

# Distributed Computing I

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Focus

Reliability

Question

What makes software *unreliable*?

'Working' software

Satisfies the functional requirements

### Definition 1. Reliable Software

Continues to work correctly, even when things go wrong.

## Definition 2. Fault

Something goes wrong.

Death, taxes, and computer system failure are all inevitable to some degree.

*Plan for the event.*

- Howard and LeBlanc

Reliable software is

**Fault tolerant**



Problem

Individual computers fail *all the time*

Solution

Spread the risk of faults over *multiple  
computers*

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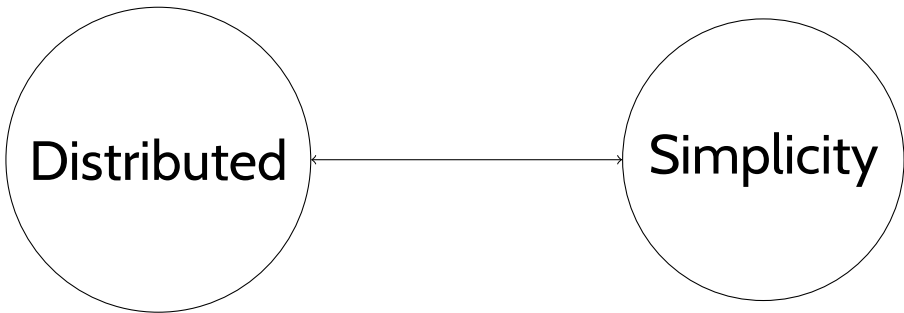
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### Definition 3. Distributed Computing

Multiple software components that are on multiple computers, but run as a single system

## The Problem



A lot of modern software development focuses on dealing with the *complexity* of distributed systems.



Question

What makes distributed computing complex?

- Faults
- Asynchronous communication
- Monitoring
- And much more...