



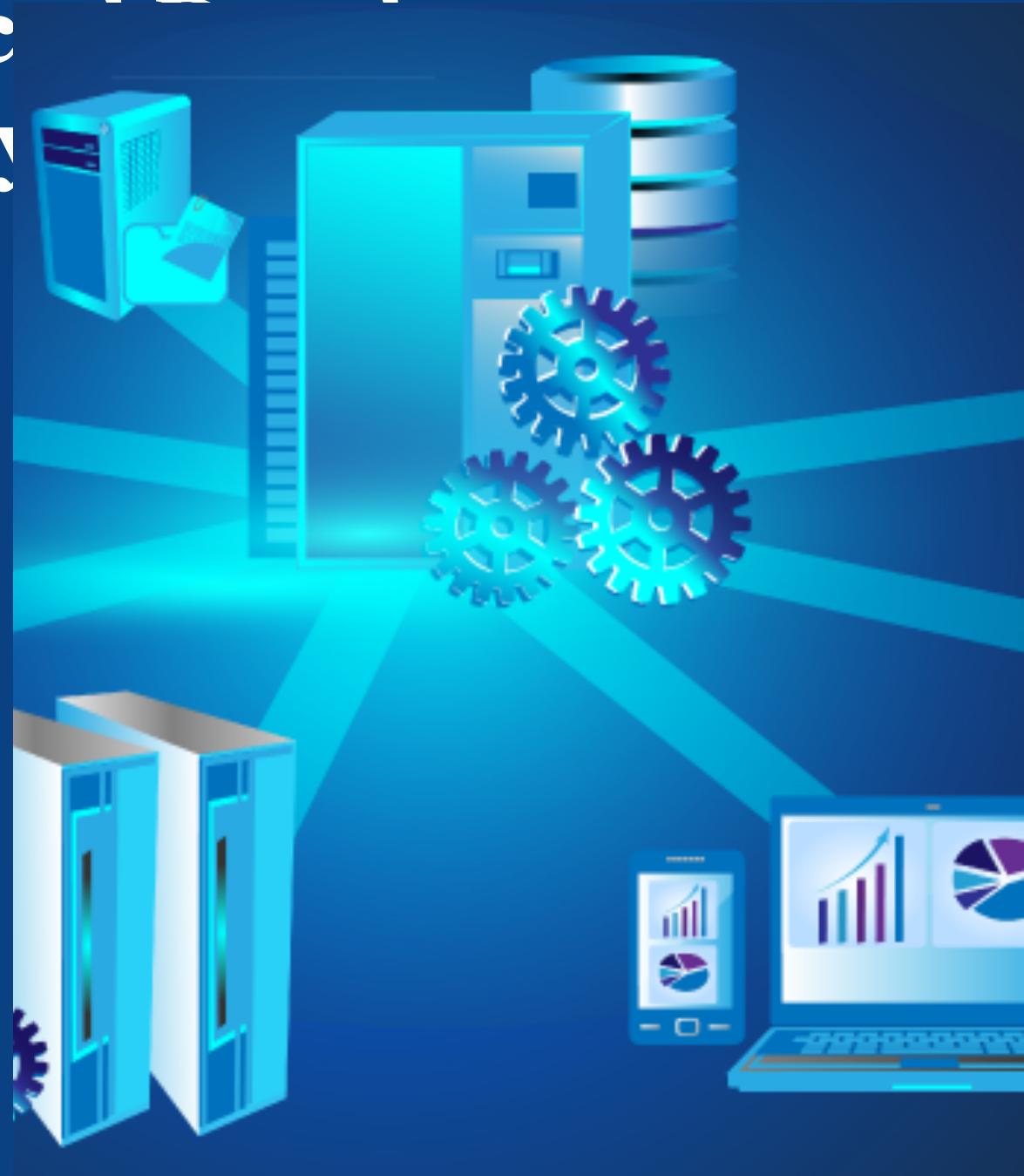
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Other locks

Week 7





Concurrent transactions – Conflicts and performance issues

Multiple concurrently running transactions may cause conflicts

- Still we try to allow concurrent runs as much as possible for a better performance, while avoiding conflicts as much as possible

A new solution:

Use granular locks - we need to build some hierarchy, then locks can be taken at any level, which will automatically grant the locks on its descendants.

Granularity Of Locks

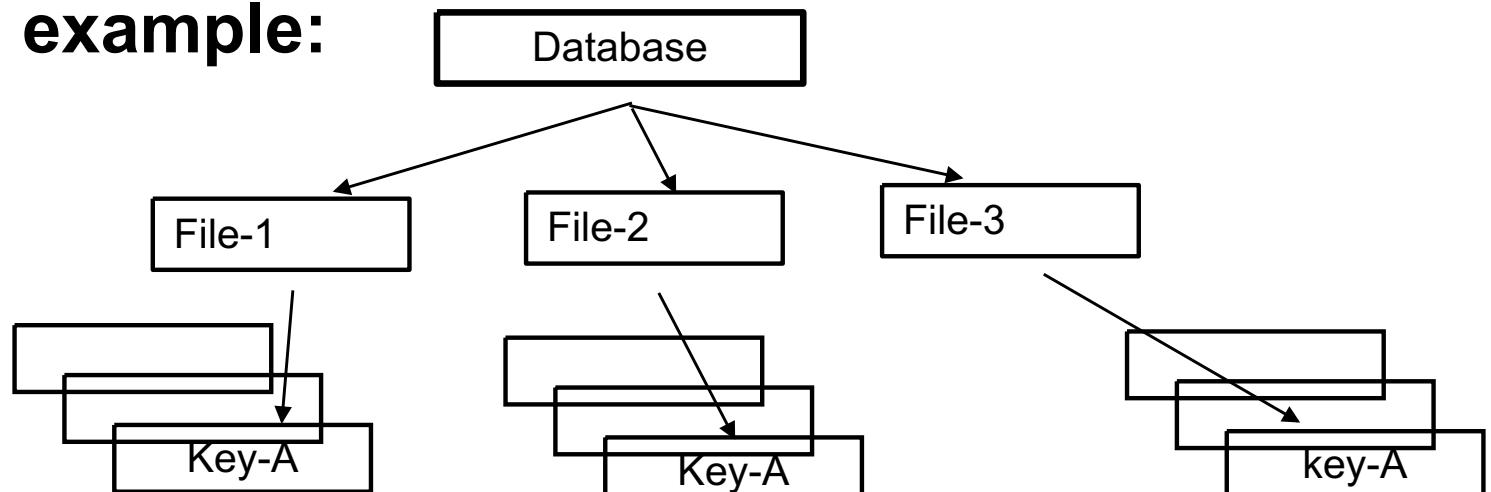
Idea:

Pick a set of column values (predicates).

They form a graph/tree structure.

Lock the nodes in this graph/tree

Simple example:



It allows locking of whole DB, whole file, or just one key value.

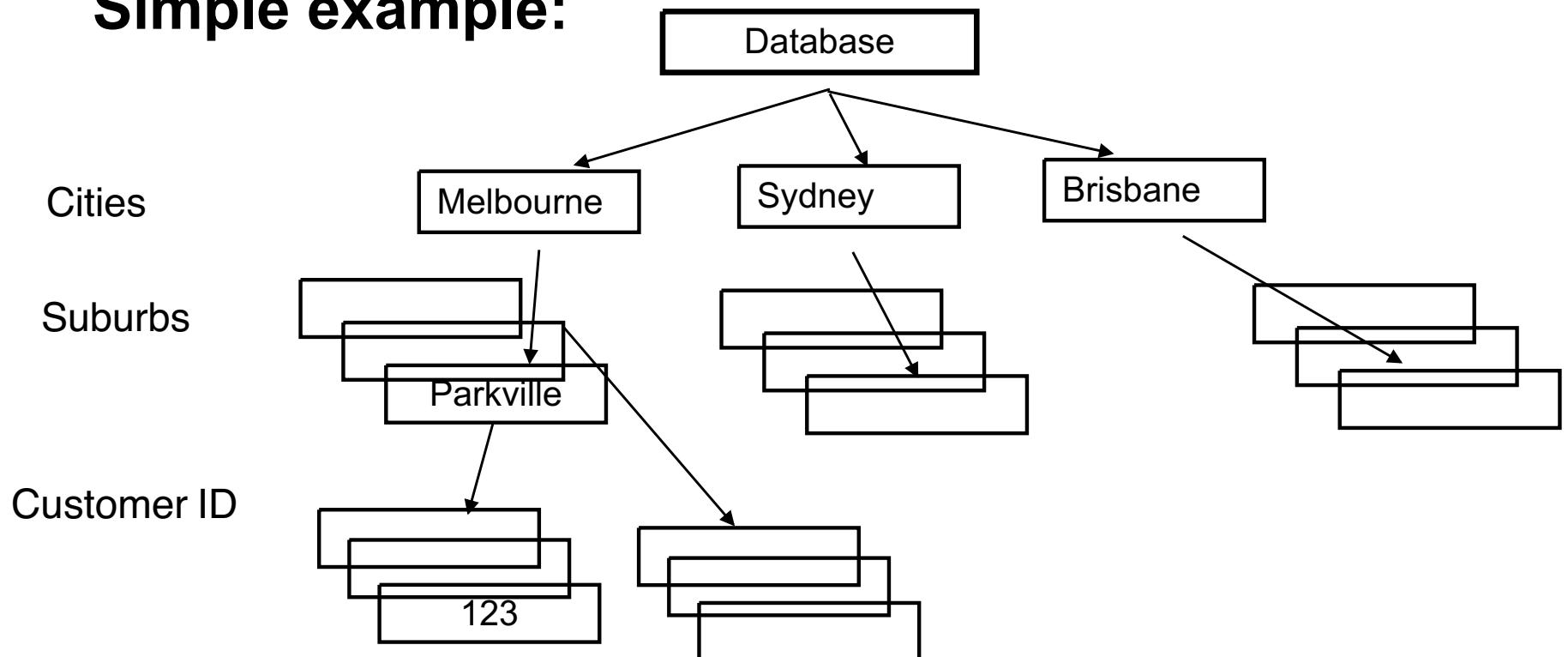
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How can we allow both granularities?

Intention mode locks on coarse granules.

+ granted

once such intention is expressed from top to bottom, it will ensure that the bottom level are when the actual locks for reading or writing is taken by that transaction

when one delayed transaction express intention to high level (from top to the bottom)

want to change some value under lock

Compatibility Matrix				
Mode	Free	I (Intent)	S (Share)	X (Exclusive)
I lock	+ (I)	+ (I)	- (S)	- (X)
S	+ (S)	- (I)	+ (S)	- (X)
X	+ (X)	- (I)	- (S)	- (X)

Can be handled appropriately



Actual granular locks in practice

- X eXclusive lock
 - S Shared lock
 - U Update lock -- Intention to update in the future
 - IS Intent to set Shared locks at finer granularity
 - IX Intent to set shared or exclusive locks at finer granularity
- SIX a coarse granularity Shared lock with an Intent to set finer granularity eXclusive locks

Isolation concepts ...

Acquire locks from root to leaf. 根往上锁

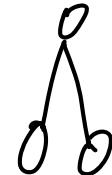
Release locks from leaf to root. 叶往下放

IS: intend to set finer S locks

IX: intend to set finer S or X locks

SIX: S + IX

intention to modify later



To acquire an S mode or IS mode lock on a non-root node, one parent must be held in IS mode or higher (one of {IS,IX,S,SIX,U,X}).

某节点来一个lock，父节点必须有IS或更高的mode

To acquire an X, U, SIX, or IX mode lock on a non-root node, all parents must be held in IX mode or higher (one of {IX,SIX,U,X}).



Isolation concepts ... Tree locking and Intent Lock Modes

None : no lock is taken all requests are granted.

IS (intention to have shared lock at finer level) allows IS and S mode locks at finer granularity and prevents others from holding X on this node.

IX (intention to have exclusive lock at finer level) allows to set IS, IX, S, SIX, U and X mode locks at finer granularity and prevents others holding S, SIX, X, U on this node.

S (shared) allows read authority to the node and its descendants at a finer granularity and prevents others holding IX, X, SIX on this node.

一个节点 具有S , 后代不能持有 IX . X . SIX



Isolation concepts ...

SIX (share and intension exclusive) allows reads to the node and its descendants as in IS and prevents others holding X, U, IX, SIX, S on this node or its descendants but allows the holder IX, U, and X mode locks at finer granularity. SIX = S + IX

U (Update lock) allows read to the node and its descendants and prevents others holding X, U, SIX, IX and IS locks on this node or its descendants.

~~(X) (exclusive lock) allows writes to the node and prevents others holding X, U, S, SIX, IX locks on this node and all its descendants.~~

Compatibility Mode of Granular Locks

Current	None	IS	IX	S	SIX	U	X
Request	+ - (Next mode) + granted / - delayed						
IS	+ (IS)	+ (IS)	+ (IX)	+ (S)	+ (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
IX	+ (IX)	+ (IX)	+ (IX)	- (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
S	+ (S)	+ (S)	+ (IX)	+ (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
SIX	+ (SIX)	+ (SIX)	- (IX)	- (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
U	+ (U)	+ (U)	- (IX)	+ (U)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
X	+ (X)	- (IS)	- (IX)	- (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)

现在是 None \rightarrow ~~先 request X~~ \rightarrow can be granted , 但是如果现在是其他锁, 那个 print -



Update mode Locks – why necessary

T1:
SLock A
Read A
If ($A==3$)
{
% Upgrading Slock to Xlock
Xlock A
Write A
}
Unlock A

T2:
SLock A
Read A
If ($A==3$)
{
% Upgrading Slock to Xlock
Xlock A
Write A
}
Unlock A

T3:
SLock A
Read A
Unlock A

This can cause very simple deadlock. As per Jim Gray virtually all deadlocks in System R were found to be of this form!

A Solution

T1:
Slock A
Read A

If ($A == 3$) {
% Release lock and
try in Xlock mode

~~and unlock~~ → ~~Unlock(A)~~ (make sure
no deadlock)
if other
transactions
are waiting
for it)
then that
transaction
will be
allowed
to acquire
that lock.

Xlock A
Read A ★
if ($A \neq 3$) {
Write A
} to make sure
while T_1 , $\text{unlock}(A)$
 A has not been
modified by other
transactions.
}
Unlock A

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↑↑: ensure deadlock not arise but some potential inconsistency
 $\text{unlock}(A)$ is added at the middle, A can be modified by another transaction

T2:
Slock A
Read A
If ($A == 3$) {

% Release lock and
try in Xlock mode

Unlock(A) unlock will be done before the right operation
Xlock A
Read A
if($A == 3$) {
Write A
}
Unlock A

T3: transaction → although the next lock is taken an exclusive lock to read the value again.

↑↑: ① However the first 'read' and second 'read' may not give the same output.
⇒ unrepeatable read inconsistency
⇒ A can be changed by another transaction while T_1 is being executed

② Also this is not a two-phased locking anymore, unlock happens before lock. It's possible to generate some wormhole transaction, causing

in consistency. (T3)

Update mode Locks

T1: address the lock in an update mode

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Ulock A
Read A
If (A== 3){
    Xlock A
    Write A
}
Unlock A

```

~~while the first update has been granted, then another transaction will not be able to hold an update lock or any other lock on A~~

T2:

```

Ulock A
Read A
If (A==3){
    Xlock A
    Write A
}
Unlock A

```

T3:

```

SLock A
Read A
Unlock A

```

A=3: this write
A#3 this read

why not use Xlock A but use Ulock A? (when update lock is granted, it doesn't allow any other type of locks)

- Update lock被第一个锁被授予, subsequent locks, and thus eliminates very simple deadlocks in addition also reduces starvation caused by subsequent shared lock requests by not granting them immediately.

however if a shared type of lock is granted first then an update type of

does not occur.

request can be granted concurrently. For T_3 gets shared lock first, then at the same time, T_1 or T_2 can be granted an update lock on the same object A while the update is granted (T_1 or T_2), then still T_3 is allowed to read the same object A.

Also at the same time, if there is another transaction, which just needs to read object A. That transaction shared lock is granted first. Still that transaction (T_3) can run concurrently, while later another transaction gets (S or U) and update lock on the same object.

* update mode locks 重用 * .

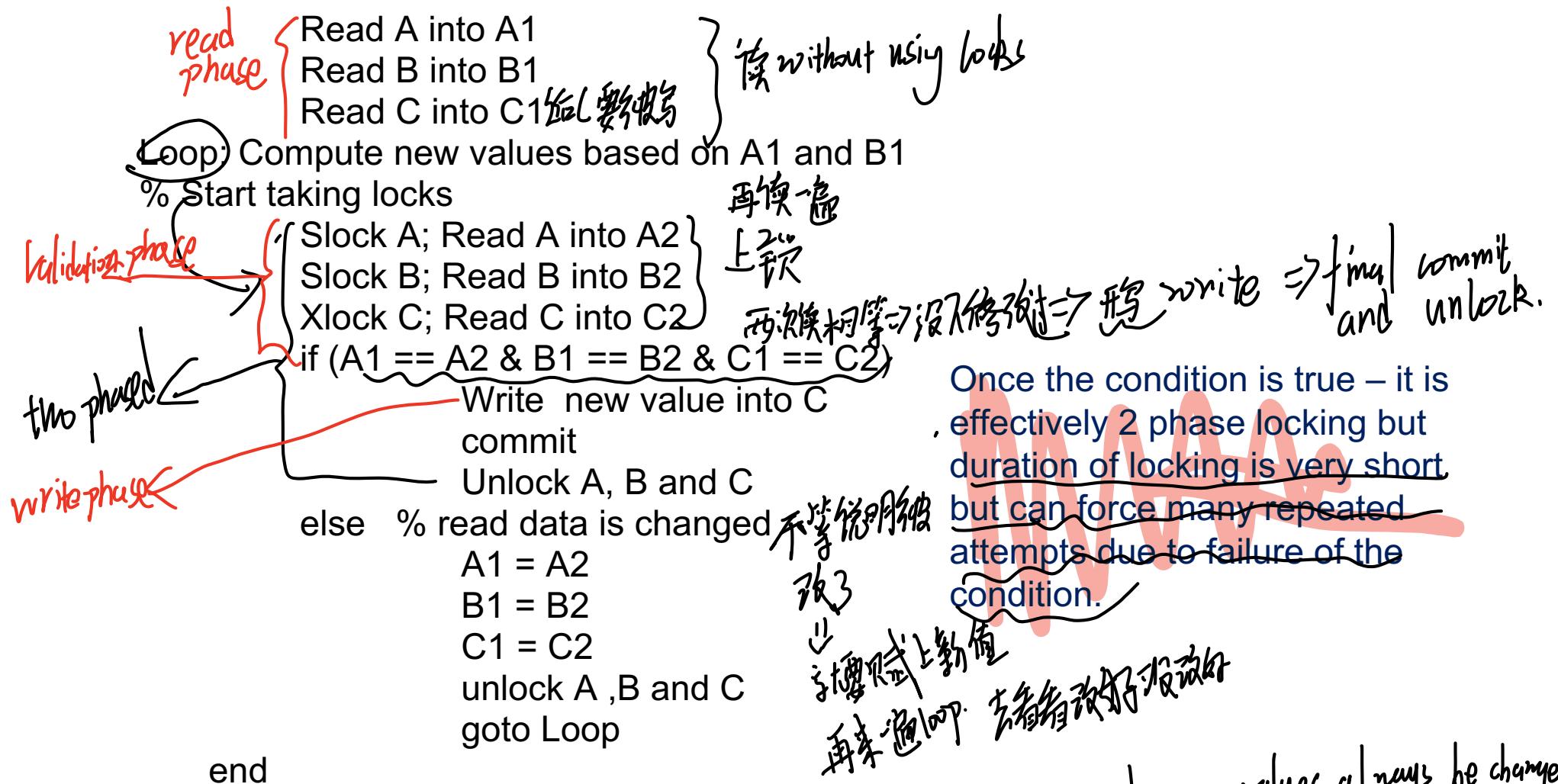


Optimistic locking

When conflicts are rare, transactions can execute operations without managing locks and without waiting for locks - higher throughput

- Use data without locks
- Before committing, each transaction verifies that no other transaction has modified the data (by taking appropriate locks) – **duration of locks are very short**
- If any conflict found, the transaction repeats the attempt
- If no conflict, make changes and commit

Optimistic locking



if conflicts are rare, this technique is
very efficient and performance

However, if some values always be changed
by many transactions, the conflicts will arise, in that
situation ~~often~~ many repeated attempts



will better compare with dead lock

in the loop may need to be required

Snapshot Isolation

Loop:

Read C into C1,
Read D into D1

Read A into A1
Read B into B1

C 读取
D 读取
AB 读取
read without taking any locks

Compute new values based on A1 and B1

% Start taking locks on records that need modification.

Let new value for C is C3 and for D is D3

Xlock C
Xlock D
Read C into C2
Read D into D2
if (C1 == C2 & D1 == D2)

% first writer commits

write C3 to C
write D3 to D

commit 提交

unlock(C and D) 解锁

C1 = C2

unlock(C and D)

goto Loop

PROS

higher throughput : unless # of locks
duration is very short : taken right before the 'commit' taken place.

CONS :

it does not guarantee consistency (Serializability)

If execute transactions in a serial order, final output can be different
if run concurrently end

D1 = D2

Snapshot Isolation method is used in Oracle but it will not guarantee Serializability. However, its transaction throughput is very high compared to two phase locking scheme.

loop

Two phase locking Transaction



Integrity constraint $A+B \geq 0$; $A = 100$; $B = 100$;

T1:

Lock(X,A) A₁
 Lock(S,B) B₁

Read A to A₁;
 Read B to B₁;

$A_1 = A_1 - 200$;

if ($A_1 + B_1 \geq 0$) 判斷 (V₁是否)

Write A₁ to A → 無效過

Commit

else abort 不符合規範 (J₁後)

end

Unlock (all locks)

一致性和
consistency

T2:

Lock(S,A)

Lock(X,B)

Read A to A₁;

Read B to B₁;

$B_1 = B_1 - 200$;

If ($A_1 + B_1 \geq 0$)

Write B₁ to B

Commit

else abort

end

Unlock (all locks)

curve inconsistency (using snapshot)
 一致性和一個 snapshot
 用 snapshot 之後
 之後的 consistency 是保證的
 因為 the reading operation
 has no locks.

一起運行，只有 1 能 commit：
 例：T₁ 在 T₂ 前提交， $A_1 + B_1 \geq 0$: True
 T₂ 在運行中，但 $A_1 + B_1 = 100 + (-100) < 0$: False
 故不能 commit

Only one transaction can commit.

Snapshot Isolation Transaction

Integrity constraint $A+B \geq 0$; $A = 100$; $B = 100$;

T1: *no locks*

Loop: Read A to A1;
Read B to B1;

$A3 = A1 - 200$;

Lock(X, A) 只鎖要被動的

Read A to A2

if ($A1 \neq A2$)

Unlock(A)

goto Loop

elseif ($A3 + B1 \geq 0$)

Write A3 to A

Commit

else abort

Unlock (all locks)

but by another transaction has been committed.
Value of its account B has already changed (in here) and made commit
but T1 will not be aware of that change.

T2:

Loop: Read A to A1;

Read B to B1;

$B3 = B1 - 200$;

Lock(X, B)

Read B to B2

if ($B1 \neq B2$)

Unlock(B)

goto Loop

elseif ($A1 + B3 \geq 0$)

Write B3 to B

Commit

else abort

Unlock (all locks)

being executed, the another transaction
has done its execution and
Value of its account B has already changed (in here) and made commit
but by another transaction has been committed.
but T1 will not be aware of that change.

One or both transactions can commit but when both are committed,
it is not serializable as only one should be able to commit.



it's possible that both transactions commit but when both transaction commit, the final output of database will not be the same as a serial execution of this two transaction. (at snapshot A = -100, B = -100).
(可以同时提交，但不能做到两笔交易平衡)

Time stamping

→ no lock involved.

each action has an absolute time stamp

最近
那次

These are a special case of optimistic concurrency control. At commit, time stamps are examined. If time stamp is more recent than the transaction read time the transaction is aborted. (如果时间戳更晚，就回滚更新的交易)
(这个交易被回滚.)

Time Domain Versioning

Data is never overwritten a new version is created on update.

$\langle o, \langle V1, [t1, t2] \rangle, \langle V2, [t2, t3] \rangle, \langle V3, [t3, *] \rangle \rangle$ (last update)
永远不会覆盖，而是创建新版本。

At the commit time, the system validates all the transaction's updates and writes updates to durable media. This model of computation unifies concurrency, recovery and time domain addressing.

crash recovery, query for transaction
(系统崩溃后恢复)



Time stamping

marky change to some employee's salary.

T1
select average (salary) year and calculate average

from employee but if $T_2 \text{ has } T_1 \rightarrow$ timestamp check
 \rightarrow abort, l: (conflict)
 \rightarrow rerun

T2
update employee
set salary =
salary * 1.1
where salary < \$40000

Timestamp: can run concurrently $\rightarrow T_1, T_2 \text{ run } \rightarrow [T_1 \text{ finishes } T_2 \text{ runs}]$

If use locks $\rightarrow T_1$ hold shared locks on employee table to do reading. Cause T_2 to be delayed \Rightarrow but using time stamp we can run T_1, T_2 concurrently

If transaction T_1 commences first and holds a read lock on a employee record with salary < \$40000, T_2 will be delayed until T_1 finishes. But with time stamps T_2 does not have to wait for T_1 to finish!

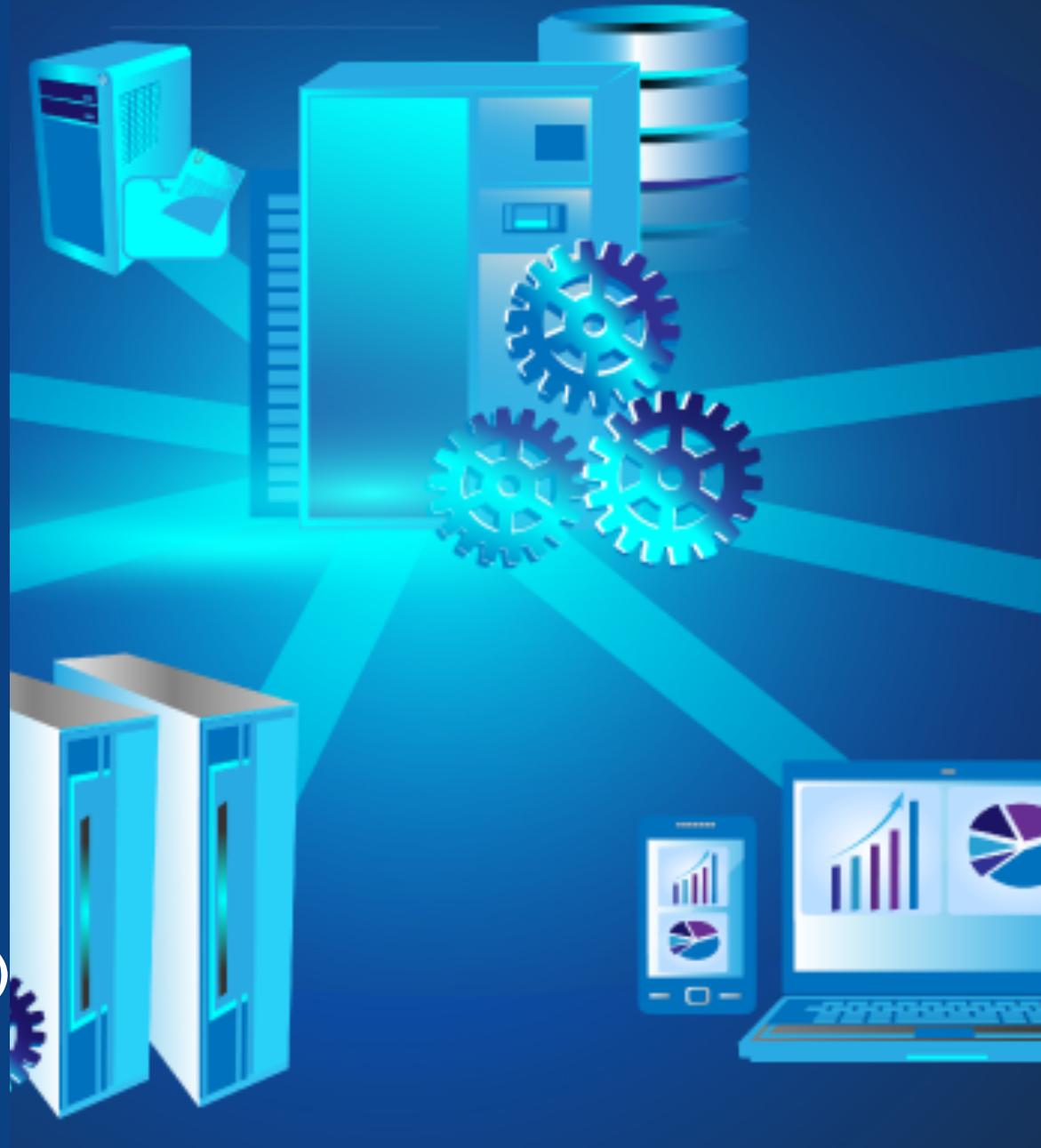


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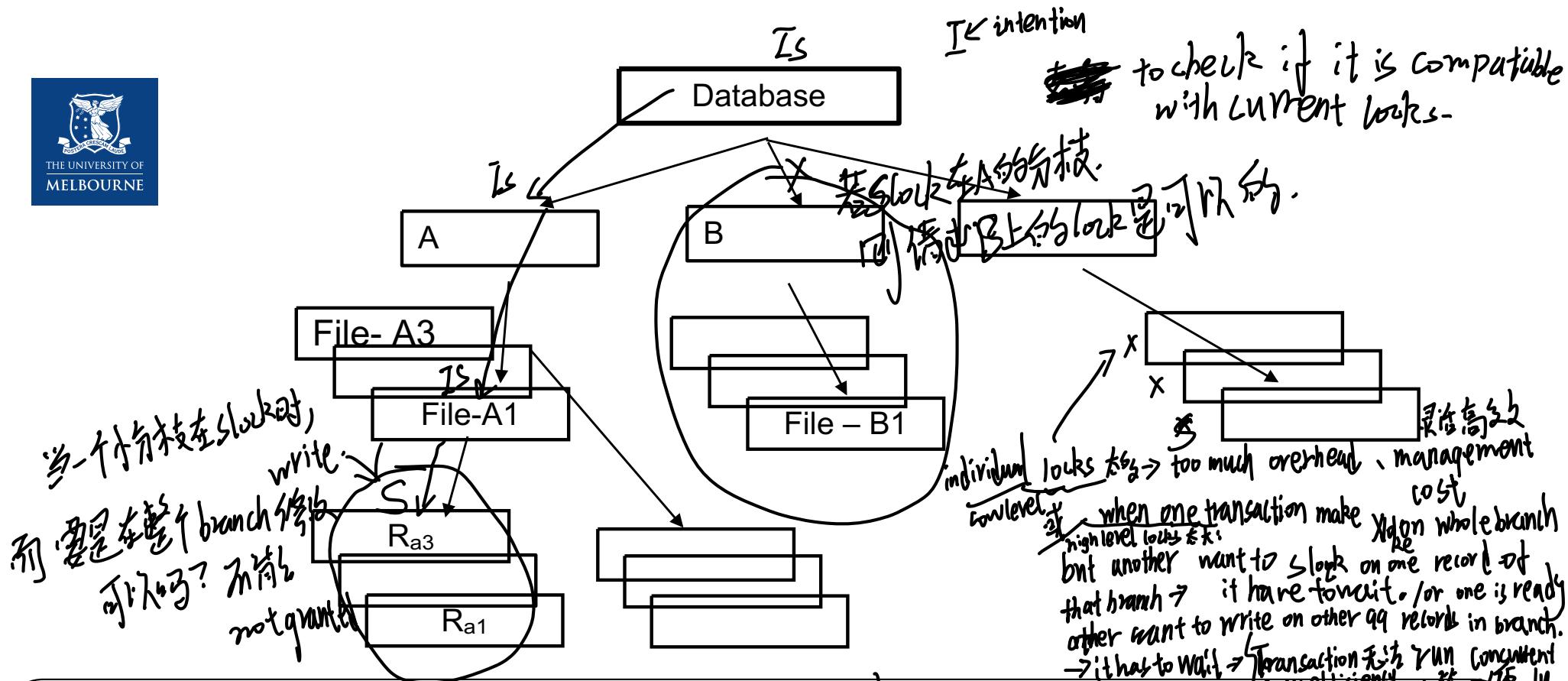
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Solutions:

1. Use granular locks idea: have some hierarchy in database → transaction take lock only in part of records, does not interfere with other transaction taking locks on other parts.
Even multiple transactions can take locks on the same hierarchy, as long their locks are compatible.



Rules:

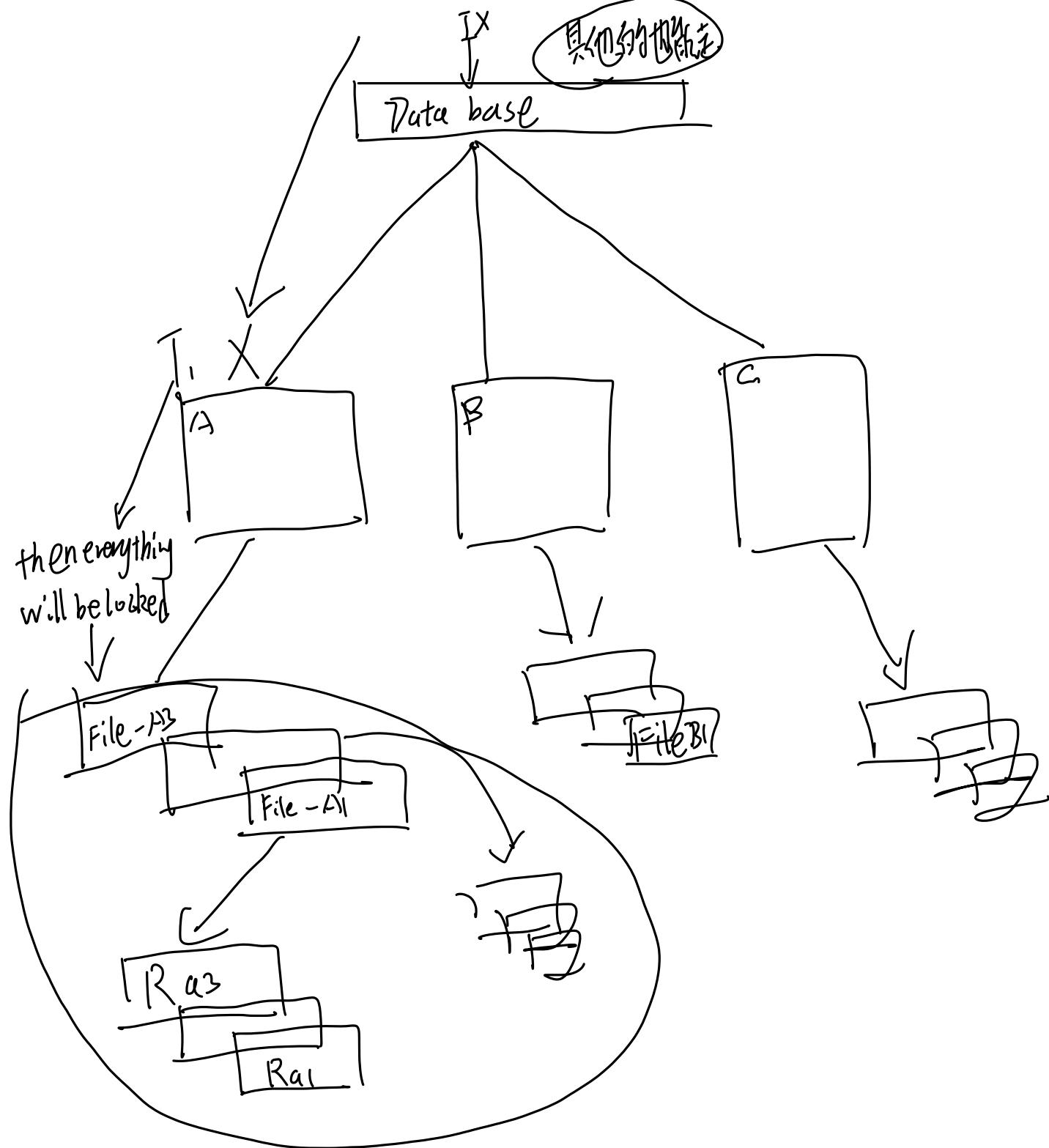
Lock root to leaf

To set X or S below, get IX or IS above respectively (or higher mode)

If no conflict/locks are compatible, multiple transactions run concurrently

If T1 reads record R_{a1} then T1 needs to lock the database, node A , and File – A1 in IS mode (or higher mode). Finally, it needs to lock R_{a1} in S mode.

If T2 modifies record R_{a3} then it can do so after locking the database, node A, and File – A1 in IX mode. Finally, it needs to lock the R_{a3} in X mode.

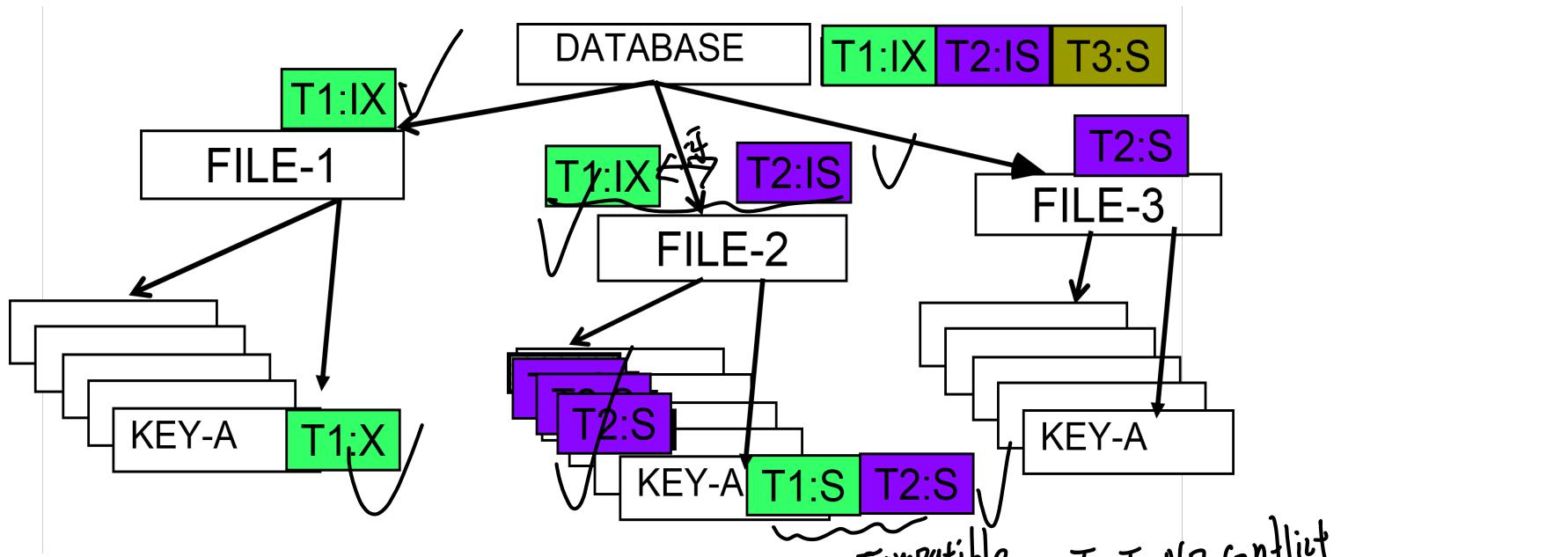




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S	+ (S)	+ (S)	- (IX)	+ (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
SIX	+ (SIX)	+ (SIX)	- (IX)	- (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
U	+ (U)	+ (U)	- (IX)	+ (U)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)
X	+ (X)	- (IS)	- (IX)	- (S)	- (SIX)	- (U)	- (X)

② incompatible
not be granted



Tutorial: Which transactions can run concurrently and which transactions need to wait if the transactions arrive in the order T1-T2-T3?

T₁ 先来

① ~~T₃ 不能同时持有 X, IS~~ 但要看最严格的 $\Rightarrow IX \Rightarrow IX$ 和 S 不兼容
 $\Rightarrow S$ will not be granted
 \Rightarrow wait

T₂ 要等 until T₁ finish and release

② 当 T₁ release $\Rightarrow T_2$ running with IS $\Rightarrow S$ compatible $\Rightarrow T_3$ 可运行

Update mode Locks – why necessary

On the same object Make some decision and do some calculation

T1: Then transactions write on the same record → proper lock

SLock A
Read A
If ($A == 3$)
{
% Upgrading Slock to Xlock
Xlock A
Write A
}

SLock A
Read A
If ($A == 3$)

% Upgrading Slock to Xlock

Xlock A

Write A

Unlock A

Unlock A

- ↗ transactions
not lock if 问题

{

}

(T₁ is requesting exclusive lock)

Write A

T₂ is still Slock A, so T₂ will wait for T₁ to release it.

T₂ 同时也要转为 xlock → it will also wait for other shared locks to be released.

so that it can get an exclusive lock but T₁ will never release it.

things to do: unlock A

but T₁ will never release it.

because it hasn't done yet.

∴ lock is not being released neither T₁ nor T₂

is not being released, and the deadlock arises.

T3:
SLock A
Read A
Unlock A

locks to be released
it has other
because it hasn't done yet
neither T₁ nor T₂
is not being released, and the deadlock arises.

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making lock relaxed



Solutions:

1. Use granular locks
2. Optimistic and snapshot isolation





Optimistic locking

take
read locks before commit

When conflicts are rare, transactions can execute operations without managing locks and without waiting for locks - higher throughput

- Use data without locks
- Before committing, each transaction verifies that no other transaction has modified any data that it needs (by taking appropriate locks) – **duration of locks are very short**
- If any conflict found, the transaction repeats the attempt
- If no conflict, make changes and commit

because locks are taken just before commit to do some quick checks, and do necessary write operations. the durations of locks are very short. So sometimes if transaction needs to do calculate or make decisions.. those operations will be done without any locks and it will allow other transactions to read write

or run concurrently.



~~any
read locks~~

Snapshot Isolation

Read C into C1
Read D into D1

Loop:

Read A into A1
Read B into B1

Compute new values based on A1 and B1

% Start taking locks on records that need modification.

Let new value for C is C3 and for D is D3

if it's optimistic
lock A
lock B

Xlock C
Xlock D
Read C into C2
Read D into D2
if (C1 == C2 & D1 == D2)

% first writer commits

then make commit
write C3 to C
write D3 to D
commit
unlock(C and D)

else % not first modifier

C1 = C2

D1 = D2

unlock(C and D)
goto Loop

end

even more relaxed

just check the records that we need to write on
read records do not take account into

if someone change C,D just go into loop and do whole process again

anyone has ever made any changes
Snapshot Isolation method is used in Oracle but it will not guarantee Serializability. However, its transaction throughput is very high compared to two phase locking scheme.

:- readings are done without any check or locks

if two different threads C,D inconsistency (non-repeatable read, dirty read) may arise



~~Benefit: allow many users and many concurrent transactions ready~~

Isolation Concepts ...

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL {READ UNCOMMITTED}

READ COMMITTED | REPEATABLE READ | SERIALIZABLE



Slight difference with the four degrees of isolation

- SERIALIZABLE – degree 3
- REPEATABLE READ – like degree 3, but other transactions can insert new rows
- READ COMMITTED – prevents dirty reads like degree 2*
- READ UNCOMMITTED – Like degree 0

*Options can also be paired with SNAPSHOT on/off

Source: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/t-sql/statements/set-transaction-isolation-level-transact-sql?view=sql-server-ver15>

$H = \langle (T1, R, O1), (T3, W, O3), (T3, W, O1), (T1, R, O1), (T2, W, O2), (T1, R, O3), (T1, R, O2), (T2, W, O2) \rangle$

$T_1 O_1 T_3 \quad T_3 O_1 T_1$
 $T_3 O_3 T_2 \quad T_2 O_2 T_1 \quad T_1 O_2 T_2$



Isolation Concepts ...

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL {READ UNCOMMITTED | READ COMMITTED| REPEATABLE READ | SERIALIZABLE}

READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT can be set on or off

If on – Shared locks are not used for reading

- Read committed with READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT off – degree 2
- Read committed with READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT on – *like degree 1

$T_1 \text{ } O_1 \text{ } T_3 \quad T_3 \text{ } O_1 \text{ } T_1$

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Isolation Concepts ...

What kind of applications use relaxed isolation?

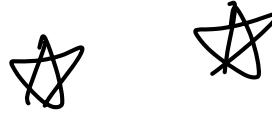
- Have you experienced any inconsistency in reading values as users?

Time for a poll - [Pollev.com/farhanachoud585](https://pollev.com/farhanachoud585)





Other types of locks



Another type of inconsistency

Phantoms: They commonly occur when a transaction lock records/table but another transaction adds new records in that table

So reading the same table twice by one transaction presents two different sets of records as the other has inserted some in the meantime

Predicate locks solve this problem. Rather than locking records, lock based on condition lock based on condition

Select * from Employee where salary > 80000 (只锁这个范围内号, 其他transaction不能插入这个范围内的值)

Another transaction will be able to insert new records in Employee table as long as the salary is not within this predicate range

Page Locks can solve this problem too. In this case, the storage should be organized based on values of attributes.

phantoms
T₁ 插表
T₂ 插行进表
T₃ 插表

(page locks要在属性值被排好的情况下使用)

正在对[插入]不能用

phantom: e.g. when subject coordinator wants to send emails to all students who are in the enroll list, when she is going to compare the email and send to the list, some more student just finish the enroll (In this case, I miss these new student if the system weren't phantom lock, and I have to manually check all list to find newly added students) if I use phantom, it can prevent any other transaction from inserting records.

What kind of applications use relaxed isolation? and achieve current consistency
Work on a certain set, if the set changes adding new records into it \Rightarrow it's not desirable of our database.
- Have you experienced any inconsistency in reading values as users?

website \Rightarrow if one user is using \Rightarrow the web is locked \Rightarrow others have not been able to use it not good experience

e.g. Adding something to shopping cart, everybody is able to add this item into cart.
but only one of them will be available.

what type of locks it might be? $\star\star$

It is 1, item available; when unavailable.

① while others putting this item into their cart, when you go to actual shopping cart payment. multiple users can add items into their shopping cart concurrently \Rightarrow but cannot pay at the end if others have bought that previously \Rightarrow then system informs you this item is not available and shopping cart gets updated.

② even sometimes \Rightarrow paid for it already \Rightarrow get email saying sorry we have to return money.

① ② have inconsistency \Rightarrow when we actually write on it \Rightarrow it shows us the value has been changed by someone.

Tickets, hotel booking....

these scenarios have relaxed locking \Rightarrow inconsistency exists



Concurrency and Isolation summary

- Why concurrency control is needed
- Concepts of isolation
 - What causes conflicts
 - Conflict types
- How to avoid conflicts (by locking)
 - Different types of locks
 - Issues caused by locks (deadlocks, convoy)

Core Concepts of Database management system

