

This is a specification of the server synchronisation for *Focustro*.

I am not very experienced with TLA+, so this shouldn't be considered good style. Let me know if you think this can be improved.

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┌────────────────────────────────── MODULE consistency ───────────────────────────────────┐
EXTENDS Integers, Sequences, TLC

CONSTANTS ClientIds, ObjectIds, PropNames, Values, NULL, MaxWrites, MaxNetworkFailures
VARIABLES clientStates, serverState, usedIds, writeCount, networkFailures

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*Init*  $\triangleq$

Clients start with an empty set of objects and a *NULL* *lastTimestamp*

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 $\wedge$  clientStates = [
  clientId  $\in$  ClientIds  $\mapsto$ 
    [
      objects  $\mapsto$  [objectId  $\in$  ObjectIds  $\mapsto$  NULL],
      writeQueue  $\mapsto$   $\langle \rangle$ ,
      lastTimestamp  $\mapsto$  NULL,
      inbox  $\mapsto$   $\langle \rangle$ 
    ]
  ]

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The server starts with an empty set of objects and a 0 timestamp

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 $\wedge$  serverState = [
  objects  $\mapsto$  [objectId  $\in$  ObjectIds  $\mapsto$  NULL],
  timestamp  $\mapsto$  0,
  inbox  $\mapsto$   $\langle \rangle$ 
]

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Simulate *UUIDs* by keeping track of used *IDs*

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 $\wedge$  usedIds = {}

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Keep track of the number of writes to limit the state space to *MaxWrites*

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 $\wedge$  writeCount = 0

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Keep track of the number of failures to limit the state space to *MaxNetworkFailures*

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 $\wedge$  networkFailures = 0

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Client actions

A client creates a new object using a unique *ID*

*CreateObject*(*clientId*, *objectId*, *object*)  $\triangleq$

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 $\wedge$  writeCount < MaxWrites

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 $\wedge$  objectId  $\notin$  usedIds

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 $\wedge$  clientStates[clientId].objects[objectId] = NULL

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 $\wedge$  clientStates' = [
  clientStates EXCEPT
  ![clientId].objects[objectId] = object,
  queue a 'create' operation
  ![clientId].writeQueue = Append(@,
  [

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        writeId ↦ writeCount,
        op ↦ "create",
        id ↦ objectId,
        object ↦ object
    ]
)
]
^ usedIds' = usedIds ∪ {objectId}
^ writeCount' = writeCount + 1
^ UNCHANGED ⟨serverState, networkFailures⟩

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A client updates a property of an existing object

$ModifyProperty(clientId, objectId, property, value) \triangleq$

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^ writeCount < MaxWrites
^ clientStates[clientId].objects[objectId] ≠ NULL
^ clientStates' = [
    clientStates EXCEPT
    ![clientId].objects[objectId][property] = value,
    queue an 'update' operation
    ![clientId].writeQueue = Append(@,
    [
        writeId ↦ writeCount,
        op ↦ "update",
        id ↦ objectId,
        property ↦ property,
        value ↦ value
    ]
    )
]
^ writeCount' = writeCount + 1
^ UNCHANGED ⟨usedIds, serverState, networkFailures⟩

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A client should periodically send a sync request to the server

$ClientSend(clientId) \triangleq$

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To limit the state space, only send one message at a time to the server
^ serverState.inbox = ⟨⟩
Don't send if there are messages waiting to be processed from the server
^ clientStates[clientId].inbox = ⟨⟩
^ ∨ clientStates[clientId].writeQueue ≠ ⟨⟩
  ∨ clientStates[clientId].lastTimestamp ≠ serverState.timestamp
^ serverState' = [
    serverState EXCEPT
    !.inbox = Append(@, [
        clientId ↦ clientId,
        lastTimestamp ↦ clientStates[clientId].lastTimestamp,

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write ↦
  IF clientStates[clientId].writeQueue ≠ ⟨⟩
    THEN Head(clientStates[clientId].writeQueue)
    ELSE NULL
  ])
]
∧ UNCHANGED ⟨clientStates, usedIds, writeCount, networkFailures⟩

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The client receives a response from the server

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ClientRecv(clientId) ≜
  ∧ clientStates[clientId].inbox ≠ ⟨⟩
  ∧ clientStates' =
    LET msg ≜ Head(clientStates[clientId].inbox)
    writes ≜ clientStates[clientId].writeQueue
    check(write) ≜ write.writeId ≠ msg.ack
    IN [
      clientStates EXCEPT
      ![clientId].inbox = Tail(@),
      ![clientId].writeQueue = SelectSeq(writes, check),
      ![clientId].lastTimestamp = msg.timestamp,
      ![clientId].objects = [
        objectId ∈ ObjectIds ↦
          IF objectId ∈ DOMAIN msg.updates
            THEN msg.updates[objectId]
            ELSE @[objectId]
      ]
    ]
  ]
∧ UNCHANGED ⟨serverState, usedIds, writeCount, networkFailures⟩

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The client loses a response from the server

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ClientLoseMessage(clientId) ≜
  ∧ clientStates[clientId].inbox ≠ ⟨⟩
  ∧ networkFailures < MaxNetworkFailures
  ∧ clientStates' = [clientStates EXCEPT ![clientId].inbox = Tail(@)]
  ∧ networkFailures' = networkFailures + 1
  ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨serverState, usedIds, writeCount⟩

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Server helpers

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ApplyWrite(write, serverObjects, timestamp) ≜
  IF write = NULL THEN serverObjects ELSE
  IF write.op = "create"
    THEN [serverObjects EXCEPT ![write.id] = [object ↦ write.object, updated ↦ timestamp]]
    ELSE [serverObjects EXCEPT ![write.id] = [
      object ↦ [@.object EXCEPT ![write.property] = write.value],
      updated ↦ timestamp
    ]

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$UpdatedObjects(serverObjects, clientTimestamp) \triangleq$   
IF  $clientTimestamp = NULL$   
THEN LET  $S \triangleq \{objectId \in ObjectIds : serverObjects[objectId] \neq NULL\}$   
IN  $[objectId \in S \mapsto serverObjects[objectId].object]$   
ELSE LET  $S \triangleq \{objectId \in ObjectIds : \wedge serverObjects[objectId] \neq NULL$   
 $\wedge serverObjects[objectId].updated > clientTimestamp\}$   
IN  $[objectId \in S \mapsto serverObjects[objectId].object]$

Server actions

The server receives a message from a client

$ServerRecv \triangleq$   
 $\wedge serverState.inbox \neq \langle \rangle$   
 $\wedge LET msg \triangleq Head(serverState.inbox)$   
 $newTimestamp \triangleq IF msg.write = NULL$   
 $THEN serverState.timestamp$   
 $ELSE serverState.timestamp + 1$   
  
IN  
 $\wedge serverState' = [$   
 $serverState$  EXCEPT  
 $!.objects = ApplyWrite(msg.write, serverState.objects, newTimestamp),$   
 $!.inbox = Tail(@),$   
 $!.timestamp = newTimestamp$   
 $]$   
 $\wedge clientStates' = [$   
 $clientStates$  EXCEPT  
 $![msg.clientId].inbox = Append(@,$   
 $[$   
 $timestamp \mapsto newTimestamp,$   
 $ack \mapsto IF msg.write = NULL THEN NULL ELSE msg.write.writeId,$   
 $updates \mapsto UpdatedObjects(serverState'.objects, msg.lastTimestamp)$   
 $]$   
 $)$   
 $]$   
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle usedIds, writeCount, networkFailures \rangle$

The server loses a message from a client

$ServerLoseMessage \triangleq$   
 $\wedge serverState.inbox \neq \langle \rangle$   
 $\wedge networkFailures < MaxNetworkFailures$   
 $\wedge serverState' = [$   
 $serverState$  EXCEPT  
 $!.inbox = Tail(@)$   
 $]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \wedge \text{networkFailures}' = \text{networkFailures} + 1 \\ & \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{clientStates}, \text{usedIds}, \text{writeCount} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

#### System actions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Next} \triangleq & \vee \exists \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \\ & \exists \text{objectId} \in \text{ObjectIds} : \\ & \exists \text{object} \in [\text{PropNames} \rightarrow \text{Values}] : \\ & \quad \text{CreateObject}(\text{clientId}, \text{objectId}, \text{object}) \\ & \vee \exists \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \\ & \quad \exists \text{objectId} \in \text{ObjectIds} : \\ & \quad \exists \text{prop} \in \text{PropNames} : \\ & \quad \exists \text{value} \in \text{Values} : \\ & \quad \quad \text{ModifyProperty}(\text{clientId}, \text{objectId}, \text{prop}, \text{value}) \\ & \vee \exists \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \text{ClientSend}(\text{clientId}) \\ & \vee \exists \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \text{ClientRecv}(\text{clientId}) \\ & \vee \exists \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \text{ClientLoseMessage}(\text{clientId}) \\ & \vee \text{ServerRecv} \\ & \vee \text{ServerLoseMessage} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{AllVars} \triangleq \langle \text{clientStates}, \text{usedIds}, \text{serverState}, \text{writeCount}, \text{networkFailures} \rangle$$

#### Temporal properties

Assume that the client and server will eventually send/receive requests, even if the network is temporarily down

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fairness} \triangleq & \\ & \wedge \forall \text{clientId} \in \text{ClientIds} : \\ & \quad \wedge \text{WF}_{\text{AllVars}}(\text{ClientRecv}(\text{clientId})) \\ & \quad \wedge \text{WF}_{\text{AllVars}}(\text{ClientSend}(\text{clientId})) \\ & \wedge \text{WF}_{\text{AllVars}}(\text{ServerRecv}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Spec} \triangleq \text{Init} \wedge \square[\text{Next}]_{\text{AllVars}} \wedge \text{Fairness}$$

#### Properties to be checked

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consistent} \triangleq & \\ & \exists \text{clientId1} \in \text{ClientIds} : \\ & \forall \text{clientId2} \in \text{ClientIds} : \\ & \quad \text{clientStates}[\text{clientId1}].\text{objects} = \text{clientStates}[\text{clientId2}].\text{objects} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Properties} \triangleq & \\ & \diamond \square \text{Consistent} \end{aligned}$$