Data Logistics

Logistics is the management of the flow of resources from the point of origin to the point of consumption.

For us, the "resources" in question:
DATA

Delivery of data to Consumer

time sensitive

Getting data where it needs to be, when it needs to be there
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**Depot**
(Cache)

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- Caching is just one form of data logistics
- Prepositioning, prefetching, pipelining
**Proximity is Critical to Performance**

- Wide-area network performance techniques like Content Distribution Networks and Wide-area Network Accelerators work by reducing effective message latency
- Latency governs effective (TCP) bandwidth due to the signaling control loop
- \( BW = \frac{MSS}{RTT \times \sqrt{Loss}} \)

**Latency Drives Effective Bandwidth**

- Bandwidth can be addressed with money
- Latency is harder since we can't bribe God
- "Near" and "far" are related to data granularity
- The further you are going, the more work you need to do when you go
Distributed Data in the wide area

Chunks of a file are distributed across depots

Data distribution spreads the load across sites and servers

Provides redundancy and resiliency
Immune to the failure of a single site or network

What is a File?
- Logical array of bytes or records
- "Logical" in the sense that the bytes are not physically contiguous -- they are allocated in blocks and accessed sequentially
- Metadata about the file like name and timestamps

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File

Storage Depots

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- The exNode structure describes where the blocks of data are stored (analogous to inode)
- It changes over time as the blocks are retrieved, stored, replaced...
Extensible Metadata

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Extensible Storage with the DL Toolkit

The DLT enables simple, edge nodes to serve as storage devices

From small, embeddable systems to large storage-rich servers
Current data clouds live in a relatively small number of large data centers.

Users and sites can add storage to extend the cloud using the DLT.

**Soft-state Storage**

- Time-limited, best-effort storage - times out like a cache
- Distributed storage must be managed this way as reliable reference counting is key to garbage collection

**Traditional Filesystems:**
Remove a block when it is no longer referenced

**Logistical Storage:**
Remove a block when it hasn't been touched in some time
The Dispatcher and Data Management

Policy
- What to move? What to refresh?
- Dynamic information based on use (cache)
- Performance policy (first 1MB available within 20ms)
- Local data completely cached (all of Texas cached in Texas)

Mechanism
- exNodes are stored in a directory
- The dispatcher is an active agent
- It updates blocks' time to live ("warming" them)
- It moves or copies blocks based on policy

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Network Topography
- The DLT includes network measurement software based on perfSONAR
- Measure network traffic and distances
- Measure storage performance
- Measure client requests and performance
Like a map with routes and traffic conditions

Earth Observation Depot Network

1) An image/view is uploaded to EODN depots and an exNode is created.
2) The exNode is placed in a directory service
3) Using a suitable client (e.g., GloVis, Earth Explorer), the user selects a scene.
4) Finally, the client initiates a parallel download.

Buffer and Burst

- Accumulate low-rate data into a burst for efficiency of data movement
- Explicit resource allocation with SDN

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Data Movement

- With the growing diversity of storage, we must consider programming data logistics
- Declarative techniques rather than imperative put or get
- There are silos of optimization that need to be broken down
- Processing elements in various places
- Data movement is the key challenge in both big data and extreme computing