Web Infrastructure for the 21st Century

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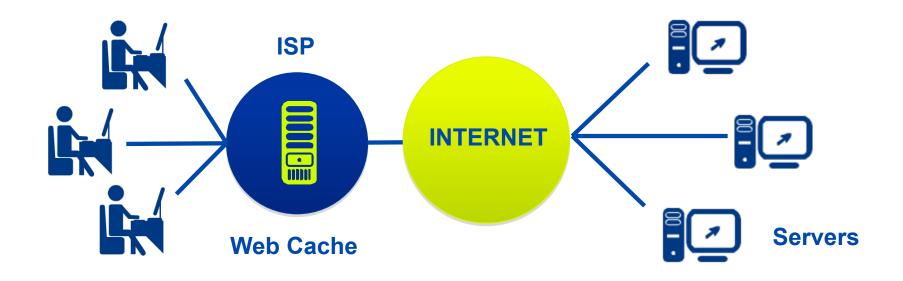








Web Infrastructure: Web Caching

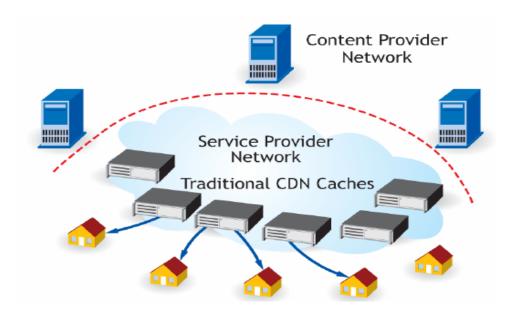


"With 25 years of Internet experience, we've learned exactly one way to deal with the exponential growth: Caching"

1997, Van Jacobson



Web Infrastructure: Content Distribution Networks





- 40,000 servers, 900 PoPs, 71 countries
- 300 Gbps



- 25 PoPs, Hundreds of servers per presence
- 1,000 Gbps



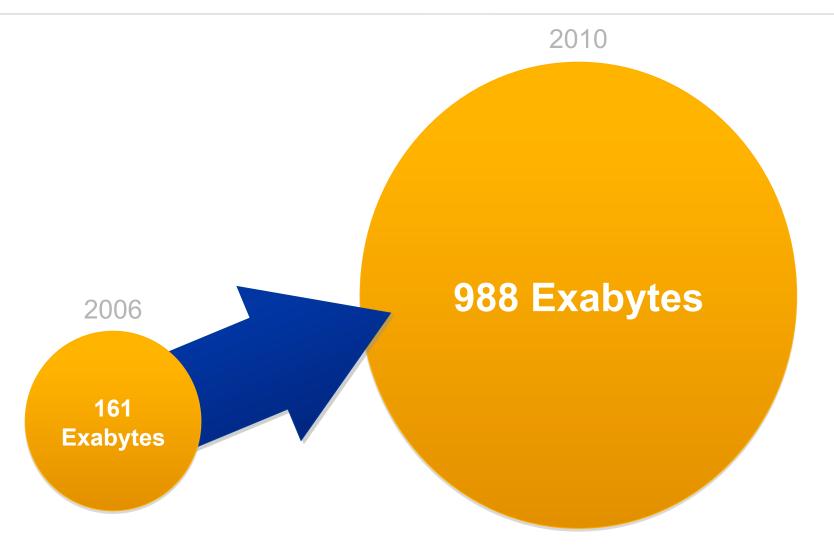
Struggled to cope with flash crowd events







6 fold growth in four years



Source: IDC, 2007



18th WWW Conference Keynote

Much today's Web infrastructure to distribute content has been an after-thought



Roadmap





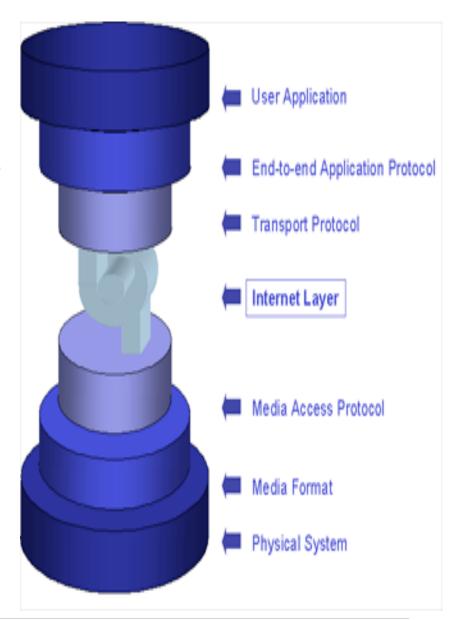
Three waves of Networking





Internet Design

- Internet was designed as a thin layer so that ANY application could run on top
- It was not optimized for any particular application, in particular not for Content
- and that created some problems...



Where vs What



Container vs Content

It is a serious mistake to point to the container, not the content

"I urged them to remove some of the technical mistakes of the language, the predominance of references..."

Turing Award lecture, Tony Hoare

You have security issues; reasoning issues; you have robustness issues...

Problems...

Search

Search relies on links, if content/links change/disappear search suffers

Distribution

Routers waste capacity copying the same bits millions of times.

Replication

If content is split, it is hard to obtain

Management Problems...

Security

Authenticity, Chain of Custody/Transformation, Revocation!

Policy

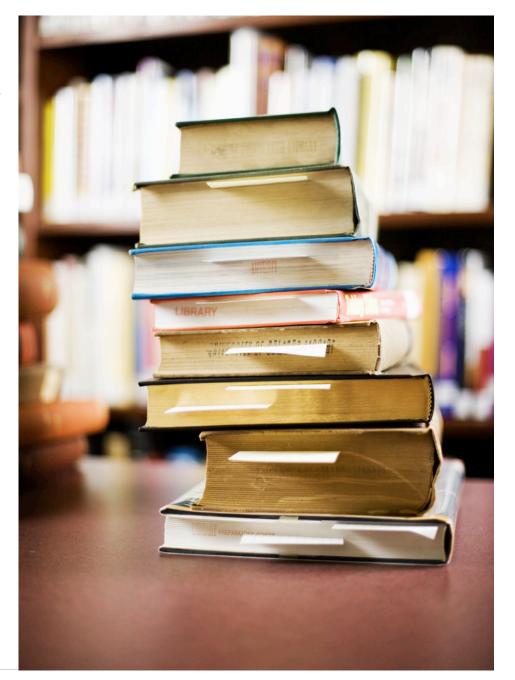
Lack of data control, data embargo, privacy and access rules

Traceability

How many hits did my content get?

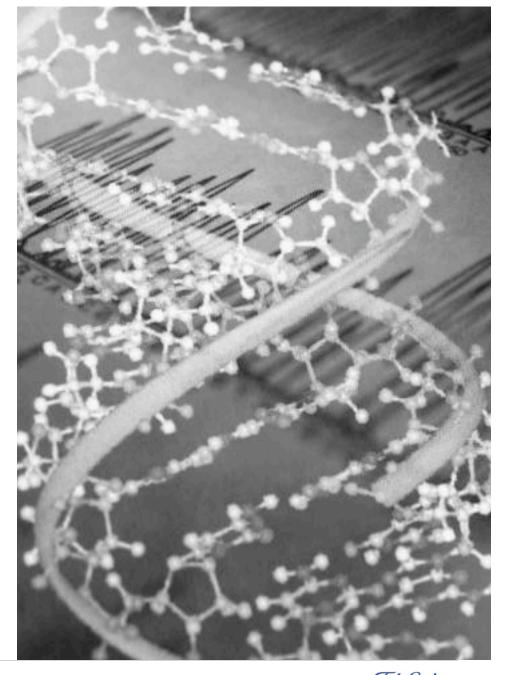
Content Networking

- Content networking paradigm
 - Van Jacobson
- Content indexed by keys
 - What you want, not where to get it from
- Data is self-certified
 - Secure the data, not the channel
- Storage everywhere
 - Why not adding 1TB to each router



But should it be a Revolution or an Evolution?

IP = the Internet Kernel



Revolution: The Internet as a database?

Routing is a simple form of searching

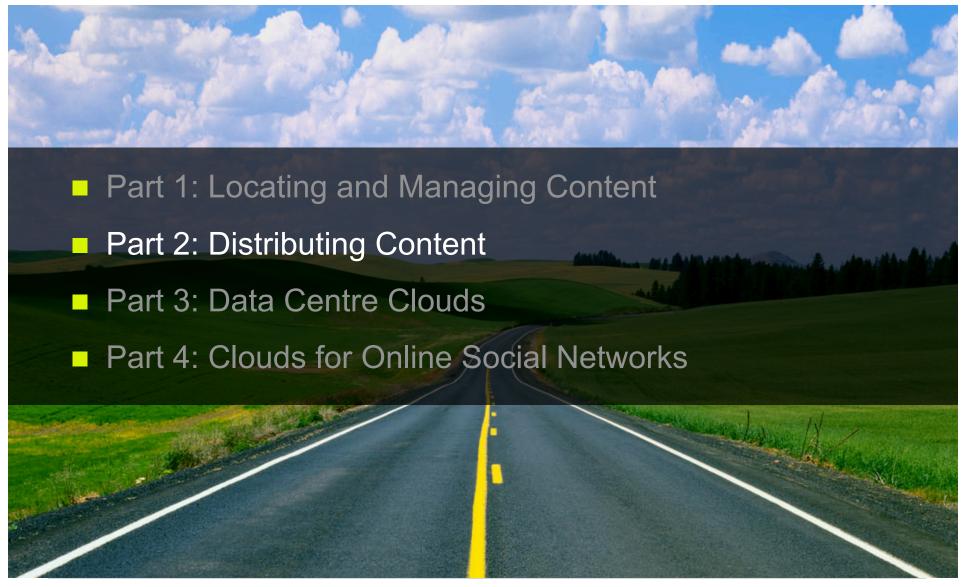
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- Today you route through paths to reach hosts
- The network could support more complex ways of routing (e.g. find me all files similar to X)

Evolution: Build as an overlay?

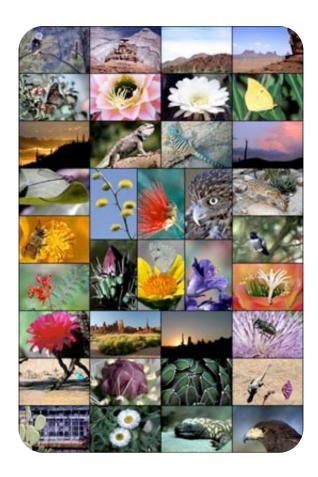
- Lots of things to learn from P2P networks
- P2P Naming, DHTs, Chunk retrieval, Swarming
- What if every Web file becomes a P2P Swarm?

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Is the Internet the preferred medium for distributing bulk (delay tolerant) digital content?





Not beyond a certain size ...

e.g. movies, home videos, data backups, data replication

Currently, served by:

- Dedicated networks
- Parcel delivery



10M+ users

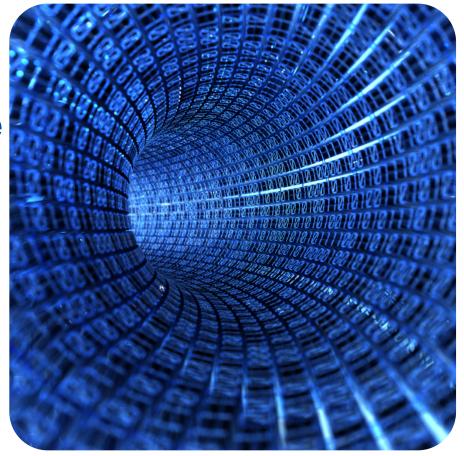
1.5 Million DVDs per day 2.5 PB/day!

All US P2P traffic 14 PB/day (cisco)

Postal still carries vast amount of multimedia traffic



How well is the current Internet dealing with large content transfers...?



Current bulk data demand is probably higher than what the Internet can handle



BitTorrent transfers

Slowtastic?

Comcast_®

Comcast has violated Net Neutrality.

It's time for the FCC to act. We've filed a legal action. Please add your voice.

Tell the FCC: Stop Comcast. Save Net Neutrality. »



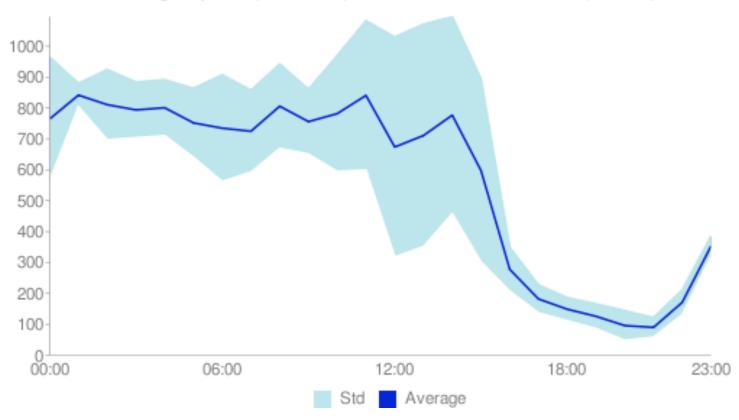
The Effect of Distance

Distance from Server to User	4GB DVD Download Time
Local: <100 mi.	12 min.
Regional: 500-1,000 mi.	2.2 hrs.
Cross continent: -3,000 mi.	8.2 hrs.
Multi-continent: -6,000 mi.	20 hrs.

[Tom Leighton, 2008]

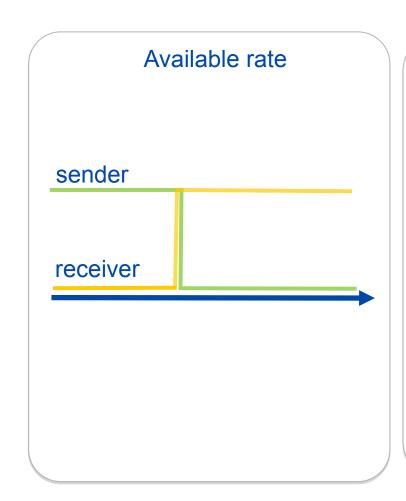
The further we travel in the network, the more bottlenecks we will see

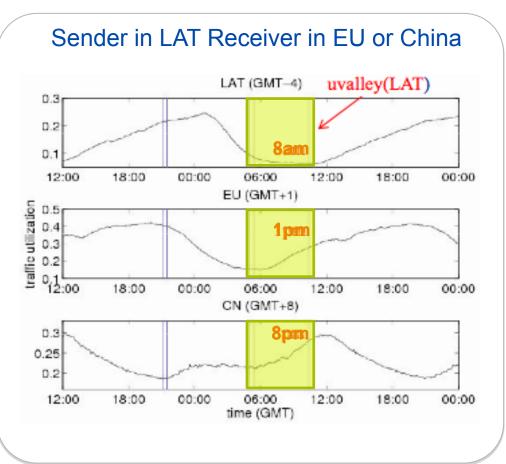
Average Speed (Kbits/sec) at each Time Instance -- (GMT 0)



... and they are time dependant

Non-overlapping valleys





The Real Problem

Internet:

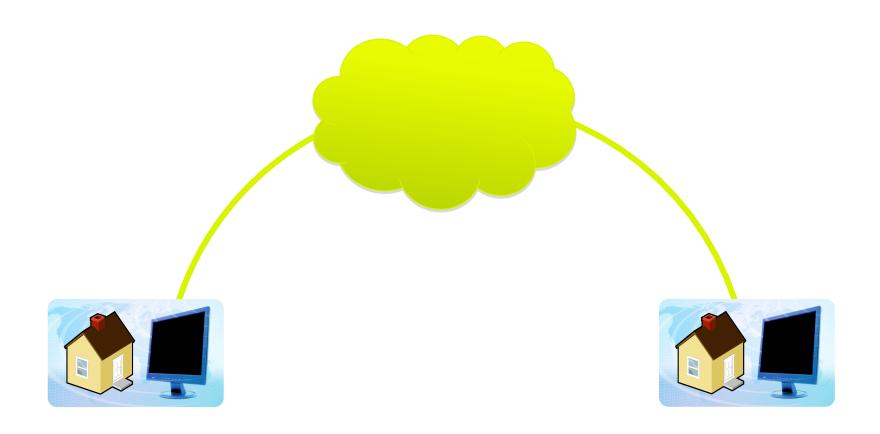
short burst/instantaneous
bulk/delay tolerant





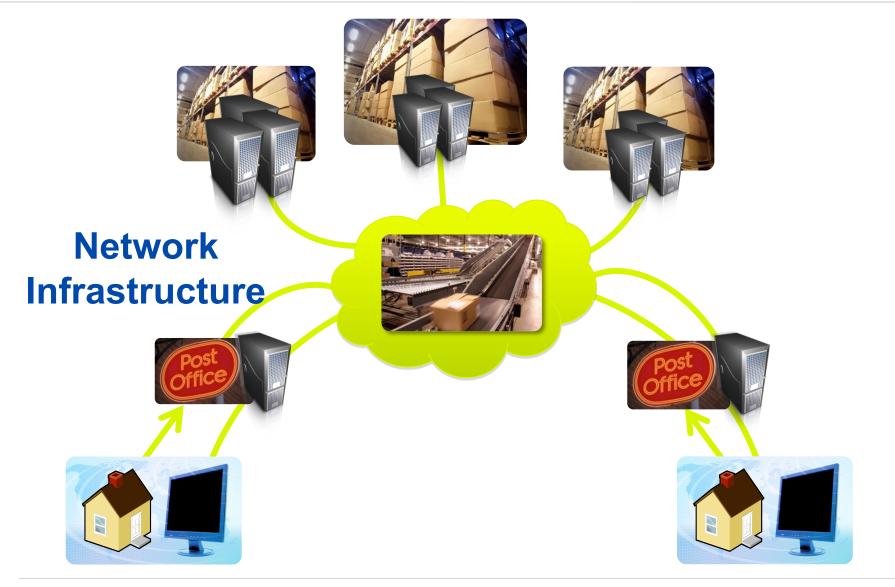
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Current Internet



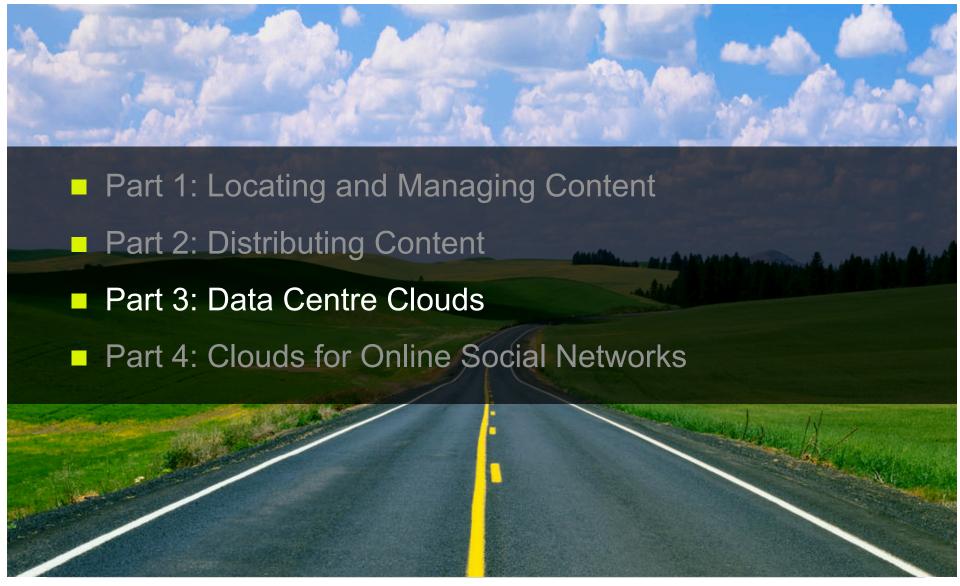


Internet Postal Service





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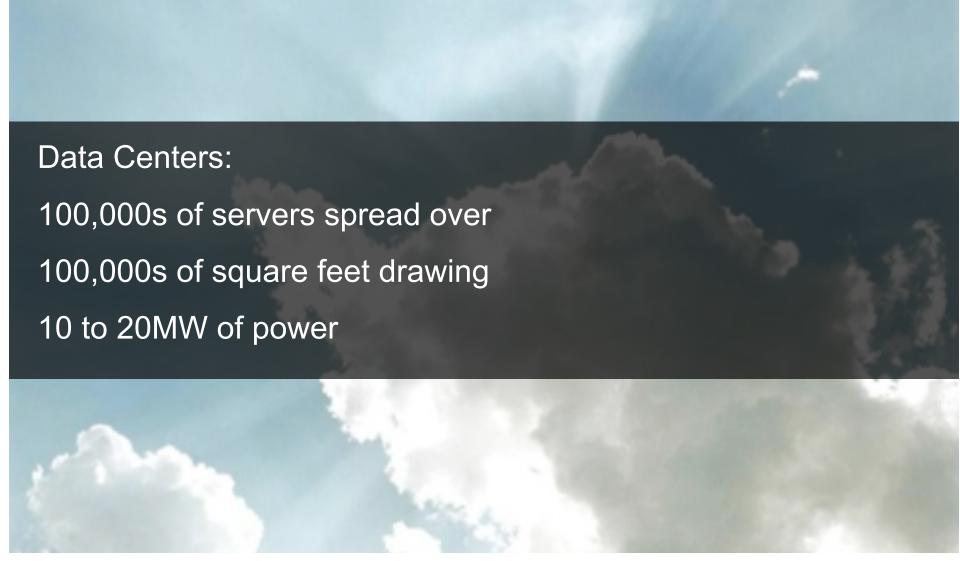
Clouds: Hosting Web Content and Services

Economies of scale (Hamilton, 2008)

Resource	Cost (medium scale)	Cost (large scale)	Ratio
Network	\$95 / Mbps / month	\$13 / Mbps / month	~7x
Storage	\$2.20 / GB / month	\$0.40 / GB / month	~6x
Admin	≈140 servers/admin	>1000 servers/admin	~7x

- Virtualization technologies
- Off-peak capacity

... Cloud Computing



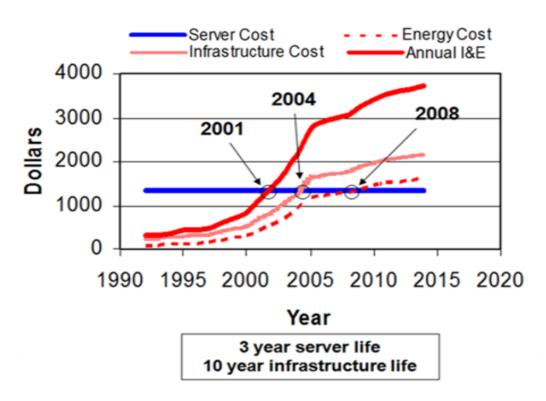






Cooling and Electricity are becoming more important than server's cost

Annual Amortized Costs in the Data Center for a 1U Server





Highly Distributed Data Centers

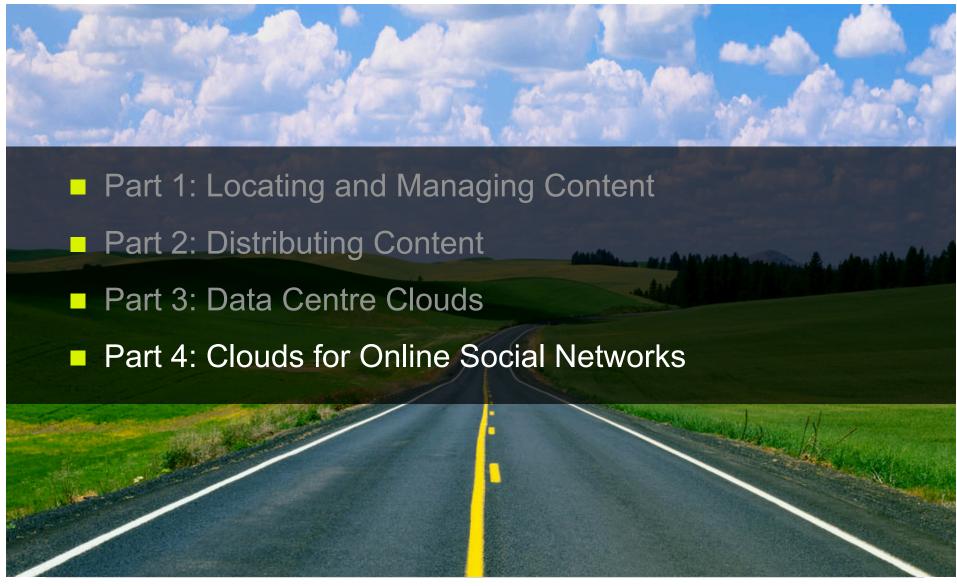


Challenges to host Applications

- Some candidates for distributed data centers:
 - P2P Video Delivery
 - Voice/Video Conferencing
 - Multi-player games
 - Online Social networks…?



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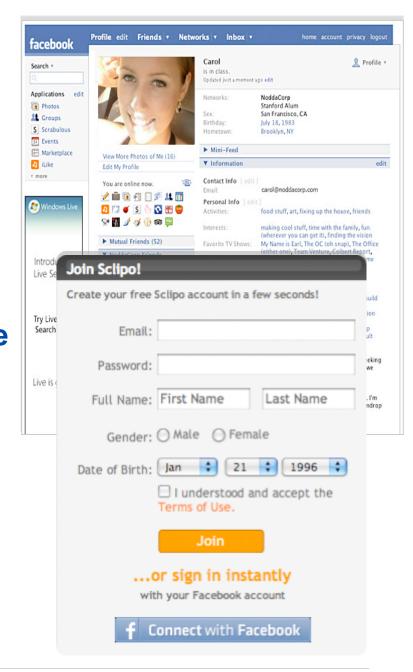




OSN are changing the way people interact on the Web

But also changing its infrastructure

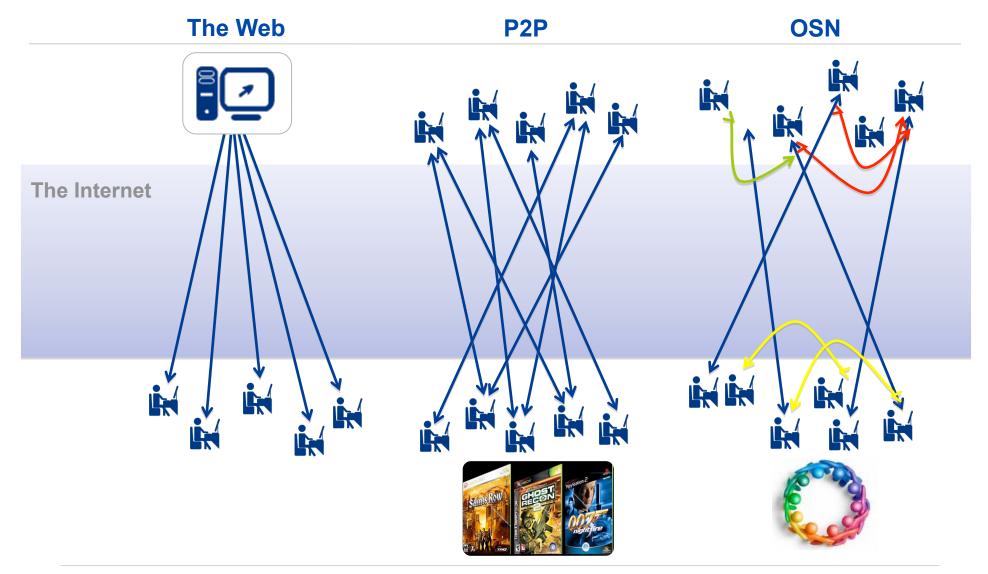
 The Cloud needs to become more "socially" aware



Some quick facts

- Facebook has grown from 100M to 200M in less than 8 months
- Twitter Feb to March growth of 1,230%
- The first twitter celebrity Ashton Kutcher with 1MM+ followers.
- Oprah got 100K+ followers on Twitter in 4 hours
- Nielsen Online's latest research shows that OSN is now more popular than email





New Design Challenges

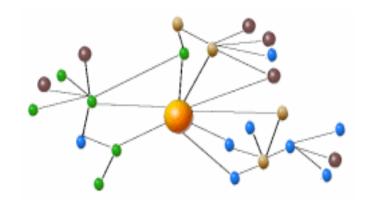
- Can the social networks predict which videos are likely to be seen by consumers, at what times, where?
- How to design infrastructure to empower OSN celebrities to have their own broadcast channel?
- How do you handle security issues? OSN celebrities could produce DDoS over any website.



Hosting Social Networks in Distributed Clouds

One operation results in a social cascade

LinkedIn: 22M users, Facebook with 200M+



Data structures no longer fit in the memory of a single server

- Data partition is a must:
 - How to minimize inter data center communication
 - How to ensure consistency and small latencies



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Final Thoughts

- Things are getting more complex, is it time to rethink some designs and move into firmer grounds?
- Going forward, do we need to think of the Web infrastructure design to be more embedded with the Internet design? can developments at these two levels move independently?
- What elements are matured enough to be pushed into the lower layers and become basic services, like routing is? (e.g. locating content, content distribution)

Conclusions

- The Web has often pushed the Internet infrastructure to its limits
- Locating, Managing, Distributing content still pose challenges
- Both Social Networks and Greener Clouds will re-shape the Web infrastructure, once more...













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