## How to build a Distributed System with Real-time Constraints

Using concurrent Functional Programming tools

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### Introduction





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## What we are doing





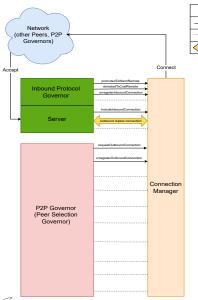
### Cardano Node

Ouroboros algorithm paper	Refining step	Implementation	Testing
		Architecture & Design	Properties
Formal Specification	Real time constraints		
		Protocols	Simulation
Threat models	Concurrency		
		Scale	Reliability
Non-realistic assumptions	Operation & Performance		_
·		Exceptions & Corner cases	CI





#### Decentralised Network



- Highly concurrent;
- Reliable and Robust;
- Predictable;

Legend

Method

Control

- Manage resource consumption;
- ▶ 3000 SPOs;
- ► Has to run 24/7.

#### More details

To read more about this, check out our documentation at: https://github.com/input-output-hk/ouroboros-network/





## How we are doing it





### **Functional Programming**

Strongly Statically Typed Purely Functional Programming with Haskell!

- Lazyness;
- Type Safeness;
- Referential Transparency;
- ► STM;
- Explicit effects;
- More!





### Typed Protocols

Internally developed (but open-source) library to specify end-to-end protocols at the type-level!

- ► Type Safe;
- Session Types;
- Deadlock free!;
- Pure;
- Powerful (pipelining out of the box).





### QuickCheck

Property based testing framework for Haskell.

- Input random generation;
- Shrinking;
- Reproducibility;
- ► Coverage checks.





#### **IO Simulator**

Simulation monad that is a drop-in replacement for IO!

Internally developed (but open source) library to perform all kinds of IO Simulations, in particular:

- write network simulations, to verify a complex networking stack;
- write disk IO simulations, to verify a database implementation.



#### IO Simulator allows...

- Early detection of critical races;
- Simulation of rare edge cases;
- Mocking and error injection;
- Simulate time passing;
- Looking for different schedules.

#### Most importantly:

- Allows for testing production code and
- Reproducing complex edge-case test failures.

```
Ouroboros.Network.Testnet
diffusionScript fixupCommands idempotent: OK
+++ OK, passed 100 tests
diffusionScript command script valid: OK
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
no livelock: OK (97,68s)
+++ OK, passed 100 tests
76% Simulated time <= 1H
20% Simulated time >= 5H
13% Simulated time >= 10H
12% Simulated time >= 1 Day
dns can recover from fails: OK (109.91s)
+++ OK, passed 100 tests:
68% Simulated time <= 1H
41% Nº Events >= 1000
8% Simulated time >= 5H
7% Nº Events <= 188
7% Simulated time >= 10H
6% Simulated time >= 1 Day
2% Nº Events >= 18888
target established public: OK (113.54s)
+++ OK, passed 100 tests:
71% Simulated time <= 1H
36% Nº Events >= 1888
13% Simulated time >= 5H
10% Simulated time >= 10H
7% Simulated time >= 1 Day
5% Nº Events >= 18888
2% Nº Events <= 100
established public peers (20244 in total):
77.391% No PublicPeers in Established Set
22.609% PublicPeers in Established Set
target active public: OK (107.08s)
+++ OK, passed 100 tests:
69% Simulated time <= 1H
36% Nº Events >= 1000
11% Simulated time >= 5H
10% Simulated time >= 10H
9% Simulated time >= 1 Day
7% Nº Events <= 188
4% Nº Events >= 10000
```

```
dns can recover from fails: FAIL (3800,04s)
"" Failed! Fails!ide (after 19 tests and 8874
shrinks);
shrinks);
cfrace;
fromList ("test3", Time 30.037848278017s)] none of
these DNs names recovered
fromList ("test3", Time 30.037848278017s)] none of
these DNs names recovered
TIL Lime: fromList [("test2",00s),("test3",5s)]
Number of recovered: 0
Use - quickcheck-replays5802 to reproduce.
Use = p. //dns can recover from fails/" to from this
Use = p. //dns can recover from fails/" to from this
```





### Conclusion





#### Best effort

- Complex systems spans performance characteristics we can not control;
- Functional Programming, namely Haskell and its concurrency tools helped us manage complexity;
- We do our best in searching through all state space efficiently;
- Code reviewing is efficient;
- Progress is achievable.



#### Far from perfect

We have had quite a few bugs, and we still do!

- 378 closed bug issues related with networking;
- 276 open ones;
- ▶ 10% of the issues are related with simulation environment;
- ► About a handful of them were due to missplaced logging events.

Our CI runs on average beetween 1 and 5 hours of simulated time per test per input per PR per OS. Which means:

- Assuming around 100 tests in our test suite and
- each test generates 100 random inputs;
- Assuming 3 PRs per week;
- Testing on Windows, OSX and Linux;
- ▶ Results on around 225 000 hours of simulated time per week!





### Some examples of bugs found

- ► Different scheduling found a edge case where state was being blindly overwritten
- Asynchronous exceptions on a blocking finally block
- Timeouts not being enforced withing reasonable bounds
- Pruning connections misbehavior in the presence of a TCP Simultaneous Open





# Thank you!



