MODULE Broadcast

The specification caputers the DAG base reliable broadcast to disseminate shares over a peer to peer network.

The broadcast enables nodes to know which nodes have reveeived the message by using implicit acknowledgements. The broadcast is not a BFT broadcast. We depend on the higher layers to provide that.

Does this open this broadcast to a DDoS attack? Yes, and our argument remains that p2p network can resist DDoS attacks by other means.

First pass - We assume no processes failures or messages lost.

EXTENDS Naturals, Sequences

CONSTANT

Proc, Set of processes Data, Nbrs

VARIABLES

sent_by,
 Set of messages sent by processes to their neighbours
 recv_by
 Set of messages received by processes

SendTo(m, p) - send message m to neighbour p

 $Message \triangleq [from : Proc, data : Data]$

Sending to self is required as then the message is in the recv list as well.

$$SendTo(m, p) \triangleq \\ \land m.from \notin sent_by[m] \quad \text{Don't send again - we can add decay here} \\ \land \langle m.from, p \rangle \in Nbrs \quad \text{Send only to neighbours} \\ \land sent_by' = [sent_by \text{ EXCEPT } ![m] = @ \cup \{p\}] \\ \land \text{UNCHANGED } \langle recv_by \rangle$$

RecvAt(m, q) - receive message m at q. This can be received from forwards

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 \begin{array}{c} RecvAt(m,\,q) \, \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \\ \qquad \wedge \, \exists \, p \in Proc : p \in sent\_by[m] \\ \qquad \wedge \, q \notin recv\_by[m] \\ \qquad \wedge \, recv\_by' = [recv\_by \, \text{EXCEPT !}[m] = @ \cup \{q\}] \\ \qquad \wedge \, \text{UNCHANGED } \langle sent\_by \rangle \\ \end{array}
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Forward(m, p, q) - forward message m from p to q
   - enabling condition - m has been sent by some process, q has received the message, q is not
   the sender
   - effect - p forwards the message m to its nbrs
Forward(m, p, q) \triangleq
                    \land \exists r \in Proc : r \in sent\_by[m] Some process has sent the message
                                                                         Don't forward to self
                    \land \langle p, q \rangle \in Nbrs
                                                                         Forward only to neighbour
                    \land p \in recv\_by[m]
                                                                 p has received m
                    \wedge sent_by' = [sent_by \text{ except } ![m] = @ \cup \{q\}]
                    \land UNCHANGED \langle recv\_by \rangle
\textit{Next} \; \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \; \exists \; p \in \textit{Proc}, \; q \in \textit{Proc}, \; m \in \textit{Message} :
                   \vee SendTo(m, p)
                   \vee RecvAt(m, p)
                   \vee Forward(m, p, q)
Spec \triangleq \land Init
             \wedge \; \Box [\mathit{Next}]_{\langle sent\_by, \, recv\_by \rangle}
Theorem Spec \Rightarrow \Box TypeInvariant
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