

Intro to DB

CHAPTER 15

TRANSACTIONS

Chapter 15: Transactions

- Lock-Based Protocols
- Deadlock Handling
- Multiple Granularity
- Timestamp-Based Protocols
- Validation-Based Protocols
- Multiversion Schemes
- Snapshot Isolation
- Insert and Delete Operations
- Concurrency in Index Structures

Concurrency Control

- Schedules must be serializable and recoverable (for database consistency)
 - and preferably cascadeless
- A policy in which only one transaction can execute at a time generates but provides a poor degree of concurrency.
- Concurrency-control schemes tradeoff between the amount of concurrency they allow and the amount of overhead that they incur.

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Lock-Based Protocols

- A lock is a mechanism to control concurrent access to a data item
- Two modes :
 1. *exclusive* (X) mode: both read and write (lock-X instruction)
 2. *shared* (S) mode: only read (lock-S instruction)
- Lock requests are made to
- Transaction can proceed only after request is granted.

Granting of Locks

- Lock-compatibility matrix

	S	X
S	true	false
X	false	false

- A transaction may be granted a lock on an item if the lock(s) already held on the item by other transactions
- Any number of transactions can hold shared locks on an item
- If any transaction holds an exclusive on the item no other transaction may hold any lock on the item.

Example

T_2 : lock-S(A);
 read (A);
 unlock(A);
 lock-S(B);
 read (B);
 unlock(B);
 display($A+B$)

- Locking as above is not sufficient to guarantee serializability
— if A and B get updated in-between the read of A and B , the displayed sum would be wrong.

Two-Phase Locking Protocol (2PL)

- Locking Protocol

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- Locking protocols restrict the set of possible schedules.

- 2PL

- Phase 1: Growing Phase

- - can acquire a **lock-S** or **lock-X** on item
 - can convert a **lock-S** to a **lock-X** (**upgrade**)
- transaction may not release locks

- Phase 2: Shrinking Phase

- - can release a **lock-S** or **lock-X**
 - can convert a **lock-X** to a **lock-S** (**downgrade**)
- transaction may not obtain locks

Example

T_5	T_6	T_7
lock-X(A) read(A) lock-S(B) read(B) write(A) unlock(A)	lock-X(A) read(A) write(A) unlock(A)	lock-S(A) read(A)

Features of 2PL

- The protocol assures (conflict) serializability
 - transactions can be serialized in the order of their **lock points** (the point where a transaction acquired its final lock).
 - There can be conflict serializable schedules that cannot be obtained if 2PL is used
- **Deadlocks:**
2PL freedom from deadlocks
 - starvation also possible
- **Cascading rollback:**
 under 2PL

Strict / Rigorous 2PL

- **Strict 2PL**

- A transaction must hold all its *exclusive* locks until it commits/aborts

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- **Rigorous 2PL**

- *all* locks are held until commit/abort

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