Tech Transfer Stories and Takeaways

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Abstract

In this talk, I will share impressions from several industrial research project experiences that reached production and became part of successful products. I will go through four stories of how these systems transpired and their journey to impact. All of the stories are in the distributed computing arena, and more specifically, they revolve around the state-machine-replication paradigm. Yet, I hope that the take-aways from the experience of building foundations for these systems may be of interest and value to everyone, no matter the discipline.

Brief Biography

Dahlia Malkhi is the Chief Technology Officer at Diem Association, Lead Maintainer of the Diem project, and Lead Researcher at Novi. She has applied and foundational research interests in broad aspects of reliability and security of distributed systems. For over two decades, she has driven innovation in tech, notably as co-inventor of HotStuff, co-founder and technical co-lead of VMware blockchain, co-inventor of Flexible Paxos, the technology behind Log Device, creator and tech lead of CorfuDB, a database-less database driving VMware's NSX-T distributed control plane, and co-inventor of the FairPlay project.

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