

# 1st Slide Set Cloud Computing

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# Agenda for Today

- Organisational Information
- Literature
- Generations of computer systems
- Brave new world?
- Client-Server
- Fundamentals, laws and limitations
  - Moore's law
  - Amdahl's law
  - Granularity
  - Gustafson's law
- Parallel computers
  - Shared memory
  - Distributed memory

# Organizational Information

- **Website:**

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- **Lecture:**

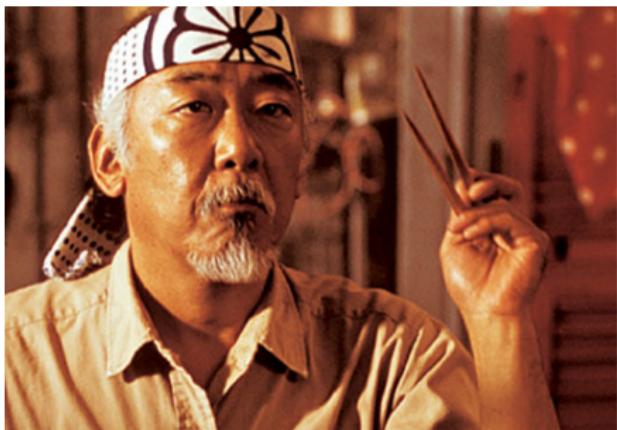
- **Lecture notes:** PDF slides of the lecture can be found at the website

- Exercise:**

- **Exercise sheets:** Can be found at the website in English language
  - Participating the exercises is not a precondition for exam participation
    - But it is recommended to participate the exercises

# The Way a good Course works. . .

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- Active participation please!

- Mr. Miyagi says:  
*„Not only the student learns from his master, also the master learns from his student.“*

# My Experience in this Course during several Semesters. . .



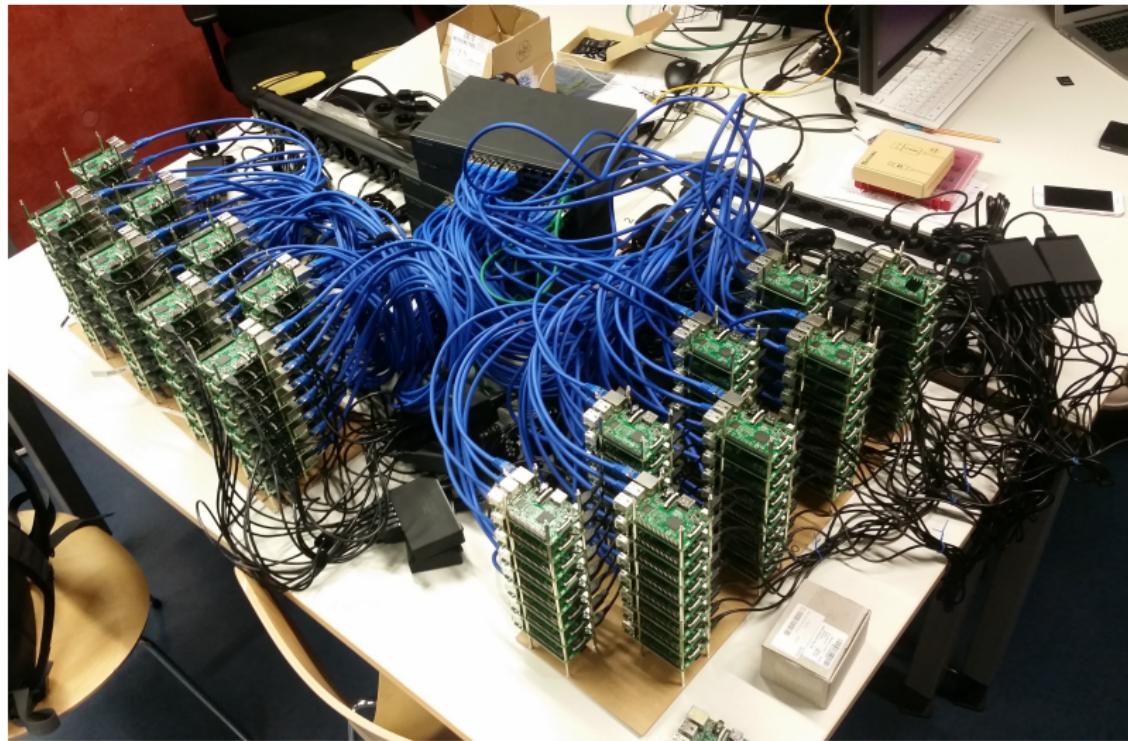
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- To get rid of this problem, we will try something „special“

# Your Special Challenge

- We will form (at least) 3 teams
- Every team gets a **special challenge**
- To solve the special challenges 1 and 2, you need to develop a parallel application with MPI
- **You** and your teammates need to...
  - **investigate** how to solve the special challenge by using literature
  - **deploy** for testing and development, a MPI environment on physical hardware, virtual machines (e.g. in VirtualBox) or available cloud services (it is your choice!)
  - **develop** an MPI application
  - **test** your application on your own MPI cluster and our 128 node cluster
  - **create** a presentation (max. 30 Minutes) with maximum 15 slides and additionally a live demonstration. Give your presentation during class or during an exercise session

# Our Cluster: „Brain“ with 128 RPi 3 with 512 CPU Cores



The look is not perfect yet. . .

;-)



## Your Special Challenge (Part 2)

- There is also another special challenge
- Designed for participants, who do not like programming much
- **You** and your teammates need to...
  - **investigate** how to deploy OpenFaaS in a private context and in a public cloud infrastructure.
  - **deploy** OpenFaaS for testing on physical (local) hardware and inside a public cloud IaaS service offering
    - Investigate which components your OpenFaaS environment has and how these components do interact
    - It is also interesting to understand which data is created, how is it handed over between the relevant OpenFaaS components and where and in which form is data stored by the OpenFaaS components
  - **test** your OpenFaaS environment with several applications (functions).
  - **create** a presentation (max. 30 Minutes) with maximum 15 slides and additionally a live demonstration. Give your presentation during class or during an exercise session

# The bad news...

- I'm not allowed to grade your presentation...
  - ...but I can use the content of the special tasks for exam questions
  - And trust me: I will do so !!!
- A promise from my side:
  - In the cloud computing exam for SS2018, at least 50% of the maximum points will cover the special task and the lab exercises
  - You need at least 50% of the maximum points to pass the exam
- You should also know:
  - In WS1819, I will do the cloud computing course and I will do it the same way as this semester!
  - It is very likely that I will do the cloud computing in SS2019 too

⇒ **Do the lab exercises and the special (MPI/deployment) challenge or fail the course!**

# Some Details about the special challenges

- The 3 special challenges are in detail:
  - Parallel sorting with Quicksort
  - Parallel sorting with Mergesort
  - Deploy OpenFaaS and analyze its components, functioning and scalability
- **Everyone of you need to be a part of a group which solves one of theses special challenges!**

We will form the 3 groups now!

# Generations of Computer Systems

Generation	Timeframe	Technological progress
0	until 1940	(Electro-)mechanical calculating machines
1	1940 – 1955	Electron tubes, relays, jack panels
2	1955 – 1965	Transistors, batch processing
3	1965 – 1980	Integrated circuits, time sharing
4	1980 – 2000	Very large-scale integration, Microprocessors, PCs/Workstations
5	2000 until ?	Distributed systems, <i>the network is the computer</i> , Virtualization

Quote from the magazine *Popular Mechanics* (1949)

„In the future, computers may weigh no more than 1.5 tonnes.“

## 5.Generation (2000 – ????)

- Some key words from the 5th generation:

- *The network is the computer*
- Distributed systems  $\Rightarrow$  **Cluster-, Cloud-, Grid-, P2P-Computing**
- Multicore processors and parallel applications
- Virtualization  $\Rightarrow$  **VMware, XEN, KVM, Docker...**
- OpenSource  $\Rightarrow$  Linux, BSD,...
- Communication everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  mobile systems, pervasive computing
- New ways of working  $\Rightarrow$  e-Science, e-Learning, e-Business,...
- Services  $\Rightarrow$  Service-oriented architectures (SOA), **Web Services**
- Resources are requested and rent when needed  $\Rightarrow$  **on demand**

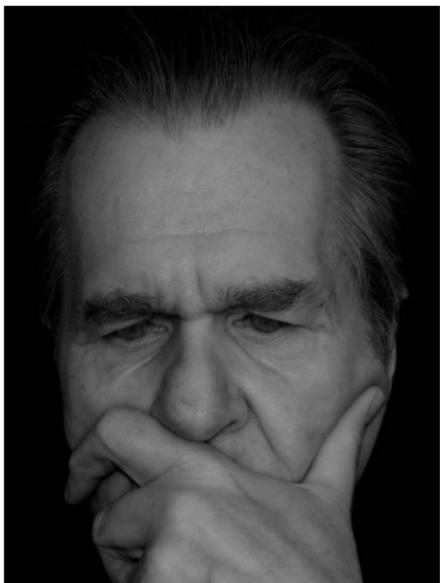
Many topics of the 5th generation will be discussed in this course

- Keywords for later generations:

- Quantum computers (probably 7th or 8th generation)

# Brave new World?

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- Brings the concept *the network is the computer* only benefits?
- Who decides, which applications we are allowed to use in the future?
- Who decides, which books we are allowed to read in the future?
- How much freedom and self-determination do we give up?
- Some examples...

# Apple iPhone

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- No free software allowed
- Apple regulates which applications are allowed to run on the iPhone
- All media files contain DRM technologies (digital rights management)
- DRM-free formats like Ogg Vorbis or MP3 cannot be used
- Reasons for the exclusion of applications is sometimes difficult to understand and always without warning
- Apple can erase applications, which are installed on the devices

← → C ① [www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/apple/7290849/Apple-removes-5000-apps-from-App-Store.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/apple/7290849/Apple-removes-5000-apps-from-App-Store.html)

## Apple removes 5,000 apps from App Store

Apple has banned thousands of apps from the App Store, blaming inappropriate content



Developers report that Apple has started an App Store crackdown against apps featuring 'overtly sexual' content

By Claudine Beaumont, Technology Editor  
11.07AM GMT 22 Feb 2010

Comment

**Apple** has removed around 5,000 apps from its App Store, including some that it claims feature "overtly sexual" content.

Dozens of developers received a message from Apple stating that the company was refining the guidelines under which the App Store

## Apple approves controversial Commodore 64 emulator only to remove it days later, after users find a work-around to access the BASIC interpreter.

BY DAVID MARTIN / SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 4:38 PM PDT



The Commodore 64 emulator application for iPhone, [previously rejected by Apple](#), was approved for availability in the App Store over the weekend, only to get pulled days later.

Apple blocked the sale of the iPhone app, dubbed C64, from the store on Tuesday without explaining why, according to developer [Manomio](#). And while Apple was not immediately available for comment regarding the C64 app, which is designed to enable users to play classic Commodore 64 games and run applications, Manomio says it believes that the yanking is related to an [available work-around](#) that enables users to activate the Commodore BASIC interpreter, a feature behind the application's initial App Store rejection.



# Google Android

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## Google remotely wipes apps off Android phones

Two "research" apps are deleted from Android phones for misrepresenting their purpose in Google's first use of remote app removal feature.

BY ELINOR MILLS / JUNE 25, 2010 2:39 PM PDT

Google has remotely removed two free apps from several hundred Android phones because the apps misrepresented their purpose and thus violated Android developer policies, according to a company spokesman.

This marks the first time Google has used the Remote Application Removal Feature that allows the company to delete apps for security reasons that have been installed through Android Market.

The apps were proof-of-concept programs designed to test the feasibility of distributing a program that could later be used to take control of the device in an attack, according to Jon Oberheide, the developer who wrote and distributed them.

### Notifications

#### ⚠ Twilight Eclipse Preview

Removed from your phone. 5:40 PM

#### ⚠ Rootstrap

Removed from your phone. 5:40 PM

This screenshot shows the message Android Market sent to phones when it remotely removed Oberheide's apps.

Jon Oberheide



## An Update on Android Market Security

Saturday, March 5, 2011 | 10:08 PM

On Tuesday evening, the Android team was made aware of a number of malicious applications published to Android Market. Within minutes of becoming aware, we identified and removed the malicious applications. The applications took advantage of known vulnerabilities which don't affect Android versions 2.2.2 or higher. For affected devices, we believe that the only information the attacker(s) were able to gather was device-specific (IMEI/IMSI, unique codes which are used to identify mobile devices, and the version of Android running on your device). But given the nature of the exploits, the attacker(s) could access other data, which is why we've taken a number of steps to protect those who downloaded a malicious application:

1. We removed the malicious applications from Android Market, suspended the associated developer accounts, and contacted law enforcement about the attack.
2. We are remotely removing the malicious applications from affected devices. This remote application removal feature is one of many security controls the Android team can use to help protect users from malicious applications.
3. We are pushing an Android Market security update to all affected devices that undoes the exploits to prevent the attacker(s) from accessing any more information from affected devices. If your device has been affected, you will receive an email from android-market-support@google.com over the next 72 hours. You will also receive a notification on your device that "Android Market Security Tool March 2011" has been installed. You may also receive notification(s) on your device that an application has been removed. You are **not** required to take any action from there; the update will automatically undo the exploit. Within 24 hours of the exploit being undone, you will receive a second email.
4. We are adding a number of measures to help prevent additional malicious applications using similar exploits from being distributed through Android Market and are working with our partners to provide the fix for the underlying security issues.

# Google Chrome OS

## Releasing the Chromium OS open source project

11/19/2009 10:31:00 AM

In July we announced that we were working on Google Chrome OS, an open source operating system for people who spend most of their time on the web.

Today we are open-sourcing the project as Chromium OS. We are doing this early, a year before Google Chrome OS will be ready for users, because we are eager to engage with partners, the open source community and developers. As with the Google Chrome browser, development will be done in the open from this point on. This means the code is free, accessible to anyone and open for contributions. The Chromium OS project includes our current code base, user interface experiments and some initial designs for ongoing development. This is the initial sketch and we will color it in over the course of the next year.

We want to take this opportunity to explain why we're excited about the project and how it is a fundamentally different model of computing.

First, it's all about the web. **All apps are web apps.** The entire experience takes place within the browser and there are no conventional desktop applications. This means users do not have to deal with installing, managing and updating programs.

# Amazon Kindle

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- Books can only be read with devices which are registered to a common Amazon account
- Sharing books is impossible
- Amazon can deny access to already purchased books



## Amazon Erases Orwell Books From Kindle

By **BRAD STONE**

Published: July 17, 2009

In George Orwell's "1984," government censors erase all traces of news articles embarrassing to Big Brother by sending them down an incineration chute called the "memory hole."

On Friday, it was "1984" and another Orwell book, "Animal Farm," that were dropped down the memory hole — by Amazon.com.

In a move that angered customers and generated waves of online pique, Amazon remotely deleted some digital editions of the books from the Kindle devices of readers who had bought them.

An Amazon spokesman, Drew Herdener, said in an e-mail message that the books were added to the Kindle store by a company that did not have rights to them, using a self-service function. "When we were notified of this by the rights holder, we removed the illegal copies from our systems and from customers' devices, and refunded customers," he said.

The worst  
part of  
censorship  
is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] everything [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] fine  
[REDACTED] trust [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] your [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] government

- Who decides in the future about censorship and freedom?
  - Politics?
  - Industry?
  - Population (customers/citizens)?

Image source: <http://medium.com>

# Interesting Article about this Topic: Parental Computing

## The Cloud's My-Mom-Cleaned-My-Room Problem

SEP 26 2011, 12:50 PM ET | 39

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*Welcome to the era of parental computing, or how the cloud makes children of us all*

When your mom cleans your room, it's a mixed bag. The clothes are in the drawers and the papers are straight, but you can't find anything and there is the distinct possibility that she found out whatever illegal (or at least immoral) material you had stashed away under the mattress.

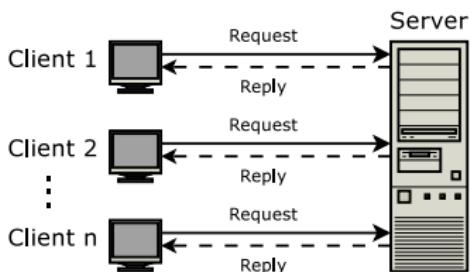
This is not a short reflection on my childhood (neither of my parents was the room-cleaning type) but a metaphor for the set of web services we call the cloud. We all know the feeling of logging into Facebook/Tumblr/Twitter/Netflix/Pandora/Gmail and realizing that the interface has changed. Maybe the company's internal testing says the new interface is better organized, but dang -- we'd gotten used to the last one and we liked it. "New Twitter? But I liked Old Twitter!" we cry.

We've always been dependent on software providers to create the digital spaces we inhabit, but when your email and documents and music are in the cloud, you're giving up the lock on the door and allowing changes to be made on the schedule of the parent. He or she may clean up or buy you a new desk. He or she may take away the car or decide you can't do something you think you should be able to.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2011/09/the-clouds-my-mom-cleaned-my-room-problem/245648/>

# Client-Server

- A client-server system includes:
  - one or more **clients** which use the services of the server and access data, stored at the server (⇒ consumers)
  - a **server**, which provides services and/or data (⇒ producer)
- The connection establishment is initiated by the clients
- Communication works according to a protocol



- A client sends a request to the server responds with a reply
- The client-server architecture consists of 2 layers and is called two-tier model (tier = layer)

# Tasks in the Client-Server Model

- For a distributed application, that is based on the client-server architecture, 5 tasks can be separated from each other:
  - Display (graphical) user interface
  - Calculation of the (graphical) user interface
  - Data processing
  - Data management
  - Data storage
- The distribution of the tasks to clients and server determines the client types
- According to their areas of responsibility, 4 types of clients exist:
  - ① **Text-/X-Terminals**
  - ② **Thin/Zero Clients**
  - ③ **Applet Clients**
  - ④ **Fat Clients**

# Four Types of Clients in the Client-Server Model

- **X-Terminal or Text-Terminal**

- Only display the (graphical) user interface and transfer the user interaction to the server
- Calculation of the (graphical) user interface, data processing and data storage, data management are tasks of the server

- **Thin Clients or Zero Clients**

- Calculate and display the graphical user interface

- **Applet Clients or Network Computers**

- Calculate and display the graphical user interface and do a part of the data processing
- The clients process the applications (applets) themselves

- **Fat Clients**

- Only data management and data storage are located on the (file or database) server

## (Text-)Terminal: WYSE WY-50 (early 1990s)

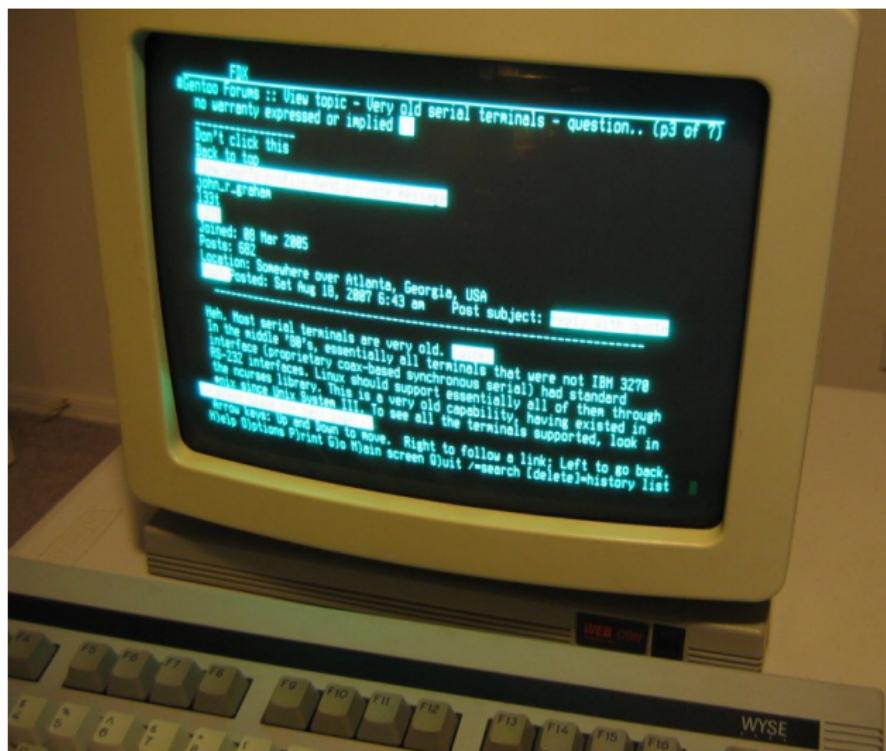


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## (X-)Terminal: NCD 88K (mid-1990s)

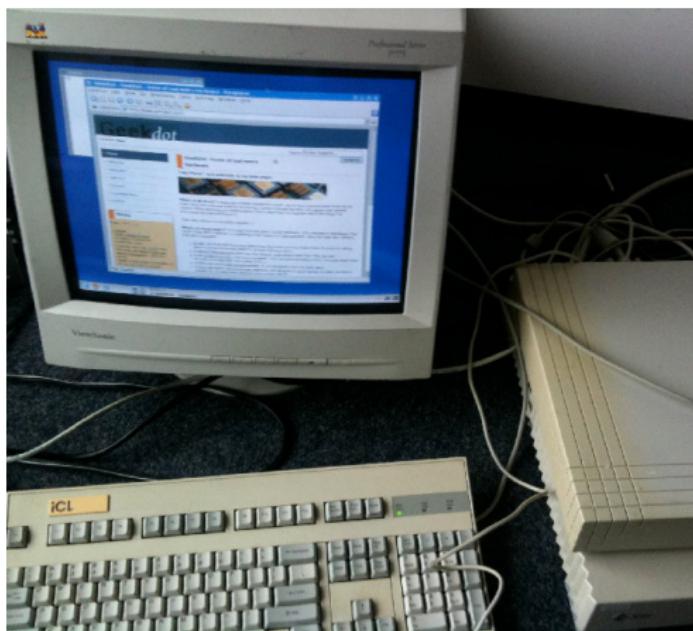


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# Network Computer: SUN JavaStation (1996 – 2000)

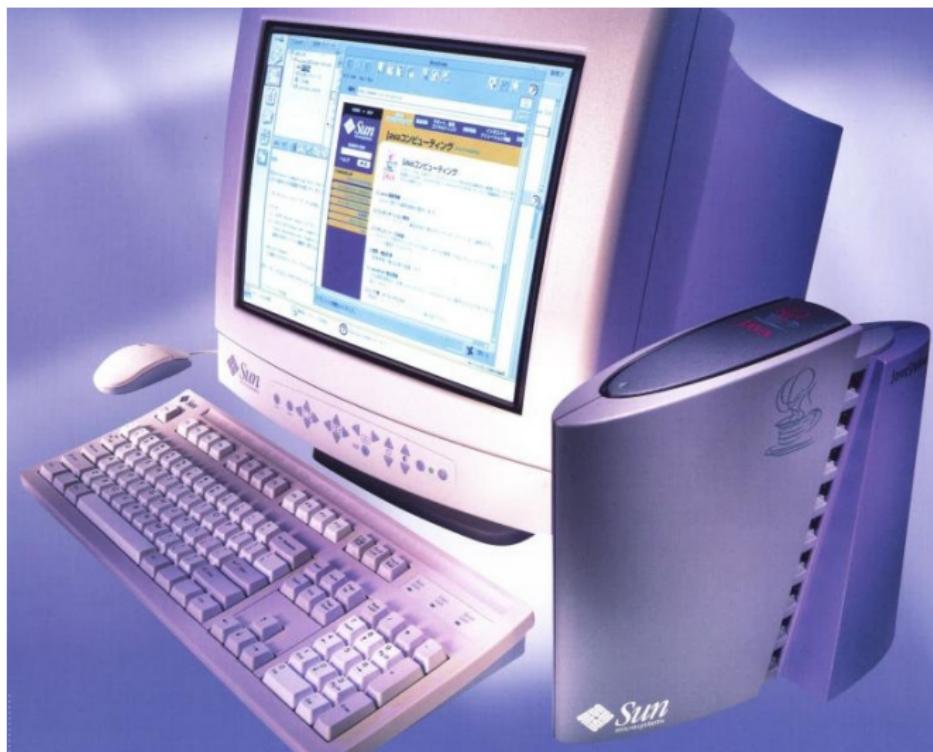


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# Fat Clients: Available everywhere

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# Thin Clients

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# More Thin Clients

Sicher | <https://www.igel.de/produkte-hardware/thin-client/>

Forschungsförderung MPI HP MicroServer Gen8 Raspberry Pi Diverses Escrima Haus Cloud

 GRÜNDE FÜR IGEL PRODUKTE LÖSUNGEN KUNDEN SUPPORT PARTNER VERANSTALTUNGEN KOSTENLOS TESTEN DOWNLOAD

					
<b>UD Pocket</b> Pool-Zugriff auf VDI - immer und überall	<b>UD2</b> Office-Anwendungen HD-Videostreaming	<b>UD3</b> HD-Videostreaming Ultra HD 4K-Inhalt Office-Anwendungen	<b>UD6</b> CAD- und 3D-Videokonstruktion UC mit hoher Auflösung (720p)	<b>UD9</b> CAD- und 3D-Videokonstruktion UC mit hoher Auflösung (720p)	
CPU	Erfordert X86 64-Bit-Unterstützung	Intel Atom E3815 1,46 GHz (Single-Core)	AMD Steppen Eagle GX-424CC 2,4 GHz (Quad-Core)	Intel Celeron J1900 1,99-2,42 GHz (Quad-Core)	Intel Celeron J1900 1,99-2,42 GHz (Quad-Core)
Stromverbrauch (Leerlauf   Standby)		5 W   0,6 W	4.7 W   0.42 W	8 W   < 0.9 W	26 W   < 2.5 W
Flash (SATA SSD)	8 GB	4 GB	4GB (LX) 32GB (W10)	4GB (LX) 32GB (W10)	4 GB

# Advantages and Drawbacks of Thin Clients over Desktops

- Advantages of Thin Clients

- Low acquisition costs (approx € 500)
- Reduced power consumption (a few watts)  $\Rightarrow$  reduced operating costs
- Reduced footprint (little space consumption)
- Reduced noise, because no hard drive and sometimes fanless
- Central storage of data is more efficient and more secure
- Reduced resource consumption because of virtualization on the server
- Reduced effort (cost) for administration

- Drawbacks of Thin Clients

- No 3D graphics performance
- Limited extensibility
- Users fear storing their data outside of their PC (outside of their own sphere of influence)
- Server is a single point of failure and eventually a bottleneck

# Linux and Windows CE with 3 Watt (flush-mounted)



Image source: Google image search and [www.instant-axess.co.uk](http://www.instant-axess.co.uk)

# Summary about the Clients

Image Source: Google

- The era of **X-Terminals** and **Text-Terminals** is over
- **Applet Clients** did fail in the 1990s but their popularity may grow in the next years  
⇒ Google Chrome OS



- **Fat Clients** are standard today
- **Thin/Zero Clients** are rarely used today
  - Things change slowly in the industry
  - Thin Clients are a hot topic again because of rising energy costs
  - Keyword: Green IT

# Evolution of the Clients at the Client-Server Model

- In the early days of the client-server era, clients were pure terminals
- With the increasing computing power, the clients became more and more powerful and more and more tasks have been outsourced to them
- But computing power is a resource of which there is never enough available

**Do you know the 3 options to reduce the time, which is required to solve computation-intensive tasks?**

# Analysis of the 3 Options

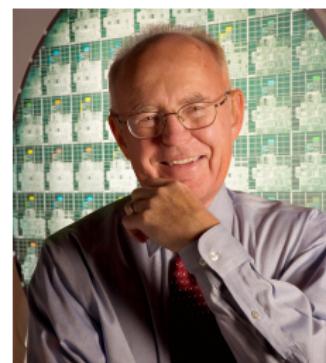
- ① Optimization of the algorithms used
  - Algorithms cannot be optimized infinitely
- ② Increased compute performance with faster CPUs
  - The compute power of a computer cannot be increased infinitely
    - Symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) has limitations
    - The memory bus becomes a bottleneck  $\Rightarrow$  Von Neumann bottleneck (see slide 41)
    - Each additional CPU decreases the relative performance gain

Reason: The storage subsystems can not deliver the data fast enough to fully utilize all available CPUs

- ③ Usage of more than just a single computer system to increase the performance
  - The possible performance enhancement is potentially unlimited and it is only limited by these factors:
    - Performance of the nodes
    - Transfer rate of the network technology used
    - Maintenance and administration effort for the connected systems

# Moore's Law

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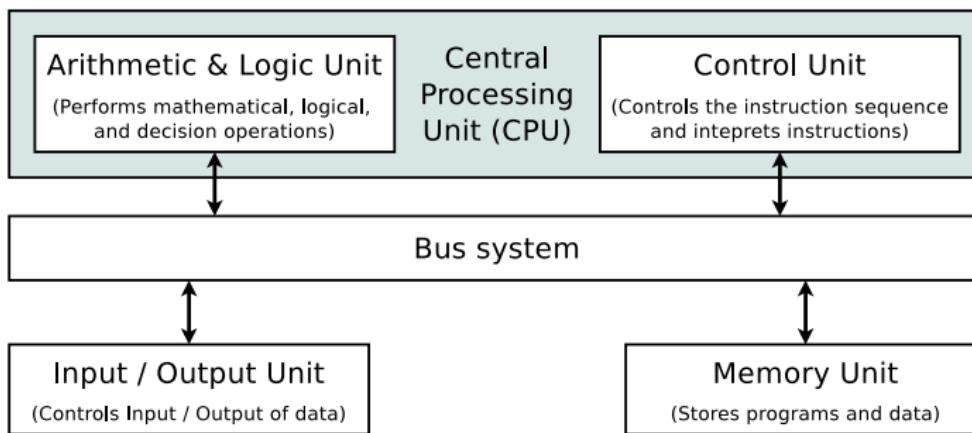


- Published in 1965 by Gordon Moore
- Not a natural law
  - Rule, which is **based on empirical observation**
- Moore originally meant the electronic **components** on of integrated circuit double every 12 months
  - Today, the number of **transistors** on an integrated circuit, or the number of transistors per area unit is taken into account
  - Since the late 1970s, the packing density **only doubles every 24 months**
- If we extrapolate the present increase rate, in approx. 2020, a transistor would consist only of a single atom



# Von Neumann Bottleneck (1/2)

- The data and control bus is increasingly becoming a bottleneck between the CPU and memory
  - The main memory and the bus system are key factors for the performance of a computer



## Von Neumann Bottleneck (2/2)

- Main memory is usually DRAM
  - DRAM = Dynamic Random Access Memory
- The access time („cycle time“) of DDR-400 SDRAM is 5 ns ( $\neq$  CL value)
  - This corresponds to a frequency of just 200 MHz



$$1 \text{ Hz} = \frac{1}{\text{s}}$$

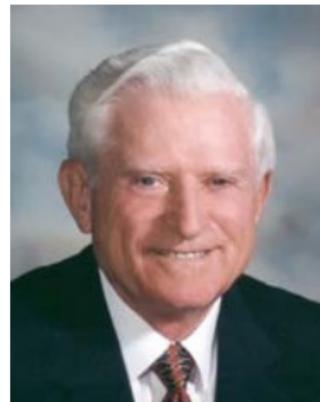
$$\frac{1}{5 \text{ ns}} = \frac{1}{5 * 10^{-9} \text{ s}} = \frac{1}{5} * 10^9 \text{ Hz} = 0.2 * 10^9 \text{ Hz} = 2 * 10^8 \text{ Hz} = 200 \text{ MHz}$$

- The access time of DDR3-2400 SDRAM is 0.833 ns  $\Rightarrow$  1200 MHz
- The access time of DDR4-4800 SDRAM is 0.417 ns  $\Rightarrow$  2400 MHz
- Caches** reduce the bottleneck impact ( $\Rightarrow$  see memory hierarchy)
  - Cache is SRAM and its access speed is close to the CPU speed
    - SRAM = Static Random Access Memory
- If multiple CPUs share the main memory and thus share the memory bus  $\Rightarrow$  impact of the Von Neumann bottleneck grows

# Amdahl's Law

Image source: [archive.computerhistory.org](http://archive.computerhistory.org)

- Published in 1967
- Named after Gene Myron Amdahl
- Calculates the maximum expected acceleration of programs by parallel execution on multiple CPUs
- According to Amdahl, the performance gain is limited mainly by the sequential part of the problem
- A program can never be fully executed in parallel
  - Program components such as process initialization and memory allocation only run once on a single CPU  
    ⇒ Those parts of the program cannot be executed in parallel
  - Some parts of the program depend on the sequence of events, input-output and of intermediate results



# Amdahl's Law – Principle (1/3)

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amdahls\\_law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amdahls_law)

- The sequential and parallel executable parts of the program are identified
- $P$  is the parallel portion and  $(1 - P)$  is the sequential portion
- Total runtime of the program:

$$1 = (1 - P) + P$$

- Example: A program requires 20 hours CPU time with a single CPU
  - For a single hour, the process runs sequentially
  - The remaining 19 hours are 95% of the total effort and can be distributed to any number of CPUs
  - But the total computation time can never fall under a single hour
    - Not even with an infinite number of CPUs
  - Therefore, the maximum acceleration (SpeedUp) in theory is factor 20

## Amdahl's Law – Principle (2/3)

- $N$  = number of CPUs
- $(1 - P)$  = sequential portion
- $(P/N)$  = accelerated parallel portion
- $S$  = SpeedUp (acceleration)

$$S = \frac{1}{(1 - P) + \frac{P}{N}} \leq \frac{1}{(1 - P)}$$

- With an increasing number of CPUs, the acceleration depends more and more of the sequential part

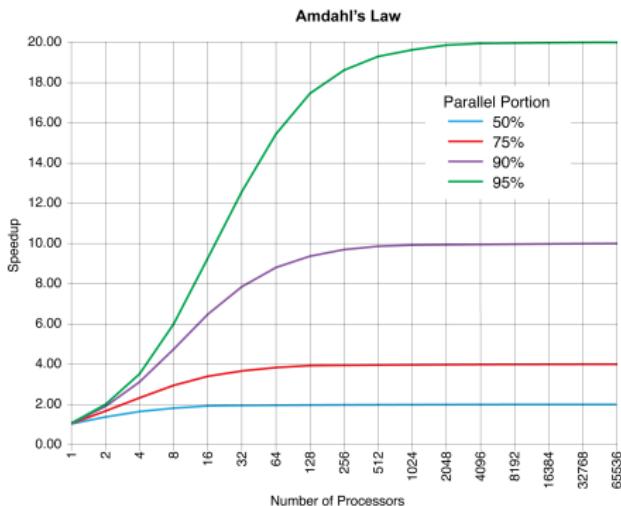
# Amdahl's Law – Principle (3/3)

Image source: Wikipedia

- Additionally, the load caused by communication and synchronization rises
  - For this reason, the inequality is extended by factor  $o(N)$ , which grows when  $N$  grows

$$S = \frac{1}{(1 - P) + o(N) + \frac{P}{N}} \leq \frac{1}{(1 - P)}$$

- Because of  $o(N)$ , the graph does not converge to  $1/(1 - P)$  any longer
  - The graph reaches a maximum



## Amdahl's Law – Issues

- Amdahl's law does not take into account the cache and the effects, which are caused by the cache in practice
  - A growing number of CPUs also increases the quantity of fast memory which is available
- In the optimal case, the entire data of the problem can be stored in the cache, which is a faster than the main memory
  - In such a case (very rare!), a super-linear SpeedUp may occur, which leads to an acceleration which exceeds the additional compute power

$$S_{(p)} = \frac{t_{(s)}}{t_{(p)}}$$

$S_{(p)}$  = Speedup Factor when using  $p$  CPU cores of a multiprocessor system

$t_{(s)}$  = Execution time by using a single CPU core

$t_{(p)}$  = Execution time by using  $p$  CPU cores

- The max. SpeedUp is usually  $p$  with  $p$  CPU cores ( $\Rightarrow$  linear SpeedUp)
- A super-linear SpeedUp is greater than  $p$
- The problems to be addressed in distributed computing today are very big and the sequential part of these problems is very small

# Granularity

- A daily life version of Amdahl's law is the wallpaper example
  - A painter needs 1 hour for wallpapering a room
  - Realistic: 2 painters wallpaper the room in 30 minutes
  - Unrealistic: 60 painters wallpaper the room in 1 minute
    - Reason: The painters are standing in each others way
    - There are disputes caused by limited resources (table, ladder...)
    - Probably with 60 painters, it would take more than 30 minutes
  - With 60 painters, a room cannot be wallpapered 60 times as fast
    - But this works for a hotel with 60 rooms, when the painters are distributed to the rooms
- Transferred to parallel computers, this means that with a growing number of CPUs, the problem size should grow too
- The problem needs to *scale* with the number of CPUs
- This finding initiated the development of Gustafson's law in 1988

# Gustafson's Law

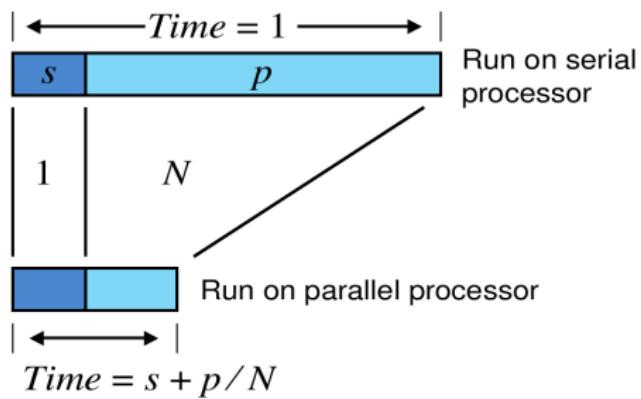
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- Amdahl's law considered mainly small problems
  - But: the bigger a parallelizable problem is, the smaller is the portion of the sequential part
- Gustafson's Law from John Gustafson (1988) says that a problem, which is sufficiently large, can be parallelized efficiently
- Difference to Amdahl's law:
  - The parallel portion of the problem grows with the number of CPUs
  - The sequential part is not limiting, because it gets more and more unimportant as the number of CPUs rises



Gustafson, Montry, Benner. *Development of Parallel Methods For a 1024-Processor Hypercube.*  
Sandia National Laboratories. 1988

# Gustafson's Law: Speedup

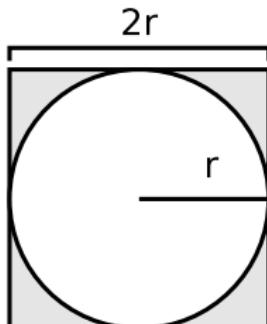


- If the number of CPUs grows to infinity, the SpeedUp grows linear with the number of CPUs
- Big problems, where the SpeedUp is nearly equivalent to the number of CPUs, exist among others in hydrodynamics, structural engineering and meteorology

$$\text{SpeedUp} = \frac{1}{s + \frac{p}{N}}$$

Source: <http://www.johngustafson.net/pubs/pub13/amdahl.pdf>

# Example: Calculation of $\pi$ via Monte Carlo Simulation



$r$  = Radius  
 $A$  = Surface ratio  
 $C$  = Circle  
 $S$  = Square

$$\frac{A_C}{A_S} = \frac{\pi \cdot r^2}{(2 \cdot r)^2} = \frac{\pi \cdot r^2}{4 \cdot r^2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

- Inscribe a circle of radius  $r$  inside a square with side length  $2r$
- Generate random dots in the square
  - The number of dots in  $A_C$  in relation to the number of dots in  $A_S$  is equal to the surface ratio

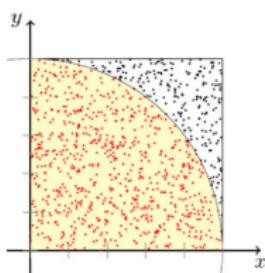
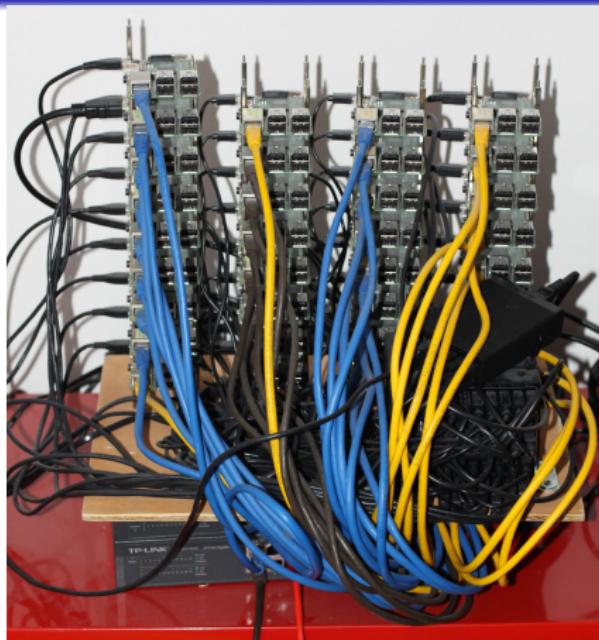


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$$\frac{4 \cdot \text{dots in } A_C}{\text{dots in } A_S} = \pi$$

# $\pi$ Approximation with 32 Raspberry Pi 2 and MPI



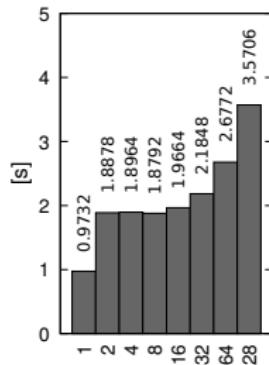
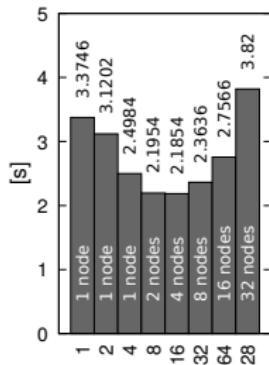
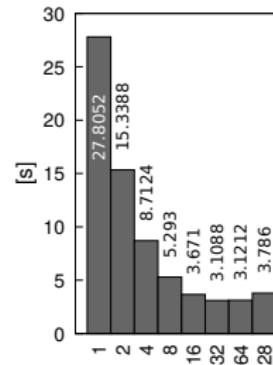
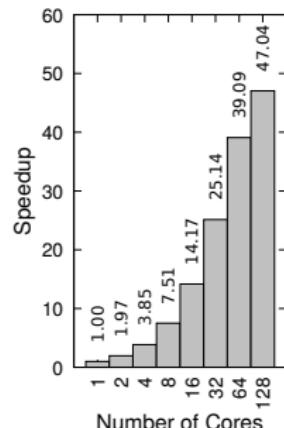
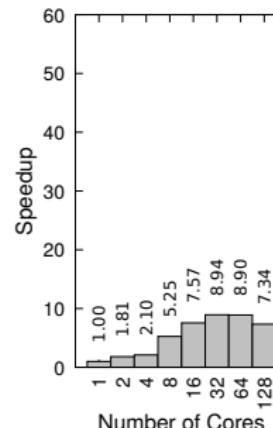
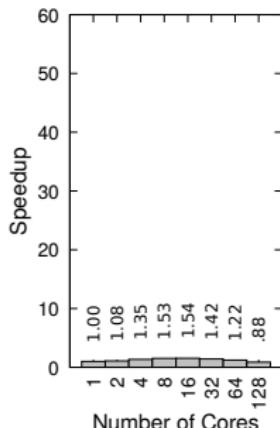
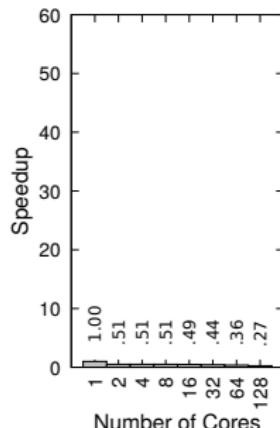
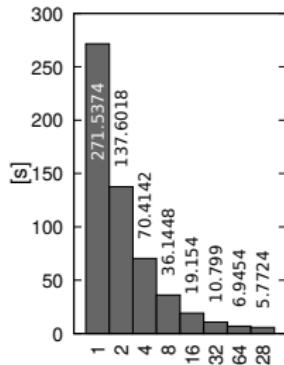
- 33 Raspberry Pi 2 (900 MHz)
  - 32 worker nodes and 1 master
  - 128 CPU cores
  - 24.7 Gflops
  - 1 GB main memory per node
  - 100 MBit/s Ethernet

This computation power is a similar to an Intel Core 2 Quad Q9450 2.66 Ghz from 2008, which has approx. 25.6 Gflops

Source: <https://www.tecchannel.de/a/test-intel-core-i7-mit-nehalem-quad-core,1775602>

**Performance and Energy-Efficiency Aspects of Clusters of Single Board Computers.** Christian Baun. International Journal of Distributed and Parallel Systems (IJDPS), Vol.7, No.2/3/4, 2016, S.13-22.  
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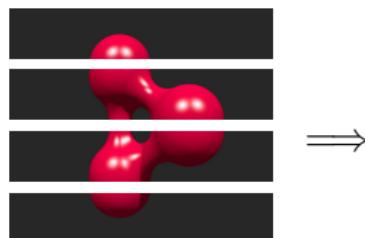
- **Do you think the problem size has a strong impact on the scalability?**

Pi approximated with  
1,000,000 points  
(Mean Time of 5 Tests)Pi approximated with  
10,000,000 points  
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100,000,000 points  
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## Another Example: task-distributor + POV-Ray

- Ray tracing is an interesting topic for parallel systems
- POV-Ray is a free, stable and feature-rich ray tracing solution  
<http://www.povray.org>
- Problem in 2015: no working (maintained) POV-Ray solution for parallel image computation in clusters existed
- Solution: **task-distributor**  
<http://github.com/christianbaun/task-distributor>

Parallel computation of  
the partial images on  
the worker nodes

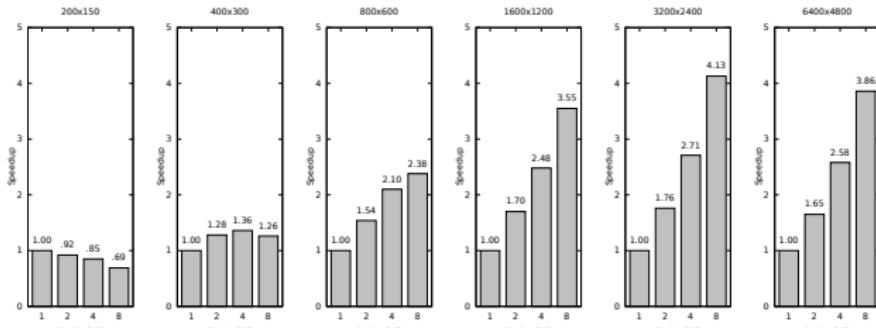
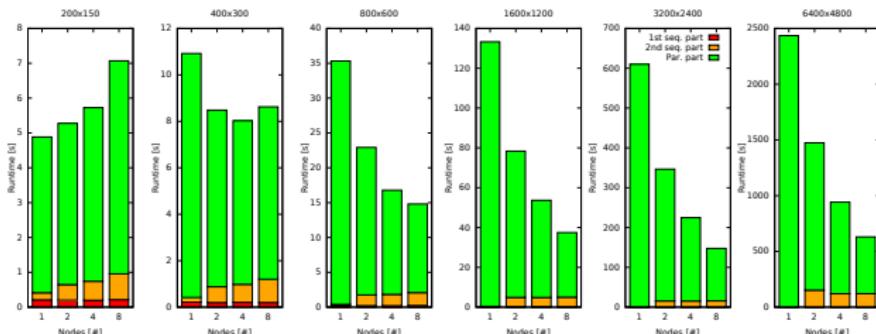


Combination of the  
partial images to the  
final image on one node

Parallel image computation in clusters with task-distributor. Christian Baun. SpringerPlus 2016 5:632.  
<http://springerplus.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40064-016-2254-x>

# Some Observations with task-distributor + POV-Ray

- We see: Laws and challenges of distributed systems



- Amdahl's law:** The performance gain is limited mainly by the sequential part of the problem
- Gustafson's law:** A problem, which is sufficiently large, can be parallelized efficiently
- The sequential part gets more and more unimportant as the number of CPUs rises
- Swap with 6400x4800** (convert consumes approx. 500 MB RAM for putting together the partial images. But we had just 512 MB - 16 MB for the GPU - Space for Linux)

# Magnitudes of Data

- Magnitudes and units
- The size of storage is measured in Bytes

Kilobyte	(KB)	$10^3$	= 1,000 Bytes	$2^{10}$	= 1,024 Bytes
Megabyte	(MB)	$10^6$	= 1,000,000 Bytes	$2^{20}$	= 1,048,576 Bytes
Gigabyte	(GB)	$10^9$	= 1,000,000,000 Bytes	$2^{30}$	= 1,073,741,824 Bytes
Terabyte	(TB)	$10^{12}$	= 1,000,000,000,000 Bytes	$2^{40}$	= 1,099,511,627,776 Bytes
Petabyte	(PB)	$10^{15}$	= 1,000,000,000,000,000 Bytes	$2^{50}$	= 1,125,899,906,842,624 Bytes
Exabyte	(EB)	$10^{18}$	= 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 Byte	$2^{60}$	= 1,152,921,504,606,846,976 Bytes
Zettabyte	(ZB)	$10^{21}$	= 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 Byte	$2^{70}$	= 1,180,591,620,717,411,303,424 Bytes

Bill Gates (1981)

„640 Kilobyte ought to be enough for anybody.“

- Common assumptions about data:
  - It is easy to store data today
  - It is easy to transmit and transport data today
- Are these assumptions correct?  $\Rightarrow$  **exercise sheet 1**

# Two Points of View

Seymour Cray (1925 - 1996)

„If you were plowing a field, what would you rather use? Two strong oxen or 1024 chickens?“

W. Gropp, E. Lusk, A. Skjellum. *Using MPI*. The MIT Press (1996)

„To pull a bigger wagon, it is easier to add more oxen than to grow a gigantic ox.“

- What does this mean?

# Seymour Cray (1925 – 1996)



- Seymour Cray founded Cray Research in 1972, the first successful company for the development and sale of supercomputers
- Cray was an opponent of the multiprocessing
- Crays supercomputers had few, but very powerful CPUs

„Anyone can build a fast CPU. The trick is to build a fast system.“

Image source: <http://www.cray-cyber.org/memory/scray.php>

# Background

- Until the 1990s, the acceleration of single CPU had much potential to increase the compute power
  - Today, it is hardly possible to accelerate individual CPU cores, without causing an increase in the required electric power input, which causes to additional waste heat
- Ultimate limits will prevent Moore's law to be valid forever
  - Someday, the traditional way to improve the performance of CPUs (increasing the packing density and clock frequency) will not work any longer
- In the last years, increasing the CPU performance was achieved almost exclusively by increasing the number of CPU cores
- At the time of Seymour Cray, powerful computers were expensive
- Since several years, the CPUs of inexpensive desktop systems are almost as powerful as CPUs in supercomputers

# Parallel Computers

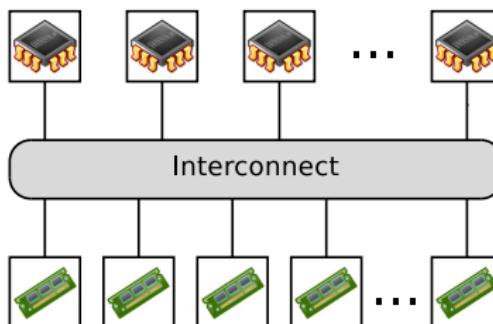
Brian Hayes. *Collective Wisdom*. American Scientist (1998)

If you have a big problem to solve, recruiting a few percent of the CPUs on the Net would gain you more raw power than any supercomputer on earth.

- **Sequential operating computers** which follow the Von Neumann architecture are equipped with:
  - A single CPU
  - A single main memory for the data and the programs
- For **parallel computers**, 2 fundamentally different variants exist:
  - Systems with **shared memory**
  - Systems with **distributed memory**

# Shared Memory

- For systems with **shared memory**, the entire memory is part of a uniform address space, which is accessed by all CPUs
- The memory is accessed via an interconnect



- Problem: Write operations of the CPUs must be coordinated
- Further problem: Data inside the CPU caches
  - If a memory cell is duplicated in multiple CPU caches, any change in the memory cell must be propagated to all caches

# Symmetric and Asymmetric Multiprocessing

- Most multiprocessor systems today operate according to the **symmetric multiprocessing (SMP)** principle
  - SMP allows to dynamically distribute the running processes to all available CPUs
  - All CPUs can access the memory with the same speed
- In multiprocessor systems, which operates according to the **asymmetric multiprocessing** principle, each CPU must be assigned to a fixed task
  - One or more CPUs run the operating system
  - The other processes are distributed to the remaining CPUs
  - Typically, the CPUs are identical
  - Today, it exists often a main CPU and some subordinated CPUs, which are focused to specific tasks

# Examples for Asymmetric Multiprocessing

- IBM Cell processor
  - A single main CPU (PowerPC Processing Element) and 8 CPUs (Synergistic Processing Elements), which are specialized for calculations

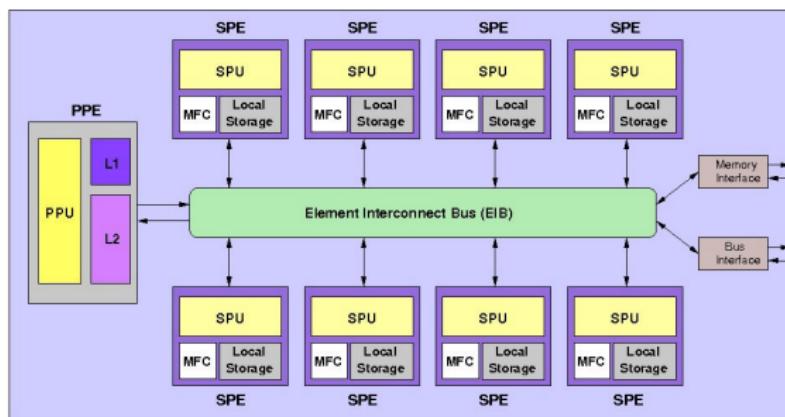
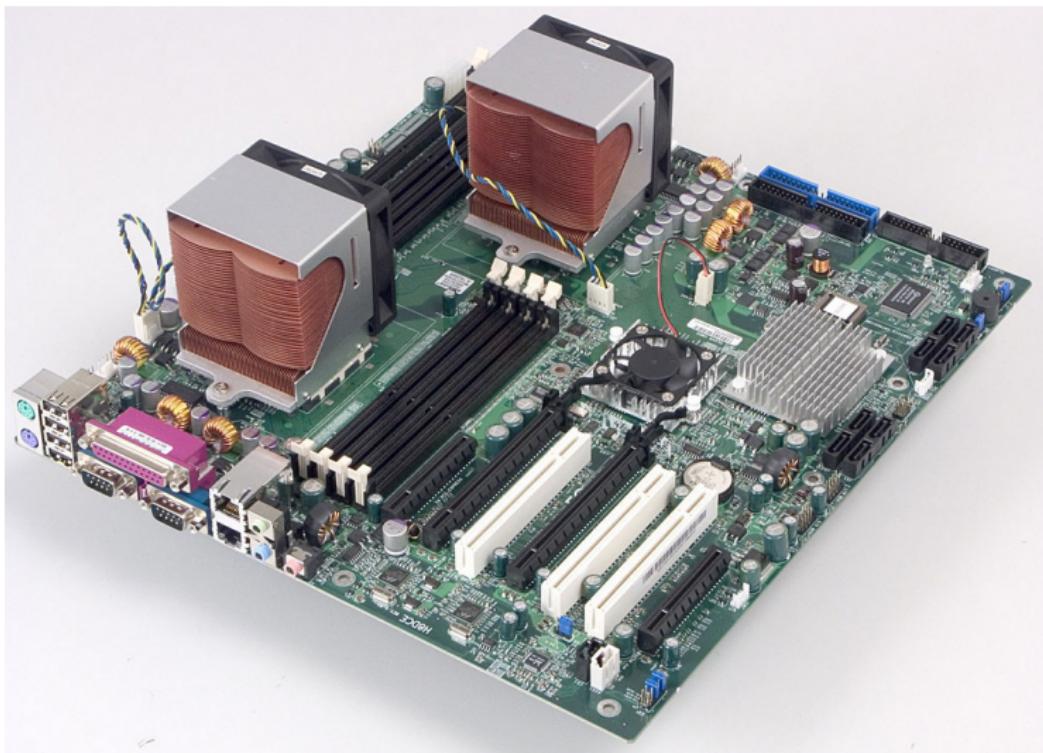


Image source: <http://w3.impa.br/~andmax/images/sbac2009.jpg>

- Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) VAX-11/782
  - Only the first CPU had access to the I/O devices

# Dual Processor Mainboard (SMP)

Image source: Google image search



# In the Professional Sector Today: Blades (IBM HS21)

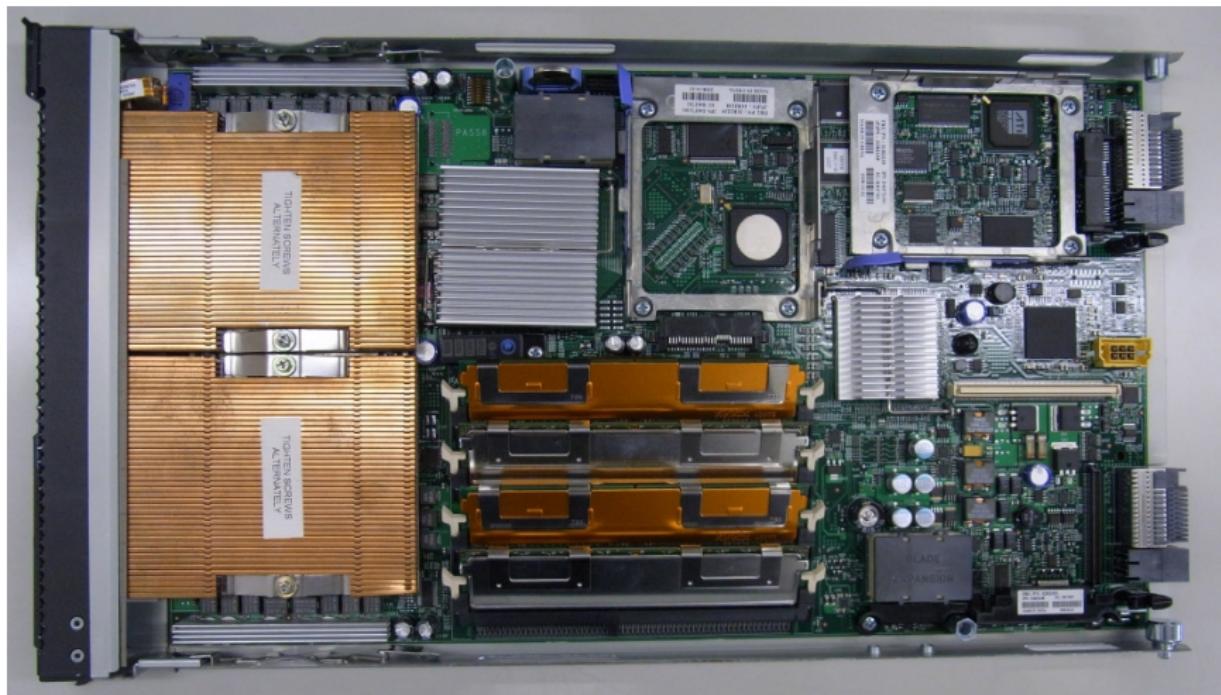


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# BladeCenter for the Blades (IBM HS20)

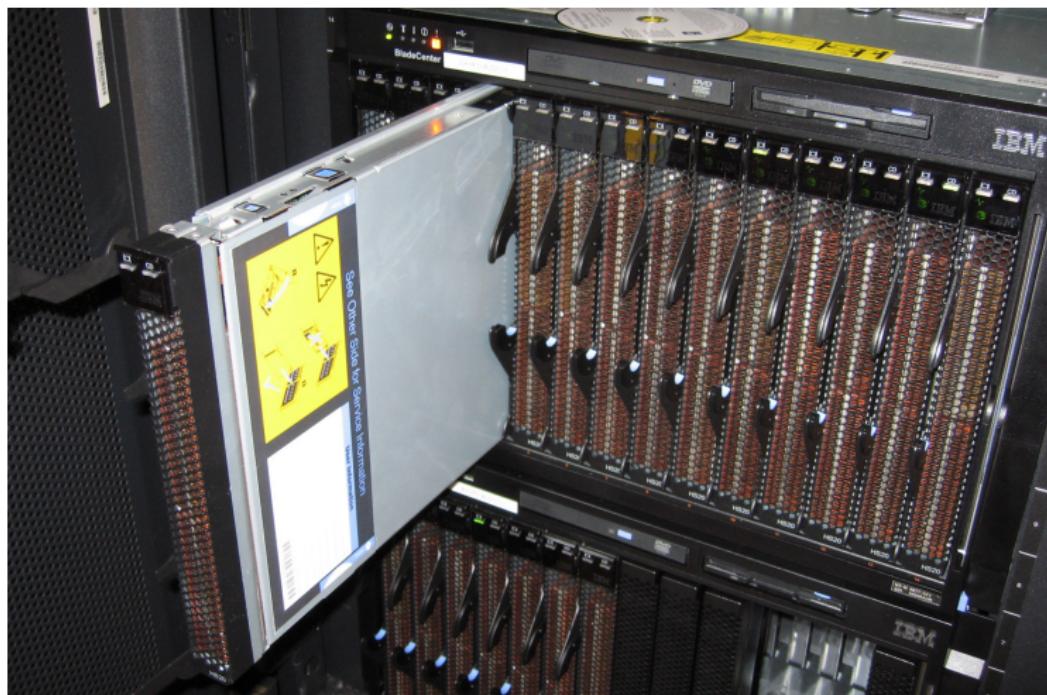
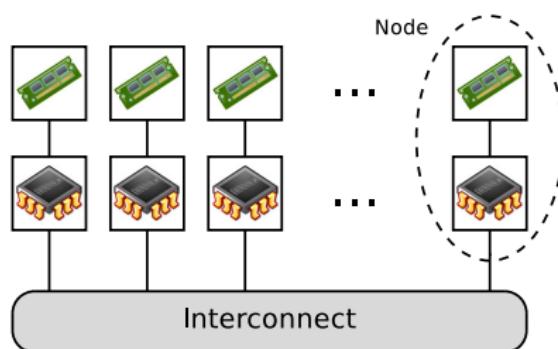


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# Distributed Memory $\Rightarrow$ Cluster Systems

- Each CPU can only access its own local memory
- The communication between the CPUs takes place via a network connection
  - Network connections are much slower, compared with the data rate between CPU and memory
- In a parallel computer, every single CPU and it's local memory, are independent node



- A system with distributed memory is also called **Cluster** or *Multicomputer*, because each node is an independent computer with a Von Neumann architecture
- Nodes of the cluster can also be SMP systems...