Operating System Project

An implementation of server-client database using non-blocking operations

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Multithreaded Server

We selected a multi-threaded server as :

- Allows to access same data structure
- light weight as compared to multi-process server
- easier to implement



To use Mutex or not to use Mutex

Our lock-free implementation allowed us not to use Mutex

- No need to prioritize read or write operations
- No dreadlock problems
- All clients have the same right to access the data structure at any time



non-blocking operations

Non-blocking operations use atomic operations allowing to perform several action at each clock cycle

As the actions are perform in one cycle it is not crucial to wait for the operation to be completed

In c atomic operations functionnality such as CompareAndSet can be done by "stealing" a bit from a pointer using bit-wise operators to extract the pointer and the mark from a single word

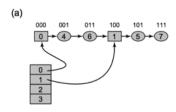
Swap values exemple

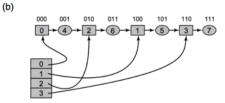


Reversed Split-Ordered Hash-Set

This implementation offers a rapid access to the data but might require slightly more memory that other data-structure

- Buckets are linked to a stack as the list grows supplemental buckets references are added so that buckets is keep small
- Require to set up sentinel bucket in order to avoid "corner case" that occurs when deleting a reference by a bucket reference
- The sentinel bucket is never deleted

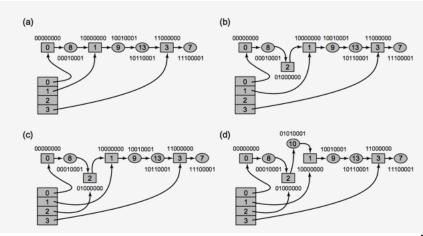






Operation add in this Hash-Set

Scheme of the procedure that add the key 10 to the lock-free hash-set





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Program Basic Usage

Server usage		
TCP Port	5000 (can be changed in file)	
.\server	server start	

Client Start		
.\client <server address="" ip=""></server>	client start	
.\client -option <server address="" ip=""></server>	client start with options	



Client Usage and Commands

Client Special Starts		
-?		
-h		
help	client command help	
-f <file></file>		
file <file></file>	client start and execute commands in the file	
-F <file1> <filen> files <file1> <filen></filen></file1></filen></file1>	client start and execute commands in the files	

Commands in interactive GUI		
add <value> or add <key> <value></value></key></value>	add a value to the database	
Is	list content (unordered)	
read_v <key></key>	read value from key	
read_k <value></value>	read key from value	
rm_v <key></key>	delete value from key	
rm_k <value></value>	delete value from key	
update_kv <value> <newvalue></newvalue></value>	update an entry	



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Demo

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Tests scenarios

We tested the following scenarios:

- Collisions scenario: Operations that can collide (a client delete a value before another access it)
- No-Collisions scenario: Operations that are order so that no collision can occurs
- Many client : several client with similar scenario as no-collisions



Collision scenario

We tested 11 clients and 28 commands (308 operations in total)

	Add	Read	Delete
Number of errors	0	22	0
Percentage of er- rors	0%	7.14%	0%



No-collision scenario

We tested 8 clients and 2700 commands (21600 operations in total)

	Add	Read	Delete
Number of errors	0	0	0
Percentage of er- rors	0%	0%	0%



Many clients scenario

We tested 32 clients and 300 commands (9600 operations in total)

	Add	Read	Delete
Number of errors	0	0	0
Percentage of er- rors	0%	0%	0%

This last test required more time than the previous one despite it has half less operations



Thank you for your attention!

