

CRDTs for fun and profit

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Why?

Distributed rate limiting

Token buckets

Requirements

Local reads/updates only

Network splits

Best effort

CRDTs



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***A comprehensive study of
Convergent and Commutative Replicated Data Types***

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Conflict-free Replicated Data Type

Convergent Replicated Data Type

Commutative Replicated Data Type

Ops vs state

State based interface

```
interface CRDT<T> {  
    T get();  
  
    void update(T t);  
  
    void merge(CRDT<T> other);  
}
```

Merging

Commutative

$$4+3 = 3+4$$

Associative

$$2 + (3 + 4) = (2 + 3) + 4$$

Idempotence

$$\text{fn}(x) = \text{fn}(\text{fn}(x))$$

Known CRDTs

Counters

- G counter
- PN counter

Sets/registers

- G set
- 2P set
- LWW set
- LWW register
- Multi value register

Other examples

- Graphs
- Treedocs
- Maps
- ...

Unbounded growth/GC

Gossip

"More typically gossip protocols are those that specifically run in a regular, periodic, relatively lazy, symmetric and decentralized manner; the high degree of symmetry among nodes is particularly characteristic. [..] Frequently, the most useful gossip protocols turn out to be those with exponentially rapid convergence towards a state that "emerges" with probability 1.0.

-- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gossip_protocol

Our implementation

Recommended reading

- <https://christophermeiklejohn.com/crdt/2014/07/22/readings-in-crdts.html>
- <http://hal.upmc.fr/inria-00555588/document>
- <https://dist-sys-slack.herokuapp.com/#crdts>
- <https://github.com/aphyr/meangirls>
- @xmal
- <http://docs.basho.com/riak/latest/dev/using/data-types/>

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