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# Overlay and P2P Networks

## Introduction

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## Course Overview

- Overlay networks and peer-to-peer technologies have become key components for building large scale distributed systems.
- This course will introduce overlay networks and peer-to-peer systems, discuss their general properties, and applications. The course will cover the following topics:
  - Currently deployed peer-to-peer systems and how they work
  - Distributed Hash Tables as a base for structured peer-to-peer systems
  - Peer-to-peer storage systems
  - Performance issues, legal aspects, and privacy issues
  - Peer-to-peer content distribution algorithms



## General Info

Advanced course, 4 credits

The course replaces the P2P Networks course

You cannot take this course if you took the old course

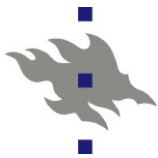
Requirements: basics of networking

Assignments/exercises done as group work (1-3 persons),  
idea is to keep the same group structure (but do tell  
about freeriders!)



## Lectures

- Lectures
  - Monday 12-14 in D122 19.09. -12.10.
  - Wednesday 12-14 in D122 21.09-12.10.
- Assignments
  - Wednesday 10-12 D122 21.09-12.10.
    - **First session on 28.9.**
  - Assignment topic given one week before, done for the next assignment session
- Course based on book
  - S. Tarkoma. Overlay Networks: Toward Information Networking. 260 pages. CRC Press / Auerbach, February 2010.



# Overlay Networks Book

## Introduction

- Overview
- Overlay Technology
- Applications
- Properties of Data
- Structure of the Book

## Network Technologies

- Networking
- Firewalls and NATs
- Naming
- Addressing
- Routing
- Multicast
- Network Coordinates
- Network Metrics

## Properties of Networks and Data

- Data on the Internet
- Zipf's Law
- Scale-free Networks
- Robustness
- Small Worlds

## Unstructured Overlays

- Overview
- Early Systems
- Locating Data
- Napster
- Gnutella
- Skype
- BitTorrent
- Cross-ISP BitTorrent
- Freenet
- Comparison

## Foundations of Structured Overlays

- Overview
- Geometries
- Consistent Hashing
- Distributed Data Structures for Clusters

## Distributed Hash Tables

- Overview
- APIs
- Plaxton's Algorithm

- Chord
- Pastry
- Koorde
- Tapestry
- Kademlia
- Content Addressable Network
- Viceroy
- Skip Graph
- Comparison

## Probabilistic Algorithms

- Overview of Bloom Filters
- Bloom Filters
- Bloom Filters in Distributed Computing
- Gossip Algorithms

## Content-based Networking and Publish/Subscribe

- Overview
- DHT-based Data-centric Communications
- Content-based Routing
- Router Configurations
- Siena and Routing Structures
- Hermes
- Formal Specification of Content-based Routing Systems
- Pub/sub Mobility

## Security

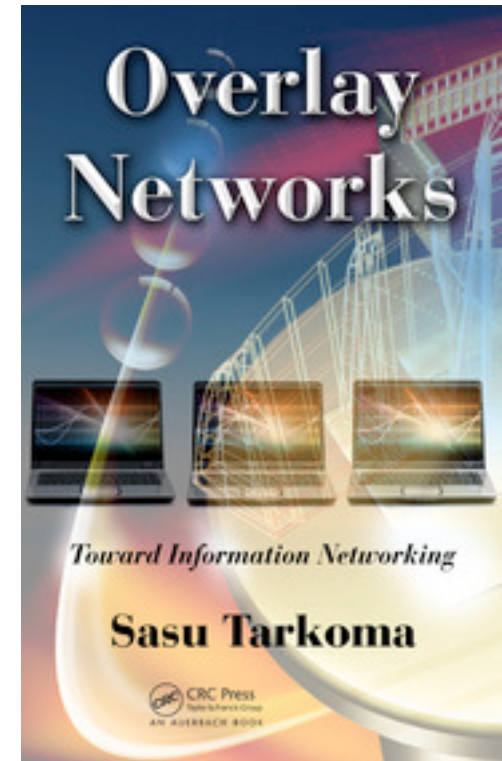
- Overview
- Attacks and Threats
- Securing Data
- Security Issues in P2P Networks
- Anonymous Routing
- Security Issues in Pub/Sub Networks

## Applications

- Amazon Dynamo
- Overlay Video Delivery
- SIP and P2PSIP
- CDN Solutions

## Conclusions

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## Lectures

- 19.9. Introduction. Unstructured Networks.
- 21.9. Assignments. Modelling and Simulation.
- 26.9. Unstructured Networks continued.
- 28.9. Power-law networks.
- 3.10. Structured networks.
- 5.10. Distributed Hash Tables (DHTs)
- 10.10. DHTs continued.
- 12.10. Applications



## Grading

Course grading will be based on the final exam and the assignments.

The exam will be held on 19.10. 16-19 in A111.





## Assignments/Excercises

- Assignments are given about one week before the session, due date is the day before the assignment session 4pm
- Assignments can be done in a group (or alone), groups can change between assignments
- Assignments give bonus points for the exam
  - Max 20%
- Wednesdays 10-12 D122 27.09-15.10.
  - 28.9. General questions and BitTorrent
  - 5.10. DHT questions
  - 12.10 DHT, security, and reliability questions

Main theme	Prerequisites	Approaches learning goals	Meets learning goals	Deepens learning goals
Overlay and peer-to-peer networks: definitions and systems	Basics of data communications and distributed systems (Introduction to Data Communications, Distributed Systems)	<p>Knowledge of how to define the concepts of overlay and peer-to-peer networks, and state their central features</p> <p>Ability to describe at least one system in detail</p>	<p>Ability of being able to compare different overlay and p2p networks in a qualitative manner</p> <p>Ability to assess the suitability of different systems to different use cases</p>	Ability to give one's own definition of the central concepts and discuss the key design and deployment issues
Distributed hash tables	<p>Basics of data communications and distributed systems (Introduction to Data Communications, Distributed Systems)</p> <p>Big-O-notation and basics of algorithmic complexity</p>	<p>Knowledge of the concepts of structured and unstructured networks and the ability to classify solutions into these two categories</p> <p>Knowledge of the basics of distributed hash tables</p> <p>Ability to describe at least one distributed hash table algorithm in detail</p>	<p>Ability of being able to compare different distributed hash table algorithms</p> <p>Ability of designing distributed hash table-based applications</p> <p>Knowledge of key performance issues of distributed hash table systems and the ability to analyze these systems</p>	<p>The knowledge of choosing a suitable distributed hash table design for a problem</p> <p>Familiarity with the state of the art</p>
Reliability and performance modelling	<p>Basics of probability theory</p> <p>Basics of reliability in distributed systems</p>	<p>Ability to model and assess the reliability of overlay and peer-to-peer networks by using probability theory</p> <p>Knowledge of the most important factors pertaining to reliability</p>	<p>Ability of analytically analyzing the reliability and performance of overlay and peer-to-peer networks</p> <p>Understanding of the design issues that are pertinent for reliable systems</p>	Familiarity with the state of the art
Content distribution	Introduction to Data Communications	<p>Knowledge of the basic content distribution solutions</p> <p>Ability to describe at least one overlay and p2p network based content distribution solution</p>	<p>Knowledge of different content distribution systems and the ability to compare them in detail</p> <p>Knowledge of several content distribution techniques</p>	Familiarity with the state of the art
Security	Basics of computer security	<p>Knowledge of the basic security issues with overlay and p2p networks</p> <p>Knowledge of the sybil attack concept</p>	<p>Ability to discuss how security problems and limitations can be solved</p> <p>Knowledge of how to prevent sybil attacks</p>	<p>Knowledge of how to prevent sybil attacks</p> <p>Familiarity with the state of the art</p>



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**Questions?**