

OBJECTIVES

- Assignment 2 questions
- Feedback from 2/27
- Chapter 6: Coordination
- Chapter 6.2: Logical Clocks Vector Clocks
- Class Activity Total Ordered Multicasting
- Chapter 6.3: Distributed Mutual Exclusion

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MATERIAL / PACE

- Please classify your perspective on material covered in today's class:
- 1-mostly review, 5-equal new/review, 10-mostly new
- Average 7.6
- Please rate the pace of today's class:
- 1-slow, 5-just right, 10-fast
- **Average 6.1**

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FEEDBACK FROM 2/27

- With regards to locking a key/value pair, do you mean that I have to prevent other nodes from sending in a "del" command to the transaction leader server node when the key/value pair is "locked"?
 - For "del" command, leader sends ddel1 to every node
 - Can the leader ensure other nodes don't send a "ddel1" request?
- When a leader starts a transaction they start by locking the key, and sending "dput1" or "ddel1" to all known nodes.
- If the leader receives a "ddel1" or "dput1" for the same key while it is locked, they reject it (ABORT). Sending ABORT to a leader cancels the second transaction across the distributed system.
- The original transaction continues to be processed.
- If every node acknowledges the "dput1/ddel1", the leader proceeds to "dput2" or "ddel2" to commit data changes to every node

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FEEDBACK - 2

- How does locking work in the two-phase commit protocol?
- The first phase establishes locks the key/value pair at every node
- Every node sends the transaction leader an ACK (acknowledgement message)
- If even just one node sends an ABORT, the leader will send dputabort (ddelabort) to all nodes to cancel the transaction
- The first phase causes the key/value pair to become globally locked across the distributed system once complete
- During the second phase, the transaction is committed (data changes are written) at every node.

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FEEDBACK - 3

- One weakness in our protocol for assignment #2 is that we don't support aborting the transaction in the second phase.
- When the leader sends dput2 to every node, we assume that every node will successfully make the commit.
- How could the two-phase commit protocol be modified to abort a transaction that fails during dput2?

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SHORT-HAND-CODES FOR MEMBERSHIP TRACKING APPROACHES

- Include readme.txt or doc file with instructions in submission
- Must document membership tracking method
- S-1: Static file membership tracking only = 0 pts
- <u>T-1:</u> TCP membership tracking only = +5 pts (should be dynamic once servers point to membership server)
- U-1: UDP membership tracking only = +10 pts (automatically discovers nodes with no configuration)
- <u>S+T-2:</u> Static file + TCP membership tracking = +15 pts (Static file is not reread to refresh membership during operation)
- S+U-2: Static file + UDP membership tracking = +15 pts (Static file is not reread to refresh membership during operation)
- SD+U-2: Static file + UDP membership tracking = +20 pts (Static file is periodically reread to refresh membership during operation)
- **T+U-2:** TCP + UDP membership tracking = 20 pts (both dynamic)

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CHAPTER 6 - COORDINATION

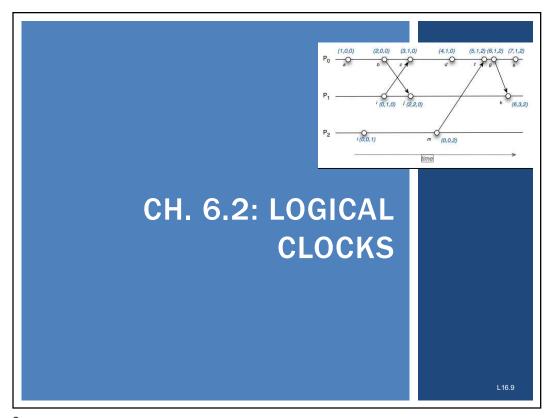
- 6.1 Clock Synchronization
 - Physical clocks
 - Clock synchronization algorithms
- 6.2 Logical clocks
 - Lamport clocks
 - Vector clocks
- 6.3 Mutual exclusion
- 6.4 Election algorithms
- 6.6 Distributed event matching (light)
- 6.7 Gossip-based coordination (light)

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LOGICAL CLOCKS

- In distributed systems, synchronizing to actual time may not be required...
- It may be sufficient for every node to simply agree on a current time (e.g. logical)
- Logical clocks provide a mechanism for capturing chronological and <u>causal</u> relationships in a distributed system
- Think counters . . .
- Leslie Lamport [1978] seminal paper showed that absolute clock synchronization often is not required
- Processes simply need to agree on the order in which events occur

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LOGICAL CLOCKS - 2

- **Happens-before relation**
- $A \rightarrow B$: **Event A**, happens before **event B**...
- All processes must agree that event A occurs first
- Then afterward, event B
- Actual time not important. . .
- If event A is the event of proc P1 sending a msg to a proc P2, and event B is the event of proc P2 receiving the msg, then A→B is also true...
- The assumption here is that message delivery takes time
- Happens before is a transitive relation:
- $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, therefore $A \rightarrow C$

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LOGICAL CLOCKS - 3

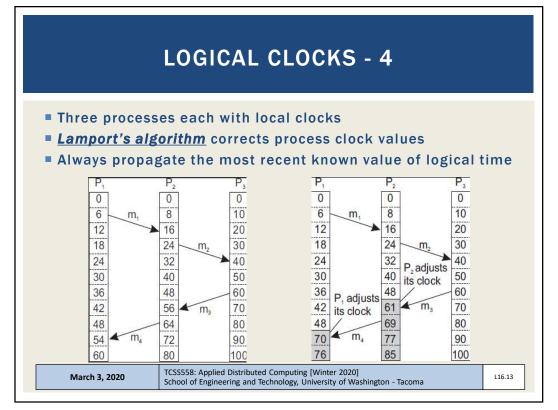
- If two events, say event X and event Y do not exchange messages, not even via third parties, then the sequence of X→Y vs. Y→X can not be determined!!
- Within the system, these events appear concurrent
- Concurrent: nothing can be said about when the events happened, or which event occurred first
- Clock time, C, must always go forward (increasing), never backward (decreasing)
- Corrections to time can be made by adding a positive value, but never by subtracting one

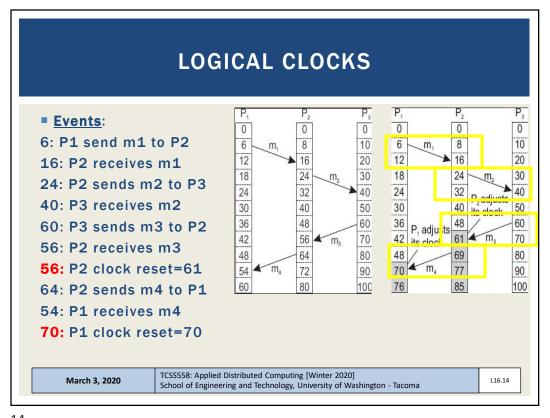
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LAMPORT LOGICAL CLOCKS - IMPLEMENTATION

- Negative values not possible
- When a message is received, and the local clock is before the timestamp when then message was sent, the local clock is updated to message_sent_time + 1
- Clock is incremented before an event: sending a message, receiving a message, some other internal event Pi increments Ci: Ci ← Ci + 1
- 2. When Pi send msg m to Pj, m's timestamp is set to Ci
- 3. When Pj receives msg m, Pj adjusts its local clock Cj ← max{Cj, timestamp(m)}
- 4. Ties broken by considering Proc ID: i<j; <40,i> < <40,j> Both Lamport clocks are = 40

 The winner has a higher alphanumeric Process ID

 J (winner) is greater than i, alphabetically

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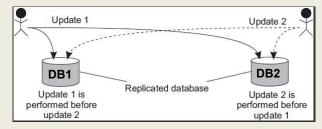
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TOTAL-ORDERED MULTICASTING

- Consider concurrent updates to a replicated database
- Communication latency between DB1 and DB2 is 250ms



- <u>Initial Account balance</u>: \$1,000
- Update #1: Deposit \$100
- Update #2: Add 1% Interest
- Total Ordered Multicasting needed

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TOTAL-ORDERED MULTICASTING EXAMPLE

- Two messages (m₁, m₂) must be distributed, to two processes (p₁, p₂)
- We assume messages have correct lamport clock timestamps
- $\mathbf{m}_{1}(\mathbf{10}, \mathbf{p}_{1}, \text{ add } \mathbf{100})$
- $\mathbf{m}_{2}(12, p_{2}, \text{ add } 1\% \text{ interest})$
- Each process maintains a queue of messages
- Arriving messages are placed into queues ordered by the Lamport clock timestamp
- In each queue, each message must be acknowledged by every process in the system before operations can be applied to the local database

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Key point:

Multicast messages are also received by the sender (itself)

Lamport clock timestamp

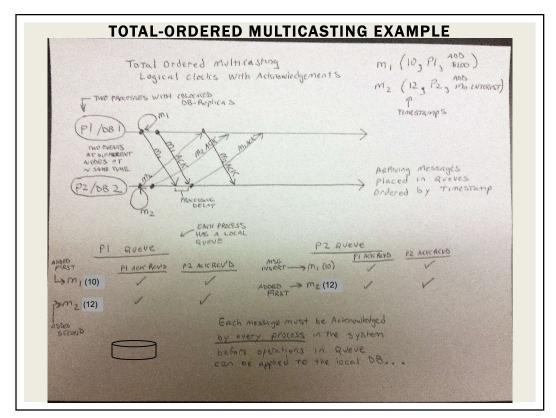
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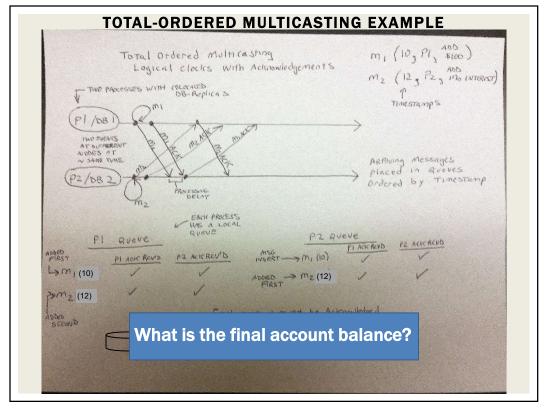
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TOTAL-ORDERED MULTICASTING - 2

- Each message timestamped with local logical clock of sender
- Multicast messages are also received by the sender (itself)
- Assumptions:
 - Messages from same sender received in order they were sent
 - No messages are lost
- When messages arrive they are placed in local queue ordered by timestamp
- Receiver <u>multicasts</u> acknowledgement of message receipt to other processes
 - Time stamp of message receipt is lower the acknowledgement
- This process <u>replicates</u> queues across sites
- Messages delivered to application (database) only when message at the head of the queue has been acknowledged by every process in the system

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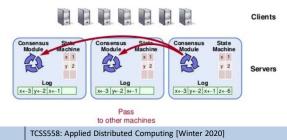
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TOTAL-ORDERED MULTICASTING - 3

- Can be used to implement replicated state machines (RSMs)
- Concept is to replicate event queues at each node
- (1) Using logical clocks and (2) exchanging acknowledgement messages, allows for events to be "totally" ordered in replicated event queues
- Events can be applied "in order" to each (distributed) replicated state machine (RSM)



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VECTOR CLOCKS

- Lamport clocks don't help to determine causal ordering of messages
- Vector clocks capture causal histories and can be used as an alternative
- But what is causality? ...

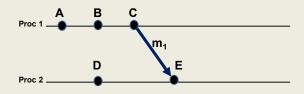
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WHAT IS CAUSALITY?



- Having a causal relationship between two events (A and E) indicates that event E results from the occurrence of event A.
- When one event results from another, there is a causal relationship between the two events.
- This is also referred to as cause and effect.

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CAUSALITY - 2

- Disclaimer:
- Without knowing actual information contained in messages, it is not possible to state with certainty that there is a causal relationship or perhaps a conflict
- Lamport/Vector clocks can help us suggest possible causality
- But we never know for sure...

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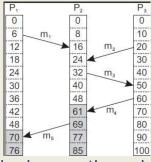
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CAUSALITY - 3

Consider the messages:



- P2 receives m1, and subsequently sends m3
- Causality: Sending m3 may depend on what's contained in m1
- P2 receives m2, receiving m2 is not related to receiving m1
- Is sending m3 causally dependent on receiving m2?

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VECTOR CLOCKS

- Vector clocks help keep track of <u>causal history</u>
- If two local events happened at process P, then the causal history H(p2) of event p2 is {p1,p2}
- P sends messages to Q (event p3)
- Q previously performed event q1
- Q records arrival of message as q2
- Causal histories merged at Q H(q2)= {p1,p2,p3,q1,q2}
- Fortunately, can simply store history of last event, as a vector clock → H(q2) = (3,2)
- Each entry corresponds to the last event at the process

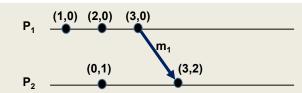
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- Each process maintains a vector clock which
 - Captures number of events at the local process (e.g. logical clock)
 - Captures number of events at all other processes
- Causality is captured by:
 - For each event at Pi, the vector clock (VC_i) is incremented
 - The msg is timestamped with VC_i; and sending the msg is recorded as a new event at P_i
 - P_j adjusts its VC_j choosing the <u>max</u> of: the message timestamp -orthe local vector clock (VC_j)

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VECTOR CLOCKS - 3

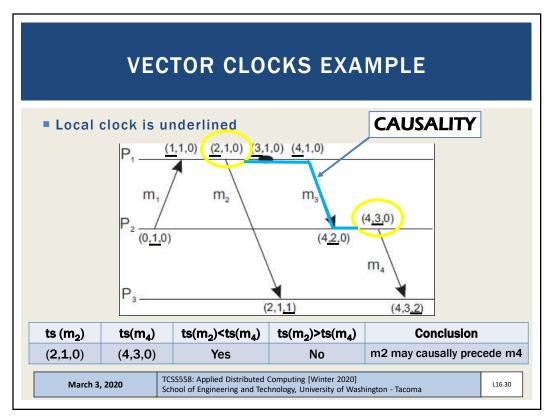
- Pj knows the # of events at Pi based on the timestamps of the received message
- Pj learns how many events have occurred at other processes based on timestamps in the vector
- These events "may be causally dependent"
- In other words: they may have been necessary for the message(s) to be sent...

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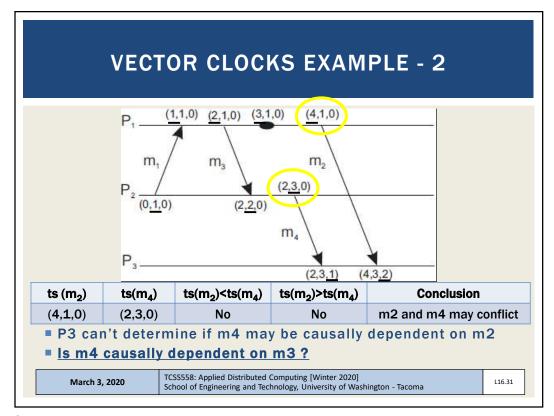
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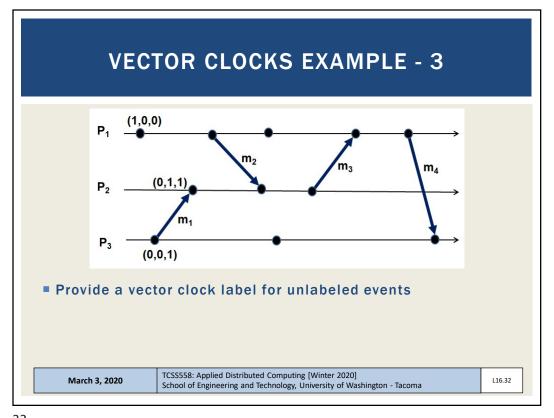
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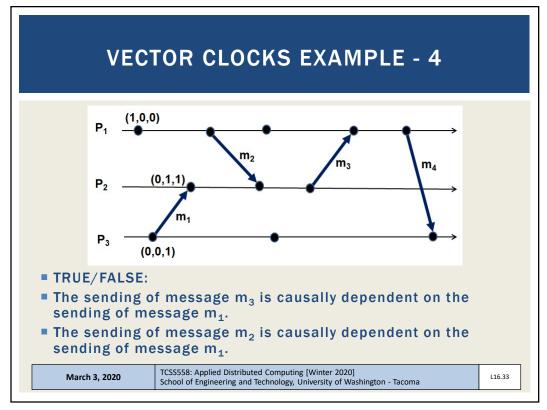


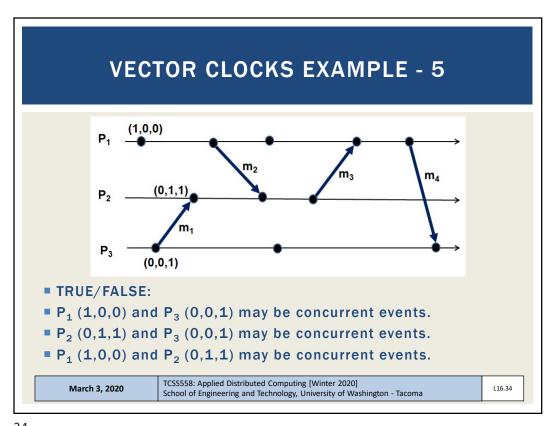
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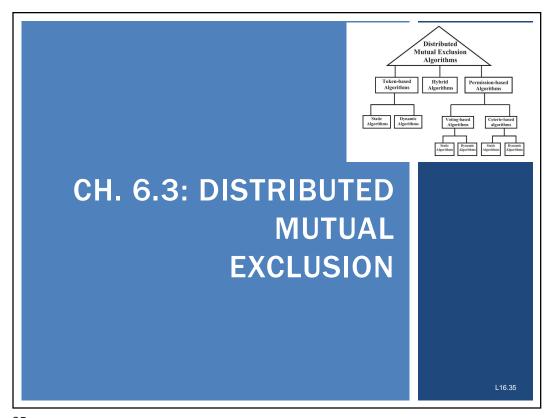


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DISTRIBUTED MUTUAL EXCLUSION ALGORITHMS

- Coordinating access among distributed processes to a shared resource requires Distributed Mutual Exclusion
- Algorithms in 6.3
- Token-ring algorithm
- Permission-based algorithms:
- Centralized algorithm
- Distributed algorithm (Ricart and Agrawala)
- Decentralized voting algorithm (Lin et al.)

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TOKEN-BASED ALGORITHMS

- Mutual exclusion by passing a "token" between nodes
- Nodes often organized in ring
- Only one token, holder has access to shared resource
- Avoids starvation: everyone gets a chance to obtain lock
- Avoids deadlock: easy to avoid

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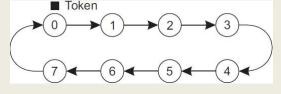
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TOKEN-RING ALGORITHM

- Construct overlay network
- Establish logical ring among nodes



- Single token circulated around the nodes of the network
- Node having token can access shared resource
- If no node accesses resource, token is constantly circulated around ring

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TOKEN-RING CHALLENGES

- 1. If token is lost, token must be regenerated
 - Problem: may accidentally circulate multiple tokens
- 2. Hard to determine if token is lost
 - What is the difference between token being lost and a node holding the token (<u>lock</u>) for a long time?
- 3. When node crashes, circular network route is broken
 - Dead nodes can be detected by adding a receipt message for when the token passes from node-to-node
 - When no receipt is received, node assumed dead
 - Dead process can be "jumped" in the ring

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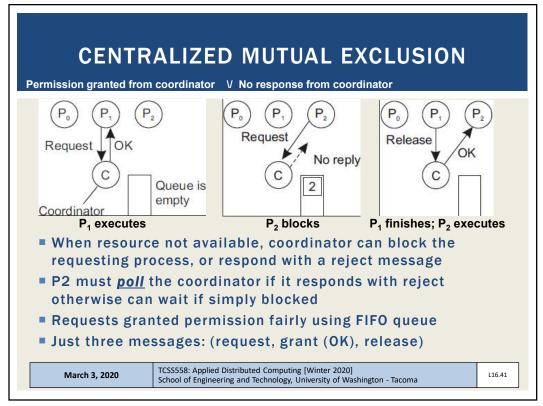
- Permission-based algorithms
- Processes must require permission from other processes before first acquiring access to the resource
 - CONTRAST: Token-ring did not ask nodes for permission
- Centralized algorithm
- Elect a single leader node to coordinate access to shared resource(s)
- Manage mutual exclusion on a distributed system similar to how it mutual exclusion is managed for a single system
- Nodes must all interact with leader to obtain "the lock"

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CENTRALIZED MUTUAL EXCLUSION - 2

- Issues
- Coordinator is a single point of failure
- Processes can't distinguish dead coordinator from "blocking" when resource is unavailable
 - No difference between CRASH and Block (for a long time)
- Large systems, coordinator becomes performance bottleneck
 - Scalability: Performance does not scale
- Benefits
- Simplicity:

Easy to implement compared to distributed alternatives

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DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHM

- Ricart and Agrawala [1981], use total ordering of all events
 - Leverages Lamport logical clocks
- Package up resource request message (AKA Lock Request)
- Send to all nodes
- Include:
 - Name of resource
 - Process number
 - Current (logical) time
- Assume messages are sent reliably
 - No messages are lost

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DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHM - 2

- When each node receives a request message they will:
- 1. Say OK (if the node doesn't need the resource)
- 2. Make no reply, queue request (node is using the resource)
- 3. If node is also waiting to access the resource: perform a timestamp comparison -
 - 1. Send OK if requester has lower logical clock value
 - 2. Make no reply if requester has higher logical clock value
- Nodes sit back and wait for all nodes to grant permission
- Requirement: every node must know the entire membership list of the distributed system

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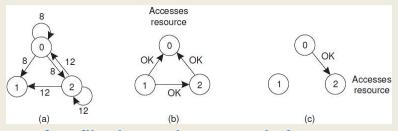
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- Node 0 and Node 2 simultaneously request access to resource
- Node 0's time stamp is lower (8) than Node 2 (12)
- Node 1 and Node 2 grant Node 0 access
- Node 1 is not interested in the resource, it OKs both requests



- In case of conflict, lowest timestamp wins!
 - Node 2 rejects its own request (1@) in favor of node 0 (8)

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CHALLENGES WITH DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHM

- Problem: Algorithm has N points of failure!
- Where N = Number of Nodes in the system
- No Reply Problem: When node is accessing the resource, it does not respond
 - Lack of response can be confused with failure
 - Possible Solution: When node receives request for resource it is accessing, always send a reply either granting or denying permission (ACK)
 - Enables requester to determine when nodes have died

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CHALLENGES WITH DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHM - 2

- Problem: Multicast communication required -or- each node must maintain full group membership
 - Track nodes entering, leaving, crashing...
- Problem: Every process is involved in reaching an agreement to grant access to a shared resource
 - This approach <u>may not scale</u> on resource-constrained systems
- Solution: Can relax total agreement requirement and proceed when a simple majority of nodes grant permission
 - Presumably any one node locking the resource prevents agreement
 - If one node gets majority of acknowledges no other can
 - Requires every node to know size of system (# of nodes)
- Distributed algorithm for mutual exclusion works best for:
 - Small groups of processes
 - When memberships rarely change

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DECENTRALIZED ALGORITHM

- Lin et al. [2004], decentralized voting algorithm
- Resource is replicated N times
- Each replica has its own coordinator ...(N coordinators)
- Accessing resource requires majority vote: total votes (m) > N/2 coordinators
- Assumption #1: When coordinator does not give permission to access a resource (because it is busy) it will inform the requester

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DECENTRALIZED ALGORITHM - 2

- Assumption #2: When a coordinator crashes, it recovers quickly, but will have forgotten votes before the crash.
- Approach assumes coordinators reset <u>arbitrarily</u> at any time
- Risk: on crash, coordinator forgets it previously granted permission to the shared resource, and on recovery it errantly grants permission again
- <u>The Hope</u>: if coordinator crashes, upon recovery, the node granted access to the resource has already finished before the restored coordinator grants access again . . .

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DECENTRALIZED ALGORITHM - 3

- With 99.167% coordinator availability (30 sec downtime/hour) chance of violating correctness is so low it can be neglected in comparison to other types of failure
- Leverages fact that a new node must obtain a majority vote to access resource, which requires time

N	m	p	Violation
8	5	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-15}$
8	6	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-18}$
16	9	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-27}$
16	12	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-36}$
32	17	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-52}$
32	24	3 sec/hour	$< 10^{-73}$

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8	6	30 sec/hour	$< 10^{-11}$
16	9	30 sec/hour	$< 10^{-18}$
16	12	30 sec/hour	$< 10^{-24}$
32	17	30 sec/hour	$< 10^{-35}$
32	24	30 sec/hour	$< 10^{-49}$

N = number of resource replicas, m = required "majority" vote p=seconds per hour coordinator is offline

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DECENTRALIZED ALGORITHM - 4

- Back-off Polling Approach for permission-denied:
- If permission to access a resource is denied via majority vote, process can poll to gain access again with a <u>random</u> delay (known as back-off)
- Node waits for a random amount, retries...
- If too many nodes compete to gain access to a resource, majority vote can lead to low resource utilization
 - No one can achieve majority vote to obtain access to the shared resource
 - Mimics elections where with too many candidates, where no one candidate can get >50% of the total vote
- Problem Solution detailed in [Lin et al. 2014]

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DISTRIBUTED MUTUAL EXCLUSION ALGORITHMS REVIEW

- Which algorithm offers the best scalability to support distributed mutual exclusion in a large distributed system?
- (A) Token-ring algorithm
- (B) Centralized algorithm
- (C) Distributed algorithm
- (D) Decentralized voting algorithm

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DISTRIBUTED MUTUAL EXCLUSION ALGORITHMS REVIEW - 2

- Which algorithm(s) involve blocking when a resource is not available?
- (A) Token-ring algorithm
- (B) Centralized algorithm
- (C) Distributed algorithm
- (D) Decentralized voting algorithm

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DISTRIBUTED MUTUAL EXCLUSION ALGORITHMS REVIEW - 3

- Which algorithm(s) involve arriving at a consensus to determine whether a node should be granted access to a resource?
- (A) Token-ring algorithm
- (B) Centralized algorithm
- (C) Distributed algorithm
- (D) Decentralized voting algorithm

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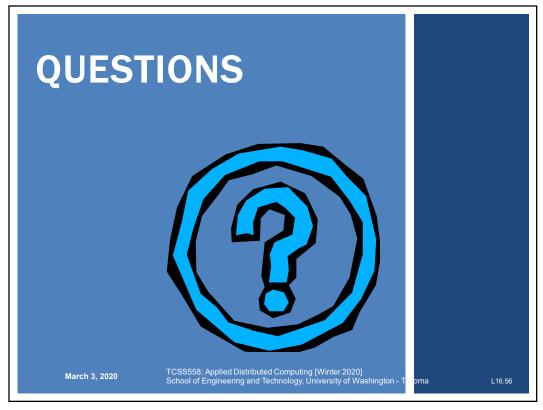
- Which algorithm(s) have N points of failure, where N = Number of Nodes in the system?
- (A) Token-ring algorithm
- (B) Centralized algorithm
- (C) Distributed algorithm
- (D) Decentralized voting algorithm

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