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Contribution of the Bit Torrent in Current Technology: A Study

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ABSTRACT: This study extensively examined the main topologies of several complicated systems that evolved from BitTorrent swarms. Our findings of the study suggest that the initial stage is not a good predictor of the ultimate result since the networks exhibit fundamental differences at different stages of a swarm. We also find a power-law posterior probability in the collaborative network that might not be choked through other peers, which points to the presence of a robust scale-free network. In contrast to previous studies, researchers are unable to definitively pinpoint continuous clustering in any of the networks, eliminating the idea of a small world that would be helpful for peer-to-peer downloads. These results suggest a fascinating area where BitTorrent's effectiveness may be improved. The author provides an early clustering solution for BitTorrent. This approach has theoretical backing, alters the tracker very minimally, and uses several simulations and experiments to demonstrate its effectiveness.

KEYWORDS: Bit Torrent, Connections, Networks Technology, Tracker.

1. INTRODUCTION

BitTorrent has grown to be the most widely used peer-to-peer Internet tool for downloading huge files. It has been claimed that BitTorrent is responsible for 50% of all current Internet traffic. This popularity may be due to BitTorrent's ability to efficiently transport huge files as well as its resistance to peer failures, peer departures, and unruly peers. Both theoretical and experimental research have supported several of these features [1]. The topology of the peer network created during a download is one area that has not yet been adequately investigated. In particular, the network's resistance to malfunctioning and misbehaving nodes raises the possibility that it is scale-free, and the effectiveness of information transfer raises the possibility that it is clustered or even small-world. Beyond the first phases of swarming, none of these characteristics has received a quantitative evaluation. Because BitTorrent networks are so dynamic, it's essential for performance optimization to have a good grasp of the characteristics and development of the networks both during agitate and throughout their whole lifespans. Here, we outline studies that carefully look at the underlying topologies of BitTorrent swarms [2].

These studies demonstrate the intricate processes involved in the construction of numerous complex networks in the BitTorrent, including the establishment of the Connections, Interest, Unchoked, and Download networks during a BitTorrent download. We examine their properties and behaviors across the whole lifecycle of swarms, in contrast to earlier research that focused only on the beginning stages. Our findings show that throughout time, the networks display fundamental changes. This shows that long-term data are required to adequately analyze a BitTorrent swarm and that the first stage of the BitTorrent flight is insufficient to forecast the system's eventual performance [3]. The networks of peers that are not choked by the other peers provide significant support for scale-free features. However, none of the peer networks that we looked at showed any definite signs of persistent clustering, which raises an intriguing possibility for enhancing BitTorrent's performance. We describe a

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preliminary implementation of clustering in BitTorrent. By assigning peers to a predetermined number of groups, known as cliques, our method modifies a BitTorrent tracker just a little. The tracker then displays a limited number of peers from other groups, typically from the same group [4]. According to our hypothesis, this will maintain a high level of clustering inside the n-cliques while also maintaining a short typical route length due to the linkages to other groups. By using simulation and experiments, we confirm this hypothesis.

The most widely used P2P files-sharing platform, BitTorrent (BT), has a sizable user base. Even though BT has recently been criticized for copyright violations, the security and functionality of its technologies continue to draw a lot of interest. Its performance is always being improved by researchers. For instance, BT has implemented additions like Distribute Hash Table (DHT) and Peer Exchange (PEX) to reduce the trackers' bottleneck. The usage of uTP accelerates download rates. Security is improved by using procedures based on trust and reputation. These technologies may result in novel modifications to user behavior, resource allocation, and swarm development in addition to improving the resilience of the network and searching efficiency [5]. Therefore, fresh measurements of the BT swarms are required to better comprehend the properties of the present BT networks. Existing dimension studies on BT networks essentially cover all of the significant factors, including traffic, assaults, material availability, and BitTorrent popularity.

However, relatively little study takes into account recent developments in BT systems, and the information used to assess and model BT systems is often gleaned from a particular source (e.g. track logs, active peer detection). Various studies on the creation and efficiency of the BT system often use the inaccurate statement that the neighbor arrival rate matches a Poisson distribution [6]. The exponential decreasing distribution, which was first proposed and is based on tracker farm data, is a commonly used approach for developing BT simulations and assessing BT effectiveness. They disregard the regularity and the rapidly changing period during the beginning of swarm growth, however. Furthermore, due to their lack of precision, they often analyze and simulate BT systems on a daily scale, which might also neglect certain factors. Based on earlier work, we develop a novel measuring system in this research that combines active and passive methods to provide a larger dataset. We investigate the remodeling swarm development and resource popularity of BT networks at various time scales. Our measurements will be useful for increasing the performance of the BT system, comprehending it better, and developing BT simulators.

2. DISCUSSION

The Peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing technique known as bit torrent has recently been quite popular. Around 7 million BitTorrent users were available at once in August 2004; nearly 10 million were available simultaneously in August 2005. According to a recent CoreLogic report, BitTorrent accounted for 53% of all P2P traffic on the Internet in June 2004. The draft was received on December 15 and modified on July 15 of the same year, unlike ordinary P2P networks, which gather and exchange peers who are sharing a range of files. To distribute their desired files with each other, BitTorrent relies on speedy and efficient replication and joins users who are exchanging the very same file together into a P2P network [7]. In BitTorrent, a file is divided into digestible pieces, and a client may acquire a number of those chunks at once. Peers with different file chunks are encouraged to exchange with one another using a "tit-fortat" incentive scheme, enabling peers with strong uploading capacity to also possess high receiving capacity.

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This effectively prevents freeloading, which was common in early P2P networks. KaZaa and eMule, two P2P file-exchange platforms, on the other hand, gauge each peer's contributions using levels of engagement or comprises four, and they encourage peer involvement by giving more generous peers higher service priority [8]. Incentives for P2P networks have also recently been developed using reputation systems and game theoretic methods. These systems, however, are either too intricate and unrealistic or simple to the game and are abused. In contrast to these methods, BitTorrent's direct "tit-for-tat" process is straightforward, efficient, and reliable. BitTorrent systems have been extensively employed for a variety of reasons, including the distribution of big software packages, and scale rather well during flash crowd periods in reality.

The effect of spreading huge files on servers and networks may be minimized by using the BitTorrent protocol. The BitTorrent protocol enables consumers to join a "swarm" of servers to publish to and download from each other at the same time, as opposed to downloading files from single source servers [9]. The protocol may function well across networks with less capacity and is an alternative to the outdated single source, numerous mirror sources approach for data distribution. Several inexpensive machines, such as home PCs, may effectively distribute data to numerous receivers using the BitTorrent protocol, replacing huge servers. Without regard to whether they utilize the BitTorrent protocol, all users generally benefit from faster internet speeds thanks to this decreased bandwidth utilization, which also helps avoid significant surges in internet traffic in a certain location.

The disseminated file is divided into chunks or portions. When a peer receives a new component of the file, it will become a supplier of that piece for further peers, preventing the original seed from having to send that piece to every computer or client that requests a copy [10]. Since the responsibility of sharing the information is shared by people who want it, it is conceivable for the seed to send only a copy of the data and eventually distribute it to an endless number of peers utilizing BitTorrent. To assure the security of the torrent description, each element has a cryptographic hash. As a consequence, because any change of the piece might well be reliably detected, both accidental and purposeful adjustments of just about any pieces obtained at other locations are prevented. If a node starts with a genuine copy of the torrent descriptions, it may verify the validity of the whole file it gets.

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Figure 1: Illustrate the working process of the Bit Torrent Architecture [11].

The six elements of the architecture shown in Figure 1 are three participants, the material to be copied, which could include more than one document at a time, the BitTorrent client software, and a description file referred to as the torrent file. The three characters display the user of a torrent client, tracker, and file systems for torrents. The members of the swarm are peers or users. When a peer asks for more peers, torrent trackers keep track of those peers who wish to join the swarm (the download/upload procedure). Websites called "torrent indexers" show information from torrent files [12]. Every torrent file, which normally has a torrent augmentation and a BitTorrent username, may be posted on various torrent directory listings and include various trackers to compile a large number of peer lists. To join a torrent, a peer must send a notification to the trackers or trackers listed in the filesharing file. The Data Encryption Algorithm (SHA-1) hash of the informational dictionary's whole value, which represents a concatenation of separate file hashes, is used to achieve this [13]. The tracker records the peer's existence and replies with a couple of examples of the peers that are now continuously accepting the torrent after noting the peer's presence. The peer then connects to these peers via the BitTorrent peer effective and efficient implementation, and they begin exchanging chunks.

The BitTorrent client reshuffles the pieces that are often downloaded in a non-sequential form into the correct sequence. It does this by keeping track according to which parts it requires as well as which portions have and may broadcast to other neighbors. All of the parts of a download have the same size, thus a 10 MB file may be delivered as ten 1 MB pieces or forty 256 KB pieces. BitTorrent is particularly useful for sharing larger files because of the nature of this approach, which allows any file's download to be paused at any time and resumed at a later time without compromising any data that has already been transferred. This enables the client to search for pieces that are currently available and download them without waiting for future, possibly unavailable components, which often reduces the overall download time. This ultimate transition from competitors to seeders defines the general "health" of the file and is based on how often a file is made fully accessible.

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Due to BitTorrent's distributed design, a file may spread over numerous peer-processing cores in a flood-like manner. As more peers join the swarm, the likelihood that any one node will complete a download successfully increases. In comparison to traditional Internet distribution methods, this allows the original distributor to significantly reduce the cost of its infrastructure and connection resources. Decentralized downloading techniques do not have a single point of failure, unlike one-way server-client transfers, since they provide resiliency against system problems, reduce dependency on the originating distributor, and provide sources for files that are often transient.

This tendency was not at all considered in the prior study. Small-world characteristics are favored for efficient information transport, and prior studies have proposed that BitTorrent's efficiency is partly explained by the clustering of peers with similar bandwidth. This option, in our opinion, may be beneficial for boosting BitTorrent's functioning. So, in addition to practical implementation, we provided a theoretical framework for BitTorrent small-world. In our implementation, just the trackers are changed, and preliminary results show that this modest change significantly increased clustering at the expense of a tiny diameter expansion. Even though trackers only have control over one of the four BitTorrent networks, primarily the Connectivity network, we showed that our upgrade also gives small-world qualities to the remaining networking, along with the important Unchoked network.

3. CONCLUSION

The properties and development of a wide range of BitTorrent network topologies were experimentally studied in this research, along with a potential small-world upgrade for BitTorrent. Our most crucial discovery was that the performance of a BitTorrent system cannot be predicted from its early stages. This study examines the contribution of the bit torrent in current technology. Long-term investigations that look at the changes brought on by the swarm's later phases are required to adequately understand a BitTorrent swarm. A clear illustration of this was the discrepancy between the connectedness that was originally recognized to happen early in the lifespan of a BitTorrent swarm and the steady-state matrix connection. The discrepancy was very certainly driven by how the swarm evolved. When they become seeds, new peers fill the connections slots left by departing peers, severing ties to previous seedlings in the procedure. These two elements were not before considered. Peers may also make arbitrary connections with other peers using the tracker. According to our study, a peer will frequently receive a random new peer list from the monitor at least occasionally while it is a part of the swarm.

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