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Concurrency is not Parallelism

Concurrency: composition of independently executing processes.

Parallelism: simultaneous execution of (possibly related) computations.

Concurrency is about dealing with lots of things at once.

Parallelism is about doing lots of things at once.

Prologue: Goroutines for State



```
state := 0
for {
    c := readChar()
    switch state {
    case 0:
        if c != '"' {
           return false
        state = 1
    case 1:
        if c == '"' {
           return true
        if c == '\\' {
          state = 2
        } else {
           state = 1
    case 2:
        state = 1
```

```
state := 0
                                       state := 0
for {
                                       for {
    c := readChar()
    switch state {
                                           switch state {
    case 0:
                                           case 0:
                                               c := readChar()
                                               if c != '"' {
        if c != '"' {
           return false
                                                   return false
        state = 1
                                               state = 1
    case 1:
                                           case 1:
                                               c := readChar()
                                               if c == '"' {
        if c == '"' {
            return true
                                                  return true
        if c == '\\' {
                                               if c == '\\' {
            state = 2
                                                   state = 2
        } else {
                                               } else {
            state = 1
                                                   state = 1
                                           case 2:
    case 2:
                                               readChar()
        state = 1
                                               state = 1
```

```
state := 0
for {
    switch state {
    case 0:
                                           state0:
        c := readChar()
                                               c := readChar()
        if c != '"' {
                                               if c != '"' {
            return false
                                                   return false
        state = 1
                                               goto state1
    case 1:
                                           state1:
        c := readChar()
                                               c := readChar()
        if c == '"' {
                                               if c == '"' {
            return true
                                                   return true
        if c == '\\' {
                                               if c == '\\' {
                                                   goto state2
            state = 2
                                               } else {
        } else {
            state = 1
                                                   goto state1
                                           state2:
    case 2:
        readChar()
                                               readChar()
        state = 1
                                               goto state1
```

```
state0:
                                       state0:
    c := readChar()
                                           c := readChar()
    if c != '"' {
                                           if c != '"' {
        return false
                                               return false
    goto state1
state1:
                                       state1:
    c := readChar()
                                           c := readChar()
                                           if c == '"' {
    if c == '"' {
        return true
                                               return true
    if c == '\\' {
                                           if c == '\\' {
       goto state2
                                               goto state2
    } else {
                                           } else {
        goto state1
                                               goto state1
                                       state2:
state2:
    readChar()
                                           readChar()
    goto state1
                                           goto state1
```

```
state0:
                                    state0:
    c := readChar()
                                        c := readChar()
    if c != '"' {
                                        if c != '"' {
        return false
                                            return false
                                        }
state1:
                                    state1:
    c := readChar()
                                        c := readChar()
    if c == '"' {
                                        if c == '"' {
                                            return true
        return true
    if c == '\\' {
                                        if c == '\\' {
        goto state2
                                            readChar()
    } else {
                                            goto state1
        goto state1
                                        } else {
                                            goto state1
state2:
    readChar()
    goto state1
```

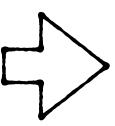
```
state0:
                                   state0:
    c := readChar()
                                        c := readChar()
    if c != '"' {
                                        if c != '"' {
        return false
                                            return false
                                   state1:
state1:
    c := readChar()
                                        c := readChar()
                                        if c == '"' {
    if c == '"' {
                                            return true
        return true
                                        if c == '\\' {
    if c == '\\' {
        readChar()
                                            readChar()
        goto state1
    } else {
                                        goto state1
        goto state1
```

state0:

```
c := readChar()
if c != '"' {
    return false
}
```

state1:

```
c := readChar()
if c == '"' {
    return true
}
if c == '\\' {
    readChar()
}
goto state1
```



```
c := readChar()
if c != '"' {
    return false
}
```

```
for {
    c := readChar()
    if c == '"' {
        return true
    }
    if c == '\\' {
        readChar()
    }
}
```

```
c := readChar()
if c != '"' {
                                   if readChar() != '"' {
                                       return false
   return false
for {
                                   var c rune
    c := readChar()
                                   for c != '"' {
    if c == '"' {
                                       c := readChar()
                                       if c == '\\' {
        return true
                                           readChar()
    if c == '\\' {
        readChar()
                                   return true
```

```
if readChar() != '"' {
    return false
inEscape := false
for {
                                        var c rune
   c := readChar()
    if inEscape {
        inEscape = false
        continue
    if c == '"' {
        return true
                                        return true
    if c == '\\' {
        inEscape = true
```

```
if readChar() != '"' {
    return false
for c != '"' {
    c := readChar()
    if c == '\\' {
        readChar()
```

```
func readString(readChar func() rune) bool {
state==0 → if readChar() != '"' {
                  return false
              }
              var c rune
              for c != '"' {
state==1 \rightarrow c := readChar() \leftarrow inEscape==false
                  if c == '\\' {
state==2 →
                      readChar() ← inEscape==true
              return true
```

Hint: Convert data state into code state when it makes programs clearer.

```
type quoteReader struct {
    state int
func (q *quoteReader) Init() {
    q.state = 0
func (q *quoteReader) ProcessChar(c rune) Status {
    switch q.state {
    case 0:
        if c != '"' {
            return BadInput
        q.state = 1
    case 1:
        if c == '"' {
            return Success
        if c == '\\' {
            q.state = 2
        } else {
            q.state = 1
    case 2:
        q.state = 1
    return NeedMoreInput
}
```

```
type quoteReader struct {
   char chan rune
   status chan Status
func (q *quoteReader) Init() {
   q.char = make(chan rune)
   q.status = make(chan Status)
   go readString(q.readChar)
   <-q.status // always NeedMoreInput
func (q *quoteReader) readChar() int {
   q.status <- NeedMoreInput</pre>
   return <-q.char
func (q *quoteReader) ProcessChar(c rune) Status {
   q.char <- c
   return <-q.status
       Hint: Use additional goroutines
        to hold additional code state.
```

```
package main
import (
    "net/http"
    _ "net/http/pprof"
var c = make(chan int)
func main() {
    for i := 0; i < 100; i++ \{
        go f(0x10*i)
    http.ListenAndServe("localhost:8080", nil)
func f(x int) {
    g(x+1)
func g(x int) {
    h(x+1)
func h(x int) {
    c <- 1
    f(x+1)
```

Hint: Know why and when each goroutine will exit.

```
$ go run x.go
SIGQUIT: quit
PC=0x105a17b m=0 sigcode=0
goroutine 18 [chan send]:
main.h(0x12)
    /tmp/x.go:26 + 0x45
main.g(0x11)
    /tmp/x.go:22 + 0x20
main.f(0x10)
    /tmp/x.go:18 + 0x20
created by main.main
    /tmp/x.go:12 +0x42
goroutine 19 [chan send]:
main.h(0x22)
    /tmp/x.go:26 + 0x45
main.g(0x21)
    /tmp/x.go:22 +0x20
main.f(0x20)
    /tmp/x.go:18 + 0x20
created by main.main
    /tmp/x.go:12 +0x42
```

Hint: Type Ctrl-\ to kill a program and dump all its goroutine stacks.

```
goroutine profile: total 106
100 @ 0x12d8715 0x12d86c0 0x12d8690 0x1058d61
   0x12d8714
               main.h+0x44 /tmp/x.go:26
   0x12d86bf
               main.g+0x1f /tmp/x.go:22
#
               main.f+0x1f /tmp/x.go:18
   0x12d868f
2 @ 0x11ddfcf 0x11dddcf 0x1248265 0x124f513 0x1253636 0x1058d61
   0x11ddfce
                net/textproto.(*Reader).readLineSlice+0x5e
                                                           go/src/net/textproto/reader.go:55
   0x11dddce
                net/textproto.(*Reader).ReadLine+0x2e
                                                            go/src/net/textproto/reader.go:36
   0x1248264
                net/http.readRequest+0xa4
                                                            go/src/net/http/request.go:926
   0x124f512
                net/http.(*conn).readRequest+0x1b2
                                                            go/src/net/http/server.go:934
   0x1253635
                net/http.(*conn).serve+0x495
                                                           go/src/net/http/server.go:1763
1 @ 0x115a102 0x116b1cd 0x124dc92 0x1058d61
#
   0x115a101
               net.(*netFD).Read+0x51
                                                           go/src/net/fd_unix.go:207
               net.(*conn).Read+0x6c
   0x116b1cc
                                                           go/src/net/net.go:182
   0x124dc91
                net/http.(*connReader).backgroundRead+0x61
                                                           go/src/net/http/server.go:656
1 @ 0x12cfe22 0x12cfc20 0x12cc6e5 0x12d8051 0x12d8365 0x1254b84 0x1255fa0 0x1257312 0x1253845
0x1058d61
   0x12cfe21
                runtime/pprof.writeRuntimeProfile+0xa1
                                                            go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:634
   0x12cfc1f
                runtime/pprof.writeGoroutine+0x9f
                                                           go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:596
   0x12cc6e4
                runtime/pprof.(*Profile).WriteTo+0x3b4
                                                           go/src/runtime/pprof/pprof.go:310
   0x12d8050
                net/http/pprof.handler.ServeHTTP+0x1d0
                                                           go/src/net/http/pprof/pprof.go:232
   0x12d8364
                net/http/pprof.Index+0x1e4
                                                            go/src/net/http/pprof/pprof.go:244
                                                            go/src/net/http/server go:1942
   0x1254b83
                net/http.HandlerFunc.ServeHTTP+0x43
   0x1255f9f
                net/http.(*ServeMux).S
                                          Hint: Use the HTTP server's
                net/http.serverHandler
   0x1257311
                net/http.(*conn).serve
   0x1253844
                                             /debug/pprof/goroutine
```

to inspect live goroutine stacks.

Pattern #1

Publish/subscribe server

```
type PubSub interface {
    // Publish publishes the event e to
    // all current subscriptions.
    Publish(e Event)
    // Subscribe registers c to receive future events.
    // All subscribers receive events in the same order,
    // and that order respects program order:
    // if Publish(e1) happens before Publish(e2),
    // subscribers receive e1 before e2.
    Subscribe(c chan<- Event)</pre>
    // Cancel cancels the prior subscription of channel c.
    // After any pending already-published events
    // have been sent on c, the server will signal that the
    // subscription is cancelled by closing c.
    Cancel(c chan<- Event)</pre>
```

```
type PubSub interface {
    // Publish publishes the event e to
    // all current subscriptions.
    Publish(e Event)
    // Subscribe registers c to receive future events.
    // All subscribers receive events in the same order,
    // and that order respects program order:
    // if Publish(e1) happens before Publish(e2),
    // subscribers receive e1 before e2.
    Subscribe(c chan<- Event)</pre>
    // Cancel cancels the prior subscription of channel c.
    // After any pending already-published events
    // have been sent on c, the server will signal that the
    // subscription is cancelled by closing c.
    Cancel(c chan<- Event)</pre>
```

Hint: Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

```
type Server struct {
    mu sync.Mutex
    sub map[chan<- Event]bool</pre>
}
func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
}
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
}
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
    s.sub[c] = true
}
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if !s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}
```

```
type Server struct {
    mu sync.Mutex
    sub map[chan<- Event]bool</pre>
}
func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
}
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
    s.sub[c] = true
}
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if !s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
                              Hint: Prefer defer for unlocking mutexes.
}
```

```
type Server struct {
    mu sync.Mutex
    sub map[chan<- Event]bool</pre>
}
func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
}
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
}
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
    s.sub[c] = true
}
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    if !s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
}
```

Hint: Consider the effect of slow goroutines.

Options for slow goroutines

- Slow down event generation.
- Drop events.
 Examples: os/signal, runtime/pprof
- Queue an arbitrary number of events.

Hint: Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.

```
type Server struct {
    mu sync.Mutex
    sub map[chan<- Event]bool
}

func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.sub = make(map[chan<- Event]bool)
}</pre>
```

```
type Server struct {
    publish chan Event
    subscribe chan subReq
    cancel chan subReq
}
type subReq struct {
    c chan<- Event
    ok chan bool
func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.publish = make(chan Event)
    s.subscribe = make(chan subReq)
    s.cancel = make(chan subReq)
    go s.loop()
```

```
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
                                                          func (s *Server) loop() {
    s.mu.Lock()
                                                              sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
                                                              for {
                                                                   select {
    for c := range s.sub { -
                                                                   case e := <-s.publish:</pre>
        c <- e
                                                                       for c := range sub {
                                                                            c <- e
}
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                                   case r := <-s.subscribe:</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
                                                                       if sub[r.c] {
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
                                                                            r.ok <- false</pre>
                                                                           break
    if s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
                                                                       sub[r.c] = true
                                                                       r.ok <- true
    s.sub[c] = true
}
                                                                   case c := <-s.cancel:
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                                     ▶ if !sub[r.c] {
    s.mu.Lock()
                                                                            r.ok <- false</pre>
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
                                                                           break
                                                                       }
    if !s.sub[c] {
                                                                       close(r.c)
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
                                                                       delete(sub, r.c)
                                                                       r.ok <- true</pre>
    close(c)
                                                                   }
    delete(s.sub, c)
                                                              }
                                                          }
```

```
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
                                                  func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
                                                       s.publish <- e
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
    for c := range s.sub {
        c <- e
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                  func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                       r := subReq{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
    s.mu.Lock()
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
                                                      s.subscribe <- r
                                                       if !<-r.ok {
    if s.sub[c] {
                                                           panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
                                                      }
    s.sub[c] = true
}
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                  func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    s.mu.Lock()
                                                       r := subReq{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
    defer s.mu.Unlock()
                                                      s.cancel <- r
                                                       if !<-r.ok {
                                                           panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
    if !s.sub[c] {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
                                                       }
                                                   }
    close(c)
    delete(s.sub, c)
```

```
type Server struct {
    publish chan Event
    subscribe chan subReq
    cancel chan subReq
}
type subReq struct {
    c chan<- Event
    ok chan bool
}
func (s *Server) Init() {
    s.publish = make(chan Event)
    s.subscribe = make(chan subReq)
    s.cancel = make(chan subReg)
    go s.loop()
}
func (s *Server) Publish(e Event) {
    s.publish <- e
}
func (s *Server) Subscribe(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    r := subReg{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
    s.subscribe <- r
    if !<-r.ok {
        panic("pubsub: already subscribed")
}
func (s *Server) Cancel(c chan<- Event) {</pre>
    r := subReg{c: c, ok: make(chan bool)}
    s.cancel <- r
    if !<-r.ok {
        panic("pubsub: not subscribed")
}
```

```
func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
    for {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                c <- e
        case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            sub[r.c] = true
            r.ok <- true
        case c := <-s.cancel:
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                break
            }
            close(r.c)
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
    }
```

Hint: Convert mutexes into goroutines when it makes programs clearer

```
func helper(in <-chan Event,</pre>
            out chan<- Event) {</pre>
    var q []Event
    for {
        // Decide whether and what to send.
        var sendOut chan<- Event</pre>
        var next Event
         if len(q) > 0 {
             sendOut = out
             next = q[0]
         }
         select {
         case e := <-in:
             q = append(q, e)
         case sendOut <- next:</pre>
             q = q[1:]
```

```
func helper(in <-chan Event,</pre>
                                             func helper(in <-chan Event,</pre>
             out chan<- Event) {</pre>
                                                          out chan<- Event) {</pre>
    var q []Event
                                                 var q []Event
                                                 for in != nil && len(q) > 0 {
    for {
                                                      // Decide whether and what to send.
        // Decide whether and what to send.
        var sendOut chan<- Event</pre>
                                                      var sendOut chan<- Event</pre>
        var next Event
                                                      var next Event
         if len(q) > 0 {
                                                      if len(q) > 0 {
             sendOut = out
                                                          sendOut = out
             next = q[0]
                                                          next = q[0]
                                                      }
                                                      select {
         select {
         case e := <-in:
                                                      case e, ok := <-in:
             q = append(q, e)
                                                          if !ok {
         case sendOut <- next:</pre>
                                                               in = nil // stop receiving from in
             q = q[1:]
                                                               break
                                                          q = append(q, e)
                                                      case sendOut <- next:</pre>
                                                          q = q[1:]
                                                      }
                                                  close(out)
```

```
func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
    for {
         select {
        case e := <-s.publish:</pre>
             for c := range sub {
                 c <- e
        case r := <-s.subscribe:</pre>
             if sub[r.c] {
                 r.ok <- false</pre>
                 break
             sub[r.c] = true
             r.ok <- true
        case c := <-s.cancel:
             if !sub[r.c] {
                 r.ok <- false</pre>
                 break
             close(r.c)
             delete(sub, r.c)
             r.ok <- true
```

```
func (s *Server) loop() {
                                                 func (s *Server) loop() {
    sub := make(map[chan<- Event]bool)</pre>
                                                     sub := make(map[chan<- Event]chan<- Event)</pre>
    for {
                                                     for {
                                                         select {
        select {
        case e := <-s.publish:
                                                         case e := <-s.publish:
            for c := range sub {
                                                             for _, h := range sub {
                c <- e
                                                                  h <- e
        case r := <-s.subscribe:
                                                         case r := <-s.subscribe:
            if sub[r.c] {
                                                             if sub[r.c] != nil {
                r.ok <- false
                                                                  r.ok <- false
                break
                                                                  break
            sub[r.c] = true
                                                             h = make(chan Event)
            r.ok <- true
                                                             go helper(h, r.c)
                                                              sub[r.c] = h
        case c := <-s.cancel:
                                                             r.ok <- true
            if !sub[r.c] {
                r.ok <- false
                                                         case c := <-s.cancel:
                break
                                                             if sub[r.c] == nil {
                                                                  r.ok <- false
            close(r.c)
                                                                  break
            delete(sub, r.c)
            r.ok <- true
                                                             close(sub[r.c])
                                                             delete(sub, r.c)
                                                             r.ok <- true
                                                         }
```

Hint: Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

Pattern #2

Work scheduler

Hint: Use a buffered channel as a concurrent blocking queue.

Hint: Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
                                                               call func(srv string, task int)) {
                  idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  $ go run -race /tmp/x.go
                  for _, srv := range servers {
                                    idle <- srv
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  WARNING: DATA RACE
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  Read at 0x00c420010128 by goroutine 5:
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           main.Schedule.func1()
                  for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                    go func() {
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              /tmp/x.go:18 + 0x89
                                                           rv := <-idle
                                                     call(srv, task)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  Previous write at 0 	imes 0 	imes 0 	imes 0 	imes 200 	imes 101 	imes 101 
                                                     idle <- srv
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            main.Schedule()
                                    }()
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             /tmp/x.go:15 +0x17d
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           main.main()
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              /tmp/x.go:4 +0x9c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  Goroutine 5 (running) created at:
                                                                                                                                                                                                                          main.Schedule()
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            /tmp/x.go:16 + 0x153
                                                                                                                                                                                                                           main.main()
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              /tmp/x.go:4 + 0x9c
```

Hint: Use the race detector, for development and even production.

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                                      go func(task2 int) {
        go func() {
                                                          srv := <-idle</pre>
            srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                          call(srv, task)
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
                                                          idle <- srv
                                                      }(task)
        }()
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
        go func() {
                                                      go func(task2 int) {
                                                          srv := <-idle</pre>
            srv := <-idle</pre>
            call(srv, task)
                                                          call(srv, task)
                                                          idle <- srv
            idle <- srv
                                                      }(task)
        }()
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                                      go func(task int) {
        go func() {
                                                          srv := <-idle</pre>
            srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                          call(srv, task)
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
                                                          idle <- srv
                                                      }(task)
        }()
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                 for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                      task2 := task
        go func() {
             srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                      go func() {
            call(srv, task)
                                                           srv := <-idle</pre>
             idle <- srv
                                                           call(srv, task2)
                                                           idle <- srv
        }()
                                                      }()
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
        go func() {
                                                      task := task
            srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                      go func() {
            call(srv, task)
                                                          srv := <-idle</pre>
            idle <- srv
                                                          call(srv, task)
                                                          idle <- srv
        }()
                                                      }()
```

Hint: Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
        task := task
                                                      task := task
        go func() {
                                                      srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                      go func() {
            srv := <-idle</pre>
                                                          call(srv, task)
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
                                                          idle <- srv
                                                      }()
        }()
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        task := task
        srv := <-idle</pre>
        go func() {
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    for i := 0; i < len(servers); i++ {
        <-idle
    }
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    idle := make(chan string, len(servers))
    for _, srv := range servers {
        idle <- srv
    }
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        task := task
        srv := <-idle</pre>
        go func() {
            call(srv, task)
            idle <- srv
        }()
    for i := 0; i < len(servers); i++ {
        <-idle
    }
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
            call func(srv string, task int)) {
   work := make(chan int)
   done := make(chan bool)
   runTasks := func(srv string) {
       for task := range work {
          call(srv, task)
       done <- true
   }
   for _, srv := range servers {
       go runTasks(srv)
   for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
       work <- task
                                     Hint: Think carefully before
   close(work)
                                 introducing unbounded queuing.
   for i := 0; i < len(servers); i++ {
       <-done
                                  Hint: Close a channel to signal
                                 that no more values will be sent.
```

```
func Schedule(servers []string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
                                        func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
                                                      call func(srv string, task int)) {
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
        done <- true
                                                go func() {
    for _, srv := range servers {
                                                    for srv := range servers {
        go runTasks(srv)
                                                        go runTasks(srv)
                                                }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        work <- task
    close(work)
    for i := 0; i < len(servers); i++ {
        <-done
```

Hint: Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
                                                   runTasks := func(srv string) {
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
                                                      for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
                                                           call(srv, task)
                                                           done <- true
        done <- true
                                                   }
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        work <- task
    close(work)
    for i := 0; i < len(servers); i++ {
                                                  for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
                                                       <-done
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
   work := make(chan int)
                                              $ go run /tmp/x.go
    done := make(chan bool)
                                              fatal error: all goroutines are as
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
                                              goroutine 1 [chan send]:
           call(srv, task)
                                              main.Schedule(0xc4200120c0, 0x3, 0
           done <- true ▼
                                                / \text{tmp/x.go:} 26 + 0 \times 150
                                              main.main()
    }
                                                  /tmp/x.go:4 + 0x96
   go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers
                                              goroutine 5 [chan send]:
           go runTasks(srv)
                                              main.Schedule.func1(0x1066bc0, 0x1
                                                 `/tmp/x.go:15 +0xba
    }()
                                              created by main. Schedule.func2
    for task := 0, task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
                                                  /tmp/x.go:21 + 0x5f
       work <- task
   close(work)
   for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
```

Hint: Know why and when each communication will proceed.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
               call func(srv string, task int)) {
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
    go func() {
                                                   i := 0
                                               WorkLoop:
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
                                                   for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                                        for {
                                                            select {
    }()
                                                            case work <- task:</pre>
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++</pre>
                                                                continue WorkLoop
        work <- task
                                                            case <-done:
                                                                i++
    close(work)
                                                            }
                                                        }
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
                                                   close(work)
                                                   for ; i < numTask; i++ {</pre>
                                                        <-done
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int)) {
   work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
           call(srv, task)
           done <- true
   go func() {
       for _, srv := range servers {
           go runTasks(srv)
    }()
                                             go func() {
                                                 for task := 0; task < numTask; task+
   for task := 0; task < numTask; task++</pre>
                                                     work <- task
       work <- task
                                                 close(work)
    close(work)
                                              }()
   for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
                                            Hint: Use goroutines
                                       to let independent concerns
```

run independently.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
                                                     work := make(chan int, numTask)
    work := make(chan int)
    done := make(chan bool)
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        work <- task
    close(work)
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
```

Hint: Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int)) {
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            call(srv, task)
            done <- true
    }
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        work <- task
    close(work)
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
                                                  runTasks := func(srv string) {
                                                      for task := range work {
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
                                                          if call(srv, task) {
            call(srv, task)
                                                             done <- true
            done <- true
                                                          } else {
                                                             work <- task
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                                  for task := 0; task < numTask; task++
        work <- task
                                                      work <- task
    close(work)
                                                  for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
                                                      <-done
        <-done
                                                  close(work)
```

Hint: Know why and when each communication will proceed.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
                                                  runTasks := func(srv string) {
                                                      for task := range work {
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
                                                          if call(srv, task) {
            call(srv, task)
                                                             done <- true
            done <- true
                                                          } else {
                                                             work <- task
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
                                                  for task := 0; task < numTask; task++
        work <- task
                                                      work <- task
    close(work)
                                                  for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
                                                      <-done
        <-done
                                                  close(work)
```

Hint: Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
              call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
    work := make(chan int, numTask)
    done := make(chan bool)
    runTasks := func(srv string) {
        for task := range work {
            if call(srv, task) {
                done <- true</pre>
            } else {
                work <- task
    go func() {
        for _, srv := range servers {
            go runTasks(srv)
    }()
    for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {</pre>
        work <- task
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
        <-done
    close(work)
```

```
func Schedule(servers chan string, numTask int,
             call func(srv string, task int) bool) {
                      Hint: Make sure you know
   work := n
                                                                      numTask)
    done := r
             why and when each goroutine will exit.
    runTasks := runc(srv string) {
       for task := range work {
           if call(srv, task) {
               done <- true
           } else {
               work <- task
                                                go func() {
        }
                                                    for {
                                                        select {
                                                        case srv := <-servers:
    go func() {
                                                            go runTasks(srv)
       for _, srv := range servers {
                                                        case <-exit:
           go runTasks(srv)
                                                            return
                                                        }
    }()
                                                }()
   for task := 0; task < numTask; task++ {
       work <- task
    for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
                                                for i := 0; i < numTask; i++ {
                                                    <-done
       <-done
    close(work)
                                                close(work)
                                                exit <- true
```

Pattern #3

Replicated service client

```
type ReplicatedClient interface {
    // Init initializes the client to use the given servers.
    // To make a particular request later,
    // the client can use callOne(srv, args), where srv
    // is one of the servers from the list.
    Init(servers []string, callOne func(string, Args) Reply)

// Call makes a request an available server.
    // Multiple goroutines may call Call concurrently.
    Call(args Args) Reply
```

Hint: Use a mutex if that is the clearest way to write the code.

```
type Client struct {
    servers []string
    callOne func(string, Args) Reply
           sync.Mutex
    mu
    prefer int
func (c *Client) Init(servers []string, callOne func(string, Args) Reply) {
    c.servers = servers
    c.callOne = callOne
func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    done := make(chan result, 1)
    id := ...
    go func() {
        done <- result{id, c.call0ne(c.servers[id], args)}</pre>
    }()
```

Hint: Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

```
func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    const timeout = 1 * time.Second
    t := time.NewTimer(timeout)
    defer t.Stop()
    done := make(chan result, 1)
    id := ...
    go func() {
        done <- result{id, c.call0ne(c.servers[id], args)}</pre>
    }()
    select {
    case r := <-done:
        return r.reply
    case <-t.C:
        // timeout
```

Hint: Stop timers you don't need.

Hint: Know why and when each goroutine will exit.

Hint: Know why and when each communication will proceed.

```
func (c *Client) Call(args Args) Reply {
    type result struct {
        serverID int
        reply Reply
    const timeout = 1 * time.Second
    t := time.NewTimer(timeout)
    defer t.Stop()
    done := make(chan result, len(c.servers))
    for id := 0; id < len(c.servers); id++ {</pre>
        id := id
        go func() {
            done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}</pre>
        }()
        select {
        case r := <-done:</pre>
            return r.reply
        case <-t.C:
            // timeout
            t.Reset(timeout)
    r := <-done
    return r.reply
```

```
c.mu.Lock()
    prefer := c.prefer
    c.mu.Unlock()
    var r result
    for off := 0; off < len(c.servers); off++ {</pre>
        id := (prefer + off) % len(c.servers)
        go func() {
            done <- result{id, c.callOne(c.servers[id], args)}</pre>
        }()
        select {
        case r = <-done:
            goto Done
        case <-t.C:
            // timeout
            t.Reset(timeout)
    r = <-done
Done:
    c.mu.Lock()
    c.prefer = r.serverID
    c.mu.Unlock()
    return r.reply
```

Hint: Use a goto if that is the clearest way to write the code.

Pattern #4

Protocol multiplexer

```
type ProtocolMux interface {
    // Init initializes the mux to manage messages to the given service.
    Init(Service)
    // Call makes a request with the given message and returns the reply.
    // Multiple goroutines may call Call concurrently.
    Call(Msg) Msg
type Service interface {
    // ReadTag returns the muxing identifier in the request or reply message.
    // Multiple goroutines may call ReadTag concurrently.
    ReadTag(Msg) int64
    // Send sends a request message to the remote service.
    // Send must not be called concurrently with itself.
    Send(Msg)
    // Recv waits for and returns a reply message from the remote service.
    // Recv must not be called concurrently with itself.
    Recv() Msg
```

```
type Mux struct {
    srv Service
    send chan Msg

    mu sync.Mutex
    pending map[int64]chan<- Msg
}

func (m *Mux) Init(srv Service) {
    m.srv = srv
    m.pending = make(map[int64]chan Msg)
    go m.sendLoop()
    go m.recvLoop()
}</pre>
```

```
type Mux struct {
    srv Service
    send chan Msg
    mu sync.Mutex
    pending map[int64]chan<- Msg</pre>
func (m *Mux) Init(srv Service) {
    m.srv = srv
    m.pending = make(map[int64]chan Msg)
    go m.sendLoop()
    go m.recvLoop()
func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {
    for args := range m.send {
        m.srv.Send(args)
```

```
func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {
    for args := range m.send {
        m.srv.Send(args)
func (m *Mux) recvLoop() {
    for {
        reply := m.srv.Recv()
        tag := m.srv.Tag(reply)
        m.mu.Lock()
        done := m.pending[tag]
        delete(m.pending, tag)
        m.mu.Unlock()
        if done == nil {
            panic("unexpected reply")
        done <- reply</pre>
```

```
func (m *Mux) sendLoop() {
    for args := range m.send {
        m.srv.Send(args)
func (m *Mux) recvLoop() {
    for {
        reply := m.srv.Recv()
        tag := m.srv.Tag(reply)
        m.mu.Lock()
        done := m.pending[tag]
        delete(m.pending, tag)
        m.mu.Unlock()
        if done == nil {
            panic("unexpected reply")
        done <- reply
```

```
func (m *Mux) Call(args Msg) (reply Msg) {
    tag := m.srv.ReadTag(args)
    done := make(chan Msg, 1)
    m.mu.Lock()
    if m.pending[tag] != nil {
        m.mu.Unlock()
        panic("mux: duplicate call tag")
    m.pending[tag] = done
    m.mu.Unlock()
    m.send <- args
    return <-done
```

Hint: Use goroutines, channels, and mutexes together if that is the clearest way to write the code.

Hints

Use the race detector, for development and even production.

Convert data state into code state when it makes programs clearer. Convert mutexes into goroutines when it makes programs clearer. Use additional goroutines to hold additional code state. Use goroutines to let independent concerns run independently.

Consider the effect of slow goroutines.

Know why and when each communication will proceed.

Know why and when each goroutine will exit.

Type Ctrl-\ to kill a program and dump all its goroutine stacks.

Use the HTTP server's /debug/pprof/goroutine to inspect live goroutine stacks.

Use a buffered channel as a concurrent blocking queue. Think carefully before introducing unbounded queuing. Close a channel to signal that no more values will be sent.

Stop timers you don't need.

Prefer defer for unlocking mutexes.

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Use a mutex if that is the clearest way to write the code. Use a goto if that is the clearest way to write the code. Use goroutines, channels, and mutexes together if that is the clearest way to write the code.

