

Module 2 Introduction to Databases and DBMSs

Lesson 5: Transaction Processing Overview



Lesson Objectives

- Provide an example of a transaction that you use
- Briefly explain key characteristics of database transactions
- Explain the word "transparency" for transaction processing services



Transaction Definition

- Supports daily operations of an organization
- Collection of database operations
- Reliably and efficiently processed as one unit of work
- No lost data
 - Interference among multiple users
 - Failures



Airline Transaction Example

START TRANSACTION

Display greeting

Get reservation preferences from user

SELECT departure and return flight records

If reservation is acceptable then

UPDATE seats remaining of departure flight record

UPDATE seats remaining of return flight record

INSERT reservation record

Print ticket if requested

Fnd If

On Error: ROLLBACK

COMMIT



ATM Transaction Example

START TRANSACTION

Display greeting

Get account number, pin, type, and amount

SELECT account number, type, and balance

If balance is sufficient then

UPDATE account by posting debit

UPDATE account by posting debit

INSERT history record

Display message and dispense cash

Print receipt if requested

End If

On Error: ROLLBACK

COMMIT





Transaction Processing

- Reliable and efficient processing of transactions
 - Control simultaneous users
 - Recover from failures
- Internal features for enterprise DBMSs
 - Concurrency control manager
 - Recovery manager
 - Transparent services for application developers





Summary

- Supports daily operations
- Evolution over 50 years
- Key technology behind growth of electronic commerce

