

Isolation

* database guarantees that transactions on same machine are ordered by time.

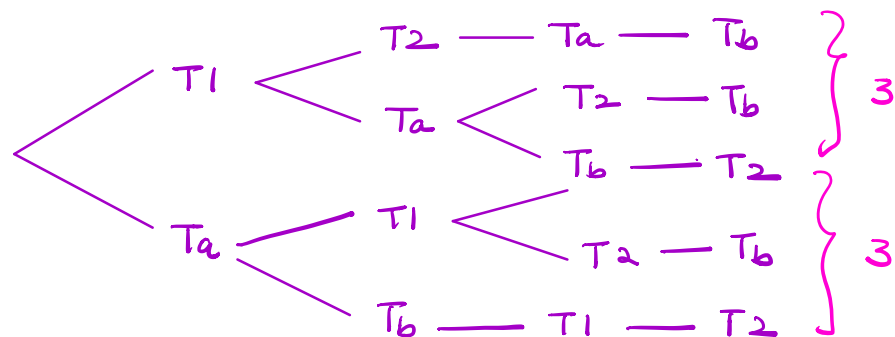
user: $T_a; T_b \rightarrow$

* TXs on different machines may be interleaved, but output must be equivalent to some serial order of all TXs.

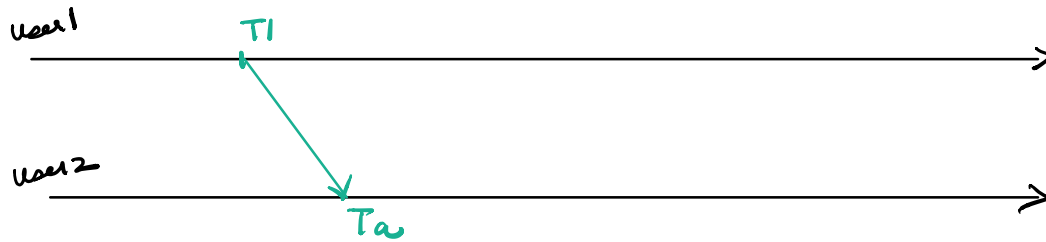
Example: user1: $T_1; T_2$

user2: $T_a; T_b$

list all possible serial orders:



6 possible serial orders.



- * want T_a to execute after T_1 ; different computers
- * must be done at application level.

Question:

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$u_1: T_1: a = a + 1;$

$u_2: T_2: a = a * 2;$

Which output(s) do NOT violate isolation?

I ✓

6
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 $T_1; T_2$

II ✓

5
7

 $T_2; T_1$

III ✓

5
6

 $T_2; T_1$
 T_2
↓
violates atomicity

IV X

6
7

 $T_1; T_2$
 $T_2; T_1$

V ✓

4
6

 T_2
 T_2

MySQL TX

- I * TXs begin automatically on first SQL statement
- * by default, every query is a separate TX.
- AUTO COMMIT** is executed at the end of every query.

↓ writes safely to disk

SET AUTOCOMMIT = 1; (default)

II

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SET AUTOCOMMIT = 0;
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TI

Q1: update dept set dname = 'CS'
where dname = 'EE';

Q2: select * from dept; → shows the update

ROLLBACK;

T2

T2 { Q3: select * from dept, → shows the original dept 'EE'

COMMIT; OR

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SET AUTOCOMMIT = 1
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} ending TI with a commit

III

START TRANSACTION

Q1

Q2

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 Q_n

COMMIT or ROLLBACK

Isolation is achieved with locks.

locks \Rightarrow serializability \Rightarrow Performance \downarrow
(less concurrency)

Allow concurrency of **Reads** (when possible)

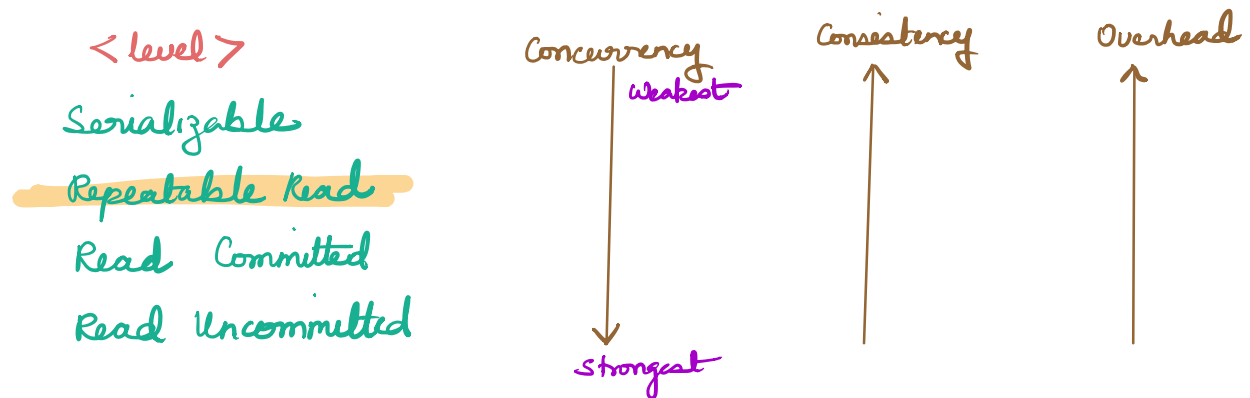
ISOLATION Levels : Reads

SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL $\langle \text{level} \rangle$

START TRANSACTION

⋮

COMMIT OR ROLLBACK



- * isolation levels are for reads (not writes)
- * each TX has its own isolation levels.
- * U_i 's isolation level only affects U_i .
- * isolation controls the possible sequence of outcomes, not the possible sequence of executions.

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