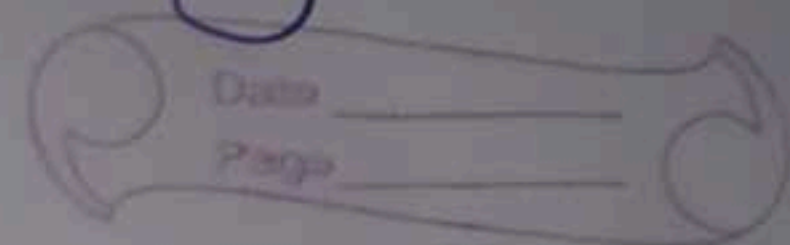


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Unit 1 part 1 questions
DS - mid term

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- Q1 - Ans - Peer-to-Peer
- Q2 - Ans - Servers
- Q3 - Ans - Communication within the process
Between two processes
- Q4 - Ans - Program counters
- Q5 - Ans - Scalability

Sec-B

- Q2 Three features of DS.
- 1) Concurrency
 - Multi-programming
 - Multi-processing

Parallel executions in distributed systems

- 1) Many users using the same resources.
application interactions
- 2) Many servers responding to client requests.
- 2) Scalability
how the system handles growth.

Small system - two computers and a
file over server on a single network
Large system - current Internet

Scalability

- Software should not change to support growth.
- research areas - for large, high performance networks.

avoid centralization to support scalability.

- 3) Transparency.
- transparency of
 - access
 - location
 - concurrency
 - duplication
 - failure
 - migration
 - performance
 - scaling

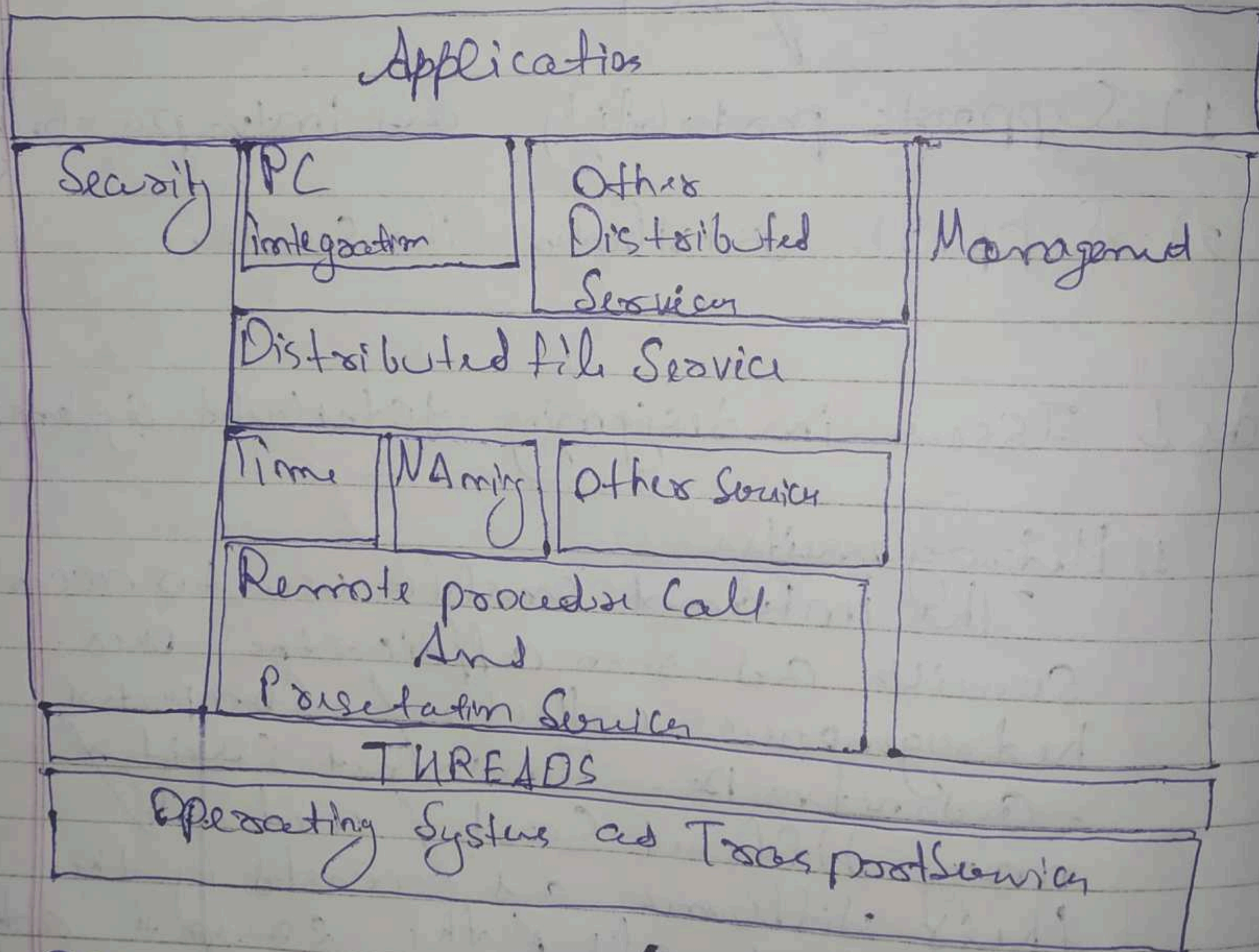
Q3 - DCEC Distributed Computing Environment is a client server architecture, defined by the Open Software Foundation (OSF) that provides open system platform to address challenges of distributed computing.

DCE is middle ware software sandwiched between the application and operating system layer.

DCE architecture

DCE cells:

The DCE system is highly scalable. To accommodate such large system DCE uses the concept of cells. A cell is a basic unit of operation in the DCE which breaks down a large system into smaller, manageable units.



DCE components:

DCE uses various technologies that form the components such as:

- 1) Thread package
- 2) Remote procedure call
- 3) Name service
- 4) Distributed file service
- 5) Time service
- 6) Scheduling and Synchronization
- 7) Security service

Advantages of DCF

- 1) Supports portability.. and interoperability.
- 2) Supports distributed file service

Ans 5 Issues in designing distributed systems:-

1) Heterogeneity:-

The Internet enables user to access services as own applications over heterogeneous collection of computers and networks. Internet consists of many different sorts of networks. These differences are masked by the fact that all of the computers attached to them use the Internet protocols to communicate with each other.

2) openness:-

The openness of a computer system is a characteristic that determines whether the system can be extended or implemented in various ways.

3) Security:-

Many of the information resources that are made available and maintained in distributed systems have a high intrinsic value to their users. Therefore, security of them is considerably important.

4) Scalability.

Distributed systems operate effectively and efficiently at many different scales, ranging from a small intranet to internet.

A system is described as scalable:

Scalable if it will remain effective when there is a significant increase in the no. of users.

5) Failure handling:-

Computer systems sometimes fail. When faults occur in hardware or software, programs may produce incorrect results or may stop before they have completed the intended computation.

Failure in a distributed system is partial.

6) Transparency:-

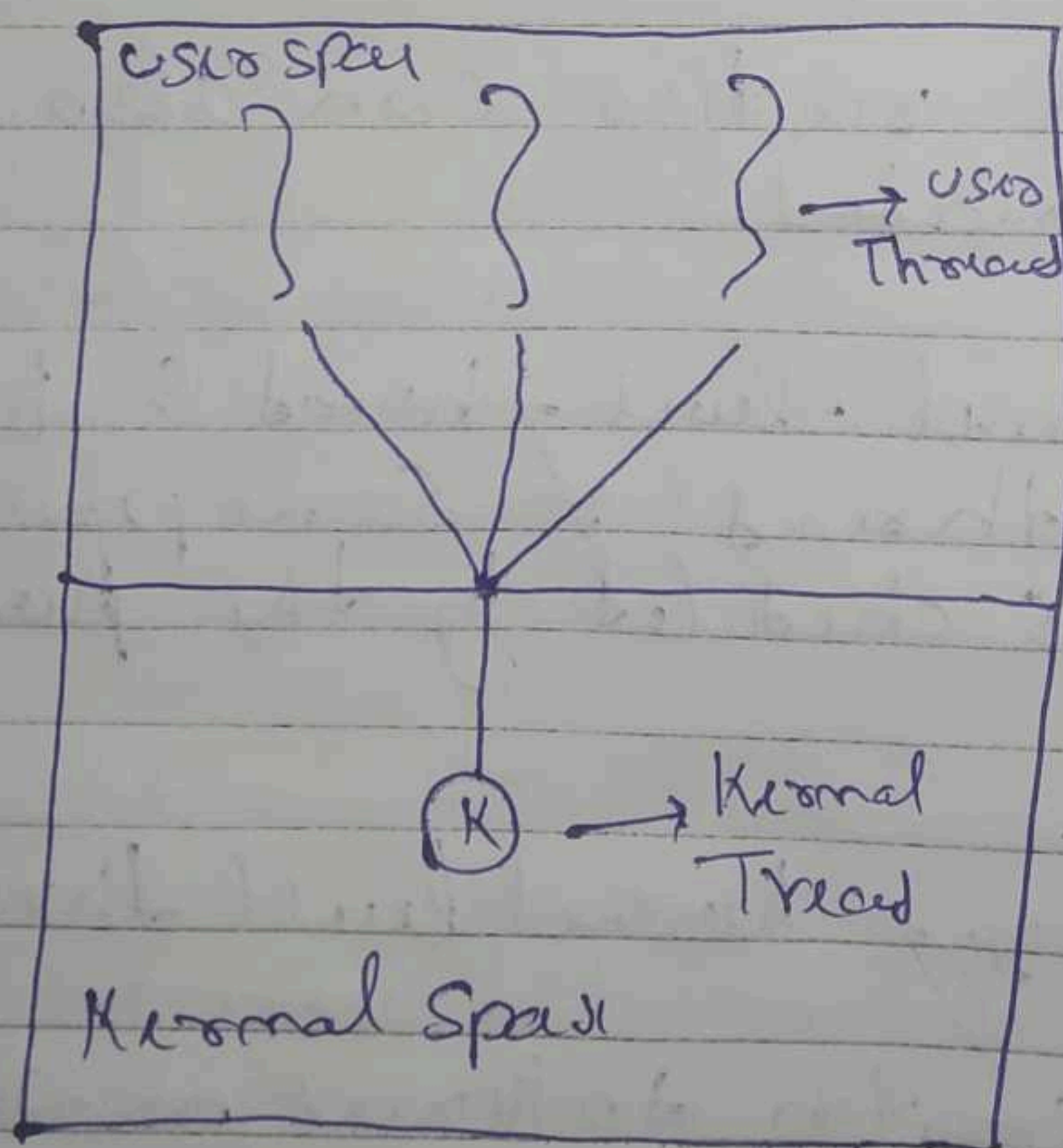
Transparency can be achieved at two different levels. Easier to do is to hide the distribution from users.

The concept of transparency can be applied to several aspects of a distributed system.

- a) Location
- b) Migration
- c) Replication
- d) Concurrency
- e) Parallelism

7 Performance
 Always the hidden data is the background is the issue of performance. Building a transparent, flexible, reliable distributed system, most important lies in its performance. In particular when running a particular application on a distributed system, it should not be appreciably worse than running the same application on a single process. Unfortunately, achieving this is easier said than done.

Ans 6 - Kernel level thread.



Kernel-level threads are handled by the

operating system directly as the thread manager is done by the kernel. The context information for the process as well as the process threads is all managed by the kernel. Because of this, kernel level threads are slower than user level threads.

Advantages of kernel level threads.

- Some multiple threads of the same process can be scheduled on different processors in kernel level threads.
- The kernel routines can also be multithreaded.
- If a kernel-level thread is blocked another thread of same process can be scheduled by the kernel.

Disadvantages of kernel level threads.

- A mode switch from user mode to kernel mode is required to transfer control from one thread to another in a process.

- Kernel level threads are slaves to create as well as manage as compared to user level threads.

Sec-C

As 1- Transparency:- The distributed system should be perceived as a single entity by the users or the application programmers rather than as a collection of autonomous systems, which are cooperating. The user should be unaware of where the servers are located and also the transition from a local machine to remote one should also be transparent.

Types of transparency:-

- 1) Access transparency :- clients should be unaware of the distribution of the files. The files could be present on a totally different set of servers which are physically distant apart and a single set of operations should be provided to access these remote as well as local files.

2) Location transparency: Clients should see a uniform file ~~name~~ namespace. Files or groups of files may be subrelocated without changing their pathnames. A location name contains no information about the named object's physical location.

3) Concurrency transparency: Users and Applications should be able to access shared data or objects without interference b/w each other.

4) Replication: This kind of transparency should be mainly in cooperation for the distributed file system, which replicates the data at two or more sites for more reliability. The client should not be aware that a replicated copy of data exists.

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

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Fail it tolerance is provided by the mechanism ~~related~~ related to access transparency.

- 6) Migration transparency:- This allows the user to be unaware of the movement of information or process within a system without affecting the operation of the user and the applications that are running.
- 7) Performance transparency:- Allows the system to be reconfigured to improve the performance as the load varies.
- 8) Scaling transparency:- A system should be able to grow with affecting application algorithms, graceful growth as evolution is an important requirement for most enterprises.

~~Q-2~~ OSI System Interconnection (OSI) reference model

Q-3 Omission failures :- Omission failures are caused across the system due to lack of reply or response from the system across the distributed system. There are different issues raised due to these omission failures and the key among them are ~~system~~ ~~system~~ ~~not~~ ~~timely~~ as a typical buffer overflow across the system of the distributed system.

2) Timely failures :- Timely failures are caused across the system of distributed system. The usual behavior of these timely failures would be like that the system response time towards the client request would be more than the expected range. Control flow out of the response may be caused due to these timely failures and the corresponding clients may give up as they

can't wait for the request response from the server as thus the server operations are failed due to this.

3) Vault failure

If a server vault is unavailable, client that have been working with this server

3) arbitary failure:- or (Byzantine failure)

These failures cause the server to behave arbitary in nature and the server to respond in an arbitary manner and arbitary time across the distributed systems. Output from the server could be inappropriate as there could be chances of malicious bugs as duplicate message from the server side as the client get arbitary or corrupt duplicate update from the server due to these failures.