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Is End-to-End Integrity Verification Really Endto-End?

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What's End-to-End Integrity Verification

- Data corruption may occur during transfers
 - Faulty equipment, transient errors etc.
- Existing integrity check mechanisms are weak
 - TCP checksum fails to once in every 16 million to 10 billion packets
- End-to-end integrity verification offers strong faulttolerance guarantee
 - Secure hash algorithms SHA1, SHA-254
 - Captures errors that could happen anywhere during transfers; network, server, and disk (?)



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Else →Transfer again	



Potential weakness to detect disk write errors!

Testing Integrity Verification Against Faults

- Four files 1-5 GB and one file 24 GB. Memory size is 20 GB
- One fault injected for each file during disk write
- Traditional approach failed to catch 4 out of 5 faults!





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Future Work

- SIVA leads to ~4% cache hits. Can we reduce it even lower to avoid missing any disk corruptions?
- Delaying checksum incurs execution time overhead in return of stronger fault tolerance. How to optimize execution time without sacrificing accuracy?
- Explore ways to detect file cache removal to start checksum earlier



Questions?