FAILURE CLASSIFICATION, LOG-BASED RECOVERY & SHADOWING

DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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- Computer is subject to failure from variety of causes like
 - Disk crash
 - Power outage
 - Software error / logical issue
 - Physical damage / hardware defects
 - Improper usage
 - Environmental factor
- Results occurring from failures:
 - Loss of information
 - Corruption of information
 - Physical damage
 - Defame of Image/Dignity
 - Alteration in program logic
 - Fatalities

- Types of failures (after generalization)
 - 1. Transaction failure
 - 2. System crash
 - 3. Disk failure





♦ Transaction failure

- A transaction has to abort when it fails to execute or when it reaches a point from where it can't go any further.
- This is called transaction failure where only a few transactions or processes are hurt.

Reasons for a transaction failure could be –

- Logical errors Where a transaction cannot complete because it has some code error or any internal error condition like bad input, data not found, integer overflow, resource limit exceeded, divide by zero, logical programming error, etc.
- Syntax errors Where the database system itself terminates an active transaction because the DBMS is not able to execute it, or it has to stop because of some system condition. For example, in case of deadlock or resource unavailability, the system aborts an active transaction.



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Your transaction could not be processed.

Take a note of the error code. It will help Alipay customer service diagnose your payment problem.

Reason The system is currently unavailable. (Error code: IPAY_RS_520000500 ?

Suggestion Please try again.

If the problem persists, please contact Alipay Customer Service.

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We are sorry but the transaction failed.

Reason for failure: Declined by the issuing bank due to incorrect CVV Number

Retry transaction with corrected card details. Alternatively, retry the transaction using another means of payments.

Try Again

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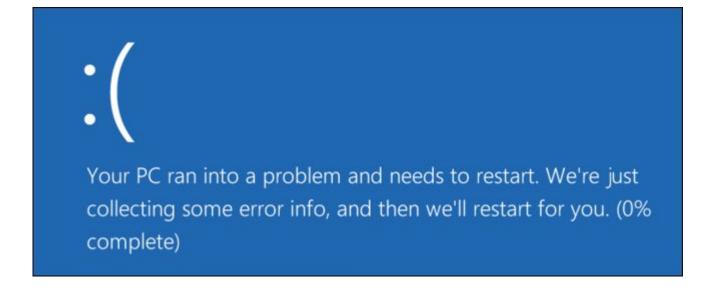






♦ System Crash

- These are problems external to the system that may cause the system to stop abruptly and cause the system to crash.
- For example, interruptions in power supply may cause the failure of underlying hardware or software failure.
- Examples may include operating system errors, hardware architecture.

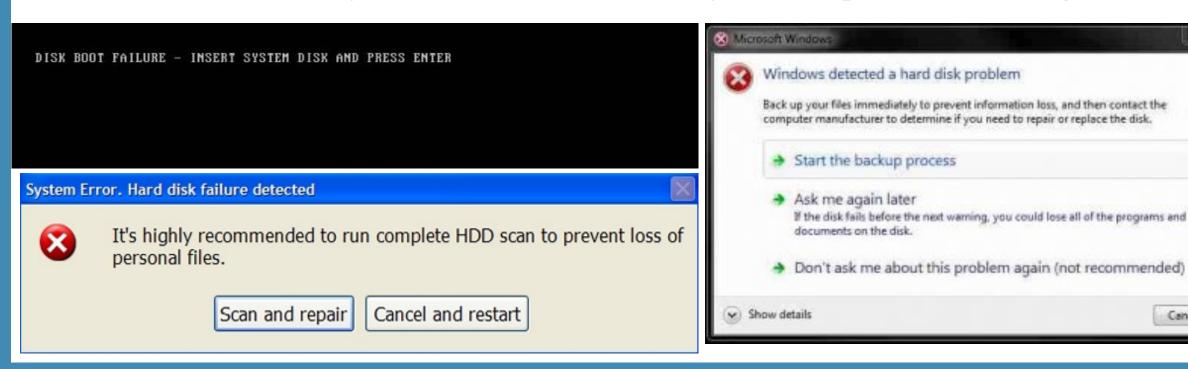


♦ Disk Failure

• In early days of technology evolution, it was a common problem where hard-disk drives or storage drives used to fail frequently.

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• Disk failures include formation of bad sectors, unreachability to the disk, disk head crash or any other failure, which destroys all or a part of disk storage.



Failures like system crash, transaction error, exceptions detected by transactions are more common than disk failure and physical problems (catastrophes).

For safety, recovery disks should be maintained at regular interval of time to restore the data in case of failure.



There are two types of techniques, which can help a DBMS in recovering as well as maintaining the atomicity of a transaction —

- Maintaining the logs of each transaction, and writing them onto some stable storage before actually modifying the database.
- Maintaining shadow paging, where the changes are done on a volatile memory, and later, the actual database is updated.



- Log is a sequence of records, which maintains the records of actions performed by a transaction.
- It is important that the logs are written prior to the actual modification and stored on a stable storage media, which is failsafe.
- Log-based recovery works by—
 - Keeping the log file on a stable storage media.
- Log-based recovery works when—
 - a transaction enters the system and starts execution, it writes a log about it.
 - a transaction modifies an item X, it write logs.
 - a transaction finishes, it logs.

Types of log records:

a) Update log records:

Describes a single db write, it has following fields;

- i. Transaction identifier: unique identifier of transaction that performed the write operation.
- Data item identifier: unique identifier of the data item written. Typically, a location on disk of data item.
- iii. Old value: value of data item prior to the write
- iv. New value: value that the data item will have after the write.

b) Special log records:

Records significant events during transaction which includes start of transaction commit or abort transaction.

- Before the write is done, it is essential that the log record for write be created
- After log writing is successful, we can output the modification to the db
- We have the ability to undo a modification that has already been output to db.
- We undo it by the help of log records which has old value & old state info.
- It is essential to have log records in a stable storage in order to be useful for recovery purpose.

- The database can be modified using two approaches –
- 1. **Deferred database modification** All logs are written on to the stable storage and the database is updated when a transaction commits.

2. Immediate database modification — Each log follows an actual database modification. That is, the database is modified immediately after every operation.

1. Deferred database modification

- It ensures transaction atomicity by recording all db modification in the log but deferring the execution of all write operations of a transaction until the transaction commits
- When a transaction commits, the information on the log associated with the transaction is used in executing the deferred writes.
- If the transaction is aborted then info on log is ignored.
- Using the log, system can handle any failure & can be used for data recovery and return to previous state.
- Executing the redo operation for any transaction any number of times should result the same result as executed once.

1. Deferred database modification

Let T_0 be transaction that transfers Rs. 50 from account A to B.

Balance: A-> 1000; B-> 2000 $T_{0}: read(A);$ A:= A-50; write(A); read(B); B:= B+50; write(B); Balance: A-> 950; B-> 2050

Value of A is changed in db only after record $<T_0$, A, 950> has been placed in the log & final commit action is performed.

2. Immediate database modification

- Allows db modifications to be output to db while the transaction is still in active state.
- Data modifications written by active transactions are called uncommitted modifications.
- Applies all updates directly to the db.
- If crash occurs, system uses info in log in restoring the state of system to old state.

2. <u>Immediate database modification</u>

$$\qquad \text{Before starting of execution, system} \\ \text{writes to log.} \\ \qquad \text{During execution, write(X) operation is} \\ \qquad \text{written to logs.} \\ \qquad \text{When all updates are performed.}$$

- Actual update to db is done only after log record is written.
- Using log, system can handle any failure that doesn't result in loss of info.
- After a failure has occurred, the recovery scheme consults the log to determine which transactions need to be redone & which need to be undone.

2. Immediate database modification

- \checkmark Undo(T_1):
 - ✓ Restores values updated by Transaction T1 to old values.
 - ✓ Transaction needs to be undone if log contains record <T1 start> but does not contain <T1 commit>
- $ightharpoonup Redo(T_1)$:
 - ✓ Sets values updated by Transaction T1 to new values.
 - ✓ Transaction needs to be redone if log contains both record <T1 start> and record <T1 commit>

Shadowing

- a.k.a Shadow paging
- Scheme based on making copies of db, called shadow copies
- Assumes only one transaction is active at a time
- Assumes db as simple a file on a disk
- A pointer called db pointer is maintained on disk which points to current copy of db
- Mechanism
 - Transaction that wants to update db will create a complete copy of db
 - All updates are done on new db copy, not touching the old original copy (shadow copy)
 - If transaction needs to be aborted, then simply new copy is deleted & db pointer points to old original copy which is not affected at all.

Shadowing

- OS makes sure all pages of new copy of db have been written to the disk.
- After the pages are written to disk, db system updates the db-pointer to new copy of db; the new copy then becomes the current copy of db and then old copy of db is deleted.
- Either all updates of the transaction are reflected, or none of the effects are reflected.

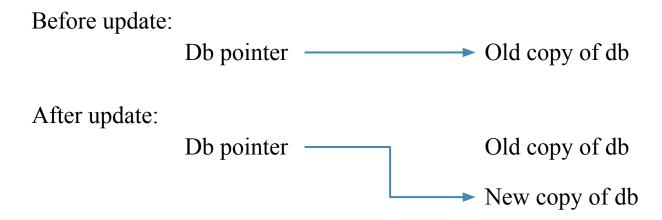
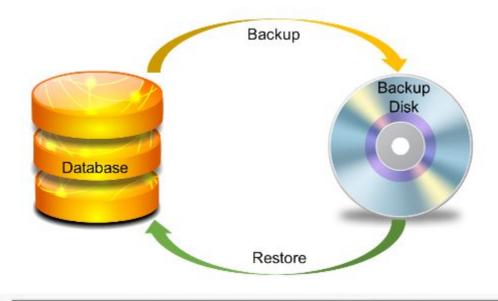


Fig. Shadow copy technique for Atomicity & Durability.

Backup / Recovery





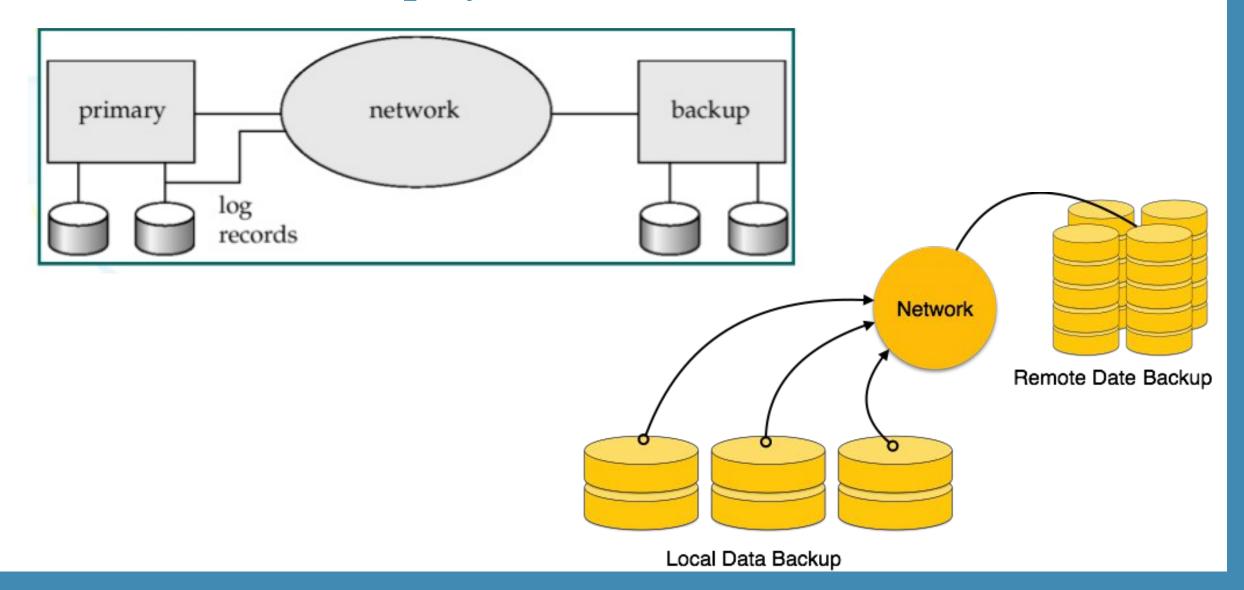




Backup / Recovery

- A backup utility is used to create a backup copy of source db, usually by dumping the entire db onto destination tape or optical storage or other media.
- Backup copy can be used to restore the data in case of failure.
- Incremental backups are often used where only changes since the last backups are recorded; it saves space and is better than full backup.
- Backup should be done periodically either manually or automatically.
- A new log is started after each backup.
- Recovery will restore the db to some consistent state making system appear of that instant.

Remote backup system



Remote backup system

- Data from a primary site a.k.a. local site are replicated at secondary site.
- Secondary site is known as the Remote Backup System (RBS).
- RBS provides high availability by allowing transaction processing to continue even if the primary site is destroyed.
- RBS is needed in order to be safe from various security issues including environmental disaster & loss of data.
- RBS must be kept synchronized with primary site (since updates are performed at primary site)
- Whenever Primary site fails, Remote Backup System takes over the processing either automatically or manually.

Thank you.