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Plan

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- Models and limitations in distributed computing
- Scalable distributed topologies
- Design of large scale systems
- Clocks and scalable logical time
- Data synchronization and eventual consistency

Grading

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- A: Class activities and particiation 20%
- G: Group project assignment 50%
- E: Individual test/exam 30%
- Both G and E have minimum grade of 10 in 20

Two (gangster) Generals Paradox

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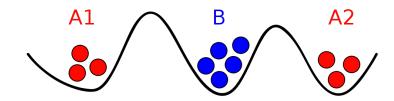
A group of gangsters are about to pull off a big job. The plan of action is prepared down to the last detail. Some of the men are holed up in a warehouse across town, awaiting precise instructions. It is absolutely essential that the two groups act with complete reliance on each other in executing the plan.

in "Some Constraints and Trade-offs in the Design of Network Communications". Akkoyunlu, Ekanadham and Huber. 1975.

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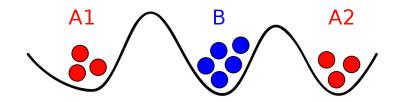


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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two_Generals'_Problem

Synchronous model

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- Processing delays have a known bound
- Message delivery delays have a known bound
- Rate of drift of local clocks has a known bound
- Difference between local clocks has a known bound

in "Distributed Systems for System Architects". Veríssimo and Rodrigues. 2001.



Asynchronous model

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- Processing delays are unbounded or unknown
- Message delivery delays are unbounded or unknown
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- Difference between local clocks is unbounded or unknown

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EC and CAP for Geo-Replication

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Eventually Consistent. CACM 2009, Werner Vogels

- In an ideal world there would be only one consistency model: when an update is made all observers would see that update.
- Building reliable distributed systems at a worldwide scale demands trade-offs between consistency and availability.

CAP theorem. PODC 2000, Eric Brewer

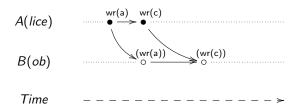
Of three properties of shared-data systems – data consistency, system availability, and tolerance to network partition – only two can be achieved at any given time.

We will focus on AP.

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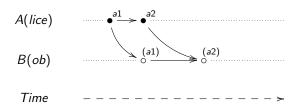
Register with write operations



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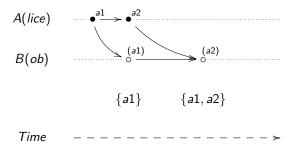
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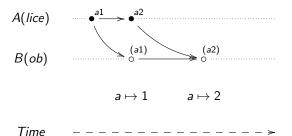
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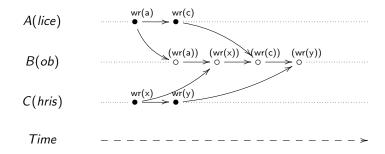
Initial sequences of dots can be compacted into a vector entry



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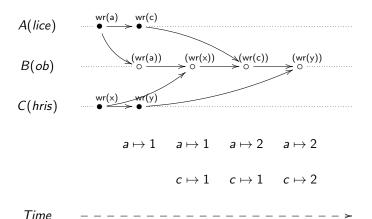
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FIFO allows arbitrary interleaving of sources



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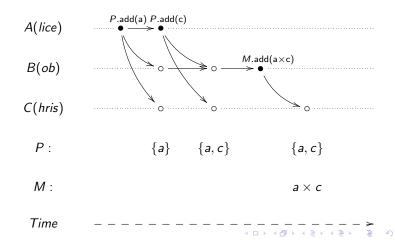
Carlos Baquero Universidade do Minho To ensure FIFO each nodes needs one entry per direct peer



Reliable causal delivery

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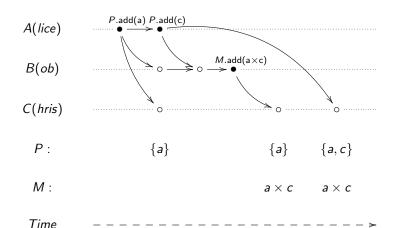
Carlos Baquero Universidade do Minho Key value store, mapping keys (Players and Matches) to sets



FIFO versus causal delivery

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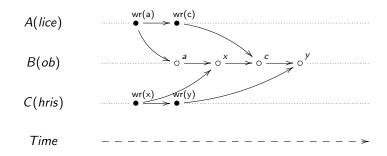
Carlos Baquero Universidade do Minho Causal delivery is required for causal consistency (this execution is FIFO but not Causal)



Causal Consistency

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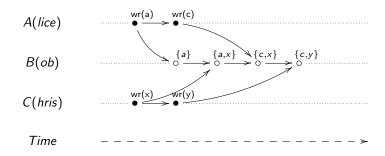


Tagged causal delivery conveys concurrency information

"Observable" Causal Consistency

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CAP Barrier

Stronger consistency guarantees move across the CAP barrier