**CSE535: Distributed Systems  
Project:** DiemBFT v4 Consensus Algorithm Phase 4

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**User Manual**

**● DistAlgo Installation**

○ Follow https://github.com/DistAlgo/distalgo/ to see the steps to install DistAlgo in the system.

**● Known system-specific issues**

○ For macOS, If the message size exceeds the threshold specified by the system for UDP, the system will throw an error *“OSError(40, 'Message too long') ”.*

Execute sudo sysctl -w net.inet.udp.maxdgram=65535 to increase the limit.

**● Configuration and output for diembft simulation**

All the test cases follow the same format for the config file; ledger files for validators; and log files for all validators as well as clients mentioned in the following format.

**Config File**:  
‘*config/config.da’* contains a list of all configurations to be executed.

**Ledger File**:  
For each test case *‘$t‘* in each configuration at index *‘$c‘* mentioned in the configuration file, each validator with index *‘$v’* creates its own ledger file under ‘*ledgers/config$c/test\_case\_‘$t’/ validator\_$v.ledger’*

**Log File**:  
For each test case *‘$t‘ in* each configuration at index *‘$c‘* mentioned in the configuration file, each validator with index *‘$v’* creates its own log file under ‘*logs/config$c/test\_case\_‘$t’/ validator\_$v.log’.*

For each test case *‘$t‘ in* each configuration at index *‘$c‘* mentioned in the configuration file, each client with index *‘$r’* creates its own log file under ‘*logs/config$c/test\_case\_‘$t’/ client\_$r.log’*

Example of configuration file located at *“/config/config.da”*Keep the import statements and only modify the existing configs list.

Each element of the configs list is the configuration for the simulation.  
The simulation runs all configurations mentioned in the configs list in a single execution

from object\_types import FailType, Failure, FailureConfig, MsgType

configs = [ {

'nvalidators': 7,

'nTwins': 2,

'nclients': 3,

'nclientops': 2,

'sleeptime': 1,

'clienttimeout': 4,

'delta': 0.25,

'window\_size': 5,

'exclude\_size': 0,

'delay': 1,

'quorum\_bug': False, #quorum = 2f

'accept\_conflicting\_votes':False,

'liveness\_bound' : 10,

'n\_test\_cases' : 5

}]

Figure 1. Example of configuration file located at *“/config/config.da”*

**● Explanation of each label present in the configuration file**

'nvalidators': Number of Validators/Replicas,

'nTwins': Number of Twin Validators,

'nclients': Number of Clients,

'nclientops': Number of operations each client performs,

'sleeptime': Delay between consecutive operations for the same client in

seconds,

'clienttimeout': Amount of time the client waits in seconds to receive

the response. If no response is received, it retransmits that request

'delta': Amount of time in seconds used to decide the pacemaker timer

timeout time,

'window\_size': Window size used for Leader Election,

'exclude\_size': Exclude size used for Leader Election,

'delay': Delay time when a fail type occurs

'quorum\_bug': Change the quorum from 2f+1 to 2f when set to true

'accept\_conflicting\_votes': Vote for multiple proposal messages in a round

'liveness\_bound': test case run duration bound

'n\_test\_cases': number of test cases to run for a particular config

Figure 2. Explanation of each label present in the configuration file

● Commands to execute in sequence

* ○  cd <path\_of\_project\_folder>/src
* ○  python3 -m da --message-buffer-size 65535 run\_diembft.da