

Conflicting transactions

Suppose we have decided that after the sale of 10 milk packets, we will start giving 10% discount on milk.

Transaction T1: A customer orders 10 milk packets from the app

Transaction T2: Another customer orders 5 milk packets from the app at the same time.

Let A be the no. of packets of milk sold and B be the price of each packet. Assume A is initially equal to zero. Ideally, if T2 occurs after T1, no conflict shall occur but as they both are occurring potentially at the same time, it is leading to conflict whether in T2, person will get discount or not.

We have to make 2 schedules of this conflicting transaction- one conflicting serializable and other non- conflicting serializable.

Let read be represented by R and write be represented by W.

Conflicting serializable schedule

T1	T2
r(A)	
r(B)	
w(A)	
	r(A)
w(B)	
	r(B)
	w(B)
commit	w(A) commit

We can make this schedule serializable by replacing w(B) in T1 by r(A) in T2.
 Making this schedule serializable, we get :

T1	T2
r(A)	
r(B)	
w(A)	
w(B)	
	r(A)
	r(B)
	w(B)
commit	w(A) commit

Non-conflicting serializable schedule for these transactions

T1	T2
r(A)	
r(B)	
w(A)	
	r(A)
	r(B)
w(B)	
	w(B)
commit	w(A) commit

In this, we cannot make a serializable schedule for these transactions, even after swapping.

So, to resolve conflict in such a type of transaction, we have to use lock mechanism in this.

T1 lock(B) lock(A)	T2 lock(B) lock(A)
r(A)	
r(B)	
w(A)	
	r(A)
	r(B)
w(B) commit unlock(B) unlock(A)	
	w(B)
	w(A) unlock(A) unlock(B) commit