

Tutorial 10: Distributed File Systems

Question Set

Q1. What are the desirable features of Distributed File System (DFS)?

Q2. What is a Clustered File System? Please use one sentence to answer this question.

Q3. Read the following materials [1] and describe each step in READ and WRITE operations in Google File System (GFS).

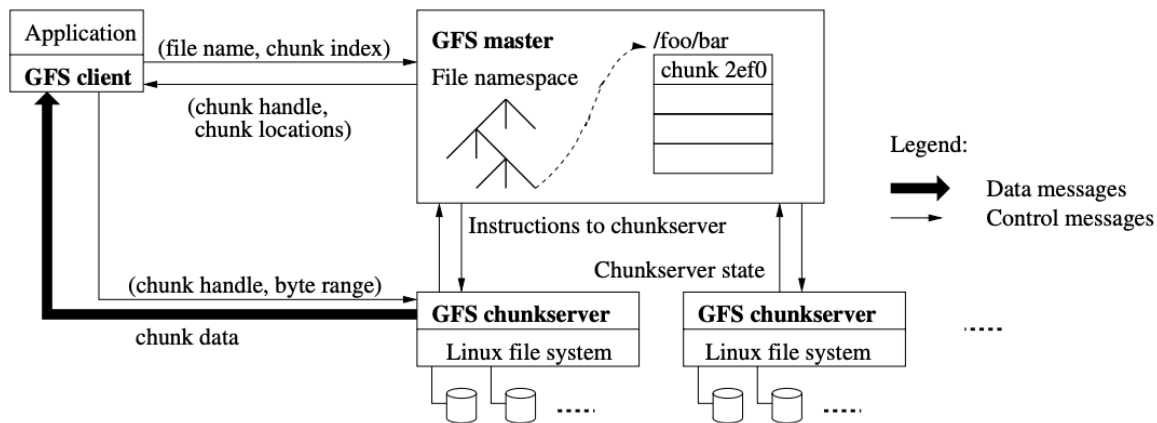


Figure 1: GFS Architecture

Q4. Please compare the differences between Google File System (GFS) and Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) [2].

References

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