

# Computing Parable

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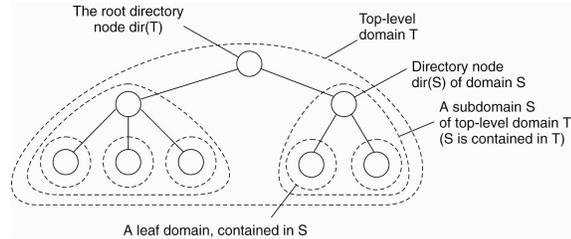
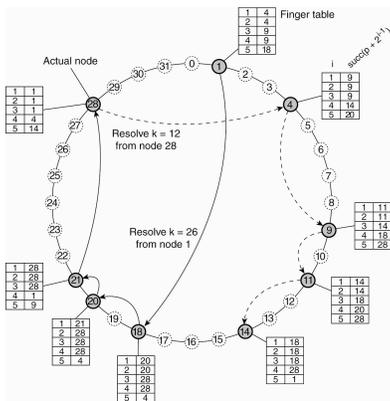


# New Topic: Naming

- Names are used to share resources, uniquely identify entities and refer to locations
- Need to map from name to the entity it refers to
  - E.g., Browser access to [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)
  - Use name resolution
- Differences in naming in distributed and non-distributed systems
  - Distributed systems: naming systems is itself distributed
- How to name mobile entities?



# Approaches

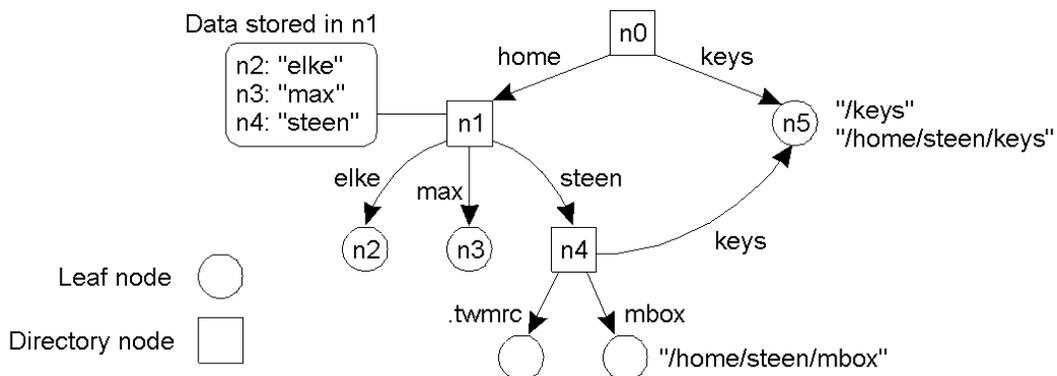


- Hierarchical versus hash-based



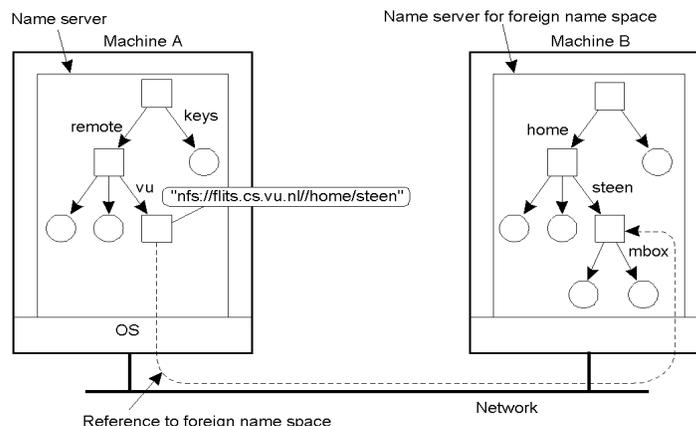
# Example: File Names, URLs

- Hierarchical directory structure (DAG)
  - Each file name is a unique path in the DAG
  - Resolution of `/home/steen/mbox` a traversal of the DAG
- File names are *human-friendly*



# Resolving File Names across Machines

- Remote files are accessed using a node name, path name
- NFS mount protocol: map a remote node onto local DAG
  - Remote files are accessed using local names! (*location independence*)
  - OS maintains a mount table with the mappings

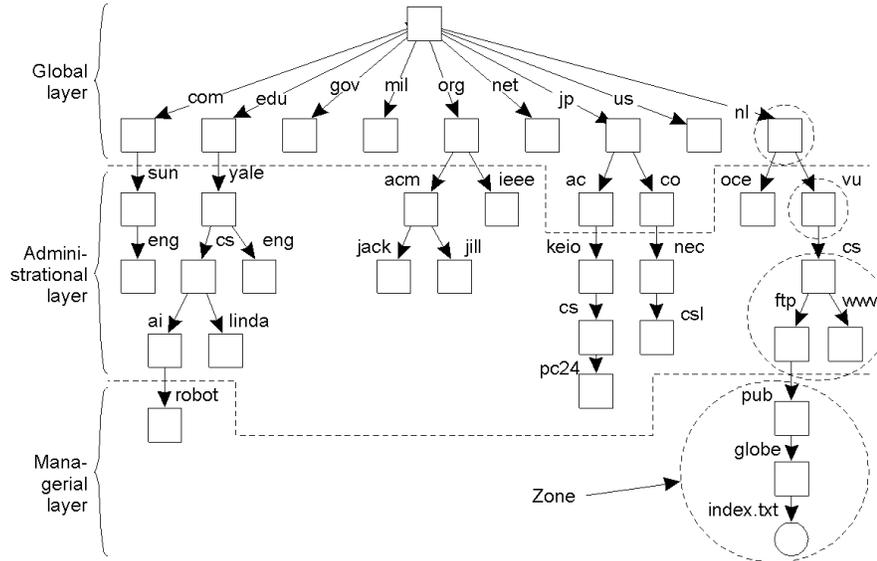


# Name Space Distribution

- Naming in large distributed systems
  - System may be global in scope (e.g., Internet, WWW)
- Name space is organized hierarchically
  - Single root node (like naming files)
- Name space is distributed and has three logical layers
  - Global layer: highest level nodes (root and a few children)
    - Represent groups of organizations, rare changes
  - Administrational layer: nodes managed by a single organization
    - Typically one node per department, infrequent changes
  - Managerial layer: actual nodes
    - Frequent changes
  - Zone: part of the name space managed by a separate name server



# Name Space Distribution Example



- An example partitioning of the DNS name space, including Internet-accessible files, into three layers.



# Name Space Distribution

Item	Global	Administrational	Managerial
Geographical scale of network	Worldwide	Organization	Department
Total number of nodes	Few	Many	Vast numbers
Responsiveness to lookups	Seconds	Milliseconds	Immediate
Update propagation	Lazy	Immediate	Immediate
Number of replicas	Many	None or few	None
Is client-side caching applied?	Yes	Yes	Sometimes

- A comparison between name servers for implementing nodes from a large-scale name space partitioned into a global layer, as an administrative layer, and a managerial layer.
- The more stable a layer, the longer are the lookups valid (and can be cached longer)



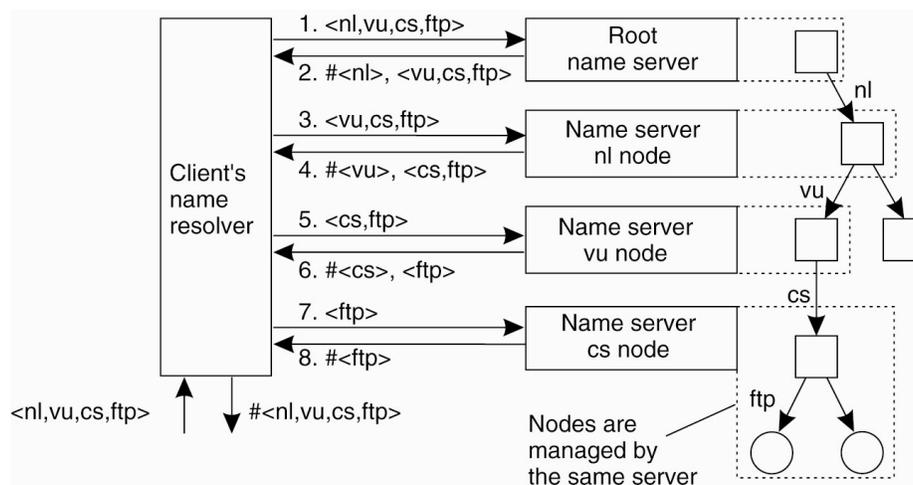
# The DNS Name Space

Type of record	Associated entity	Description
SOA	Zone	Holds information on the represented zone
A	Host	Contains an IP address of the host this node represents
MX	Domain	Refers to a mail server to handle mail addressed to this node
SRV	Domain	Refers to a server handling a specific service
NS	Zone	Refers to a name server that implements the represented zone
CNAME	Node	Symbolic link with the primary name of the represented node
PTR	Host	Contains the canonical name of a host
HINFO	Host	Holds information on the host this node represents
TXT	Any kind	Contains any entity-specific information considered useful

- The most important types of resource records forming the contents of nodes in the DNS name space.



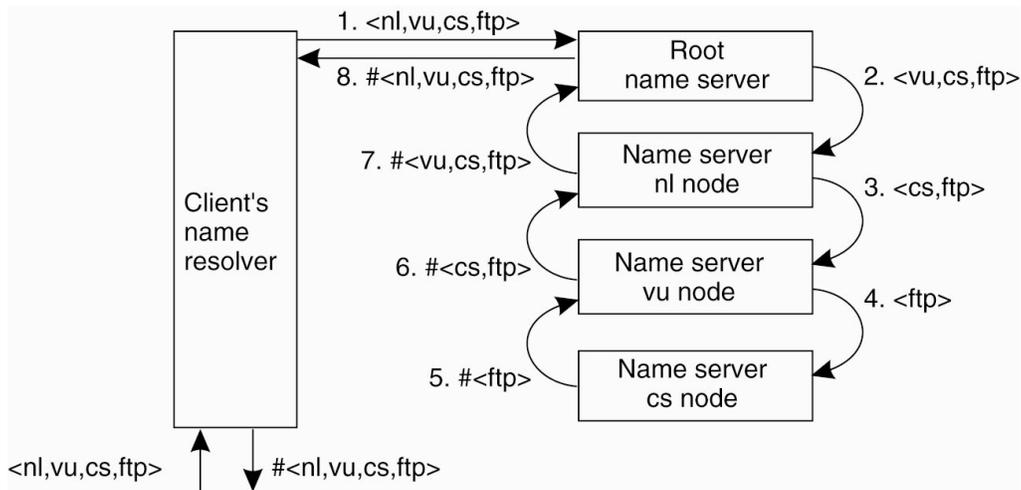
## Iterative Resolution



- The principle of iterative name resolution.



# Recursive Resolution



- The principle of recursive name resolution.



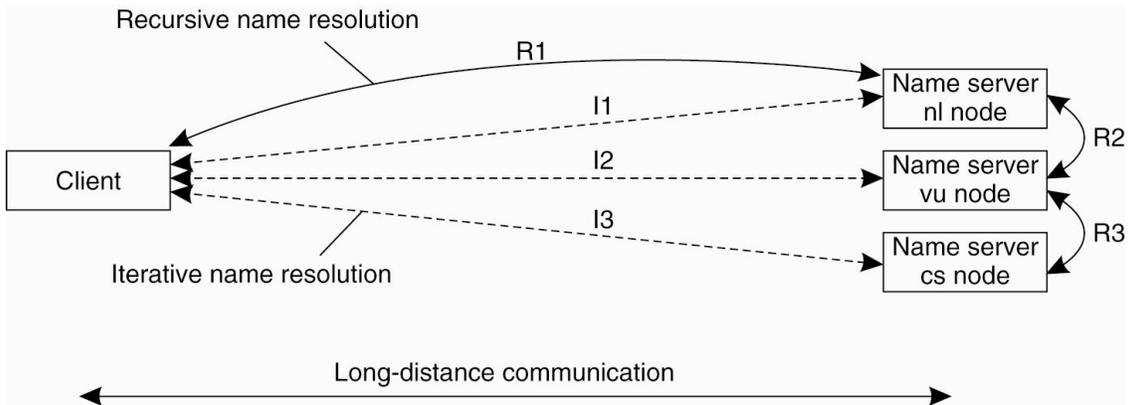
# Implementation of Name Resolution

Server for node	Should resolve	Looks up	Passes to child	Receives and caches	Returns to requester
cs	<ftp>	#<ftp>	—	—	#<ftp>
vu	<cs,ftp>	#<cs>	<ftp>	#<ftp>	#<cs> #<cs,ftp>
nl	<vu,cs,ftp>	#<vu>	<cs,ftp>	#<cs> #<cs,ftp>	#<vu> #<vu,cs> #<vu,cs,ftp>
root	<nl,vu,cs,ftp>	#<nl>	<vu,cs,ftp>	#<vu> #<vu,cs> #<vu,cs,ftp>	#<nl> #<nl,vu> #<nl,vu,cs> #<nl,vu,cs,ftp>

- Recursive name resolution of  $\langle nl, vu, cs, ftp \rangle$ . Name servers cache intermediate results for subsequent lookups.



# DNS Resolution



- Comparison between recursive and iterative name resolution with respect to communication costs.



# DNS Implementation

- An excerpt from the DNS database for the zone *cs.vu.nl*.

Name	Record type	Record value
cs.vu.nl	SOA	star (1999121502,7200,3600,2419200,86400)
cs.vu.nl	NS	star.cs.vu.nl
cs.vu.nl	NS	top.cs.vu.nl
cs.vu.nl	NS	solo.cs.vu.nl
cs.vu.nl	TXT	"Vrije Universiteit - Math. & Comp. Sc."
cs.vu.nl	MX	1 zephyr.cs.vu.nl
cs.vu.nl	MX	2 tornado.cs.vu.nl
cs.vu.nl	MX	3 star.cs.vu.nl
star.cs.vu.nl	HINFO	Sun Unix
star.cs.vu.nl	MX	1 star.cs.vu.nl
star.cs.vu.nl	MX	10 zephyr.cs.vu.nl
star.cs.vu.nl	A	130.37.24.6
star.cs.vu.nl	A	192.31.231.42
zephyr.cs.vu.nl	HINFO	Sun Unix
zephyr.cs.vu.nl	MX	1 zephyr.cs.vu.nl
zephyr.cs.vu.nl	MX	2 tornado.cs.vu.nl
zephyr.cs.vu.nl	A	192.31.231.66
www.cs.vu.nl	CNAME	soling.cs.vu.nl
ftp.cs.vu.nl	CNAME	soling.cs.vu.nl
soling.cs.vu.nl	HINFO	Sun Unix
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soling.cs.vu.nl	A	130.37.24.11
laser.cs.vu.nl	HINFO	PC MS-DOS
laser.cs.vu.nl	A	130.37.30.32
vucs-das.cs.vu.nl	PTR	0.26.37.130.in-addr.arpa
vucs-das.cs.vu.nl	A	130.37.26.0



# X.500 Directory Service

- OSI Standard
- Directory service: special kind of naming service where:
  - Clients can lookup entities based on attributes instead of full name
  - Real-world example: Yellow pages: look for a plumber



# LDAP

- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
  - X.500 too complex for many applications
  - LDAP: Simplified version of X.500
  - Widely used for Internet services
  - Application-level protocol, uses TCP
  - Lookups and updates can use strings instead of OSI encoding
  - Use master servers and replicas servers for performance improvements
  - Example LDAP implementations:
    - Active Directory (Windows 2000)
    - Novell Directory services
    - iPlanet directory services (Netscape)
    - OpenLDAP
    - Typical uses: user profiles, access privileges, network resources



# The LDAP Name Space

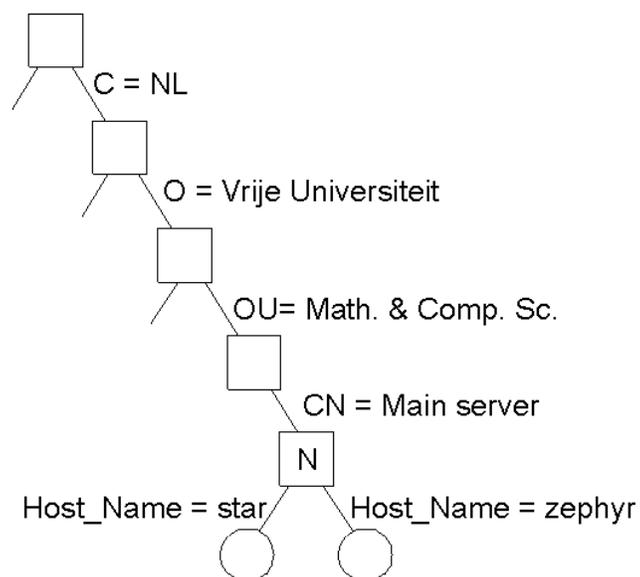
Attribute	Abbr.	Value
Country	C	NL
Locality	L	Amsterdam
Organization	L	Vrije Universiteit
OrganizationalUnit	OU	Math. & Comp. Sc.
CommonName	CN	Main server
Mail_Servers	--	130.37.24.6, 192.31.231,192.31.231.66
FTP_Server	--	130.37.21.11
WWW_Server	--	130.37.21.11

- A simple example of a LDAP directory entry using X.500 naming conventions.

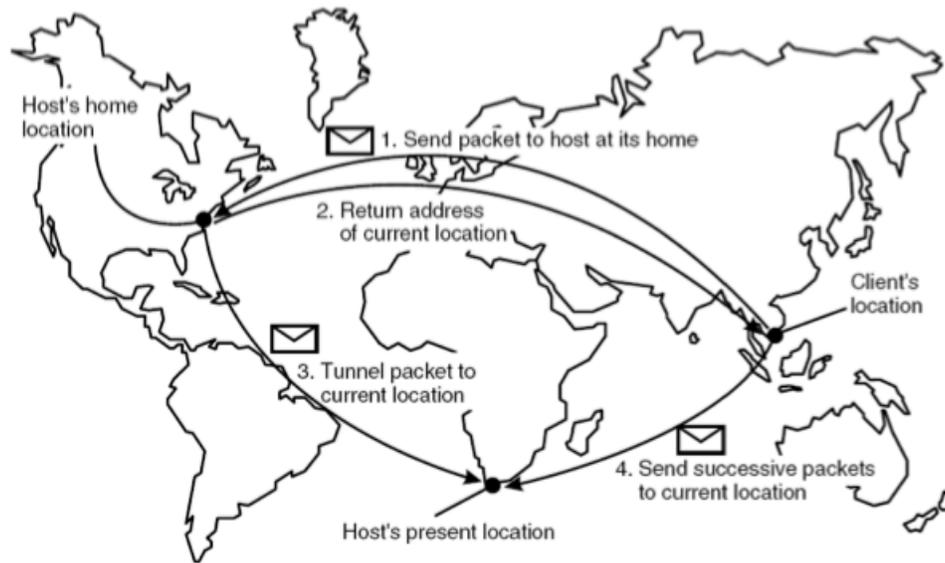


## The LDAP Name Space (2)

- Part of the directory information tree.



# Home-Based Approaches



The principle of Mobile IP.

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