

# INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO MESSAGE PASSING IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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What is message passing in distributed systems?

(Tanenbaum & Steen, 2007)

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Executability is not part of the message passing model!

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There is still plenty to discuss! ([Tanenbaum & Steen, 2007](#))

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*The physical conditions and the implementation of executing the desired instructions is not defined by any message passing model.*

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(Armstrong, 1996)

(Däcker, 2000)



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- ▶ Function `self()`

(Ericsson AB, 2015)

(Hebert, 2013)

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Algorithm implemented in Erlang

Thank you for your kind attention!  
Any Questions?

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