

Conducting Business Via P2P

Introduction

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P2P Computing

- Heavy interest in practice and research
- Visible successes
- An obvious (to a multiagent systems researcher) approach for organizing distributed computations

P2P Computing Limitations

- Predominantly, a consumer or hobbyist focus
- Popular techniques seem to
 - Be hard-coded to specific applications
 - Violate autonomy: distributed hashing
 - Violate heterogeneity: all sites run the same algorithm

Potential Scenarios in Open systems

- Data management
- Cross-enterprise business processes
- Service discovery and selection based on QoS
- Achieving trust and resisting threats
- Monitoring and compliance

How to get P2P into mission-critical applications?

Themes and Questions

- What are some challenges and pitfalls in
 - Modeling?
 - Methodology?
 - Evaluation of above?
 - Performance?
- What do agents bring to the table?
 - Can agents simplify bootstrapping a system?
 - Is self-organization essential?
 - How do agents relate to P2P middleware?

Panelists

- Sonia Bergamaschi
- Hector Garcia-Molina
- Sandip Sen
- Steve Willmott