

Transactions, Recovery and Concurrency (II)

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Concurrency Control Methods

- **Locking Mechanism**

The idea of locking some data item X is to:

- give a transaction T_i a lock on X ,
a item X ,
- do not restrict other transactions from accessing X .

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This prevents one transaction from changing a data item currently being used in another transaction.

- We will discuss a simple locking scheme which locks individual items, using read and write locks

Locking Rules

- In this schema, every transaction T must obey the following rules.
- 1) If T has only one operation (read/write) manipulating an item X :
 - obtain a read lock
 - obtain a write lock
 - unlock X when done with it.
- 2) If T has several operations manipulating X :
 - obtain one proper lock only on X :
a read lock if all operations on X are reads;
a write lock if one of these operations on X is a write.
 - unlock X after the last operation on X in T has been executed.

Locking Rules (cont.)

- In this scheme,
 - Several read locks can be issued on the same data item at the same time.
 - A read lock and a write lock cannot be issued on the same data item at the same time, neither two write locks.
- This still does not guarantee serializability.

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Two Phase Locking (2PL)

- To guarantee serializability, transactions must also obey the *two-phase locking protocol*:

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- Growing Phase All locks to be obtained before any locks are released.
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- Shrinking Phase (gradually release a lock is released no new locks may be requested).

Two Phase Locking (2PL) (Cont.)

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- Locking thus provides a solution to the problem of correctness of schedules.

Two phase locking ensures conflict serializability

Deadlock

- A problem that arises with locking is **deadlock**.
- Deadlock occurs when two transactions are each waiting for a lock on an item held by the other.

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Deadlock Check

- Create the *wait-for graph* for currently active transactions:
 - create a vertex for each transaction; and
 - an arc from T_i to T_j if T_i is waiting for an item locked by T_j .
- If the graph has <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> occurred

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Several methods to deal with deadlocks

- deadlock detection
 - periodically check for deadlocks, abort and rollback some transactions (restart them later). This is a good choice if transactions are not dependent.

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Several methods to deal with deadlocks (Cont.)

- deadlock prevention - Assign priorities based on timestamps.
Assume T_i wants a lock that T_j holds. Two policies are possible:
 - Wait-Die: If T_i T_j ; otherwise T_i aborts
 - Wound-wait: If T_i has higher prior otherwise T_i waits
- If a transaction re-starts, make sure it has its original timestamp

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Timestamp ordering

- The idea here is:
 - to assign each transaction a timestamp (e.g. start time of transaction), and
 - to ensure that the schedule used is executing the transactions in timestamp order.

- Each data item, X , is assigned
 - a read timestamp, $read\ TS(X)$, the latest timestamp of a transaction that read X , and
 - a write timestamp, $write\ TS(X)$, the latest timestamp of a transaction that write X .

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- These are used in read and write operations as follows. Suppose the transaction timestamp is T .

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- **Thomas' write rule:**

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T_1
read (x)

T_2
read (y)
write (y)

read (z)

T_3
read (z)

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Write (z)

$r_TS(x) = 0 \rightarrow 1$
 $w_TS(x) = 0$
 $r_TS(y) = 0 \rightarrow 2$
 $w_TS(y) = 0 \rightarrow 2$
 $r_TS(z) = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3$
 $w_TS(z) = 0 \rightarrow 3$

- Some problems:
 - Cyclic restart: There is no deadlock, but a kind of livelock can occur - some transactions may be constantly aborted and restarted.
 - Cascading roll back, so are any transactions which read a value written by the transactions which can be avoided by not allowing transactions to read uncommitted transactions (make them wait).

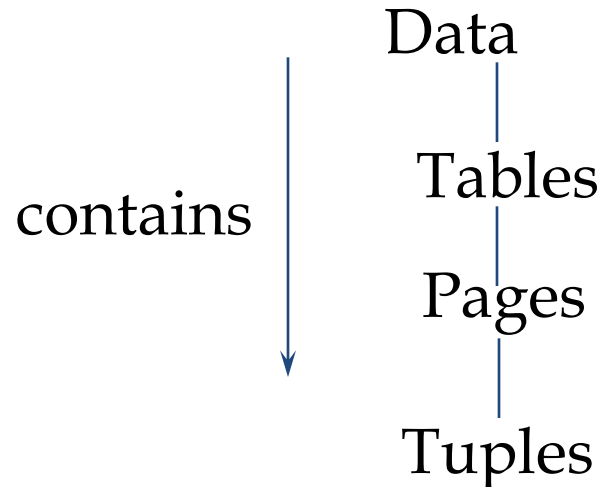
Multiple-Granularity Locks

- Hard to decide what granularity to lock (tuples vs. pages vs. tables).
- Shouldn't
- Data “cont

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Solution: New Lock Modes, Protocol

- Allow Xacts to lock at each level, but with a special protocol using new “intention” locks:

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- ❖ Before locki
must set “int
its ancestors.
- ❖ For unlock, go from specifi
general (i.e., bottom-up).
- ❖ **SIX mode**: Like S & IX at the
same time.

	INT	IS	IX	S	X
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
IX	✓	✓	✓		
S	✓	✓		✓	
X	✓				

Multiple Granularity Lock Protocol

- Each Xact starts from the root of the hierarchy.
- To get S or X lock on a node, must hold IS or IX on parent node.
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- What if X lock on parent?
- To get X or IX or SIX on a node, must hold IX or SIX on parent node.
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- Must release locks in bottom-up order.

Protocol is correct in that it is equivalent to directly setting locks at the leaf levels of the hierarchy.

Examples

- T1 scans R, and updates a few tuples:
 - T1 gets an SIX lock on R, then repeatedly gets an S lock on tuples of R, and occasionally upgrades to X on the tuples.
- T2 uses an index to
 - T2 gets an IS lock on R, an repeatedly gets an S lock on R.
- T3 reads all of R:
 - T3 gets an S lock on R.
 - OR, T3 could behave like T2; can use **lock escalation** to decide which.

	--	IS	IX	S	X
--		✓	✓	✓	✓
IS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
IX	✓	✓	✓		
S	✓	✓		✓	
X	✓				

Dynamic Databases

Sailors (sid: integer, *sname*: string, *rating*: integer, *age*: real)

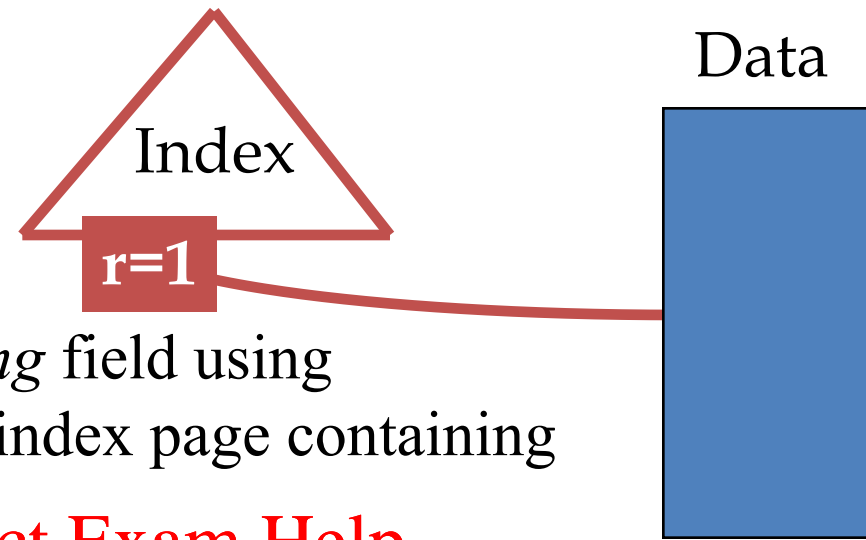
Reserves (sid: integer, bid: integer, day: dates, *rname*: string)

- If we relax the assumption that the DB is a fixed collection of objects, even Strict 2PL will not assure serializability:
 - T1 locks all pages containing sailor records with *rating* = 1, say, *age* = 71).
 - Next, T2 i = 1, *age* = 96.
 - T2 also deletes oldest sailor with *rating* = 2 (and, say, *age* = 80), and commits.
 - T1 now locks all pages containing sailor records with *rating* = 2, and finds oldest (say, *age* = 63).
- No consistent DB state; however T1 “correctly” gets through!

The Problem

- T1 implicitly assumes that it has locked the set of all sailor records with *rating* = 1.
 - Assumption only holds if no sailor records are added while T1 is executing!
 - Need so <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> for this assumption. (Index to predicate locking.)
- Example shows that conflict serializability guarantees serializability only if the set of objects is fixed!

Index Locking



- If there is a dense index on the *rating* field using Alternative (2), T1 should lock the index page containing the data entries with *rating* = 1.
 - If there are no data entries with *rating* = 1, T1 must lock the index page that entry would be, if it existed!
- If there is no suitable index, T1 must lock all pages, and lock the file/table to prevent new pages from being added, to ensure that no new records with *rating* = 1 are added.

Predicate Locking

- Grant lock on all records that satisfy some logical predicate, e.g. *age > 2*salary*.
- Index locking for predicate locking for efficient implementation of the predicate lock.
- What is the predicate in the sailor example?
- In general, predicate locking has a lot of locking overhead.

Locking in B+ Trees

- How can we efficiently lock a particular leaf node?
 - Btw, don't confuse this with multiple granularity locking!
- One solution is to lock the entire tree, just lock pages while traversing the tree, following 2PL.
 - Root node (and many higher level nodes) become bottlenecks because every tree access begins at the root.

Two Useful Observations

- Higher levels of the tree only direct searches for leaf pages.
- For inserts, a node on a path from root to modified leaf must be locked (in the course), only if a split can produce a modified leaf. (Similar to 2PL.)
- We can exploit these observations to design efficient locking protocols that guarantee serializability even though they violate 2PL.

A Simple Tree Locking Algorithm

- **Search:** Start at root and go down; repeatedly, S lock child then unlock parent.
- **Insert/Delete:** Start at root and go down, obtaining X locks as needed. O if it is safe:
– If child i <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> s on ancestors.
- **Safe node:** Node such that c [Add WeChat edu_assist_pro](#) ot propagate up beyond this node.
 - Inserts: Node is not full.
 - Deletes: Node is not half-empty.

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Do:

- 1) Search 38*
- 2) Delete 38*
- 3) Insert 45*
- 4) Insert 25*

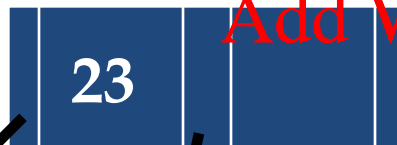


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A Better Tree Locking Algorithm (See Bayer-Schkolnick paper)

- **Search:** As before.
- **Insert/Delete:**
 - Set lock on leaf, and set X lock on l
 - If leaf is not safe, release lock, and restart Xact using previous Insert/Delete protocol.
- Gambles that only leaf node will be modified; if not, S locks set on the first pass to leaf are wasteful. In practice, better than previous alg.

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Do:

1) Delete 38*

2) Insert 25*

4) Insert 45*

5) Insert 45*,
then 46*

Even Better Algorithm

- **Search:** As before.
- **Insert/Delete:**
 - Use original Insert/Delete protocol, but set IX locks in nodes.
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 - Once leaf is locked, co locks to X
locks top-down: i.e., st node nearest to root. (Top-down reduces chances of deadlock.)
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(Contrast use of IX locks here with their use in multiple-granularity locking.)

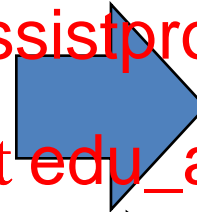
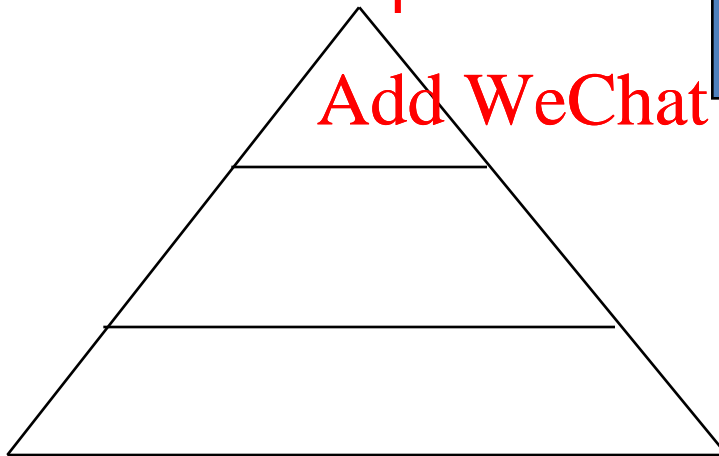
Hybrid Algorithm

- The likelihood that we really need an X lock decreases as we move up the tree.
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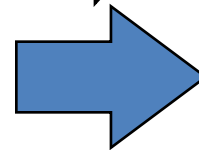
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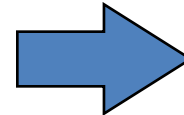
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Set S locks



Set SIX locks



Set X locks

Multiversioning

- Similar to the timestamp ordering approach; but is allowed to access “old” versions of a table.

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- A history of the (versions) of each item is kept. <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

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- When the value of an item is needed, the system chooses a **proper** version of the item that maintains serializability.
- This results in fewer aborted transactions at the cost of greater complexity to maintain more versions of each item.

- We will look at a scheme, several versions X_1, \dots, X_k of each data item are kept. For each X_i we also keep

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- *read* $TS(X_i)$ - a

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- *write* $TS(X_i)$ - as for timestamp or

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- Read and write are done as follows for a transaction P with timestamp T .

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- *Note:* Cascading rollback and cyclic restart problems can still occur, but should be reduced.
- However, there is an increased overhead in maintaining multiple versions of items.

Optimistic scheduling

- In two-phase locking, timestamp ordering, and multiversioning concurrency control techniques, a certain degree of checking is done **before** a database operation can be executed.

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- The idea here is to <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

- No checking is done while the transaction is executing.

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- The protocol has three phases.
 - read phase - A transaction can read data items from the database into local variables. However, updates are applied only to local copies of the data items kept in the transaction workspace.
 - validation phase - If validation succeeds, that serializability is not violated, updates are applied and the transaction is committed. Otherwise, the updates are discarded and the transaction is restarted.
 - write phase - If validation succeeds, updates are applied and the transaction is committed. Otherwise, the updates are discarded and the transaction is restarted.

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- A scheme uses timestamps and keeps each transaction's
 - read-set - the set of items read by the transaction,
 - write-set - the set of items written by the transaction.

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- During validation, we check that it does not interfere with any transaction that is committed or currently validating.

- Each transaction T is assigned 3 timestamps:
 $Start(T), Validation(T), Finish(T)$.
- To pass the validation test for T , one of the following must be true:
 - 1. $Finish(S) < Start(T)$
 - 2. for S s.t. $Start(T) < Finish(S)$,
 - a) write set of S is disjoint from the
 - b) $Finish(S) < Validation(T)$.

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- Optimistic control is a good option if there is not much interaction between transactions.
- **Note:** Our earlier treatment of recovery methods largely ignored concurr

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2PL vs. TSO vs. MV vs. OP

- A Comparison among two-phase locking (2PL), timestamp ordering (TSO), multiversioning (MV), optimistic (OP) concurrency control techniques.

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- MV should provide a higher concurrency degree (in average).
However, we need a lock for each data item.

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- 2PL can offer the second greatest concurrency degree (in average); but will result in deadlocks. To resolve the deadlocks, either
 - need additional computation to detect deadlocks and to resolve the deadlocks, or
 - reduce the concurrency degree to prevent deadlocks by adding other restrictions.

2PL vs. TSO vs. MV vs. OP (cont.)

- If most transactions are very short, we can use 2PL + deadlock detection and resolution.

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- TSO has a less complex hardware support than 2PL if a proper deadlock resolution algorithm does not cause deadlocks. Other algorithms like two-phase commit and cascading rollback, will appear in TSC.

- If there are not much interaction between transactions, OP is a very good choice. Otherwise, OP is a bad choice.