DHT Routing

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Chord: A P2P Lookup Service

- "Chord: A Scalable Peer-to-Peer Lookup Service for Internet Applications"
- MIT Laboratory for Computer Science and AI
- Presented at SIGCOMM 2001



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Chord Goals

- Load balance
- Decentralization
- Scalability
- Availability
- Flexible naming

Chord Routing Basics

- Node any machine running Chord software
- Successor node with next largest ID
- Predecessor node with next smallest ID
- Finger table Chord routing table
 - Includes entries ("fingers") for O(log N) other nodes
 - *k*th finger at node *n* contains the first node *s* that succeeds *n* by at least 2^{k-1} , i.e. successor($n + 2^{k-1}$)

Chord Routing Protocol

Example on blackboard!

Chord Performance

Load balance in a 10⁴ node network...



Chord Performance

Path length as a function Path length PDF in a of network size... 2^{12} node network...



Chord Extras

What we didn't talk about...

- Virtual nodes
- Stabilization processes
- Concurrent node joins/departures/failures

Discussion

1. How well did Chord address its 5 goals?

- load balance
- decentralization
- scalability
- availability
- flexible naming
- 2. Are provably short *path lengths* enough to ensure fast routing in a WAN?

Impact of DHT Routing Geometry

- "The Impact of DHT Routing Geometry on Resilience and Proximity"
- Presented at SIGCOMM 2003
- K. Gummadi
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Routing Geometries

- Ring, e.g. Chord
- Tree, e.g. Tapestry
- Hypercube, e.g. CAN
- Butterfly, e.g. Viceroy
- XOR, e.g. Kademlia
- Hybrid (Ring+Tree), e.g. Pastry

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- <u>Hypothesis</u>: Greater flexibility leads to DHTs with higher resilience and better proximity of routes

Results: Resilience



Results: Proximity



Results: Proximity cont.



Takeaways

- DHT routing geometry matters!
- Flexibility in neighbor selection is important
- Simple Ring geometry works surprisingly well