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Understanding Eventual Consistency

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Introduction

„...the storage system guarantees that if no new updates are made to the object, eventually all accesses will return the last updated valuee“
–W. Vogels (2009)

„Zweites Zitat über Ev. Consistency “

The Problem

- The definitions are ambiguous
- Most big players claim to implement it
- Implementations can't be compared... scientifically

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- Two examples: Int Register **intreg**, Counter **ctr**

$$\text{Op}_{\text{ctr}} = \{\text{rd}, \text{inc}\}$$

$$\text{Op}_{\text{intreg}} = \{\text{rd}, \text{wr}(k) | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

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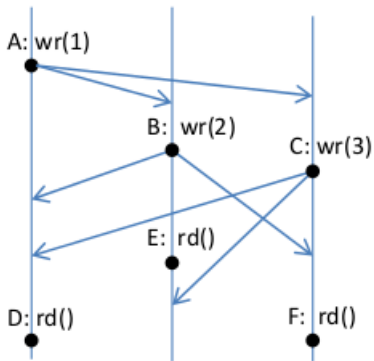
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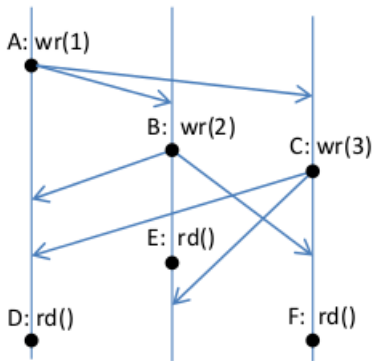
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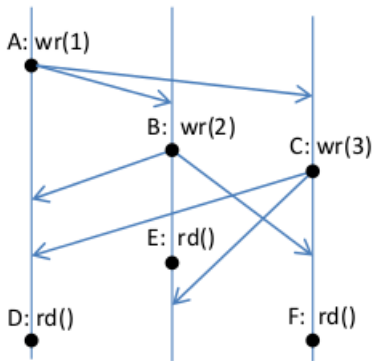
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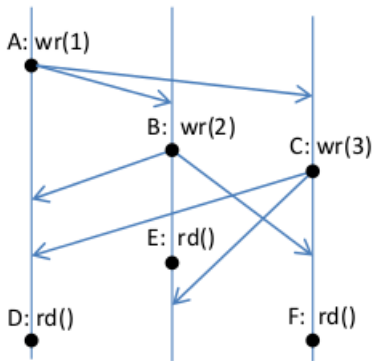
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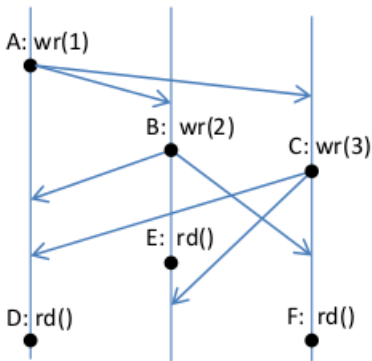
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Conclusion

- Which problems does the techreport solve?
- What is not solved by it?
- What do **we** think about it?