

Eventually Consistent Service Discovery

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January 11th, 2018

- 5:02 AM
acquire 1
- 6:14 AM
acquire 2
- 9:10 AM 🌴
acquire 3
- 9:23 AM
acquire 4
- 9:36 AM
acquire 5
- 10:09 AM
acquire 7
release 7
- 10:36 AM
release 5
- 12:13 PM
acquire 5
release 5
- 1:50 PM
acquire 5
- 1:58 PM
back to the void with you, 5!
- 3:17 PM
Saving you from the void, 5
- 3:23 PM
Right back in there 5
- 6:29 PM



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February 19th, 2018



Slackbot 4:00 AM

Reminder: ALL SMARTCLIENTS RELEASED 🌟

acquire 1

release 1

acquire 1

acquire 2

acquire 3

release 3

acquire 4 (edited)

acquire 4 again

acquire 1

acquire 2

release 1

acquire 1

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Service Discovery?

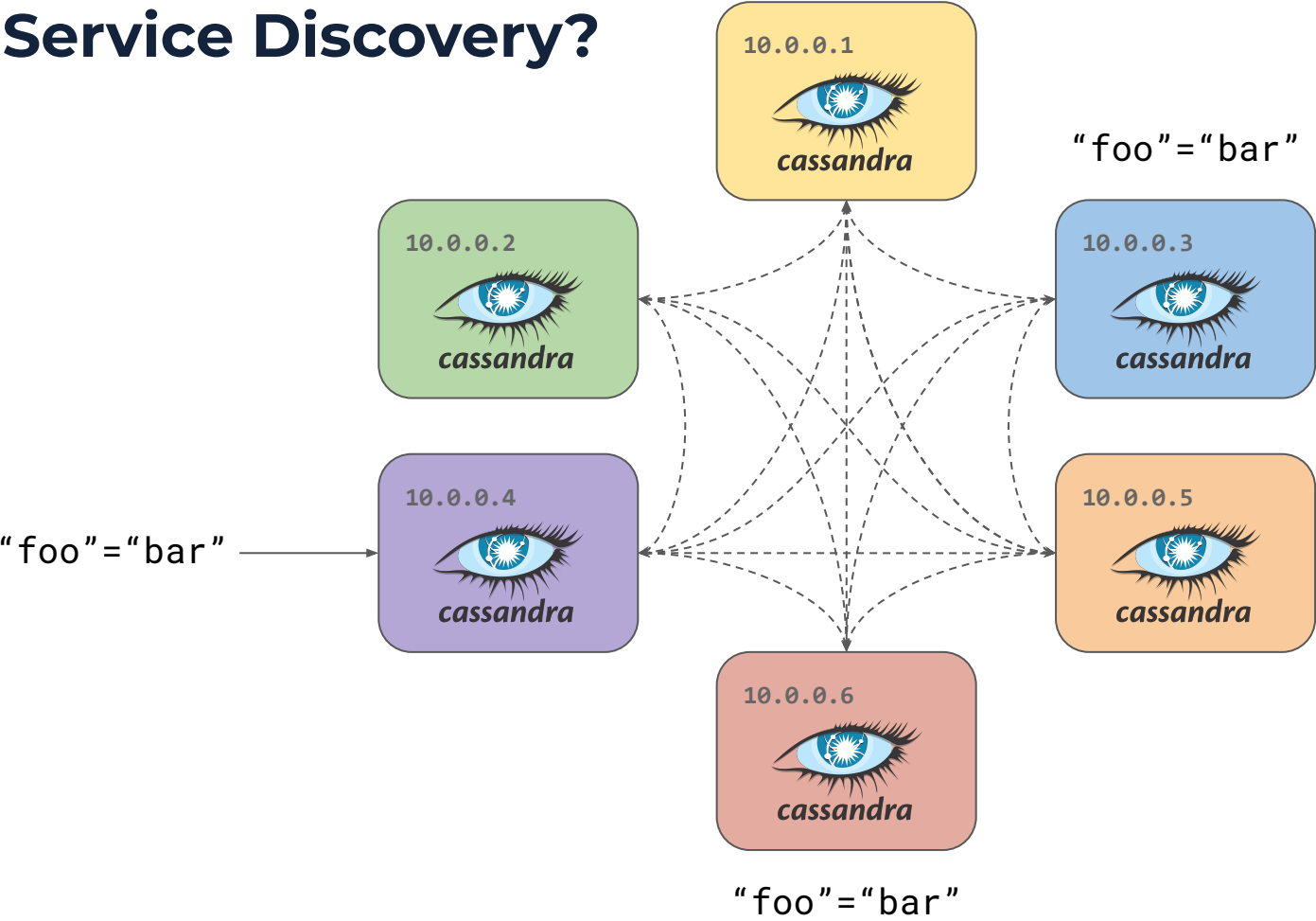


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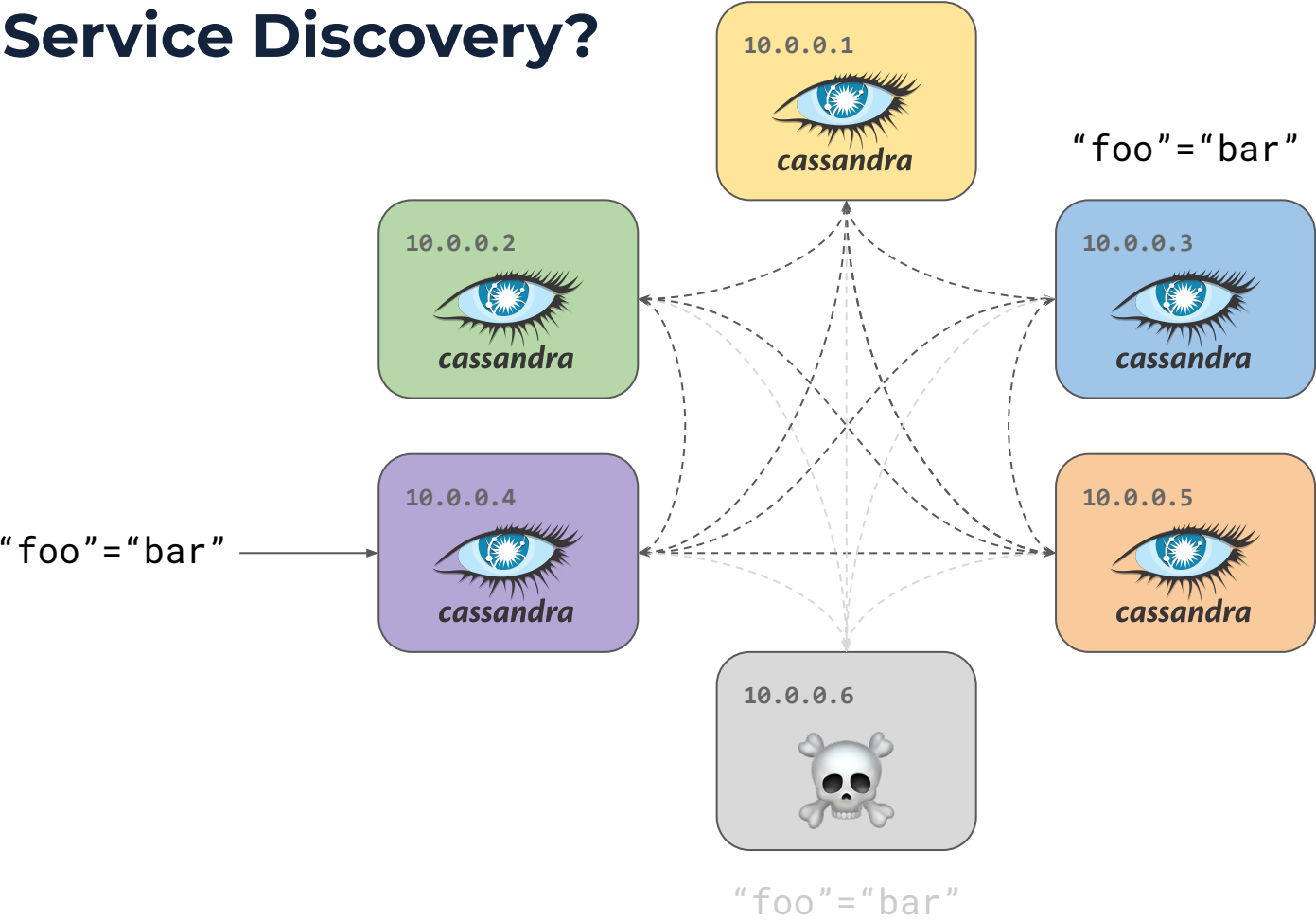
"foo" = "bar"



Service Discovery?



Service Discovery?



Strong Consistency



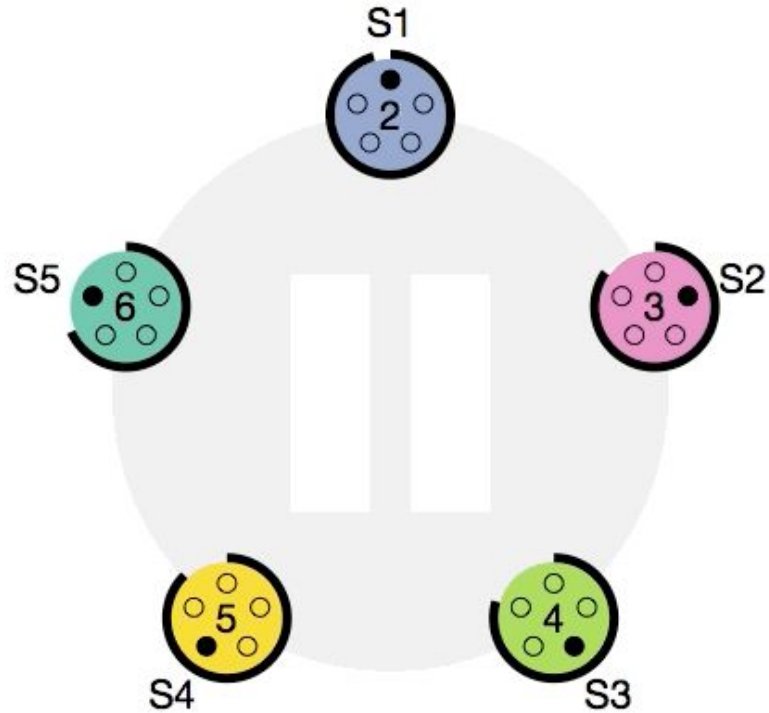
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Strong Consistency



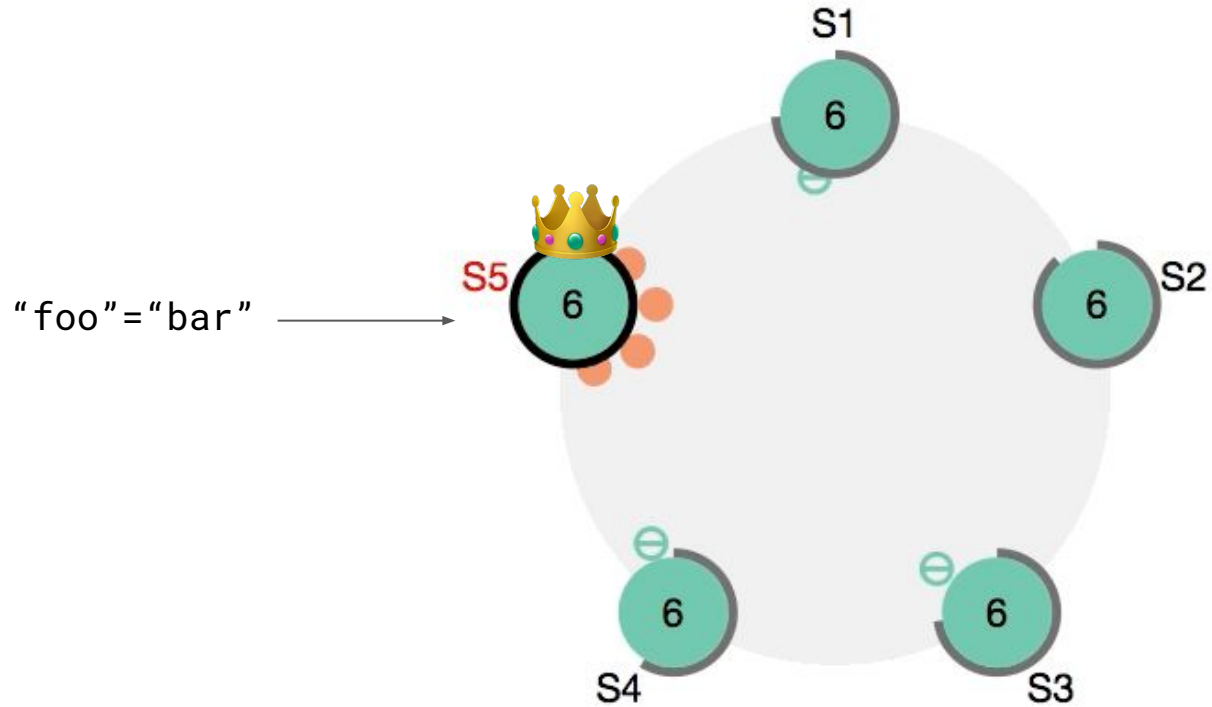
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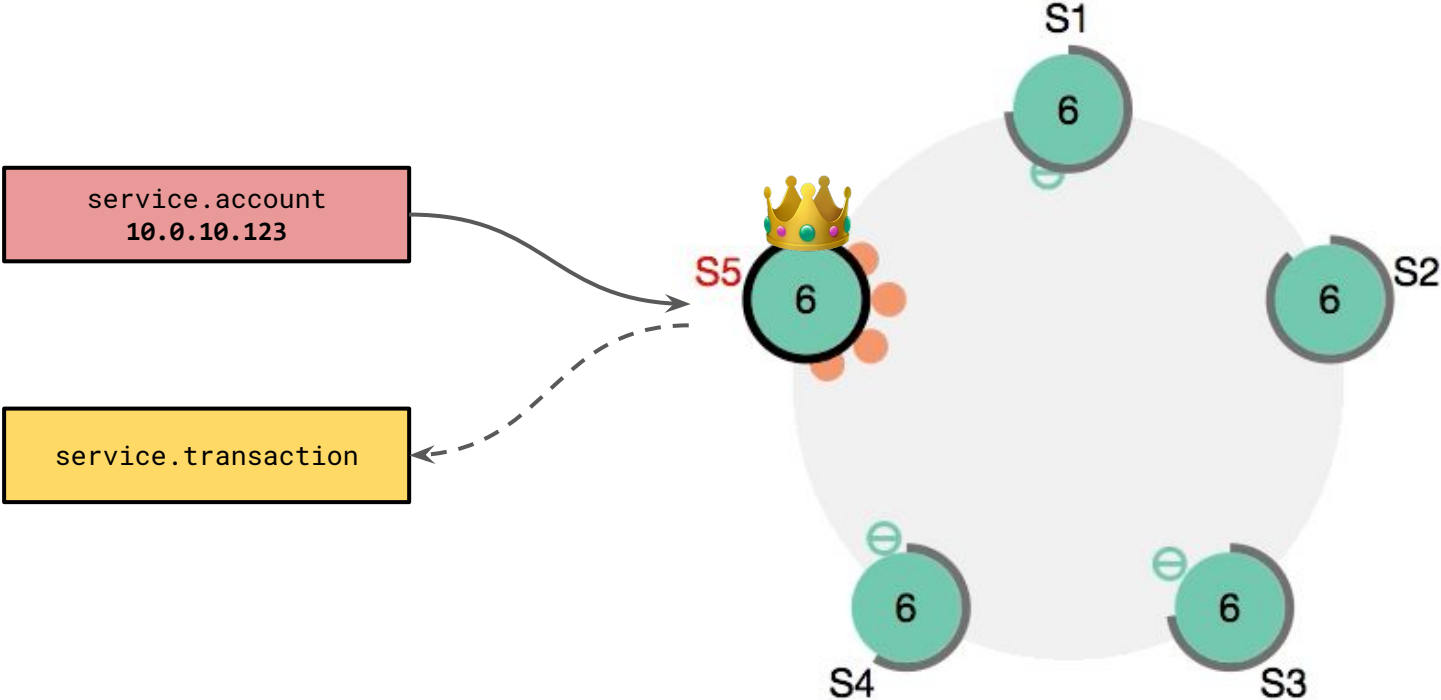


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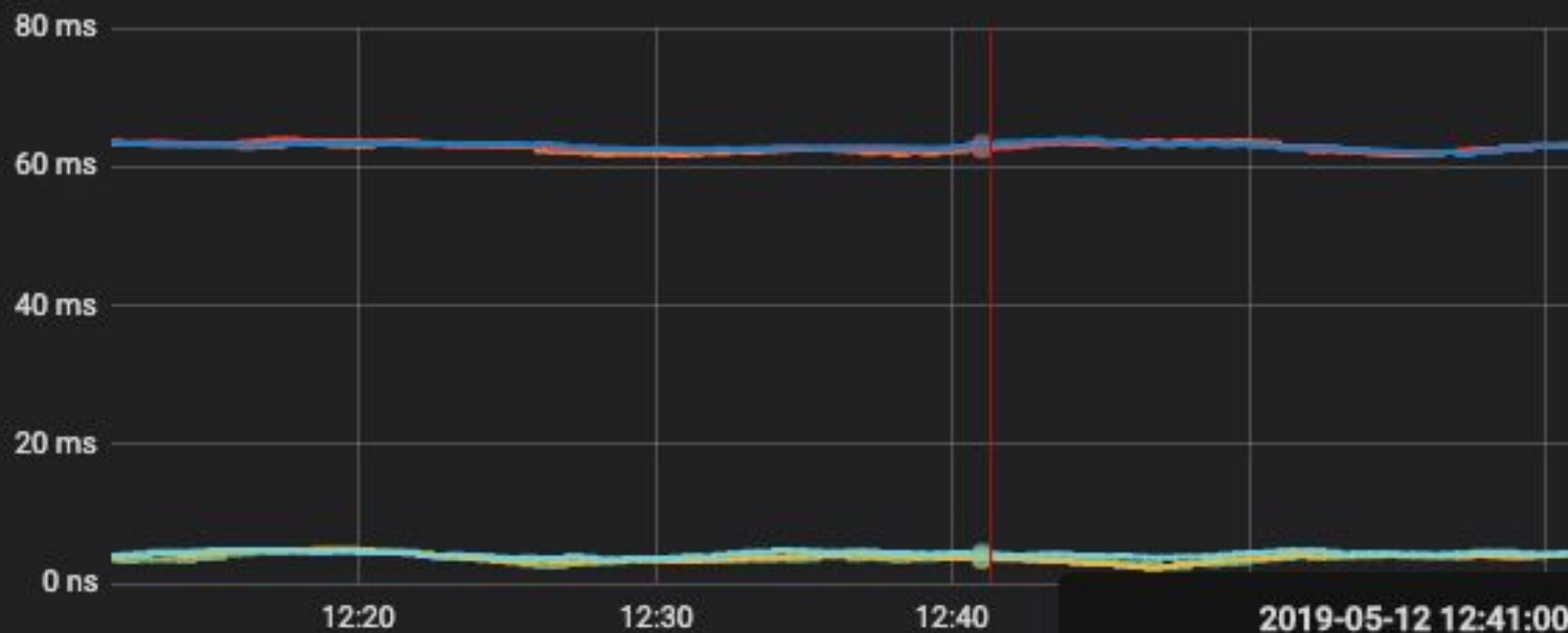
Strong Consistency



Strong Consistency



Disk Sync Duration



12 GiB
9 GiB
7 GiB
5 GiB
2 GiB
0 B

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Client Traffic Out



1.7 MB/s

1.6 MB/s

WAL fsync:	4 ms
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DB fsync:	63 ms
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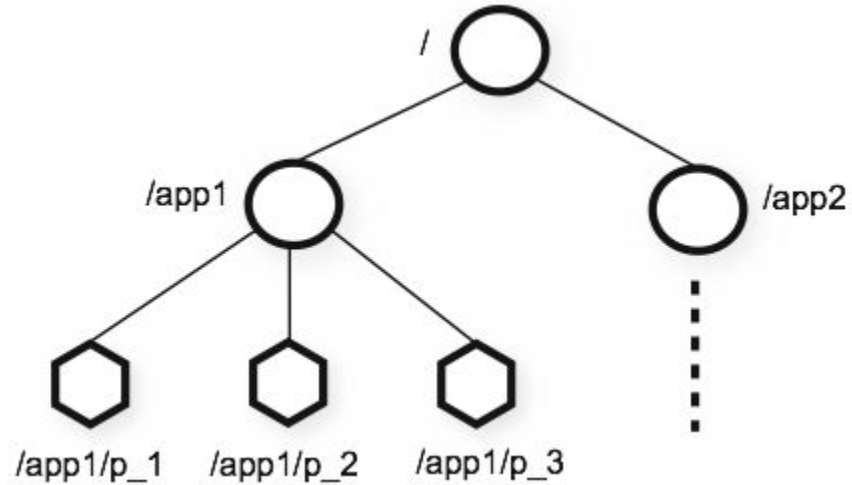
Sequential Consistency



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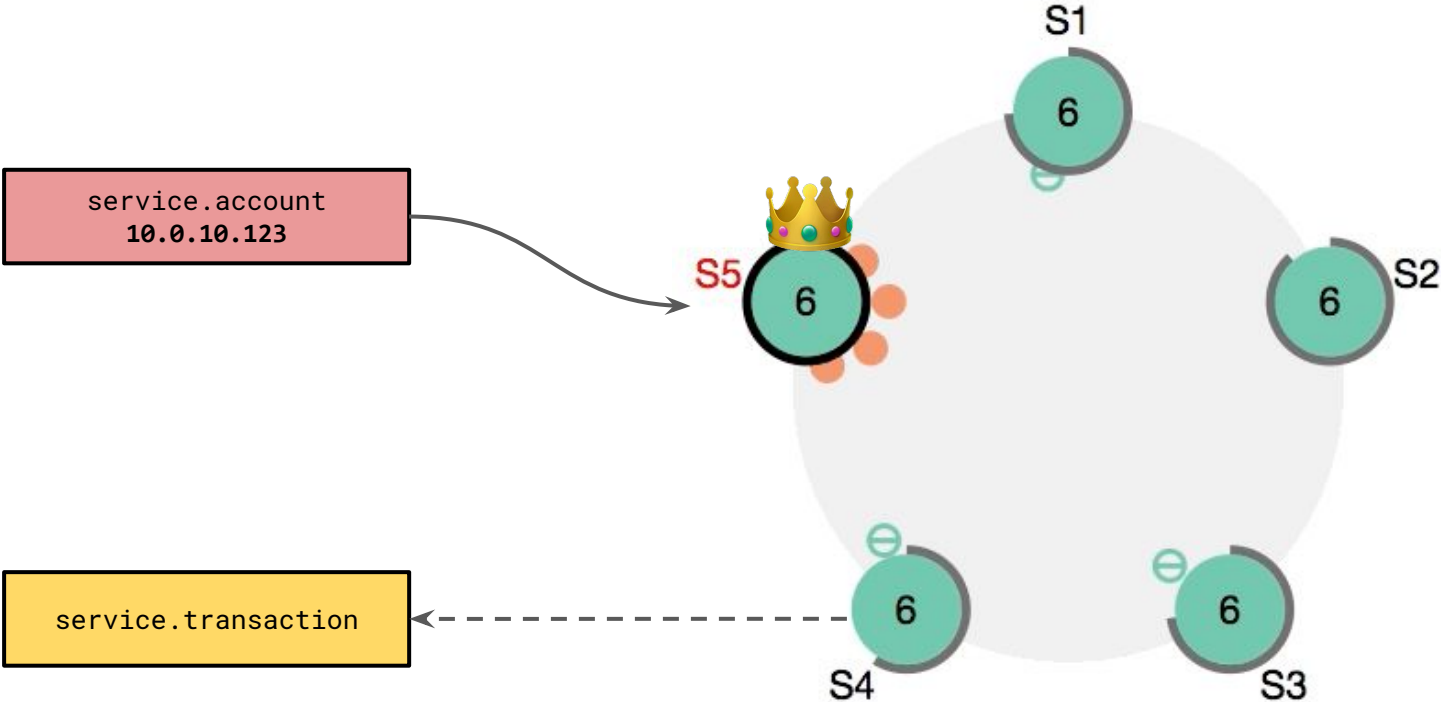
ZooKeeper™

Sequential Consistency



<https://zookeeper.apache.org/doc/r3.1.2/zookeeperOver.html>

Sequential Consistency





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Summary

Remaining issues:

- Positive feedback loop
- Write cost depends on number of backend instances
- Read cost depends on write cost multiplied by number of clients



DISEASE

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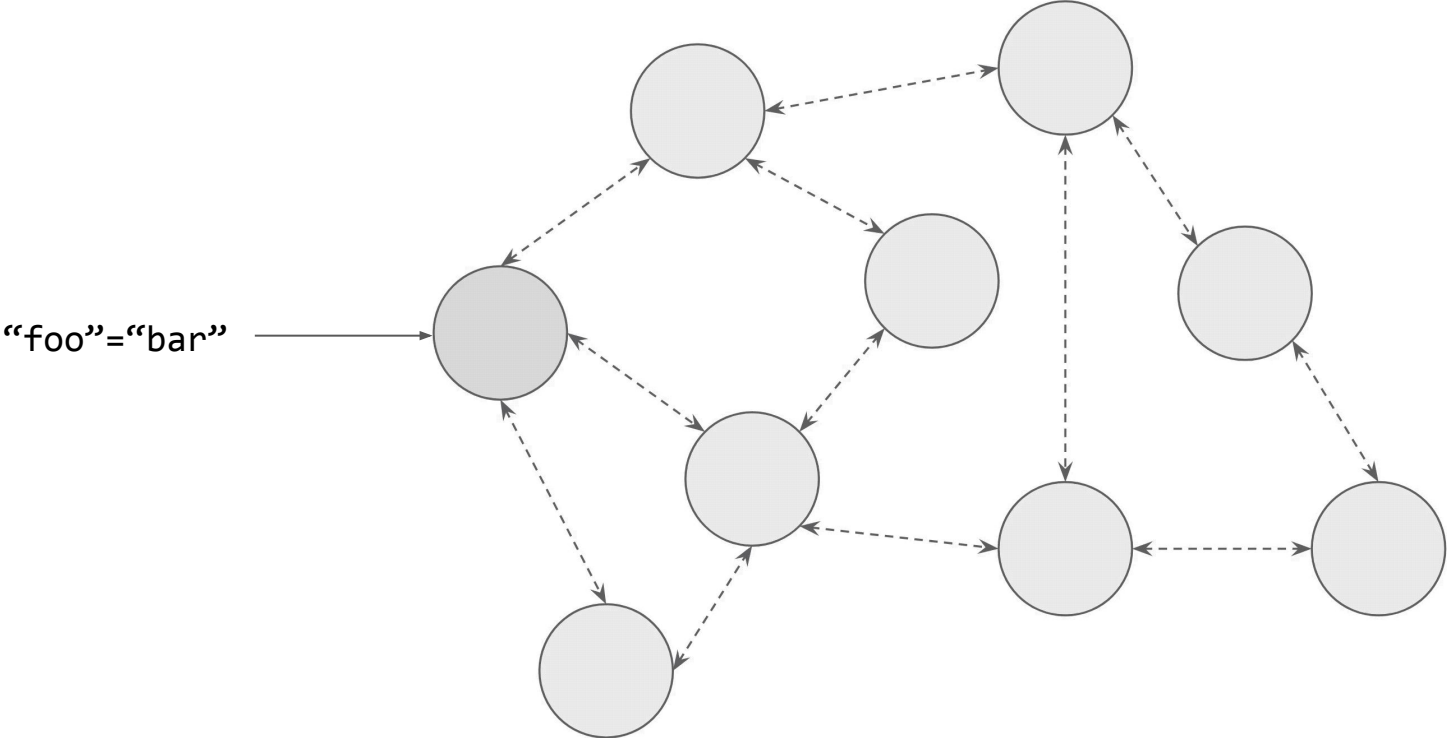
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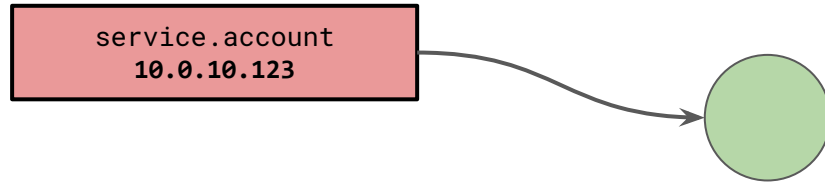
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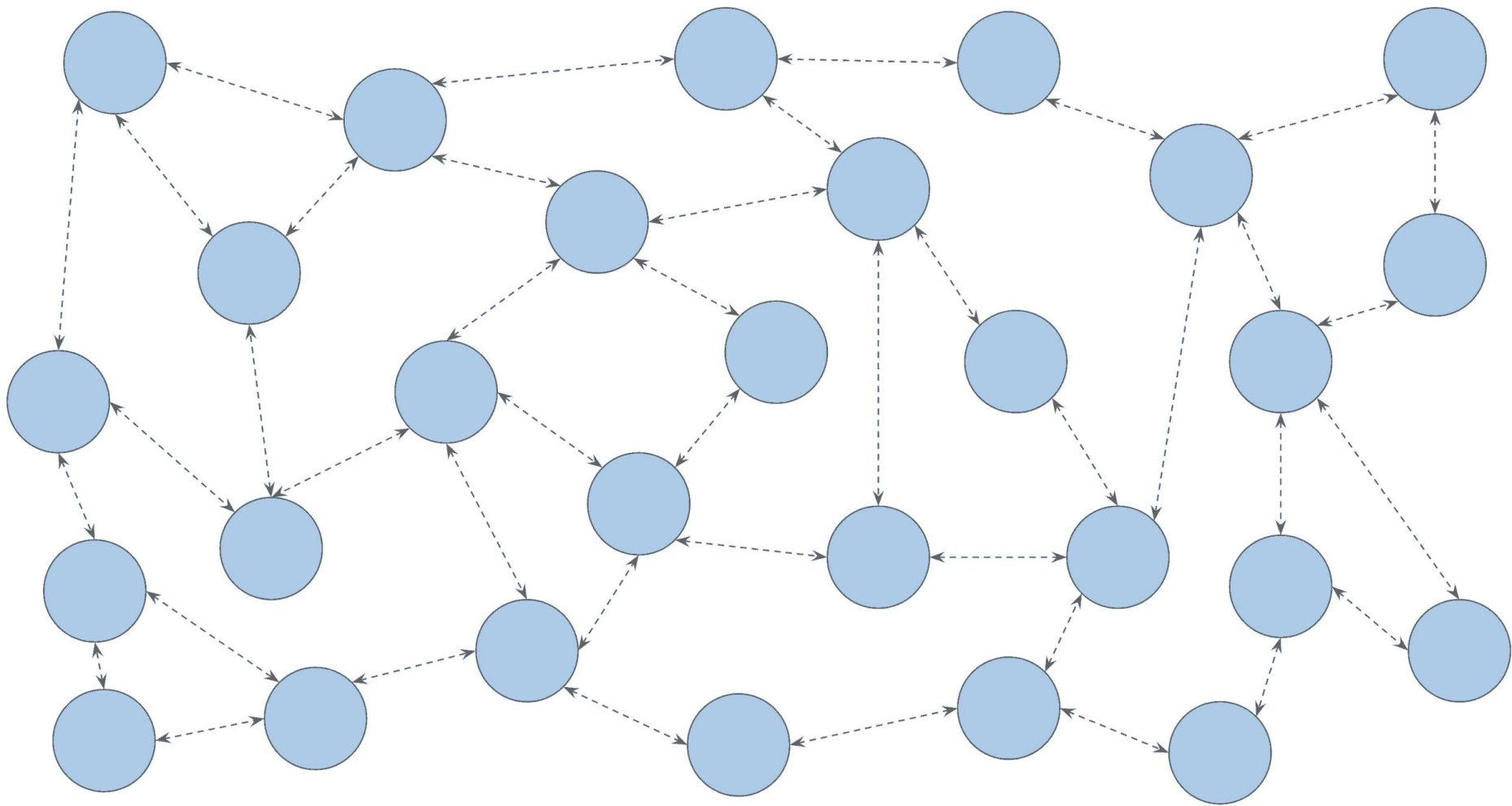
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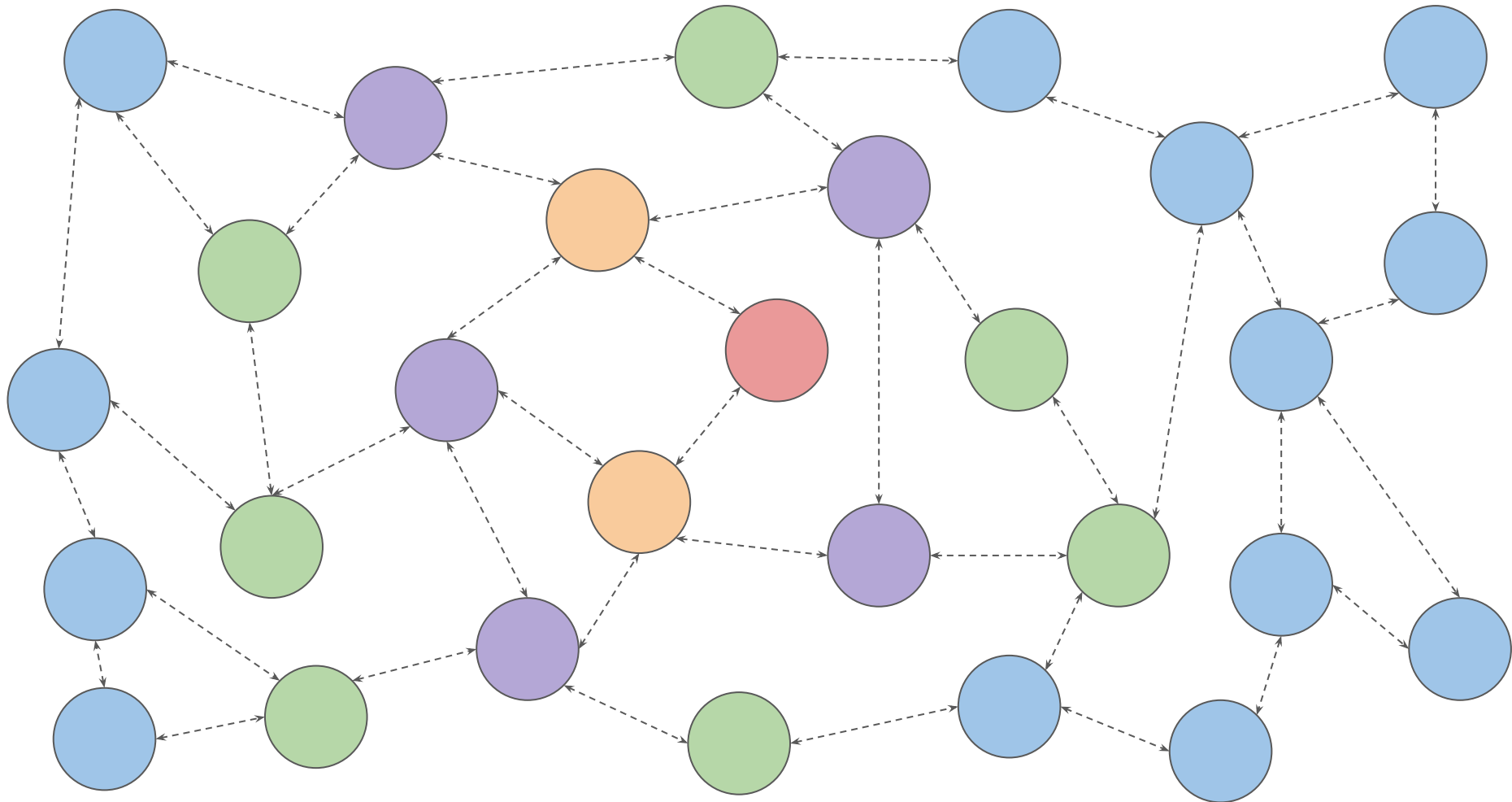
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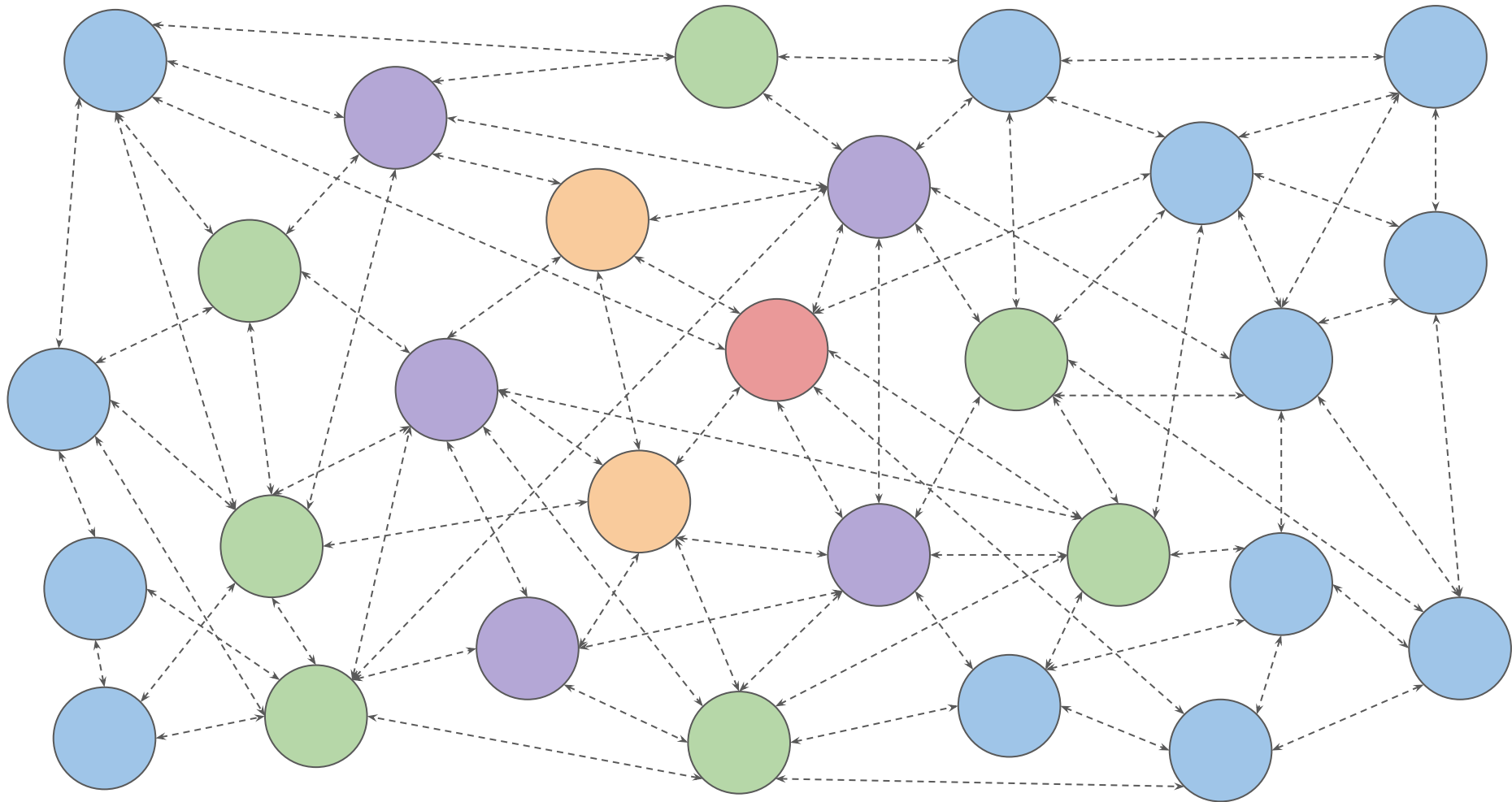


Gossip Protocols









SWIM: Scalable *Weakly-consistent Infection-style* Process Group Membership Protocol

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Abstract

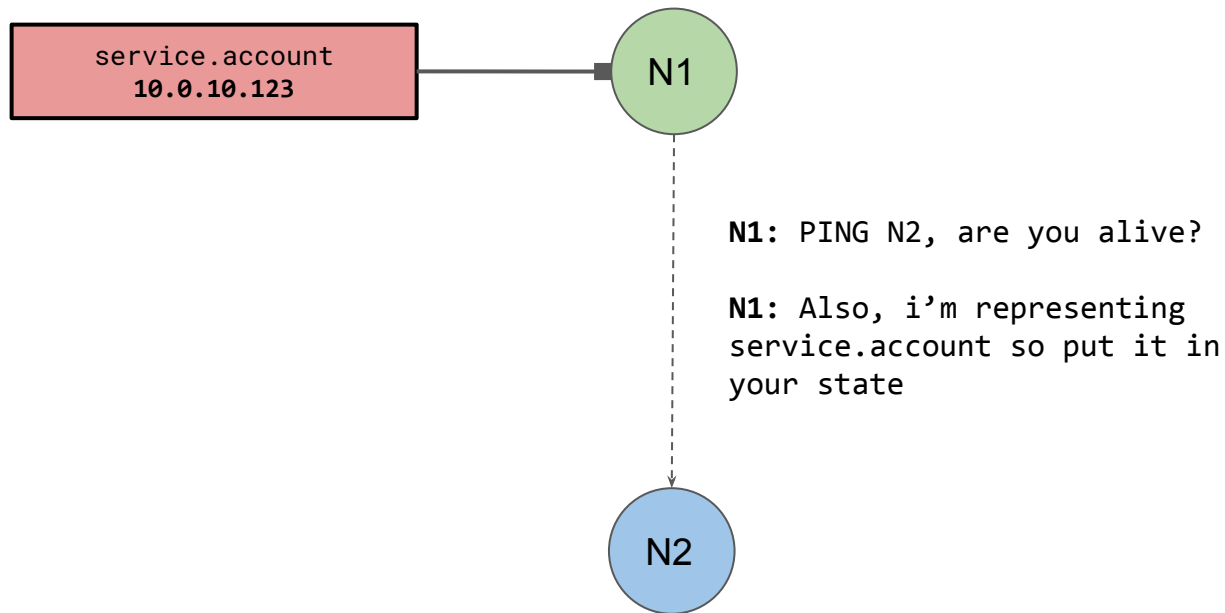
Several distributed peer-to-peer applications require weakly-consistent knowledge of process group membership information at all participating processes. SWIM is a generic software module that offers this service for large-scale process groups. The SWIM effort is motivated by the unscalability of traditional heart-beating protocols, which either impose network loads that grow quadratically with group size, or compromise response times or false positive frequency w.r.t. detecting process crashes. This paper re-

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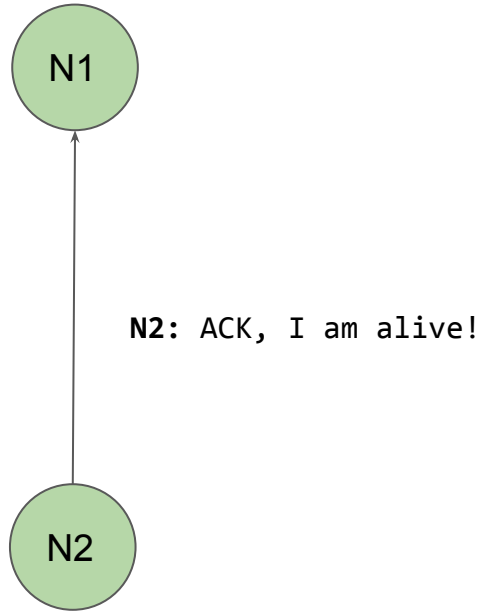
*As you swim lazily through the milieu,
The secrets of the world will infect you.*

Several large-scale peer-to-peer distributed process groups running over the Internet rely on a distributed membership maintenance sub-system. Examples of existing middleware systems that utilize a membership protocol include reliable multicast [3, 11], and epidemic-style information dissemination [4, 8, 13]. These protocols in turn find use in applications such as distributed databases that need to reconcile re-

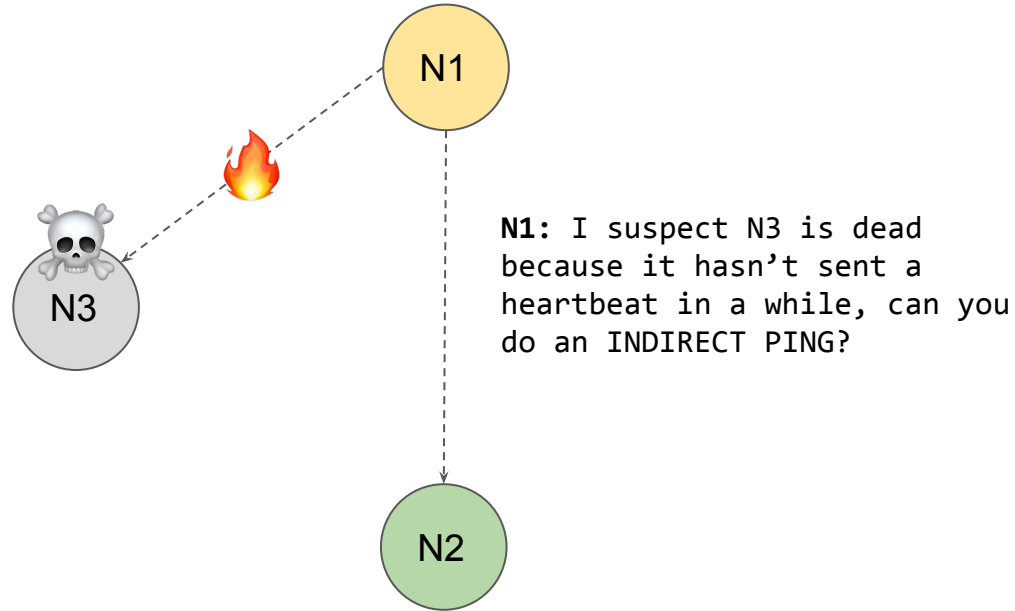
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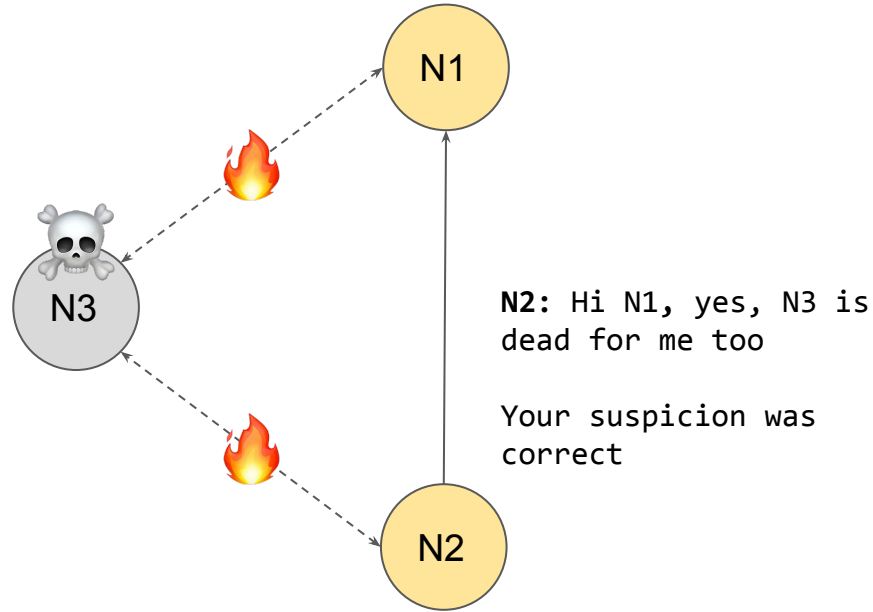
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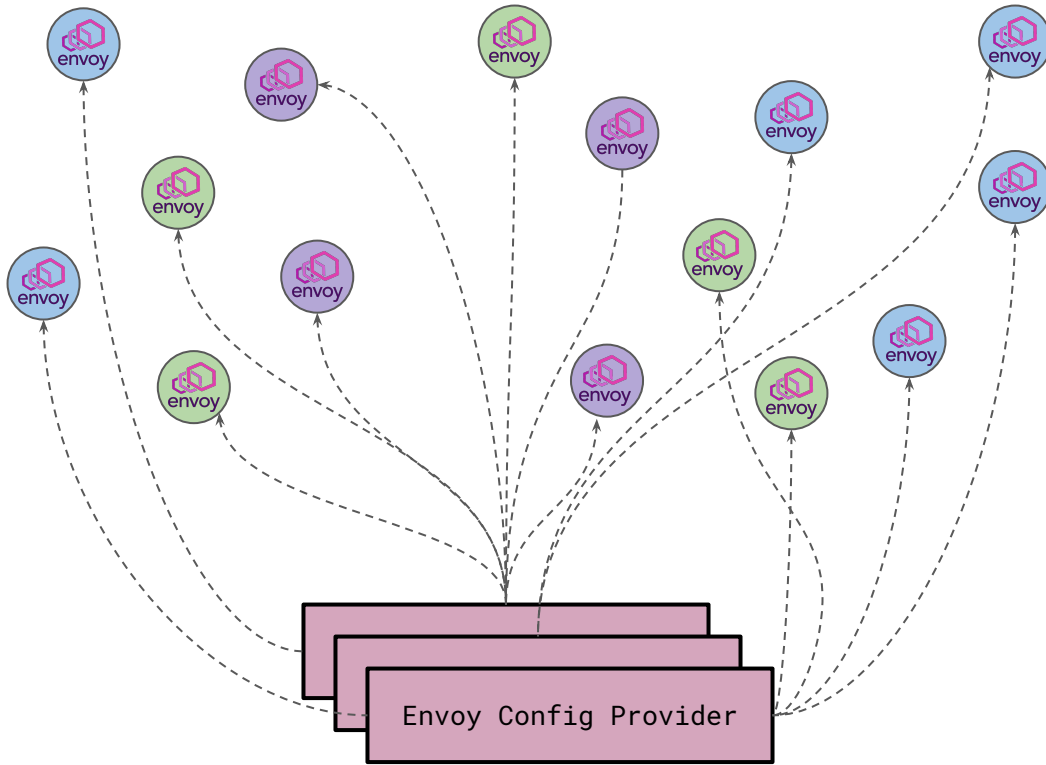
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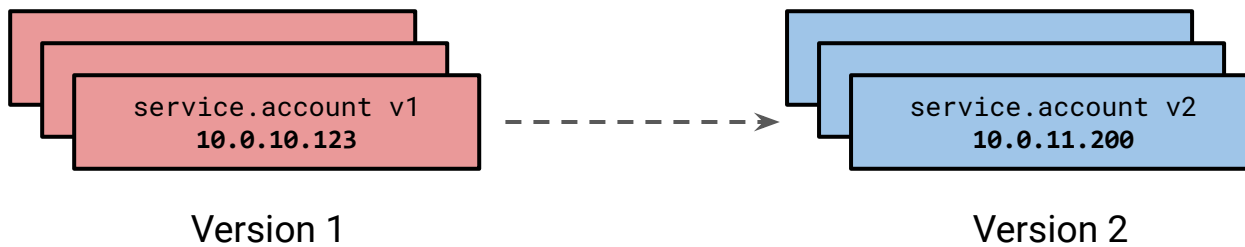
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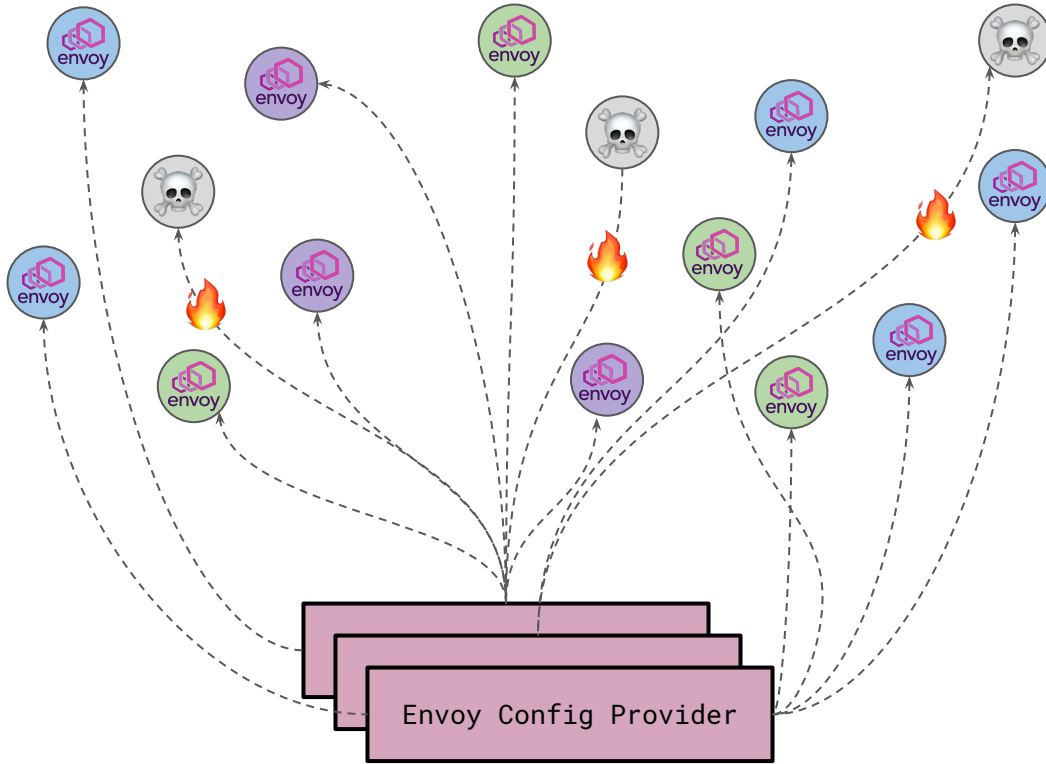
Eventual Consistency



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Summary

Need Agreement?

- A strongly consistent system may be ideal for this use case

Scalability?

- Eventual consistency will work as long as you acknowledge in your applications that it's not always perfect



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