributed Systems: 1990s

- Metacomputing (Smarr & Catlett)
- Flocking Condor (Epema)
- DAS (Distributed ASCII Supercomputer)
- Grid Blueprint (Foster & Kesselman)
- Desktop grids



## Distributed Systems: 2000s

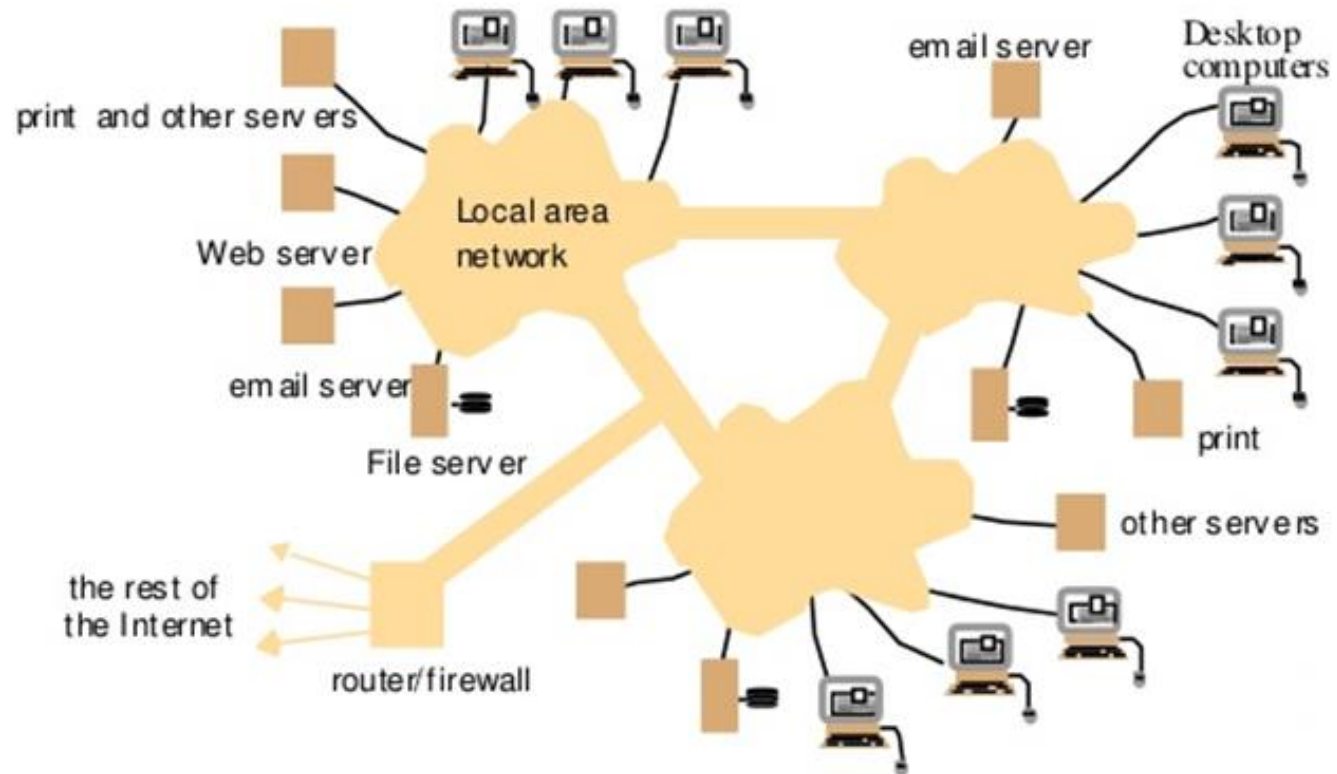
- Cloud computing
  - Infrastructure as a service
  - Virtualization
- Mobile computing
  - Sensor networks
  - Smart phones
- The Networked World



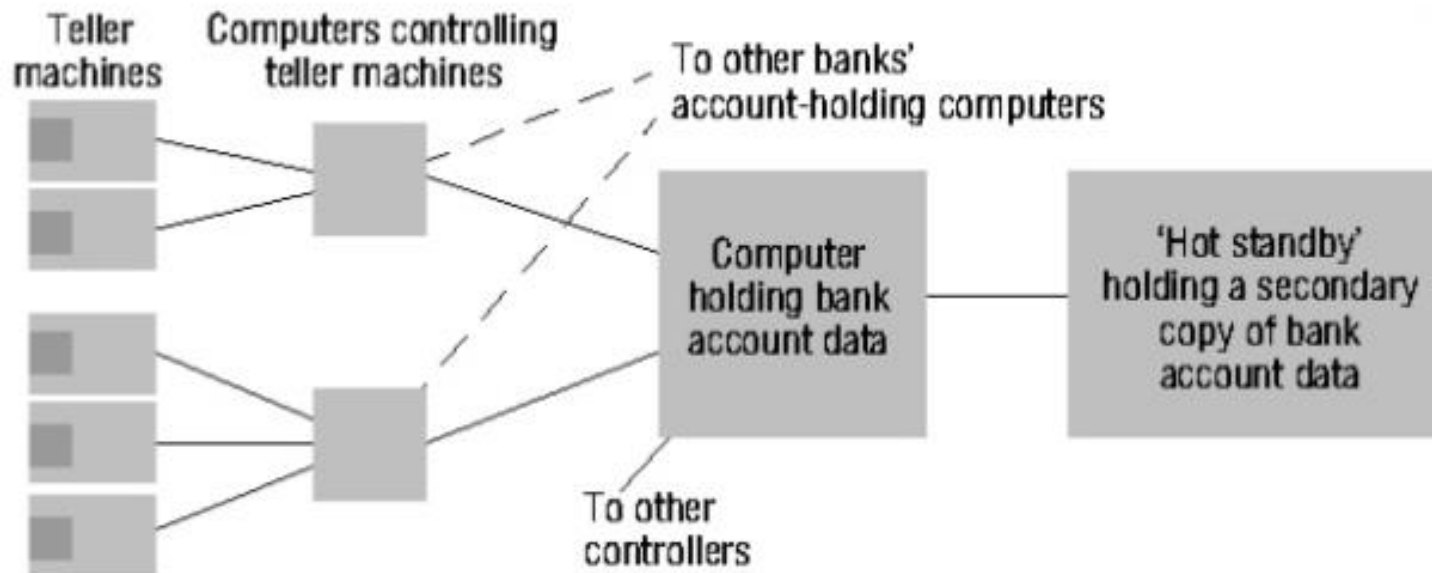
# Examples of Distributed Systems

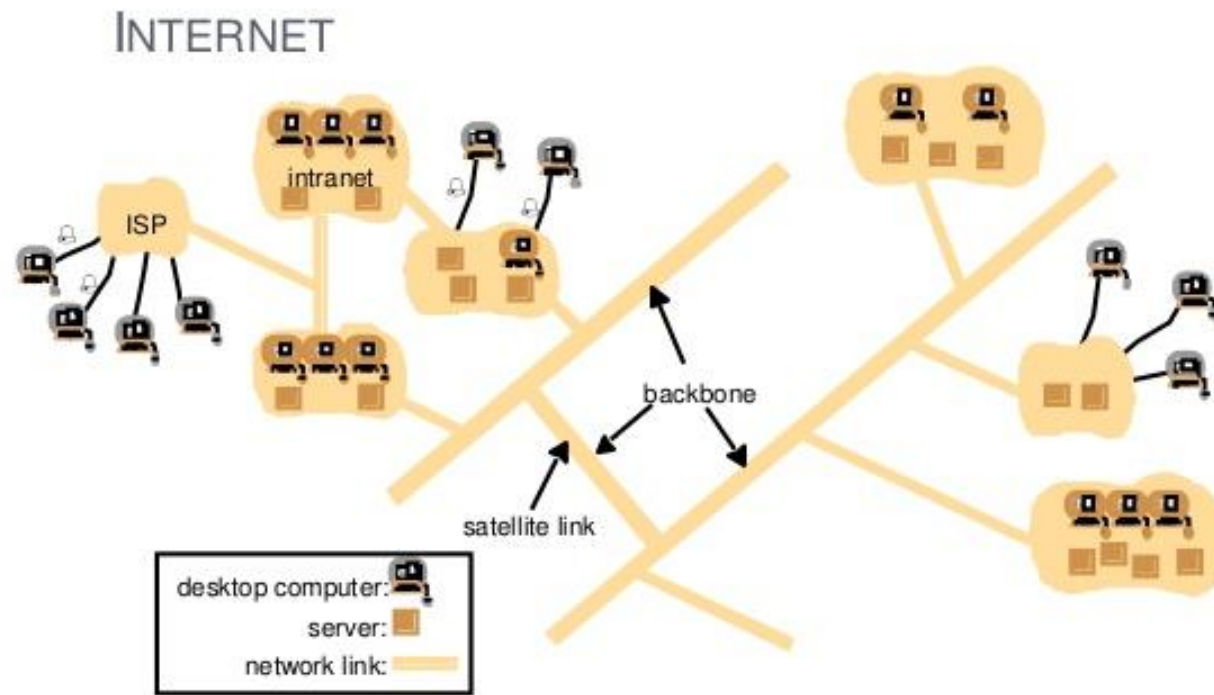
- Local Area Network and Intranet
- Database Management System
- Automatic Teller Machine Network
- Internet/World-Wide Web
- Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing

# LOCAL AREA NETWORK



## AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE NETWORK



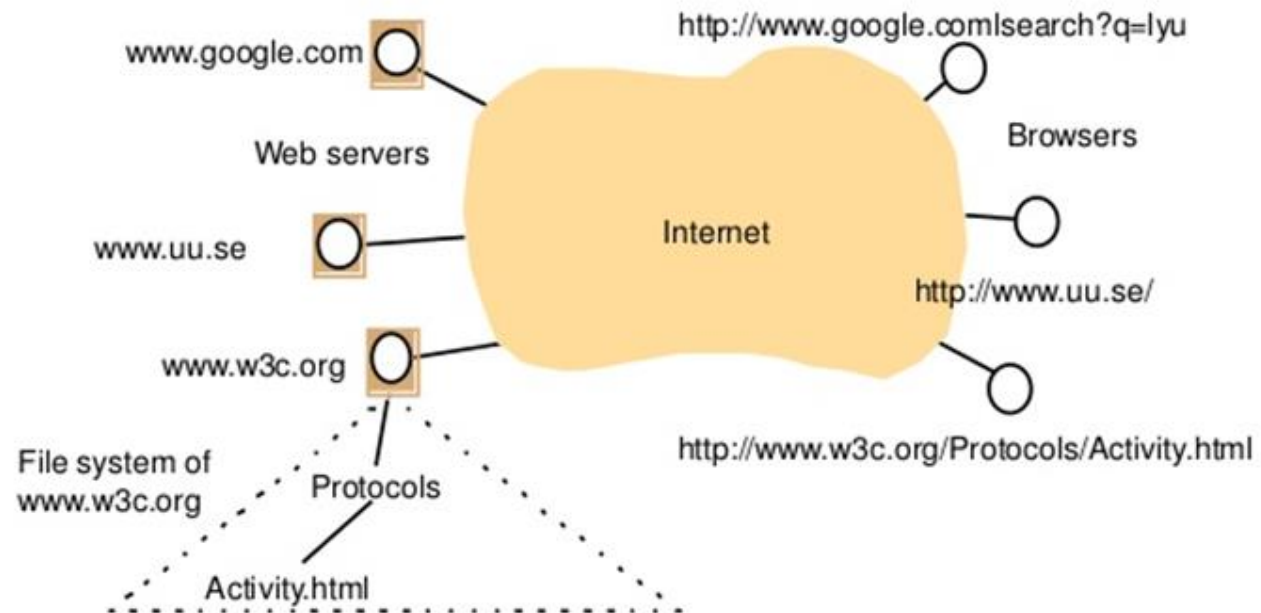


# WORLD-WIDE-WEB

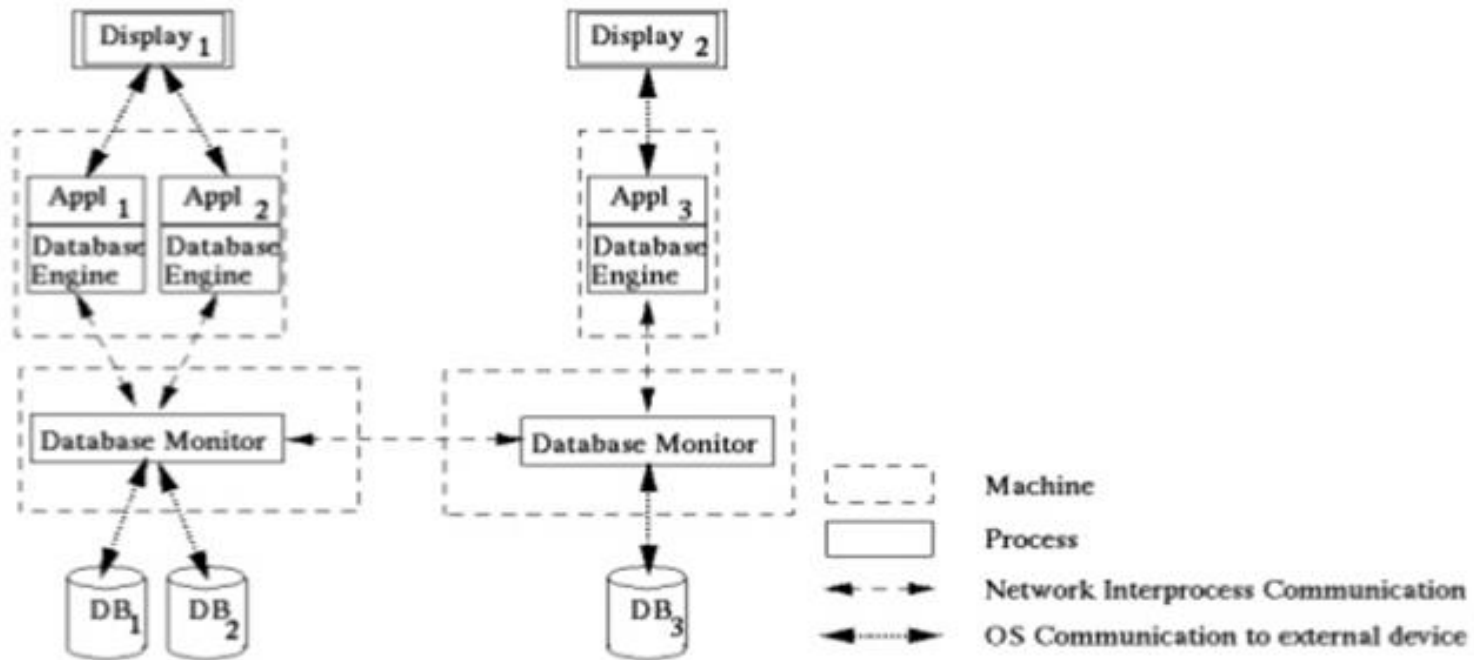




## WEB SERVERS AND WEB BROWSERS

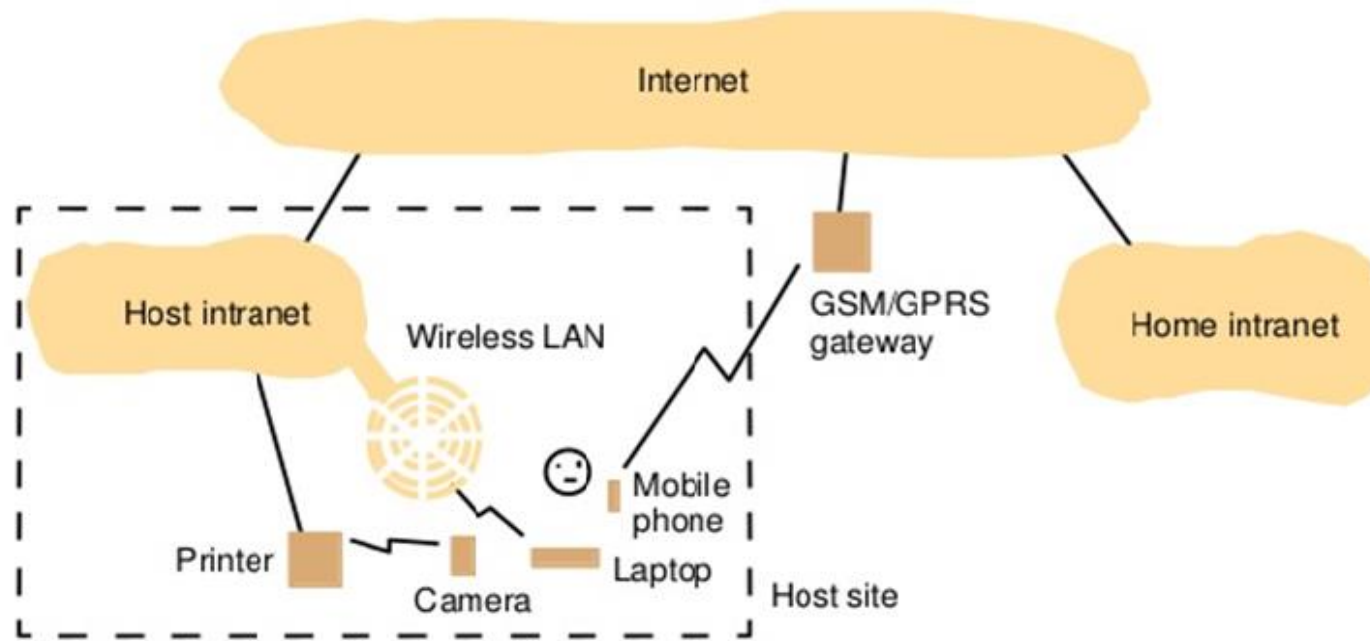


# DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



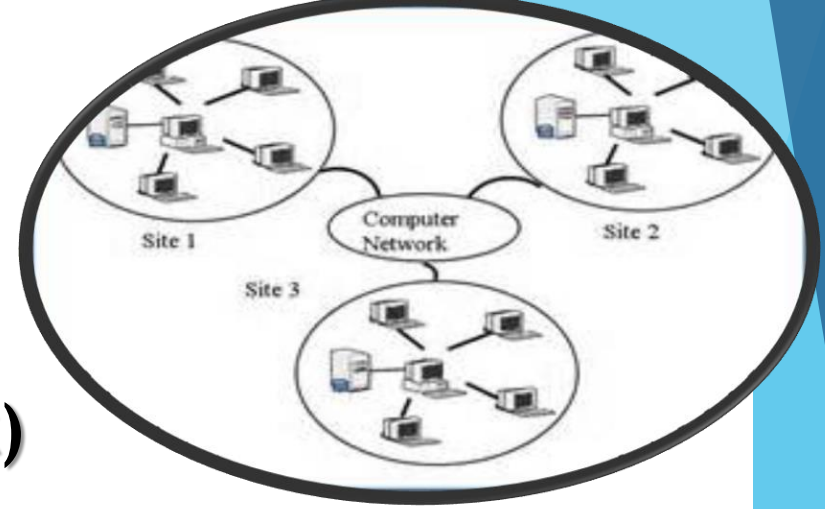


## MOBILE AND UBIQUITOUS COMPUTING



# Why Distributed System?

- ▶ Information exchange (collaborative work)
- ▶ Hardware Resource sharing (e.g. printer, backup storage, disk units, etc.)
- ▶ Software Resource sharing (applications, information)



## Cont. Why Distributed System?

- **Cost reduction**
- **Increase of availability (partial failure)**
- **Increase of performance through parallelism, ... (Executing two or more instructions simultaneously)**

Thank you