

Project Report: Phase 3 – 2PC & Raft Consensus Implementation

GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/mgm67671/Distributed-Systems>

1. Team & Contributions

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2. Selected Base Implementation (Q0)

The existing distributed online auction platform (Go microservices + Python layered services) was used as the extension target for consensus features. Original business functionality remained untouched.

3. Overview

This project implements:

- Two-Phase Commit (2PC): Voting + Decision phases across 1 coordinator and 4 participants.
- Raft (Simplified): Leader election with randomized timeouts and full-log heartbeats for replication.
- Forwarding: Any node receiving a client request forwards to current leader.
- Five custom Raft test scenarios (Q5) validating fault-tolerance and recovery semantics. All consensus state is in memory (no persistence) and exposed via a lightweight embedded gRPC layer plus an HTTP shim for simplified manual testing.

4. Two-Phase Commit (Q1 & Q2)

- Proto: Custom messages for VoteRequest, VoteReply, Decision (Commit/Abort).
- Voting Phase: Coordinator broadcasts vote-request; participants reply commit or abort.
- Decision Phase: Coordinator aggregates all votes; unanimity -> global-commit else global-abort.
- Logging Format:
 - Client side: Phase <phase_name> of Node <node_id> sends RPC <rpc_name> to Phase <phase_name> of Node <node_id>
 - Server side mirrors format.
- Containerization: 1 coordinator + 4 participants communicating over internal Docker network.

5. Raft Implementation (Q3 & Q4)

5.1 Leader Election

- States: Follower (initial), Candidate, Leader.
- Timeouts: Heartbeat = 1s; Election timeout randomized in [1.5s, 3s].
- Election: Candidate increments term, votes for self, requests votes. Majority => Leader.

- RPC Logging:
 - Client: Node <id> sends RPC <rpc_name> to Node <id>
 - Server: Node <id> runs RPC <rpc_name> called by Node <caller_id>

5.2 Log Replication

- Each client operation appended to leader log with (operation, term, index).
- Heartbeats send entire log + committed index c (simplified full snapshot approach).
- Followers replace local pending state with leader snapshot; ACK appended entries.
- Leader commits operations after majority ACK, increments c, applies locally, followers apply up to c.
- Forwarding: Non-leader node calls leader via stored connection map; returns leader response.

5.3 Unusual Simplifications

- Full-log broadcast each heartbeat (not incremental diff) to reduce complexity.
- In-memory only; no stable storage or log truncation.
- Direct index majority counting for commit rather than per-follower match indices.

6. Test Cases (Q5)

Five scenarios were designed, executed, and screenshotted. Replace filenames below with actual captured images placed in Screenshots/.

Test	Objective	Method	Result Evidence
1	Leader crash & re-election	Stop active leader container	New leader elected quickly
2	Split vote resolution	Restart multiple nodes simultaneously	Competing candidates; eventual single leader
3	Follower forwarding	Send client request to non-leader HTTP shim	Forward log line + leader commit
4	Node rejoin & catch-up	Stop follower; issue ops; restart	Rejoined node applies missed ops
5	Partition & recovery	Pause leader; observe new election; unpause	Old leader reverts; consistent log maintained

6.1 Screenshots

All screenshot files are stored under Screenshots/. Ensure filenames below match the actual PNGs before PDF export.

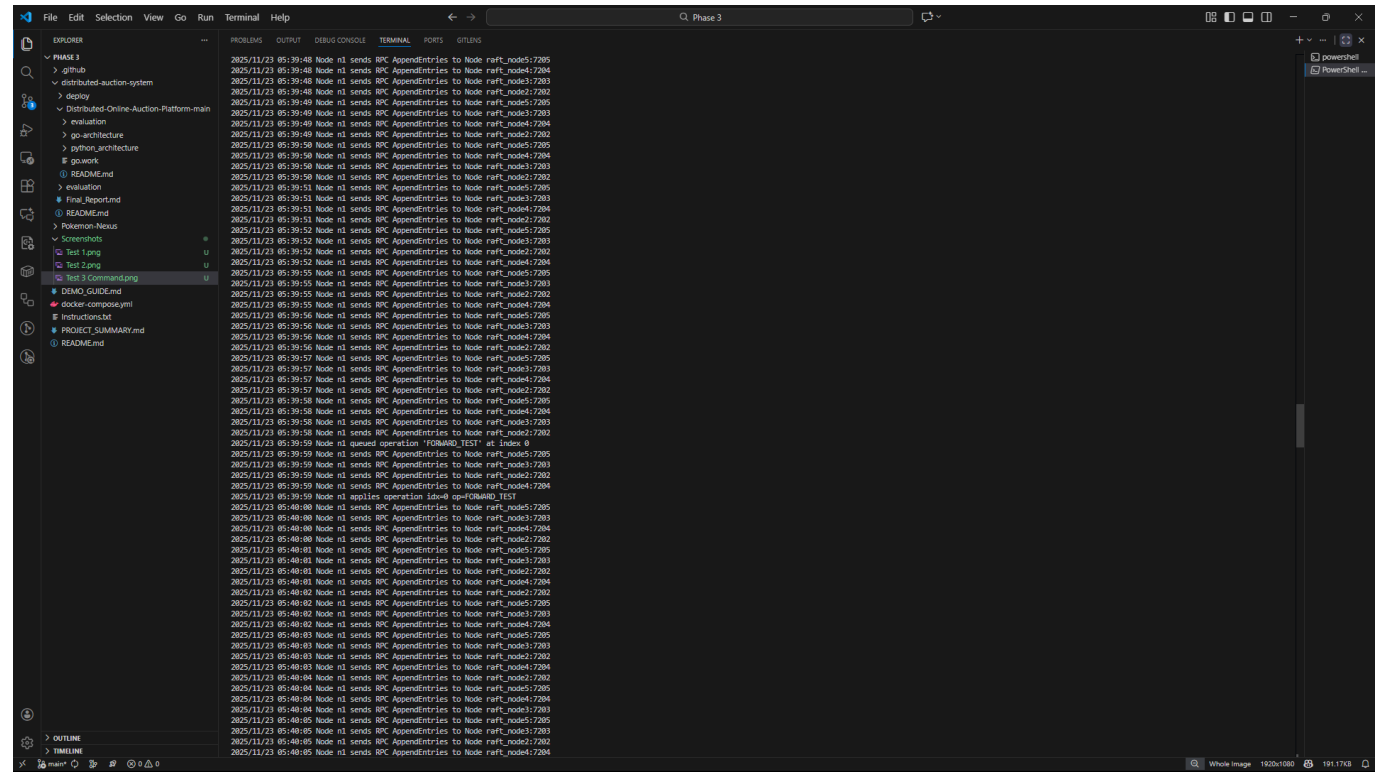
Test 1 – Leader Crash & Re-election



Caption: Concurrent candidacies followed by eventual single leader stabilization.

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The image shows a Visual Studio Code editor window with a terminal pane at the bottom. The terminal displays a log of RPC AppendEntries calls between a client and a node. The log is organized into columns: PROBLEMS, OUTPUT, DEBUG CONSOLE, TERMINAL, PORTS, and GITLENS. The main content of the terminal is a list of log entries, each starting with a timestamp (e.g., 2025/11/23 05:39:32) and a message (e.g., Node n3 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1). The log entries are repeated for various nodes (n1, n2, n3, n4, n5, n6, n7, n8, n9, n10, n11, n12, n13, n14, n15, n16, n17, n18, n19, n20, n21, n22, n23, n24, n25, n26, n27, n28, n29, n30, n31, n32, n33, n34, n35, n36, n37, n38, n39, n40, n41, n42, n43, n44, n45, n46, n47, n48, n49, n50, n51, n52, n53, n54, n55, n56, n57, n58, n59, n60, n61, n62, n63, n64, n65, n66, n67, n68, n69, n70, n71, n72, n73, n74, n75, n76, n77, n78, n79, n80, n81, n82, n83, n84, n85, n86, n87, n88, n89, n90, n91, n92, n93, n94, n95, n96, n97, n98, n99, n100, n101, n102, n103, n104, n105, n106, n107, n108, n109, n110, n111, n112, n113, n114, n115, n116, n117, n118, n119, n120, n121, n122, n123, n124, n125, n126, n127, n128, n129, n130, n131, n132, n133, n134, n135, n136, n137, n138, n139, n140, n141, n142, n143, n144, n145, n146, n147, n148, n149, n150, n151, n152, n153, n154, n155, n156, n157, n158, n159, n160, n161, n162, n163, n164, n165, n166, n167, n168, n169, n170, n171, n172, n173, n174, n175, n176, n177, n178, n179, n180, n181, n182, n183, n184, n185, n186, n187, n188, n189, n190, n191, n192, n193, n194, n195, n196, n197, n198, n199, n200, n201, n202, n203, n204, n205, n206, n207, n208, n209, n210, n211, n212, n213, n214, n215, n216, n217, n218, n219, n220, n221, n222, n223, n224, n225, n226, n227, n228, n229, n230, n231, n232, n233, n234, n235, n236, n237, n238, n239, n240, n241, n242, n243, n244, n245, n246, n247, n248, n249, n250, n251, n252, n253, n254, n255, n256, n257, n258, n259, n260, n261, n262, n263, n264, n265, n266, n267, n268, n269, n270, n271, n272, n273, n274, n275, n276, n277, n278, n279, n280, n281, n282, n283, n284, n285, n286, n287, n288, n289, n290, n291, n292, n293, n294, n295, n296, n297, n298, n299, n300, n301, n302, n303, n304, n305, n306, n307, n308, n309, n310, n311, n312, n313, n314, n315, n316, n317, n318, n319, n320, n321, n322, n323, n324, n325, n326, n327, n328, n329, n330, n331, n332, n333, n334, n335, n336, n337, n338, n339, n340, n341, n342, n343, n344, n345, n346, n347, n348, n349, n350, n351, n352, n353, n354, n355, n356, n357, n358, n359, n360, n361, n362, n363, n364, n365, n366, n367, n368, n369, n370, n371, n372, n373, n374, n375, n376, n377, n378, n379, n380, n381, n382, n383, n384, n385, n386, n387, n388, n389, n390, n391, n392, n393, n394, n395, n396, n397, n398, n399, n400, n401, n402, n403, n404, n405, n406, n407, n408, n409, n410, n411, n412, n413, n414, n415, n416, n417, n418, n419, n420, n421, n422, n423, n424, n425, n426, n427, n428, n429, n430, n431, n432, n433, n434, n435, n436, n437, n438, n439, n440, n441, n442, n443, n444, n445, n446, n447, n448, n449, n450, n451, n452, n453, n454, n455, n456, n457, n458, n459, n460, n461, n462, n463, n464, n465, n466, n467, n468, n469, n470, n471, n472, n473, n474, n475, n476, n477, n478, n479, n480, n481, n482, n483, n484, n485, n486, n487, n488, n489, n490, n491, n492, n493, n494, n495, n496, n497, n498, n499, n500, n501, n502, n503, n504, n505, n506, n507, n508, n509, n510, n511, n512, n513, n514, n515, n516, n517, n518, n519, n520, n521, n522, n523, n524, n525, n526, n527, n528, n529, n530, n531, n532, n533, n534, n535, n536, n537, n538, n539, n540, n541, n542, n543, n544, n545, n546, n547, n548, n549, n550, n551, n552, n553, n554, n555, n556, n557, n558, n559, n560, n561, n562, n563, n564, n565, n566, n567, n568, n569, n570, n571, n572, n573, n574, n575, n576, n577, n578, n579, n580, n581, n582, n583, n584, n585, n586, n587, n588, n589, n590, n591, n592, n593, n594, n595, n596, n597, n598, n599, n600, n601, n602, n603, n604, n605, n606, n607, n608, n609, n610, n611, n612, n613, n614, n615, n616, n617, n618, n619, n620, n621, n622, n623, n624, n625, n626, n627, n628, n629, n630, n631, n632, n633, n634, n635, n636, n637, n638, n639, n640, n641, n642, n643, n644, n645, n646, n647, n648, n649, n650, n651, n652, n653, n654, n655, n656, n657, n658, n659, n660, n661, n662, n663, n664, n665, n666, n667, n668, n669, n670, n671, n672, n673, n674, n675, n676, n677, n678, n679, n680, n681, n682, n683, n684, n685, n686, n687, n688, n689, n690, n691, n692, n693, n694, n695, n696, n697, n698, n699, n700, n701, n702, n703, n704, n705, n706, n707, n708, n709, n710, n711, n712, n713, n714, n715, n716, n717, n718, n719, n720, n721, n722, n723, n724, n725, n726, n727, n728, n729, n730, n731, n732, n733, n734, n735, n736, n737, n738, n739, n740, n741, n742, n743, n744, n745, n746, n747, n748, n749, n750, n751, n752, n753, n754, n755, n756, n757, n758, n759, n760, n761, n762, n763, n764, n765, n766, n767, n768, n769, n770, n771, n772, n773, n774, n775, n776, n777, n778, n779, n780, n781, n782, n783, n784, n785, n786, n787, n788, n789, n790, n791, n792, n793, n794, n795, n796, n797, n798, n799, n800, n801, n802, n803, n804, n8



Caption: Request sent to follower, forwarding RPC logged, leader appends and applies operation cluster-wide.

Test 4 – Node Rejoin & Log Sync

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2025/11/23 05:43:27 Node n5 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1
2025/11/23 05:44:27 Raft node n5 follower term=0 listening on 7205 peers=[raft_node1:7201 raft_node2:7202 raft_node3:7203 raft_node4:7204]
2025/11/23 05:44:27 Raft node n5 HTTP sha listening on 7205
2025/11/23 05:44:28 Node n5 sends RPC RequestVote to Node (broadcast) term=1
2025/11/23 05:44:28 Node n5 sends RPC RequestVote to Node raft_node2:7203
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2025/11/23 05:44:28 Node n5 sends RPC RequestVote to Node raft_node1:7201
2025/11/23 05:44:28 Node n5 sends RPC RequestVote to Node raft_node1:7204
2025/11/23 05:44:29 Node n5 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1
2025/11/23 05:44:29 Node n5 applies operation id=0 op=FORWARD_TEST
2025/11/23 05:44:29 Node n5 applies operation id=1 op=OP_A
2025/11/23 05:44:29 Node n5 applies operation id=2 op=OP_B
2025/11/23 05:44:29 Node n5 applies operation id=3 op=OP_C
2025/11/23 05:44:30 Node n5 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1
2025/11/23 05:44:31 Node n5 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1
PS C:\Users\vaigt\OneDrive\Desktop\School\ Distributed Systems\Phase 3> docker stop phase3-raft_node5-1
phase3-raft_node5-1
accepted committed_index index message
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True 3 4 queued

PS C:\Users\vaigt\OneDrive\Desktop\School\ Distributed Systems\Phase 3> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "http://localhost:7201/client_request" -Method Post -Body '{"operation":"TOP_B"}' -ContentType "application/json"
accepted committed_index index message
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True 4 5 queued

PS C:\Users\vaigt\OneDrive\Desktop\School\ Distributed Systems\Phase 3> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "http://localhost:7201/client_request" -Method Post -Body '{"operation":"OP_C"}' -ContentType "application/json"
accepted committed_index index message
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True 5 6 queued

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PS C:\Users\vaigt\OneDrive\Desktop\School\ Distributed Systems\Phase 3>

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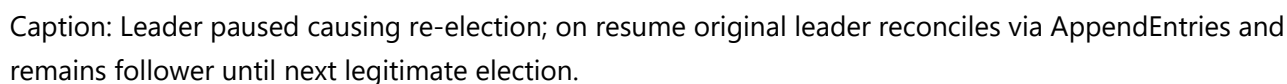
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2025/11/23 05:45:19 Raft node n5 HTTP sha listening on 7205 peers=[raft_node1:7201 raft_node2:7202 raft_node3:7203 raft_node4:7204]
2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=0 op=FORWARD_TEST
2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=1 op=OP_A
2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=2 op=OP_B
2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=3 op=OP_C
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2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=5 op=OP_B
2025/11/23 05:46:00 Node n5 applies operation id=6 op=OP_C
2025/11/23 05:46:01 Node n5 runs RPC AppendEntries called by Node n1
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PS C:\Users\vaigt\OneDrive\Desktop\School\ Distributed Systems\Phase 3>

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Caption: Operations issued while node offline; upon restart node receives snapshot and applies missed entries.

Test 5 – Partition & Recovery



Refer to [README.md](#) for full build and run instructions. High-level:

PowerShell alternative:

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