

Does our Working Definition work for the http Web?

*A distributed system is a collection of entities, each of which is **autonomous**, **programmable**, **asynchronous** and **failure-prone**, and that communicate through an **unreliable** communication medium.*

- Entity=a process on a device (PC, PDA)
- Communication Medium=Wired or wireless network
- Our interest in distributed systems involves
 - design and implementation, maintenance, study, algorithmics