LOCATING DATA ON THE NETWORK: P2P NETWORKS, CHORD, AND DYNAMODB

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading for Thursday: "The Tail at Scale" (Dean and Barroso), linked off canvas

Optional reading for today: DynamoDB paper linked off canvas

Today: Finish up Chord, talk a bit about DynamoDB





Figure 5-4. Resolving key 26 from node 1 and key 12 from node 28 in a Chord system.

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AN ASIDE: IS LOG(N) FAST OR SLOW?

• For a million nodes, it's 20 hops

If each hop takes 50 milliseconds, lookups take a second

If each hop has 10% chance of failure, it's a couple of timeouts

So in practice log(n) is better than O(n) but not great

JOINING: LINKED LIST INSERT







JOIN (3)



NOTIFY MESSAGES MAINTAIN PREDECESSORS



STABILIZE MESSAGE FIXES SUCCESSOR



JOINING: SUMMARY



- Predecessor pointer allows link to new node
- Update finger pointers in the background
- Correct successors produce correct lookups

WHAT CHORD GOT RIGHT

- Consistent hashing
 - Elegant way to divide a workload across machines
 - Very useful in clusters: actively used today in Amazon Dynamo and other systems
- **Replication** for high availability, efficient recovery after node failure
- Incremental scalability: "add nodes, capacity increases"
- Self-management: minimal configuration
- **Unique trait:** no single server to shut down/monitor

