Need to deal with dynamic changes

- ✓ Peers fail
- New peers join
- Peers leave

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- P2P systems have a high rate of *churn* (node join, leave and failure)
 - 25% per hour in Overnet (eDonkey)
 - 100% per hour in Gnutella
 - Lower in managed clusters
 - Common feature in all distributed systems, including wide-area (e.g., PlanetLab), clusters (e.g., Emulab), clouds (e.g., AWS), etc.

So, all the time, need to:

 \rightarrow Need to update *successors* and *fingers*, and copy keys