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Overview

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Coral Overview

- P2P Content Distribution Network
- Uses Distr. sloppy HT to locate stuff
- 160bit opaque identifiers (nodes & content)
- Stores data at nodeID closest to contentID
- Kademlia routing
- Event driven Implementation (libasync - SFS)



The Problem - broad

- ▶ 3 running processes:
 - Coral
 - Web Server
 - DNS Server
- Lots of Info, different Types to log
- Distributed Nature of Coral
- Big Code base, difficult to manage logging



The Problem - fine

- Uses complicated logging code spread over all code files for logging
 - Hard to understand
- Different Logger Classes for each of the 3 Processes
- Logged Strings + ints are given to another Logging Process (yet more code) that stores them
- Coral Crawler requests those from all known nodes and generates html



Goal / Approach

- Provide a unified, centralized and easy to understand logging base for coral
- Use AspectC
- No extra process
- Store locally, maybe in DB
- Since Coral is a CDN, there might be a way to transfer Stats using Coral itself (instead of crawler)



Related Work / links

- aosd.06: http://aosd.net
- AspectC++: http://www.aspectc.org
- org.apache.jakarta.cactus: http://jakarta.apache.org/cactus
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