

OS Assignment

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Q.1 Types of distributed system storage?

Ans. ① distributed storage systems enable data to be stored across multiple nodes/servers, improving availability, fault tolerance and scalability.

② Unlike traditional centralised storage, distributed storage systems ensure that data remains accessible even if some nodes fail.

Types

- ① Distributed file system:- store data in multiple blocks across nodes allowing for parallel data access and fault tolerance.
- ② Object storage:- Organises data as objects within buckets making it ideal for unstructured data and storage.
- ③ NoSQL database:- Uses a distributed architecture that supports high-throughput of read and write operation.

Q2 Replication and Recovery

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Ans. ① Replication is the process of creating ~~of~~ copies of data across multiple nodes in distributed system, enhancing fault tolerance.

② By replication DS can enhance continuity even if individual nodes fail.

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a) Synchronous replication :- requires all copies to be updated immediately, ensuring data consistency but higher latency.

b) Asynchronous replication :- allow change to be gradual providing lower latency but higher inconsistency on data.

④ Recovery mechanism

① They complement replication by helping systems restore data and resume operation after failure.

② Technique allow a new node to take over a leader if they fail.

③ Data rebalancing helps distribute data evenly across nodes after recovery.

Q.3 Commit protocols

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Ans. ① Two phase commit:-

It is a distributed algorithm designed to ensure that all nodes involved in a transaction agree to 'commit' or 'abort'. In the first phase the coordinator sends a 'prepare' message to all nodes. If all agree we go 2nd phase.

② Three phase commit:-

It is built over 2PC to reduce the risk of blocking by adding an intermediate 'prepare to commit' stage. After this nodes move to prepare state if all vote 'yes'. This extra stage prevent blocking.

Q.4 Real world applications

Ans. Distributed systems have become essential across many industries to provide high availability, fault tolerance.

① In the finance sector they provide high frequency trading platforms

② In healthcare, distributed systems allow seamless sharing and storage of electronic health records across hospital records

③ The e-commerce industry uses distributed system to manage inventory and handle transactions

Q.5 Scalability and reliability
Ans. ① DS are fundamental to cloud computing enabling platforms like AWS, Google cloud and MS Azure to deliver scalable apps.

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- ② In a distributed cloud env., data is replicated across multiple centers and regions ensuring redundancy and high availability.
- ③ This redundancy allows cloud services to scale dynamically.
- ④ Additionally, DS support moving data closer to user, reducing latency.

Q.6 Fault tolerance and load balancing.

- ① DS ~~to~~ attain fault tolerance and load balancing through redundancy, replication and automated recovery mech.
- ② Fault tolerance ensures by duplicating data across nodes if one fails another replicates.
- ③ They also employ monitoring tools to detect real time failures, automatically rerouting requests and initiating recovery phases.

Q.7 Decentralised architecture
Ans. ① decentralised architecture is distributed system have enabled technologies like Blockchain that empower crypto-currency.

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- ② Here there is no need of an central ~~emp~~ omnipotent authority.
- ③ This prevents tampering and improves integrity.
- ④ Decentralised architecture ensure immutability, autonomy and transparency, empowering user to have control over their data and transaction.

Q.8 High performance computing

Ans. ① HPC plays an important role in high performance computing, by adding parallel processing of large datasets.

- ② Framework like Hadoop and Apache are specially designed for distributed data processing.
- ③ Hadoop's MapReduce programming model allows tasks to be split into smaller sub-tasks.
- ④ Apache Spark enhance performance by processing data in memory rather than disk.

Q.9 Distributed File system

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- Ans. ① Distributed File systems are storage architecture designed to store files across multiple nodes in a network.
- ② In a DFS, files are divided into blocks and replicated across nodes to ensure redundancy.
- ③ DFS support parallel data access, enabling faster read and write speeds.
- ④ DFS also incorporate data balancing mechanism to evenly distribute files across nodes.

Q.10 HDFS and Hadoop MapReduce

Ans. ① HDFS and Hadoop MapReduce together provide a powerful framework for processing and storing vast amounts of data in distributed environment.

② HDFS allows storage of data across multiple nodes, splitting files into blocks and replicating them across different nodes.

③ This allows Hadoop to process petabyte scale data effectively, making it apt for web indexing, log analysis and engine for recommendation.