A Slightly Different Primary-Backup Protocol

\((f = 1)\)
Generalizing to more backups

Primary

$f$ backups
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

$\text{update}$

Primary

$f$ backups

\[ \text{backups} \]
Generalizing to more backups

$f$ backups
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

(Active updates)

$\begin{array}{c}
\text{Primary} \\
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Backup 1} \\
\text{Backup 2} \\
\text{Backup 3} \\
\text{Backup 4} \\
\text{Backup 5}
\end{array}
\end{array}$
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

(passive updates)

$\mathcal{f}$ backups
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

(passive updates)

Primary

\( f \) backups
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

\[ f \text{ backups} \]
GENERALIZING TO MORE BACKUPS

Primary

\[ f \text{ backups} \]
HANDLING QUERIES

query

Primary

f backups
HANDLING QUERIES

Primary

$f$ backups 〇 〇 〇 〇 〇 〇
Handling queries

Reply

Primary

However…

\( f \) backups
HANDLING QUERIES

$\text{Primary}$

$f$ backups
The primary cannot respond until it has received all acks for prior updates.
Chain replication

Primary

Head $f + 1$ replicas Tail
Chain replication

Head

\( f + 1 \) replicas

Tail

update

query

reply
Chain replication

Head

$\mathit{f} + 1$ replicas

Tail
Chain replication

- Head
- $f + 1$ replicas
- Tail

update
Chain replication

Head $f + 1$ replicas Tail

update reply
Chain replication

Tail can respond immediately, without waiting for the new update

Head \( f + 1 \) replicas

Tail
ADMINISTRIVIA

Problem sets
• PS2 will be sent out today; due on 10/11, before class
  • Individual work only

Presentations
• Presentation assignments coming soon™

Research project
• Group declaration due on Friday
• Topic declarations due next Friday, 10/8
Presentations

First, you should always make a script for your presentation, before you start making slides. This helps you organize your thoughts and present them clearly to your audience. The script should be at the high level, a kind of summary of the presentation with about one or two sentences per slide. Also, you should avoid having lots of text on one slide, as this is guaranteed to put your audience to a deep, dreamless slumber. Where most presentations fail is that their authors, convinced they are producing some kind of stand-alone document, put everything they want to say onto their slides, in great big chunky blocks of text. While speaking, your voice should not be a flat monotonic drone, but you should try to change inflection often, so as to avoid putting your audience to sleep. And, of course, you should never try to read aloud the text written in your slides. If you find yourself doing that during your practice talks, it means there's something wrong with the presentation. Unless of course you are trying to make a point, as I am doing right now :)
PRESENTATIONS (FOR REAL THIS TIME)

• Motivation, motivation, motivation!
• Keep it simple
  • Give the high-level intuition
• Avoid the “wall of text”
• Speak normally, with changes to your inflection
• Practice, practice, practice!
CONSISTENCY

Is the server’s response correct?

(are all the server’s responses consistent with each other?)
Consistency is a **property** of the execution; a constraint on the values of the reads and writes returned by the server.
Monotonic read consistency

If a client reads the value of a data item $x$, any successive read operation on $x$ by that client will always return that same value or a more recent value.

Are these runs monotonic read consistent?

$W_1(x,3) \; R_1(x)=4 \; W_2(x,4) \; R_2(x)=4$

$R_1(x)=1 \; R_1(y)=1 \; W_2(y,4) \; R_1(x)=4$

.... $R_1(x)=1 \; R_1(y)=1 \; W_2(y,4) \; R_1(x)=4$