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Technologies For Adding Resiliency to Dynamic Distributed Systems

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Distributed systems are rapidly evolving, into new classes of applications such as VANET, Smart Environments, P2P, and distributed cloud services

Mastering this complexity is an industry need

Common denominator: Dynamicity of the system model e.g. Underlying communication structure self-defined at any instant by entities

Continuous arrival and departure of participating entities

it may not be possible to assume anything about the universe of participants, their identities, capabilities, or reliability.

What is a dynamic distributed systems?



Very different system models

Internet-scale Applications

- unmanaged environment
- shortlife peers
- High churn

Enterprise Data centers

- managed environment
- longlife peers
- low churn

Scalable QoS-Constrained Application

- partially managed environment
- shortlife peers at network edges, longlife peers in the core
- high churn only at network edges, low churn in the core

P2P systems based on overlay networks

self-organize and partial view of the whole system
gracefully tolerate peer failures and churn
avoiding single point failures and bottlenecks

Each application has requirements that impact the design of the overlay

Overlay Networks Substrate as superimposion of graphs



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P2P technology has started in Internet based applications such as file sharing and IP telephony ala-skype but there has not be wide diffusion of other applications due to the difficulty of handling the dynamicity of the internet based model

This technology has much more potential if looking at domain specific environments where some of the dimension of dynamicity can be managed by some provider.

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SOFIA (Artemis 30Me Project in FP7 led by NOKIA). Smart Objects for Intelligent applications

eDiana (Artemis 15Me Project in FP7 led by Acciona, Spain) on cooperative building for energy saving.

Understanding the fundamentals of how to master this dynamic dimension is of primary importance to design of robust, dependable, and predictable distributed systems.

From the theory side (PODC/DISC) we have basically no common background on that (Theoretical Aspects of Dynamic Distributed Systems Workshop will be held in September in Spain)

Problem coming from industry, technology leading, lack of shared theoretical background

There are all the ingredients for having fun in the next years!!