



Organization of the book

The diagram shows the book's chapters under seven main topic areas. It is intended to provide a guide to the book's structure and to indicate recommended navigation routes for instructors wishing to provide, or readers wishing to achieve, understanding of the various subfields of distributed system design.

References

The existence of the World Wide Web has changed the way in which a book such as this can be linked to source material, including research papers, technical specifications and standards. Many of the source documents are now available on the Web; some are available only there. For reasons of brevity and readability, we employ a special form of reference to web material that loosely resembles a URL: references such as [www.omg.org] and [www.rsasecurity.com I] refer to documentation that is available