DATA COMMUNICATON NETWORKING

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Course Book: Computer Networking, A Top-Down Approach, Kurose, Ross Slides:

- Course book Slides
- Slides from Princeton University COS461 Spring 2012 offering, Jennifer Rexford

Course Overview

Basics of Computer Networks

- Internet & Protocol Stack
- Application Layer
- Transport Layer
- Network Layer
- Data Link Layer

- Case Studies of Computer Networks
- Internet Applications
- Network Management
- Network Security

Cloud Computing

Elastic resources

- Expand and contract resources
- Pay-per-use
- Infrastructure on demand

Multi-tenancy

- Multiple independent users
- Security and resource isolation
- Amortize the cost of the (shared) infrastructure

Flexible service management

Cloud Service Models

Software as a Service

- Provider licenses applications to users as a service
 - Customer relationship management
- Customer avoids costs of installation, maintenance, patches

Platform as a Service

- Provider offers platform for building applications
 - Google App-Engine
- Customer does not have to worry about scalability of platform

Infrastructure as a Service

- Provider offers raw computing, storage, and network
 - Amazon Elastic Computing Cloud (EC2)
- Customers can avoid buying servers and estimating resource needs

Enabling Technology: Virtualization

- Multiple virtual machines on one physical machine
- Applications run unmodified as on real machine
- VM can migrate from one computer to another



Multi-Tier Applications

Applications consist of tasks

- Many separate components
- Running on different machines

Commodity computers

- Many general-purpose computers
- Not one big mainframe
- Easier scaling



Virtual Switch



- Hundreds of thousands of hosts, often closely coupled, in close proximity
 - E-business
 - Amazon

Content-servers

- YouTube
- Akamai
- Apple
- Microsoft

Search engines

- Data mining
 - Google

Inside a 40-ft Microsoft container Chicago data center







- Modularity
- Aggregation

Challenges

- Multiple applications
 - Each serving massive numbers of clients

Managing/balancing load

- Avoiding processing, networking, data bottlenecks
- Google



Load balancer

- Application-layer routing
- Receives external client requests
- Directs workload within data center
- Returns results to external client
 - Hiding data center internals from client

- Rich interconnection among switches & racks
 - Increased throughput between racks
 - Multiple routing paths possible
 - Increased reliability via redundancy



Challenges of Diagnosis

- Multi-tier applications
 - Hundreds of application components
 - Tens of thousands of servers
- Evolving applications
 - Add new features, fix bugs
 - Change components while app is still in operation
- Human factors
 - Developers may not understand network well
 - Nagle's algorithm, delayed ACK, etc.