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1  ┌────────────────────────── MODULE dao ───────────────────────────┐
2  EXTENDS TLC, Integers, Sequences
3  CONSTANT BALANCE, AMOUNT

5  --algorithm Dao_Attack{
6  variable attack = 3,
7     bankBalance = BALANCE,
8     malloryBalance = 0;

10 define {
11   SafeWithdrawal  $\triangleq$ 
12      $\vee \textit{bankBalance} = \textit{BALANCE} \wedge \textit{malloryBalance} = 0$ 
13      $\vee \textit{bankBalance} = \textit{BALANCE} \wedge \textit{malloryBalance} = \textit{AMOUNT}$ 
14      $\vee \textit{bankBalance} = \textit{BALANCE} - \textit{AMOUNT} \wedge \textit{malloryBalance} = \textit{AMOUNT}$  }

16 procedure BankWithdraw( amount ) {
17   CheckBalance: check if Mallory has sufficient balance
18   if ( bankBalance < amount ) return;
19   DispenseAmount: dispense Mallory the amount
20   call MallorySendMoney(amount);
21   FinishWithdraw: update Mallory's bankBalance
22   bankBalance := bankBalance - amount;
23   return; }

25 procedure MallorySendMoney( amount ) {
26   Receive:
27     malloryBalance := malloryBalance + amount;
28   if ( attack > 0 ) {
29     attack := attack - 1; avoid infinite stack; don't run out of gas
30     call BankWithdraw(amount); } ; cheating!doublecalling withdraw
31   FC: return; }

33 fair process ( blockchain = "blockchain" ) {
34   Transact: Mallory calls Bank to withdraw AMOUNT from her bankBalance
35   call BankWithdraw(AMOUNT); }

37 }
38 BEGIN TRANSLATION
39 Parameter amount of procedure BankWithdraw at line 16 col 24 changed to amount_
40 CONSTANT defaultInitValue
41 VARIABLES attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance, pc, stack

43 define statement
44 SafeWithdrawal  $\triangleq$ 
45    $\vee \textit{bankBalance} = \textit{BALANCE} \wedge \textit{malloryBalance} = 0$ 
46    $\vee \textit{bankBalance} = \textit{BALANCE} \wedge \textit{malloryBalance} = \textit{AMOUNT}$ 
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49  VARIABLES  $amount\_$ ,  $amount$ 

51   $vars \triangleq \langle attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance, pc, stack, amount\_ , amount \rangle$ 

53   $ProcSet \triangleq \{ \text{"blockchain"} \}$ 

55   $Init \triangleq$  Global variables
56       $\wedge attack = 3$ 
57       $\wedge bankBalance = BALANCE$ 
58       $\wedge malloryBalance = 0$ 
59      Procedure BankWithdraw
60       $\wedge amount\_ = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto defaultInitValue]$ 
61      Procedure MallorySendMoney
62       $\wedge amount = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto defaultInitValue]$ 
63       $\wedge stack = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto \langle \rangle]$ 
64       $\wedge pc = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto \text{"Transact"}]$ 

66   $CheckBalance(self) \triangleq$   $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"CheckBalance"}$ 
67       $\wedge$  IF  $bankBalance < amount\_ [self]$ 
68          THEN  $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).pc]$ 
69               $\wedge amount\_ ' = [amount\_ \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).amount\_ ]$ 
70               $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Tail(stack[self])]$ 
71          ELSE  $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"DispenseAmount"}]$ 
72               $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle stack, amount\_ \rangle$ 
73       $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance,$ 
74           $amount \rangle$ 

76   $DispenseAmount(self) \triangleq$   $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"DispenseAmount"}$ 
77       $\wedge \wedge amount' = [amount \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = amount\_ [self]]$ 
78       $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \langle [procedure \mapsto \text{"MallorySendMoney"},$ 
79           $pc \mapsto \text{"FinishWithdraw"},$ 
80           $amount \mapsto amount[self]] \rangle$ 
81           $\circ stack[self]]$ 
82       $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"Receive"}]$ 
83       $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance,$ 
84           $amount\_ \rangle$ 

86   $FinishWithdraw(self) \triangleq$   $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"FinishWithdraw"}$ 
87       $\wedge bankBalance' = bankBalance - amount\_ [self]$ 
88       $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).pc]$ 
89       $\wedge amount\_ ' = [amount\_ \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).amount\_ ]$ 
90       $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Tail(stack[self])]$ 
91       $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle attack, malloryBalance, amount \rangle$ 

93   $BankWithdraw(self) \triangleq CheckBalance(self) \vee DispenseAmount(self)$ 
94       $\vee FinishWithdraw(self)$ 

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96 Receive(self)  $\triangleq$   $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"Receive"}$ 
97  $\wedge malloryBalance' = malloryBalance + amount[self]$ 
98  $\wedge \text{IF } attack > 0$ 
99  $\text{ THEN } \wedge attack' = attack - 1$ 
100  $\wedge \wedge amount\_ = [amount\_ \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = amount[self]]$ 
101  $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \langle [procedure \mapsto \text{"BankWithdraw"},$ 
102  $pc \mapsto \text{"FC"},$ 
103  $amount\_ \mapsto amount\_ [self]] \rangle$ 
104  $\circ stack[self]]$ 
105  $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CheckBalance"}]$ 
106  $\text{ ELSE } \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"FC"}]$ 
107  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle attack, stack, amount\_ \rangle$ 
108  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle bankBalance, amount \rangle$ 

110 FC(self)  $\triangleq$   $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"FC"}$ 
111  $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).pc]$ 
112  $\wedge amount' = [amount \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Head(stack[self]).amount]$ 
113  $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Tail(stack[self])]$ 
114  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance, amount\_ \rangle$ 

116 MallorySendMoney(self)  $\triangleq$  Receive(self)  $\vee$  FC(self)

118 Transact  $\triangleq$   $\wedge pc[\text{"blockchain"}] = \text{"Transact"}$ 
119  $\wedge \wedge amount\_ = [amount\_ \text{ EXCEPT } ![\text{"blockchain"}] = AMOUNT]$ 
120  $\wedge stack' = [stack \text{ EXCEPT } ![\text{"blockchain"}] = \langle [procedure \mapsto \text{"BankWithdraw"},$ 
121  $pc \mapsto \text{"Done"},$ 
122  $amount\_ \mapsto amount\_ [\text{"blockchain"}]] \rangle$ 
123  $\circ stack[\text{"blockchain"}]]$ 
124  $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![\text{"blockchain"}] = \text{"CheckBalance"}]$ 
125  $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle attack, bankBalance, malloryBalance, amount \rangle$ 

127 blockchain  $\triangleq$  Transact

129 Next  $\triangleq$  blockchain
130  $\vee (\exists self \in ProcSet : \vee BankWithdraw(self)$ 
131  $\vee MallorySendMoney(self))$ 
132  $\vee$  Disjunct to prevent deadlock on termination
133  $((\forall self \in ProcSet : pc[self] = \text{"Done"}) \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } vars)$ 

135 Spec  $\triangleq$   $\wedge Init \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars}$ 
136  $\wedge \wedge WF_{vars}(blockchain)$ 
137  $\wedge WF_{vars}(BankWithdraw(\text{"blockchain"}))$ 
138  $\wedge WF_{vars}(MallorySendMoney(\text{"blockchain"}))$ 

140 Termination  $\triangleq$   $\Diamond (\forall self \in ProcSet : pc[self] = \text{"Done"})$ 

142 END TRANSLATION

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$SafeWithdrawal1 \triangleq$

$\vee accountAlice = BALANCE \wedge accountBob = 0$

$\vee accountAlice = BALANCE - AMOUNT \wedge accountBob = AMOUNT$

This was too restrictive, because updating of both *Alice*'s and Bob's accounts do not happen atomically.

$\wedge accountAlice = 12$

$\wedge accountBob = 5$

$\wedge accountTotal = 12$

$\wedge amount = [blockchain \mapsto 5]$

$\wedge amount_ = [blockchain \mapsto 5]$

$\wedge pc = [blockchain \mapsto \text{"CheckBalance"}]$

$\wedge stack = [blockchain \mapsto \langle [pc \mapsto \text{"FinishAlice2"}, amount_ \mapsto 5, procedure \mapsto \text{"withdrawFromAlice"}], [pc \mapsto \text{"Done"}, amount_ \mapsto defaultInitValue, procedure \mapsto \text{"withdrawFromAlice"}] \rangle]$

after Bob got money, but before it was subtracted from *Alice*'s account, the *SafeWithdrawal1* broke. So I need to relax this.

Yes, TLA found the double-spending!!!

$\wedge accountAlice = 12$

$\wedge accountBob = 10$

$\wedge accountTotal = 12$

$\wedge amount = [blockchain \mapsto 5]$

$\wedge amount_ = [blockchain \mapsto 5]$

$\wedge pc = [blockchain \mapsto \text{"CheckBalance"}]$

$\wedge stack = [blockchain \mapsto \langle [pc \mapsto \text{"FinishAlice2"}, amount_ \mapsto 5, procedure \mapsto \text{"withdrawFromAlice"}], [pc \mapsto \text{"FinishAlice2"}, amount_ \mapsto 5, procedure \mapsto \text{"withdrawFromAlice"}], [pc \mapsto \text{"Done"}, amount_ \mapsto defaultInitValue, procedure \mapsto \text{"withdrawFromAlice"}] \rangle]$

Bob's account got 10! Double withdrawal. Even if I make *Alice*'s account subtraction line 25 come before *sendMoney*, I would have the same double withdrawal problem!

$\backslash * \text{assert } accountAlice \geq BALANCE - AMOUNT;$

function *withdraw*(*uint amount*){

client = *msg.sender*;

if (*balance*[*client*] \geq *amount*){

if (*client.call.sendMoney*(*amount*)){*balance*[*client*] = *amount*;

}}

function *sendMoney*(*unit amount*){

victim = *msg.sender*;

balance + = *amount*;

victim.withdraw(*amount*)

}