CS 744: GOOGLE FILE SYSTEM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

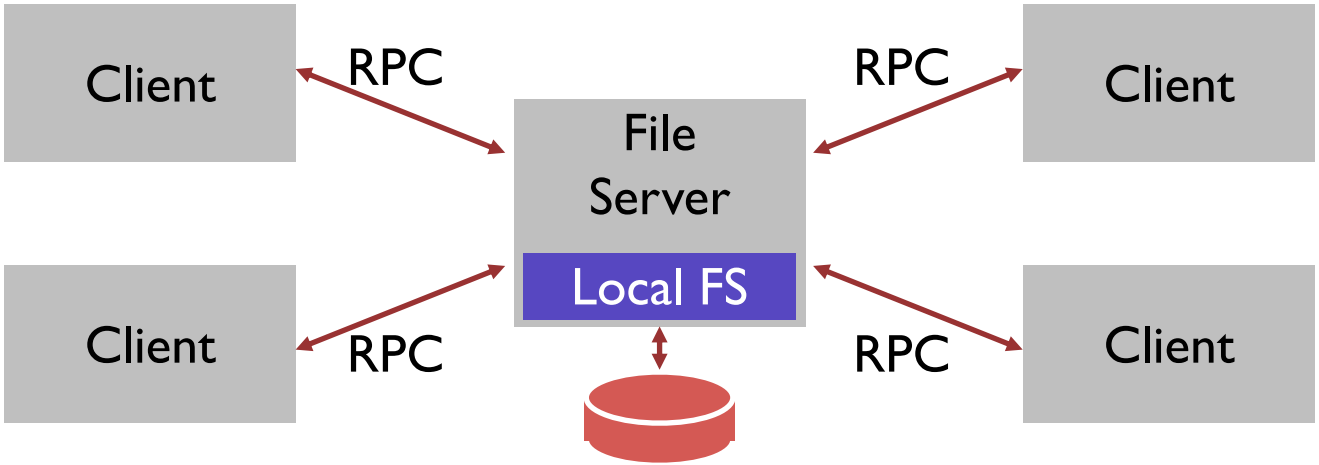
- Assignment 1 out later today
- Group submission form
- Anybody on the waitlist?

OUTLINE

1. Brief history
2. GFS
3. Discussion
4. What happened next?

HISTORY OF DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEMS

SUN NFS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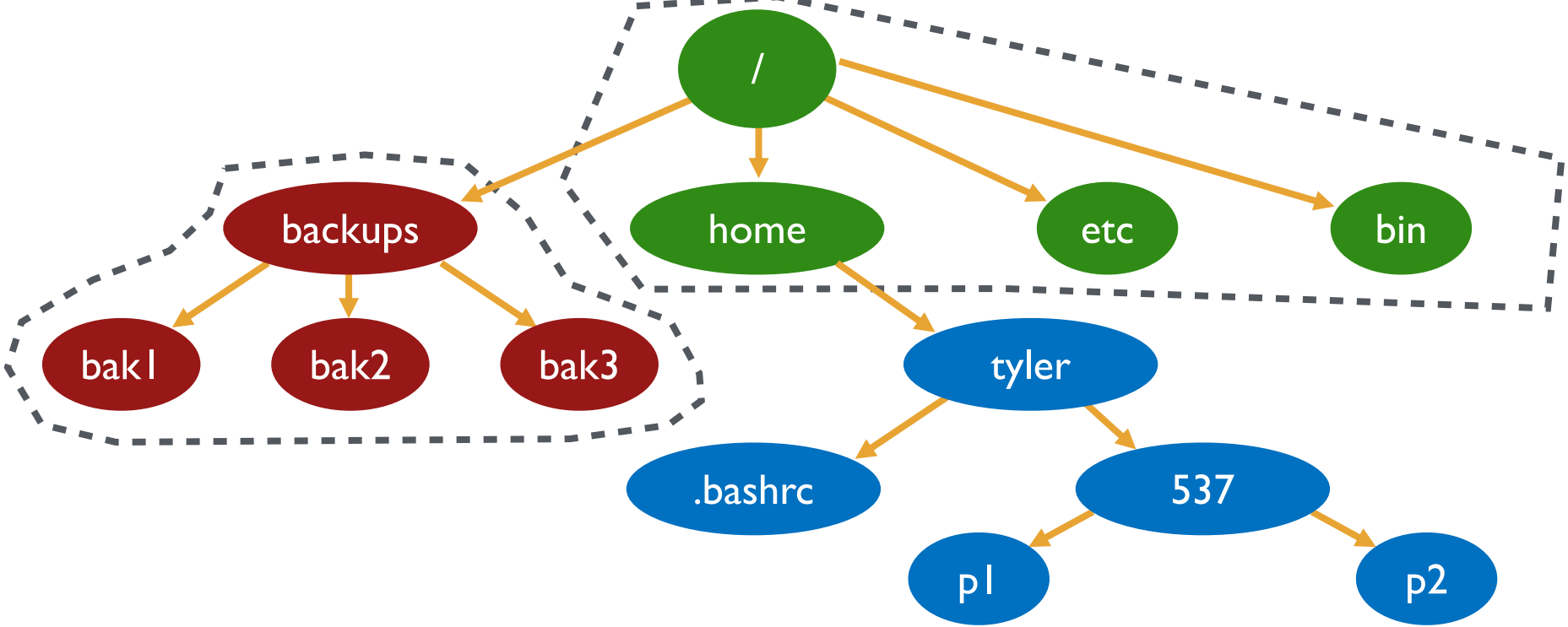
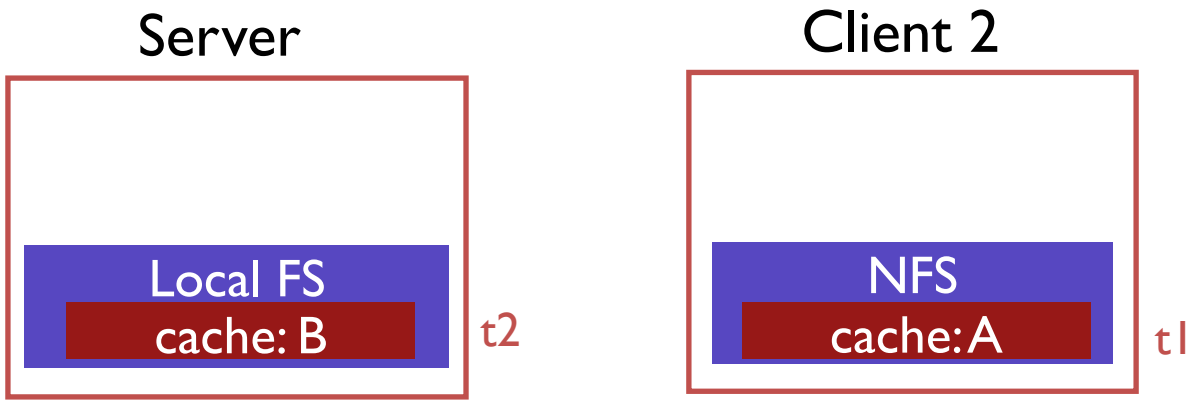


/dev/sda1 **on** /

/dev/sdb1 **on** /backups

NFS **on** /home

CACHING



Client cache records time when data block was fetched (t1)

Before using data block, client does a STAT request to server

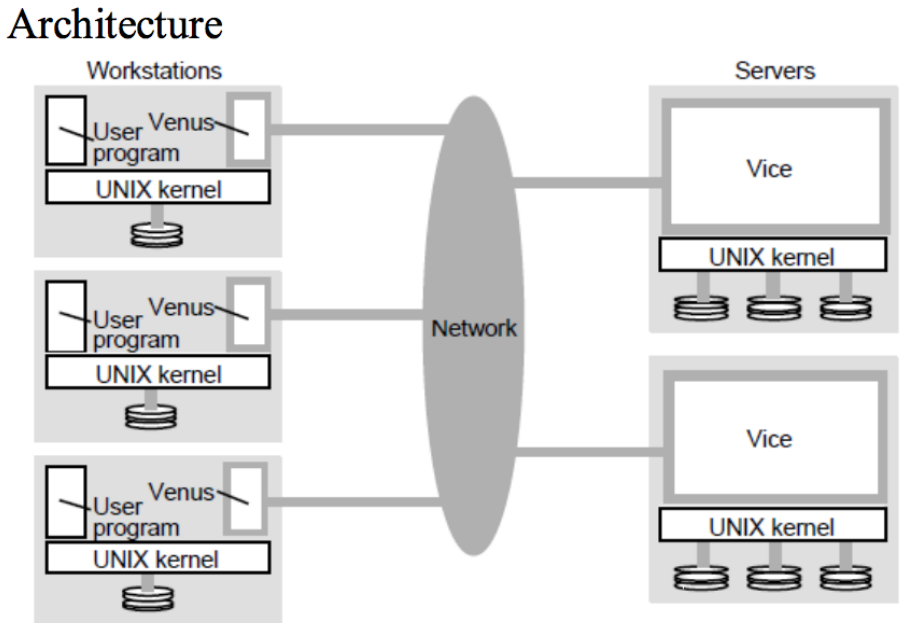
- get's last modified timestamp for this file (t2) (not block…)
- compare to cache timestamp
- refetch data block if changed since timestamp (t2 > t1)

ANDREW FILE SYSTEM

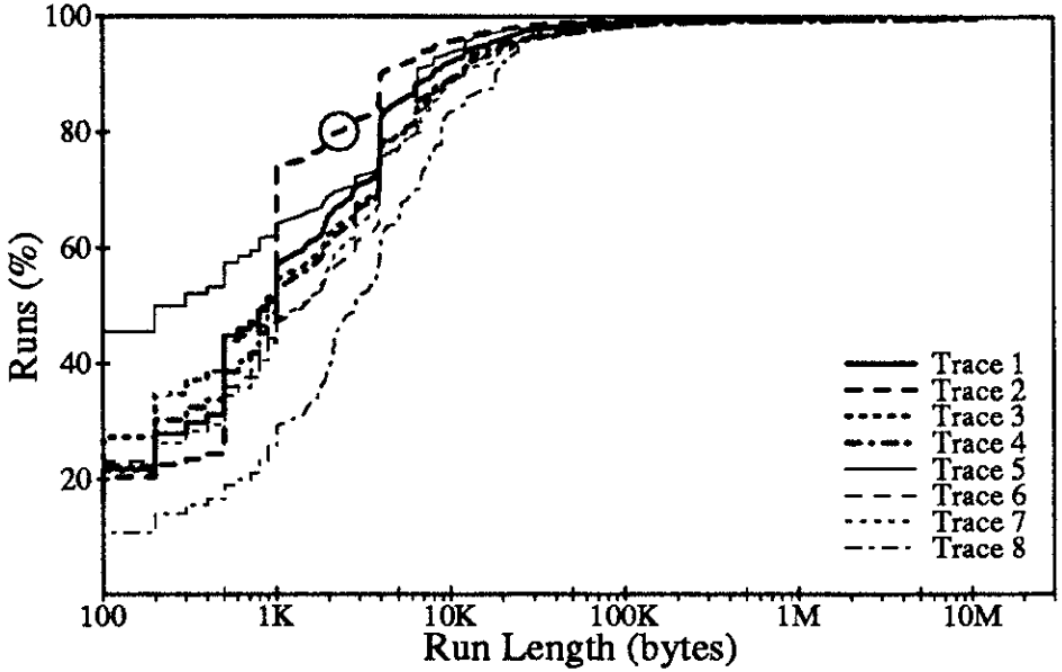
- Design for scale

- Whole-file caching

- Callbacks from server



WORKLOAD PATTERNS (1991)



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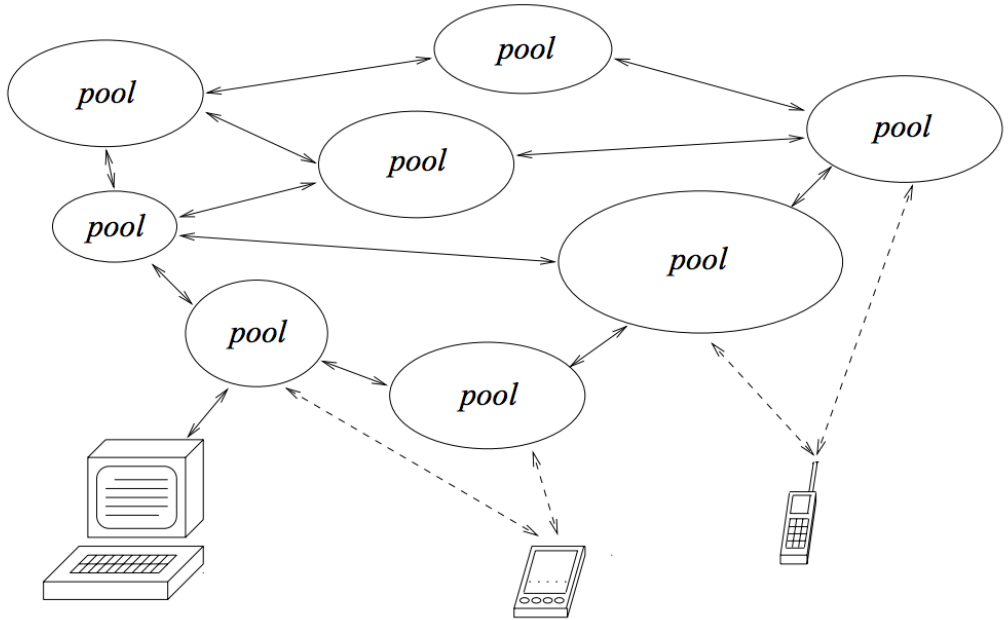
OCEANSTORE/PAST

Wide area storage systems

Fully decentralized

Built on distributed hash tables (DHT)



GFS: WHY ?

Components with failures

Files are huge !

GFS: WHY ?

Applications are different

GFS: WORKLOAD ASSUMPTIONS

"Modest" number of large files

Two kinds of reads: Large Streaming and small random

Writes: Many large, sequential writes. No random

High bandwidth more important than low latency

GFS: DESIGN

- Single Master for metadata

- Chunkservers for storing data

- No POSIX API !
- No Caches!

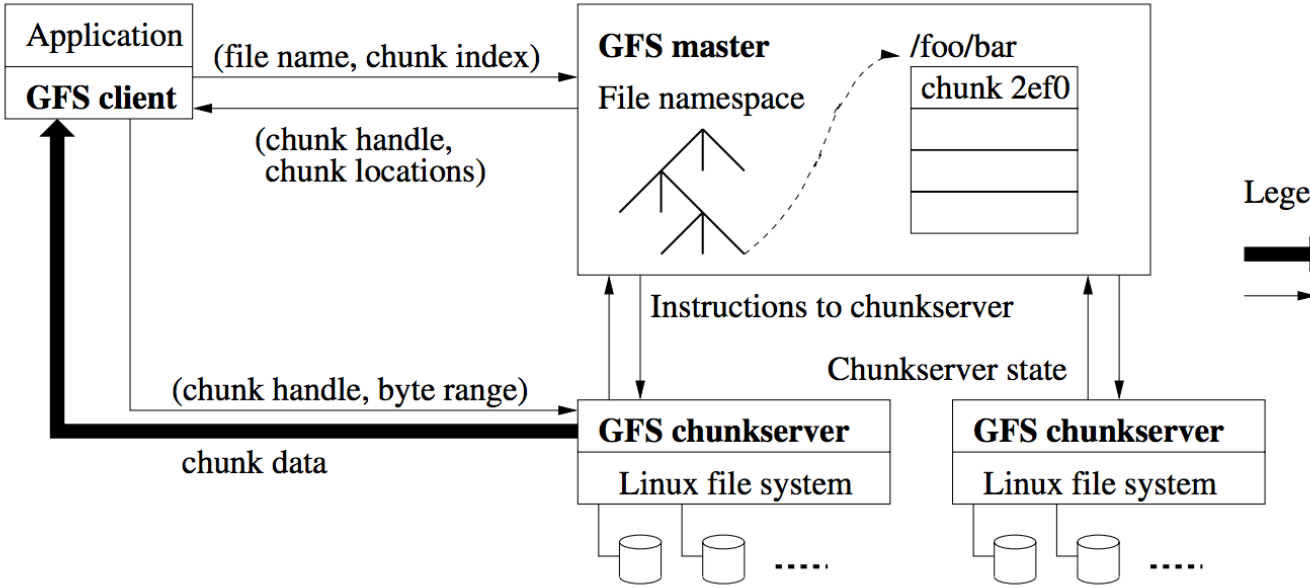


Figure 1: GFS Architecture

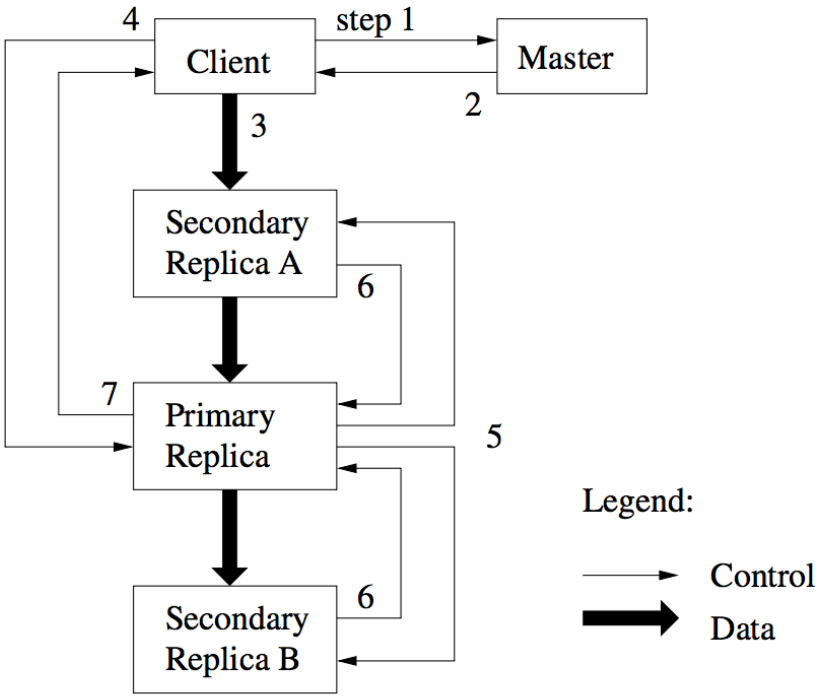
CHUNK SIZE TRADE-OFFS

Client → Master

Client → Chunkserver

Metadata

GFS: REPLICATION



- 3-way replication to handle faults
- Primary replica for each chunk
- Chain replication (consistency)

- Decouple data, control flow
- Dataflow: Pipelining, network-aware

RECORD APPENDS

Write	Client specifies the offset
Record Append	GFS chooses offset

Consistency

- At-least once
- Atomic

MASTER OPERATIONS

- No “directory” inode! Simplifies locking
- Replica placement considerations

- Implementing deletes

FAULT TOLERANCE

- Chunk replication with 3 replicas
- Master
  - Replication of log, checkpoint
  - Shadow master

- Data integrity using checksum blocks

DISCUSSION

https://forms.gle/iUJh1MeVkKVRkt2X7

GFS SOCIAL NETWORK

You are building a new social networking application. The operations you will need to perform are

(a) add a new friend id for a given user

(b) generate a histogram of number of friends per user.

How will you do this using GFS as your storage system ?

GFS EVAL

List your takeaways from "Table 3: Performance metrics"

Cluster	A	B
Read rate (last minute)	583 MB/s	380 MB/s
Read rate (last hour)	562 MB/s	384 MB/s
Read rate (since restart)	589 MB/s	49 MB/s
Write rate (last minute)	1 MB/s	101 MB/s
Write rate (last hour)	2 MB/s	117 MB/s
Write rate (since restart)	25 MB/s	13 MB/s
Master ops (last minute)	325 Ops/s	533 Ops/s
Master ops (last hour)	381 Ops/s	518 Ops/s
Master ops (since restart)	202 Ops/s	347 Ops/s

GFS SCALE

The evaluation (Table 2) shows clusters with up to 180 TB of data. What part of the design would need to change if we instead had 180 PB of data?

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

Cluster-Level Storage @ Google

How we use *Colossus* to improve storage efficiency

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GFS EVOLUTION

Motivation:

- GFS Master
  - One machine not large enough for large FS
  - Single bottleneck for metadata operations (data path offloaded)
  - Fault tolerant, but not HA

- Lack of predictable performance
  - No guarantees of latency
  - (GFS problems: one slow chunkserver -> slow writes)

GFS EVOLUTION

GFS master replaced by Colossus

Metadata stored in BigTable

Recursive structure ? If Metadata is ~1/10000 the size of data

100 PB data → 10 TB metadata

10TB metadata → 1GB metametadata

1GB metametadata → 100KB meta...

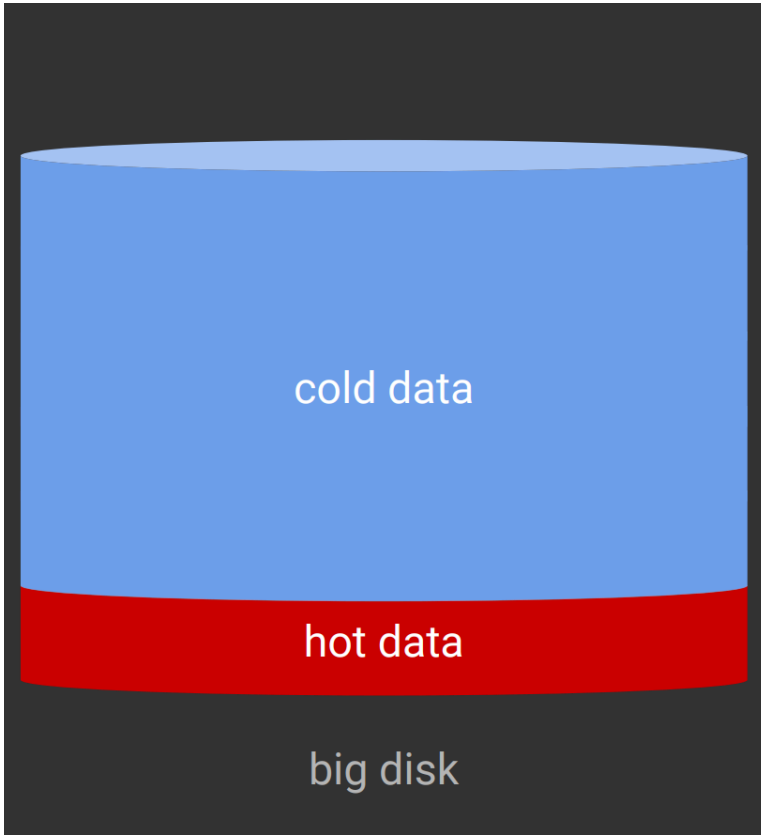
GFS EVOLUTION

Need for Efficient Storage

Rebalance old, cold data

Distributes newly written data evenly across disk

Manage both SSD and hard disks



HETEROGENEOUS STORAGE

F4: Facebook

Blob stores

Key Value Stores

NEXT STEPS

- Assignment 1 out tonight!
- Next week: MapReduce, Spark