Proxy Cache

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Internet is a very inefficient messy stockpile of redundant data.





Protocol Type Distribution Germany, 2007



Source: www.ipoque.com





- Proactive network Provider Participation for P2P
- iTrackers coordinate peer downloads, route them to other local peers => save traffic
- Peers need to use special SW
- CAN WE DO IT BETTER ?

YES, WE CAN!





















BitTorrent – other features

- Trackerless torrents
- PEX
- DHT
- Local peer discovery









Proxy Cache vs uTorrent



Average	Upload [Peak]	Download [Peak]	 – – P/C Average Download Speed – – P/C Average Upload Speed
Proxy Cache	0.25 [4.76] Mb/s	47.98 [76.84] Mb/s	
uTorrent		31.2 Mb/s	P/C Upload Speed P/C

Proxy Cache Downloader was 65% faster than uTorrent !!!



Quick summary

- Eliminates all P2P redundancy
- Completely transparent
- Maximizes the client download speeds
- Eliminates last mile uplink
- A known working concept
- No more blocking/shaping of P2P required



Performance analysis

- Download speeds
- Upload/seeding speeds
- Interceptor system load

HW: QC 2.4Ghz, 4GB RAM, 250GB
 7200rpm HDD





1 Gbit download experiment



Average	Upload [Peak]	Download [Peak]
Proxy Cache	52.9 [261.3] Mb/s	262.2 [672.7] Mb/s

- – P/C Average Download Speed
- P/C Average Upload Speed
- —— P/C Download Speed
- P/C Upload Speed





Seeding to local network



15 active users, 31 active torrents each => 465 simultaneous torrent downloads





Interceptor







Interceptor





Test results summary

• P2P proxy/cache on a ordinary desktop PC:

Tens to hundreds of active users

Uplink up to 1Gbps (uplink == internet connection)



Optimization

- Only HTTP (GET) requests intercepted
- Kernel packet capturing
- ZFS file system
- Distributed load (if necessary)





opensolaris

http://www.opensolaris.org/os/

http://opensolaris.org/os/project/wosug/





What's next?

- New HW (32GB RAM, 15k rpm HDDs in RAID 0 ...)
- Hopefully attacking 10Gbps
- Should scale up to a few thousands of active users





What's next? Popularity distribution

• How much disk space is really required ?





What's next ? Generic HTTP caching

- Streaming is taking over P2P users for video content
- Uploading services ?

 Is it possible to create a Generic but still Inteligent proxy/cache ?



YES, WE CAN!



What's next? Generic HTTP Caching

- Use HTTP streaming
- URL is not universal anymore

Solution:

- compare first bytes of the Data section !





What's next? Live stream proxying

- What about live unicast streams ?
- Detect simultaneus streams of the same content
- Keep only one data connection and MULTIPLY the data to the clients in the network





P2P Flash

- Flash 10 adds P2P support
- 99 percent of Internet enabled devices have flash player
- Can become the largest CDN ever

Can be cached transparently too ⁽²⁾



Summary

- This is a live project
- Can have a massive IMPACT



THANK YOU!

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