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Cloud Computing

Recitation 8

October 20, 2020

Overview

- **Last week's reflection**
  - Project 3.2
  - OLI Unit 3 Module 13: Storage and Network Virtualization
  - Quiz 7
  - Online Programming Exercise for Multi-Threading
- **This week's schedule**
  - Project 3.3
  - OLI Unit 4 Module 14: Cloud Storage
  - Quiz 7 due on **Thursday, Oct 22nd**
- **Team Project, Twitter Analytics**
  - Query 2 Checkpoint, Query 1 Final Oct 25

This Week

- OLI Unit 4 Module 14: Cloud Storage
- **Quiz 7** - Thursday, October 22nd
- **Project 3.3** - Sunday, October 25th
  - *Task 1:* Implement a Strong Consistency Model for distributed data stores
  - *Task 2:* Implement a Strong Consistency Model cross-region data stores
  - *Bonus:* Implement an Eventual Consistency Model
- **Team Project, Twitter Analytics** - Sunday, October 25th
  - Query 2 Checkpoint, Query 1 Final
- **Spark OPE** - Scheduling

Individual Projects

- Done
  - P3.1: Files v/s Databases
  - P3.2: Social networking with heterogeneous backends

- **Now**
  - **P3.3: Replication and Consistency models**
  - Introduction to multithreaded programming in Java
  - Introduction to consistency models

Scale of Data is Growing

International Data Corporation predicts massive data increases:

- **From:** 33 zettabytes in 2018

- **To:** 160 zettabytes in 2025.
  - appx. 50% of which will be stored in the public cloud!

For context, 1 zettabyte is *1 trillion* gigabytes. And much of this data will be consumed real-time.

Users are Global

- Information has physical limitations on speed of travel (Speed of light)
- Inherent latencies
  - Especially for real-time information, speed is everything!

Typical End-To-End Latency

1. A client sends a request to our server

   Message takes time to physically reach server

   (Network latency)

2. Server receives request and responds

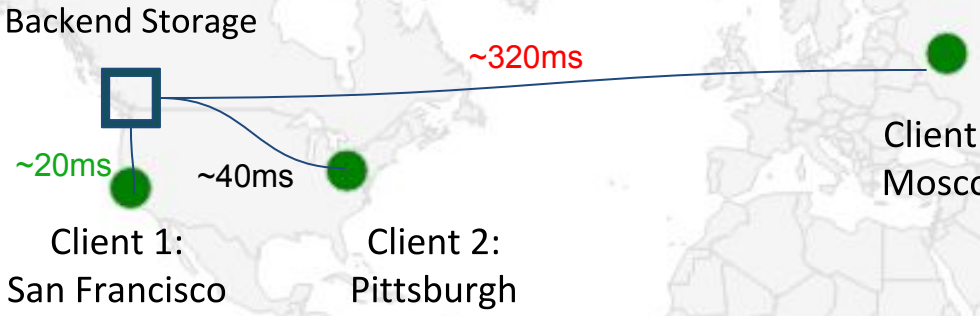
   Server has to read incoming packets and responds

   (IO or Disk latency)

   Message takes time to physically reach client

   (Network latency)

Latency with a Single Backend



Min Latency: 20ms
Max Latency: 320ms
Average Latency: 126ms

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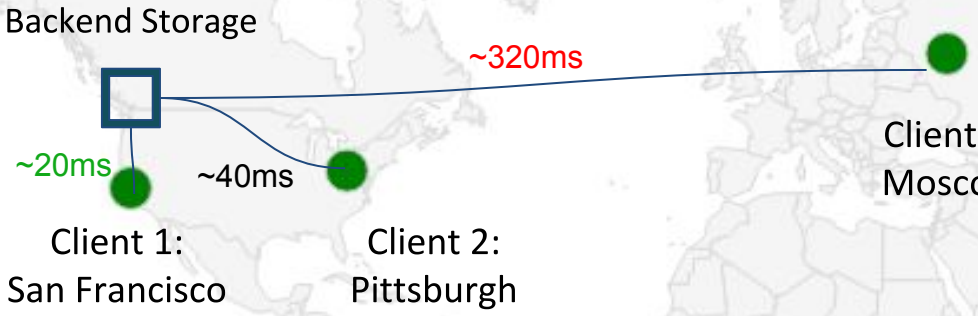


Means only users in the United States will use your service!

How do you give users the same experience across the globe?

Option 1: Global Replication

Min Latency: 20ms
Max Latency: 40ms
Average Latency: 26.6ms

Option 2: Proximity Replication

Min Latency: 20ms
Max Latency: 20ms
Average Latency: 20ms

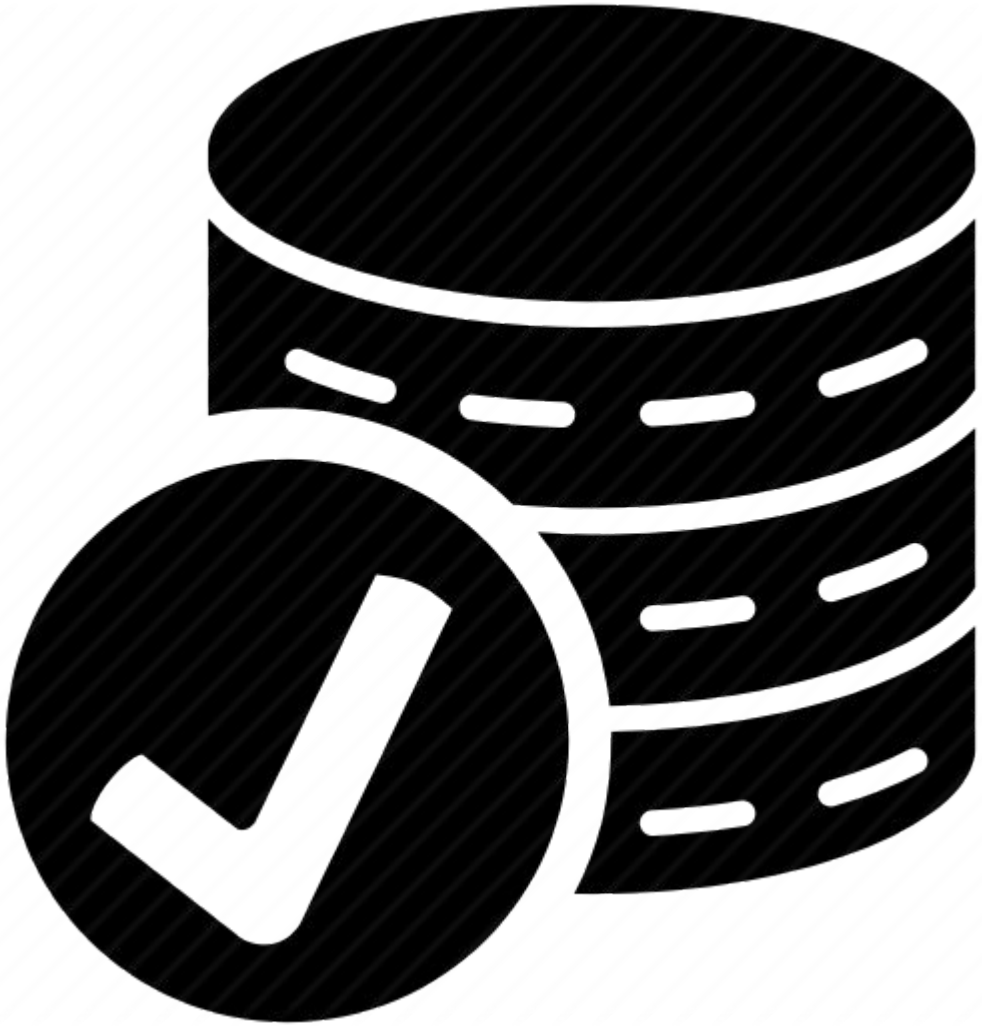
You can’t keep replicating forever

Replication has scalability limitations

Cost as a limiting factor

- Since we need to run multiple databases, we incur the following costs.
  - (num replicas) * time * database cost
    - AWS RDS: (num replicas) * hours * $0.226
  - (num replicas) * data * cost per GB
    - AWS RDS: (num replicas) * data (per 10 GB) * $1.15
  - Cost grows quickly relative to replica count!

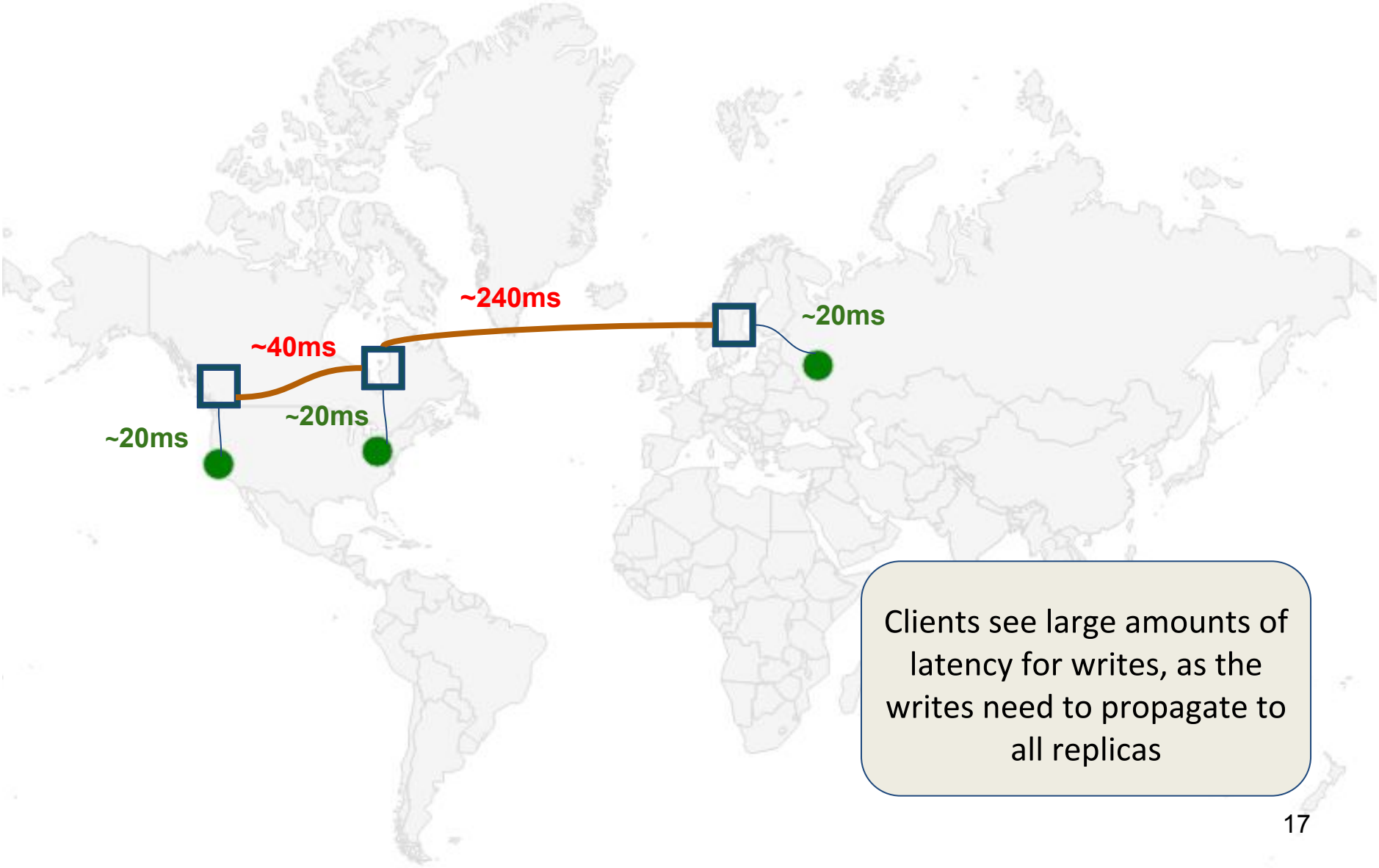
Data Consistency



Database Reads

Read operations are sent to the closest replica to minimize latency

Database Writes



Clients see large amounts of latency for writes, as the writes need to propagate to all replicas

Replication Reads and Writes

- Read operations are *fast*
  - All clients have a replica close to them to access
- Write requests are *slow*
  - Write requests must update all the replicas
  - If a certain key has multiple write requests, newer write requests may have to wait for older requests to complete.

Pros and Cons of Replication

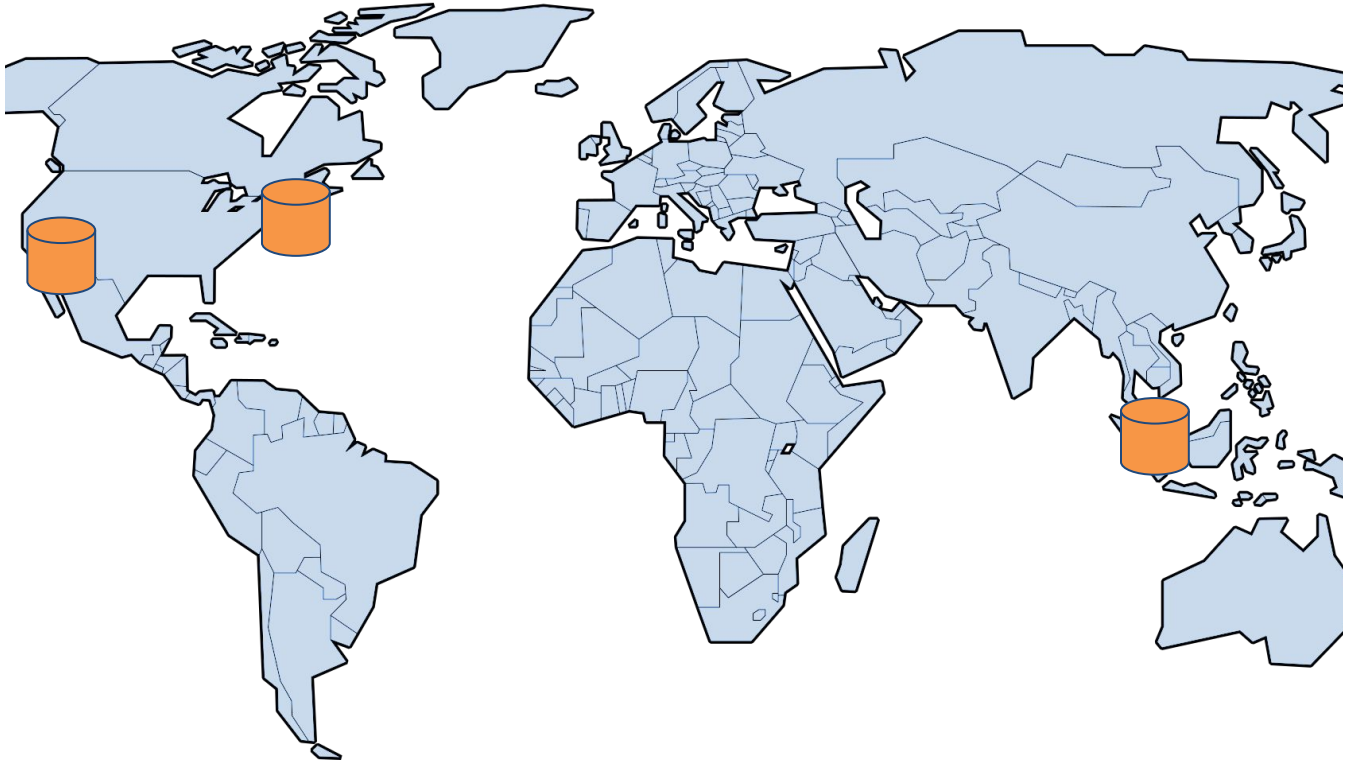
- **Advantages**
  - Low latency for reads
  - Reduce the workload of a single backend server
  - Handle failures of nodes by rerouting to alternative backup replica
- **Disadvantages**
  - Requires more storage capacity and cost
  - Updates are significantly slower
  - Changes must reflect on all datastores (using various consistency models)

Data Consistency Models

- Data consistency across replicas is important
  - Five consistency levels (explained in primers):
    - Strict
    - Strong (Linearizability)
    - Sequential
    - Causal
    - Eventual Consistency

- **This weeks project!**

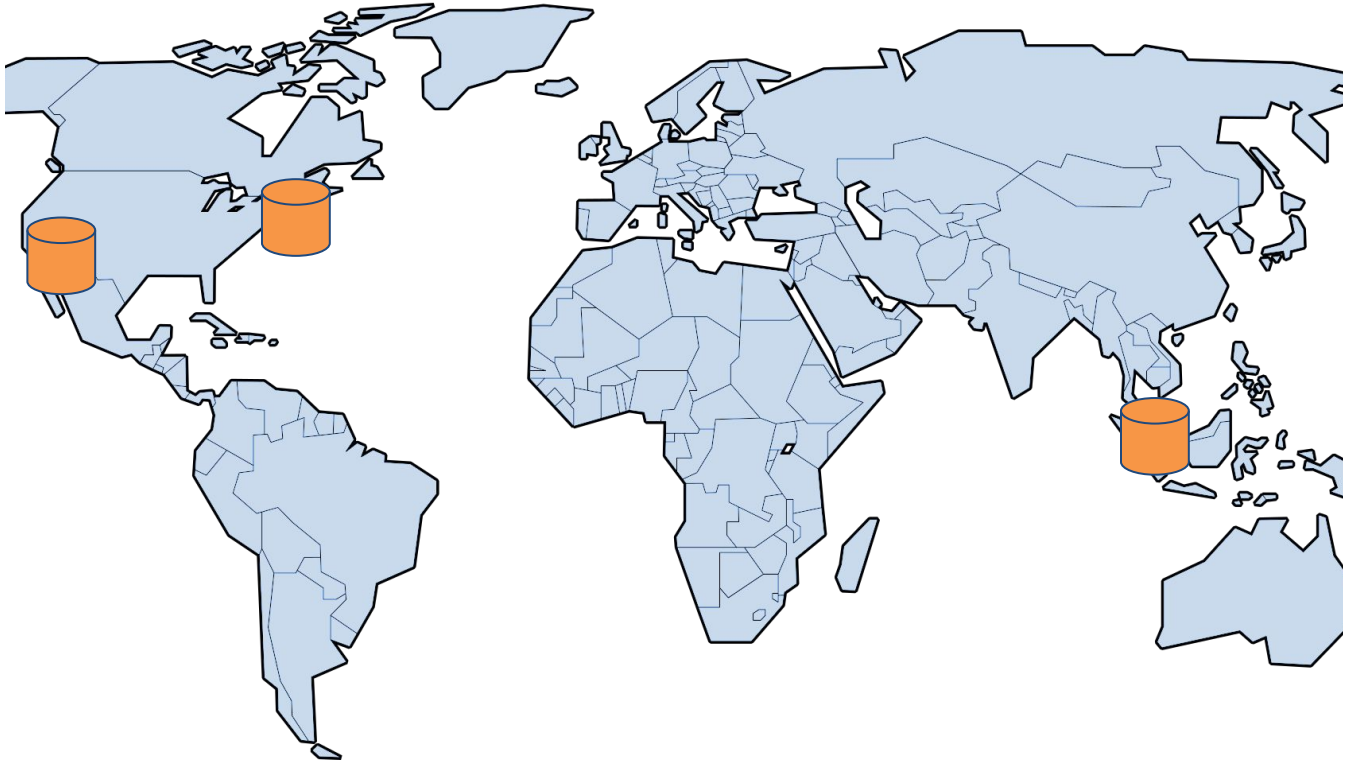
Data Consistency Example: Consider a Bank



Account	Balance
xxxxx-4437	$100

Bad Example

Allow concurrent writes



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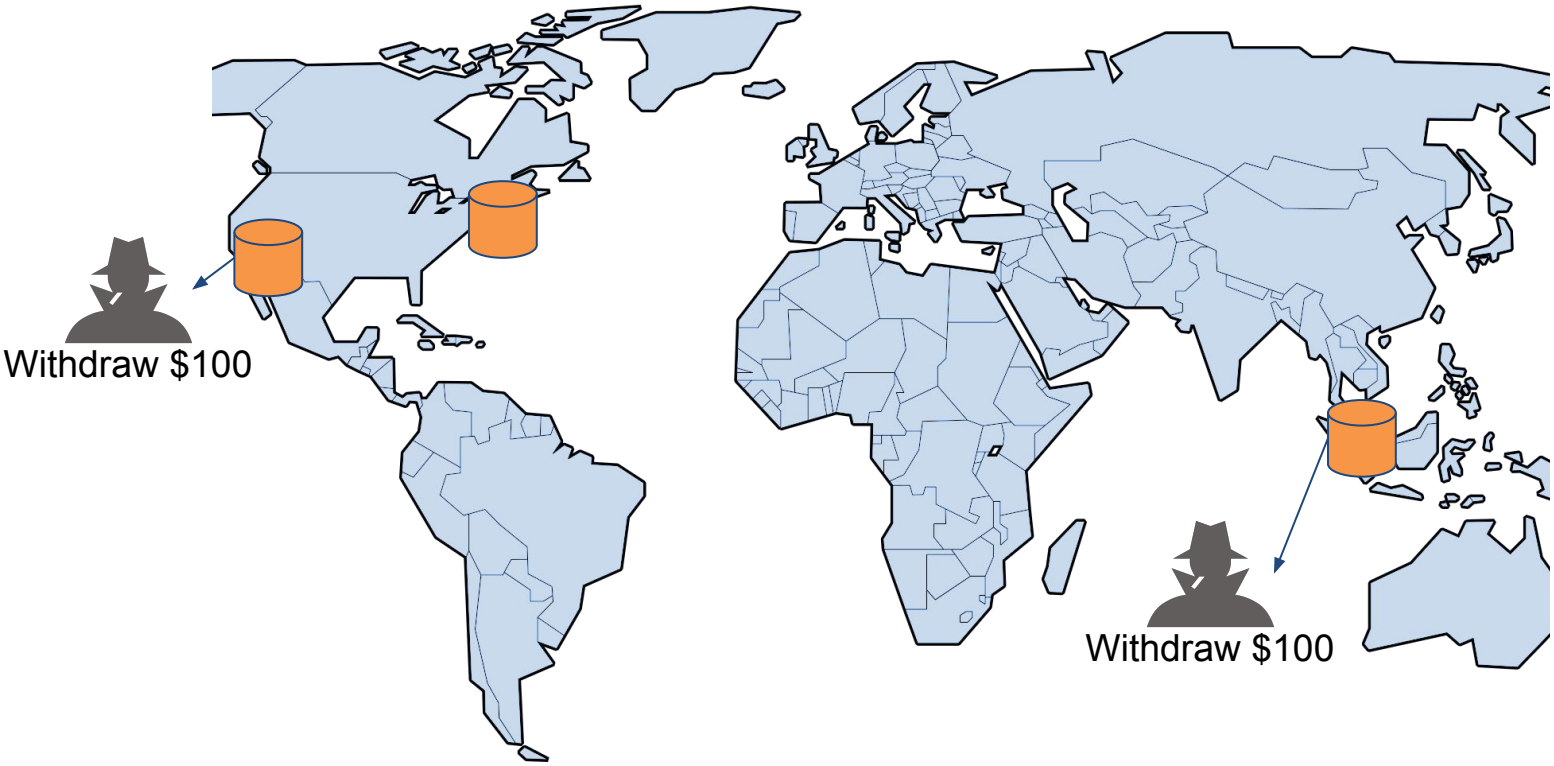

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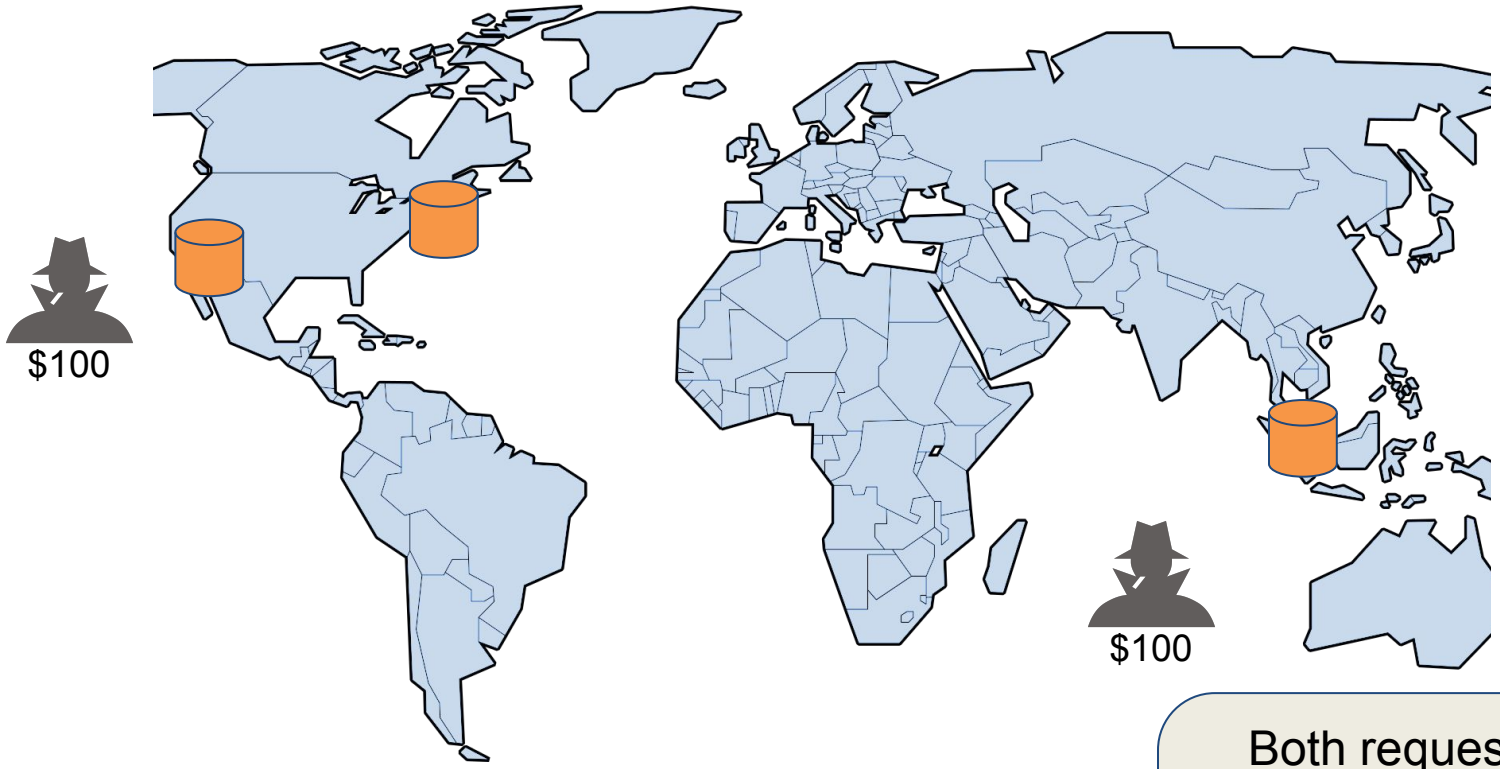

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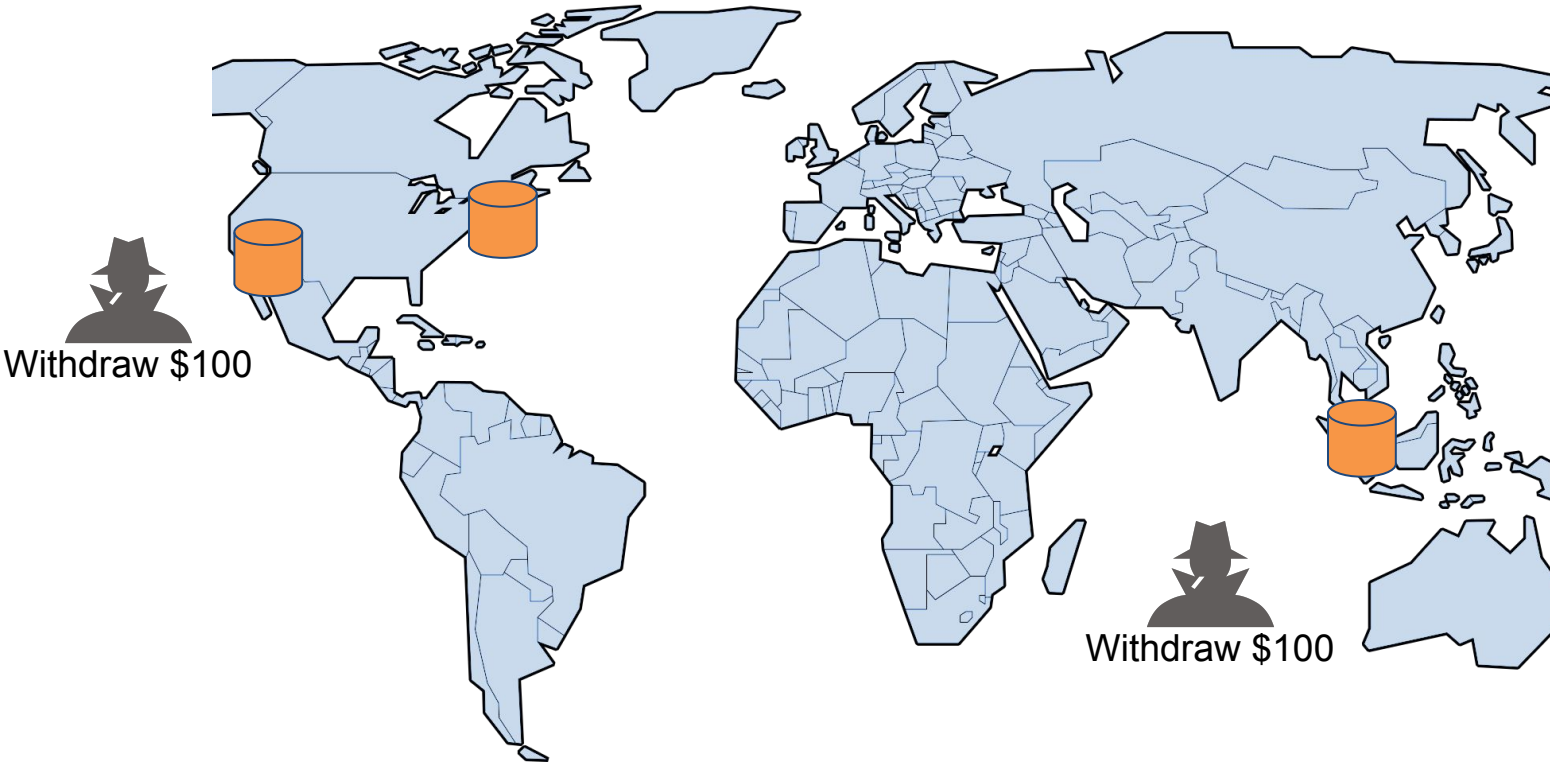
Both requests are processed concurrently, and we lose $100 as both are accepted

Good Example

Global Locking



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Only one write request can be processed per key at a time, preventing double withdrawals!

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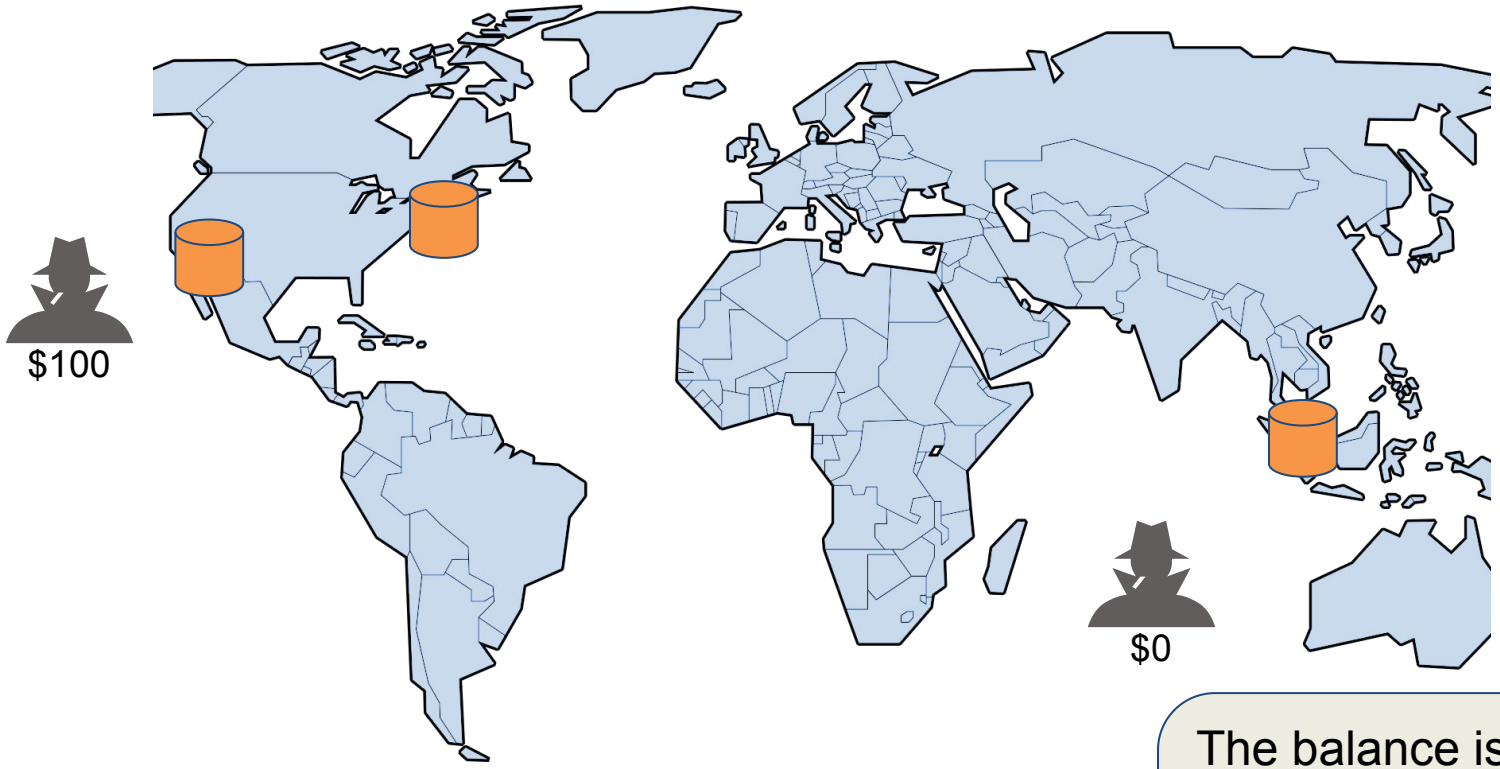

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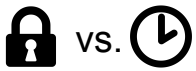
The balance is set to 0 as soon as the money is withdrawn, and the second request is **denied**

P3.3: Consistency Models

Tradeoff:  Consistency vs. Latency

- Strict
- Strong
- Sequential
- Causal
- Eventual

Please read the primers to ensure you know what each of these models mean!

P3.3 Tasks 1 & 2: Strong Consistency

- Every request has a global timestamp order

where timestamp is issued by a Truetime Server.

- Operations must be ordered by these timestamps

Requirement: At any given point of time, all clients should read the same data from any datacenter replica

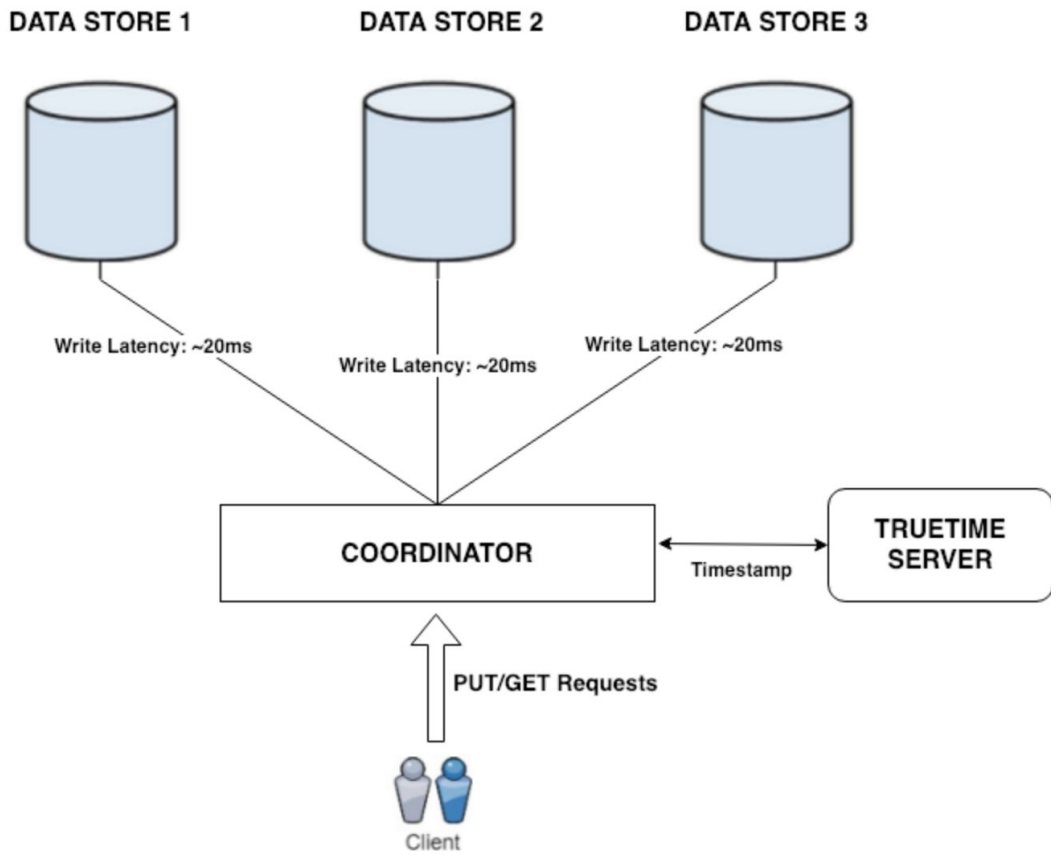
P3.3 Task 1: Strong Consistency

Coordinator:

- A request router that routes the web requests from the clients to each datastore
- Preserves the order of both read and write requests

Datastore:

- The actual backend storage that persists collections of data



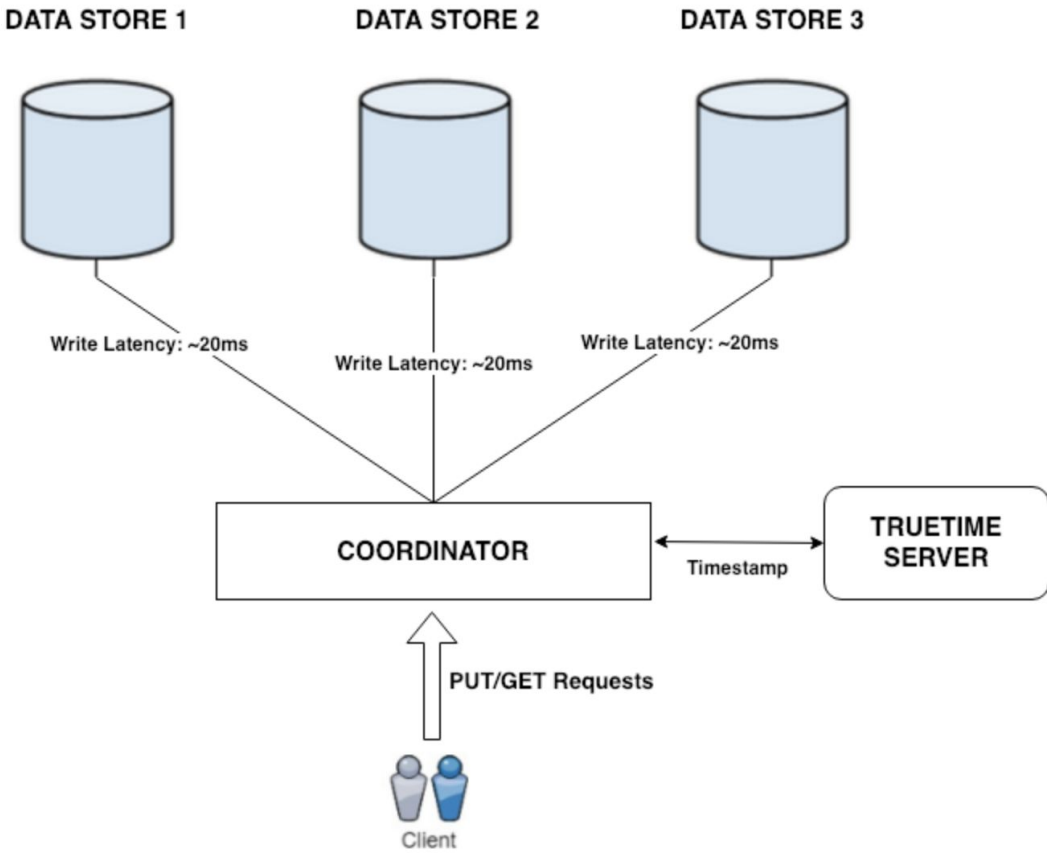
P3.3 Task 1: Strong Consistency

Single PUT request for key ‘X’

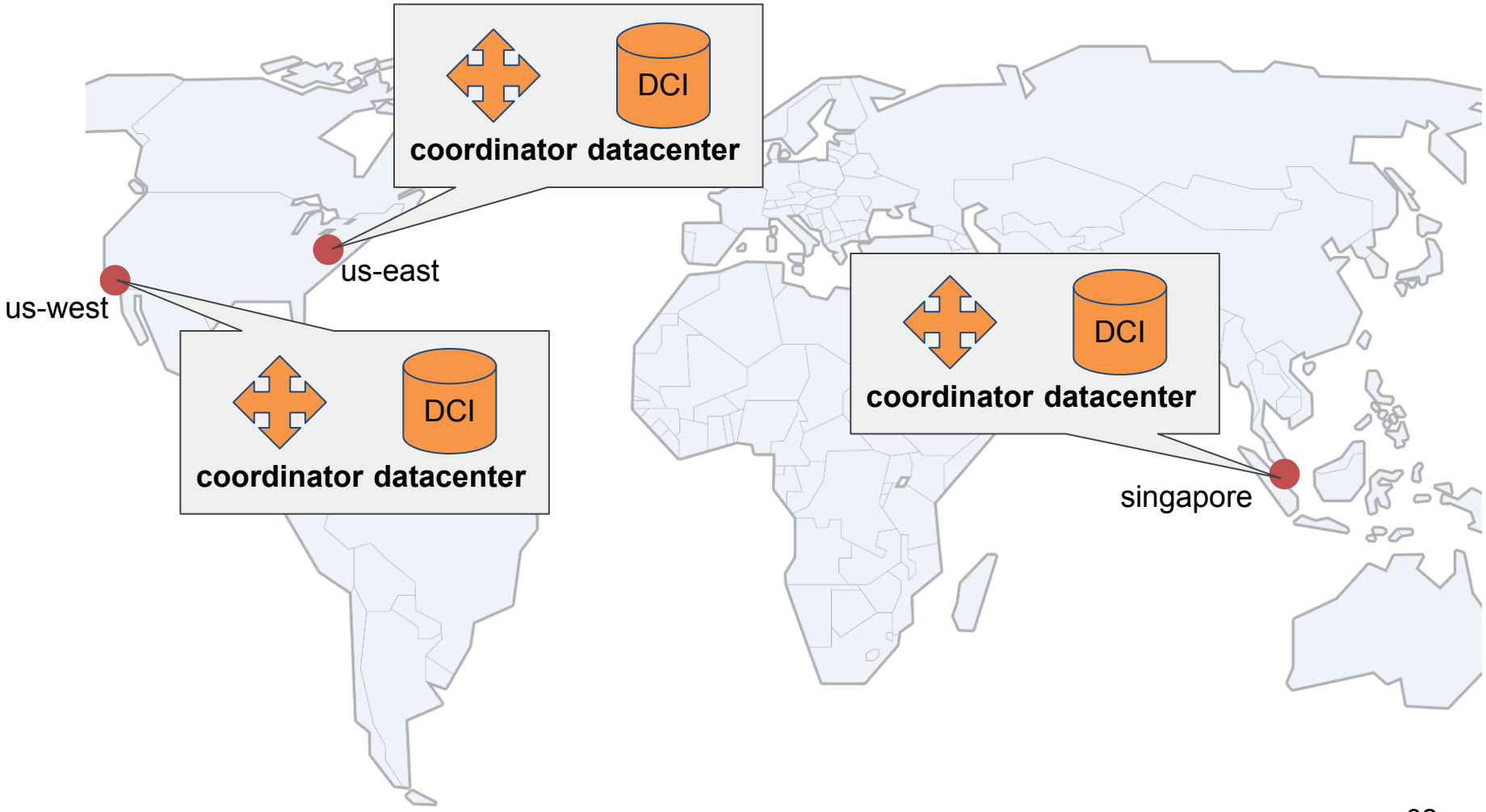
- Block all GETs for key ‘X’ until all datastores are updated
- GET requests for a different key ‘Y’ should **not** be blocked

Multiple PUT requests for ‘X’

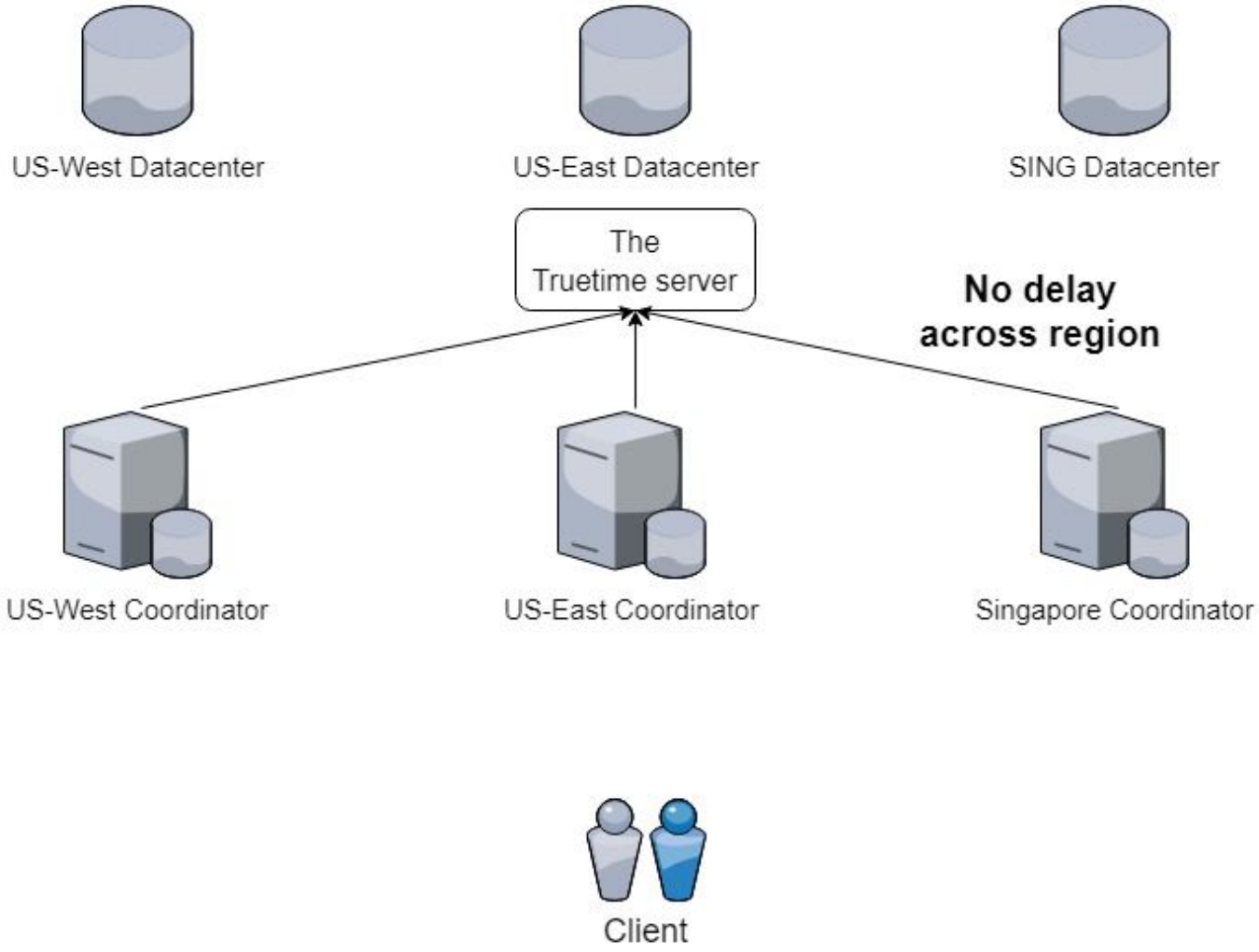
- Resolved in order of their timestamp received from the Truetime Server.
- GET requests must return the most recent value to the request timestamp



P3.3 Task 2:
Global Coordinators and Data Stores



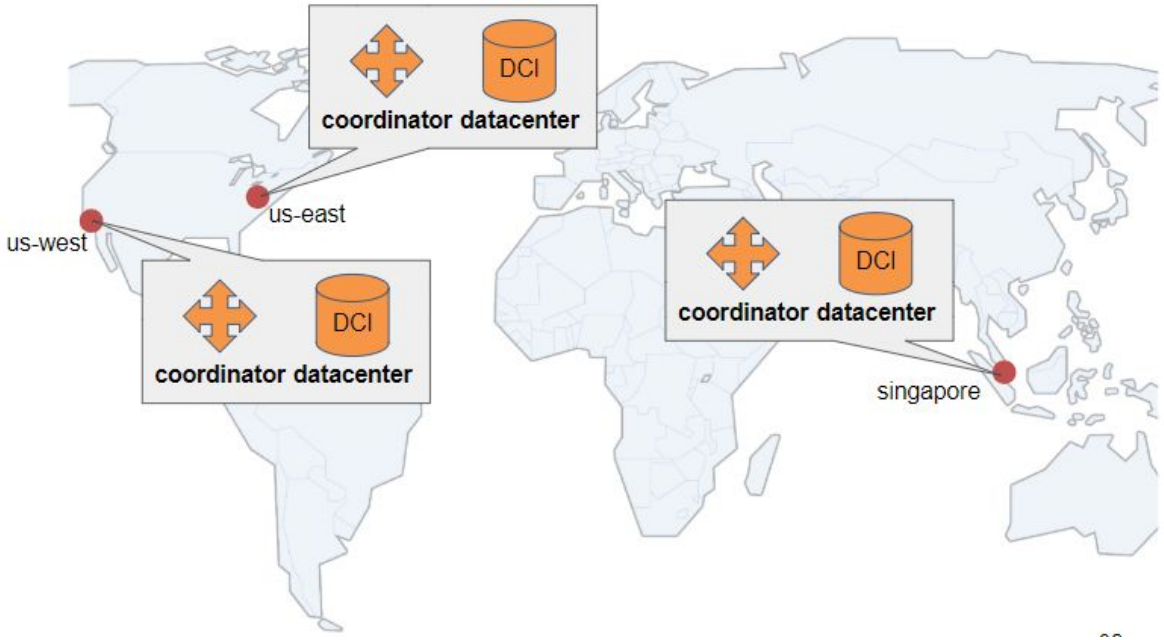
P3.3 Task 2: Architecture



P3.3 Task 2: Global Replication

Operates similarly to Task 1, although it requires you to have both coordinator and data centers in all 3 regions rather than just one.

Users will be spread out globally.

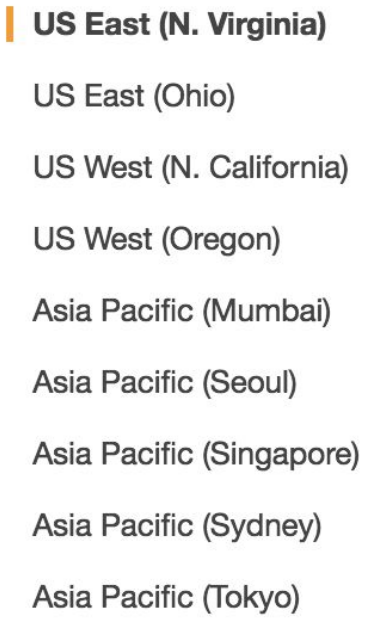


Task 2 Workflow and Example

- Launch a total of 8 machines (3 data centers, 3 coordinators, 1 truetime server and 1 client) in **US East**!

- We will simulate global latencies for you.
    - Do not actually create instances across the globe!

- Finish the code for the Coordinators and Datastores



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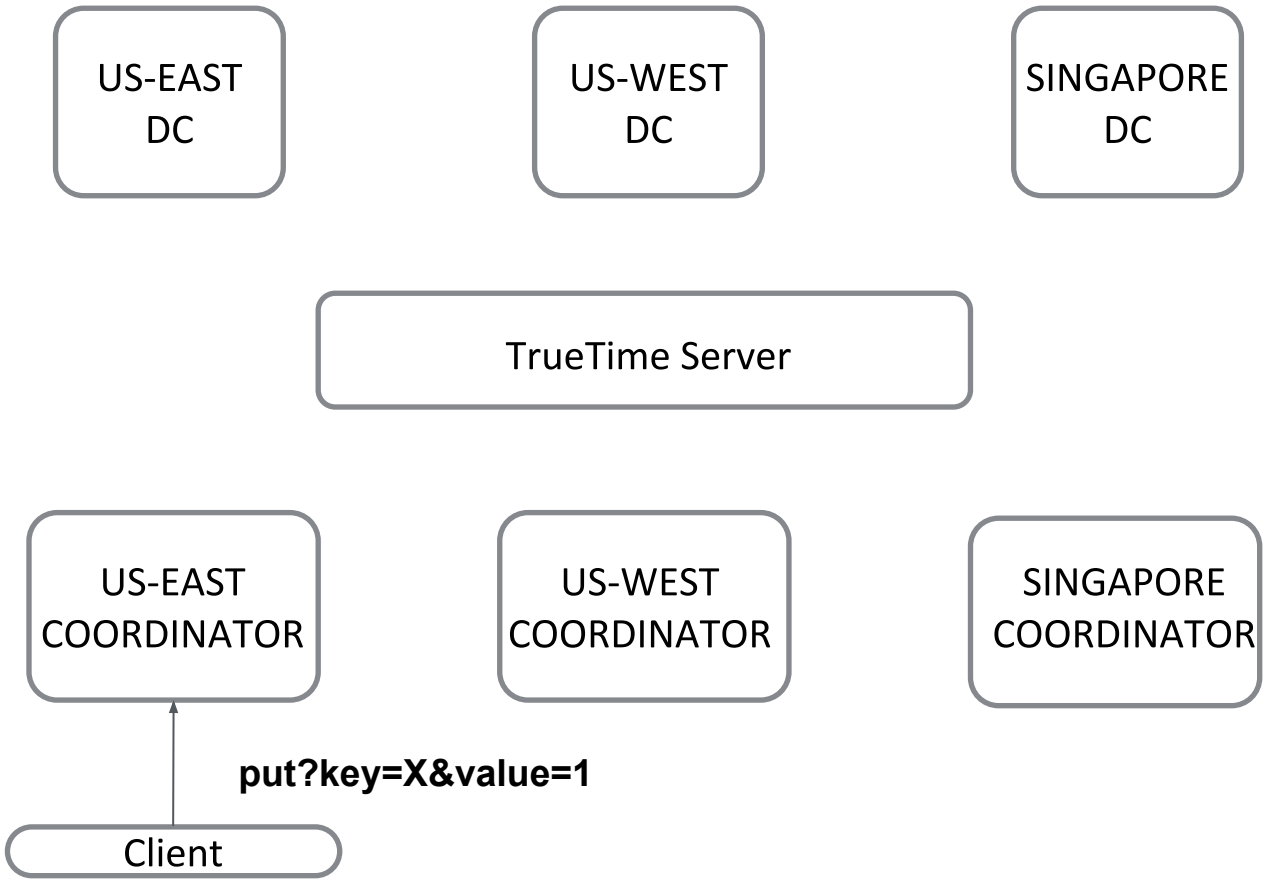

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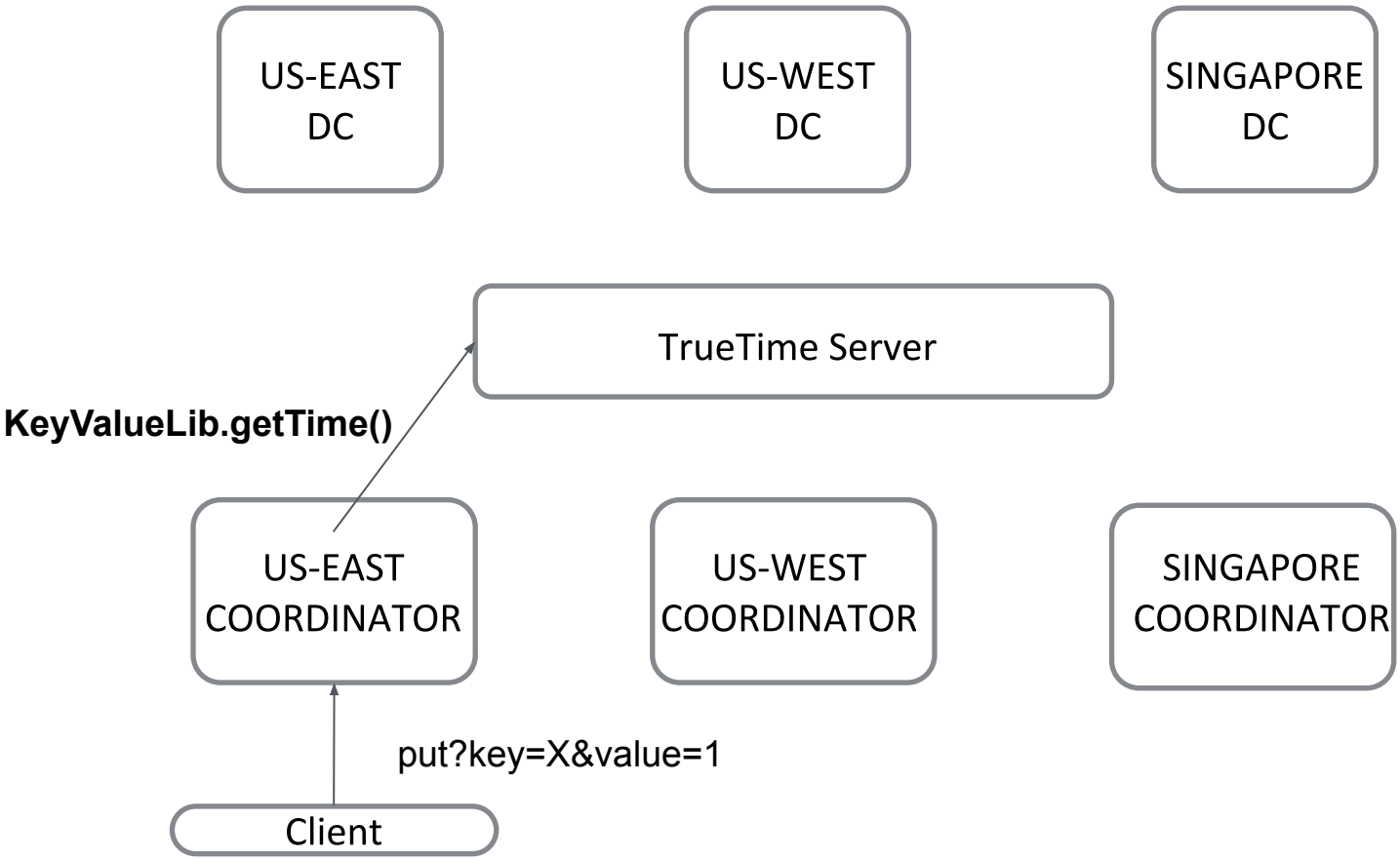

PRECOMMIT

Contacts the Data Center of a given region and notifies it that a PUT request is being serviced for the specified key with the corresponding timestamp.

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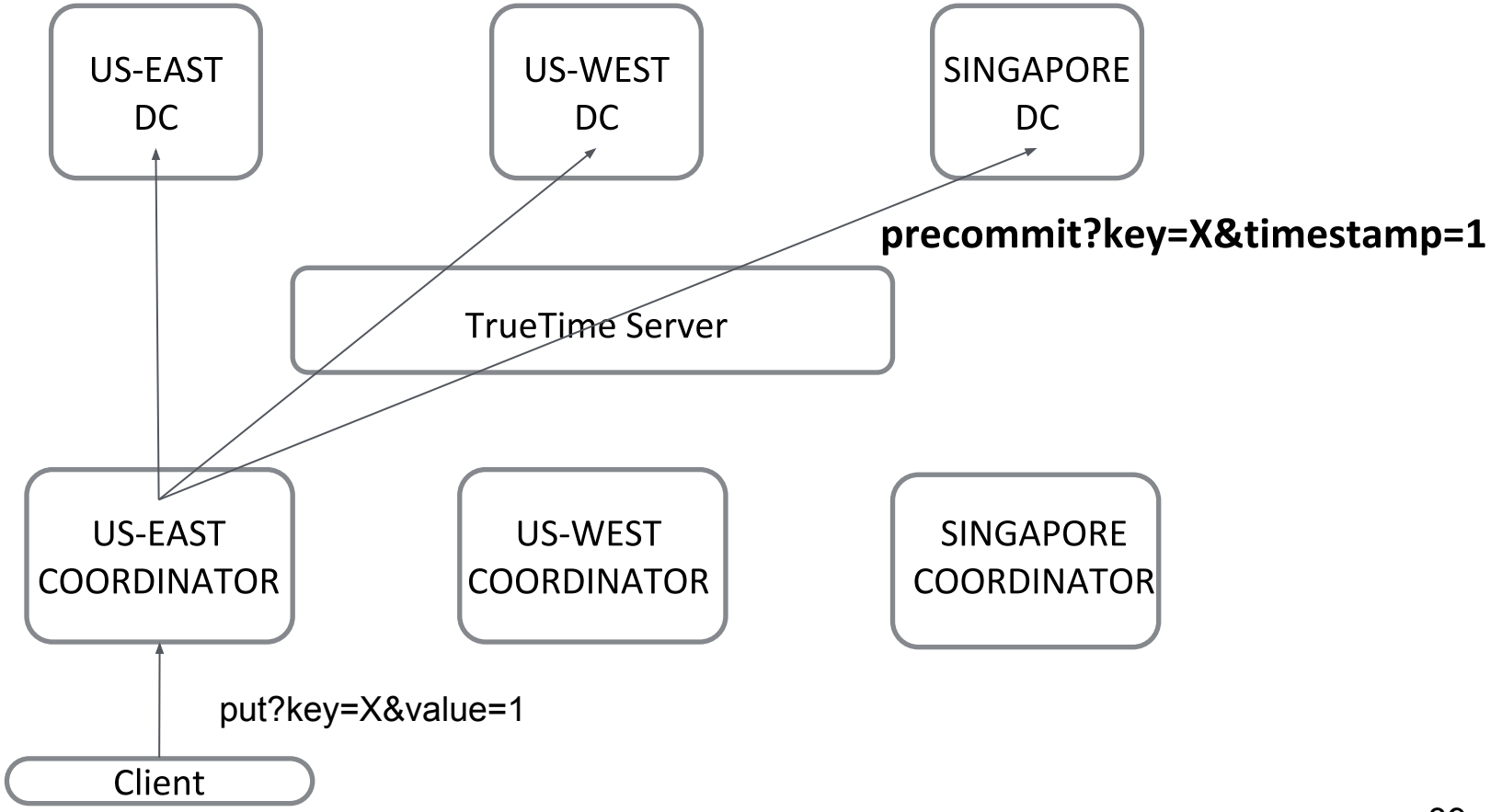

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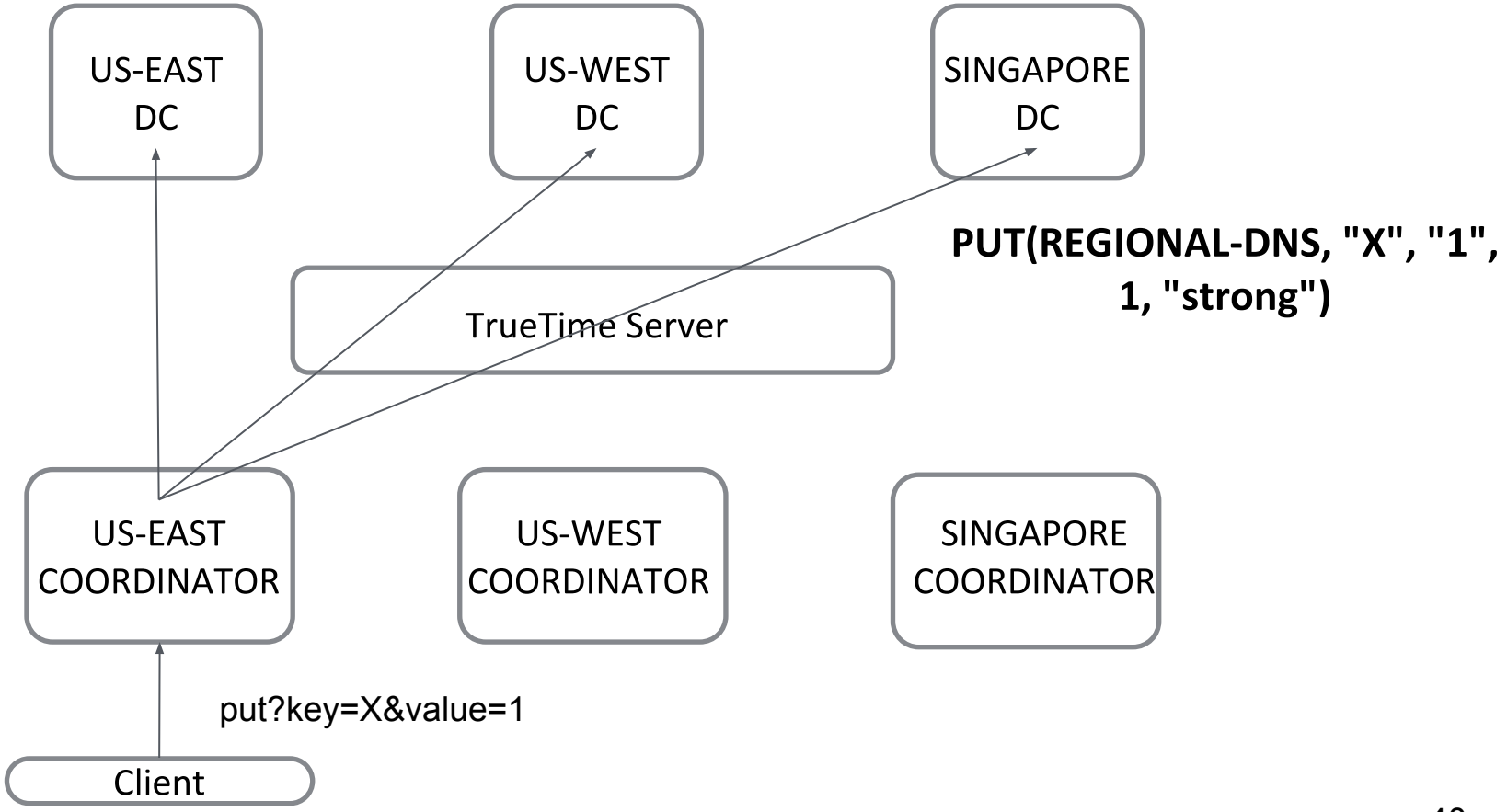

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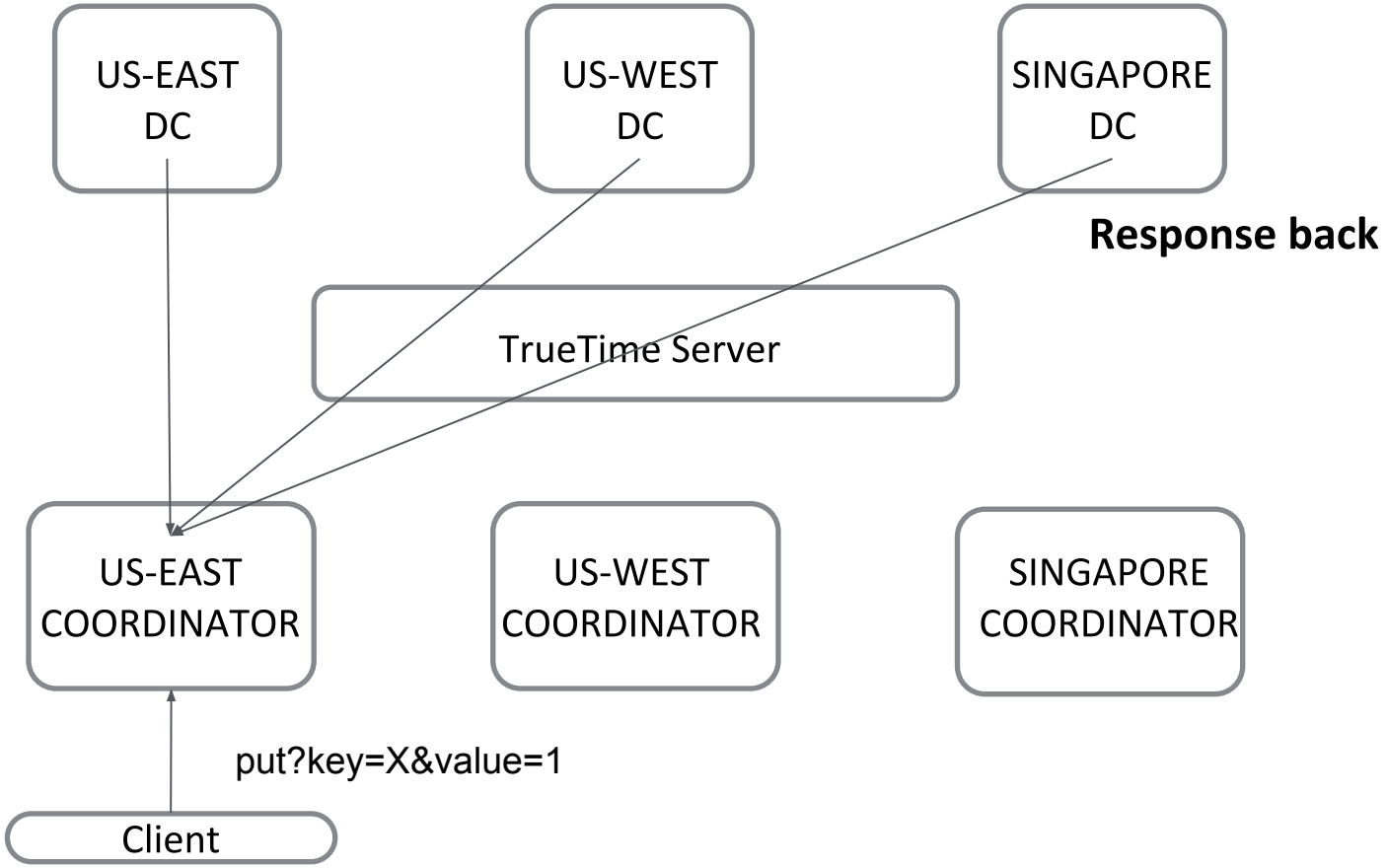

Hints

- In strong consistency, “PRECOMMIT” should be useful to help you lock requests because they are able to communicate with Data Center instances.

- Lock by key across all the Data Center instances in strong consistency.

P3.3: Eventual Consistency (Bonus)

- Write requests are performed in the order received by the local coordinator
  - Operations may not be blocked for replica consensus (no communication between servers across region)
- Clients that request data may receive multiple versions of the data, or stale data
  - Problems left for the application owner to resolve

Suggestions

- **Read the two primers**
- Consider the differences between the 2 consistency models before writing code
- Think about possible race conditions
- Read the hints in the writeup and skeleton code **carefully**
- Don’t modify any class except Coordinator.java and KeyValueStore.java

Start early!