

# Programa e regras de funcionamento da UC

**Redes e Sistemas Autónomos**

**Mestrado em  
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# Enquadramento de Redes e Sistemas Autónomos

- **Redes de Comunicações 1 (RC-1)**

- ♦ Competência básicas de redes
  - Técnico de redes.

- **Redes de Comunicações 2 (RC-2)**

- ♦ Competências na configuração e gestão de redes empresariais de média/grande dimensão com serviços.
  - Engenheiro (gestor) de redes empresariais

- **Arquiteturas de Comunicações (AC)**

- ♦ Competências na configuração e gestão de redes e serviços de operador (ISP).
  - Engenheiro (gestor) de redes de operador (ISP).

- **Comunicações Móveis (CM)**

# Planeamento Provisório

	Data	Teórica (sexta)	Prática (sexta)		1h15, 1h15
1	17/02	Programa e regras. Introdução às redes auto-organizadas. Apresentação dos trabalhos. Overview das CDNs.			SS
2	24/02	Sistemas e redes p2p e os seus mecanismos.	Guia 1	Peer-2-peer	SS, PR
3	3-Mar	Finalização dos sistemas p2p. IPFS.	Guia 1		SS, PR
4	10-Mar	Redes ad-hoc e mesh. Aplicações e funcionamento.	Guia 2	Ad-hoc communication	SS, PR
5	17/03	Encaminhamento em redes mesh e ad-hoc (include low-power)	Guia 2		SS, PR
6	24/03	Sistemas e redes veiculares. Aplicações e funcionamento.	Guia 3	Edge-based learning	SS, SS/PR
7	31/03	Teste intermédio, teórico-prático	Guia 3/Projects presentation	Edge-based learning/Projects	SS, PR
8	14/04	Sistemas de comunicação para anúncio e avisos/alarmes	Project planning/execu	Project execution	SS, PR
9	21/04	Qualidade de serviço e segurança	Project execution		SS, PR
10	5-May	Mecanismos de aprendizagem (centralização vs distribuição)	1st Project Evaluation	1st Project Evaluation	SS, PR
11	19/05	Sistemas de decisão (centralização vs distribuição)	Project execution	Project execution	SS, PR
12	26/05	Comunicação e computação no edge. Sistema e decisão edge e cloud	Project execution		SS, PR
13	2-Jun		Project evaluation	Project evaluation	SS/PR
Exame final e Recurso (Prático e/ou Teórico)					

# Avaliação

- $\text{Nota Final} = 50\% * \text{Nota Teórica} + 50\% * \text{Nota Prática}$ 
  - ♦ Avaliação Teórica
    - Teste intermédio, 31/03 (50%)
    - Segundo teste ou Exame final e/ou recurso (50% ou 100%)
  - ♦ Avaliação Prática
    - Guias 1 a 3 (20%)
    - Projeto (em grupo de 2) (80%)
      - Demonstração
      - Durante as demonstrações serão feitas questões a cada elemento do grupo e a nota poderá ser diferenciada.
    - A componente prática poderá ser melhorada em época de recurso com a execução de 1 novo projeto e demonstração

# Lab e equipamento

Ubiwhere Connected Intelligence Open lab

Ubiwhere equipment

- Rpi

- PC Engines APU

- Jetson Nano/xavier

IT equipment



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Dom Robinson, “Content Delivery Networks: Fundamentals, Design, and Evolution”, 1st Edition, Wiley, 2017.

Jonathan Loo, Jaime Lloret Mauri, Jesús Hamilton Ortiz, “Mobile Ad Hoc Networks: Current Status and Future Trends”, 1st Edition, CRC Press, 2011.

Wai Chen, “Vehicular Communications and Networks: Architectures, Protocols, Operation and Deployment”, WP editor, 2015.

# Funcionamento da UC

- Informação no e-Learning (Moodle).
  - Informação vai sendo atualizada semanalmente.
- Detalhes, software e manuais no e-Learning.
- Discord utilizado para dúvidas e para anúncios aos alunos: RSA 2022/2023
  - <https://discord.gg/mmK3W5dK>
- Esclarecimento de dúvidas:
  - Sempre que necessário





# Sistemas Autónomos



# Robots?

Robocop is cool, but...Roomba is Real



# Autonomous

***Autonomous:*** The ability to make one's own *decisions*.  
*self-control*

***Semi-autonomous:*** A system capable of making [some] *decisions* based on context, and relying on human intervention or override for others.

***Automatic:*** A system that responds to environmental input with pre-programmed responses.

***A single system may have multiple modes.***



# Examples

## ICYMI: Autonomous drone prototype take flight

Because hordes of flying monkeys are so passé.



Amber Bourne, @dummeight  
2h ago in [Gadgets](#)

Comments

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Today on [In Case You Missed It](#): The Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation at UC Berkeley has developed [augmented reality power tools](#) to help DIY-ers with a variety of actual home repairs by projecting information and providing feedback. Meanwhile, the Pentagon's new tech focused project has awarded a contract to Shield AI for its [Autonomous Tactical Airborne Drone](#) which requires no instructions or remote controls to scout the interior of buildings.



MQ-9 Reaper  
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV/Drone)

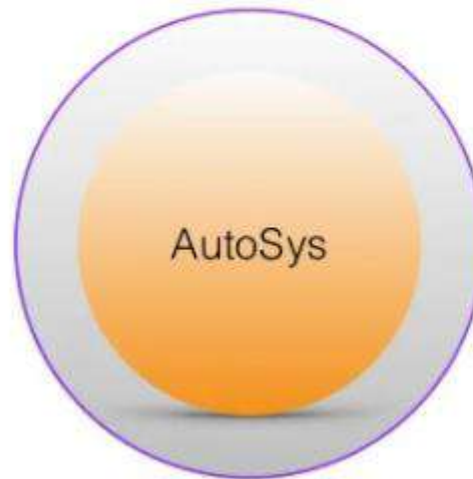


**BigDog** is a dynamically stable quadruped robot created in 2005 by Boston Dynamics with Foster-Miller, the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and the Harvard University Concord Field Station. <sup>[1]</sup> It was funded by DARPA, but the project was shelved after the BigDog was deemed too loud for combat. <sup>[2]</sup>

# Characteristics

## Classifying Autonomous Systems

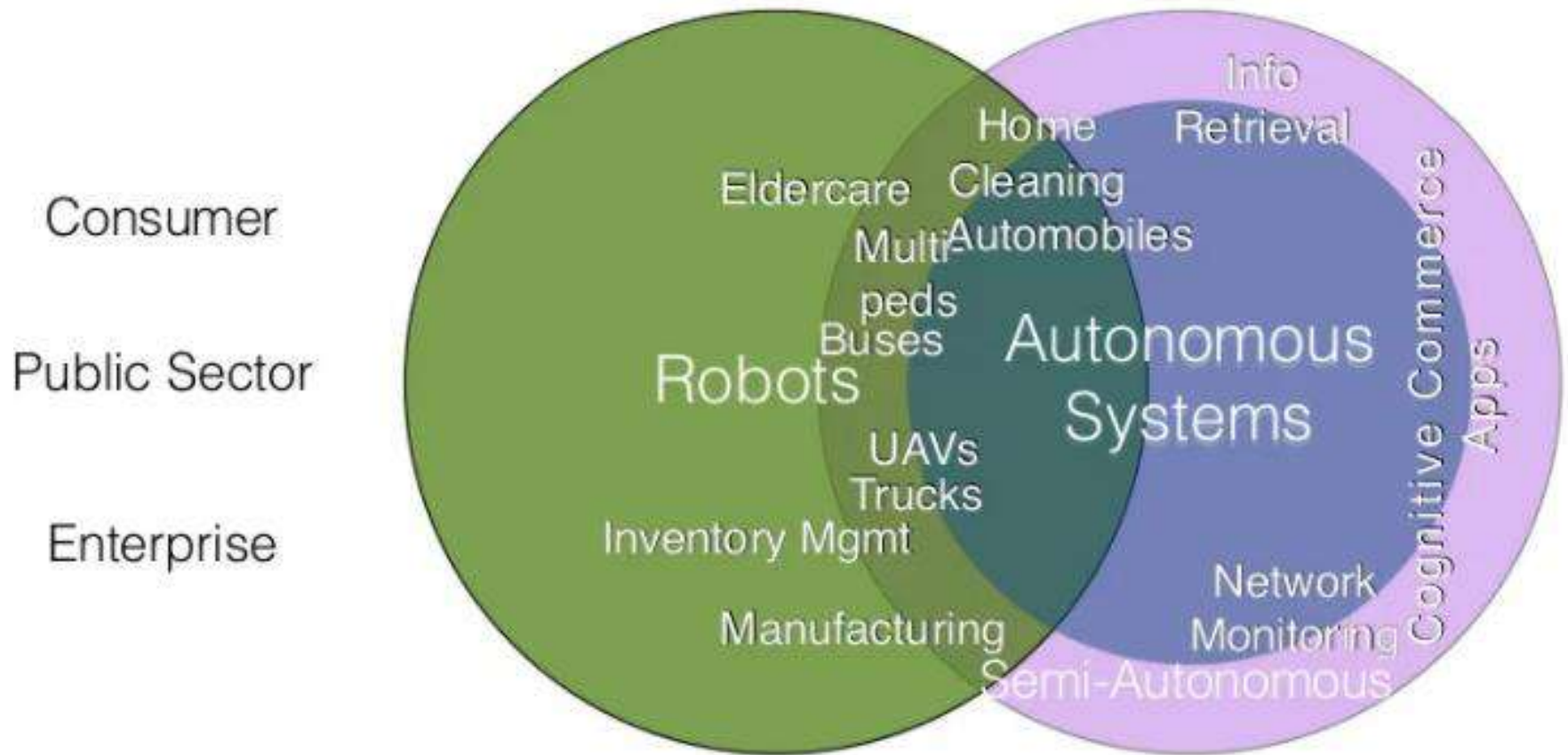
Decision-making...  
Does it plan?  
Generative planning?  
Use feedback?  
Coordinate?



Can it:  
move?  
in the air?  
on land?  
on/under water?  
see?  
hear?  
smell?  
taste?  
feel?  
learn?



# Robot vs autonomous



Robot/automaton/android

Machine that performs one or more *physical* tasks determined by preprogrammed instructions or determined by autonomous reasoning.

# Autonomous vehicles



## Michigan may no longer require humans behind the wheel of self-driving cars



Google's self-driving prototype car drives around a parking lot during a demonstration at the Google campus in Mountain View last year. (Tony Avelar / Associated Press)

By Associated Press

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016, 3:13 PM

**M**ichigan would no longer require that someone be inside a self-driving car while testing it on public roads under legislation passed unanimously Wednesday by the state Senate, where backers touted the measures as necessary to keep the U.S. auto industry's home state ahead of the curve on rapidly advancing technology.



### Olli

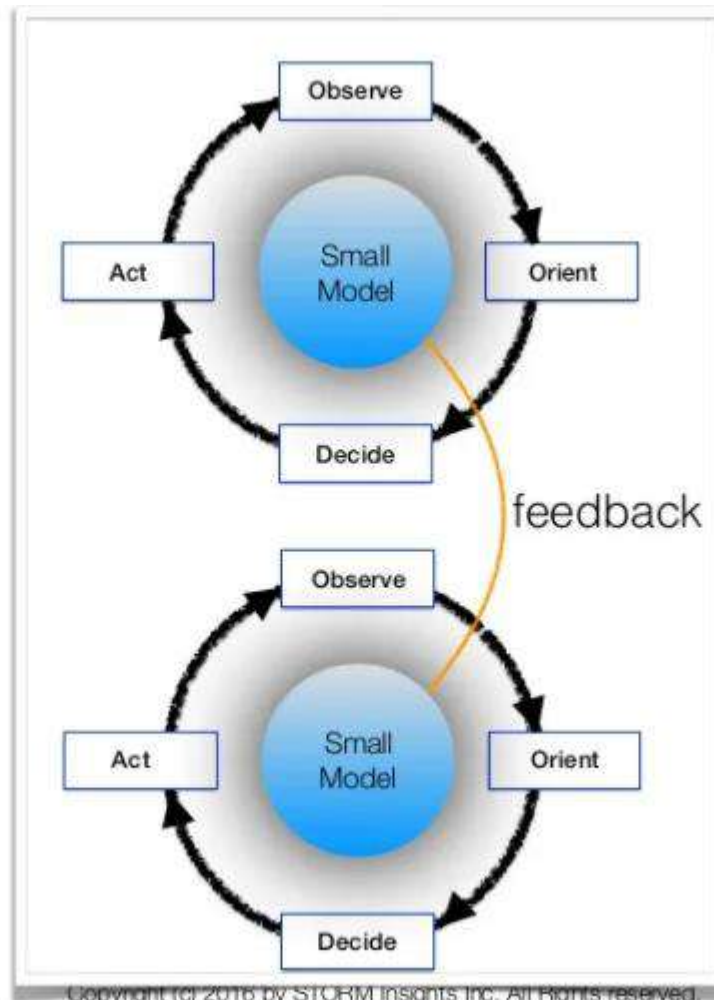
Self-driving 12 passenger bus  
Designed by Local Motors  
With "passenger experience" improved by IBM Watson (speech to text, natural language classifier, entity extraction, text to speech, and vehicle sensor analysis)



# Control Process

Formalizing the  
Control Process

Sensor



Effector



Sensor



Effector



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# Learning to control

Key approaches to

Machine Learning

supervised

The system is *taught to detect or match* patterns based on training data. Learning by example.

reinforcement

The system *learns/develops strategies* based on performance feedback.

unsupervised

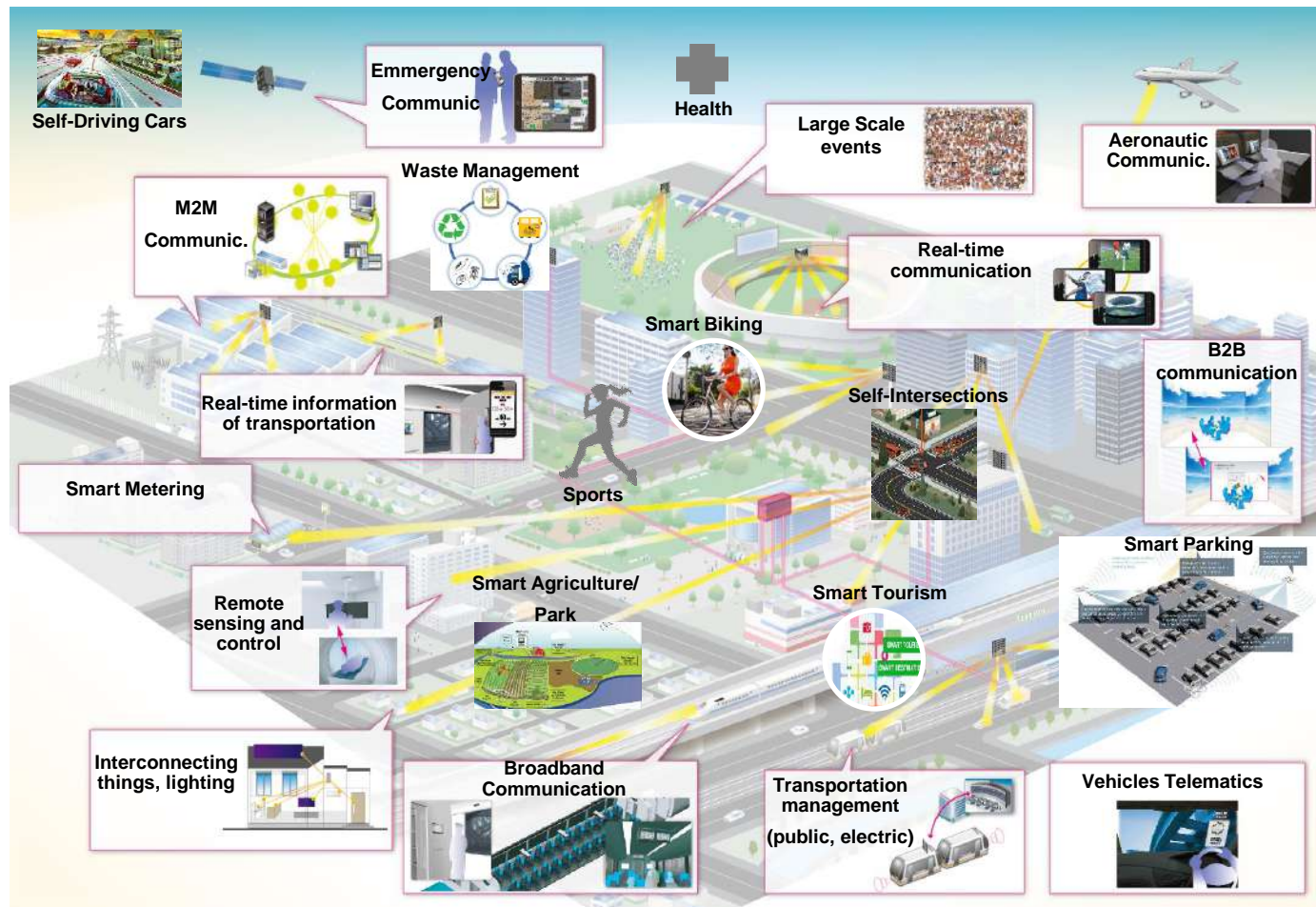
An unsupervised learning system *discovers* patterns based on experience.



# Comunicação e Redes



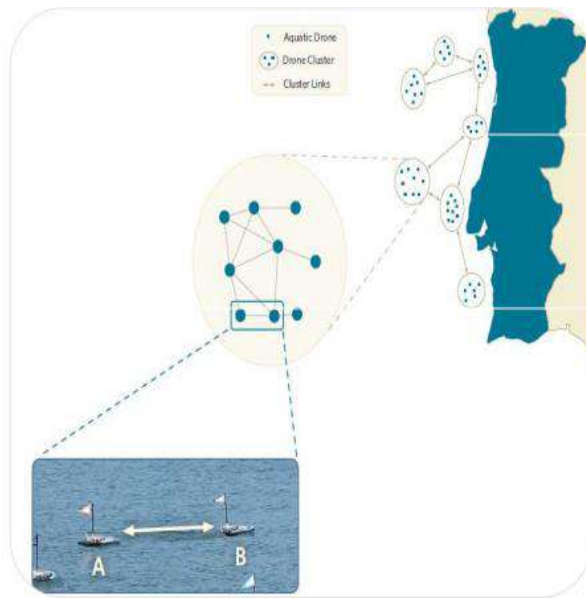
# Smart Spaces







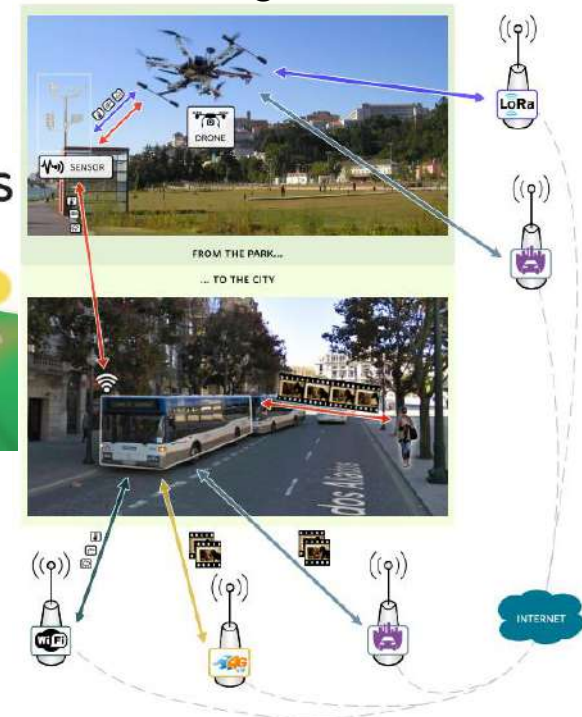
## Vehicular Communications



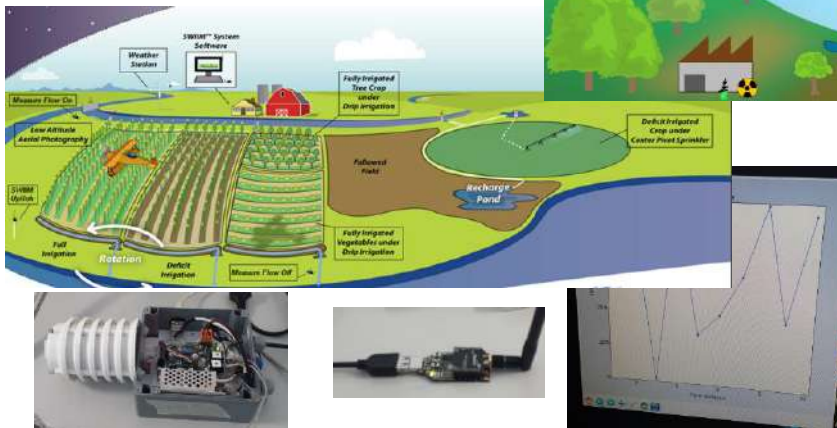
## Aquatic Drones



## Sensing

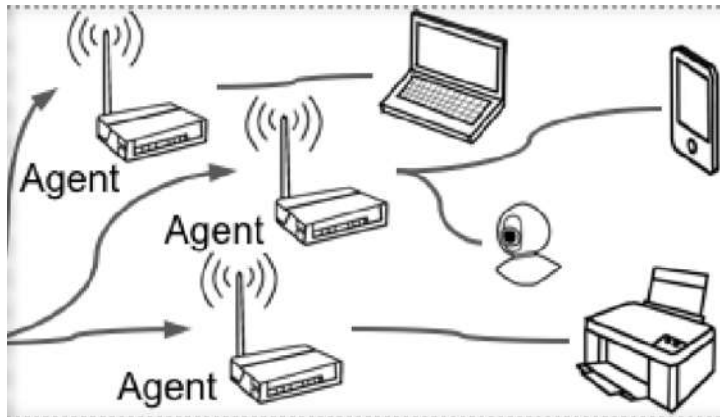


## Aerial drones

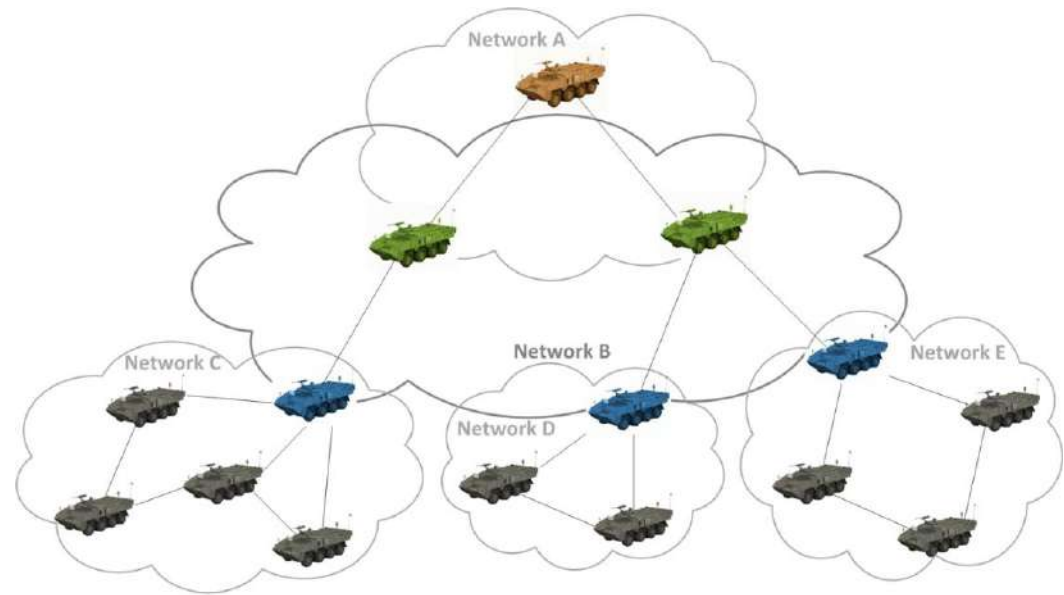


## Parks and Plazas sensing agriculture

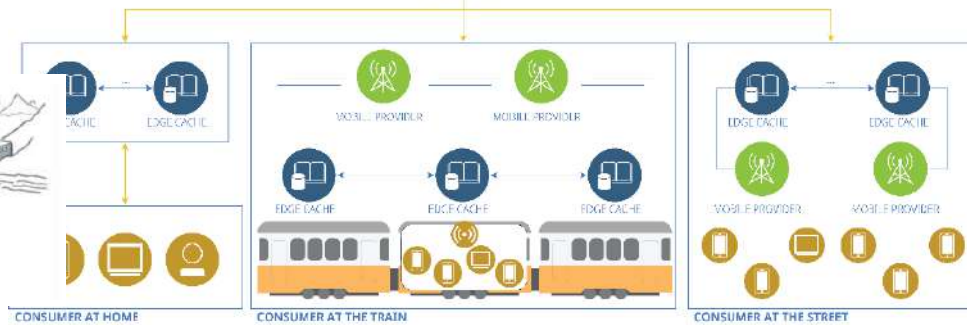




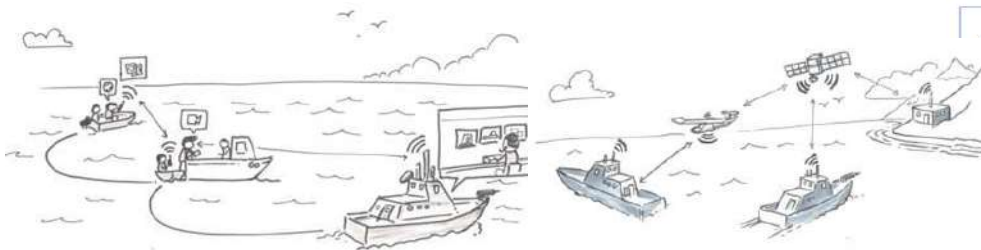
Mesh Wifi



## Defense



## Health



## Navy

# Redes e Sistemas Autónomos

- Autonomous elements
  - Need information from the surroundings
- Sensing
  - Communication of the sensing data
  - Data fusion
- Learning
- Decision
  - Communication of the decision





# Projetos (1)

Requisitos: 'obrigar' a que haja comunicação entre elementos, de forma autónoma, e criar um pequeno serviço, simulado ou emulado – podendo-se ver a hipótese de colocar alguns no terreno.

## Veículos

- Detecção de outros veículos à sua volta, enviados por si e por quem está próximo (criar uma rede e partilha da informação de deteção – colocar em mapa a informação):
  - só com mensagens (APUs)
  - com deteção or camera (Jetsons)
- Envio da velocidade entre carros e fazer um sistema de decisão de platooning (criar uma rede e partilha da informação entre os veículos – colocar em mapa em tempo real com simulação ou SBCs) (APUs)
- Ultrapassagens colaborativas com seguimento de acordo com as mensagens que recebe: visibilidade ou não visibilidade e a que distância (APUs)
- Lane merge e controlo entre os vários carros para um carro se colocar na faixa da direita (APUs)



# Projetos (2)

## Drones

- Movimento em formação: Envio da informação da posição, intenção de movimento, velocidade, etc. e realização de uma formação entre os drones (criar uma rede e partilha da informação entre os drones – colocar em mapa em tempo real e decisão da posição) (APUs)
- Detecção de obstáculos cooperativa e aviso para evitar determinadas zonas;
- Jogo com estafetas: ir entregando a informação das próximas coordenadas a percorrer e dar passagem a outro drone;
- Jogo com passos: em terra ir partilhando informação das próximas pistas;

## Barcos

- Corrida de barcos com recolha de dados: apenas após conseguir recolher dados numa coordenada, consegue enviar informação a outro barco da próxima coordenada.
- Movimento em formação;
- Detecção de obstáculos cooperativa;

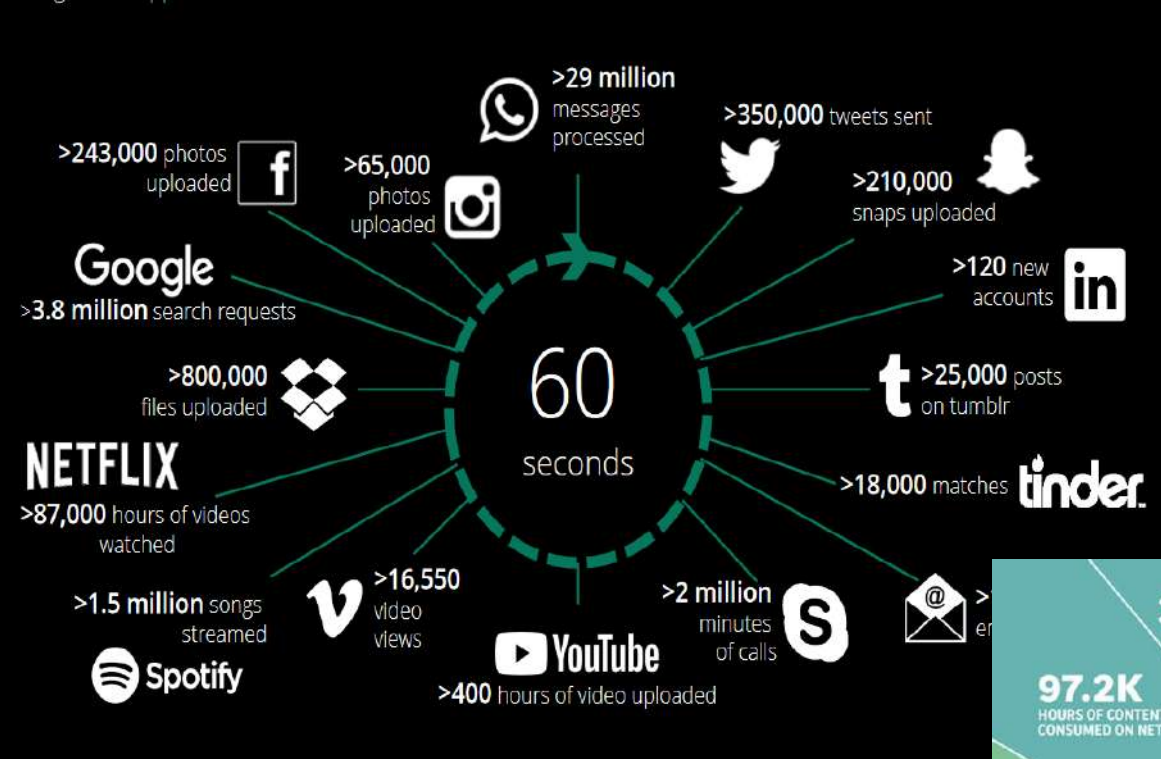
Controlo de semáforos com informação da rede entre semáforos, entre veículos e semáforos, entre veículos e pessoas e semáforos





# **Peer-to-Peer Systems and Networks**

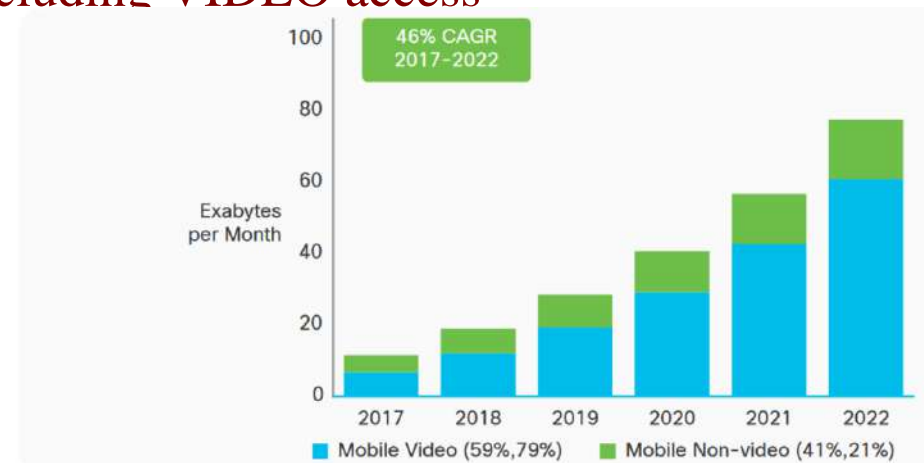
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# Motivation

- IP based networks
- Web based applications have become the norm for corporate internal networks and many business-to-business interactions
- Large acceptance and explosive growth
  - Serious performance problems
  - Degraded user experience

For a large set of applications, including VIDEO access
- Improving the performance of networked applications
  - Use many sites at different points within the network
    - Stand alone servers
    - Routers



Note: Figures in parentheses refer to 2017 and 2022 traffic share.  
Source: Cisco VNI Mobile, 2019

# Content distribution networks

- Client attempts to access the main server site for an application
- It is redirected to one of the other sites
- Each site caches information
  - Avoid going to the main server to get the information/application
- Access a closely located site
  - Avoid congestion on the path to the main server
- Set of sites used to improve the performance of web-based applications collectively
  - Content distribution network

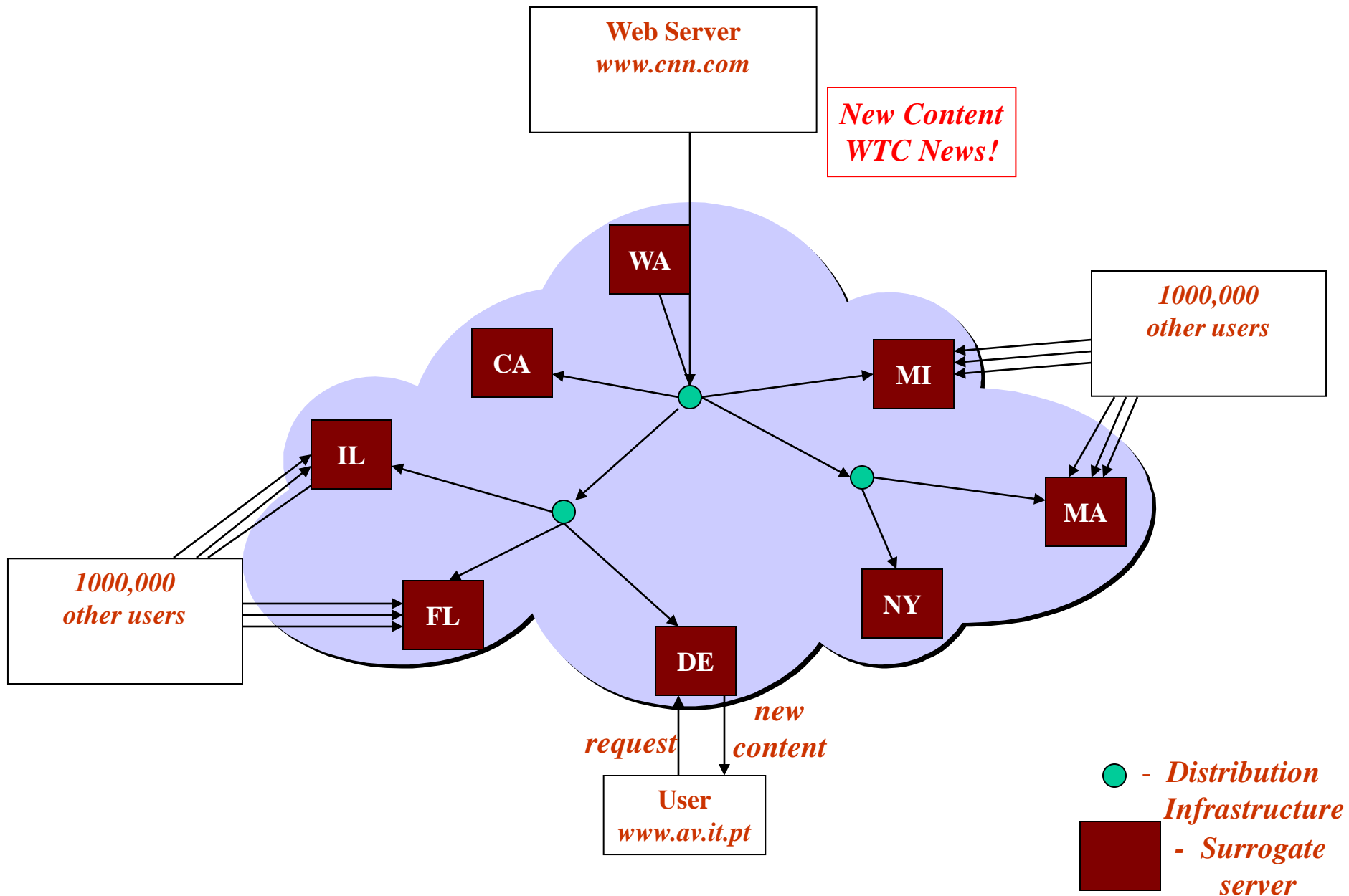
# What is a CDN?

- Content Delivery Network
  - Also sometimes called Content Distribution Network
  - At least half of the world's bits are delivered by a CDN
    - Probably closer to 80/90%
- Primary Goals
  - Create replicas of content throughout the Internet
  - Ensure that replicas are always available
  - Direct clients to replicas that will give good performance

# Key Components of a CDN

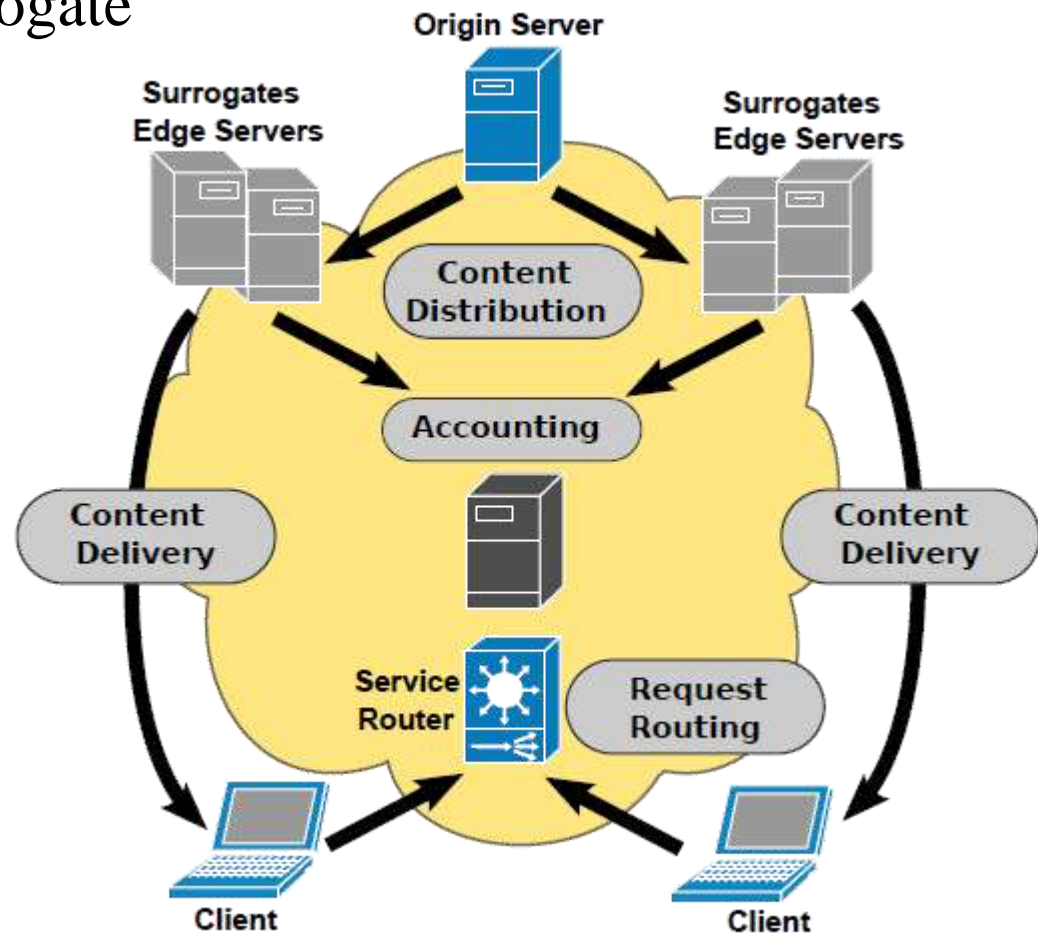
- Distributed servers
  - Usually located inside of other ISPs
- High-speed network connecting them
- Clients
  - Can be located anywhere in the world
  - They want fast Web performance
- Binding clients and distributed servers
  - Something that binds clients to “nearby” replica servers

# CDN Architecture



# CDN Components

- *Content Delivery Infrastructure*: Delivering content to clients from surrogates
- *Request Routing Infrastructure*: Steering or directing content request from a client to a suitable surrogate
- *Distribution Infrastructure*: Moving or replicating content from content source (origin server, content provider) to surrogates
- *Accounting Infrastructure*: Logging and reporting of distribution and delivery activities





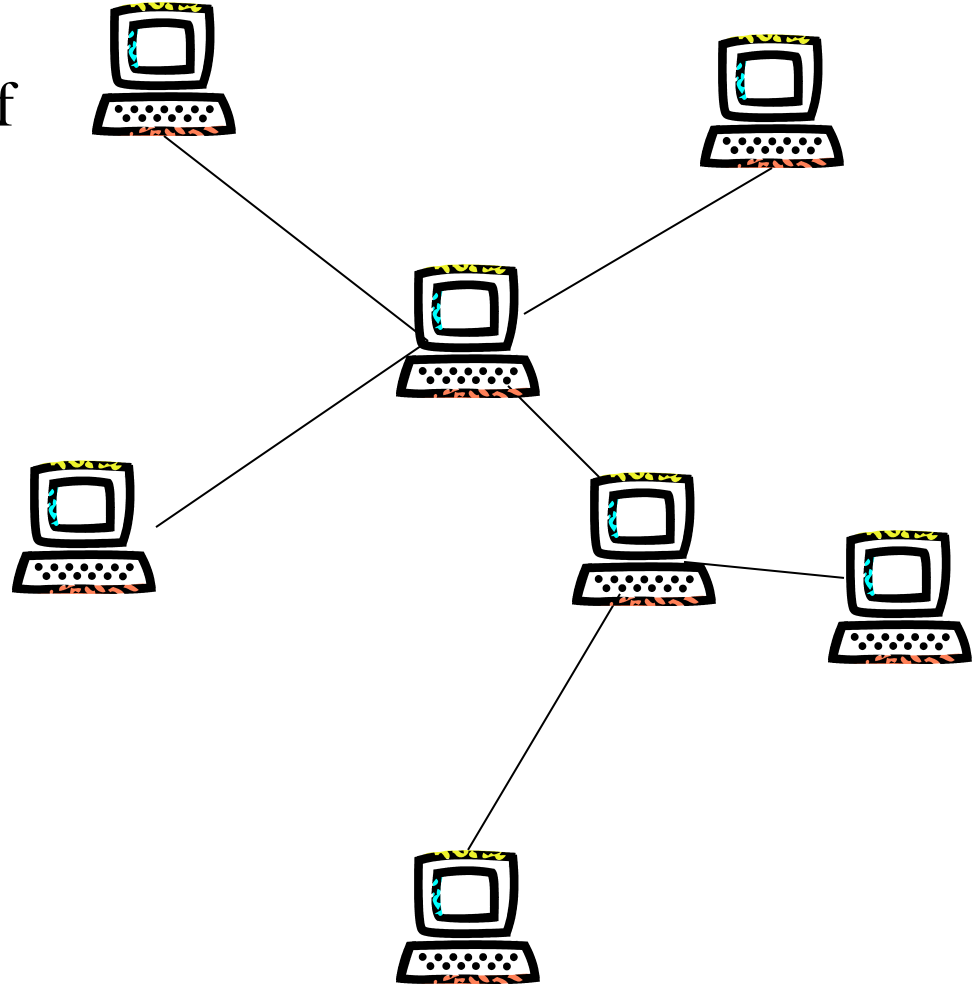
# **Peer-to-peer networks**

# Peer to peer networks

- Exploits diverse connectivity between participants in a network
- Exploits the cumulative bandwidth of network participants
- Typically used for connecting nodes via large ad-hoc connections
  - Sharing content files containing audio, video, data
  - Even real-time data, such as telephony traffic, is also passed using P2P technology (Skype)
- Pure peer-to-peer network
  - There is no notion of clients or servers
  - Equal peer nodes that simultaneously work as both "clients" and "servers" to the other nodes on the network

# The P2P Model

- A peer's resources is similar to the resources of the other participants
- P2P – peers communicating directly with other peers and sharing resources
- P2P services
  - Distributed Computing
  - File Sharing
  - Collaboration



# Advantages

- Clients provide resources, including bandwidth, storage space, and computing power
- As nodes arrive and the demand on the system increases, the total capacity of the system also increases
- Distributed nature also increases robustness in case of failures by replicating data over multiple peers
  - Enable peers to find the data without relying on a centralized index server

# P2P applications

- File sharing
  - Using application layer protocols
    - DirectConnect (centralized), Gnutella (flooding), BitTorrent (hybrid), IPFS
- VoIP
  - Using application layer protocols
    - SIP
- Streaming media
- Instant messaging
- Software publication and distribution
- Media publication and distribution
  - radio, video

# Challenges

- Peer discovery and group management
- Data **location, searching and placement**
  - **Search and routing**
- Reliable and efficient file delivery
- Security/privacy/anonymity/trust

# P2P types

- **Pure P2P** refers to an environment where all the participating nodes are peers
  - No central system controls, coordinates, or facilitates the exchanges among peers
- **Hybrid P2P** refers to an environment where there are servers which enable peers to interact with each other
  - The degree of central system involvement varies with the application
  - Different peers may have different functions (simple nodes, routers, rendezvous)

Used depending on the application

# Simple Peers

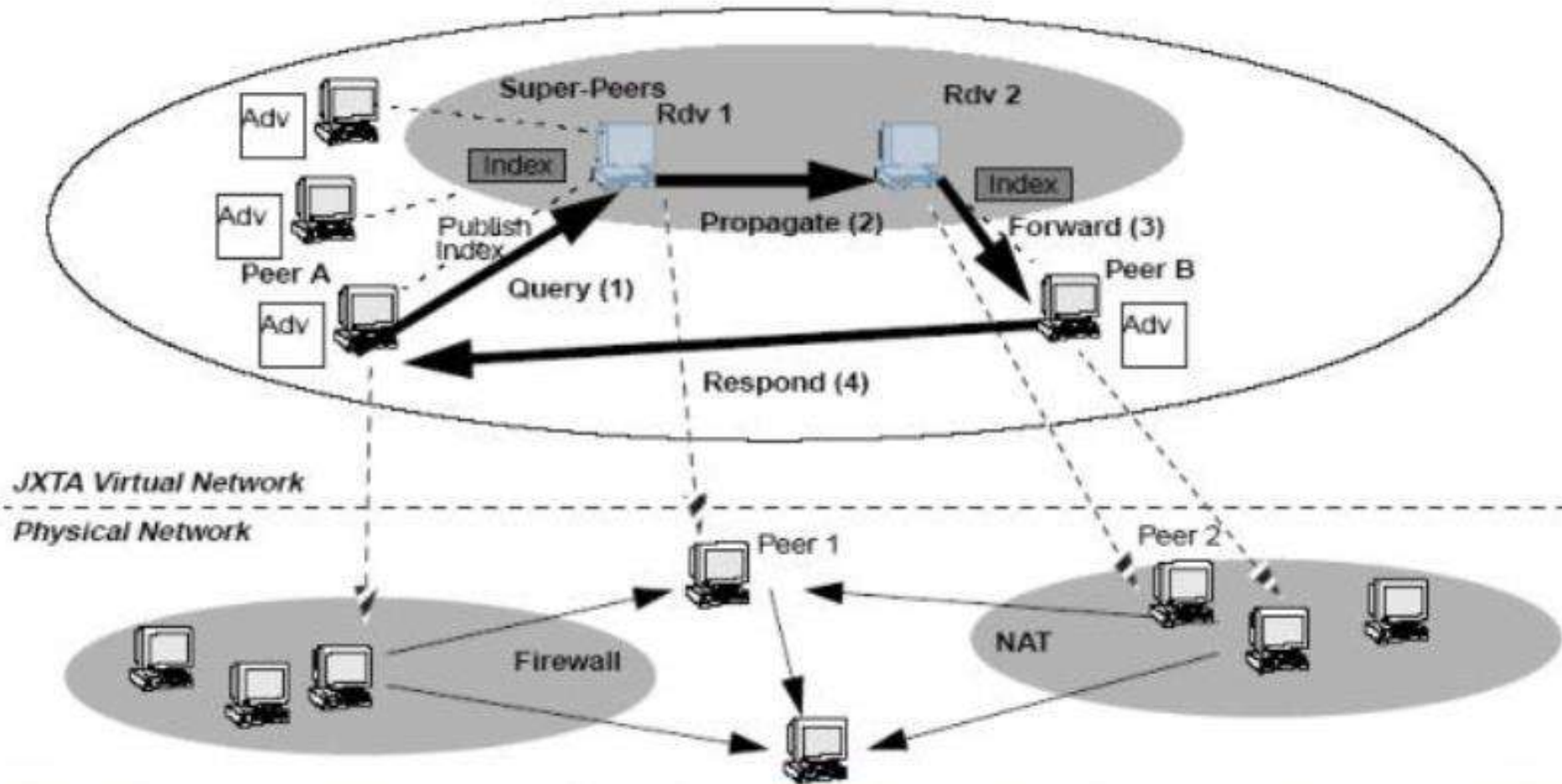
- Single end user, allowing that user to provide services from his device and consuming services provided by other peers on the network
  - Will usually be located behind a firewall, separated from the network at large; peers outside the firewall will probably not be capable of directly communicating with the simple peer located inside the firewall.
  - Because of their limited network accessibility, simple peers have the least amount of responsibility in any P2P network.
- They are not responsible for handling communication on behalf of other peers.



# Rendez-vous Peers

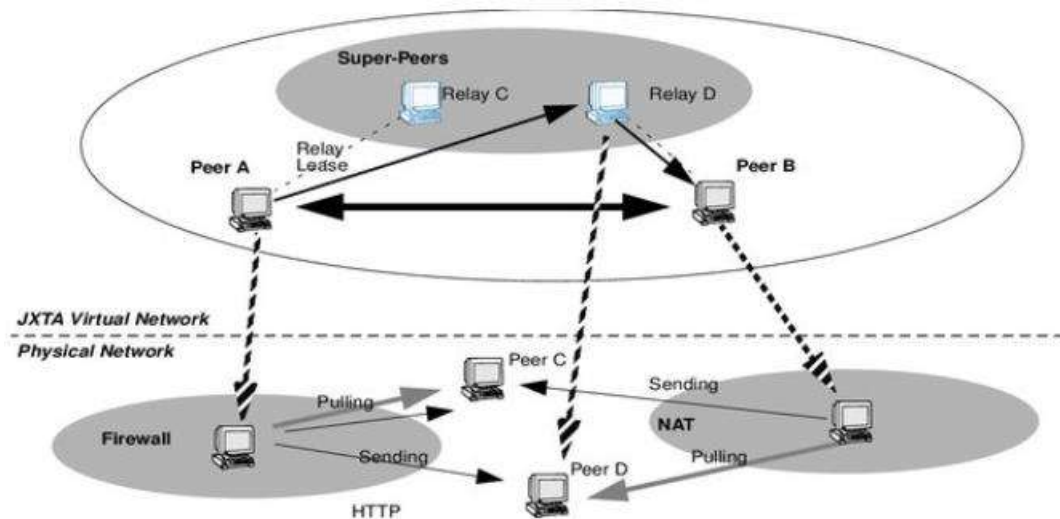
- Gathering or meeting place
  - Provides peers with a network location to use to discover other peers and peer resources.
- Peers issue discovery queries to a rendez-vous peer, and the rendez-vous provides information on the peers it is aware of on the network.
- May cache information on peers for future use or by forwarding discovery requests to other rendez-vous peers.
  - Improve responsiveness, reduce network traffic, and provide better service to simple peers.
- Usually outside a private internal network's firewall. A rendez-vous could exist behind the firewall, but it would need to be capable of traversing the firewall using either a protocol authorized by the firewall or a router peer outside the firewall.

# Rendez-vous Peers



# Router (Relay) Peers

- A router peer provides a mechanism for peers to communicate with other peers separated from the network by firewall or Network Address Translation (NAT) equipment.
- Peers outside the firewall to communicate with a peer behind the firewall, and vice versa.
- A relay is not necessarily a rendez-vous peer
  - Relay is on the data stream
  - Rendez-vous is always on the discovery path (and maybe in the data stream).

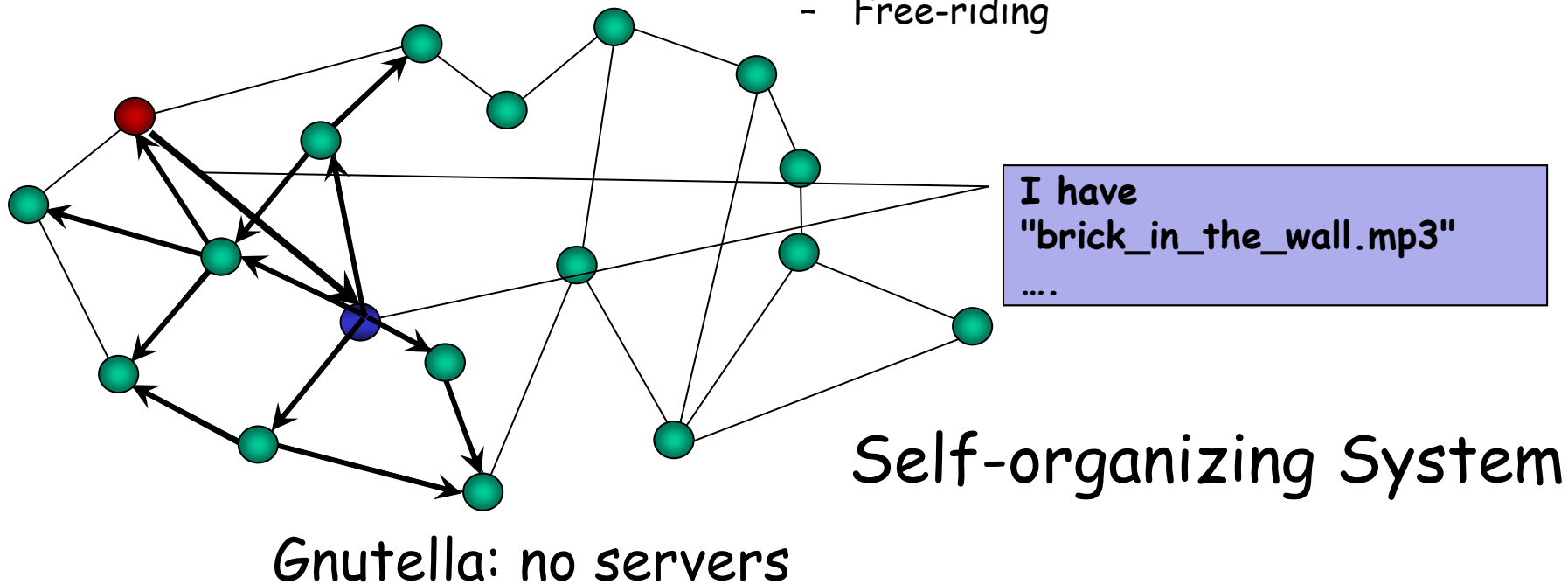


# Structured vs Unstructured

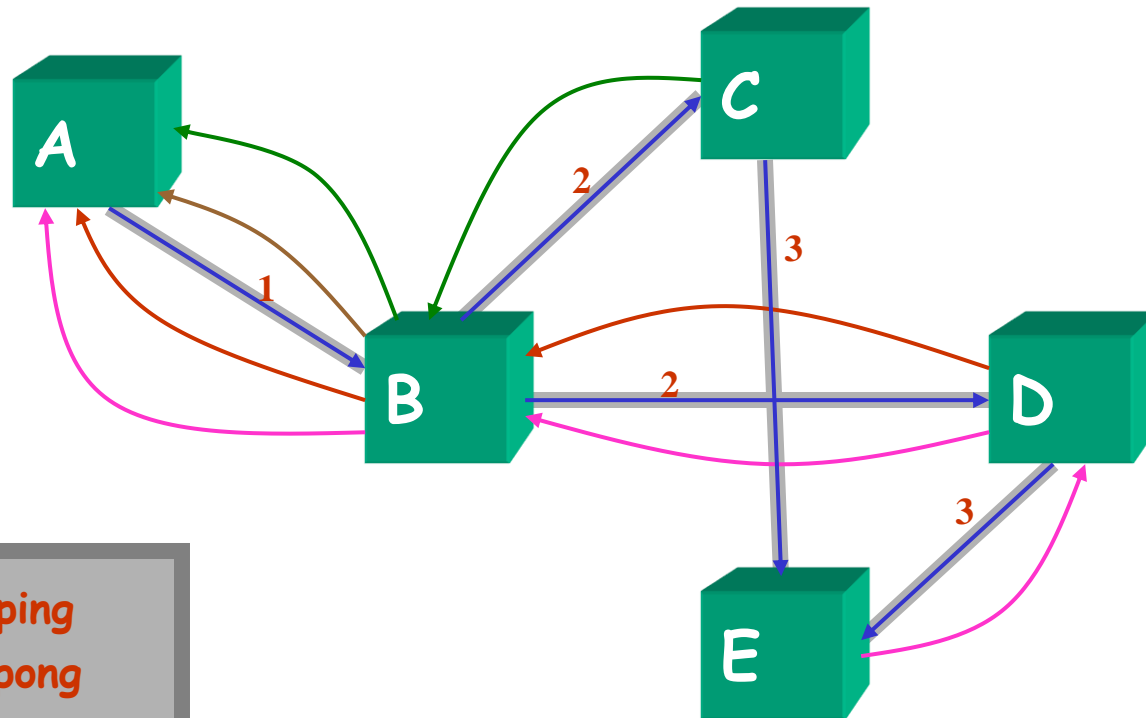
- Unstructured P2P networks
  - Formed when the overlay links are established arbitrarily.
  - If a peer wants to find a desired piece of data in the network, the query has to be flooded through the network to find as many peers as possible that share the data
    - The queries may not always be resolved
      - If a peer is looking for rare data shared by only a few other peers, then it is highly unlikely that search will be successful
    - Flooding causes a high amount of signalling traffic in the network
    - Gnutella and FastTrack/KaZaa, BitTorrent
- Structured P2P networks
  - Globally consistent protocol (logic) to ensure that any node can efficiently route a search to some peer that has the desired file, even if the file is extremely rare
  - The most common type of structured P2P network is the Distributed Hash Table (DHT)
    - A variant of consistent hashing is used to assign ownership of each file to a particular peer
    - Chord, Pastry, Tapestry, CAN, Tulip, Kadmelia, BitTorrent (trackerless), IPFS

# Fully Decentralized Information Systems

- P2P file sharing
  - Global scale application
- Example: Gnutella
  - 40.000 nodes, 3 Mio files (August 2000)
  - 3M nodes (Jan 2006)
- Strengths
  - Good response time, scalable
  - No infrastructure, no administration
  - No single point of failure
- Weaknesses
  - High network traffic
  - No structured search
  - Free-riding



# Gnutella: Meeting Peers (Ping/Pong)



- A's ping
- B's pong
- C's pong
- D's pong
- E's pong

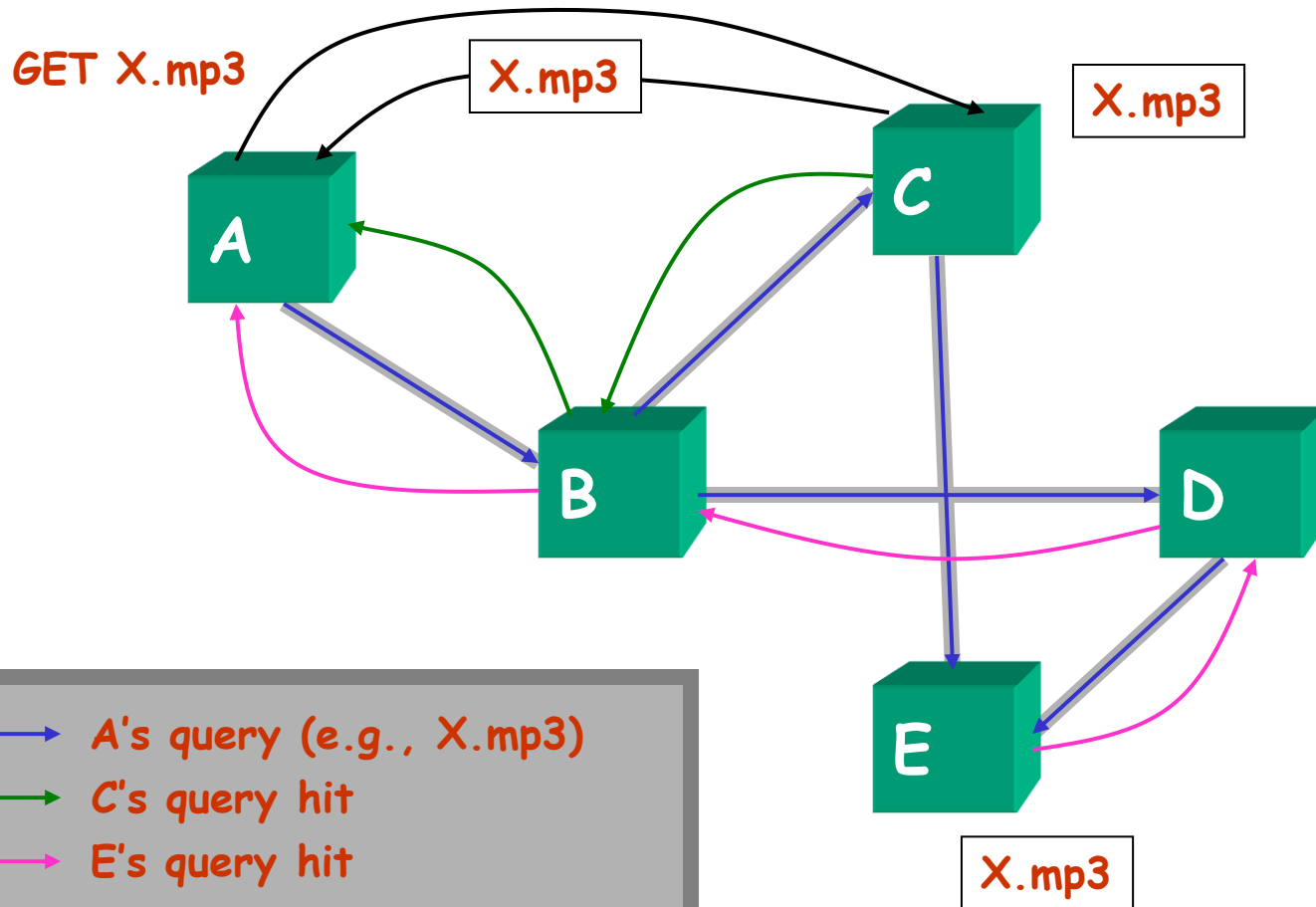
# Gnutella: Protocol Message Types

Type	Description	Contained Information
Ping	Announce availability and probe for other servents	None
Pong	Response to a ping	IP address and port# of responding servent; number and total kb of files shared
Query	Search request	Minimum network bandwidth of responding servent; search criteria
QueryHit	Returned by servents that have the requested file	IP address, port# and network bandwidth of responding servent; number of results and result set
Push	File download requests for servents behind a firewall	Servent identifier; index of requested file; IP address and port to send file to



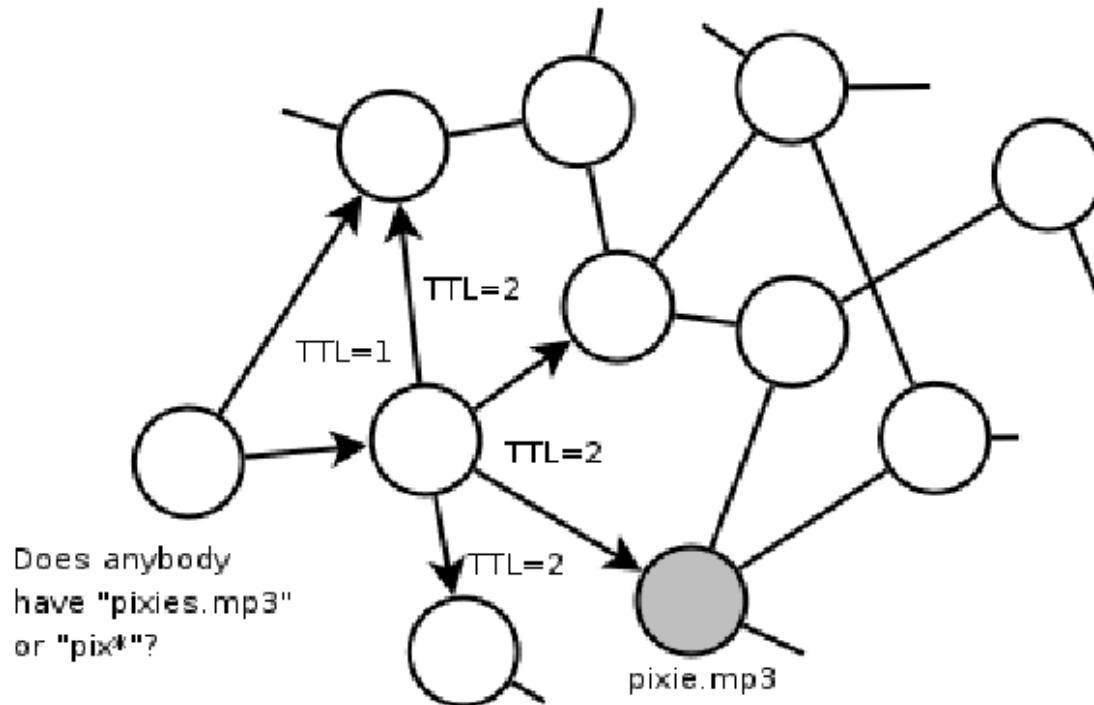
# Gnutella: Searching

(Query/QueryHit/GET)



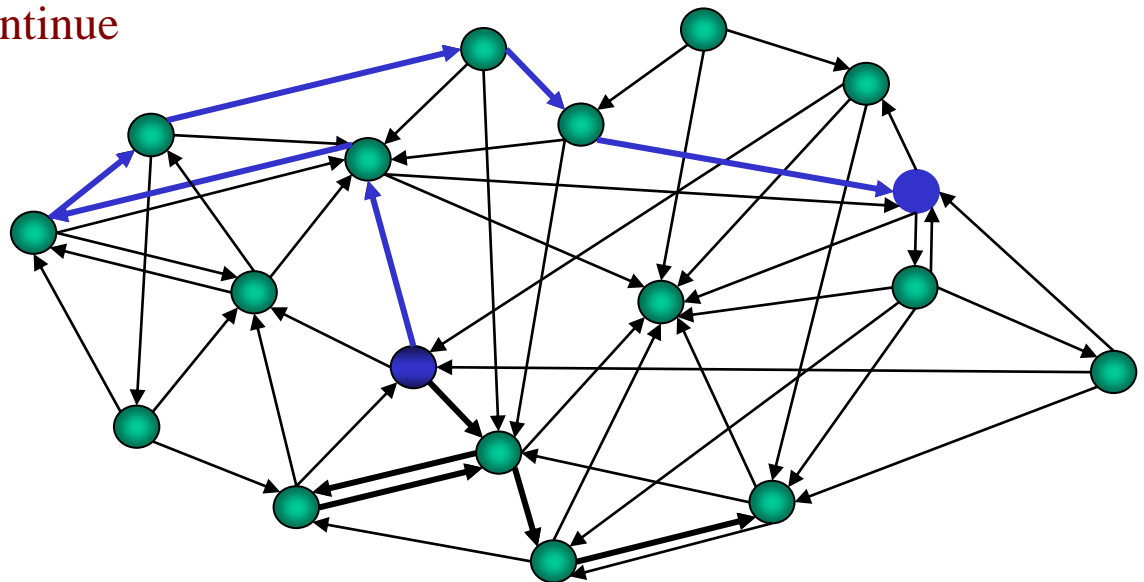
# Searching in Gnutella (structureless)

- Queries are flooded to neighbours, have a TTL, and are forwarded only once
- Query may obtain several responses indicating which peers provide the requested file. Among those it selects one, and directly contacts it in order to download the file.
  - Can we search using fewer packets?



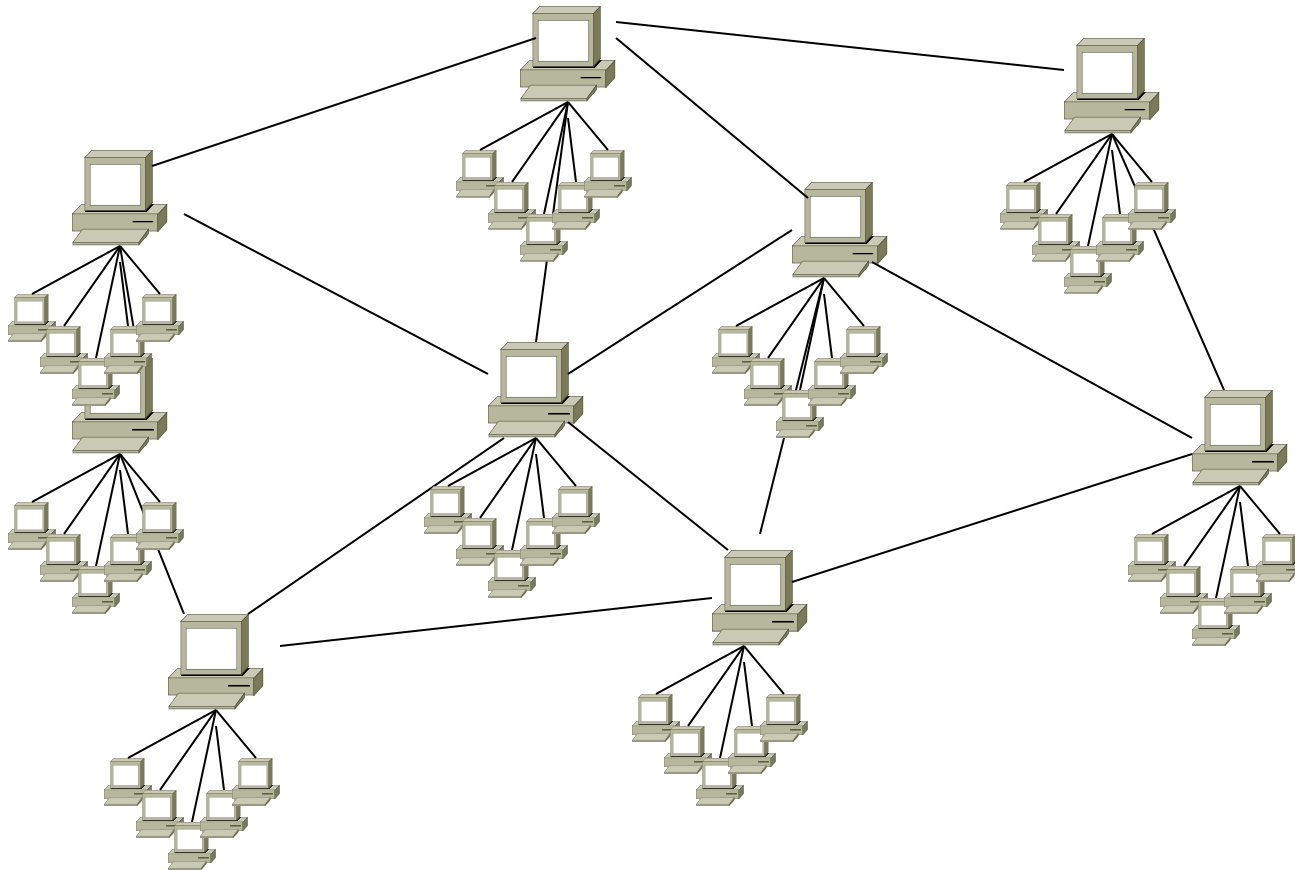
# Improvements of Message Flooding

- Expanding Ring
  - start search with small TTL (e.g.  $TTL = 1$ )
  - if no success iteratively increase TTL (e.g.  $TTL = TTL + 2$ )
- k-Random Walkers
  - forward query to one randomly chosen neighbor only, with large TTL
  - start k random walkers
  - random walker periodically checks with requester whether to continue



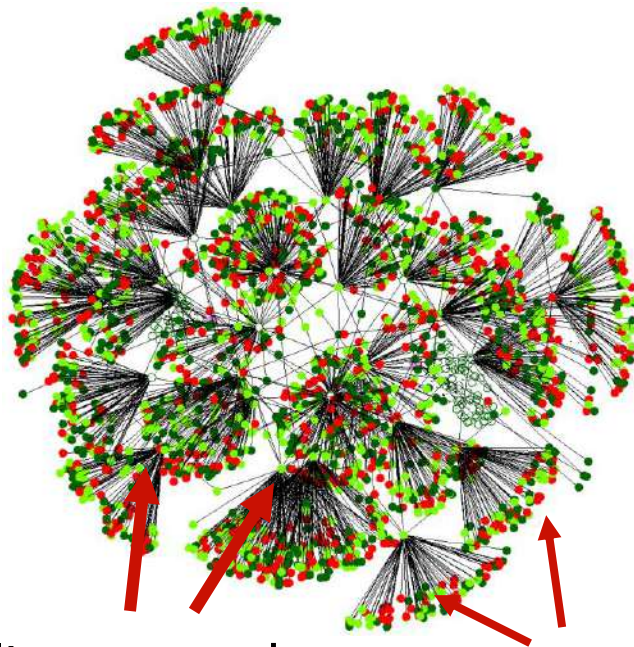
# Hybrid Gnutella: “Ultrapeers”

- Ultrapeers can be installed (KaZaA) or self-promoted (Gnutella v.2)



# Real Gnutella Network

Oct 2003 Crawl of public gnutella (v.2)



Ultrappeer nodes

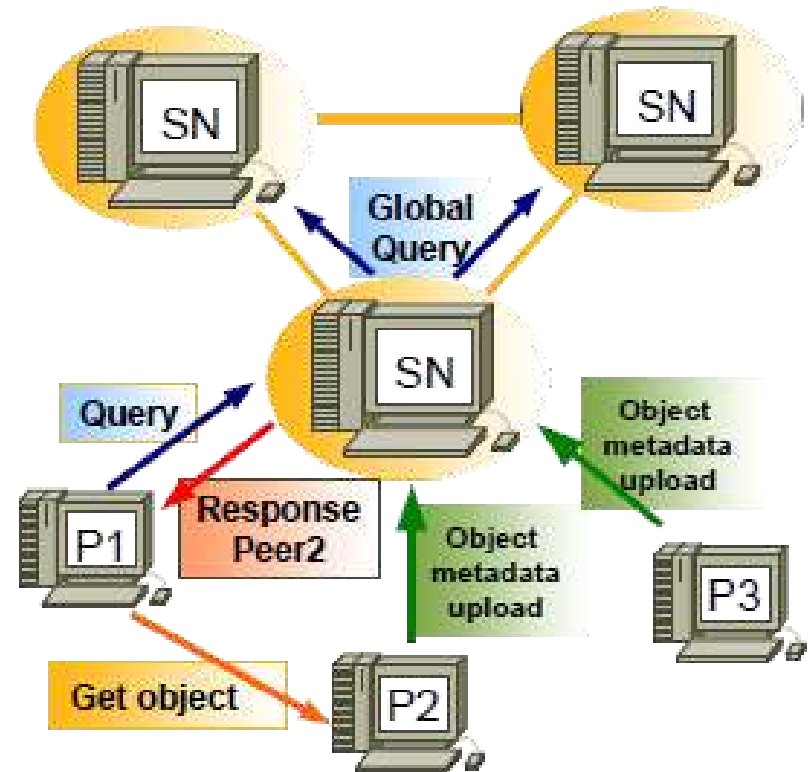
Leaf nodes

● >100 Files ● 0 Files  
● 0-100 Files

- Popular open-source file-sharing network
  - ~450,000 users as of 2003
  - ~2,000,000 users as of 2022
- Ultrappeer-based Topology
  - Queries flooded among ultrapeers
  - Leaf nodes shielded from query traffic
  - Based on multiple crawlers

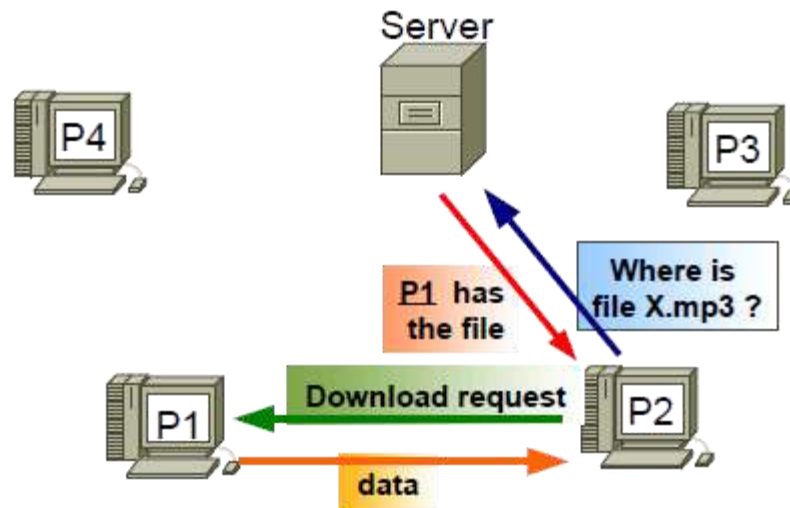
# FastTrack/KaZaA

- It is an extension of the Gnutella protocol which adds super-nodes to improve scalability (~gnutella v.2)
  - A peer application hosted by a powerful machine with a fast network connection becomes automatically a super-node, effectively acting as a temporary indexing server for other slower peers
  - Communicate between each other in order to satisfy search requests
- Network architecture: Hybrid Unstructured.
- Algorithm: Flooded Requests Model (FRM)



# OpenNAP/Napster

- Files (music) are on the client machine
- Servers provide search (rendez-vous) and initiate direct transfers between clientes
- OpenNAP is an extension to other types and linking servers.
- Network architecture: Hybrid Unstructured.
- Algorithm: Centralized Directory Model (CDM)





# BitTorrent

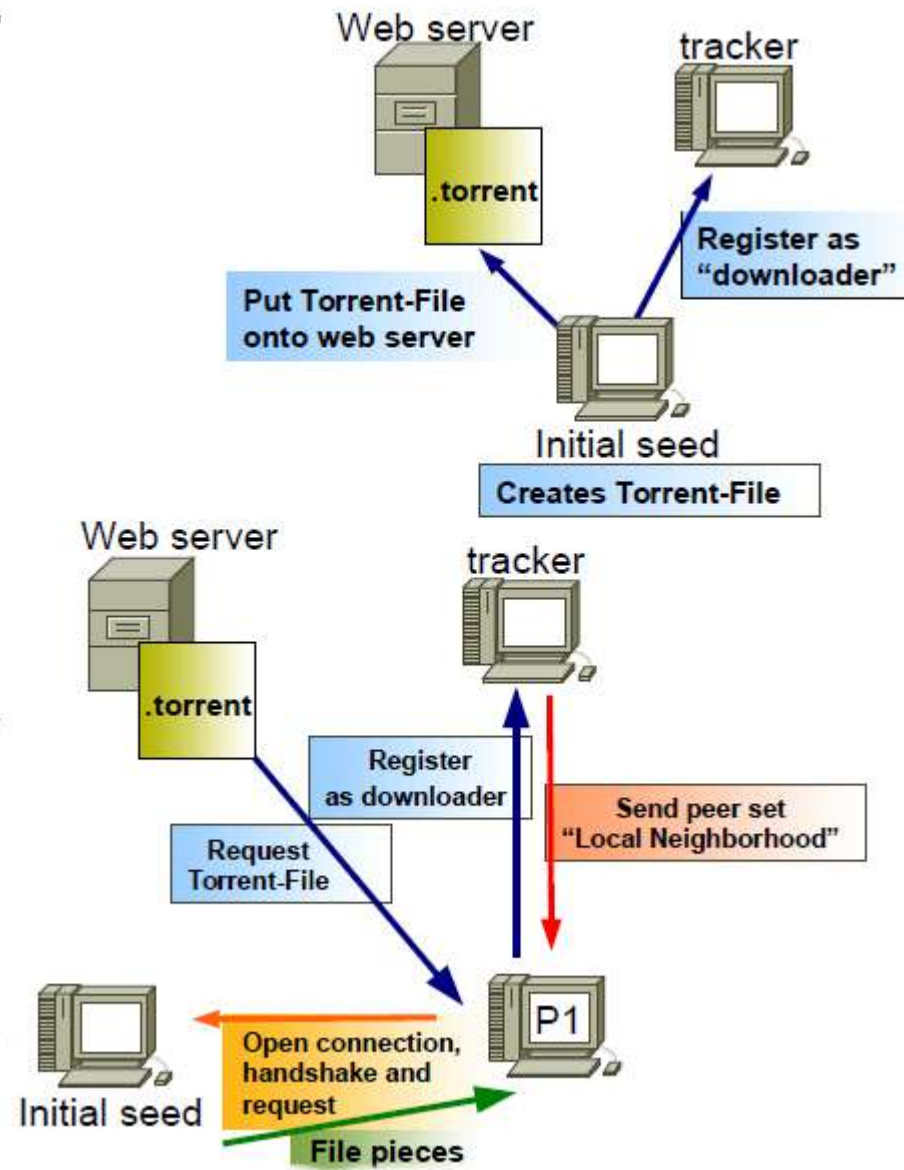
- BitTorrent offloads some of the file tracking work to a central server denoted as tracker
- Uses a principal called tit-for-tat
  - To receive files, you have to give them
  - Solves the problem of leeching
- Enables fast downloading for large files using minimum internet bandwidth
- .torrent: pointer file that directs the computer to the file it wants to download
- Swarm: group of computers simultaneously downloading or uploading the same file
- Tracker: server that manages the BitTorrent file transfer process

# BitTorrent

- BitTorrent client software communicates with a tracker to find other computers running BitTorrent that have the complete file (seeders), or that have a portion of the file (currently downloading the file)
- The tracker identifies the swarm: this group of computers
- The tracker helps the client software to trade pieces of the file with other computers in the swarm
- The computer receives multiple pieces of the file simultaneously
- While running the BitTorrent software after the download is complete, others can receive the .torrent file from this computer
  - Ranked higher in the tit-for-tat system

# BitTorrent

- Trackers: keep track of the number of seeds/peers; responsible for helping downloaders find each other, using a simple protocol on top of HTTP.
- Downloader sends status info to trackers, which reply with lists of contact information for peers which are downloading the same file.
- Web servers do not have information about content location
  - Only store metadata files describing the objects (length, name, etc.) and associating to each of them the URL of a tracker
- Network architecture: Hybrid unstructured
- Algorithm: Centralized Directory Model (CDM)
- "trackerless" torrents through a system called the "distributed database", through DHT (Distributed Hash Tables)



# InterPlanetary File System (IPFS)

<https://ipfs.io/ipfs/QmR7GSQM93Cx5eAg6a6yRzNde1FQv7uL6X1o4k7zrJa3LX/ipfs.draft3.pdf>

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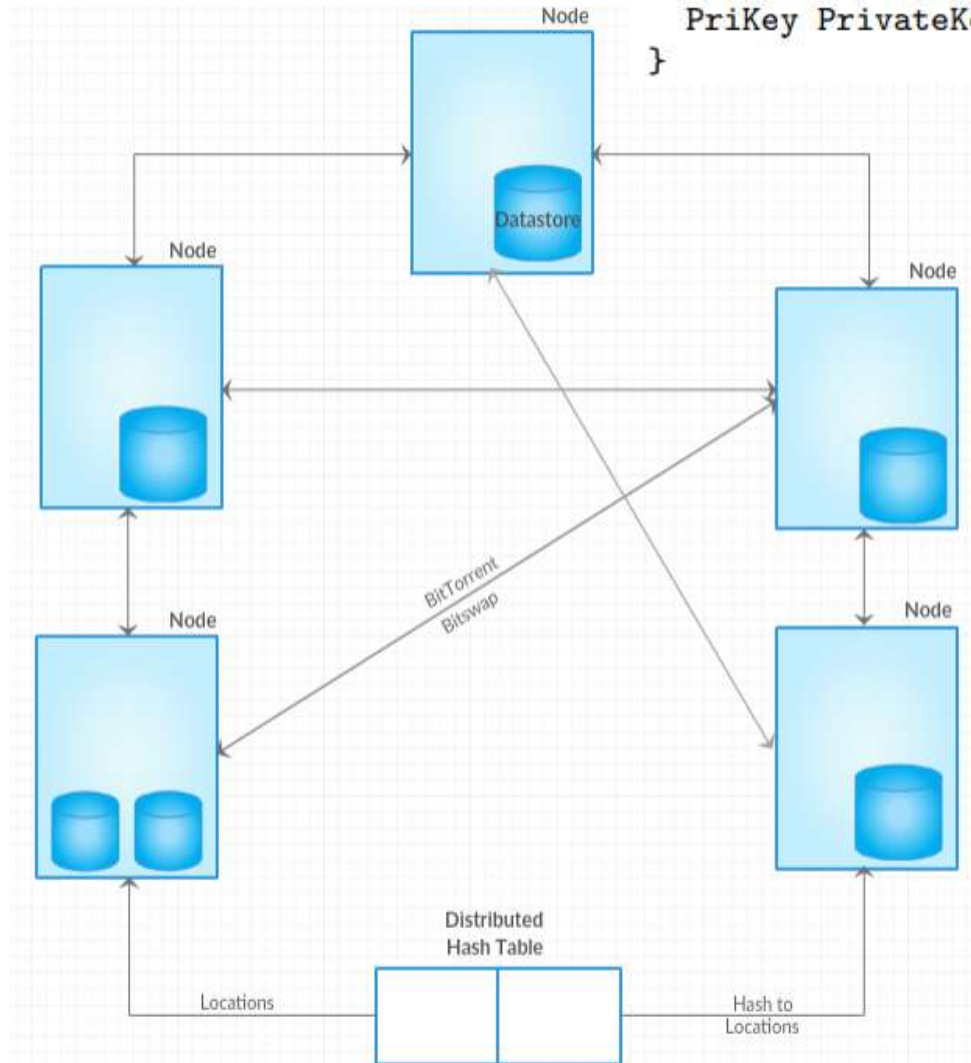
# IPFS

- Global distributed file system: IPFS is about “distribution” decentralization
- Content-based identification with secure hash of contents
- Resolving locations using Distributed Hash Table (DHT)
- Block exchanges using popular Bittorrent peer-to-peer file distribution protocol
- Incentivized block exchange using *Bitswap* protocol
- Merkle DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph) version-based organization of files, similar to Git version control system
- Self-certification servers for the storage nodes for security

# IPFS

- Files in distributed storage
- Distributed hash table, uses the hash of the file as a key to return the location of the file.
- Once the location is determined, the transfer takes place peer-to-peer as a decentralized transfer.

```
type Node struct {  
    NodeId NodeID  
    PubKey PublicKey  
    PriKey PrivateKey  
}
```



IPFS Architecture

# IPFS: Exchange the blocks

Peer nodes holding the data blocks are incentivized by a protocol called BitSwap.

Peer nodes have a *want\_list* and *have\_list*

Any imbalance is noted in the form of a BitSwap credit and debt

BitSwap protocol manages the block exchanges involving the nodes accordingly

The nodes in the network thus have to provide value in the form of blocks.

If you send a block, you get a IPFS token that can be used when you need a block.

The BitSwap protocol has provisions for handling exceptions such as free loading node, node wanting nothing, node having nothing.



# Bitswap calculation

- Debt ratio  $r = \frac{\text{bytes\_sent}}{\text{bytes\_recv} + 1}$
- Probability of sending to a debtor  $P(\text{send} | r) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(6 - 3r)}$ 
  - Function drops off quickly as the nodes' debt ratio surpasses twice the established credit
- BitSwap nodes keep ledgers accounting the transfers with other nodes
  - When activating a connection, BitSwap nodes exchange their ledger information. If it does not match exactly, the ledger is reinitialized from scratch, losing the accrued credit or debt.

```
type Ledger struct {  
    owner      NodeId  
    partner    NodeId  
    bytes_sent int  
    bytes_recv int  
    timestamp  Timestamp  
}
```

# Bitswap calculation

- Sketch of the lifetime of a peer connection:
  - 1. Open: peers send ledgers until they agree.
  - 2. Sending: peers exchange want\_lists and blocks.
  - 3. Close: peers deactivate a connection.
  - 4. Ignored: (special) a peer is ignored (for the duration of a timeout) if a node's strategy avoids sending

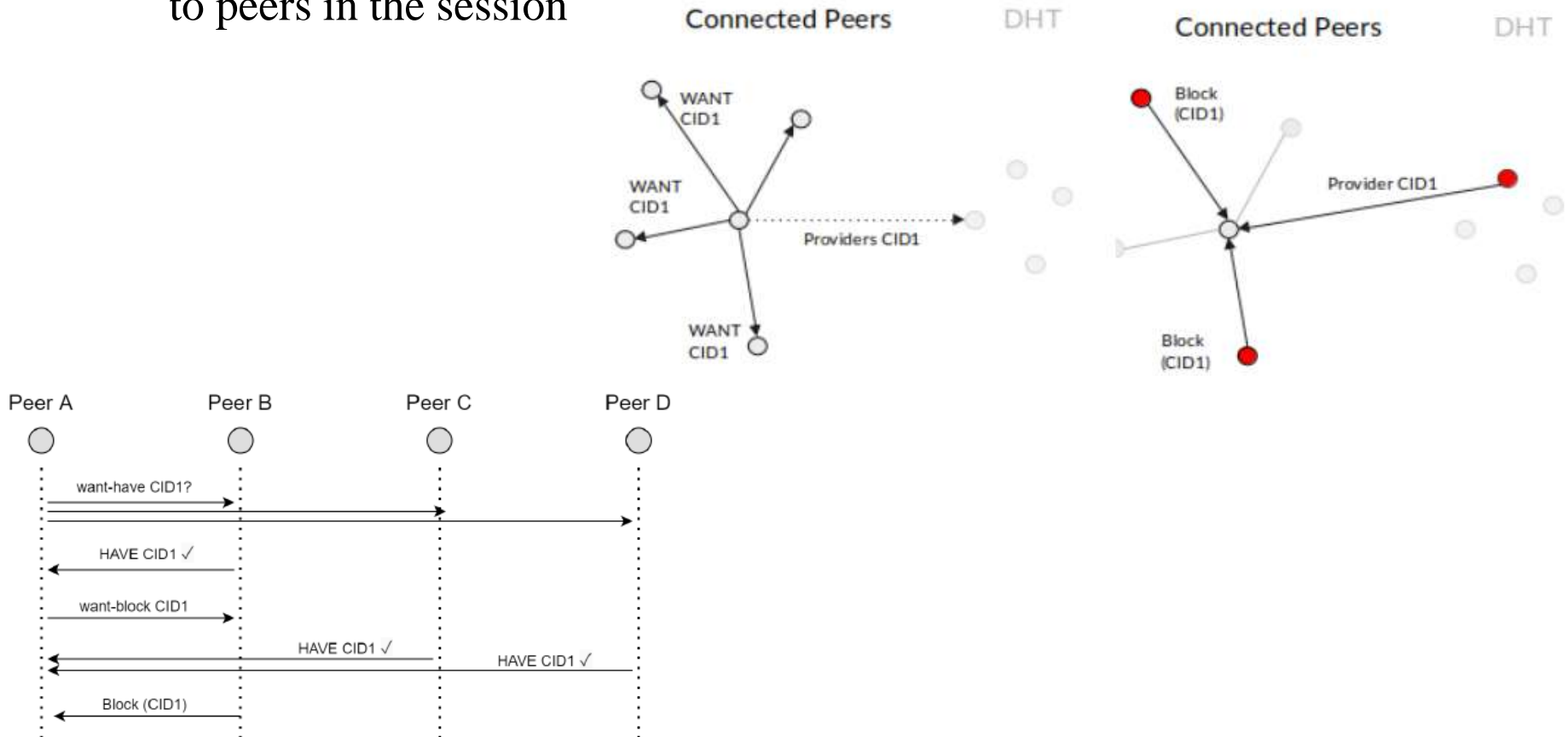
```
// Protocol interface:  
interface Peer {  
    open (nodeid :NodeId, ledger :Ledger);  
    send_want_list (want_list :WantList);  
    send_block (block :Block) -> (complete :Bool);  
    close (final :Bool);  
}
```

# Content ID

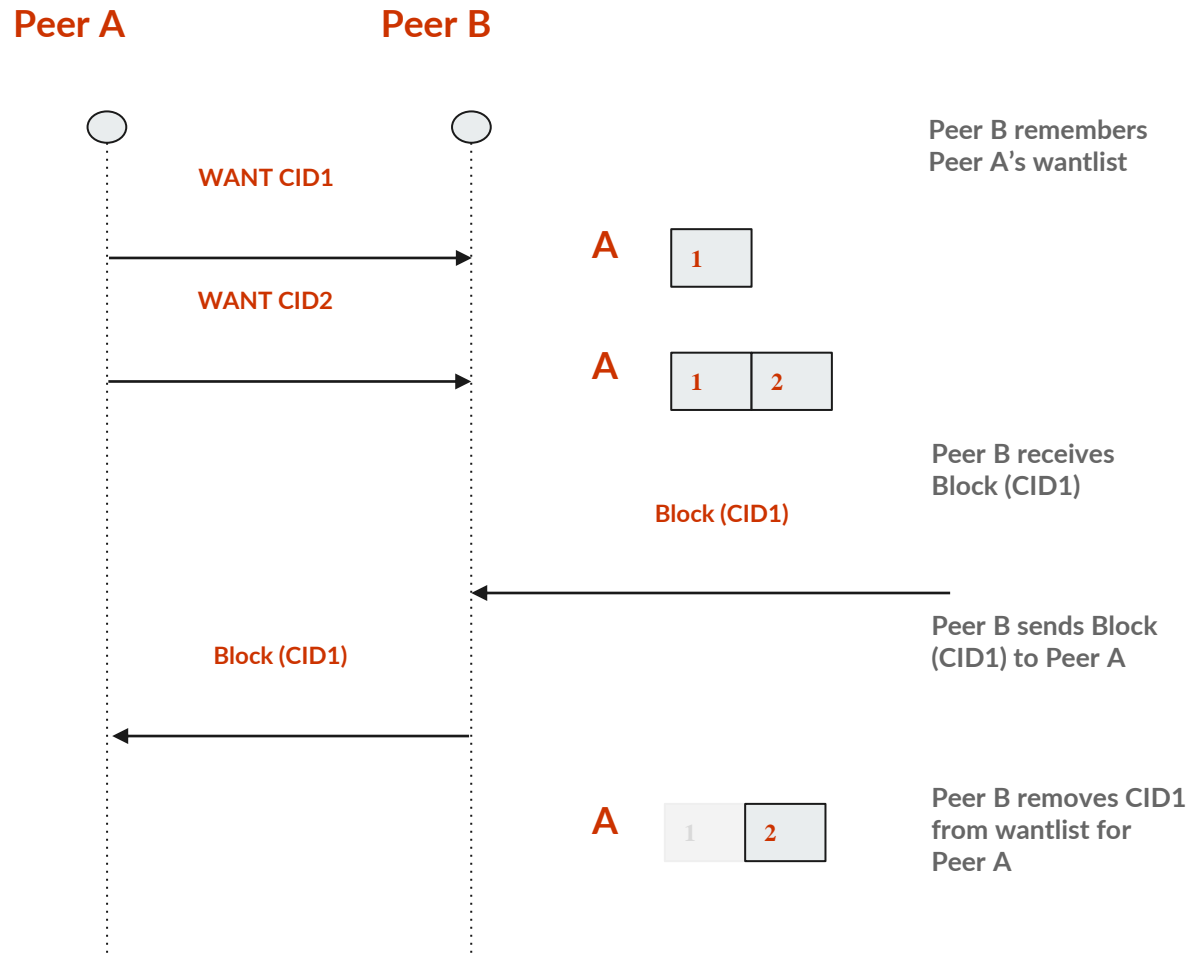
- In IPFS, every file or directory has a CID
  - Unique SHA256 hash used to identify the file.
- Whenever the content changes, the CID also changes.
- To keep track of files after being altered, IPFS uses the InterPlanetary Name System (IPNS) where the name is the hash of a public key, stored in the DHT, pointing to the CID of the latest version

# Bitswap examples

- When a peer wants a block, it broadcasts a Want to all connected peers
- If there is no response, it asks the DHT who has root CID. Peers who respond are added to the session and subsequent requests are sent only to peers in the session



# Bitswap examples

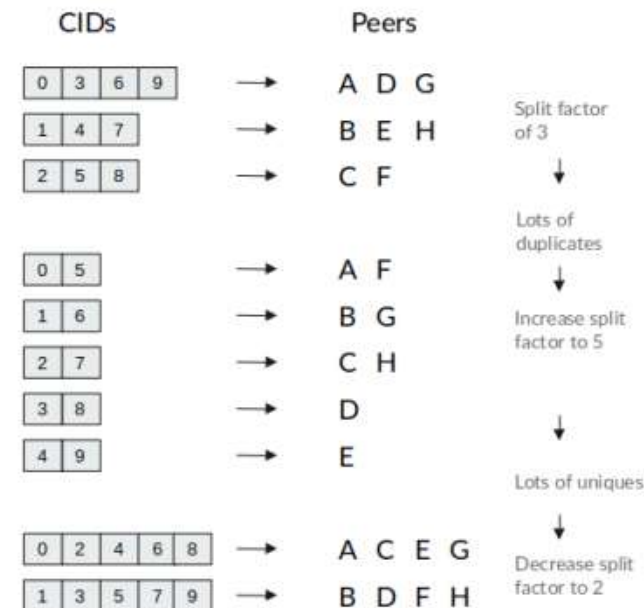


# IPFS: Split Factor

- When the local node receives a block, it broadcasts a cancel message for that block CID to all connected peers.
- However, the cancel may not be processed by the recipient peer before it has sent out the block → duplicates
- The local node keeps track of the ratio of duplicates / received blocks and adjusts the split factor

factor.

- If the ratio goes above 4 (a large number of duplicates), the split factor is increased - the same CID will be sent to less peers.
- If the ratio goes below 2 (few duplicates) the split factor is decreased - the same CID will be sent to more peers.



# IPFS: Cluster

- The cluster facilitates the replication of content across multiple nodes
- All cluster peers need to share the same cluster secret in order to be a part of the same cluster
  - Each cluster peer has its own unique ID.
- When new data is added and pinned to one of the peers of the cluster, all the other peers of that cluster receive the data.
- The peer responsible for initiating the cluster is the one who creates the cluster secret and is selected as the cluster leader.
- Every peer of the cluster is able to modify, add or remove data from the cluster.
- When a peer is added or removed from the cluster, the cluster continues working normally.
- In case the node leader goes down, a new leader is elected based on a consensus algorithm.
- Facilitates the management of groups that shall receive the same content, for example, software updates, multicast content, location-based content



# IPFS: Locating nodes

Nodes are identified by cryptographic hashes of public key

They hold the objects that form the files to be exchanged

Objects are identified by a secure hash, and an object may contain sub objects each with its own hash that is used in the creation of the root hash of the object.

```
type Node struct {  
    NodeId NodeID  
    PubKey PublicKey  
    PriKey PrivateKey  
}
```

```
n.PubKey, n.PrivKey = PKI.genKeyPair()  
n.NodeId = hash(n.PubKey)
```

# IPFS: Locating objects

IPFS identifies the resources by a hash.

Instead of identifying the resource by its location as in HTTP, IPFS identifies it by its content or by the secure hash of its content.

How to resolve the location?

Send around a request for anyone with a resource with the hash identifier

Routing part of the IPFS protocol maintains a DHT to locate the nodes as well as for file objects.

A simple DHT holds the hash as the key and location as the value.

Key can directly hash into the location.

DHT resolves to the closest location to the key value.

# IPFS: Objects

- Object pinning: Nodes who wish to ensure the survival of particular objects can do so by pinning the objects.
  - Objects are kept in the node's local storage.
- Object publishing: DHT, with content-hash addressing, allows publishing objects in a distributed way
  - Anyone can publish an object by simply adding its key to the DHT, adding themselves as a peer, and giving other users the object's path.
  - New versions hash differently, and thus are new objects. Tracking versions is the job of additional versioning objects

# How to connect an IPFS node to the p2p network?

- The config file (\$IPFS\_PATH/config) of every IPFS node has a list of bootstrap addresses

IPFS comes with a default list of trusted peers, but it can be modified to suit other needs. One popular use for a custom bootstrap list is to create a personal IPFS network.

```
"Bootstrap": [  
  "/dnsaddr/bootstrap.libp2p.io/p2p/QmcZf59b...gU1ZjYZcYW3dwt",  
  "/ip4/104.131.131.82/tcp/4001/p2p/QmaCpDMG...UtfsmvsqQLuvuJ",  
  "/ip4/104.131.131.82/udp/4001/quic/p2p/Qma...UtfsmvsqQLuvuJ",  
  "/dnsaddr/bootstrap.libp2p.io/p2p/QmNnooD5...BMjTezGAJN",  
  "/dnsaddr/bootstrap.libp2p.io/p2p/QmQCU2Ec...J16u19uLTa",  
  "/dnsaddr/bootstrap.libp2p.io/p2p/QmbLHANM...Ucqanj75Nb"  
],
```

- List of peers with which the IPFS daemon learns about other peers on the network
  - Running the IPFS daemon command
  - First establish a p2p connection with Protocol Labs (company behind IPFS) bootstrap nodes
  - Through these bootstrap nodes, it will further find hundreds of other peers
  - Peers will talk through TCP, UDP on port: **4001**

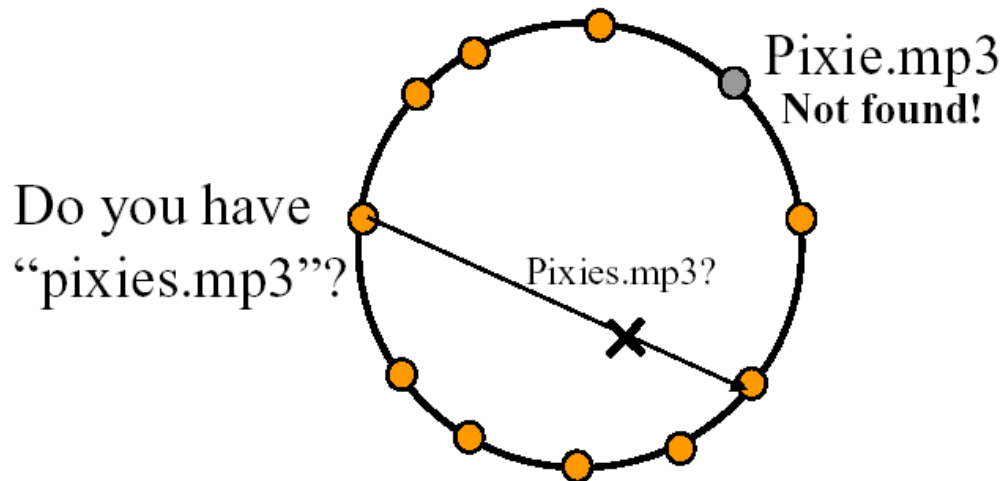
# **Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs)**

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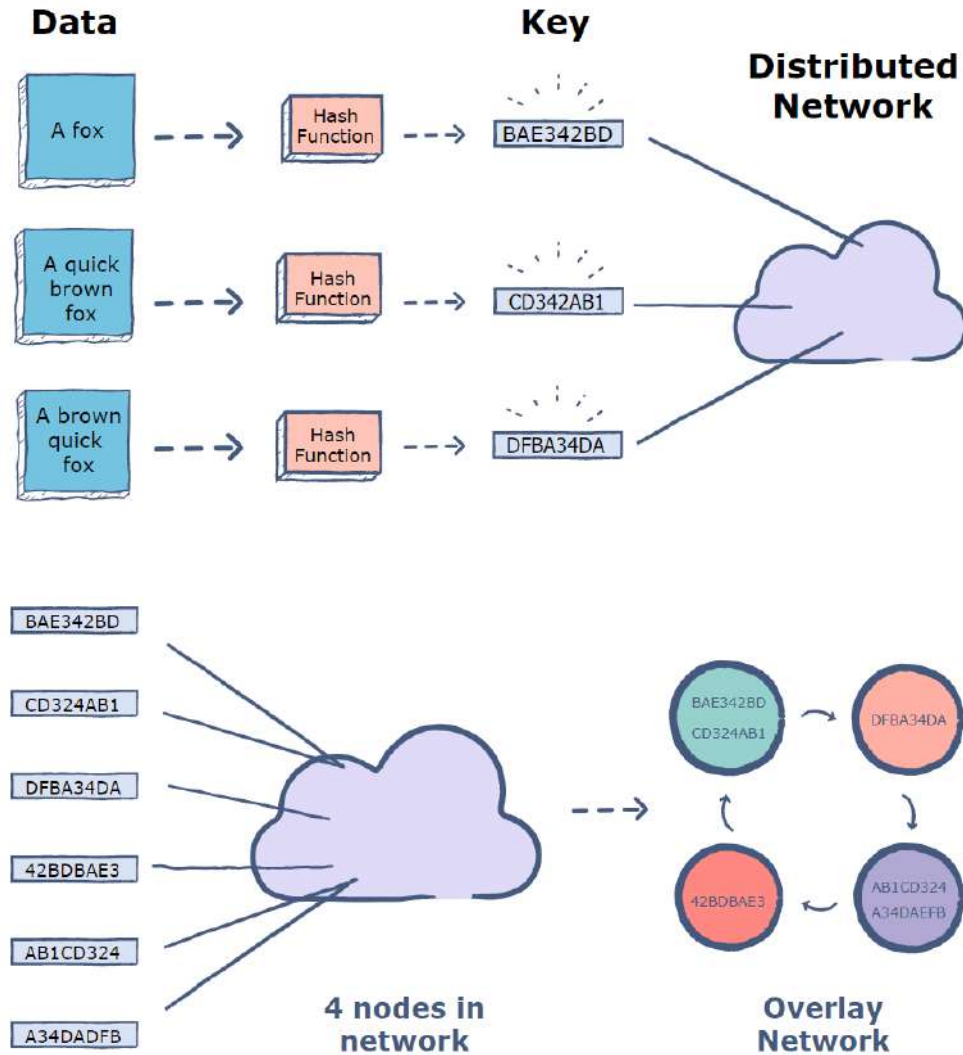
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# Searching in DHTs (structured)

- Need to know the exact filename
  - **Keys (filenames) map to node-ids**
    - Change in file name → search at different nodes
    - No wildcard matching: cannot ask for file “pix\*”

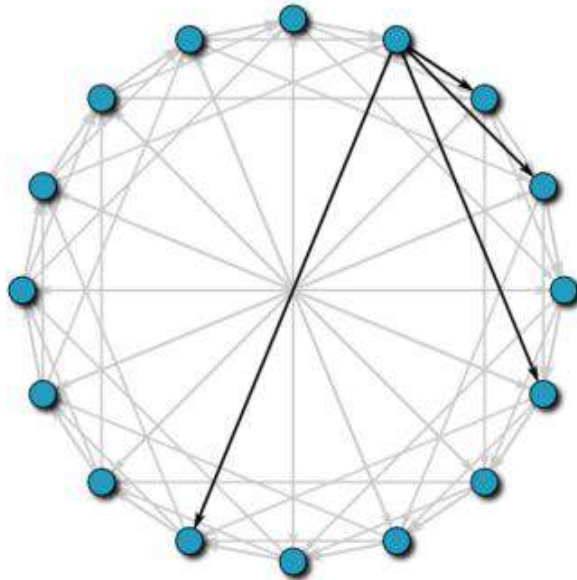


# DHT

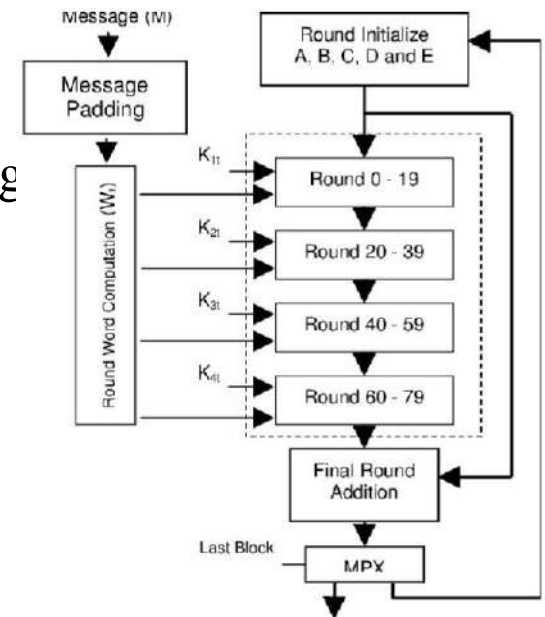


# CHORD: DHT Algorithm

- All files/data items in the network will have an identifier, which will be hashed to give a key for that particular resource
- If a node needs a file/data, it will hash its name and then send a request using this key.
- All  $n$  nodes also use the function to hash their IP addresses, and conceptually, the nodes will form a ring in ascending order of their hashed IP



## SHA-1



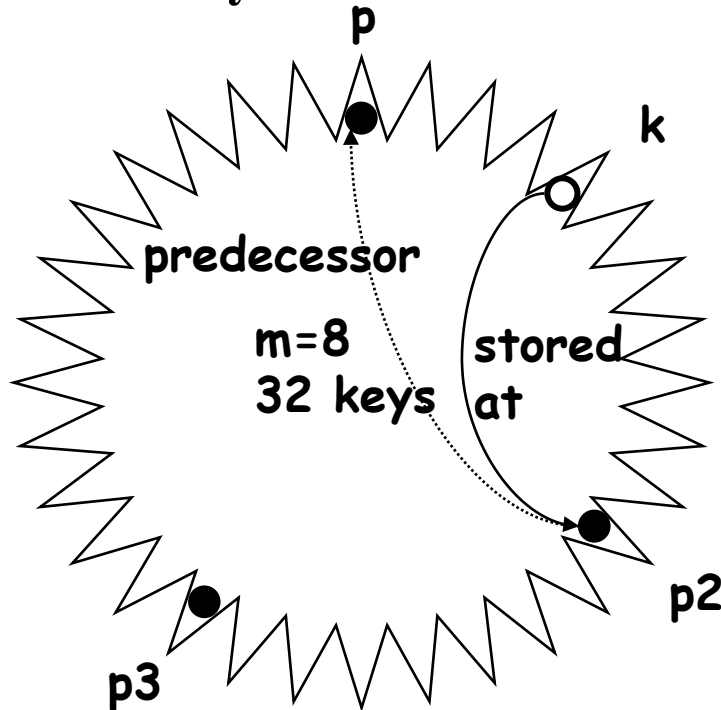


# CHORD: DHT Algorithm

- The successor node of a key  $k$  is the first node whose ID equals to  $k$  or follows  $k$  in the identifier circle, denoted by  $\text{successor}(k)$
- Every key is assigned to its successor node, so looking up a key  $k$  is to query  $\text{successor}(k)$ .
- When a node wants to share a file or some data
  - Hashes the identifier to generate a **key  $k$** , and sends its **IP** and the **file identifier** to  **$\text{successor}(k)$**
  - These are then stored at this node
  - All resources are indexed in a large DHT across all participating nodes
  - If there are two or more nodes that hold a given file or resource, the **keys will be stored at the same node** in the DHT, giving the requesting node a choice of requesting the file in one or the other node, or both

# DHT: Store Information

- Hashing of search keys AND peer addresses on binary keys of length  $m$ 
  - e.g.  $m=8$ ,  $\text{key}(\text{'jingle-bells.mp3'})=17$ ,  $\text{key}(196.178.0.1)=3$
- Calculates hash of data to get  $k$
- Routing is used to find the node that stores key  $k$  ( $\text{node}_k$ )
- Data keys are stored at next larger node key

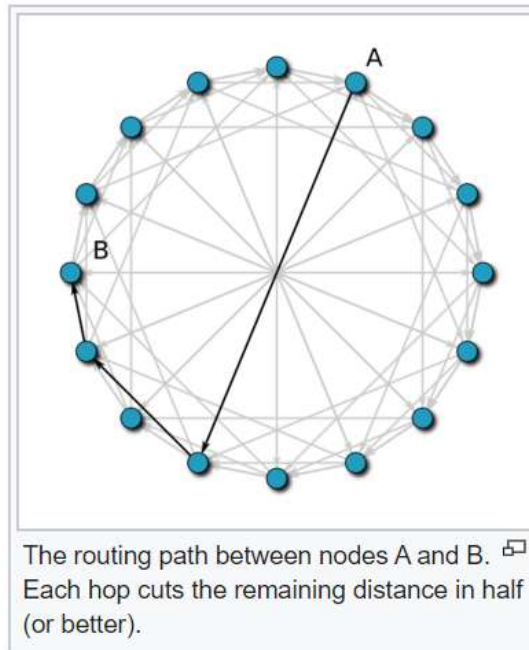


## Search possibilities

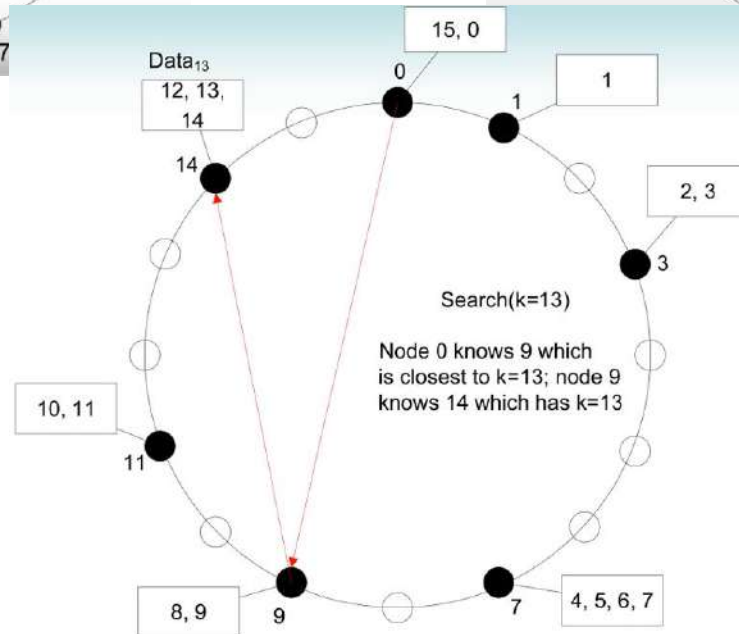
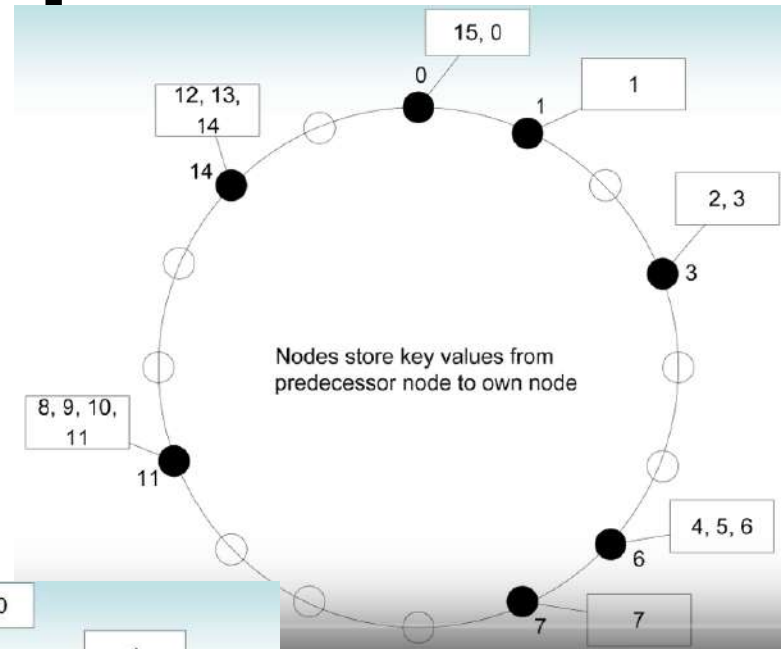
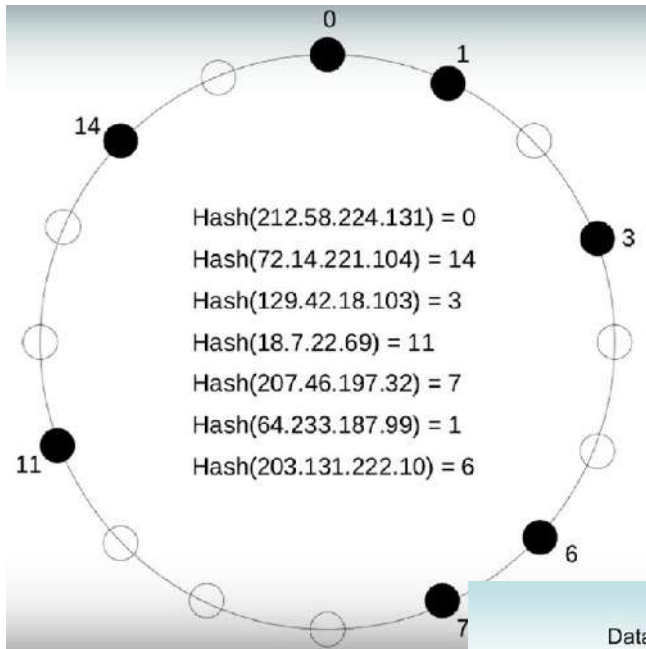
1. every peer knows every other  
 $O(n)$  routing table size
2. peers know successor  
 $O(n)$  search cost

# DHT: Search Information

- When a node wants a content
  - Hashes data identifier and sends a request to  $\text{successor}(k)$
  - Reply with the IP of the node that holds the actual data
  - How does a node request information from  $\text{successor}(k)$ , when it doesn't know its IP, but only the key?
    - Every node holds what is known as a finger table
      - Contains a list of keys and their successor IP's
      - Each node holds the IP of an exponential sequence of nodes that follow it, i.e. entry  $i$  of node  $k$ 's finger table holds the IP of node  $k + 2^i$



# Example

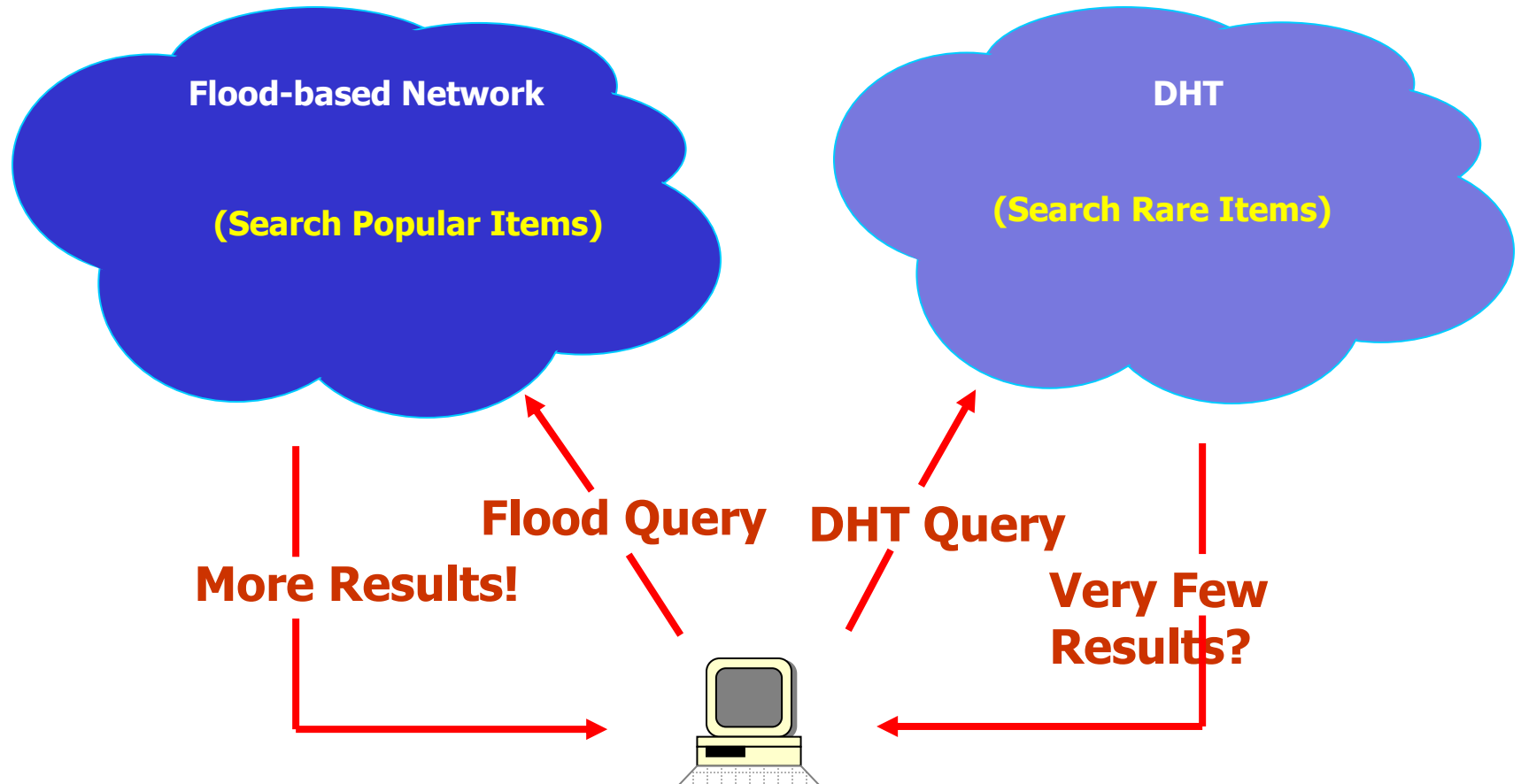


# File Search: Flooding vs. DHTs

- Recall
  - Flooding can miss files
  - DHTs should never
- Query complexity
  - Flooding can handle arbitrary single-site logic
  - DHTs can do equijoins, selections, aggregates, etc.
    - But not so good at fancy selections like wildcards
- Query Performance
  - Flooding can be slow to find things, uses lots of BW
  - DHTs: expensive to publish documents with lots of terms
  - DHTs: expensive to intersect really long term lists
    - Even if output is really small!
- Hybrid solution!

# Hybrid Search

**Hybrid = “Best of both worlds”**



**Security**

# Security - attacks

- **Poisoning attacks**
  - e.g. providing files whose contents are different from the description
- **Polluting attacks**
  - e.g. inserting "bad" chunks/packets into an otherwise valid file on the network
- **Freeloaders**
  - Users or software that make use of the network without contributing resources to it
- **Insertion of viruses to carried data**
  - e.g. downloaded or carried files may be infected with viruses or other malware
- **Malware in the peer-to-peer network software itself**
  - e.g. distributed software may contain spyware
- **Denial of service attacks**
  - Attacks that may make the network run very slowly or break completely
- **Filtering**
  - Network operators may attempt to prevent peer-to-peer network data from being carried
- **Identity attacks**
  - e.g. tracking down the users of the network and harassing or legally attacking them
- **Spamming**
  - e.g. sending unsolicited information across the network- not necessarily as a denial of service attack



# Security

- **Most attacks can be defeated or controlled by careful design of the peer-to-peer network and through the use of encryption**
  - **However, almost any network will fail when the majority of the peers are trying to damage it**
- **Anonymity**
  - **Some peer-to-peer protocols (such as Freenet) attempt to hide the identity of network users by passing all traffic through intermediate nodes**
- **Encryption**
  - **Some peer-to-peer networks encrypt the traffic flows between peers**
    - Make it harder for an ISP to detect that peer-to-peer technology is being used (as some artificially limit bandwidth)
    - Hide the contents of the file from eavesdroppers
    - Impede efforts towards law enforcement or censorship of certain kinds of material
    - Authenticate users and prevent 'man in the middle' attacks on protocols
    - Aid in maintaining anonymity