Distributed & Mobile Computing

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Ubiquitous Networks

Ubiquitous networks, often referred to as ubiquitous computing or ubiquitous networking, describe a concept where computing capabilities are seamlessly integrated into our everyday environment.

Ubiquitous Networks

In a ubiquitous network, various devices and systems are interconnected, allowing information and communication to flow effortlessly across different platforms and locations.

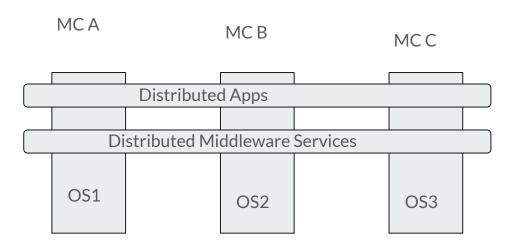
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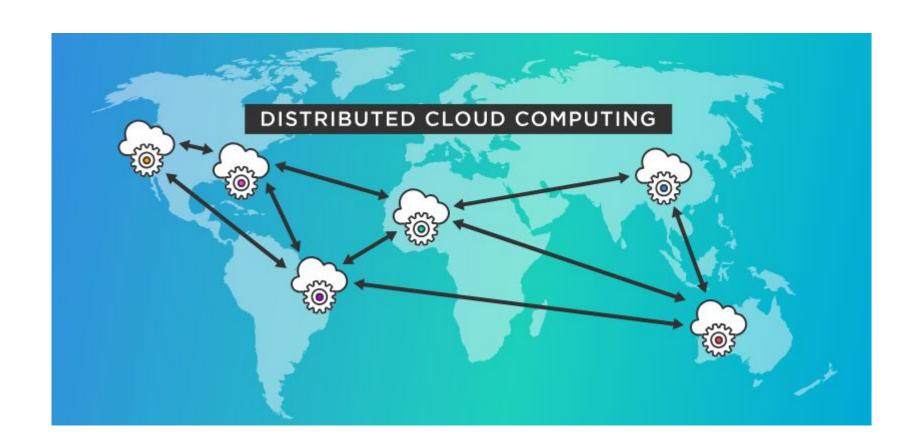
Distributed systems are networks of independent computers that work together to achieve a common goal, emphasizing cooperation and resource sharing.

Distributed Systems:

Distributed systems is a collection of autonomous computers linked by a computer networks and equipped with distributed systems softwares.

The software enables computer to coordinate their activities to share resources of system hardware, software and data.





Characteristics of Distributed Systems

- Concurrency
 - o concurrent programs execution share resource
- No global clock
 - o programs coordinate actions by exchanging messages
- Independent failures
 - when some systems fail, others may not know

Characteristics of Distributed Systems

- No shared memory
 - This is a key feature that requires message-passing.
- Geographical separation
 - The geographically wider apart that the processors
- Autonomy and heterogeneity
 - The processors are "loosely coupled"in that they have different speeds and each can be running a different operating system.

Goals of Distributed Systems

- **Reliability**: Ensure uninterrupted operation despite hardware or network failures.
- **Scalability**:Efficiently handle increased workloads by distributing tasks across multiple nodes.
- **Transparency**: Make the distributed system appear as a cohesive entity to users and applications.
- **Interoperability**:Enable seamless communication between diverse system components.
- Security:Implement robust measures to protect data and ensure secure communication.

Goals of Distributed Systems

- **Efficiency**: Minimize resource usage, reduce latency, and maximize throughput.
- **Fault Tolerance**: Design the system to tolerate and recover from unexpected failures.
- **Maintainability**: Facilitate easy system maintenance and updates to minimize downtime.
- **Transparency**:Hide the complexity of distributed operations from end-users.



Examples of Distributed systems

- World Wide Web (WWW): The internet itself is a distributed system where servers, databases, and clients work together to deliver web content and services.
- Cloud Computing Platforms: Services like Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud Platform leverage distributed systems to provide scalable and flexible computing resources.
- **Distributed Databases:** Systems like Apache Cassandra, MongoDB, and Amazon DynamoDB distribute data across multiple nodes for improved scalability and fault tolerance.

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- **Social Media Platforms**: Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram use distributed systems to handle user interactions, data storage, and content delivery.
- Content Delivery Networks (CDNs): CDNs, such as Akamai and Cloudflare, distribute content across multiple servers globally to enhance the speed and reliability of content delivery.
- **Blockchain Networks**: Cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum rely on distributed ledger technology to maintain decentralized and secure transaction records.

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- **Distributed File Systems**: Examples include Google File System (GFS), Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS), and Apache HBase, which distribute data storage across multiple nodes.
- **Peer-to-Peer Networks (P2P)**: File-sharing networks like BitTorrent and communication systems like Skype use distributed architectures where nodes communicate directly with each other.
- Online Banking Systems: Banking systems often use distributed databases and networks to handle transactions, customer accounts, and ensure availability.