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MODULE *voldchain*

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EXTENDS *Integers, Sequences, FiniteSets, TLC*  
CONSTANTS  $N, C, STOP, FAILNUM$   
ASSUME  $N - FAILNUM \geq 1 \wedge STOP < 5 \wedge 0 \leq FAILNUM \wedge FAILNUM \leq 2$   
 $Nodes \triangleq 1 \dots N$   
 $Clients \triangleq N + 1 \dots N + C$   
 $Procs \triangleq 1 \dots N + C$   
 $Configurator \triangleq N + C + 1$

**--algorithm** *test*{  
  **variable**  $FailNum = FAILNUM, step = 0, LSTWR = -1, CURRD = -1, lsttmp = -1, WRTFLG =$   
     $msg = [j \in Procs \mapsto \langle \rangle],$   
     $up = [n \in Nodes \mapsto TRUE],$   
     $db = [n \in Nodes \mapsto [ver \mapsto -1, val \mapsto -1, cli \mapsto -1]],$   
     $chain = \langle \rangle;$   
  
  **define**  
  {  
     $UpNodes \triangleq \{i \in Nodes : up[i] = TRUE\}$  Returns the set of up nodes  
     $ChainNode \triangleq \{chain[i] : i \in 1 \dots Len(chain)\}$  Returns the elements in the chain as set  
     $ChainNodes \triangleq IF (Len(chain) = 0) THEN \{-1\} ELSE ChainNode$  Retrurns  $\{-1\}$  if chain is empty else t  
     $InChain(s) \triangleq IF (s \in ChainNodes) THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE$  Check if the element is on chain  
     $FreeUpNodes \triangleq \{i \in UpNodes : InChain(i) = FALSE \wedge up[i] = TRUE\}$  Retrurn set of upnodes that are not  
     $GetIndex(s) \triangleq CHOOSE i \in 1 \dots Len(chain) : chain[i] = s$  Get the index position of  $s$  in chain  
     $GetNext(s) \triangleq IF (GetIndex(s) = Len(chain)) THEN -1 ELSE chain[GetIndex(s) + 1]$  Get the success  
     $GetFreeNode \triangleq \{i \in FreeUpNodes : up[i] = TRUE\}$   
     $GetTail \triangleq chain[Len(chain)]$  Get the tail of chain  
     $GetHead \triangleq chain[1]$   
     $test(e) \triangleq IF (up[e] = TRUE) THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE$   
  }  
  
  **fair process** (  $c \in Clients$  )  
  **variable**  $cntr = 0, hver = -1, lastelm = 0, tail = -1, head = -1, initial = 0;$   
  {  
    C0: **await** (  $Len(chain) > 0$  );  
    CL: **while** (  $cntr \leq STOP$  )  
    {  
      CLR:  
      **while** (  $WRTFLG \neq self$  ) Iterate through read request  
      {  
        **if** (  $msg[self] \neq \langle \rangle$  )  
        {  
          **if** (  $msg[self].val = -1$  )  
          {  
             $hver := msg[self].ver + 1;$   
          }  
        }  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}

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        CURRD := db[chain[Len(chain)]] . ver || LSTWR := lsttmp ;
    if ( WRTFLG = - 1 )
    {
        WRTFLG := self ;
    } ;
} ;
if ( WRTFLG ≠ self )
{
    tail := GetTail ;
    msg[tail] := [ver ↦ - 1, val ↦ - 1, cli ↦ self] ;
}
} ;
CLW:
while ( WRTFLG = self ) Iterate through write request
{
    if ( msg[self].val ≠ - 1 ∧ msg[self].ver = hver )
    {
        lsttmp := msg[self].ver ;
        cntr := cntr + 1 ;
        WRTFLG := - 1 ;
    } ;
    if ( WRTFLG = self )
    {
        head := GetHead ;
        msg[head] := [ver ↦ hver, val ↦ cntr, cli ↦ self] ;
    }
}
}
}
fair process ( n ∈ Nodes )
variable nextnode = - 1, clientid = 0 ;
{
    ND: while ( TRUE )
    {
        either
        NM:
        { react to message
            if ( up[self] = TRUE ∧ msg[self] ≠ ⟨⟩ ∧ InChain(self) = TRUE )
            {
                clientid := msg[self].cli ;
                if ( msg[self].val = - 1 ∧ self = GetTail ) handling Read message request
                {
                    msg[clientid] := [ver ↦ db[self].ver, val ↦ - 1, cli ↦ clientid] || msg[self] := ⟨⟩ ;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

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else if (  $msg[self].val \neq -1$  )    handling Write message request
{
   $db[self] := [ver \mapsto msg[self].ver, val \mapsto msg[self].val, cli \mapsto msg[self].cli]$ ;
  if (  $self = GetTail$  )              check if this is a tail node
  {
     $lsttmp := db[self].ver$ ;
     $msg[clientid] := [ver \mapsto db[self].ver, val \mapsto db[self].val, cli \mapsto clientid]$ ;
  }
  else                                else get the successor
  {
     $nextnode := GetNext(self)$ ;
     $msg[nextnode] := msg[self] \parallel msg[self] := \langle \rangle$ ;
  }
} ;
}
} or
NDF:
{
  if (  $FailNum > 0 \wedge up[self] = TRUE$  )    Storage node can fail
  {
     $up[self] := FALSE$ ;
     $FailNum := FailNum - 1$ ;
  }
  else if (  $up[self] = FALSE$  )    Or recover as a new node
  {
     $up[self] := TRUE$ ;
     $msg[self] := \langle \rangle$ ;
     $FailNum := FailNum + 1$ ;
  }
}
}
}
fair process (  $p = Configurator$  )    Maintain the chain
variable  $newnode = -1$ ;
{
  P: while ( TRUE )
  {
    P1:
    if (  $Len(chain) < 3$  )    Add a new node
    {
      if (  $FreeUpNodes \neq \{\}$  )
      {
         $newnode := \text{CHOOSE } k \in FreeUpNodes : TRUE$ ;
        if (  $Len(chain) = 0$  )
        {

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        db[newnode] := [ver ↦ - 1, val ↦ - 1, cli ↦ 0];
        chain := Append(chain, newnode);
    }
    else
    {
        db[newnode] := db[chain[Len(chain)]];
        chain := Append(chain, newnode);
    } ;
} ;
}
else Delete fail node
{
    chain := SelectSeq(chain, test);
}
}
}
}

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**BEGIN TRANSLATION**

VARIABLES *FailNum*, *step*, *LSTWR*, *CURRD*, *lsttmp*, *WRTFLG*, *msg*, *up*, *db*, *chain*, *pc*

**define statement**

$UpNodes \triangleq \{i \in Nodes : up[i] = TRUE\}$   
 $ChainNode \triangleq \{chain[i] : i \in 1 \dots Len(chain)\}$   
 $ChainNodes \triangleq IF (Len(chain) = 0) THEN \{-1\} ELSE ChainNode$   
 $InChain(s) \triangleq IF (s \in ChainNodes) THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE$   
 $FreeUpNodes \triangleq \{i \in UpNodes : InChain(i) = FALSE \wedge up[i] = TRUE\}$   
 $GetIndex(s) \triangleq CHOOSE i \in 1 \dots Len(chain) : chain[i] = s$   
 $GetNext(s) \triangleq IF (GetIndex(s) = Len(chain)) THEN -1 ELSE chain[GetIndex(s) + 1]$   
 $GetFreeNode \triangleq \{i \in FreeUpNodes : up[i] = TRUE\}$   
 $GetTail \triangleq chain[Len(chain)]$   
 $GetHead \triangleq chain[1]$   
 $test(e) \triangleq IF (up[e] = TRUE) THEN TRUE ELSE FALSE$

VARIABLES *cntr*, *hver*, *lastelm*, *tail*, *head*, *initial*, *nextnode*, *clientid*,  
*newnode*

$vars \triangleq \langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, up, db, chain, pc, cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, initial, nextnode, clientid, newnode \rangle$

$ProcSet \triangleq (Clients) \cup (Nodes) \cup \{Configurator\}$

$Init \triangleq$  **Global variables**  
 $\wedge FailNum = FAILNUM$   
 $\wedge step = 0$   
 $\wedge LSTWR = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \wedge CURRD = -1 \\
& \wedge lsttmp = -1 \\
& \wedge WRTFLG = -1 \\
& \wedge msg = [j \in Procs \mapsto \langle \rangle] \\
& \wedge up = [n \in Nodes \mapsto \text{TRUE}] \\
& \wedge db = [n \in Nodes \mapsto [ver \mapsto -1, val \mapsto -1, cli \mapsto -1]] \\
& \wedge chain = \langle \rangle \\
& \text{Process } c \\
& \wedge cntr = [self \in Clients \mapsto 0] \\
& \wedge hver = [self \in Clients \mapsto -1] \\
& \wedge lastelm = [self \in Clients \mapsto 0] \\
& \wedge tail = [self \in Clients \mapsto -1] \\
& \wedge head = [self \in Clients \mapsto -1] \\
& \wedge initial = [self \in Clients \mapsto 0] \\
& \text{Process } n \\
& \wedge nextnode = [self \in Nodes \mapsto -1] \\
& \wedge clientid = [self \in Nodes \mapsto 0] \\
& \text{Process } p \\
& \wedge newnode = -1 \\
& \wedge pc = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto \text{CASE } self \in Clients \rightarrow \text{"C0"} \\
& \quad \square \quad self \in Nodes \rightarrow \text{"ND"} \\
& \quad \square \quad self = Configurator \rightarrow \text{"P"}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C0(self) & \triangleq \wedge pc[self] = \text{"C0"} \\
& \wedge (Len(chain) > 0) \\
& \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CL"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, \\
& \quad up, db, chain, cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, \\
& \quad initial, nextnode, clientid, newnode \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
CL(self) & \triangleq \wedge pc[self] = \text{"CL"} \\
& \wedge \text{IF } cntr[self] \leq STOP \\
& \quad \text{THEN } \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CLR"}] \\
& \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"Done"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, \\
& \quad up, db, chain, cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, \\
& \quad initial, nextnode, clientid, newnode \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
CLR(self) & \triangleq \wedge pc[self] = \text{"CLR"} \\
& \wedge \text{IF } WRTFLG \neq self \\
& \quad \text{THEN } \wedge \text{IF } msg[self] \neq \langle \rangle \\
& \quad \quad \text{THEN } \wedge \text{IF } msg[self].val = -1 \\
& \quad \quad \quad \text{THEN } \wedge hver' = [hver \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = msg[self].ver + 1] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \wedge \wedge CURRD' = db[chain[Len(chain)]] . ver \\
& \quad \quad \quad \wedge LSTWR' = lsttmp \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{IF } WRTFLG = -1
\end{aligned}$$

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        THEN  $\wedge$   $WRTFLG' = self$ 
        ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
             $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $WRTFLG$ 
    ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
         $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle LSTWR, CURRD, WRTFLG, hver \rangle$ 
    ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
         $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle LSTWR, CURRD, WRTFLG, hver \rangle$ 
 $\wedge$  IF  $WRTFLG' \neq self$ 
    THEN  $\wedge$   $tail' = [tail \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = GetTail]$ 
         $\wedge$   $msg' = [msg \text{ EXCEPT } ![tail'[self]] = [ver \mapsto -1, val \mapsto -1, cli \mapsto$ 
    ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
         $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle msg, tail \rangle$ 
         $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CLR"}]$ 
    ELSE  $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CLW"}]$ 
         $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle LSTWR, CURRD, WRTFLG, msg, hver, tail \rangle$ 
 $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle FailNum, step, lsttmp, up, db, chain, cntr,$ 
     $lastelm, head, initial, nextnode, clientid,$ 
     $newnode \rangle$ 

 $CLW(self) \triangleq$   $\wedge$   $pc[self] = \text{"CLW"}$ 
 $\wedge$  IF  $WRTFLG = self$ 
    THEN  $\wedge$  IF  $msg[self].val \neq -1 \wedge msg[self].ver = hver[self]$ 
        THEN  $\wedge$   $lsttmp' = msg[self].ver$ 
             $\wedge$   $cntr' = [cntr \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = cntr[self] + 1]$ 
             $\wedge$   $WRTFLG' = -1$ 
        ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
             $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle lsttmp, WRTFLG, cntr \rangle$ 
     $\wedge$  IF  $WRTFLG' = self$ 
        THEN  $\wedge$   $head' = [head \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = GetHead]$ 
             $\wedge$   $msg' = [msg \text{ EXCEPT } ![head'[self]] = [ver \mapsto hver[self], val \mapsto cntr$ 
        ELSE  $\wedge$  TRUE
             $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle msg, head \rangle$ 
         $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CLW"}]$ 
    ELSE  $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"CL"}]$ 
         $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, cntr, head \rangle$ 
 $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, up, db, chain, hver,$ 
     $lastelm, tail, initial, nextnode, clientid,$ 
     $newnode \rangle$ 

 $c(self) \triangleq C0(self) \vee CL(self) \vee CLR(self) \vee CLW(self)$ 

 $ND(self) \triangleq$   $\wedge$   $pc[self] = \text{"ND"}$ 
 $\wedge$   $\vee$   $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"NM"}]$ 
     $\vee$   $\wedge$   $pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"NDF"}]$ 
 $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg,$ 

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*up, db, chain, cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head,*  
*initial, nextnode, clientid, newnode)*

[illegible]
$$\begin{aligned}
NDF(self) &\triangleq \wedge pc[self] = \text{"NDF"} \\
&\wedge \text{IF } FailNum > 0 \wedge up[self] = \text{TRUE} \\
&\quad \text{THEN } \wedge up' = [up \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{FALSE}] \\
&\quad \wedge FailNum' = FailNum - 1 \\
&\quad \wedge msg' = msg \\
&\quad \text{ELSE } \wedge \text{IF } up[self] = \text{FALSE} \\
&\quad \quad \text{THEN } \wedge up' = [up \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{TRUE}] \\
&\quad \quad \wedge msg' = [msg \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \langle \rangle] \\
&\quad \quad \wedge FailNum' = FailNum + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge \text{TRUE} \\
&\quad \quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle FailNum, msg, up \rangle \\
&\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"ND"}] \\
&\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, db, chain, \\
&\quad cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, initial, \\
&\quad nextnode, clientid, newnode \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

$$n(self) \triangleq ND(self) \vee NM(self) \vee NDF(self)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P \triangleq & \wedge pc[Configurator] = \text{"P"} \\ & \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![Configurator] = \text{"P1"}] \\ & \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, up, db, \\ & \quad chain, cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, initial, nextnode, \\ & \quad clientid, newnode \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P1 \triangleq & \wedge pc[Configurator] = \text{"P1"} \\ & \wedge \text{IF } Len(chain) < 3 \\ & \quad \text{THEN } \wedge \text{IF } FreeUpNodes \neq \{\} \\ & \quad \quad \text{THEN } \wedge newnode' = (\text{CHOOSE } k \in FreeUpNodes : \text{TRUE}) \\ & \quad \quad \wedge \text{IF } Len(chain) = 0 \\ & \quad \quad \quad \text{THEN } \wedge db' = [db \text{ EXCEPT } ![newnode'] = [ver \mapsto -1, val \mapsto -1, cli \mapsto -1]] \\ & \quad \quad \quad \wedge chain' = Append(chain, newnode') \\ & \quad \quad \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge db' = [db \text{ EXCEPT } ![newnode'] = db[chain[Len(chain)]]] \\ & \quad \quad \quad \wedge chain' = Append(chain, newnode') \\ & \quad \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge \text{TRUE} \\ & \quad \quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle db, chain, newnode \rangle \\ & \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge chain' = SelectSeq(chain, test) \\ & \quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle db, newnode \rangle \\ & \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![Configurator] = \text{"P"}] \\ & \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle FailNum, step, LSTWR, CURRD, lsttmp, WRTFLG, msg, up, \\ & \quad cntr, hver, lastelm, tail, head, initial, nextnode, \\ & \quad clientid \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$p \triangleq P \vee P1$$

$$\begin{aligned} Next \triangleq & p \\ & \vee (\exists self \in Clients : c(self)) \\ & \vee (\exists self \in Nodes : n(self)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Spec \triangleq & \wedge Init \wedge \Box[Next]_{vars} \\ & \wedge \forall self \in Clients : WF_{vars}(c(self)) \\ & \wedge \forall self \in Nodes : WF_{vars}(n(self)) \\ & \wedge WF_{vars}(p) \end{aligned}$$

END TRANSLATION

$$Invariant1 \triangleq LSTWR = CURRD$$

$$Invariant2 \triangleq \forall i \in 1 \dots (Len(chain) - 1) : db[chain[i]].ver \geq db[chain[i + 1]].ver$$

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The code given above implements Replicated Storage with Chain Replication.

The invariant we have specified are -

- 1) The version number of the last write operation is equal to the version number of the current read operation.
- 2) The second invariant is that the *db.ver* is non-increasing when we traverse from head to tail.

Given below are our observations about this version of the protocol -

Voldchain is capable of tolerating more faults with less number of nodes. This is because in the *project1* version of the protocol, the condition that the value for *ReadQ* and *WriteQ* should be atleast one greater than the value of *FAILNUM* ineffect also brings up the necessity that the majority of nodes should be up and running.

eg for the case – *ReadQ* = 3, *WriteQ* = 3, *FAILNUM* = 2 and Number of *Nodes* (*N*) = 3, This will bring up an error as there are not enough nodes to satisfy the size requirements for *ReadQ* and *WriteQ* if two nodes are down.

In the *VoldChain* protocol, the chain length only needs to be one greater than *FAILNUM* and the number of nodes can be equal to the chain length. This will ensure that atleast one node with the current value is up to serve the request of the client.

The Read quorum is analogous to the tail of the chain. The client sends read requests to the tail and the tail responds with the value of the version number that is available with it. Since the write messages are constantly put in queue, the tail will eventually possess the highest version number.

The Write quorum is analogous to the whole chain. The client contacts the head which passes on the message to the other nodes. Eventually all the nodes in the chain will possess the updated value.

The previous relation between the quorum and *FAILNUM* holds in this case too. The number of nodes in the chain should be one more than *FAILNUM*.

We have implemented a token based lock system to ensure that the write operation is consistent and that another client does not write while a write operation is in progress. While in possession of this token, the client keeps sending write message till it gets the confirmation that the write operation is completed and the token is released from the client.

The system runs without the use of the aforementioned token system when the number of clients  $C = 1$ . But it doesnot satisfy the invariant without the token system when  $C = 2$ .