

# Moderated collaboration among wireless users

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- \*groupware for shared modifications to create definitive version
- \*system performance depends on user availability
  - \*typical users are wireless
- \*analyzed wireless LAN users @ ND, IBM research, Île Sans Fil hotspot federation, SIGCOMM '01
  - \*sessions becoming smaller
- \*analyzed central: exclusive access & last writer wins, dist.: epidemics
  - \*poor performance when more users are active



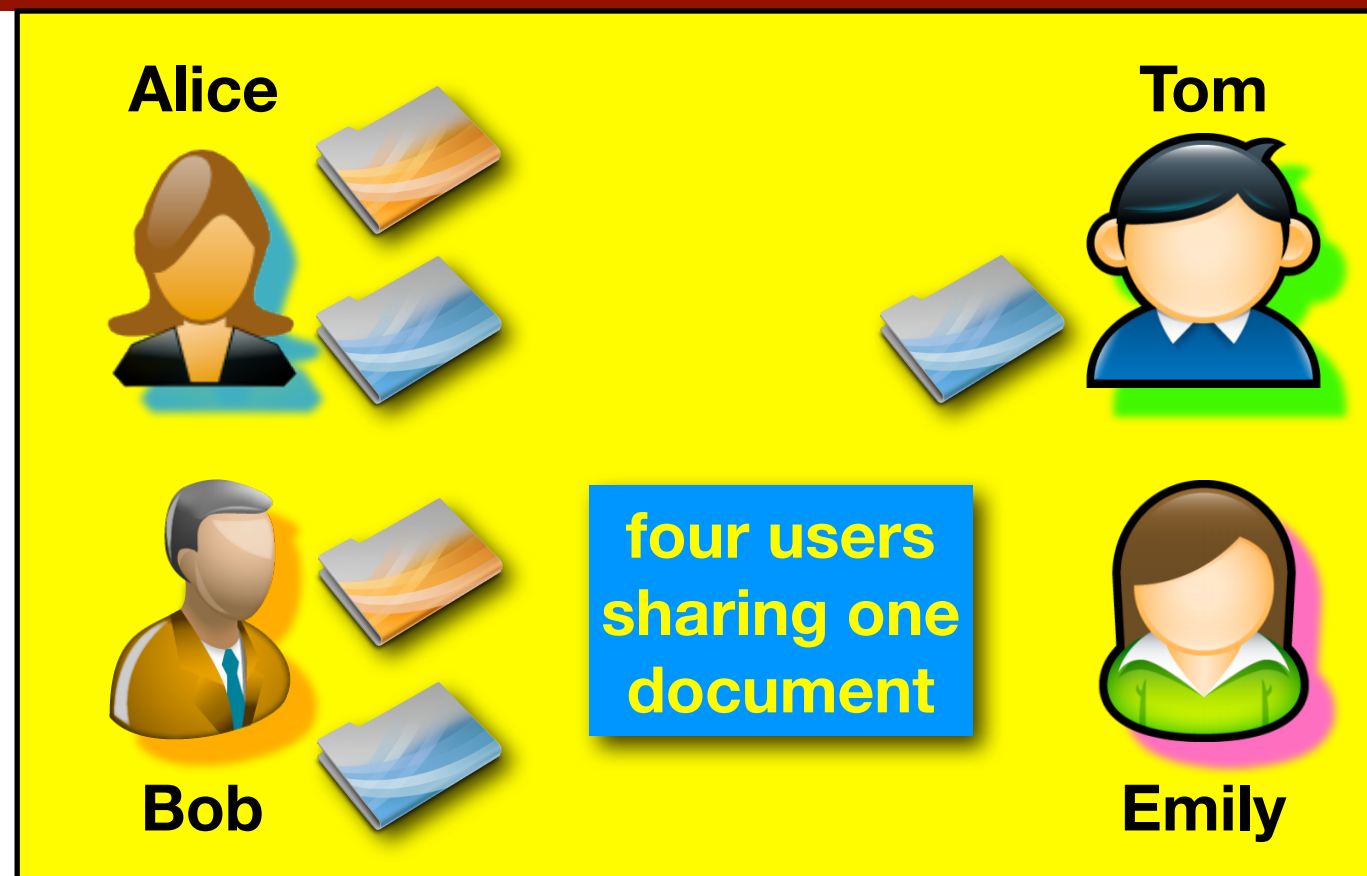
- Alice and Bob create report
- Tom and Emily create presentation
- Alice and Emily run exp. and create results used in presentation and report
- All read all documents while in progress

operating on a shared copy is not tenable for wireless users

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- \*no single shared copy
- \*each member exclusively maintains own updateable copy
- \*users can hoard read-only copy of other's version
- \*epidemic propagation of updates
- \*each member independently moderates (manual reconciliation) and incorporates changes from other's read only replicas
- \*eventual convergence
  - \*log, files opened during session
  - \*logs indicate convergence

**Prototype using fuse + git exhibits adequate FS performance**



- **Alice and Bob create report**
  - Alice edits her copy, hoards Bob's
  - Bob edits his copy, hoards Alice's
  - Alice incorporates Bob's modifications on his copy into her copy and vice versa
- **Emily/Tom could hoard any copy or create their own copy for modification**
  - Tom hoards Alice's copy