Slides for Chapter 1 Characterization of Distributed Systems



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Figure 1.1
A typical portion of the Internet

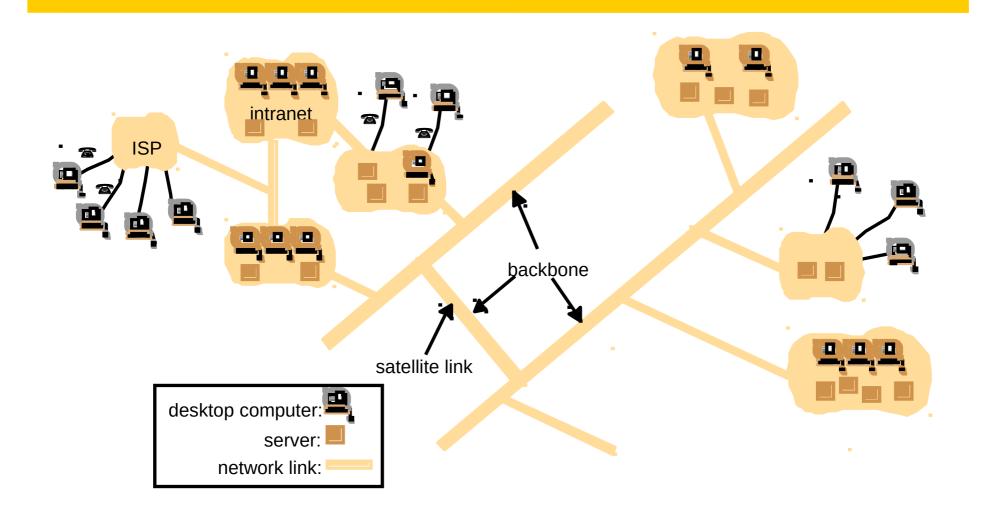


Figure 1.2 A typical intranet

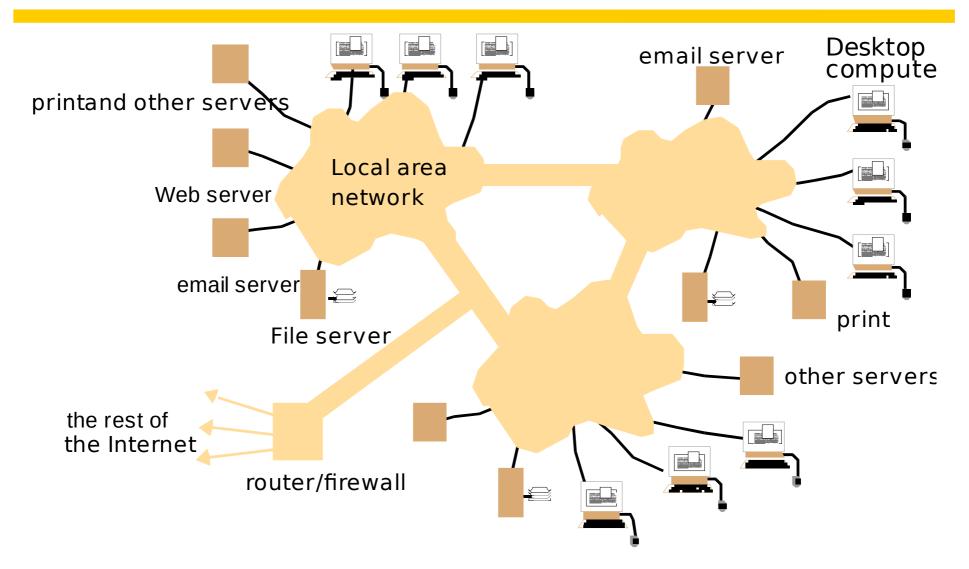


Figure 1.3
Portable and handheld devices in a distributed system

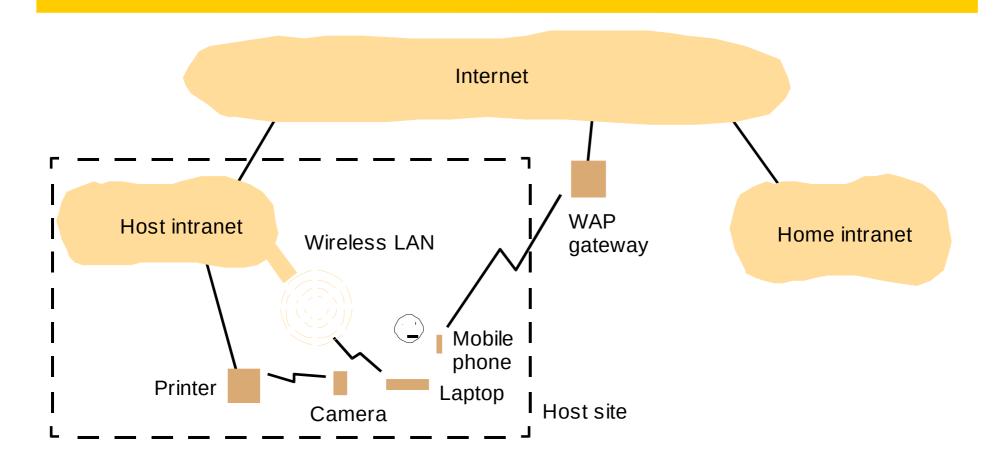


Figure 1.4
Web servers and web browsers

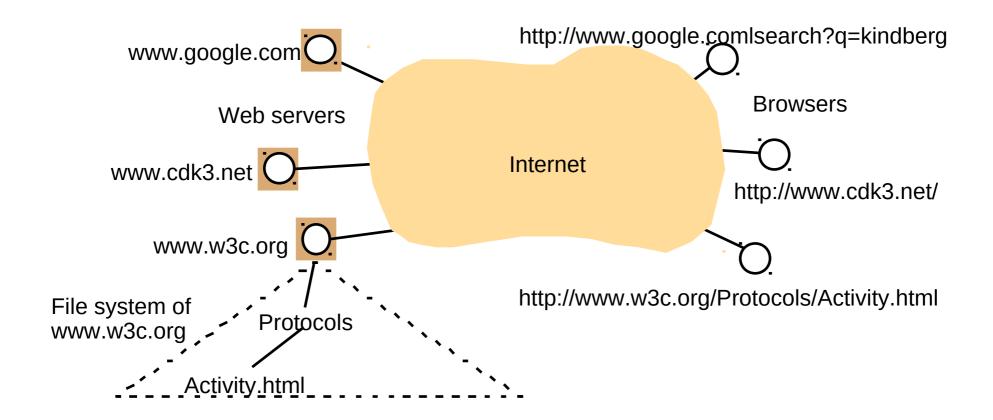


Figure 1.5 Computers in the Internet

Date	Computers	Web servers
1979, Dec.	188	0
1989, July	130,000	0
1999, July	56,218,000	5,560,866
2003, Jan.	171,638,297	35,424,956

Figure 1.6 Computers vs. Web servers in the Internet

Date	Computers	Web servers	Percentage
1993, July	1,776,000	130	0.008
1995, July	6,642,000	23,500	0.4
1997, July	19,540,000	1,203,096	6
1999, July	56,218,000	6,598,697	12
2001, July	125,888,197	31,299,592	25
		42,298,371	

Section 1.4.7 Transparencies

Access transparency: enables local and remote resources to be accessed using identical operations.

Location transparency: enables resources to be accessed without knowledge of their physical or network location (for example, which building or IP address).

Concurrency transparency: enables several processes to operate concurrently using shared resources without interference between them.

Replication transparency: enables multiple instances of resources to be used to increase reliability and performance without knowledge of the replicas by users or application programmers.

Failure transparency: enables the concealment of faults, allowing users and application programs to complete their tasks despite the failure of hardware or software components.

Mobility transparency: allows the movement of resources and clients within a system without affecting the operation of users or programs.

Performance transparency: allows the system to be reconfigured to improve performance as loads vary.

Scaling transparency: allows the system and applications to expand in scale without change to the system structure or the application algorithms.