The LSN Concept in InnoDB and RocksDB

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LSN in InnoDB

- Records within the InnoDB redo log are identified via a LSN
- Each page has an LSN (FIL_PAGE_LSN)
- This LSN simply shows the **byte offset**:
 - So, when you write 100 bytes to the log buffer, the LSN is increased by 100
- When a mini-transaction commits, it writes its own log records to the log buffer, increasing the LSN
- The meanings of LSN:
 - The total amount of redo log writes
 - Checkpoint location
 - Page version

```
Log sequence number 78939567500
Log flushed up to 78937301748
Pages flushed up to 74300027436
Last checkpoint at 74286584574
0 pending log flushes, 0 pending chkp writes
10089 log i/o's done, 1.94 log i/o's/second
```

LSN in RocksDB

- Each record (KV) in RocksDB has a LSN starting with the first 0, adding 1 to each write
- The LSN that can be seen from outside RocksDB is incremented by WriteBatch:

```
WriteBatch :=
   sequence: fixed64
   count: fixed32
   data: record[count]
```

- WriteBatch
 - A collection of atomic operations of RocksDB write operations (Put(k,v), Merge(k,v),
 Delete(k), SingleDelete(k))
 - Each of these records has a binary string representation:

```
Sequence(0); NumRecords(3); Put(a,1); Merge(a,1); Delete(a);
```

WriteBatch follows the ACID feature (All or nothing; Isolation from each other)

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