# Activity heartbeats inconsistent behavior between SDKs

#### Core

- If no <a href="heartbeat\_timeout">heartbeat\_timeout</a> is set in the activity options, do not heartbeat, log a warning
- Does not use timer to throttle activity heartbeats, instead relies on rapid heartbeats from lang
- No maximum throttle interval

#### Java

- If no heartbeat\_timeout is set, do not throttle
- Default maximum throttle interval of 30 seconds

### Go

- If no <a href="heartbeat\_timeout">heartbeat\_timeout</a> is set, default throttle interval to 10 minutes
- No maximum throttle interval

# **Proposal**

Add 2 new WorkerOption S:

- maxHeartbeatThrottleInterval default 60s
- defaultHeartbeatThrottleInterval default 30s

```
throttleInterval = min (
   heartbeat_timeout * .8 if heartbeat_timeout is provided

else defaultHeartbeatThrottleInterval
```

, maxHeartbeatThrottleInterval )

## **Rationale**

- Make the behavior explicit and configurable
- Keep the behavior backwards compatible
  - Java currently has an implicit maximum (30s) and default (0)
  - Go has an implicit default (10m) and no maximum
  - Core is not yet stable, from user feedback the behavior is confusing
- Not heartbeating means no cancellations, need a default value
- Consistency between the SDKs