Specification and Implementation of Replicated List

— The Jupiter Protocol Revisited

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This was proposed as a *conjecture* in a PODC paper [Attiya et al., 2016].



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Replicated List

Replicated Collaborative Text Editing Systems



(a) Google Docs



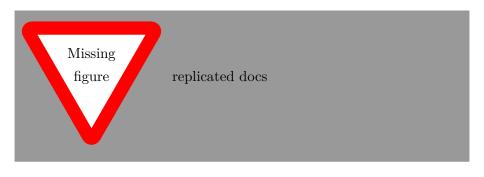
(c) Wikipedia



(b) Apache Wave



(d) LATEX Editor



Replicas are required to respond to user operations immediately.

Updates are propagated to other replicas asynchronously.

Replicated list object: to model the core functionality

INS(a, p): Insert a at position p.

Del(p): Delete the element at position p.

READ: Return the list.

A Common Specification

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Specify little on *intermediate states* going through by replicas.

Thank You!



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