

L^AT_EX Author Guidelines for 8.5 × 11-Inch Proceedings Manuscripts

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Abstract

In this project we will apply two different approaches to solve the problem of having a distributed tuplespace. These approaches have different tradeoffs considerations regarding time spent executing a request, network congestion and time spent recovering from a fault. For this work we consider a perfect failure detector, in which if a server stop responding to requests, then is because it crashed.

1. Introduction

A tuple space consists in distributed collection of tuples. A tuple contains fields that are some how related. A basic tuple space needs to be writable, readable and deletable.

Challenges. At a first glance seems easy to implement a tuple space in a distributed way however problems like consistency, data loss and performance rise.

To overcome this challenges we propose two different implementations of a distributed tuple space which solve the challenges listed above.

The State Machine Replication (SMR) which uses a coordination mechanism involving one leader to be responsible for coordination.

And a Xu and Liskov implementation that discards the need of a leader to coordinate client's requests.

2. State Machine Replication

The State Machine Replication is based on primary backup approach. Given one primary and several secondary nodes, clients will perform requests to the primary node only.

When the first server is switched on, we start by searching for alive servers requesting AREYOUThEMASTER. If no reply is given then the server becomes the leader. When others servers join the process repeats but they will receive the reply containing the URL path of the master.

2.1. Clients request

In our solution when the client starts we begin with a list of all URL's servers, sends the request to all servers and only the leader will start processing, others simply discard the request.

2.2. Fault tolerance

This implementation has an obvious **weak point**: if the master crashes the system will stop replying to requests. Our solution to this problem consists of using an heartbeat that is sent from the secondary nodes to the primary node every random seconds between 3 to 10 seconds. This ensures that in the worst case the system will took ten seconds to recover (assuming instant propagation of messages) . The randomization process is used to optimize network bandwidth and prevent heartbeats flooding on the master.

Every node in the SMR contains an identifier. When a master crashes the remaining node with the smallest ID will be elect as the new master. It starts by informing all secondary nodes about its leadership change. By that time all secondary nodes start sending heartbeats to the new master.

Another problem is when a **secondary node crashes**. In this case the availability of the system is not affected since the primary node continues to receive client's request. Nevertheless if that same node resurrects then it will be inconsistent with others. To fix this problem, every node has a log.

A log is used to keep track of every request made by the master **that was already executed**. When a secondary node crashes and recovers it will have no such tuple in the tuple space, then request to the master a copy of his own log. The master suspend the client's requests processing and replies to the new secondary node. As soon the new node is ready the master continues to processing client's request.

3. Xu and Liskov

De acordo com esta implementação já não se recorre a um master que garante a consistência do sistema coordenando todos os pedidos. Em vez disso, cada Front end de

cada cliente vai propagar o pedido para todos os servidores vivos, e cada um desses servidores vai tratar de o executar.

3.1. Clients request

Na nossa solução, quando um cliente quer realizar uma lista de um ou mais pedidos, vai inicialmente criar um Front End, que vai procurar quais os servidores vivos, e com isso é criada a View do cliente, que tem um ID. Quando um pedido é enviado para os servidores, é anexado ao mesmo o ID da view do cliente, o que permite ao servidor saber se o cliente está ou não sincronizado com os servidores, caso não esteja, é porque o sistema sofreu uma modificação e quando a mesma é terminada, a nova View de servidores vivos é enviada ao cliente.

3.2. Fault tolerance

Esta abordagem ao não apresentar um master, tem a vantagem de que quando um nó crasha, seja ele qual for, o sistema não precisa de parar. Isto é possível pois não existe uma unidade central da qual todo o sistema dependa, e que caso a mesma crashe, todo o sistema é comprometido. Apresenta uma desvantagem em relação ao SMR que é a de precisar de parar o sistema por breves instantes quando um novo nó se liga ao sistema. Isto é feito pois as Views precisam de ser atualizadas para passar a conter o novo nó, e não se pode perder pedidos que estejam a ser feitos enquanto as Views são atualizadas.

Quando um nó crasha o cliente vai atualizar a sua view, e informar todos os seus membros para atualizarem a sua view. Quando um nó rescuscita, vai começar por informar todas as máquinas vivas de que precisa do seu espaço de tuplos e vai pedir para que atualizem as suas views. Cada máquina ao receber este pedido vai recusar pedidos dos clientes que apresentem uma view antiga e vai dar o seu tuplespace ao novo nó. O novo nó vai fazer uma interseção de todos os tuplespaces (a interseção garante que ele apenas vai guardar os pedidos que já foram executados em todas as máquinas). Em seguida esse tuplespace é propagado para todo o sistema, com isto garantimos que nunca se perdem pedidos, pois mesmo que um pedido já tenha sido enviado para uma máquina mas não para outra, o mesmo vai ser repetido. Após todos os tuplespaces terem sido atualizados, o novo nó sinaliza as outras máquinas para que mandem a sua nova view ao cliente, repetindo o mesmo todos os pedidos da mesma operação que foram enviados numa view antiga.

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