

MODULE *UniversalPaxosStoreQuorum*

Specification of the consensus protocol in *PaxosStore*.

See [*PaxosStore@VLDB2017*](<https://www.vldb.org/pvldb/vol10/p1730-lin.pdf>) by Tencent.

In this version (adopted from “*PaxosStore.tla*”):

- Client-restricted config (Ballot)
 - *Message* types (*i.e.*, “Prepare”, “Accept”, “ACK”) are deleted. No state flags (such as “Prepare”, “Wait-Prepare”, “Accept”, “Wait-Accept”) are needed. – Choose value from a quorum in *Accept*.

EXTENDS *Integers*, *FiniteSets*

$Max(m, n) \triangleq \text{IF } m > n \text{ THEN } m \text{ ELSE } n$
 $Injective(f) \triangleq \forall a, b \in \text{DOMAIN } f : (a \neq b) \Rightarrow (f[a] \neq f[b])$

CONSTANTS

Participant, the set of participants
Value the set of possible input values for *Participant* to propose

$None \triangleq \text{CHOOSE } b : b \notin \text{Value}$
 $NP \triangleq \text{Cardinality}(\text{Participant})$ number of $p \in \text{Participants}$

$Quorum \triangleq \{Q \in \text{SUBSET } Participant : \text{Cardinality}(Q) * 2 \geq NP + 1\}$

ASSUME $QuorumAssumption \triangleq$
 $\wedge \forall Q \in Quorum : Q \subseteq Participant$
 $\wedge \forall Q1, Q2 \in Quorum : Q1 \cap Q2 \neq \{\}$

$Ballot \triangleq Nat$

$PIndex \triangleq \text{CHOOSE } f \in [Participant \rightarrow 1..NP] : Injective(f)$
 $Bals(p) \triangleq \{b \in Ballot : b \% NP = PIndex[p] - 1\}$ allocate ballots for each $p \in Participant$

$State \triangleq [maxBal : Ballot \cup \{-1\},$
 $maxVVal : Value \cup \{None\}]$

$InitState \triangleq [maxBal \mapsto -1, maxVVal \mapsto -1, maxVVal \mapsto None]$

For simplicity, in this specification, we choose to send the complete state of a participant each time. When receiving such a message, the participant processes only the “partial” state it needs.

$Message \triangleq [from : Participant, to : \text{SUBSET } Participant, state : [Participant \rightarrow State]]$

VARIABLES

state, $state[p][q]$: the state of $q \in Participant$ from the view of $p \in Participant$
msgs the set of messages that have been sent

$vars \triangleq \langle state, msgs \rangle$

$TypeOK \triangleq$
 $\wedge state \in [Participant \rightarrow [Participant \rightarrow State]]$

$$\wedge \quad msgs \subseteq Message$$

$$Send(m) \triangleq msgs' = msgs \cup \{m\}$$

Init \triangleq

$$\wedge state = [p \in Participant \mapsto [q \in Participant \mapsto InitState]]$$

$$\wedge msgs = \{\}$$

p $\in Participant$ starts the prepare phase by issuing a ballot *b* $\in Ballot$.

Prepare(*p*, *b*) \triangleq

$$\wedge state[p][p].maxBal < b$$

$$\wedge b \in Bals(p)$$

$$\wedge state' = [state \text{ EXCEPT } ![p][p].maxBal = b]$$

$$\wedge Send([from \mapsto p, to \mapsto Participant, state \mapsto state'[p]])$$

q $\in Participant$ updates its own state *state*[*q*] according to the actual state *pp* of *p* $\in Participant$ extracted from a message *m* $\in Message$ it receives. This is called by *OnMessage*(*q*).

Note: *pp* is *m.state*[*p*]; it may not be equal to *state*[*p*][*p*] at the time *UpdateState* is called.

UpdateState(*q*, *p*, *pp*) \triangleq

$$state' = [state \text{ EXCEPT}$$

$$![q][p].maxBal = Max(@, pp.maxBal),$$

$$![q][p].maxVVal = Max(@, pp.maxVVal),$$

$$![q][p].maxVVal = \text{IF } state[q][p].maxVVal < pp.maxVVal$$

$$\text{ THEN } pp.maxVVal \text{ ELSE } @,$$

$$![q][q].maxBal = Max(@, pp.maxBal),$$

$$![q][q].maxVVal = \text{IF } state[q][q].maxBal \leq pp.maxVVal$$

$$\text{ THEN } pp.maxVVal \text{ ELSE } @, \text{ make promise}$$

$$![q][q].maxVVal = \text{IF } state[q][q].maxBal \leq pp.maxVVal$$

$$\text{ THEN } pp.maxVVal \text{ ELSE } @] \text{ accept}$$

q $\in Participant$ receives and processes a message in *Message*.

OnMessage(*q*) \triangleq

$$\exists m \in msgs :$$

$$\wedge q \in m.to$$

$$\wedge \text{LET } p \triangleq m.from$$

$$\text{ IN } UpdateState(q, p, m.state[p])$$

$$\wedge \text{IF } \vee m.state[q].maxBal < state'[q][q].maxBal$$

$$\vee m.state[q].maxVVal < state'[q][q].maxVVal$$

$$\text{ THEN } Send([from \mapsto q, to \mapsto \{m.from\}, state \mapsto state'[q]])$$

$$\text{ ELSE UNCHANGED } msgs$$

p $\in Participant$ starts the accept phase by issuing the ballot *b* $\in Ballot$ with value *v* $\in Value$.

Accept(*p*, *b*, *v*) \triangleq

$$\wedge b \in Bals(p)$$

$$\wedge state[p][p].maxVVal \neq b$$

$$\wedge \exists Q \in Quorum : \text{pick the value from the quorum}$$

$$\wedge \forall q \in Q : state[p][q].maxBal = b$$

$$\wedge \forall q \in Q : state[p][q].maxVVal = -1 \text{ free to pick its own value}$$

