MP4: Dynamic Load Balancer
Problem Overview

- Underutilized Nodes
- Overloaded Nodes
- Heterogeneous Nodes
  - CPU
  - Memory
  - Battery
- Heterogeneous Workloads
- Transient Variations

Solution: Move Data to maintain even Utilization across Nodes
## Algorithms Classification

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Dynamic Load Balancing

- Use System State Information at runtime

Start → Update State Information → Transfer? (Yes) → Transfer Jobs → Update State Information → Transfer? (No) → Sleep

- Sleep Transition? Yes
- Transfer Jobs
Policies

- **Transfer Policy:** When to initiate a transfer
  - Load Index: Metric used to decide over a transfer policy (e.g. Queue Length)
- **Selection Policy:** Which jobs will be transferred
- **Location Policy:** Partner node to receive or send jobs
  - Trivial for MP4!
- **State Information Policy:** How often to update state information
  - Time: Every 30 seconds
  - Events: When CPU usage is > 80%
  - Demand Driven: When needed by one policy
Transfer Direction

- **Sender Initiated**
  - Overloaded Nodes

- **Receiver Initiated**
  - Underloaded Nodes

- **Symmetrically Initiated**
  - Both but higher instability
Sender Initiated Example

Transfer Policy

Start → Queue Length>T

State Information Policy

Select Node j Randomly → Poll Node j

Location Policy

Polls < Poll Limit → J’s Queue Length<T

Selection Policy: Consider only Newly Queued Jobs

Queue Task locally → Transfer Task

Yes → Start

No → Select Node j Randomly

Yes → Poll Node j

No → Polls < Poll Limit

Yes → J’s Queue Length<T

No → Queue Task locally
Receiver Initiated Example

Start → Queue Length < T

Yes: Select Node j Randomly → Poll Node j

No: Stop

Polls < Poll Limit

Yes: Request Task

No: J’s Queue Length > T

Yes: Stop

No: Select Node j Randomly
MP4 Overview

- Distributed Architecture of two nodes
  - Two Android Phones or Two Virtual Machines
    - Each VM in a separate Server
MP4 Overview

- Distributed Architecture of two nodes
  - Two Android Phones or Two Virtual Machines
- Implement a Dynamic Load Balancer
- Decide and implement each policy:
  - Transfer Policy
  - Selection Policy
  - State Information Policy
  - Location Policy Trivial!
Workload Selection and Data Decomposition

- A simple vector addition
  - Purpose of this MP is to implement the loader balancer, not to come up with complicated workload
  - Vector addition on a 1024*1024*4 double vector

- Fully Parallelizable Algorithm
  - Jobs: Chunks of equal size
  - Initially there should be 512+ jobs
System Lifecycle

- **Bootstrap**
  - Data Decomposition and Distribution

- **Processing**
  - Processing

- **Aggregation**
  - Aggregate Data
MP4 Minimal Architecture
Worker Thread

Throttling

Processing (80%)  Sleeping (20%)

Time

DO NOT SPIN INSTEAD OF SLEEPING!
Transfer Manager

- Transfer Jobs between the two phones
  - Use any protocol you decide
    - TCP/IP, UDP, HTTP, etc

- Tradeoffs:
  - Bandwidth
  - Stability
  - Performance
State Manager

- Transfer Local State to Remote phone
- Transfer Remote State to Local Phone
- Information State Policy

Tradeoffs:
- Stability
- Bandwidth
- Performance
Hardware Monitor

- Query system to monitor system state
  - CPU Usage
  - User Defined Throttling
  - Other Optional:
    - Battery State
    - Bandwidth

- Information State Policy
  - Less frequently vs More frequently
  - Event Based?
    - Android Event: Broadcast Listener
Implementation Guidelines

- Basic Architecture Required
  - Build on top of it
- Policy Design and Analysis
  - Justify, Measure and Validate
- Data Structures
  - Performance / Computational Complexity
- System Principles
  - Timers, Threads, Synchronization, Events
- Graphical User Interface
  - Runtime Parameters and Statistics
Improvements

- Not required in this MP
- Bandwidth (Transfer and State Managers)
- Information Policy Analysis
- Concurrent Worker Threads
- Graphical User Interface
- Compression