VoD Streaming in P2P Environment

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Introduction

- Video Streaming
 - o Live
 - On-Demand
 - Fundamental differences
 - End-to-end delay
 - The streaming starting from joining time vs. the whole video
 - The correlations (i.e. QoS)

Introduction

- Several approaches to deal with VoD
 - Traditional client/server unicast model
 - IP multicast
 - Proxy caching and the use of content distribution networks (CDN)
 - o P2P
 - Applicable method : P2Cast、 P2VoD

P2Cast - Overview



Figure 1: A snapshot of P2Cast at time 40. Clients in a session form an application-level multicast tree together with the server. All clients in session 3 have finished patch retrieval; while 3 clients in session 4 are still receiving the patch stream from their parent patch servers.

P2Cast - Overview

- Associated with P2Cast is a threshold T. The clients that arrive within the threshold constitute a session.
- Clients belongs to the same session form an application-level multicast tree, denoted the base tree.
- P2Cast clients provide two functions
 - Base Stream Forwarding
 - Patch Serving

P2Cast - Operations

- New client admission
 Join or be rejected
 Base tree construction
 Bandwidth first principle
 - Local info. only principle
- Patch server selection
- Failure Recovery
 - Base stream recovery
 - Patch recovery

P2Cast - Operations

- Best Fit algorithm for base tree construction and patch server selection
 - BF Algorithm
 - Step1. the requesting client N contacts a candidate parent P, starting with the server.
 - Step2. P estimates the bandwidth from P to N, B(P,N). Meanwhile, it sends messages to its children, denote C(P), asking for their respective bandwidth to the requesting client.

P2Cast - Operations

- Step3. P collects the measured bandwidth from its children, and identifies the child node Cmax that has the fattest pipe to N. A tie is broken arbitrarily. Depending on the measurement reported back to P, there are two scenarios :
 - B(P,N) > B(Cmax,N) → P becomes the parent of N or N is re-directed to Cmax
 - $B(P,N) \le B(Cmax,N) \rightarrow N$ is re-directed to Cmax
- BF-delay-approx

P2Cast – Performance



Figure 4: Performance comparison of P2Cast, unicast, and IP multicast-based patching

P2Cast – Contributions

- Propose P2Cast that scales better than a unicast-based patching approach in providing VoD service.
- Develop a series of overlay construction algorithms suitable for video streaming service.
- Investigate the techniques to provide continuous playback in the face of disruptions.

P2VoD - Overview

P2VoD is different from P2Cast :

- Clients in P2VoD always cache the most recent content of the video stream, while P2Cast only cache the initial part.
- P2Cast has to get the source involved whenever a failure occurs, thus vulnerable to disruption due to server bottleneck at the source.
- Orphaned peers reconnect by using the join algorithm, resulting in long blocking time before their service can resume.

P2VoD - Overview



Fig. 1. A snapshot of the P2VoD system at time 36.

P2VoD - Overview

TABLE I

NOTATIONS

Symbol	Meaning
MB	Maximum cache size of a client
ab_X	Actual storage buffer used by a client X
tj_X	Joining time of a client X
add_X	IP address of a client X
G(X)	The generation a client X belongs to

P2VoD - Operations

- Data Caching and Generation
- Control Protocol
- Join
- Failure Recovery
 - Detecting failures
 - Recovering from failures

P2VoD - Performance



Fig. 5. P2VoD vs. P2Cast: Client rejection probability.



Fig. 6. P2VoD vs. P2Cast: Server Stress.

P2VoD - Performance





Fig. 8. P2VoD vs. P2Cast: Failure overhead.

P2VoD - Conclusions

- Introducing the concept of generation and a novel caching scheme to provide an efficient failure recovery protocol
- Designing an efficient application multicast tree appropriate for VoD streaming
- With the same underlying network and workload, P2VoD is very competitive with P2Cast.

Conclusions and Future Work

- Compared with P2Cast, the structure of P2VoD is more flexible.
- Except for normally playback, there are still some functions which could be implemented, e.g. re-wind、 start at somewhere in video...

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