

Funda : ✓

Techniques :

→ local Nodes

→ Distributed Systems.

→ NFS . (idempotency)

→ leases

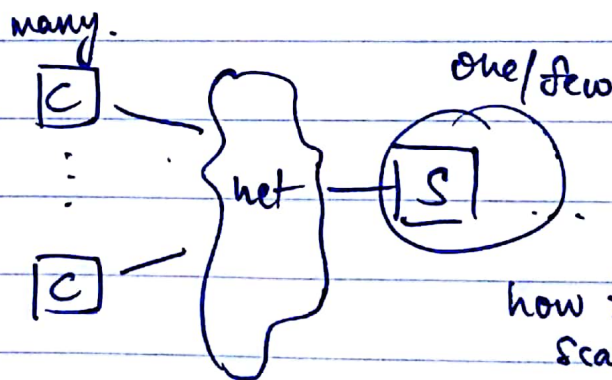
concurrency failure. ✓

↳ locks can't do the same

↳ includes time-lease.

NFS : "Distributed" in 1980's .  
1990's

↓  
Client, servers .



how to scale?

1) scale out  
(add servers)

happened later  
(challenging)

hard → increases complexity .

2) scale up  
(make server more powerful) .

↑ CPU, ↑ memory .

easy → fewer interactions

Remzi's opinion.

Main Goal :

goals:-

⇒ transparency.

(performance ?

semantics ? )

deleting open  
~~and~~ files

and  
writing to  
them.

⇒ simplify failures handling (server).

fault into a  
performance blip.

[client behaviour. → just try<sup>again</sup> it  
(idempotency) anything bad happens]

$$A = \frac{MTTF}{MTTF + MTTR}$$

↓  
reduce to ↑ availability.

[unifies packet loss, server crash]

based upon :

"statelessness"

why? open files.  
handling

local → no problem, entire system fails

c/s model → partial failure



## Protocol:

(File <sup>handle</sup> ~~descriptor~~)



(vol #, inode #, gen #)

↑  
which  
file  
sys?

↑  
which  
file?

↑ useful why?

(across file  
delete  
& reuse inode #).

## Ops:

→ read (fh, offset, size).

=> data, error code.

→ write (fh, [offset], size, data)

local → os takes care of  
offset of write.

→ lookup (parent fh, name).

=> fh of 'name' in parent dir.

→ getdtr (fh)

→ stat() syscall about a  
file.

from protocol to FS :

not a one to one mapping

⇒ fs API  $\neq$  DFS protocol.  
↓  
distributed

APIs

open ( )

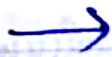


lookup

/x/y/z  
↑ ↑ ↑

fh1 . fh2 . fh3 .

read ( )



read (s) .

write ( )



write (s) .

close ( )

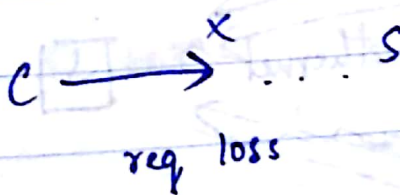


... (N/A) .

only client-side

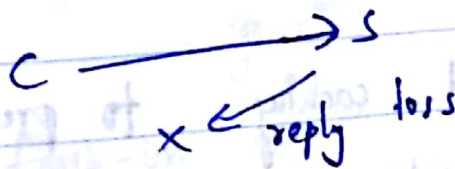
How to handle failure?

1)



just retry

2)



retry should be okay .

(idempotency)

server got smarter .

✓ (server)  
they cached that they've done it and sends ACK .



3)  $C \xrightarrow{X} S$  (crash)

Ans: retry.

be careful to retry:

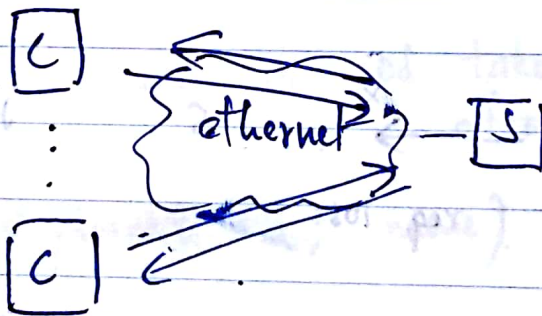
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→ while (1) {  
    do:  
    if success() {  
        break  
    }  
}
```

too many retries causing system to overload.

=> [backoff mechanism needed]

wait longer and longer after each retry.

Performance problems:



NFS

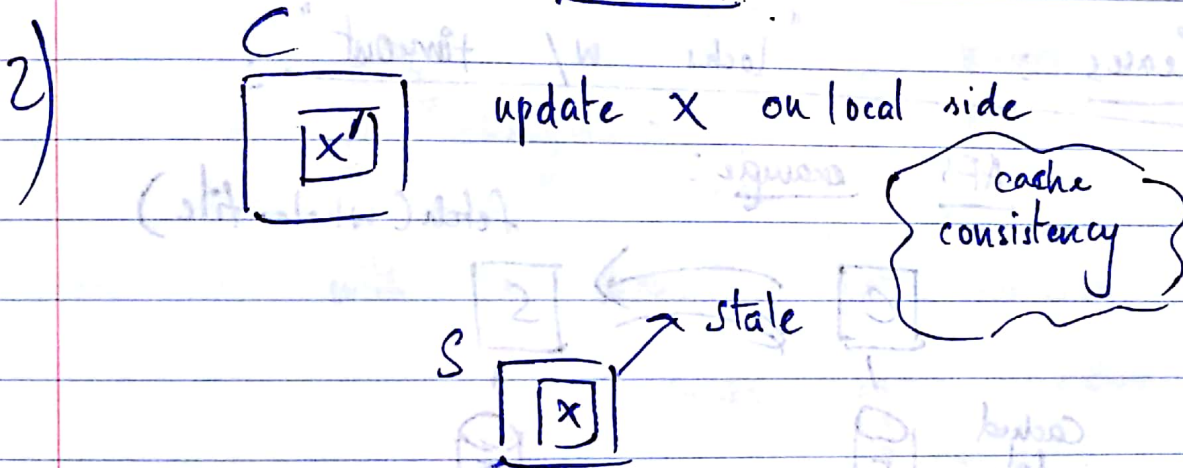
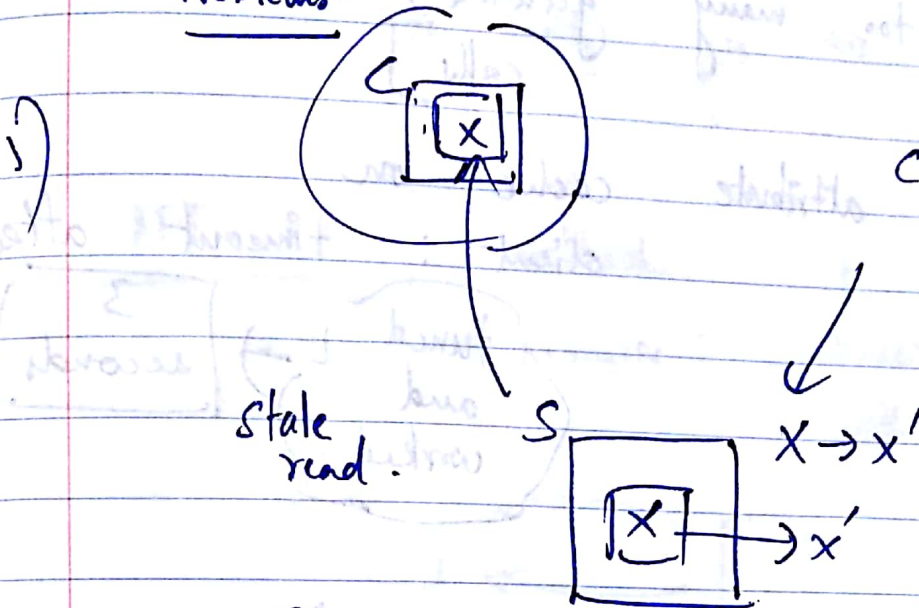
read caching to prevent server access everything.  
[client-side caching]

+ write buffering.

helpful? send bulk requests from client

- 1) one ~~page~~ chunk of requests.
- 2) redundant write or actions

## Problems:



## Solutions:

1) c before use of cached: ask if file changed? get attr ( )

check before use.

2) flush-on-close :

open  
write  
⋮  
close

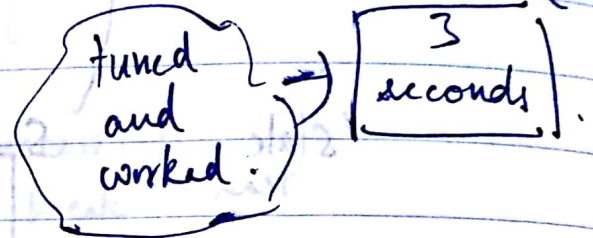
force update on close to server



last problems :

[too many `getattr()` calls]

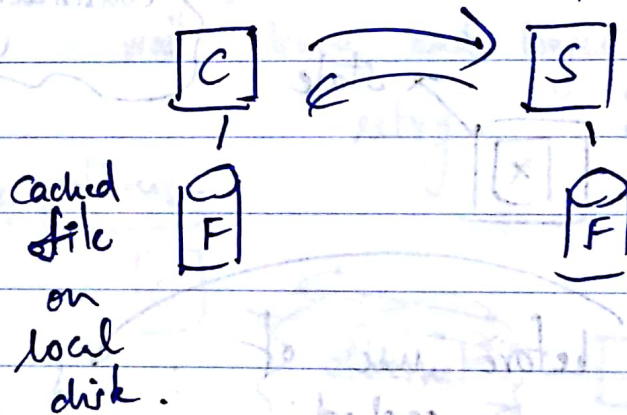
=> attribute cache on client : timeout after



Leases : "locks w/ timeout" :

AFS example :

fetch(whole file)



Reads & Write on local.

on close :- if file has changed flush to server

cache on mem or disk ?

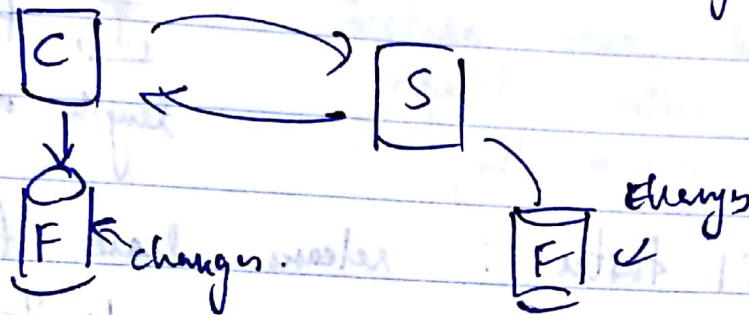
↓  
better & persistent (on crash) & bigger.

AFS v1: cache validation?

Test Auth: is this file ~~cache~~ valid?

AFS v2: callback.

promise: server notifies client with changes to file.



with a cache: not stateless anymore.

server crash handling is different.

=> complex.

client crash => how to notify.

Solution:

leases rights with timeout.

↓  
key to handling failure.

common:

acquire → use it.

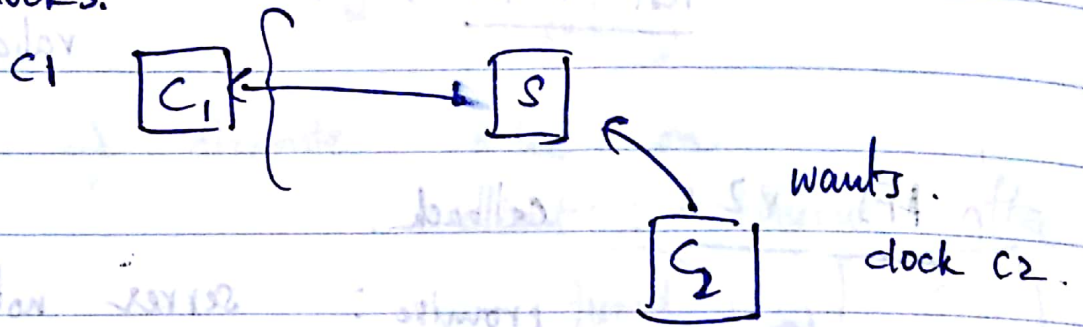
(maybe runs periodically).

release (or just let timeout).



=> when lease <sup>safely</sup> grant to another client?

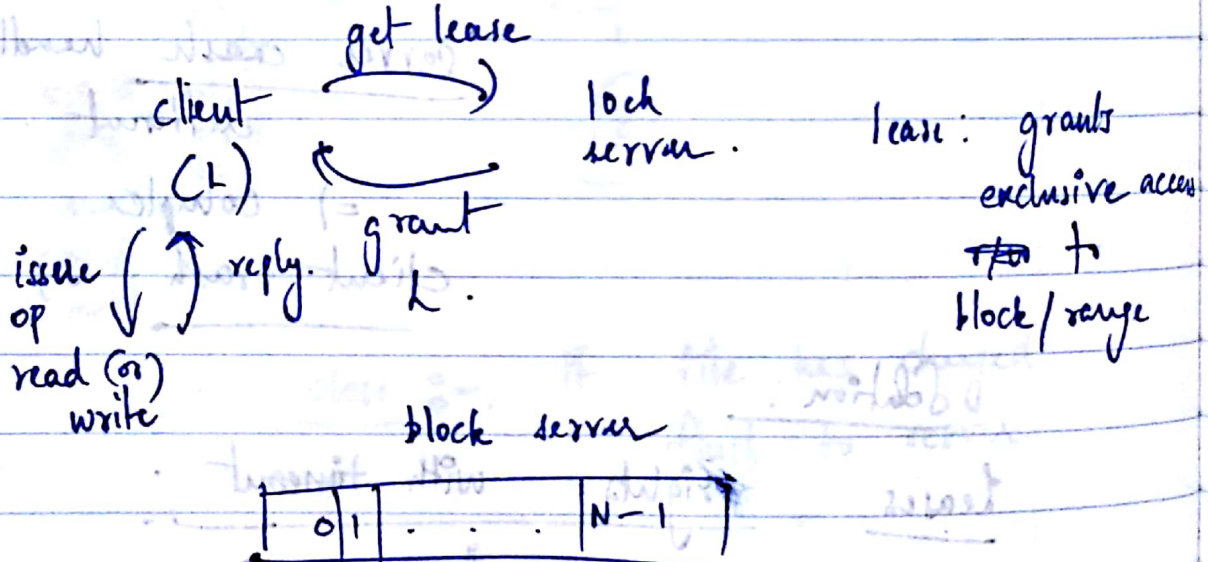
clocks.



1) server waits, wait how long?

$T + \Delta$  clock skew length of lease. that we tolerate.

Clock { C1 faster : releases lease faster  
 C2 slow : server grants it to C2 and C1 thinks it has lease.



leases to make sure ops are to block server is serial.

Problem:

Race condition

{ client requests even after lease expires on server. and S grants lease to another client.  
not serial anymore.

how to handle?

2) force : include lease info in request. rather than just relying on timing.