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# Transaction Concept

- A *transaction* is a *unit* of program execution that accesses and possibly updates various data items.
- A transaction must see a consistent database.
- During transaction execution the database may be inconsistent.
- When the transaction is committed, the database must be consistent.
- Two main issues to deal with:
  - Failures of various kinds, such as hardware failures and system crashes
  - Concurrent execution of multiple transactions



# ACID Properties

To preserve integrity of data, the database system must ensure

- **Atomicity.** Either all operations of the transaction are properly reflected in the database or none are
- **Consistency.** Execution of a transaction in isolation preserves the consistency of the database
- **Isolation.** Although multiple transactions may execute concurrently, each transaction must be unaware of other concurrently executing transactions. Intermediate transaction results must be hidden from other concurrently executed transactions
  - That is, for every pair of transactions  $T_i$  and  $T_j$ , it appears to  $T_i$  that either  $T_j$  finished execution before  $T_i$  started, or  $T_j$  started execution after  $T_i$  finished.



# ACID Properties

- **Durability.** After a transaction completes successfully, the changes it has made to the database persist, even if there are system failures.



# Example of Fund Transfer

- Transaction to transfer \$50 from account  $A$  to account  $B$ :

1. **read**( $A$ )     $3000$   
2.  $A := A - 50$      $2950$   
3. **write**( $A$ )     $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   $F$   
4. **read**( $B$ )     $4000$   
5.  $B := B + 50$      $4050$   
6. **write**( $B$ )     $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   
     $\text{commit}$

$7000$

$7000$

$2950$   
 $4000$   
 $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 $6950$

- Consistency requirement – the sum of  $A$  and  $B$  is unchanged by the execution of the transaction.
- Atomicity requirement — if the transaction fails after step 3 and before step 6, the system should ensure that its updates are not reflected in the database, else an inconsistency will result.

# Example of Fund Transfer (Cont.)

- Durability requirement — once the user has been notified that the transaction has completed (i.e., the transfer of the \$50 has taken place), the updates to the database by the transaction must persist despite failures
- Isolation requirement — if between steps 3 and 6, another transaction is allowed to access the partially updated database, it will see an inconsistent database (the sum  $A + B$  will be less than it should be).
- Can be ensured trivially by running transactions *serially*, that is one after the other. However, executing multiple transactions concurrently has significant benefits, as we will see.

# Why Concurrency Control is needed ?

- To overcome The Isolation Problems

# Dirty Read or Temporary Update or Write Read Conflict

- Occurs when one transaction updates a database item and then the transaction fails for some reason.
- The update item is accessed by another transaction before it is changed back to the original value.



# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.10 am: set mary's  
sal to 500  
10.20 am : commit

10.15 am : Start TX2  
10.16 am: read all sal

T1	T2
Write (X)	Read(X)
Commit	

# Incorrect Summary Problem

- If one Tx is calculating an aggregate summary function on a no of records while other Tx are updating some of these records,
- the aggregate function may calculate some values before they are updated

# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.05 am: set mary's  
sal to 500  
10.08 am : set scott's  
sal to 1000

10.06 am : Start TX2  
10.07 am: sum all sal  
(500+500+1000)  
10.08 am: sum all sal  
(500+1000+1000)

T1	T2
Write1(x)	Write2(x)
Write1(x)	Write2(x)

# Unrepeatable Read

- A Tx reads an item twice and the item is changed by another Tx1 between the two reads



# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.05 am:read all sal  
10.15 am :read all sal

10.06 am : Start TX2  
10.07 am:set marys  
Sal to 700  
10.08 am : commit

T1	T2
read1 (x)	write2(x) commit
read1(x)	

# Repeatable Read (RW conflict)





# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.05 am:read all sal  
10.15 am :read all sal

10.06 am : Start TX2  
10.07 am:  
insert ('mira','600','HR')  
  
10.08 am : commit

T1	T2
read1 (x)	write2(x) commit
read1(x)	

# Unstable Cursor :







# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.05 am:  
set mary's sal to 500  
10.15 am :read all sal

10.10 am : Start TX2  
10.11 am: drop sal  
column  
10.12 am : commit

T1	T2
write1(x)	

# Lost Update Problem

- Occurs when two Tx's access the same database items have their operations interleaved in a way that makes the value of some database items incorrect



# Example:

Name	Sal	Dept
Marry	300	CSE
Scott	500	IT
John	1000	ECE

10 am : Start TX1  
10.10 am:  
set mary's sal to 500  
10.11 am :commit

10.05 am : Start TX2  
10.06 am: set mary's  
sal to 600  
10.07 am : commit

T1	T2
Write1(x) commit1	Write2(x) commit2

# Transaction State

- **Active**, the initial state; the transaction stays in this state while it is executing
- **Partially committed**, after the final statement has been executed.
- **Failed**, after the discovery that normal execution can no longer proceed.
- **Aborted**, after the transaction has been rolled back and the database restored to its state prior to the start of the transaction. Two options after it has been aborted:
  - restart the transaction – only if no internal logical error
  - kill the transaction
- **Committed**, after *successful completion*.





# Transaction Operations

- BEGIN Transaction
- READ or WRITE
- END Transaction
- COMMIT Transaction
- ROLLBACK (or ABORT)

# Transaction State (Cont.)

