

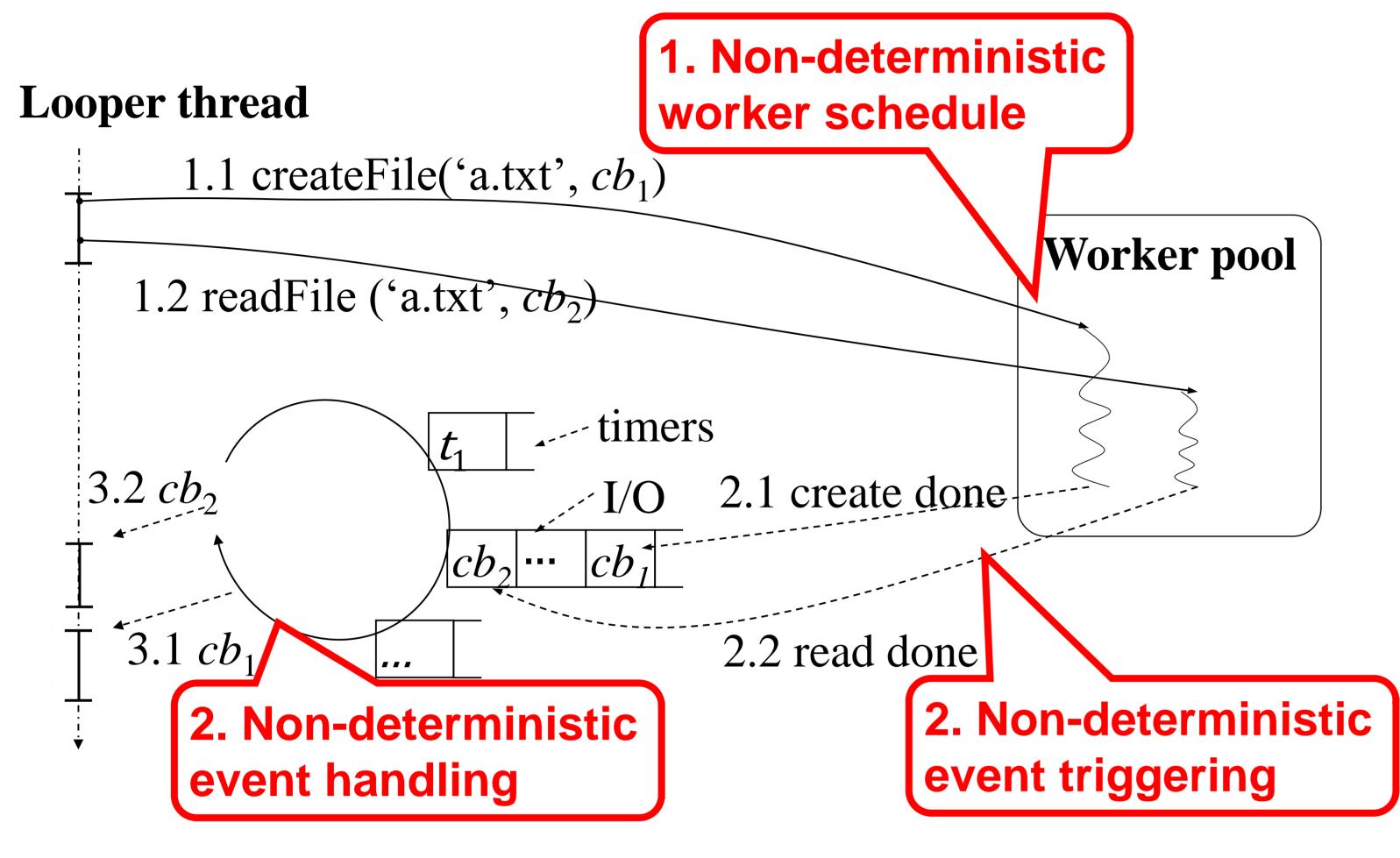
Node.js应用中并发缺陷实证研究

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Concurrency Bugs in Node.js and Study Methodology

Non-determinism in Node.js



♦ Above non-determinism can cause concurrency bugs.

Main research questions

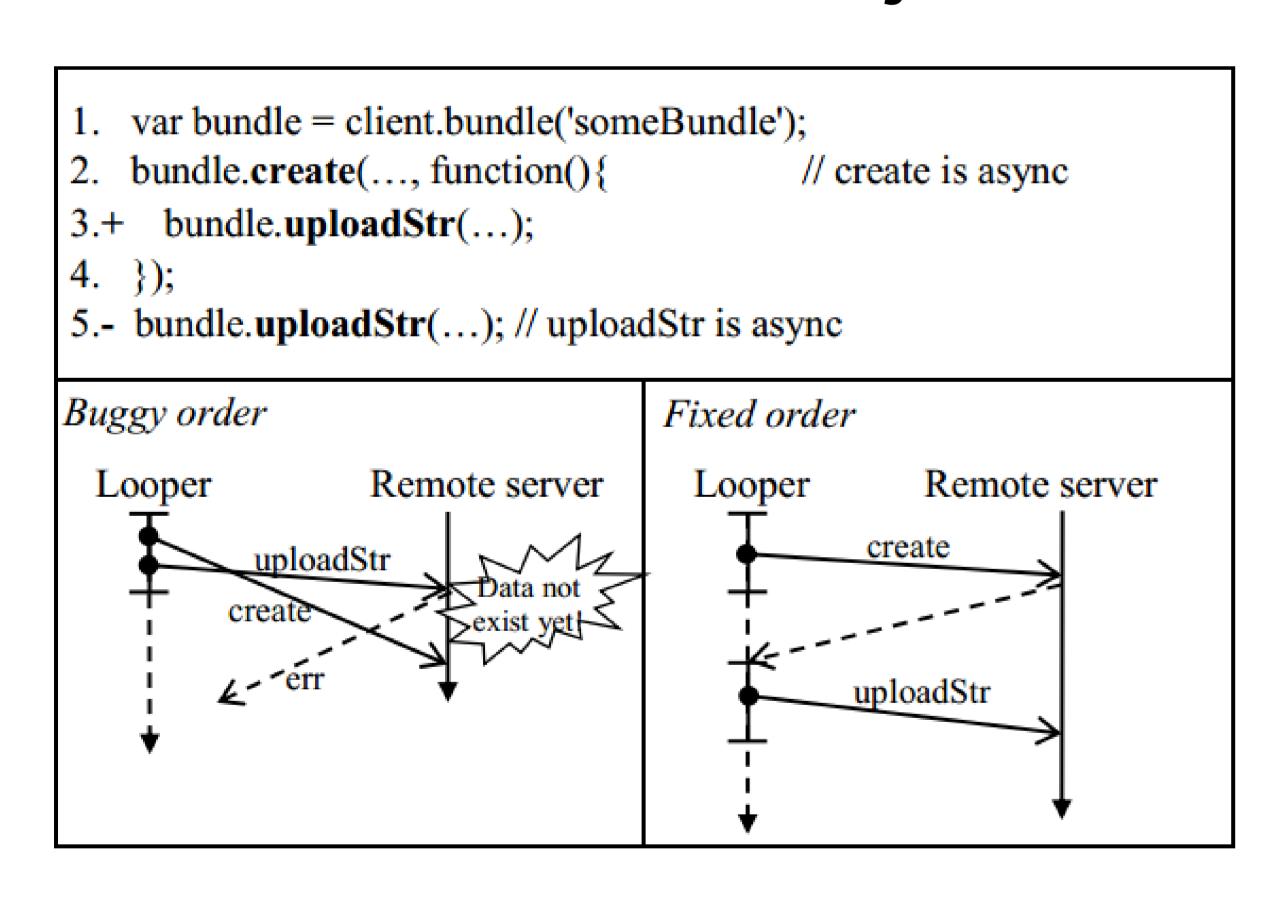
- ✓ RQ1. What are common bug patterns of concurrency bugs?
- ✓ RQ2. How are concurrency bugs triggered?
- ✓ RQ3. How do developers fix concurrency bugs?

Studied concurrency bugs

- ✓ Search bug reports from Node.js projects in GitHub
 - Keywords: concurrent, race, atomic, etc.
 - Bug state: closed
- ✓ Extract bug information from bug reports
 - Source: bug description, developer comments, patches
- Keep concurrency bugs that can answer the above research questions
- **♦**57 concurrency bugs from 52 Node.js projects.

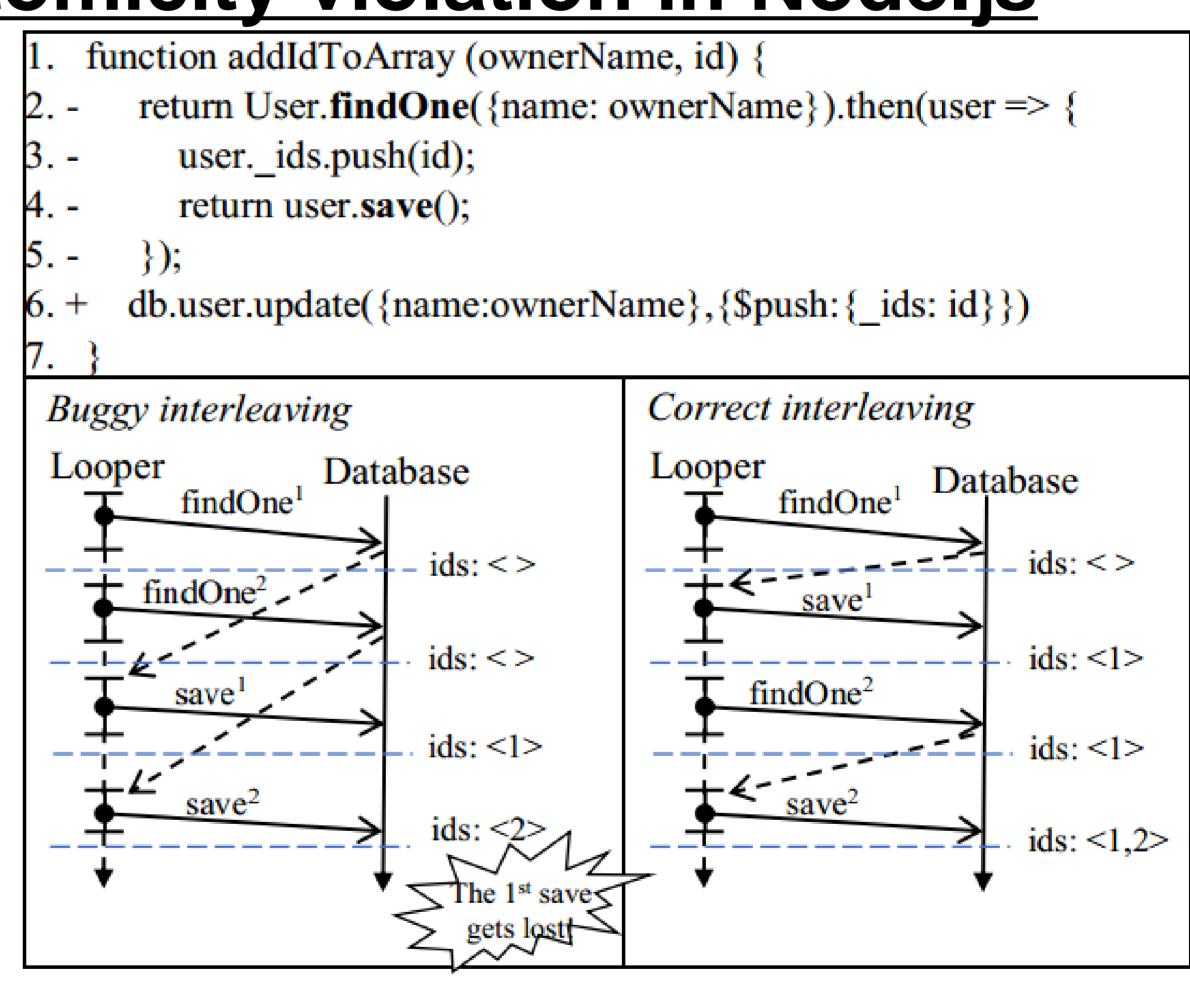
Key Findings – Bug Patterns

Order violation in Node.js



♦ The order intention between two events is violated. 30% bugs are order violation.

Atomicity violation in Node.js



◆The atomic intention between two events is violated. 65% bugs are atomicity violation.

Key Findings – Bug Triggering and Fixing

Bug triggering

Triggering scopes	Cases	#Bugs	
Racing events	<=4	53	
	>4	4	
Involved processes	1	54	
	2	3	
Racing resources	<=1	52	
	>1	5	

♦ Most concurrency bugs involve no more than 4 racing events, 1 Node.js process and 1 racing resource.

Fix patterns

Fix patterns	Order	Atomicity	Starvation	Total
Adding synchronization	7	7		14
Bypassing	5	9		14
Tolerance	1	4		5
Switching to atomic APIs		4		4
Ignoring/retrying	1	2		3
Moving code		2		2
Data privatization		2		2
Changing priority			3	3
Other	3	7		10

♦ Most concurrency bugs can be fixed by 8 fix patterns.