

# Project Design Description Group 71

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## 1 Design

### 1.1 Strategy for fault tolerance

- The button light contract The button lights up when the order has been added to the queue of the cab tasked with that floor.
- Network unreliability All nodes wait for acknowledgement from the master of new orders and tasks.
- Spontaneous crashes and unscheduled restarts if a program crashes and restarts it sends a message that it is back online. Sets it world view by matching with the master broadcast. It also checks if the current master has a higher ID than it self. if so it sends a message to the master that it assumes its role.
- Normal operation of hall or cab calls from the button press to the opening of the door Button press. Node sends pickup request to master and waits for acknowledgement. if no acknowledgement is given in 1s the node adds it to its own queue, master calculated best suited node and sends an order to the best suited node and waits for an acknowledgement. Once the best suited node receives the order it adds it to its queue and acknowledges the master, if the master does not receive an acknowledgement within 200ms it sends the request to the 2nd best alternative. The master then acknowledges the node that first received the button press which in turn turns on the light. once the selected node has serviced all orders in front of this specific order it goes to the specific floor and opens the door and waits 5s for the door to close. any button press inside the cab is added to that nodes queue and informed to the master.
- The network disconnecting a node with active hall requests (detection - takeover) If the broadcast from the master stops, each node assumes that the master has gone offline. as every node knows the masters worldview they wait for the new master to be appointed based on ID, if the network

is completely down. every node will think that it is the master and act independently.

if a node does not respond to the master when given an order or takes a certain amount of time(200ms) to process an order the master redistributes the orders of that specific node.

- A node with an active cab order crashing All computers runs the same program but with different IDs The master role is decided by the lowest ID. every 100ms? The master broadcasts a message with its ID and its world view which is then updated in each node. If 500ms passes without a broadcast message is received the node waits until 200ms\*ID has passed and then checks again, if no master broadcast has been received then that slave is promoted to master, this ensures that the node with the lowest ID inherits the master role.
- all of the above in the presence of network packet loss Packetloss for the broadcast will need a minimum of 12 losses in a row to affect the system. if a

## **1.2 Network topology and choice of protocols**

### **1.3 Why Rust?**

We chose Rust as we see it as more relevant for use in other projects than GO or Elixir. GO seems to focus more on simplicity and Rust seems to focus more on control and speed. Even though GO and Elixir are well suited for concurrency, we do see them as optimal for hardware interfacing as Rust. Software development in Rust is slower and more complex compared to GO. Unlike GO and Elixir, Rust has no need for a garbage collector and instead uses ownership and borrowing to be memory safe. <https://bitfieldconsulting.com/posts/rust-vs-go>