

## TCSS 558: APPLIED DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING

### Types of Distributed Systems

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## TCSS 558 OFFICE HOURS – WINTER 2023

- Office hour - Tuesdays after class
  - ~4:00 – 5:00p CP 229 and Zoom
- Additional hours will be added as needed
- Also by email appointment: [wjloyd@uw.edu](mailto:wjloyd@uw.edu)

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## ONLINE DAILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

- Daily Feedback Quiz in Canvas – Available After Each Class
- Extra credit available for completing surveys **ON TIME**
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- Thursday surveys: due Mon @ 10p

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TCSS 558 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 1/5

Not available until Jan 5 at 1:30pm | Due Jan 6 at 10pm | - /3 pts

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### TCSS 558 - Online Daily Feedback Survey - 1/5

Due Jan 6 at 10pm Points 1 Questions 4

Available Jan 5 at 1:30pm - Jan 6 at 11:59pm 1 day Time Limit None

Question 1 0.5 pts

On a scale of 1 to 10, please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mostly Review To Me			Equal						Mostly New To Me

Question 2 0.5 pts

Please rate the pace of today's class:

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Slow			Just Right						Fast

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## MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class (33 respondents):
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- **Average – 6.12 (↓ - previous 6.65)**
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- **Average – 5.43 (↓ - previous 5.91)**

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### FEEDBACK FROM 1/5

- I am confused regarding replication. Do all nodes have copies of other nodes (data)?**
- Chapter 7 is on Consistency and Replication
- Question ties into Chapter 7.4 Replica management
- Data can be replicated in a variety of ways across a distributed system
- Three levels of data replication in distributed systems:
  - FULL replication:** all data is replicated at every node
  - PARTIAL replication:** only some fragments of data are replicated
    - As seen in Chapter 7.4
    - Not every node in the system replicates full dataset
    - Instead there are **permanent replicas**, **server-initiated**, and **client-initiated** replicas, and the **client** itself can even replicate data
  - NO replication:** data exists at only one location, data is sharded

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### FEEDBACK - 2

- Per the example question between the frameworks (.NET remoting, Java RMI, and HTTP-REST), why was the HTTP-REST considered the most portable open?**
  - An HTTP-REST interface will support the greatest variety of clients backed by different Operating Systems (e.g. Windows, Linux, etc.), Languages (Java, Python, .NET, etc.), and system architectures (x86, ARM, etc.)
- How were we measuring portability openness?**
  - Count number of heterogeneous clients supported

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### EDGE / FOG / CLOUD

**What is the difference between edge, fog, and cloud?**

**CLOUD COMPUTING VS. FOG COMPUTING VS. EDGE COMPUTING**

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### SURVEY LINKS

AT:  
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- Please complete the [AWS Cloud Credits survey](#): [\[HERE\]](#)

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### CLASS ACTIVITY 1

- We will form groups of ~2-3
  - Remote students will use Canvas breakout rooms
- Each group will complete a Google Doc worksheet
- Add names to Google Doc as they appear in Canvas
- Once completed, **one person** submits a PDF of the Google Doc to Canvas
- Instructor will score all group members based on the uploaded PDF file
- To get started:
  - Log into your UW Google Account
  - Link to shared Google Drive
  - Follow link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p95hdbv>

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# WE WILL RETURN AT 2:40PM



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## TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS LEADING TO CLOUD COMPUTING

- Super computers
  - Huge multiprocessor systems with shared memory/RAM
  - Technically "not distributed"
  - Hardware all in one location
  - Initially expensive with proprietary designs
  - Traditionally supported HPC - High Performance Computing scientific applications
    - Weather forecasting
    - Molecular dynamics simulation
    - Protein modeling
  - Cost millions of dollars
  - Large systems consume MWs of electricity




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## INNOVATIONS LEADING TO CLOUD COMPUTING - 2

- Cluster computing
  - Group of interconnected homogeneous servers
  - Design emphasizes redundancy as server components are easily interchanged to keep overall system running
- Grid computing
  - Distributed heterogeneous servers organized into logical pools of loosely coupled resources connected by the internet
  - geographically dispersed
  - middleware software supports workload distribution and coordination functions
- Virtualization
- Others



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## Cloud Services Architecture

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## PUBLIC CLOUD COMPUTING

- Offers computing, storage, communication at \$ per hour
- No premium to scale:
 

$$= \frac{1000 \text{ computers}}{1 \text{ computer}} @ \frac{1 \text{ hour}}{1000 \text{ hours}}$$
- Illusion of infinite scalability to cloud user
- As many computers as you can afford
- Leading examples:  
 Amazon Web Services, Google App Engine, Microsoft Azure
- Amazon runs its own e-commerce on AWS!
- Billing models are becoming increasingly granular
  - By the minute, second, tenth of a second
  - Example: AWS Lambda \$0.0000002 per request  
 \$0.000000208 to rent 128MB / 100-ms

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## PUBLIC CLOUD COMPUTING - 2

**m4.large ec2 virtual machine:**  
 2 vCPU cores, 8 GB RAM, Intel Xeon E5-2666 v3  
 10¢ an hour, 24 hrs/day,  
 30 days/month → \$72.00/month  
 on-demand EC2 instance

**AWS Lambda Function-as-a-Service (FaaS) w/o free tier:**  
 2 vCPU cores, 3GB RAM, Intel Xeon E5-2666 v3 (maybe?)  
 as 2,592,000 x 1-sec service calls  
 24 hrs/day, 30 days/month:  
\$130.14 (8GB = \$347.04)

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## PaaS SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION

- PaaS services often built atop of IaaS
  - Amazon RDS, Heroku, Amazon ElastiCache
- Scalability
  - VM resources can support fluctuations in demand
- Dependability.
  - PaaS services built on highly available IaaS resources

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## DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Enterprise-wide integrated applications
  - Organizations confronted with too many applications
  - Interoperability among applications was difficult
  - Led to many middleware-based solutions
- Key concepts
  - Component based architectures - database components, processing components
  - Distributed transaction - Client wraps requests together, sends as single aggregated request
  - Atomic: **all** or **none** of the individual requests should be executed
- Different systems define different **action** primitives
  - Components of the atomic transaction
  - Examples: send, receive, forward, READ, WRITE, etc.

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## DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION SYSTEMS - 2

- Transaction primitives

Primitive	Description
BEGIN_TRANSACTION	Mark the start of a transaction
END_TRANSACTION	Terminate the transaction and try to commit
ABORT_TRANSACTION	Kill the transaction and restore the old values
READ	Read data from a file, a table, or otherwise
WRITE	Write data to a file, a table, or otherwise

- Transactions are all-or-nothing
  - All operations are executed
  - None are executed

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### TRANSACTIONS: ACID PROPERTIES

- **Atomic:** The transaction occurs indivisibly
- **Consistent:** Transaction does not create variant states across nodes during slow updates (e.g. system variants)
  - Replicas remain constant until all updated
  - Two phase commit: data pushed first, then the commit
- **Isolated:** Transactions do not interfere with each other
- **Durable:** Once a transaction commits, change are permanent

Nested transaction

- **Nested transaction:** transaction constructed with many sub-transactions
- Follows a logical division of work
- Must support "rollback" of sub-transactions

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### TRANSACTION PROCESSING MONITOR

- Allow an application to access multiple DBs via a transactional programming model
- **TP monitor:** coordinates commitment of sub-transactions using a distributed commit protocol (Ch. 8)
- Save application complexity from having to coordinate

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### ENTERPRISE APPLICATION INTEGRATION

- Support application components direct communication with each other, not via databases
- **Communication mechanisms:**
- **Remote procedure call (RPC)**
  - Local procedure call packaged as a message and sent to server
  - Supports distribution of function call processing
- **Remote method invocations (RMI)**
  - Operates on objects instead of functions
- RPC and RMI - led to tight coupling
- Client and server endpoints must be up and running
- Interfaces coupled to specific languages and not *Interoperable*
- This led to evolution of: **Message-oriented middleware (MOM)**

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### MESSAGE-ORIENTED MIDDLEWARE

- **Publish and subscribe systems:**
  - Rabbit MQ, Apache Kafka, AWS SQS
- **Reduces tight coupling of RPC/RMI**
- **Applications indicate interest for specific type(s) of messages by sending requests to logical contact points**
- **Communication middleware delivers messages to subscribing applications**

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### CHALLENGES WITH VARIOUS APPLICATION INTEGRATION METHODS

- Integration via shared data files and transfers
  - Shared data files (e.g. XML)
  - Leads to file management challenges (concurrent updates, etc.)
- Shared database
  - Centralized DB, transactions to coordinate changes among users
  - Common data schema required – can be challenging to derive
  - For many reads and updates, shared DB becomes bottleneck (*limited scalability*)
- Remote procedure call – app A executes on and against app B data. App A lacks direct access to app B data.
- Messaging middleware - ensures nodes temporarily offline later on, can receive messages

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### PERVASIVE SYSTEMS

- Existing everywhere, widely adopted...
- Combine current network technologies, wireless computing, voice recognition, internet capabilities and AI to create an environment where connectivity of devices is embedded, unobtrusive, and always available
- Many sensors infer various aspects of a user's behavior
  - Myriad of actuators to collect information, provide feedback
- TYPES OF PERVASIVE SYSTEMS:
  - Ubiquitous computing systems
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### PERVASIVE SYSTEM TYPE: UBIQUITOUS COMPUTING SYSTEMS

- Pervasive and continuously present
- Goal: embed processors everywhere (day-to-day objects) enabling them to communicate information
- Requirements for a ubiquitous computing system:
  - **Distribution** – devices are networked, distributed, and accessible transparently
  - **Interaction** – unobtrusive (low-key) between users and devices
  - **Context awareness** – optimizes interaction
  - **Autonomy** – devices operate autonomously, self-managed
  - **Intelligence** – system can handle wide range of dynamic actions and interactions

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### UBIQUITOUS COMPUTING DEVICES EXAMPLES

- Apple Watch
- Amazon Echo Speaker
- Amazon EchoDot (single speaker design)
- Fitbit
- Electronic Toll Systems
- Smart Traffic Lights
- Self Driving Cars
- Home Automation

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### UBIQUITOUS COMPUTING SYSTEM EXAMPLE

- **Domestic ubiquitous computing environment example:**
- Interconnect lighting and environmental controls with personal biometric monitors woven into clothing so that illumination and heating conditions in a room might be modulated, continuously and imperceptibly
- IoT technology helps enable ubiquitous computing

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### PERVASIVE SYSTEM TYPE: MOBILE SYSTEMS

- Emphasis on mobile devices, e.g. smartphones, tablet computers
- New devices: remote controls, pagers, active badges, car equipment, various GPS-enabled devices,
- Devices move: **where is the device?**
- Changing location: leverage **mobile adhoc network (MANET)**
- MANET is an ad hoc network that can change locations and configure itself on the fly. MANETs are mobile, they use wireless connections to connect to various networks.
- VANET (**V**ehicular **A**d **H**oc **N**etwork), is a type of MANET that allows vehicles to communicate with roadside equipment.

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### PERVASIVE SYSTEM TYPE: SENSOR NETWORKS

- Tens, to hundreds, to thousands of small nodes
- Simple: small memory/compute/communication capacity
- Wireless, battery powered (or battery-less)
- Limited: restricted communication, constrained power
- Equipped with sensing devices
- Some can act as actuators (control systems)
  - Example: enable sprinklers upon fire detection
- Sensor nodes organized in neighborhoods
- Scope of communication:
  - Node - neighborhood - system-wide

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- Collaborate to process sensor data in app-specific manner
- Provide mix of data collection and processing
- **Nodes may implement a distributed database**
- Database organization: centralized to decentralized
- In network processing: forward query to all sensor nodes along a tree to aggregate results and propagate to root
- Is aggregation simply data collection?
- Are all nodes homogeneous?
- Are all network links homogeneous?
- How do we setup a tree when nodes have heterogeneous power and network connection quality?

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### CENTRALIZED VS. DECENTRALIZED DATA STORAGE

- Centralized:
- Decentralized:

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### WHO AGGREGATES AND STORES DATA?

- Consider the **tradeoff space** for:
  - sensor network data storage and processing

**Centralized**
**Decentralized**

- Single point-of-failure
- No node coordination
- No node processing or storage
- "Dumb" nodes
- Less expensive node
- More network traffic
- Nodes require high compute power
- "Smart" nodes
- Expensive nodes
- Less network traffic

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### SENSOR NETWORKS - 3

- What are some unique requirements for sensor networks middleware?
  - Sensor networks may consist of different types of nodes with different functions
  - Nodes may often be in suspended state to save power
    - Duty cycles (1 to 30%), strict energy budgets
  - Synchronize communication with duty cycles
  - How do we manage membership when devices are offline?

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