

## → Distributed Operating System -

A distributed system is a collection of loosely coupled processors interconnected by a communication network.

Four major reasons for building distributed systems: resource sharing, computation speedup, reliability and communication.

### ① Types of distributed operating system -

- Data Migration → transfer <sup>entire</sup> ~~entire~~ file or transfer portions of the file.
- Computation Migration → by initiating RPC or by sending a message.
- Process Migration → by the client or by the user.

### ② Design Issues -

- making the multiplicity of processors and storage devices transparent to the user.
- User mobility
- fault tolerance
- scalability

### ③ File system -

A DFS (distributed file system) is a file system whose clients, servers and storage devices are dispersed among the machines of a distributed system.

A service is a software entity running on one or more machines and providing a particular type of function to clients.

A server is a service software running on a single machine.

A client is a process that can invoke a service using a set of operations that form its client interface.

### ④ Remote file access -

Accessing file remotely by the user and the user store that particular file. It can be implemented by RPC (Remote procedure call). For reasonable performance, we use a form of caching.



⑤ RPC (Remote Procedure calls) -

It is a client-server mechanism that enables an application on one machine to make a procedure call to code on another machine.

⑥ RMI (Remote Method Invocation) - distributed object technologies developed by SUN, available as part of the core Java API, Java-centric, object interfaces defined as Java interfaces, uses object serialization.

⑦ DSM (Distributed shared memory) -

provides a virtual address space that is shared among all nodes in a distributed system.

⑧ Basic concept of parallel processing & concurrent programming -  
parallel processing provide simultaneous data processing tasks for the purpose of increasing the computational speed of a computer system.

Concurrent programming allows multiple computations to occur simultaneously in cooperation with each other.

→ Security & threats protection -

① Security violation through parameters -

- Denial of service → prevent legitimate use of the system
- Theft of service → unauthorized used of services
- Breach of confidentiality → unauthorized reading of data
- Breach of integrity → unauthorized modification of data
- Breach of availability → unauthorized destruction of data

② Computer Worms - It is a full program itself. It spreads to other computers over the network. It potentially bring the either network to grinding halt. Does not harm other program or data.



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Safeguards against worms -

→ Prevent its creation

→ Prevent its spreading

⑩ Computer virus - It is written with a clear intention of infecting other programs. It is a part of a program. Computer virus does not operate independently. It could harm to the system.

Types of viruses - Boot sector infectors, Memory Resident infectors, file specific infectors, command processor infectors, general purpose infectors

Infection methods - Append, Replace, insert, delete, redirect

Virus detection - Checks for the integrity of the binary files

Virus Removal - Bit pattern of some virus can be "predicted".

Virus Prevention - Buy official, legal copies of software

④ Security design principle -

- Public design
- least Privilege
- explicit demand
- continuous verification
- simple design
- user acceptance
- multiple conditions

⑤ Authentication - It is a process of verifying whether a person is a legitimate user or not.

In centralized environment, three ways -

- (password) A secret, known only to that user.
- (magnetic badge) something possessed only by that user.
- some human characteristics of the user (fingerprints)

In distributed environment,



## ⑥ Protection Mechanisms -

- Protection Framework - Access Rights, Access Hierarchies, Domains and Domain Switching, Block structured languages
- Access Control list (ACL) - stores the data by column
- Capability list - stores the data by rows
- Combined schemes - Combine all above schemes

- defining specific privilege
- Privilege storage
- Privilege transfer
- explicit denials
- discretionary access control
- capability based
- user capabilities
- multiple constraints