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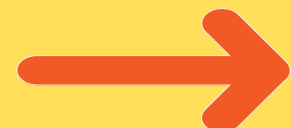
Properties in DBMS



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ACID Properties stands for-

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Atomicity

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Consistency

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Isolation

D

Durability



ACID properties are used to maintain consistency in database before and after the transaction .



ACID properties provide stability in database loading and high security of the data.



Let's understand **ACID** Properties separately with example.

1

Atomicity

It simply gives that a transaction is either "PASS" or "FAIL".

There is no middle state in them like an update in there data .

It also refers to the "All or Nothing " Rule .



For Example :

Suppose , You are transferring money from your bank account to your friend's Bank account.

This Transaction involves 'Withdrawal' and 'Deposit' operation .

If the deposit operation failed, you don't want the Withdrawal operation to happen either. Otherwise that money would disappear.

Lumping Both operations into a single atomic transaction ensures the integrity.

This is what is called the " **Atomicity** " in DBMS



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Isolation

Isolation Property means multiple transaction can occur Concurrently Without any inconsistency of the database state.



That is , when multiple transaction execute at a single unit of time, then the state of database must be far all over the transaction period .



For Example :

Suppose you and your friend are booking a train ticket for Delhi and only one seat is available .

Now, both of you simultaneously start booking the seat, that should not be allowed by database management system, else either of you will land in trouble. Maybe both will end up booking for the same seat, or may be both will pay but only one will have the seat confirmed. Thus, the database should either perform your entire transaction first before executing your friend's or vise-versa.

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Durability

Durability property ensures that once the transaction has completed, The modifications and update in the database are stored and they persist even if there is a system failure.



That is ,some common external factors like system crash or power failure should not affect the data once the transaction is completed in the server.



For Example:

Imagine you have 10 lakh amount of money in your bank account. The bank database server goes down, all data stored on that server is gone and so your money is gone!!.

So you need **Durability**, a Fault free system.

So Durability ensures the update and modification are stored in database , even if system failure occurs.



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Consistency

In **Consistency** property, If any type of transaction exists at the user end, that must be conceived into a valid and legal state in database .

That is, It ensures that database remains in a consistent state before the start up operation and after transaction is over. If a transaction fails , database must returned to its previous states.



For Example:

Consistency means all is well, There is no Incorrectness anywhere in the system. If all the three mentioned above can be guaranteed then consistency prevails.

There is no separate component in database management software that will ensure consistency .



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