

## 1. Least Connection Load Balancer

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- **Advantages:**
  - **Dynamic Load Distribution:** Effectively balances the load by ensuring that new requests are directed to the destination with the least current load, making it suitable for systems where the processing time for requests can vary widely.
  - **Scalability:** Works well in environments with a large number of destinations, as it continuously adapts to changing loads.
  - **Efficiency:** Helps prevent any one server from becoming a bottleneck, which can improve the overall responsiveness of the system.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - **Complexity:** Requires real-time tracking of the number of active connections per destination, which can increase computational overhead.
  - **Resource-Intensive:** Might require more resources to monitor and update the state of all destinations, especially in large, distributed systems.
  - **Latency:** The process of determining the destination with the least connections might introduce slight latency, particularly in highly dynamic environments.

## 2. Routed (Hash-Based) Load Balancer

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- **Advantages:**
  - **Deterministic:** The same request (based on its ID) is always routed to the same destination, which can help with caching strategies and maintaining session persistence without additional state tracking.
  - **Simple to Implement:** The logic is straightforward, requiring only the computation of a hash and modulo operation to select a destination.
  - **Efficient:** Minimal computation is required to determine the destination, making it very efficient in terms of processing time.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - **Imbalance:** If the request distribution is not uniform (e.g., some IDs are more common), this can lead to an imbalanced load, where certain destinations receive more requests than others.
  - **Lack of Flexibility:** If a destination becomes unavailable, it can be challenging to reassign requests associated with that destination without disrupting the routing logic.
  - **Statelessness:** Does not consider the current load or state of the destinations, potentially overloading some destinations while others remain underutilized.

### 3. Round Robin Load Balancer

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- **Advantages:**
  - **Simplicity:** The algorithm is straightforward, rotating through the list of destinations in a cyclic order, which is easy to implement and understand.
  - **Fair Distribution:** Ensures that all destinations receive an approximately equal number of requests over time, which can be effective in homogeneous environments where all destinations have similar capacity and performance.
  - **Predictable:** Since it cycles through destinations in a fixed order, the behavior of the load balancer is predictable, which can be beneficial for debugging and performance tuning.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - **Ignorance of Load:** Does not take into account the current load or capacity of the destinations, which can lead to overloading certain destinations if they happen to be less capable or slower.
  - **Not Dynamic:** In environments where the load on destinations changes frequently, Round Robin can result in suboptimal load distribution.
  - **Requires Even Distribution:** Works best when all destinations are similar in terms of capacity and processing power. If the destinations vary widely, some may become bottlenecks while others are underutilized.