

# A atomicity

# C consistency

# I isolation

# D durability

## Atomicity:

- transaction is **all or nothing deal**
- if any part fails, whole thing gets deleted and we act like it never happened
- Uses logging mechanisms to enable rollback feature
- makes sure multiple instructions happen together or not at all

## Consistency:

- transaction **must follow all the rules and leave database in good state**
- any data written during transaction must be valid according to constraints, triggers, etc.
- database system enforces consistency by checking for constraint violations during transaction
- stops invalid data from messing up database

## Isolation:

- how concurrent transactions interact with each other
- if many transactions happen at the same time, isolation makes it seem like each transaction has the database to itself
- Serializable Isolation: running each transaction one at a time. Strongest consistency, but can slow things down.
- Lower level Isolation: Allow more transaction to run simultaneously, but can lead to inconsistencies (dirty reads, phantom reads, non-repeatable reads)
- Dirty Read: transaction sees data that was changed by another transaction that hasn't been committed yet
- Non-repeatable read: transaction reads same data twice and gets different results because another transaction changed the data in between
- Phantom Read: A transaction re-runs a query and gets different results because another transaction added or deleted rows that match the search criteria

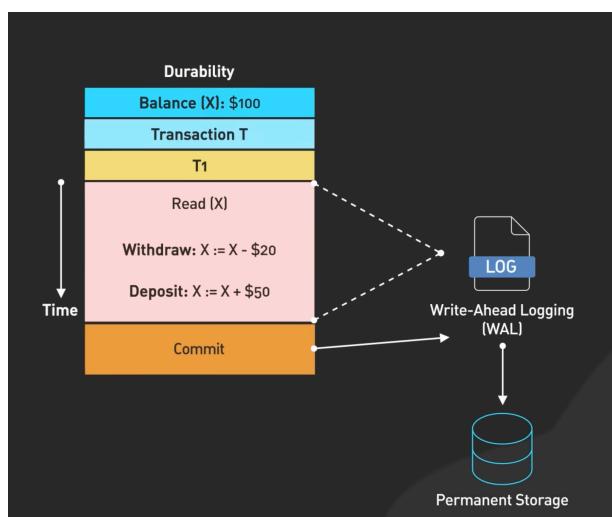
Isolation Level	Violations		
	Dirty Read	Non-repeatable Read	Phantom Read
Serializable	Don't occur	Don't occur	Don't occur
Repeatable			
Read committed	Don't occur	May occur	May occur

## Durability:

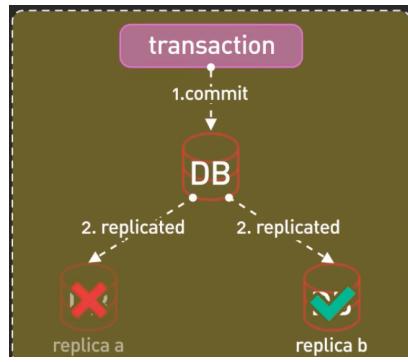
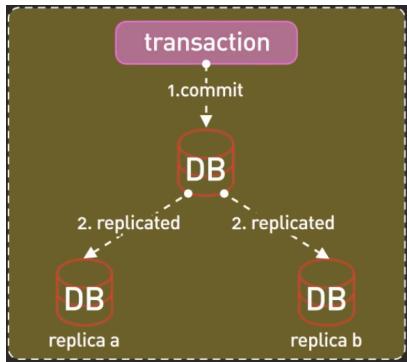
- Once a transaction is committed, it is permanent, EVEN IF database CRASHES or LOSES POWER right after.
- Achieved usually through transaction logs or using write-ahead logging (WAL) to persist changes to disk/SSD before confirming commit
- ANOTHER MEANING to durability in terms of distributed databases:
  - allows for replication of data across multiple nodes

2 methods of Durability:

WAL



# Replication!



↑  
if one node goes down,  
you'll still have the history of  
the committed transactions stored  
in b