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Atomicity in **Database Management Systems (DBMS)** refers to the property of a **database transaction** where all the actions within the transaction are executed as a **single, indivisible unit of work**. Let's delve into the details:

1. **Definition**:
   - **Atomicity** ensures that a **transaction** is either **fully completed** or **fully rolled back** to the state it was in before the transaction began.
   - In other words, there is **no midway**—transactions do not occur partially. Each transaction is considered as **one unit**, and it either **runs to completion** or is **not executed at all**.
2. **All or Nothing Rule**:
   - Atomicity is also known as the **'All or nothing rule'**.
   - Consider a transaction **T** consisting of two steps: **T1** (deducting $100 from account X) and **T2** (adding $100 to account Y).
   - If the transaction fails after **T1** but before **T2**, the amount has been deducted from **X** but not added to **Y**. This results in an **inconsistent database state**.
   - Therefore, the transaction must be executed in its entirety to ensure the **correctness** of the database state.
3. **ACID Properties**:
   - **Atomicity** is one of the **ACID properties** (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) that define the reliability and consistency of a transaction.
   - The other ACID properties include:
     - **Consistency**: Ensures that integrity constraints are maintained, maintaining correctness of the database.
     - **Isolation**: Allows multiple transactions to occur concurrently without inconsistency.
     - **Durability**: Ensures that updates persist even after system failures.

Remember, atomicity guarantees that a transaction is like a well-choreographed dance—either all the steps are executed flawlessly, or none of them happen at all! 🕺 💃 .