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

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\begin{split} \mathit{Message} \; & \triangleq \; [\mathit{from} : \mathit{Proc}, \, \mathit{data} : \mathit{Data}] \\ \mathit{Init} \; & \triangleq \\ & \land \, \mathit{sent\_by} = [m \in \mathit{Message} \mapsto \{\}] \\ & \land \, \mathit{recv\_by} = [m \in \mathit{Message} \mapsto \{\}] \\ \\ \mathit{TypeInvariant} \; & \triangleq \\ & \land \, \mathit{sent\_by} \in [\mathit{Message} \to \mathit{Proc}] \\ & \land \, \mathit{recv\_by} \in [\mathit{Message} \to \mathit{Proc}] \\ \end{split}
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SendTo(m, p) - send message m to neighbour p
SendTo(m, p) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
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Send $Io(m, p) = \\ \land m.from \neq p \quad \text{Don't send to self} \\ \land m.from \notin sent_by[m] \quad \text{Don't send again - we can add decay here} \\ \land \langle m.from, p \rangle \in Nbrs \quad \text{Send only to neighbours} \\ \land sent_by' = [sent_by \quad \text{EXCEPT} \quad ![m] = @ \cup \{p\}] \\ \land \text{UNCHANGED} \quad \langle recv_by \rangle$

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

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the sender
   - effect - \boldsymbol{p} forwards the message \boldsymbol{m} to its nbrs
Forward(m, p, q) \triangleq
                         \land \, \exists \, r \in \mathit{Proc} : r \in \mathit{sent\_by}[m] \, \, \mathsf{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 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} Init \wedge \Box [Next]_{\langle sent\_by, \, recv\_by \rangle}
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- enabling condition - m has been sent by some process, q has received the message, q is not

Theorem $Spec \Rightarrow \Box TypeInvariant$

Forward(m, p, q) - forward message m from p to q

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