SINE NOMINE ASSOCIATES

Overcoming Ubik Limitations

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AGENDA

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- Election
- Recovery
- Limitations
- Reads-during-sync
- Transactions
- Read-transaction
- Write-transaction
- Limitations
- Reads-during-commit
- Other fixes

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ELECTION

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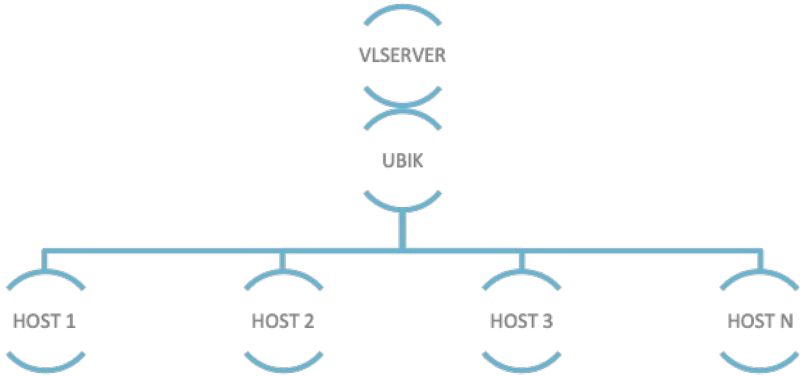
- A coordinator is elected by sending out beacon packets;
- A beacon implicitly asks the recipient to vote for the sender;
- Site with more votes is elected the synchronization-site;
- Coordinator will periodically attempt to extend its mandate;
- Voter that replied positively will not vote for another site before a timeframe;



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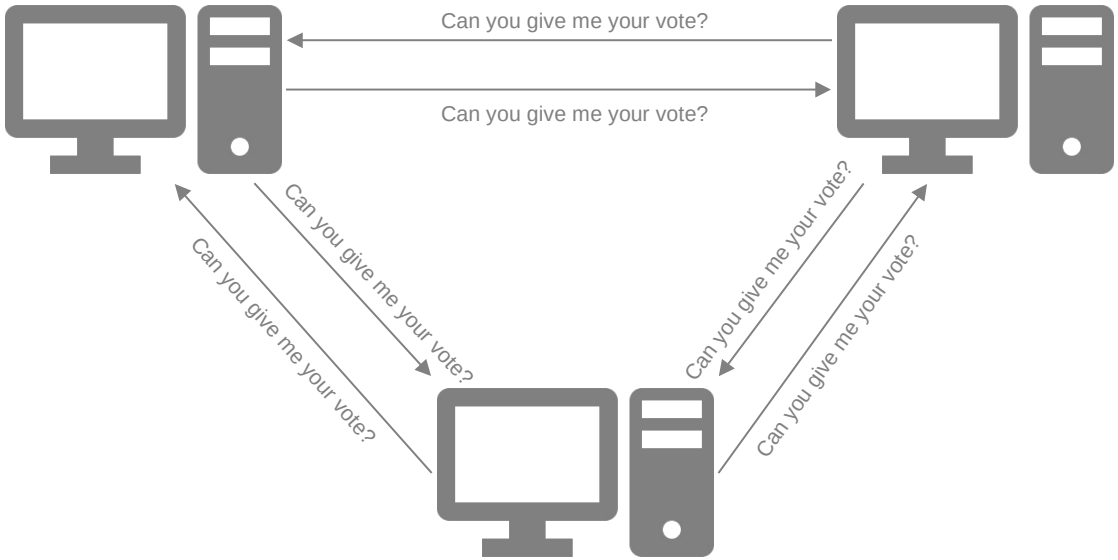

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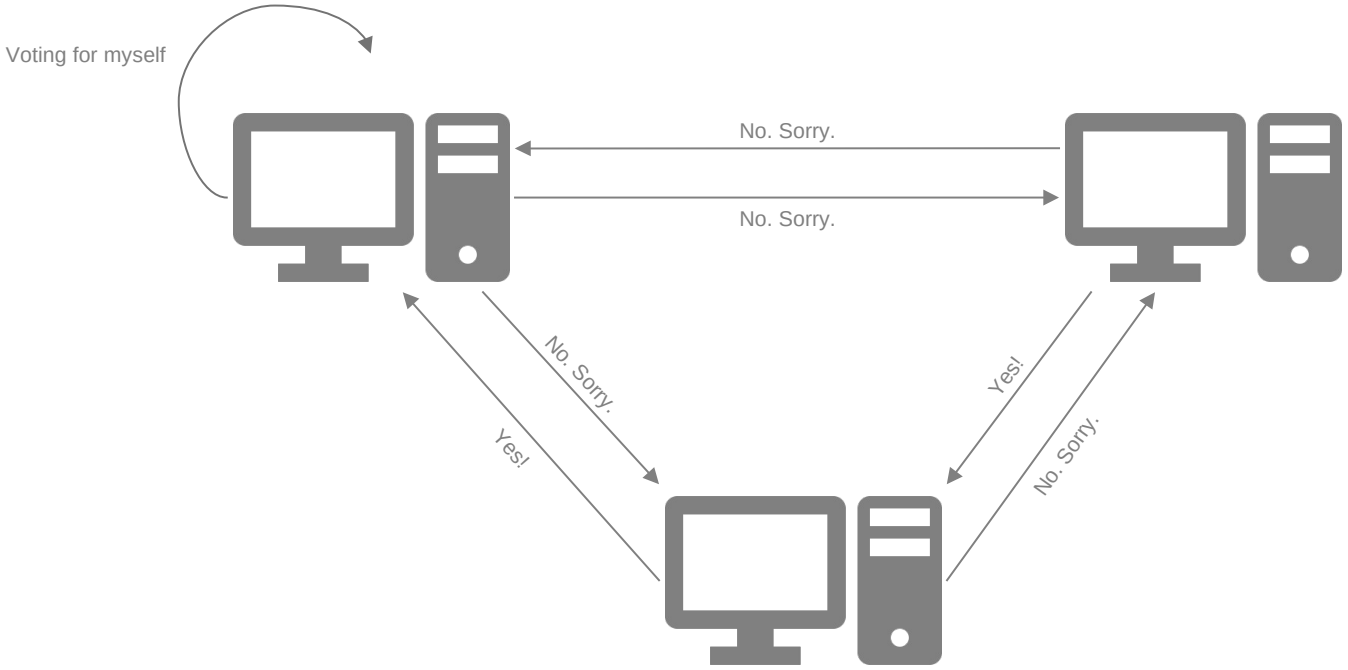

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RECOVERY

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- Recovery procedure is executed immediately after becoming sync-site:
  - Sync-site contacts all servers and determines the latest version;
  - Sync-site updates its local database to the latest version;
  - Coordinator relabels the database as the first version during his mandate;
  - Sync-site updates all remote databases to the latest version;

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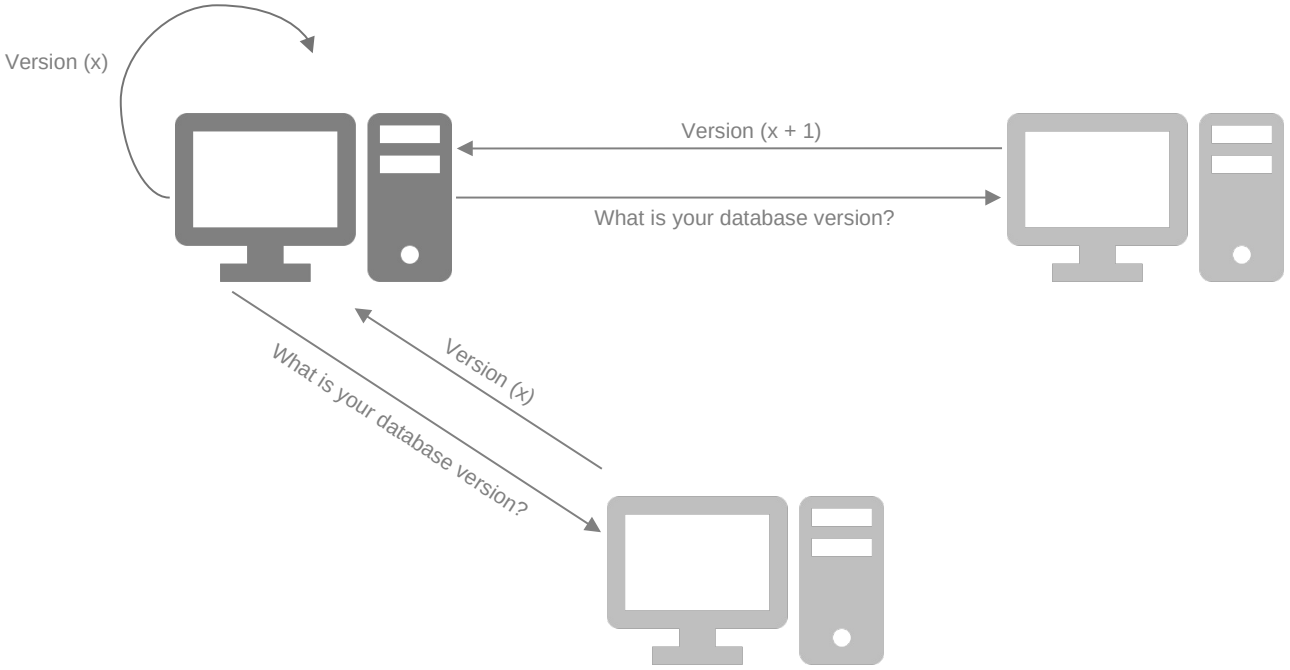

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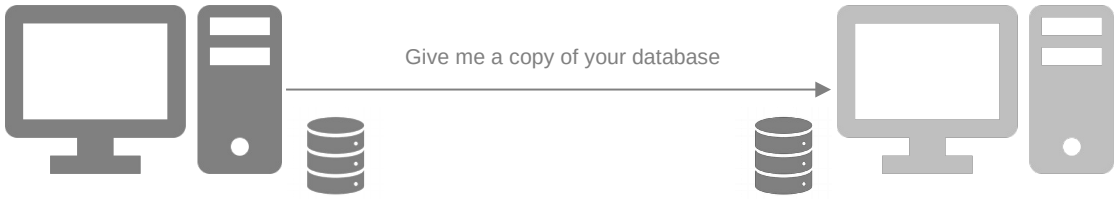

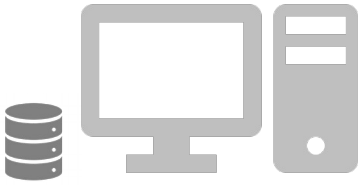

RECOVERY: LIMITATIONS

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- Read-transactions not allowed;
- Write-transactions not allowed;
- In other words, sites involved are not available during this phase;
- Why? Because the live database is being replaced;
- Current version does not replace the database directly;
  - Received database is stored in a temporary file;
  - Temporary file replaces live database;

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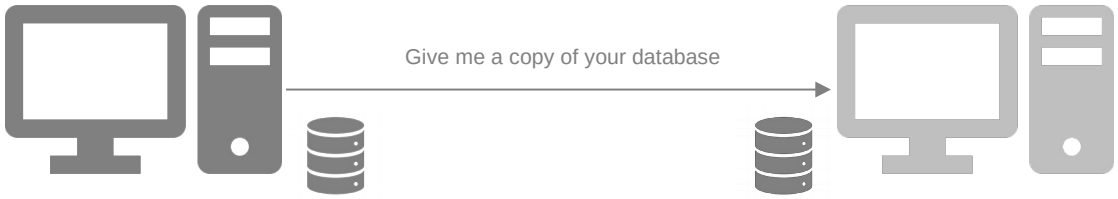

READS-DURING-SYNC

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- Scenario 1: site is sending a copy of the database;
  - Local database is not being modified;
  - Writes must be blocked;
  - There is no reason to block reads;
  - Allow reads but block writes;
- Scenario 2: site is receiving a copy of the database;
  - Received data is stored in a temporary file;
  - Live database will (eventually) be replaced by this temporary file;
  - Writes must be blocked;
  - Reads can be allowed until the replacement-phase;
  - Replacement-phase blocks new reads;
  - Replacement-phase aborts read-transactions;

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TRANSACTIONS

READ-TRANSACTIONS

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- Read-transactions;
  - Designed to handle a high number of read transactions;
  - Executed by any server in the quorum;
  - Can handle multiple read-transactions at the same time;
  - Locking is done locally to the server receiving the request;
  - Reads data from a database under a transaction;
  - The parameters to read are a transaction, a buffer and a length;
  - It functions like the Unix read system call;
  - Reads length bytes from the current file position into the specified buffer;

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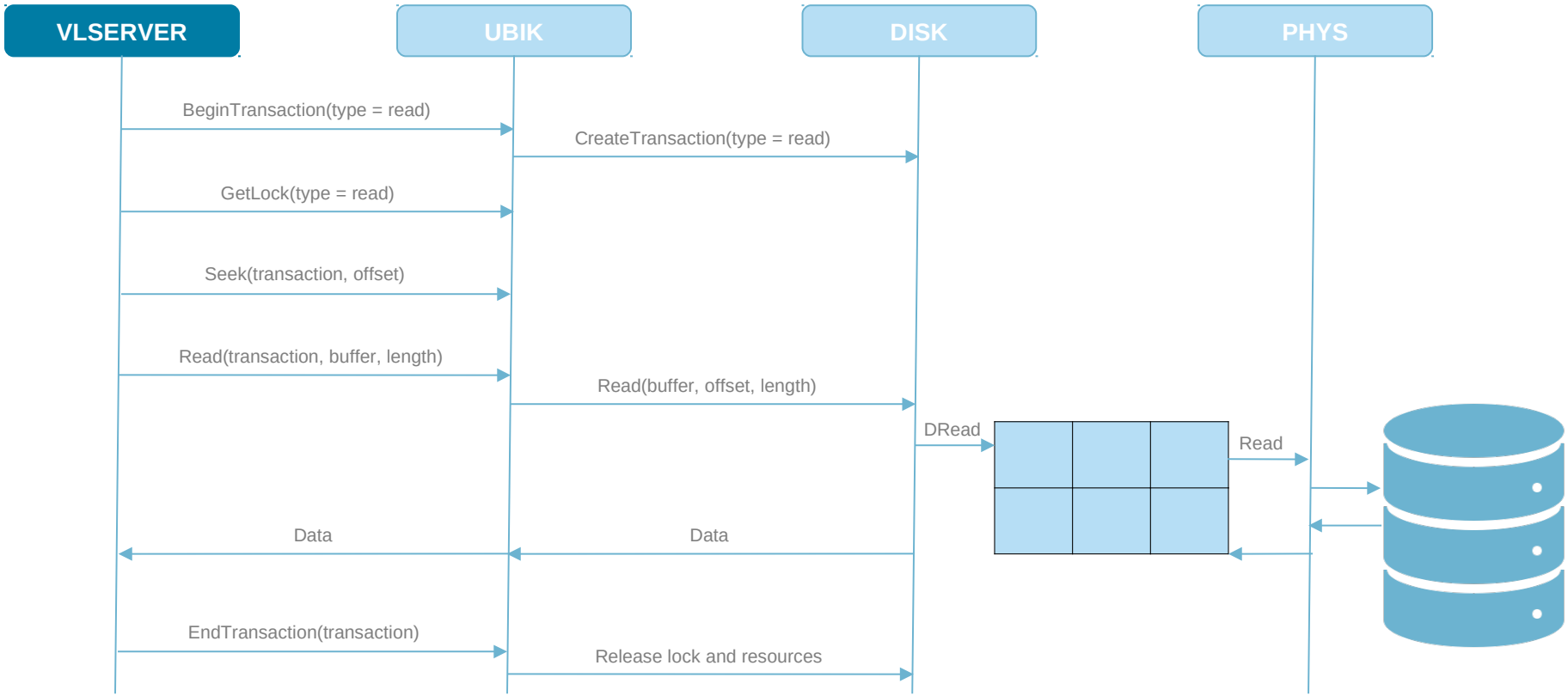

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- Write-transactions;
  - Not designed to handle a high number of write transactions;
  - Executed by every server in the quorum;
  - Can only handle one write-transaction at a specific time;
  - Locking is done globally;
  - Writes data to a database under a transaction;
  - The parameters to write are a transaction, a buffer and a length;
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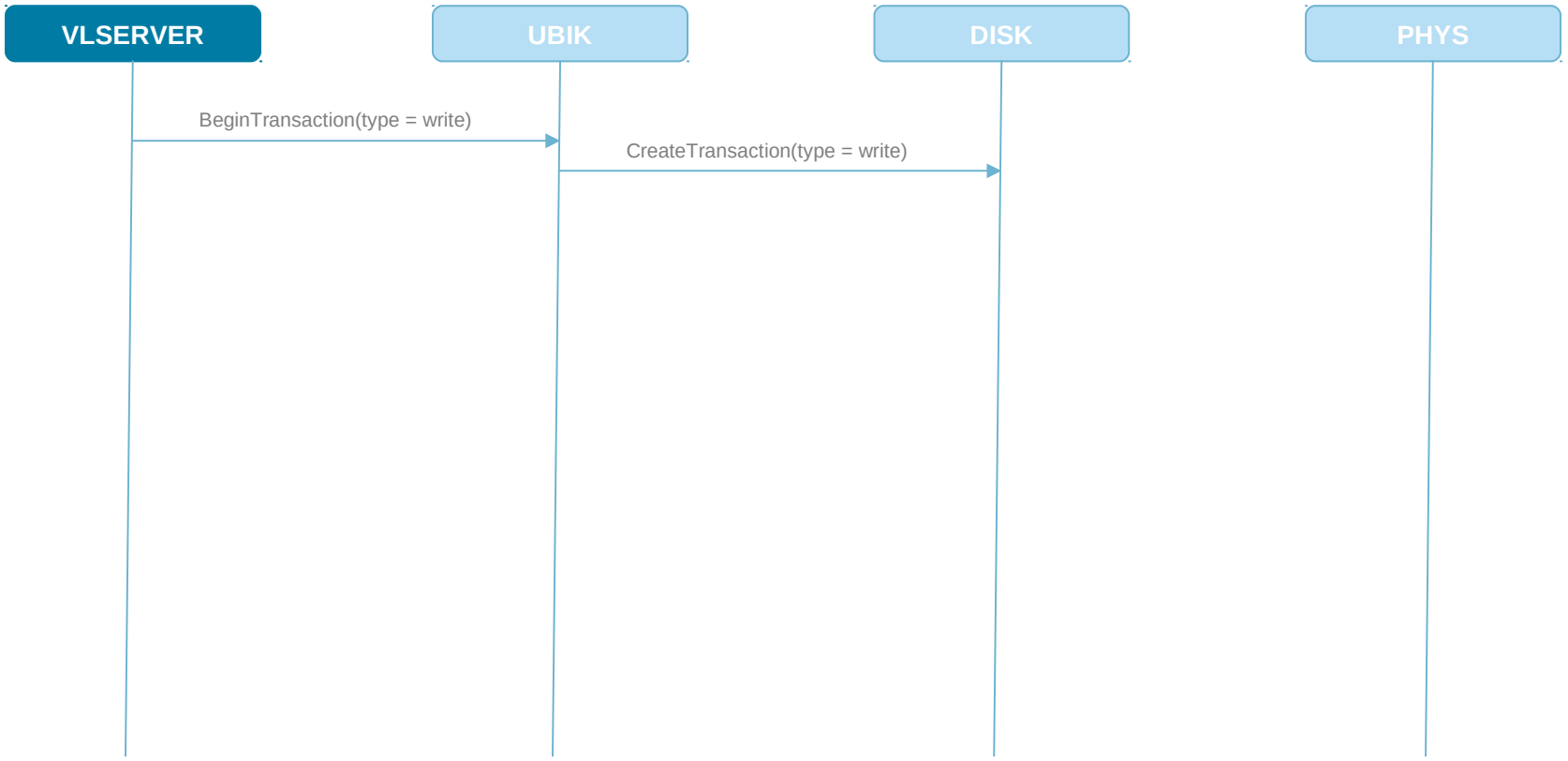

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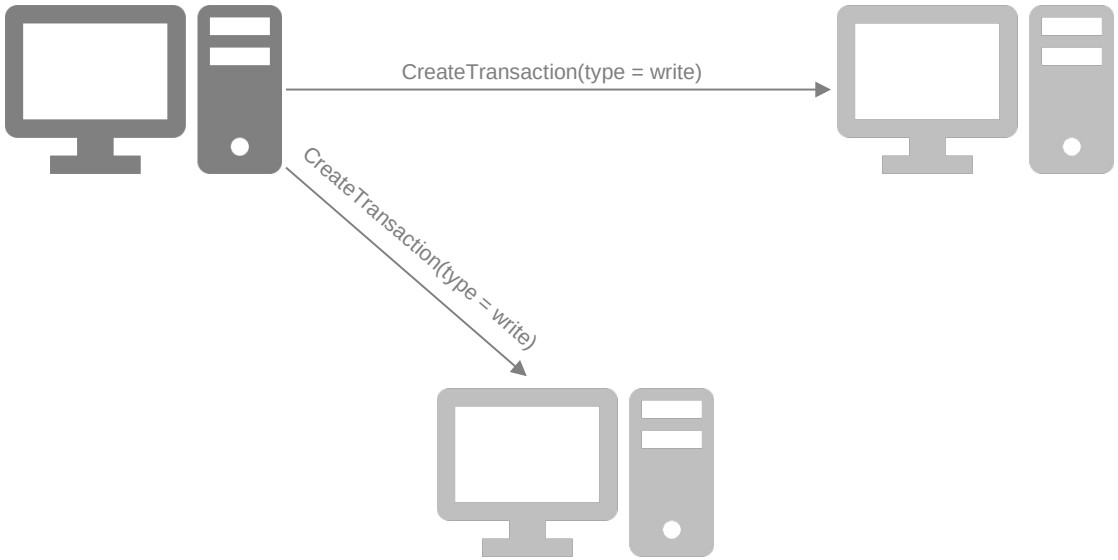

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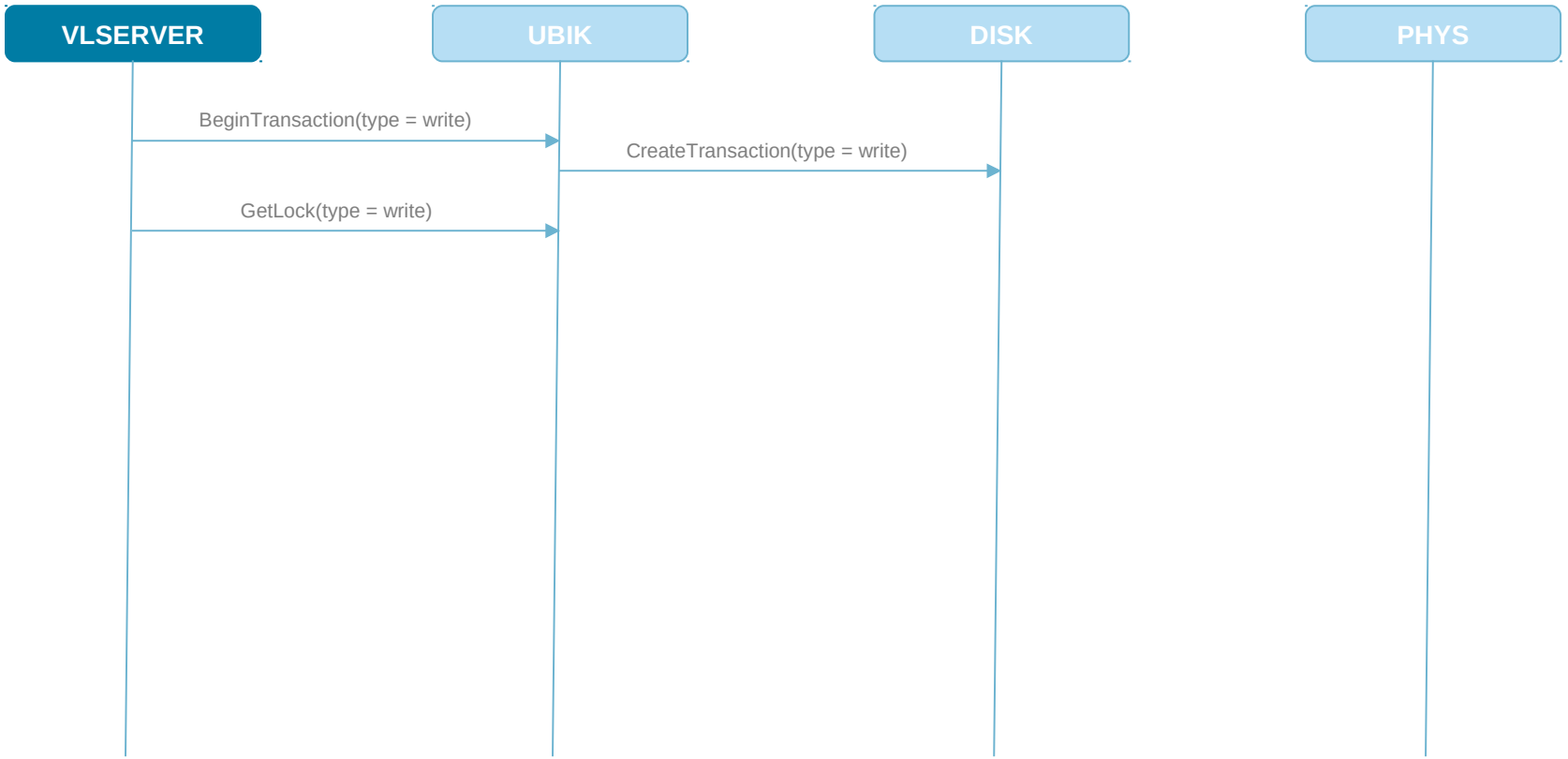

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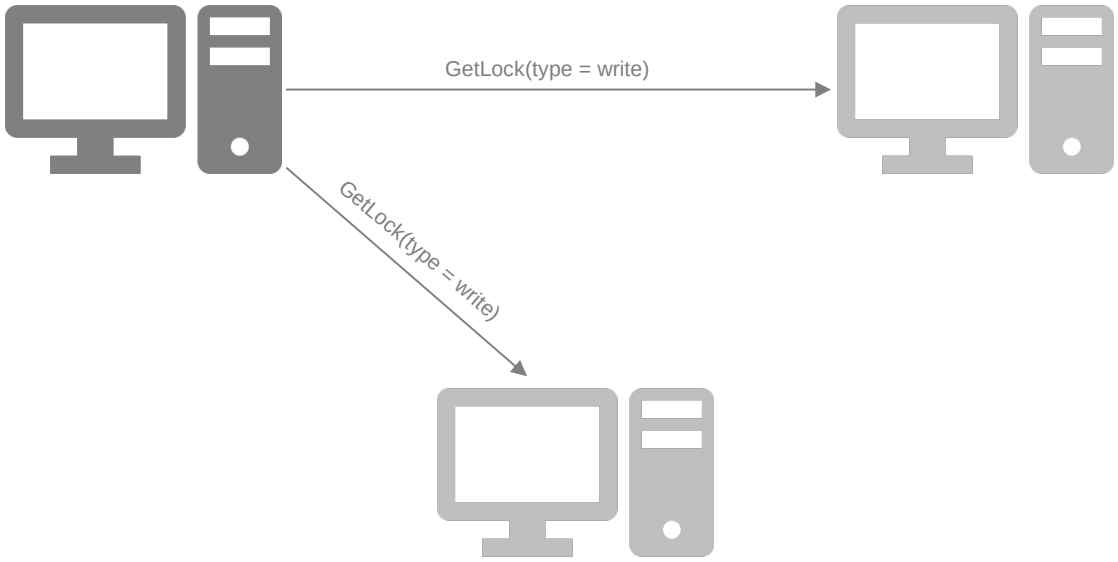

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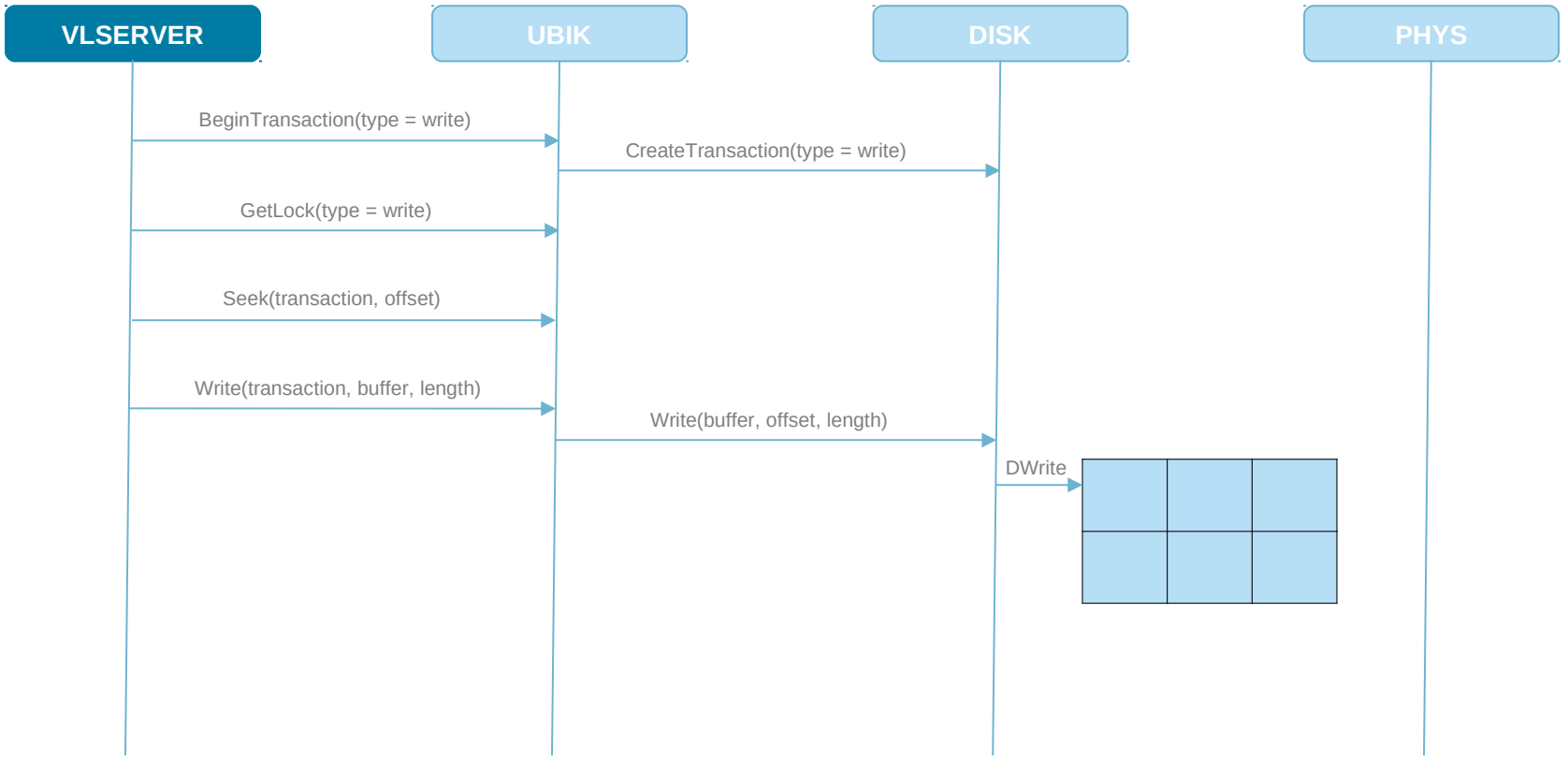

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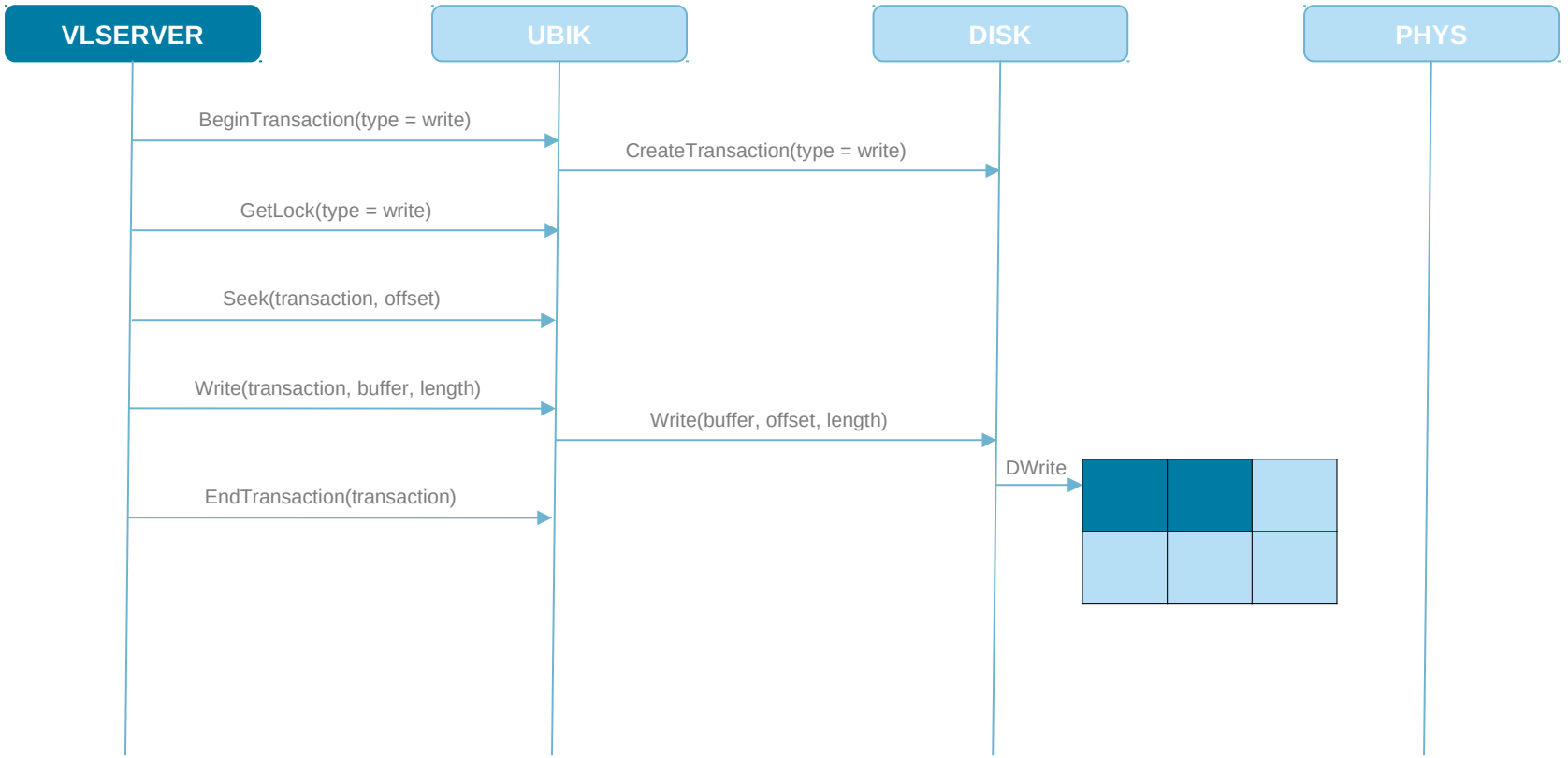

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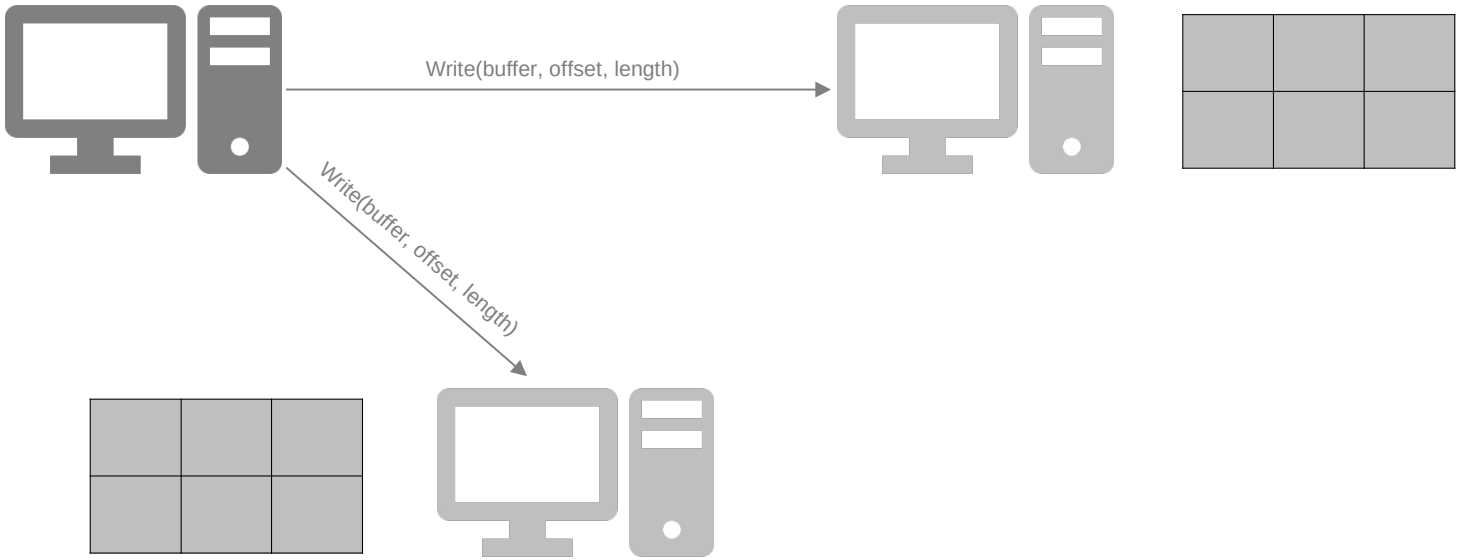

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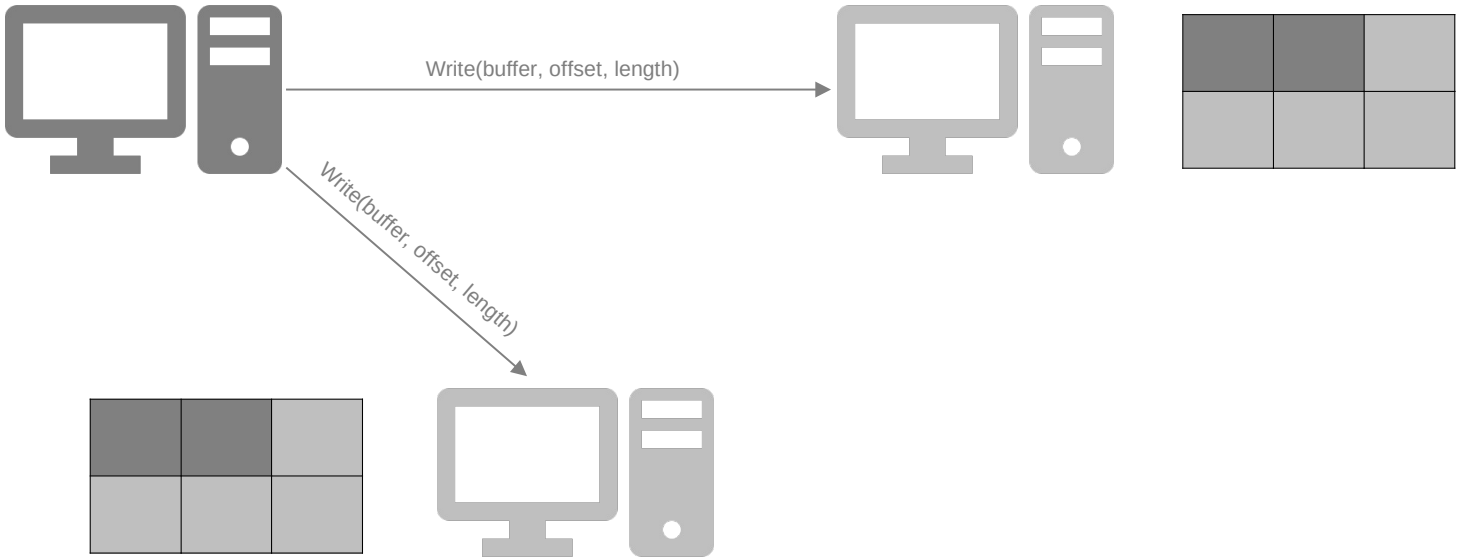

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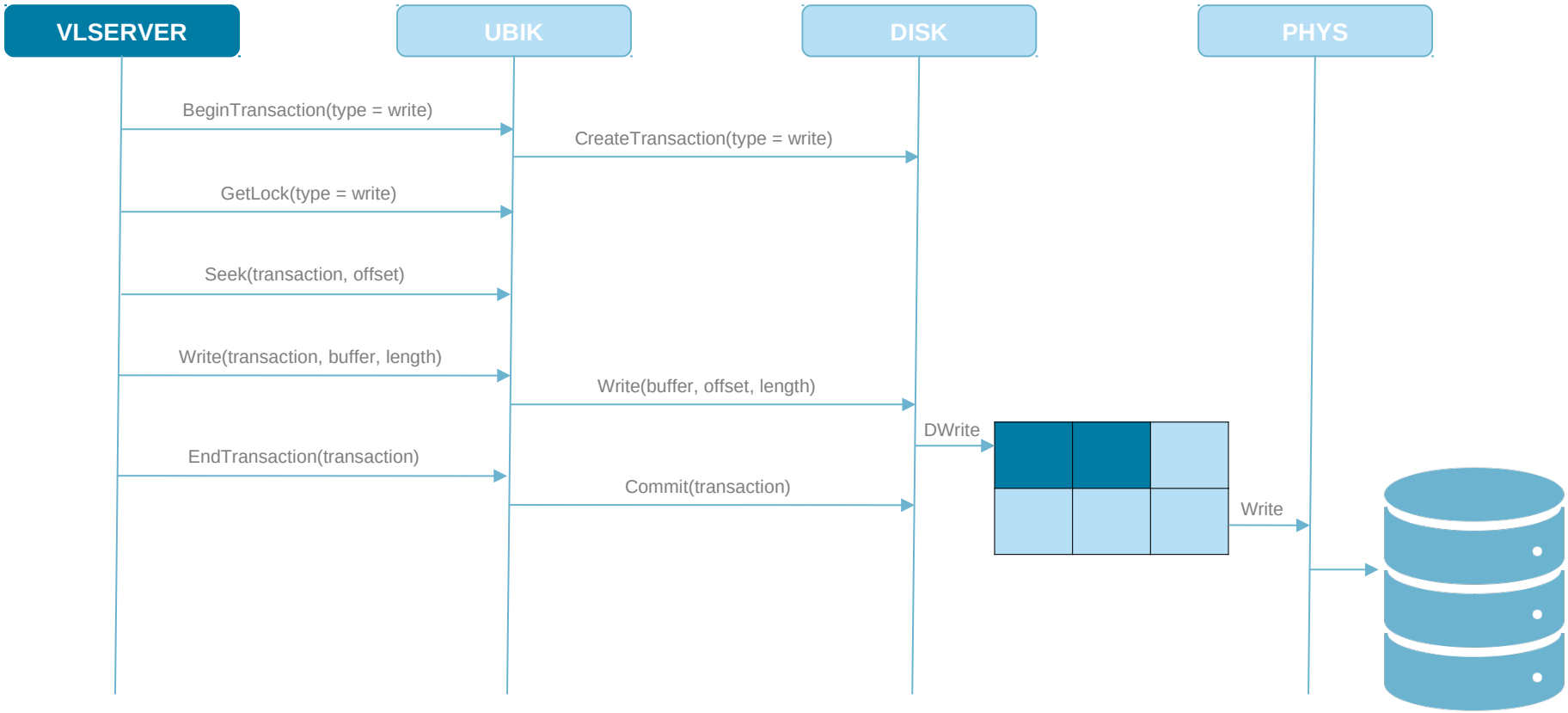

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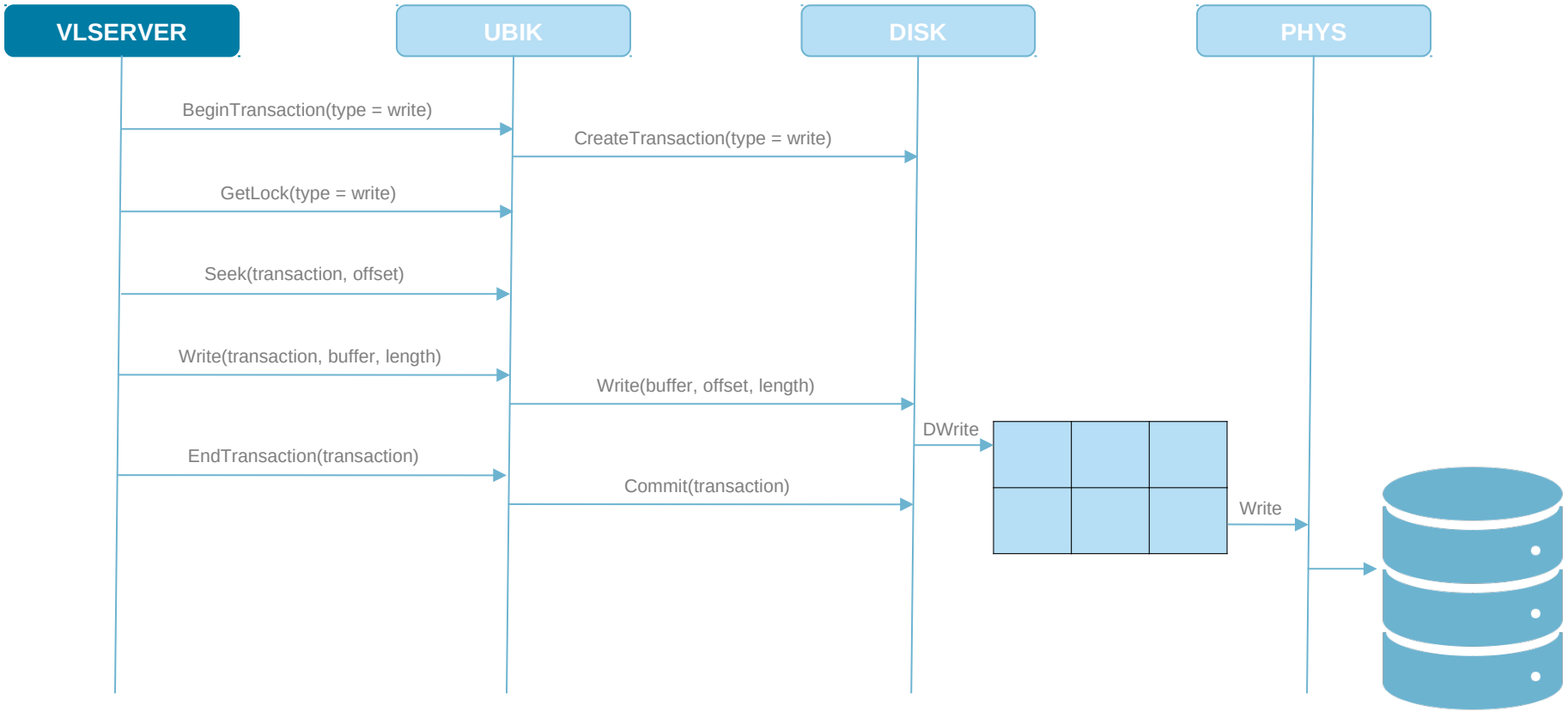

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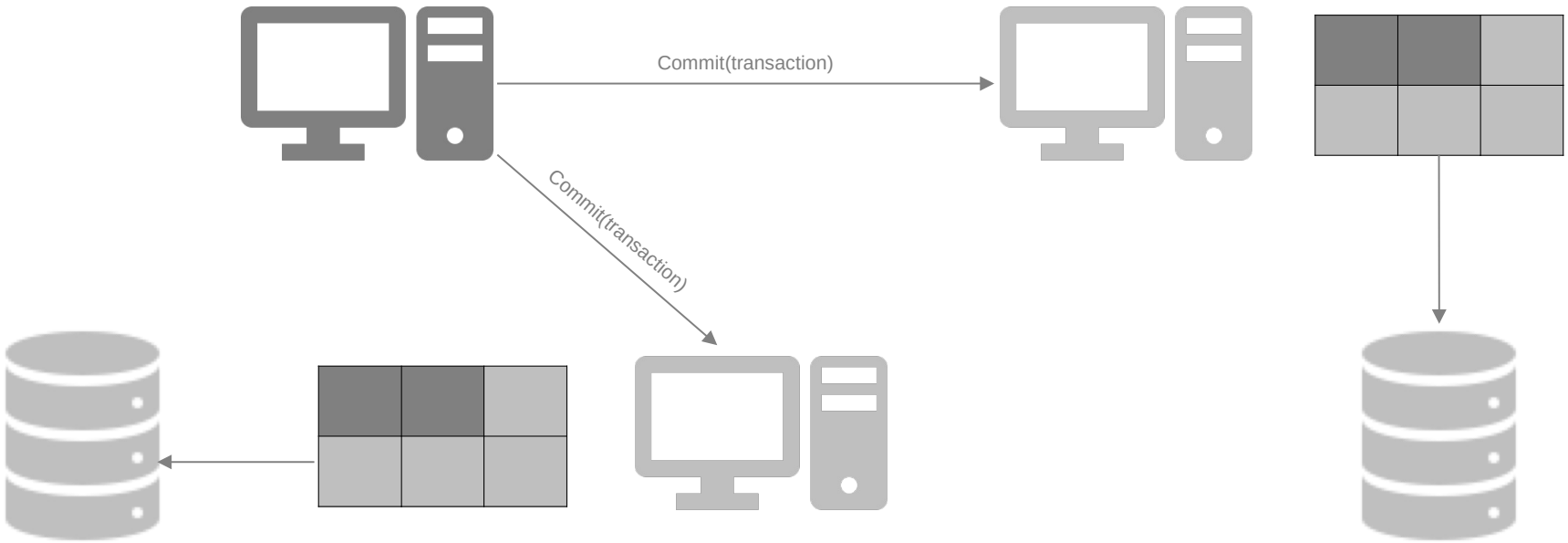

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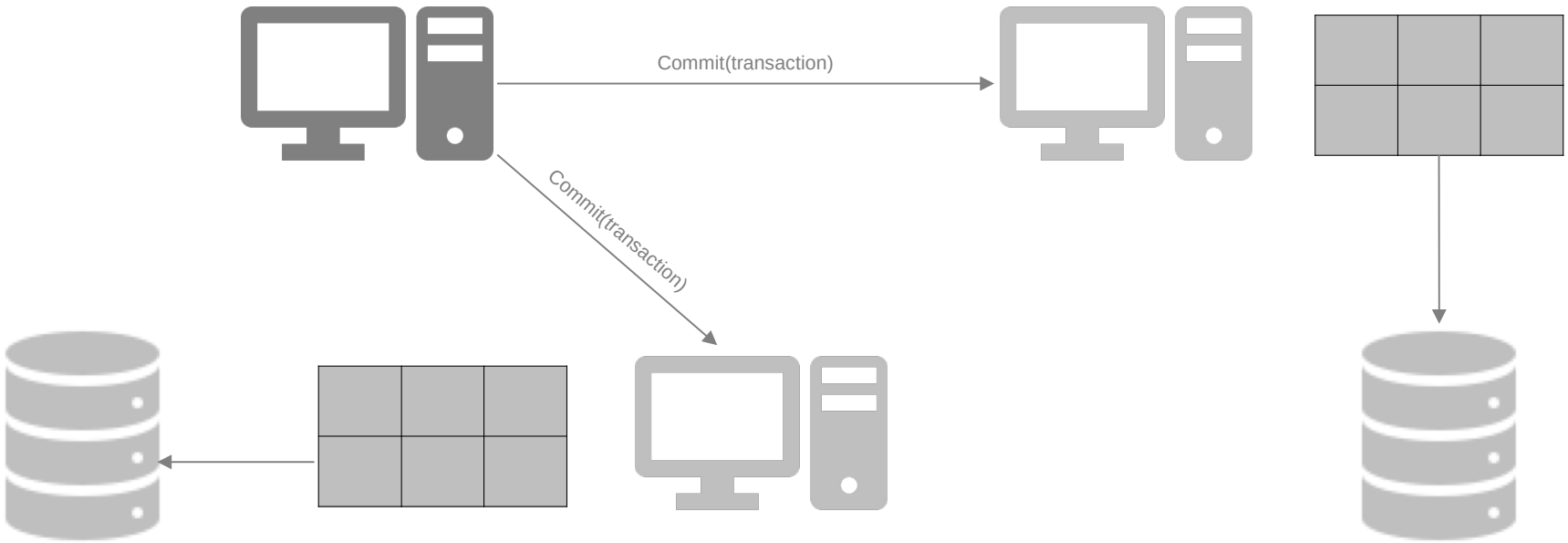

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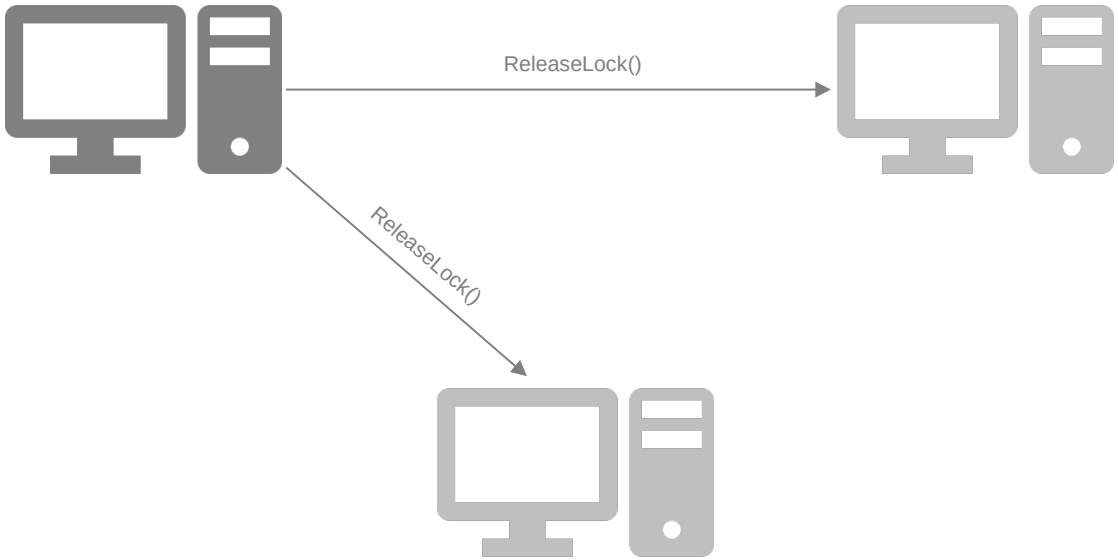

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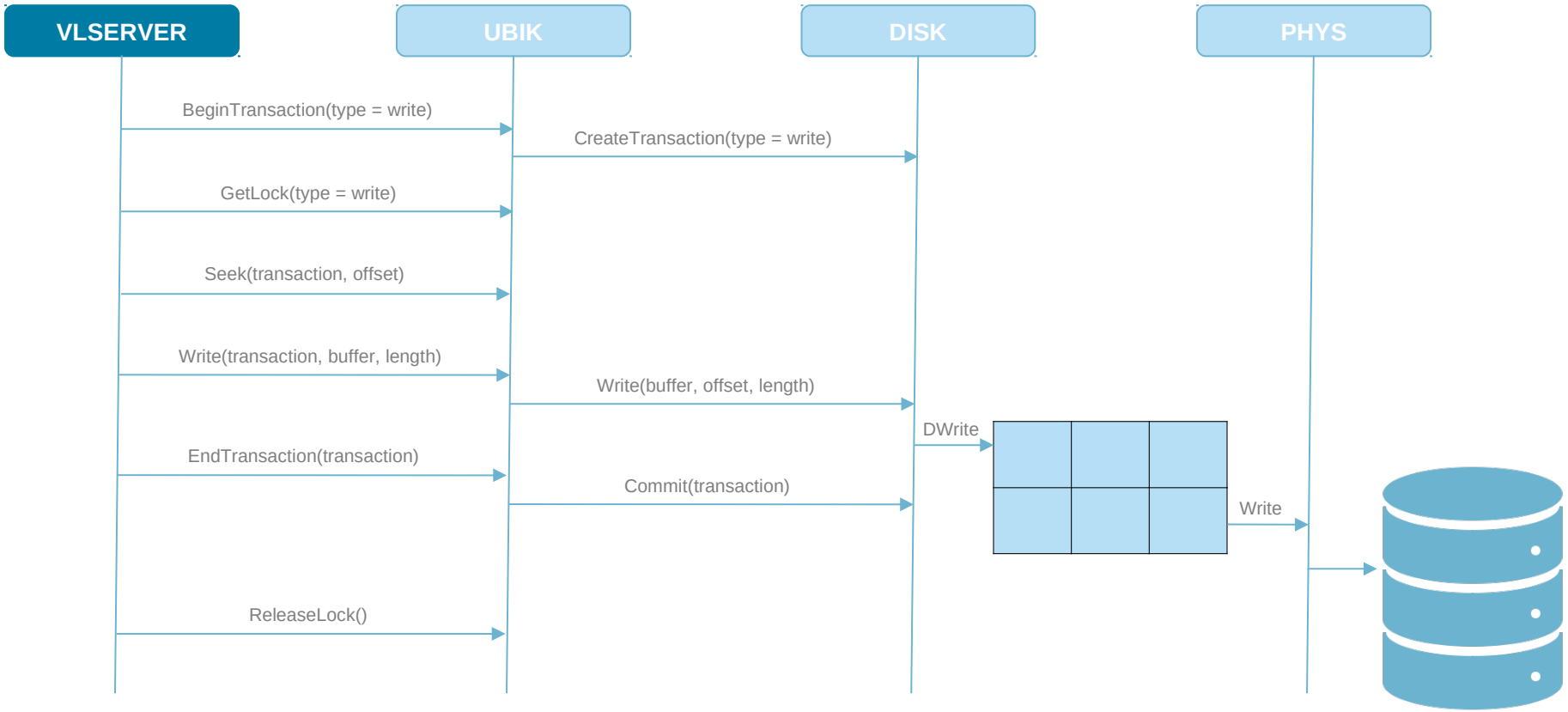

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- Can be slow (communication cost);
- Read-transactions not allowed during this process;
- Whole cell is blocked;
- How can we alleviate this problem?
  - Allowing reads-during-write;

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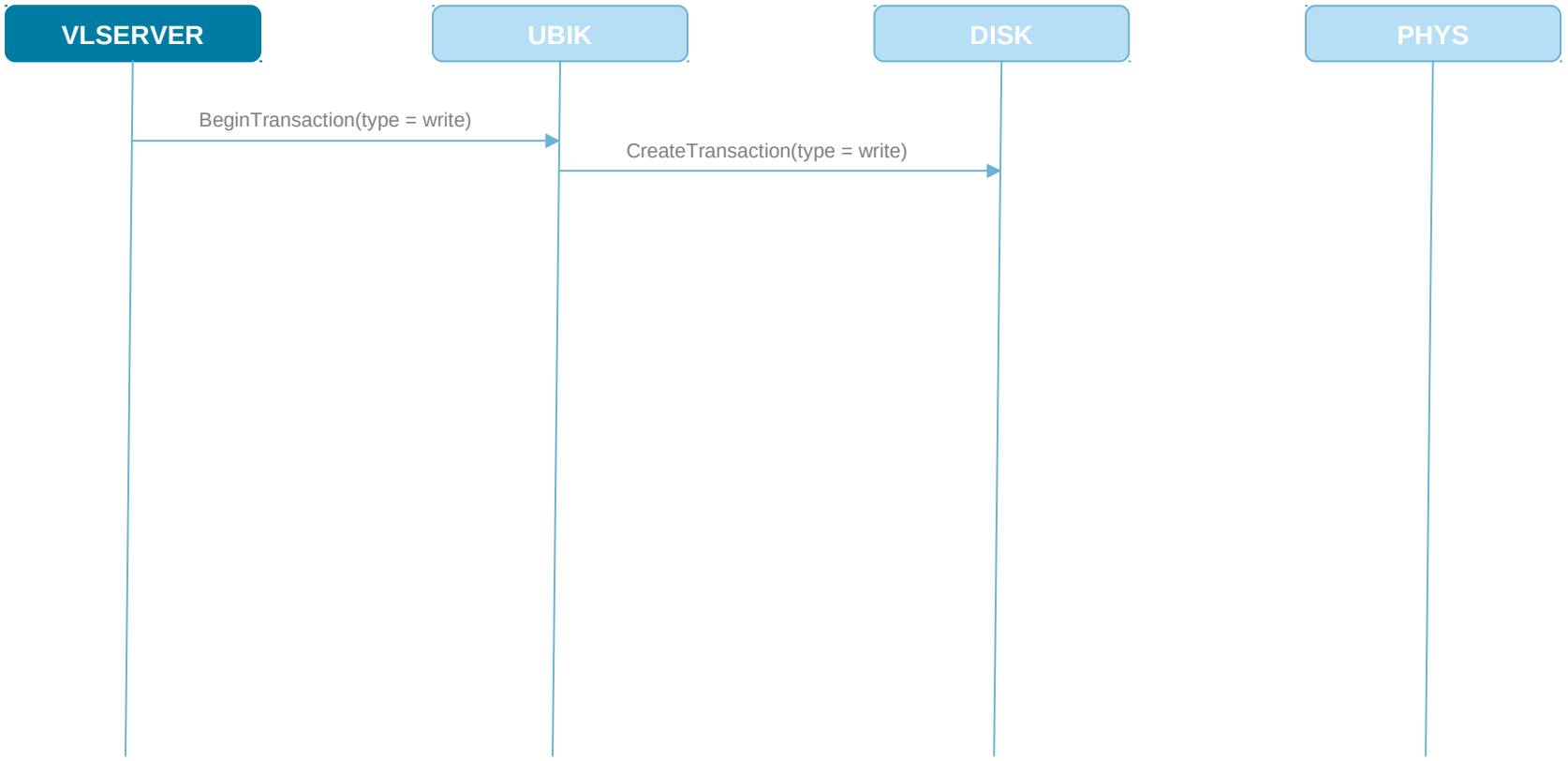

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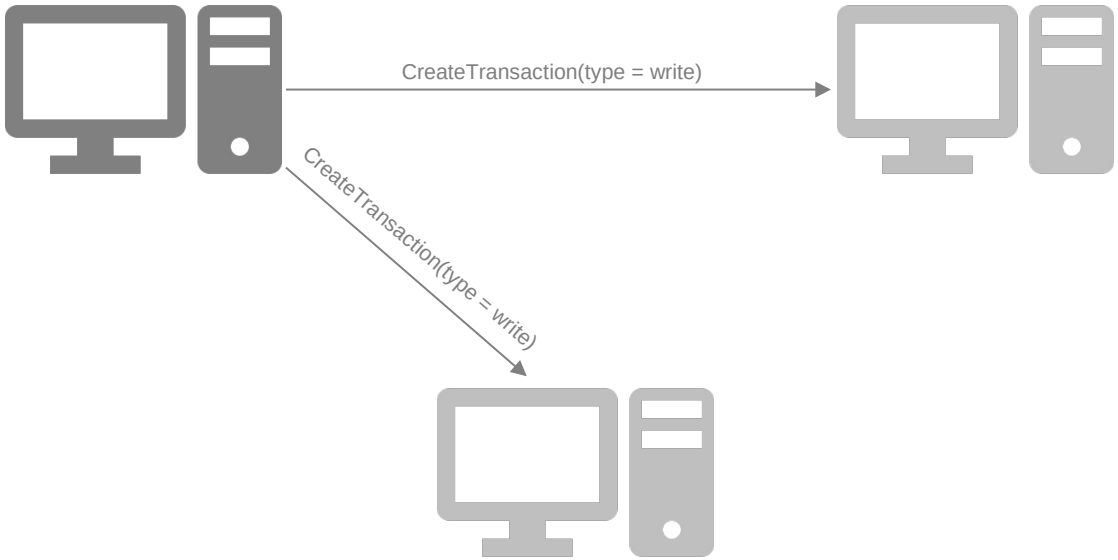

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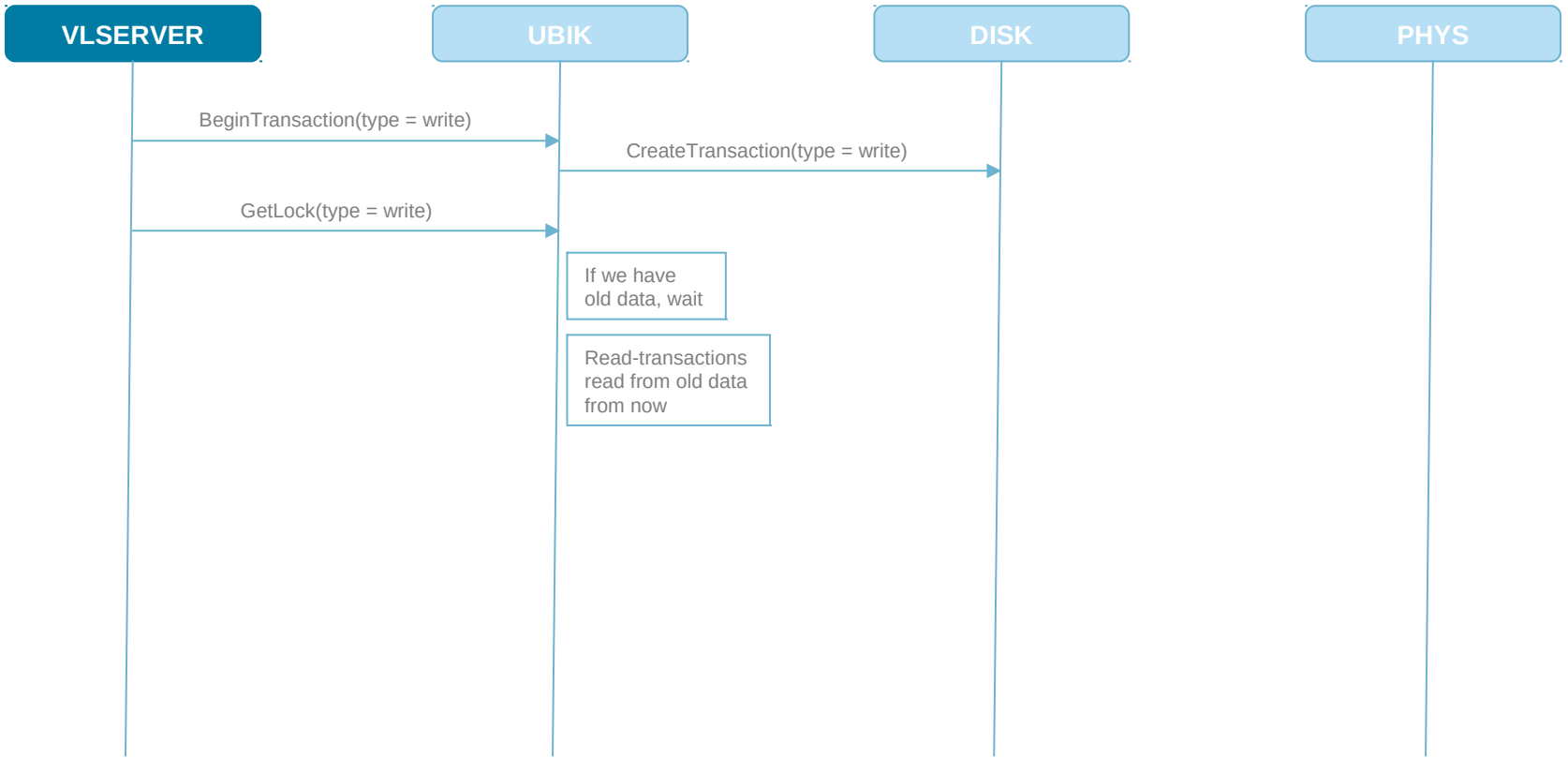

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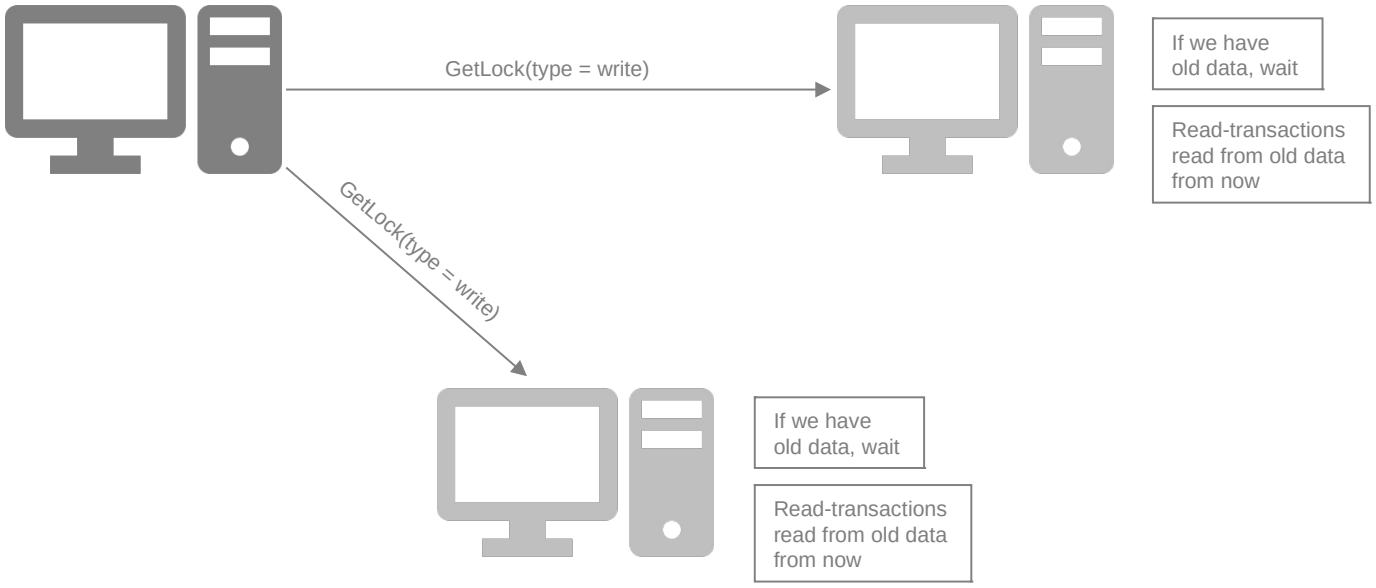

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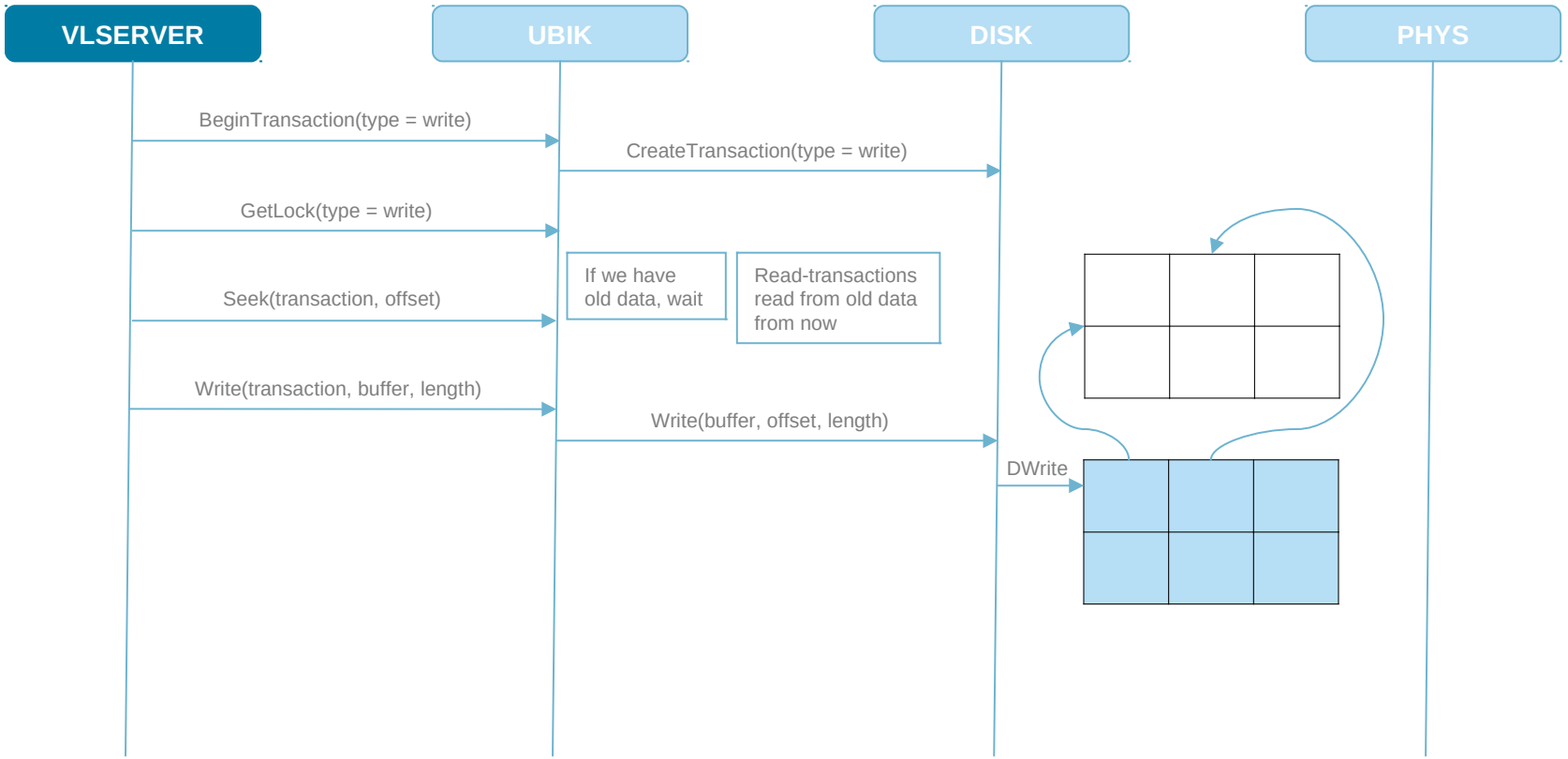

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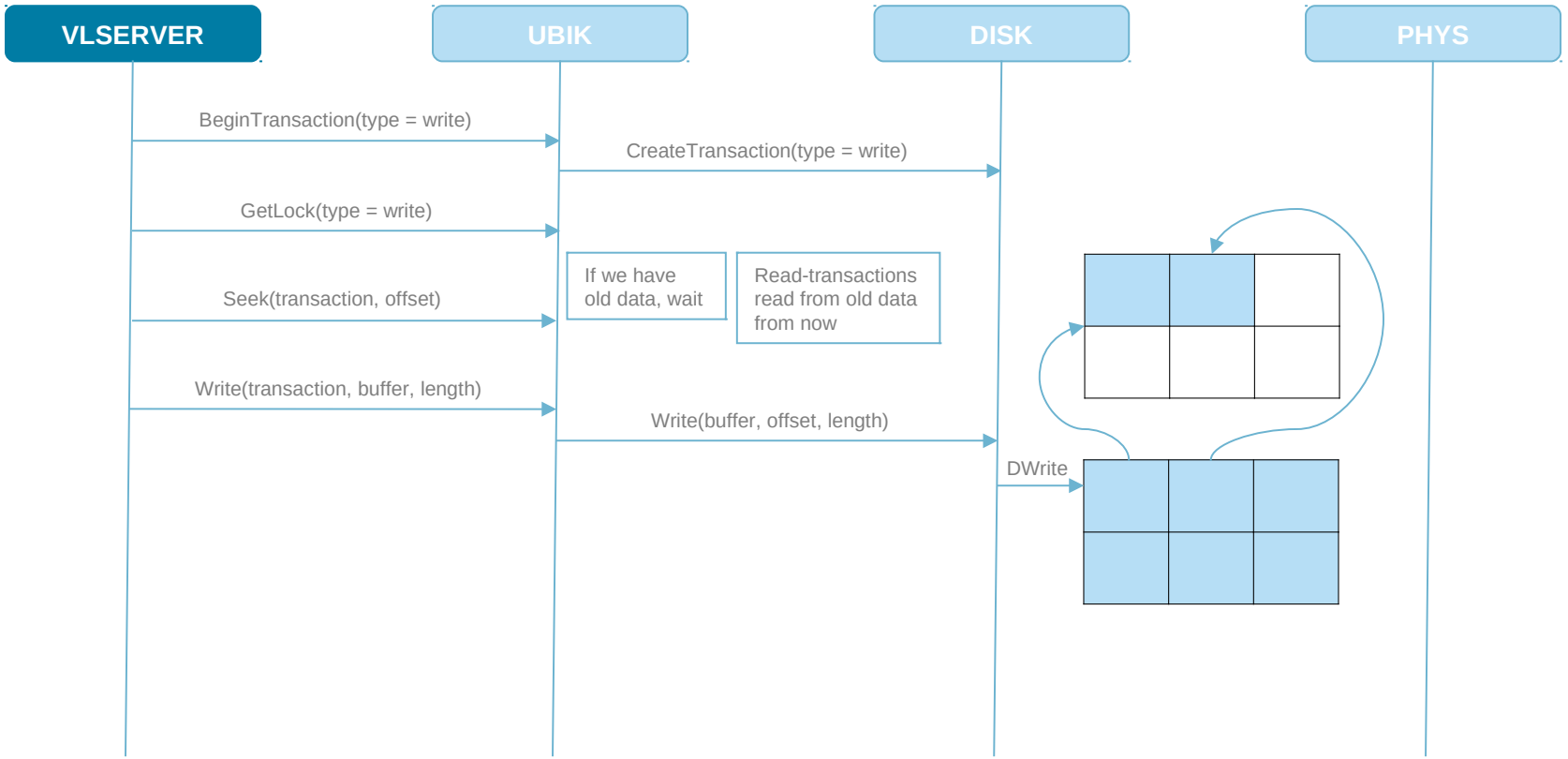

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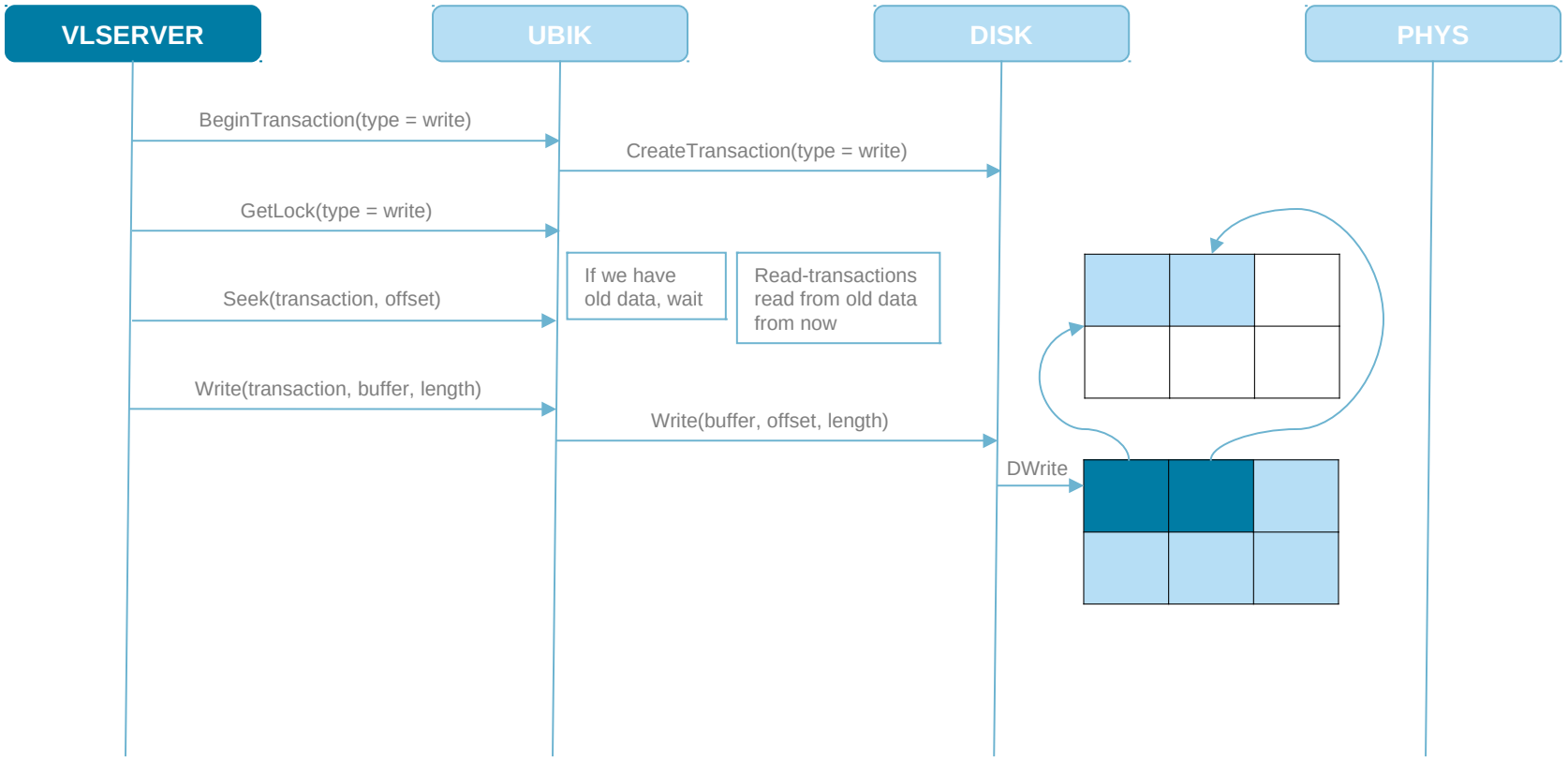

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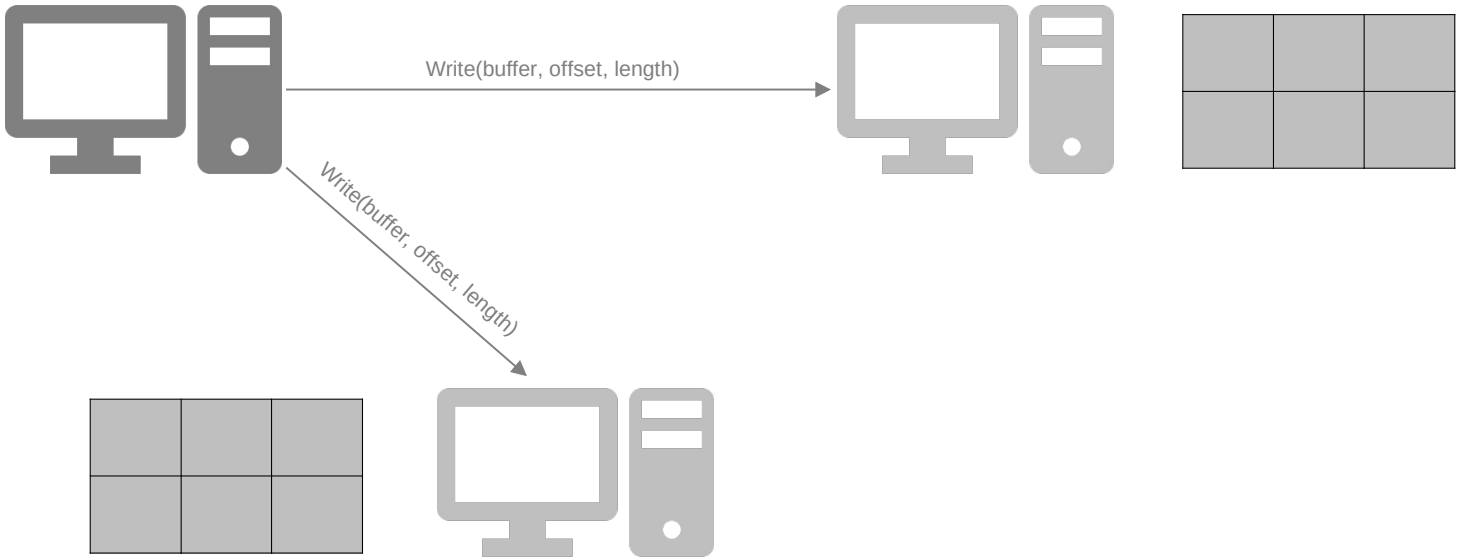

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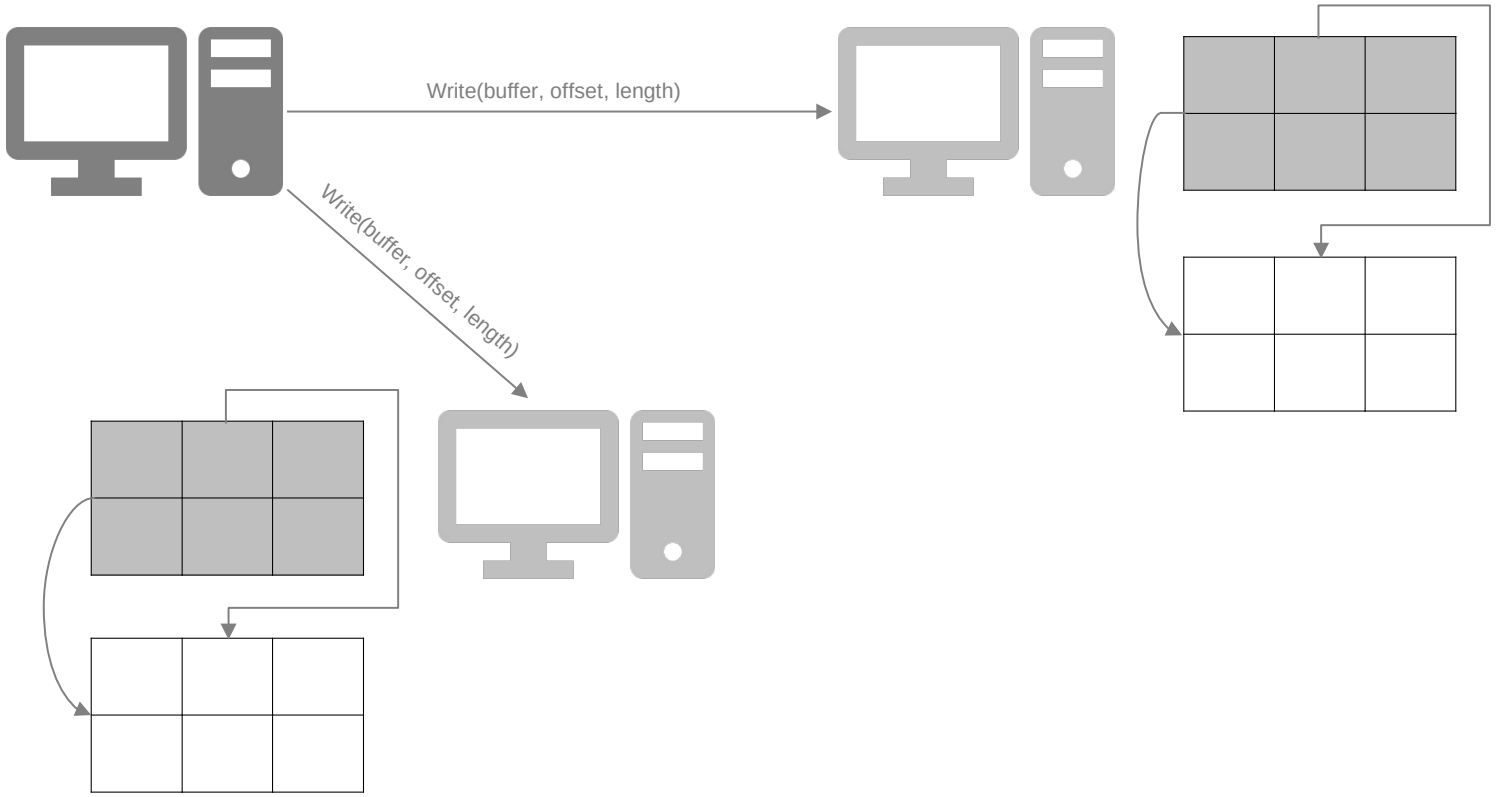

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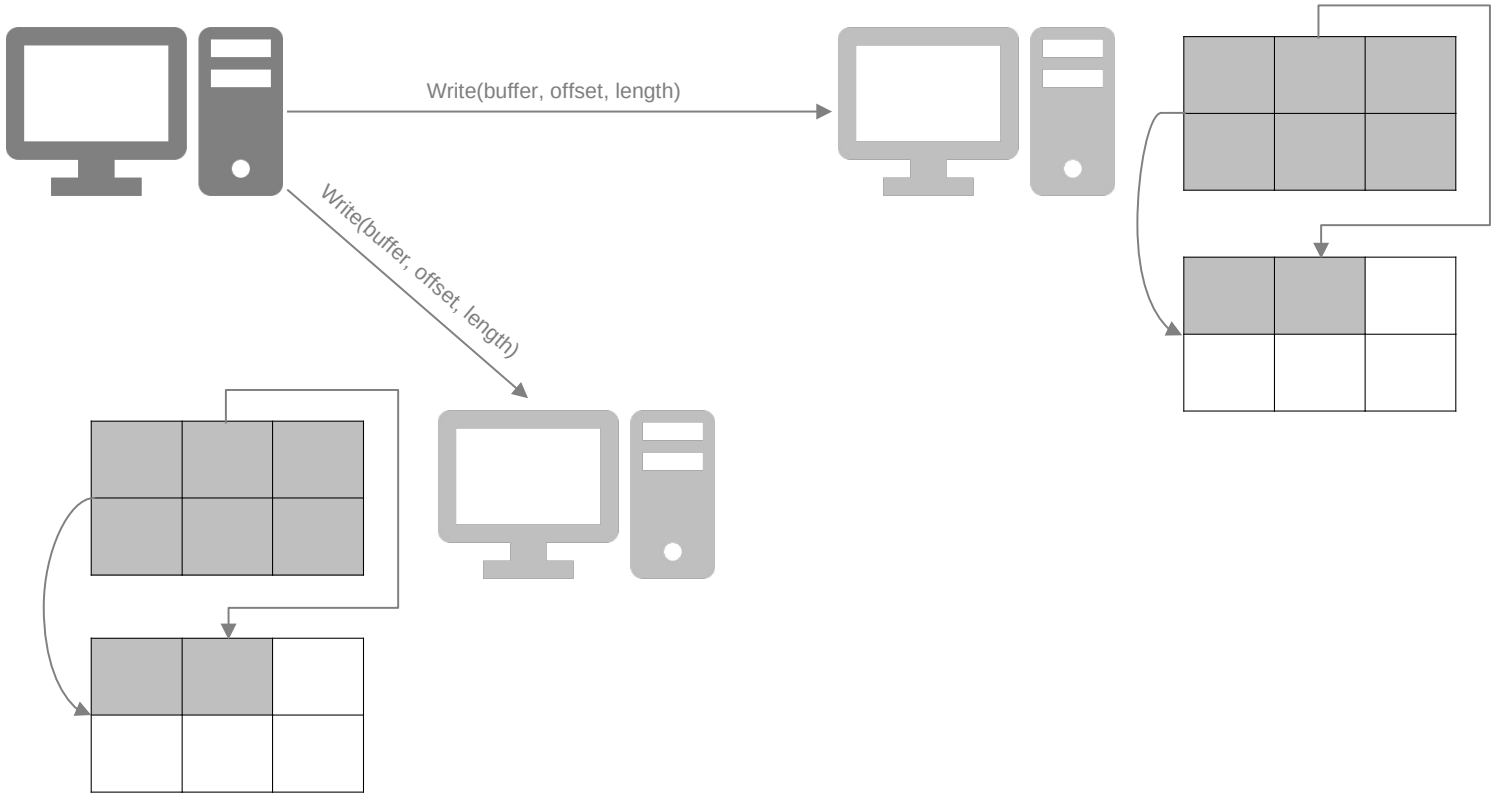

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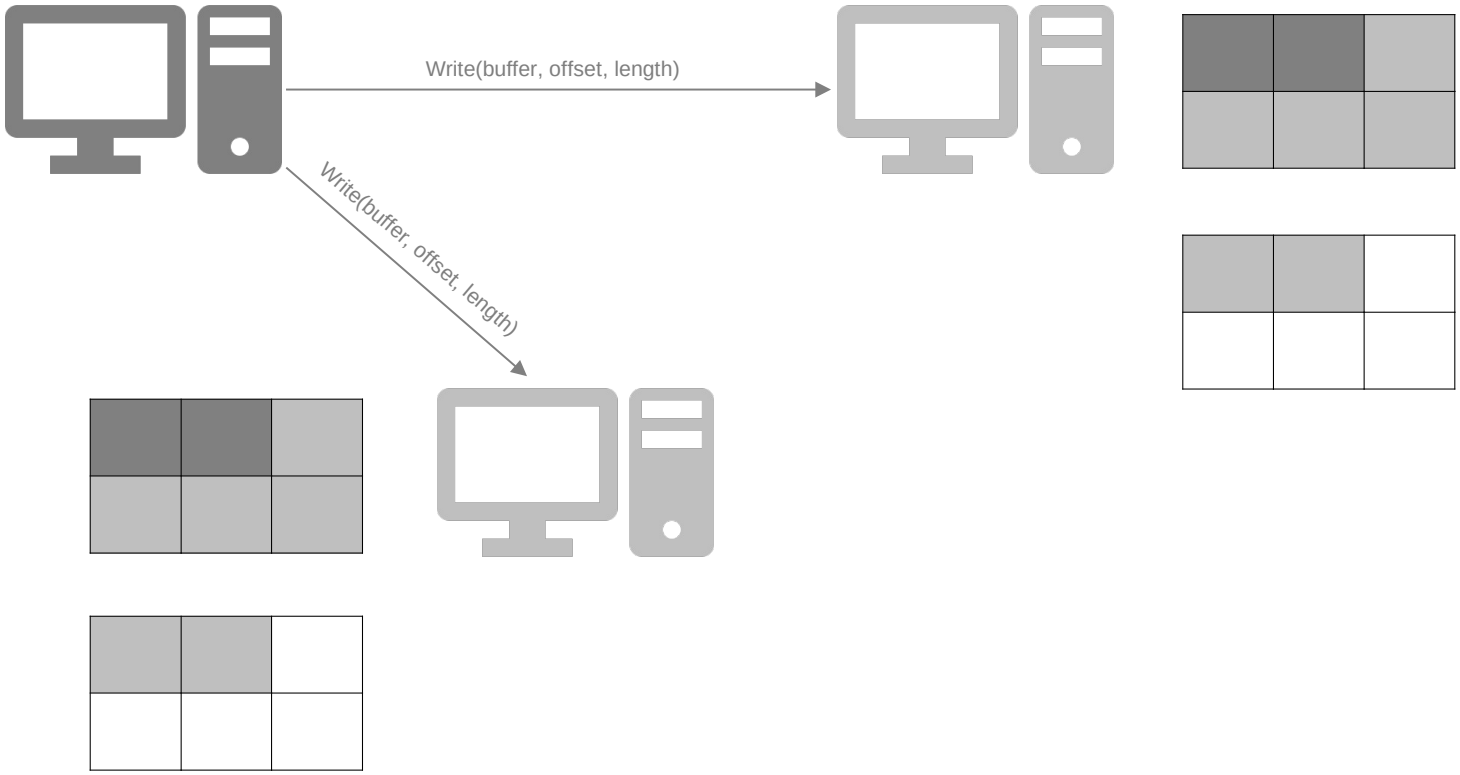

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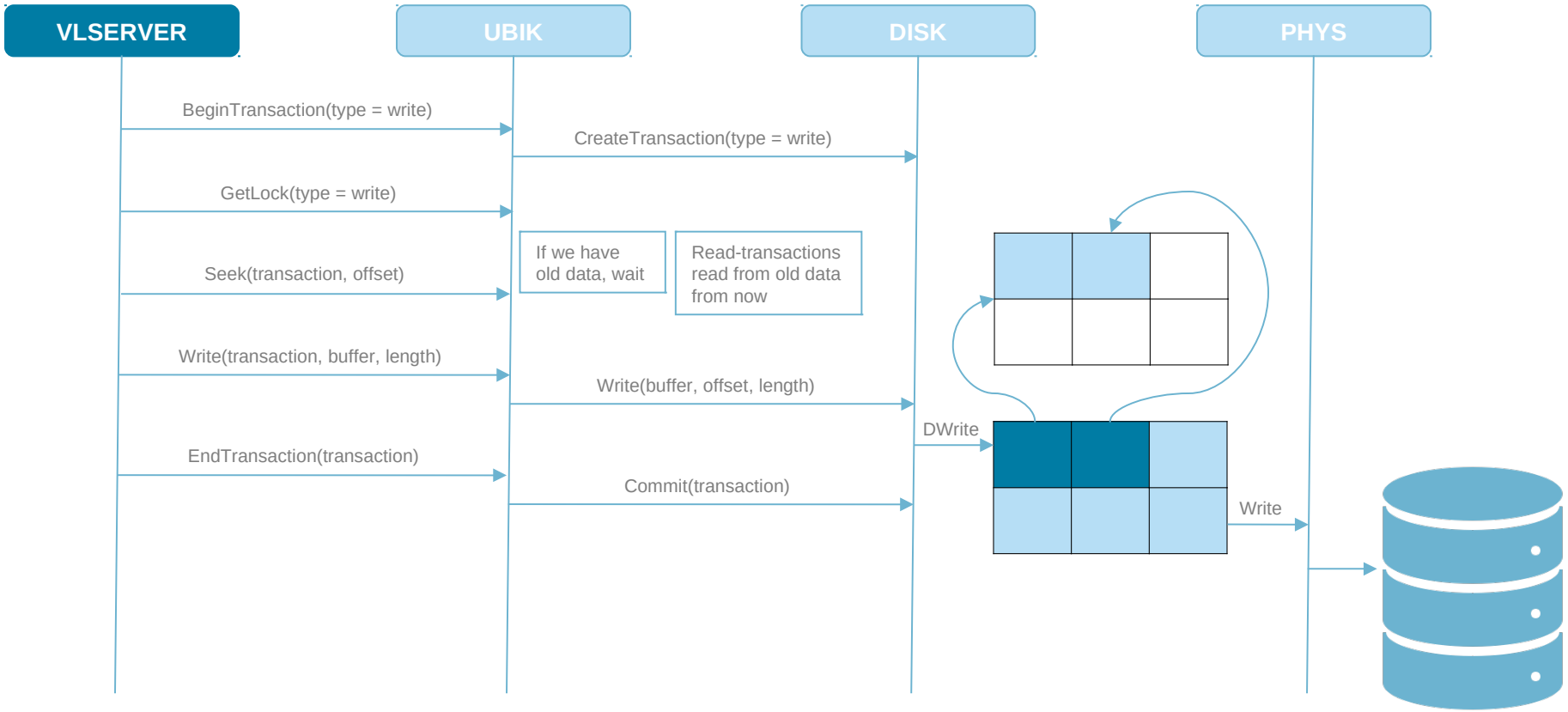

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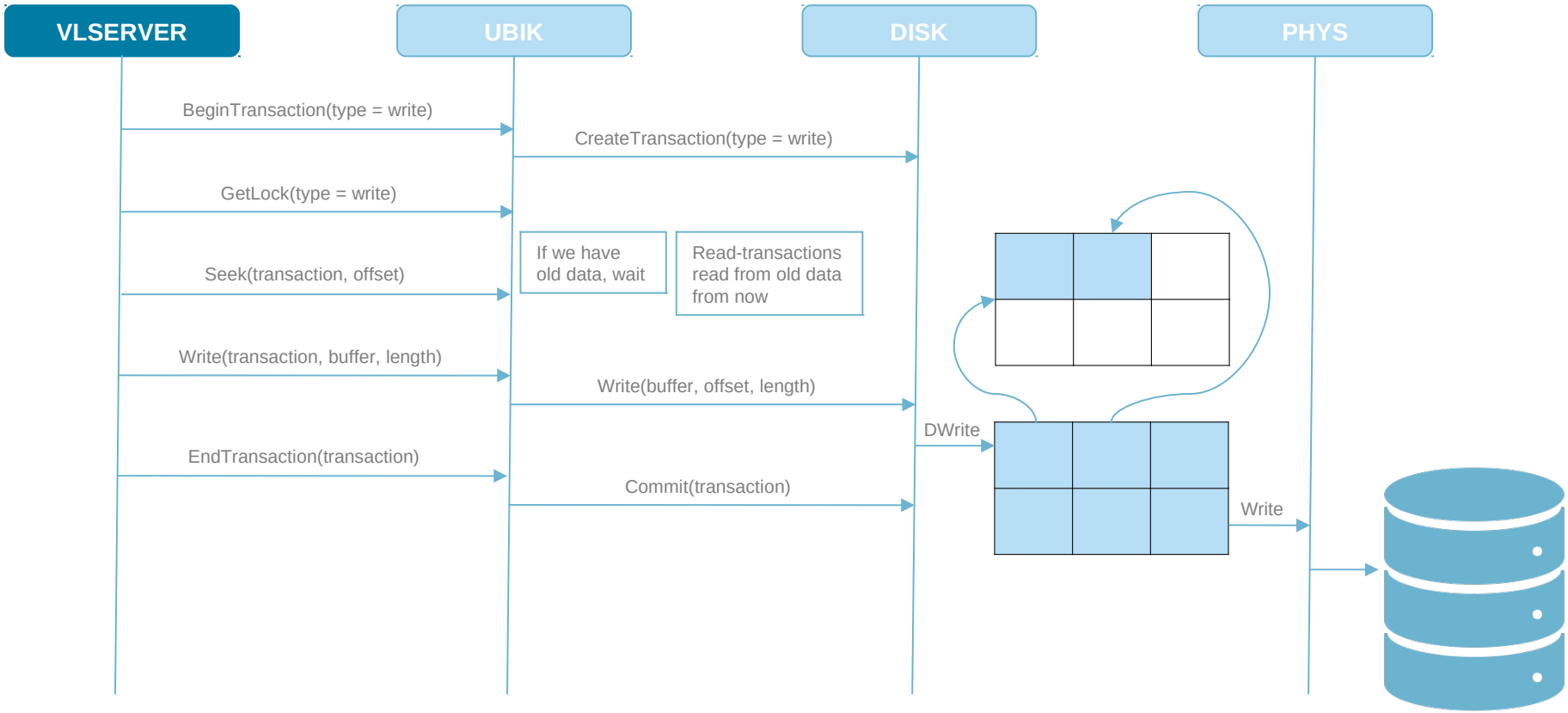

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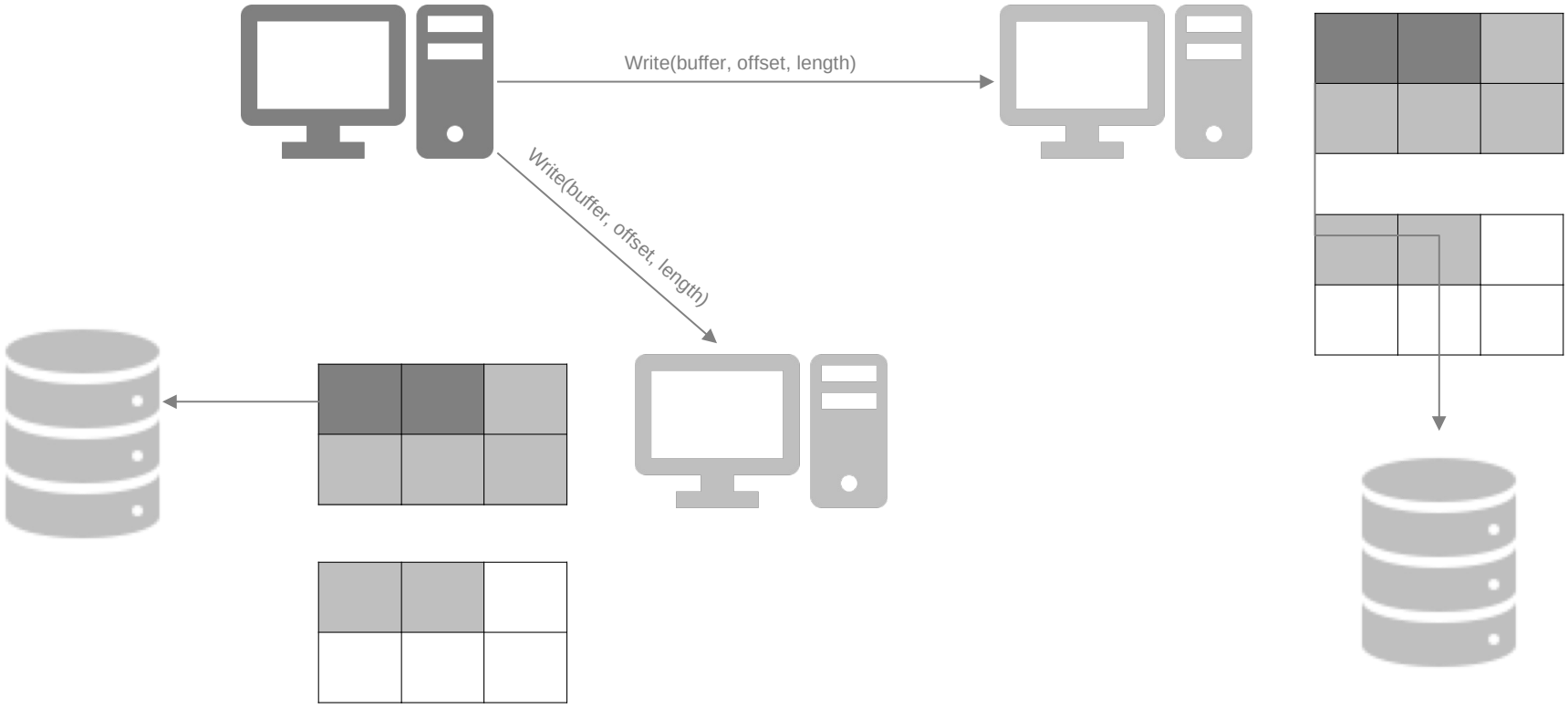

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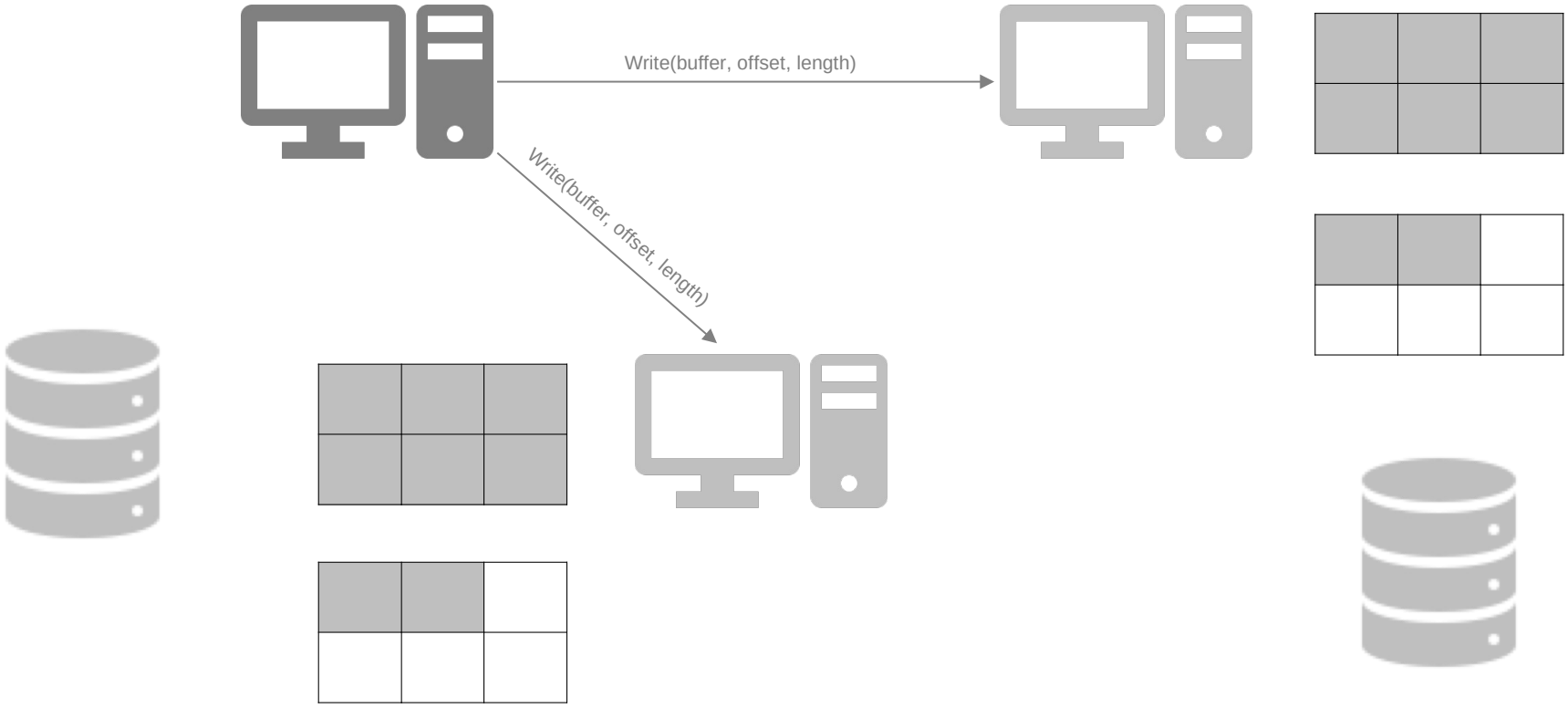

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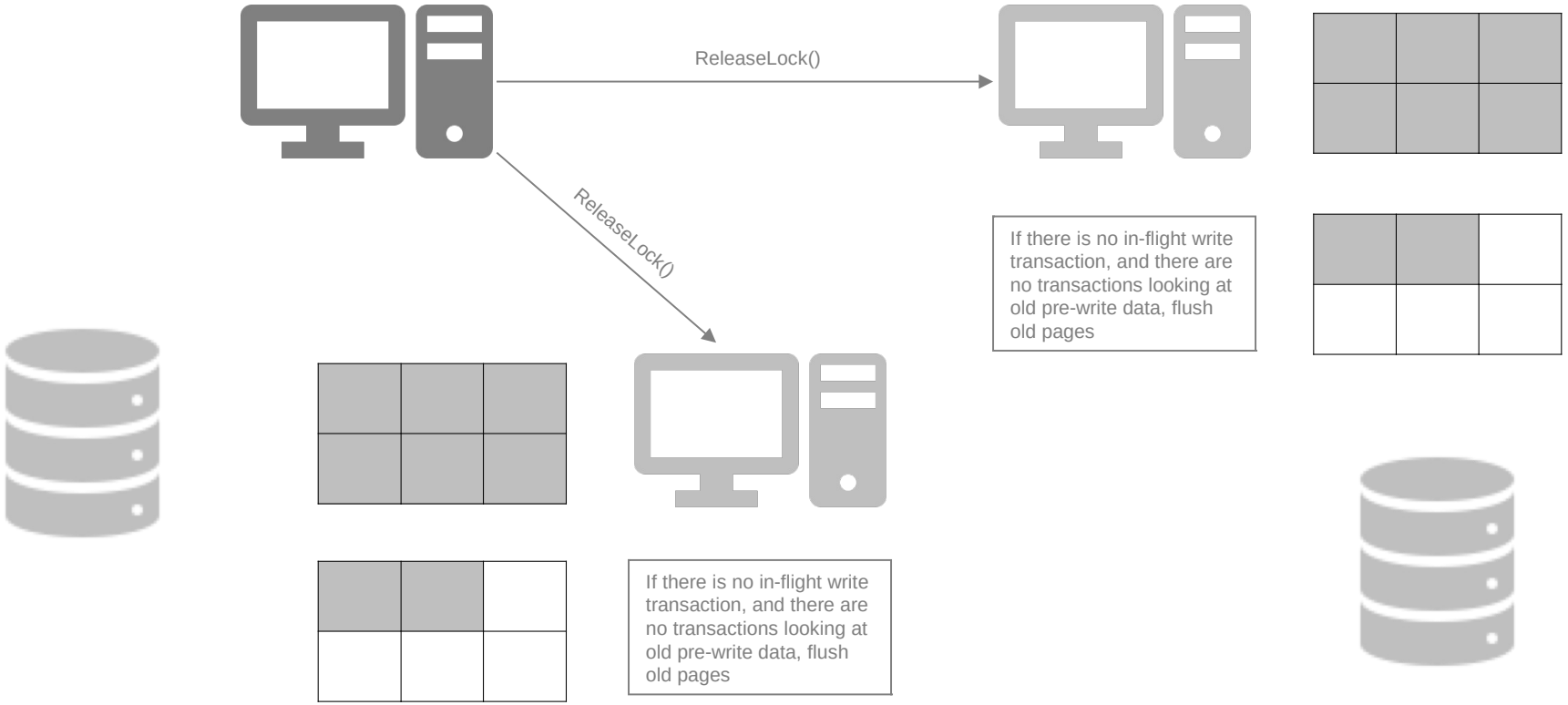

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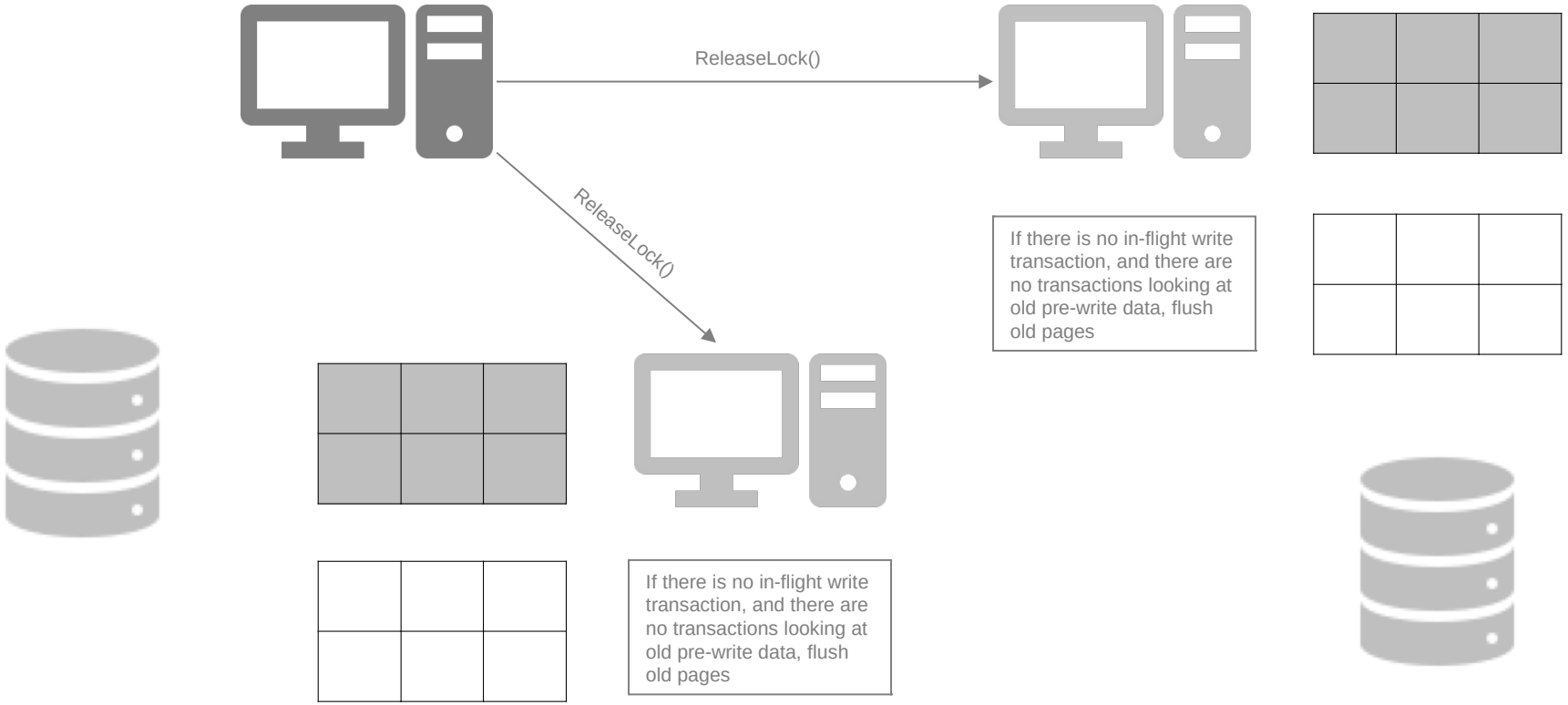

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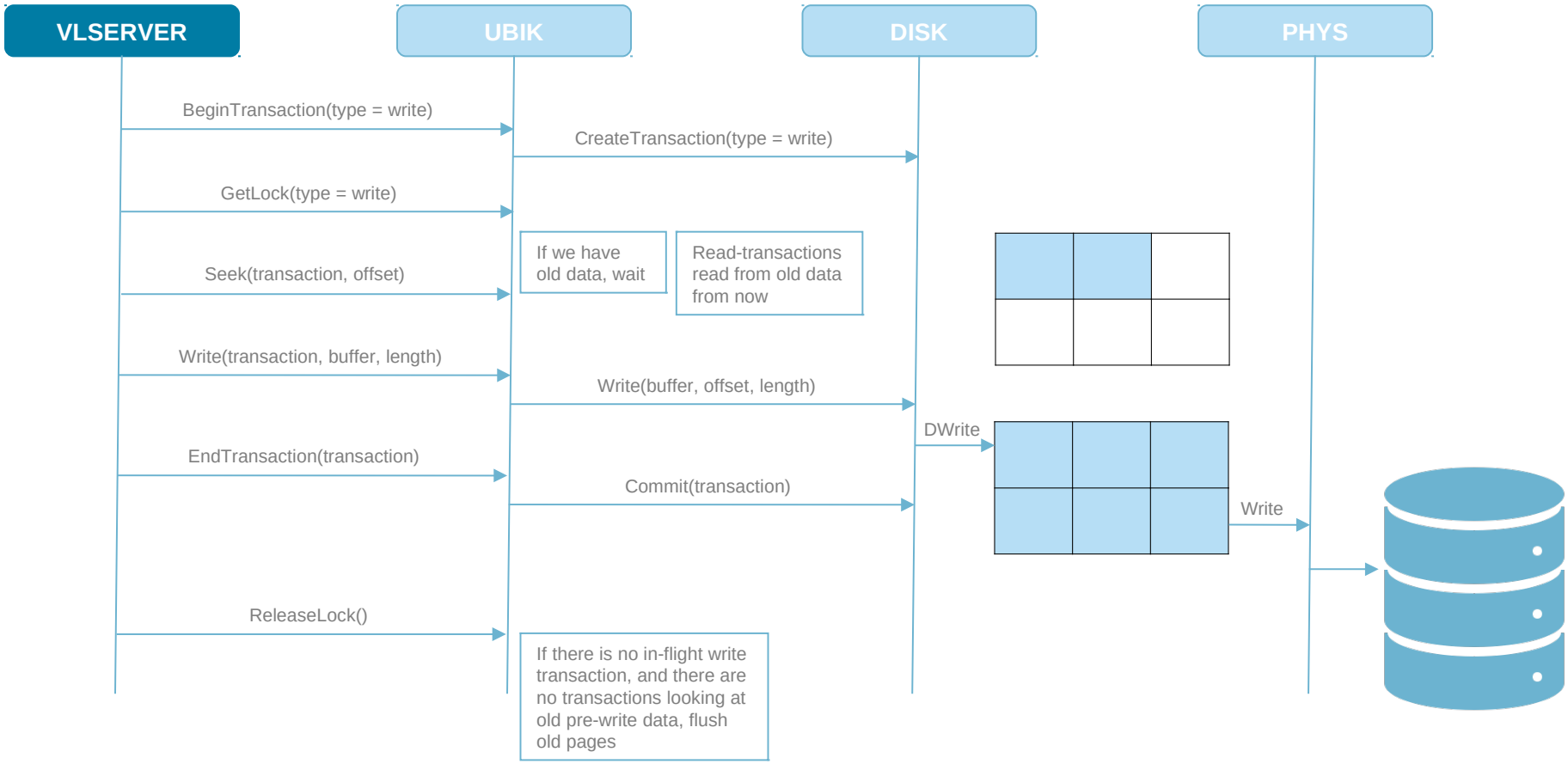

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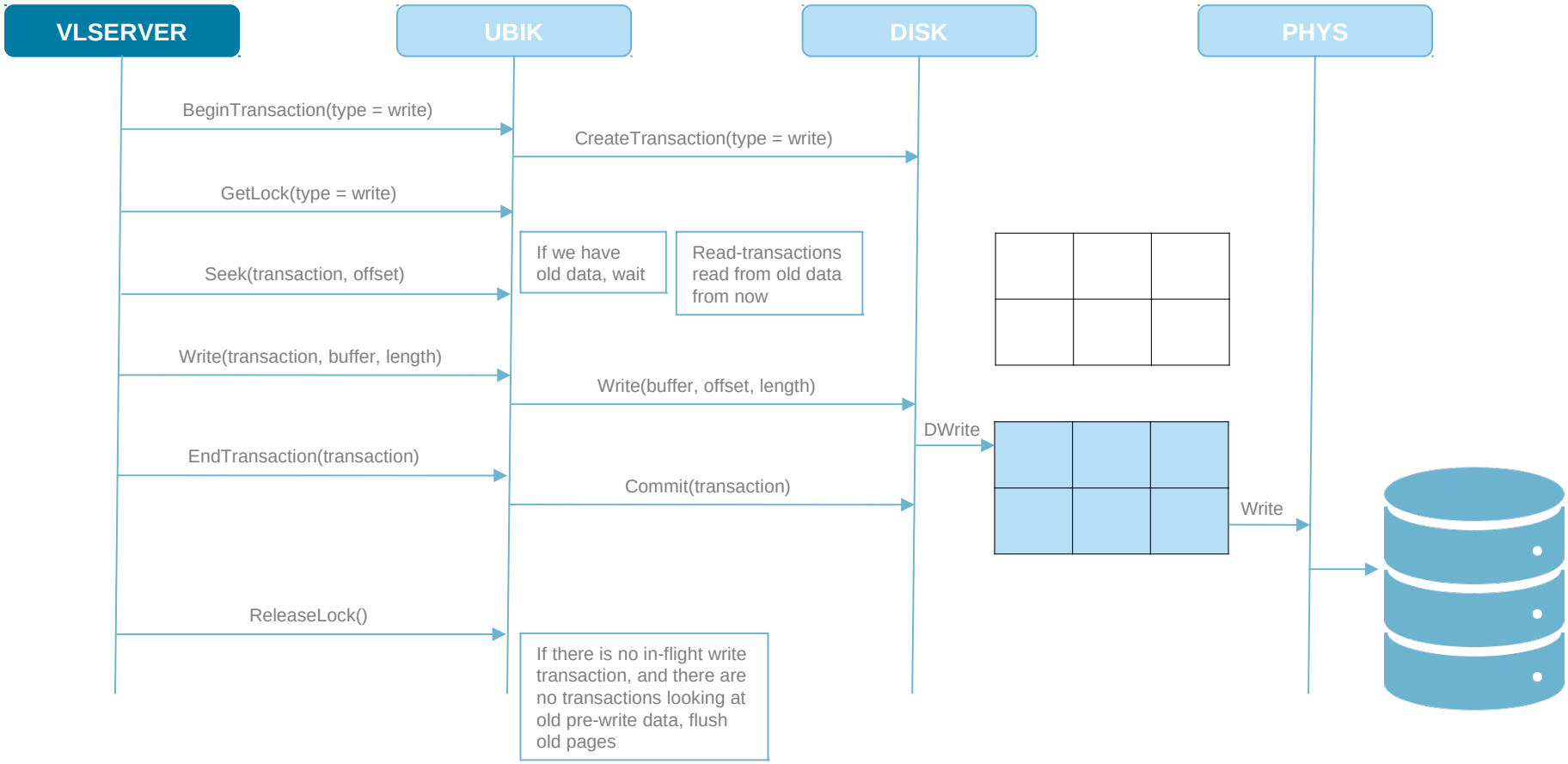

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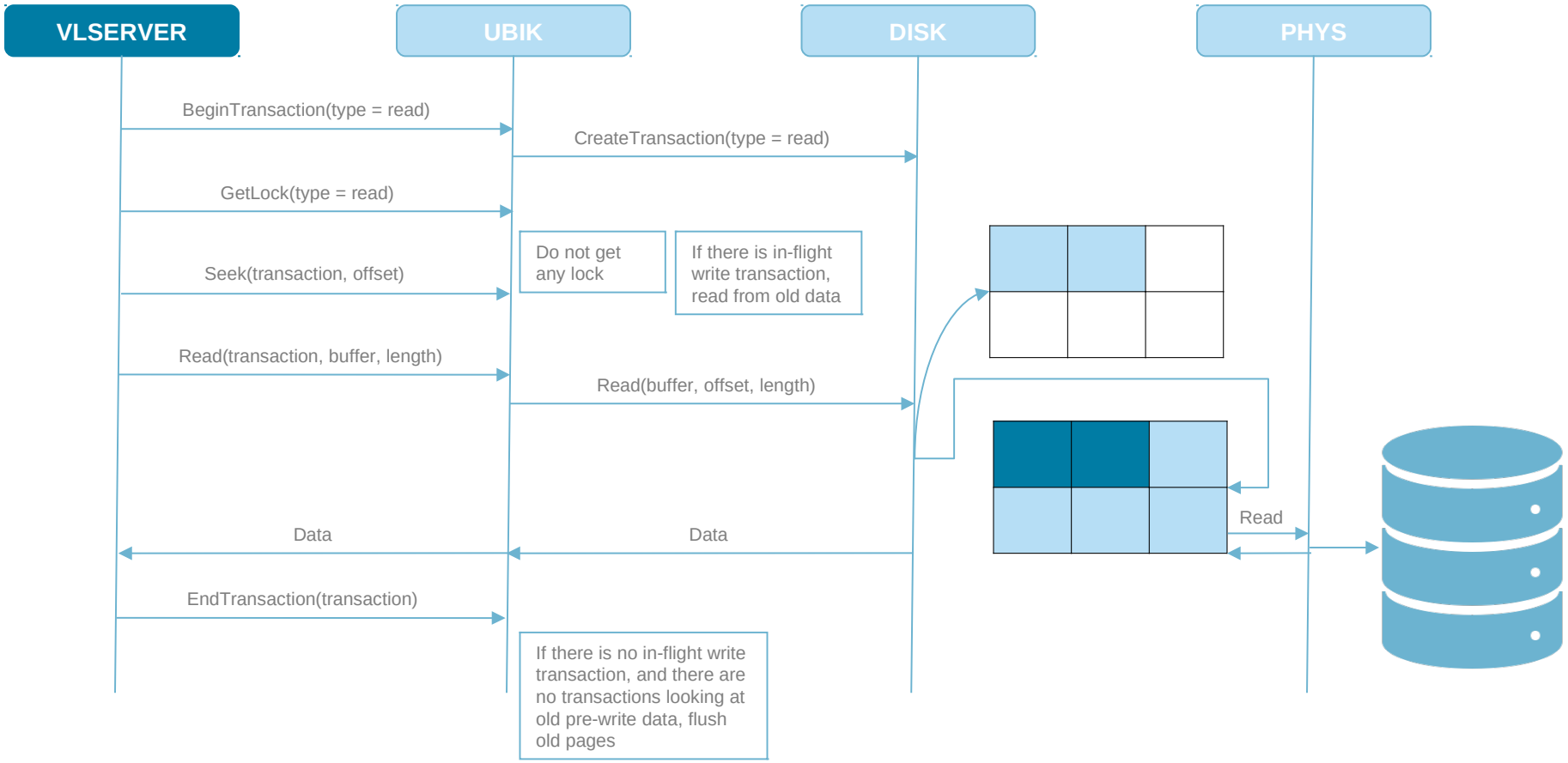

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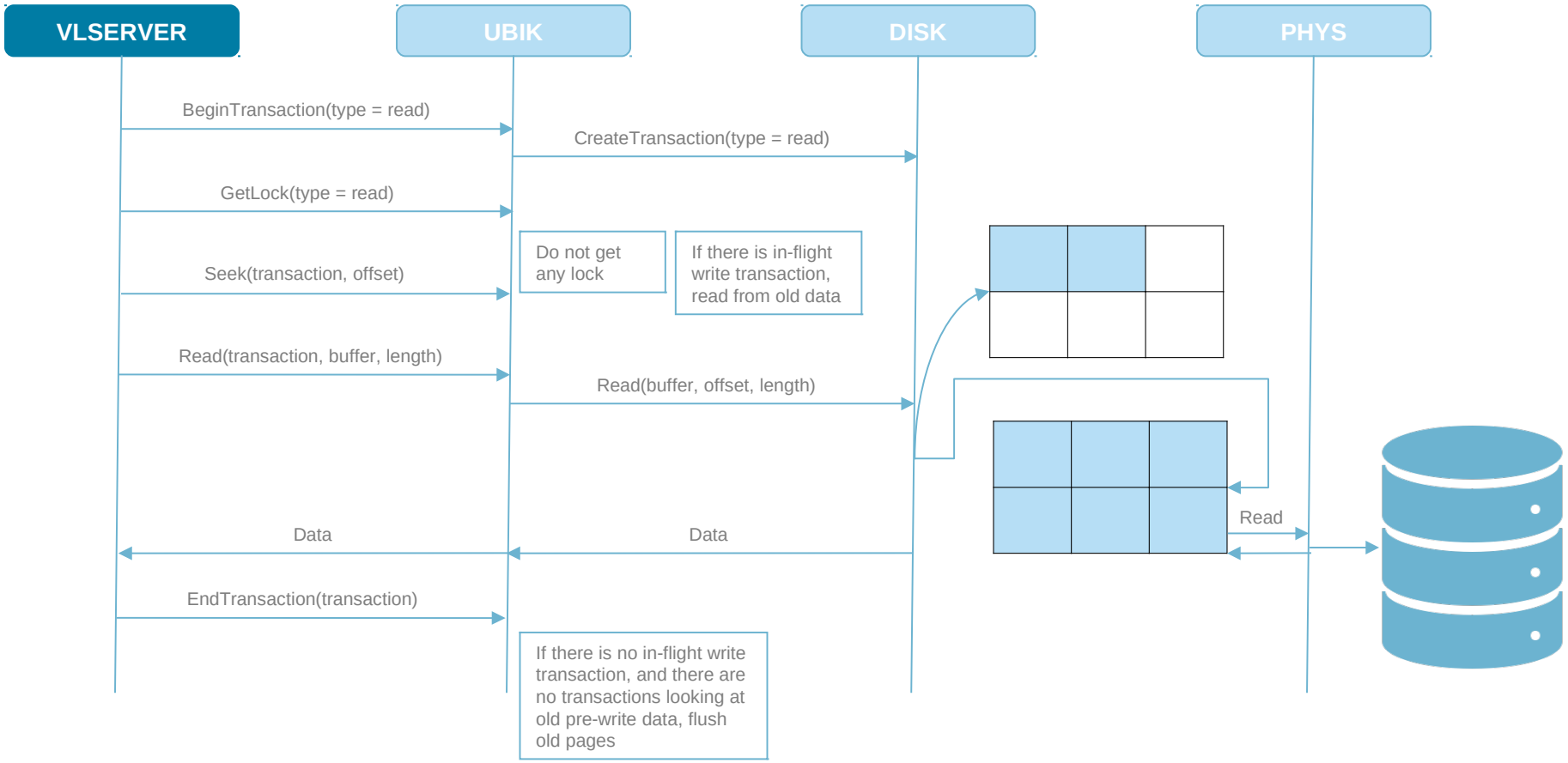

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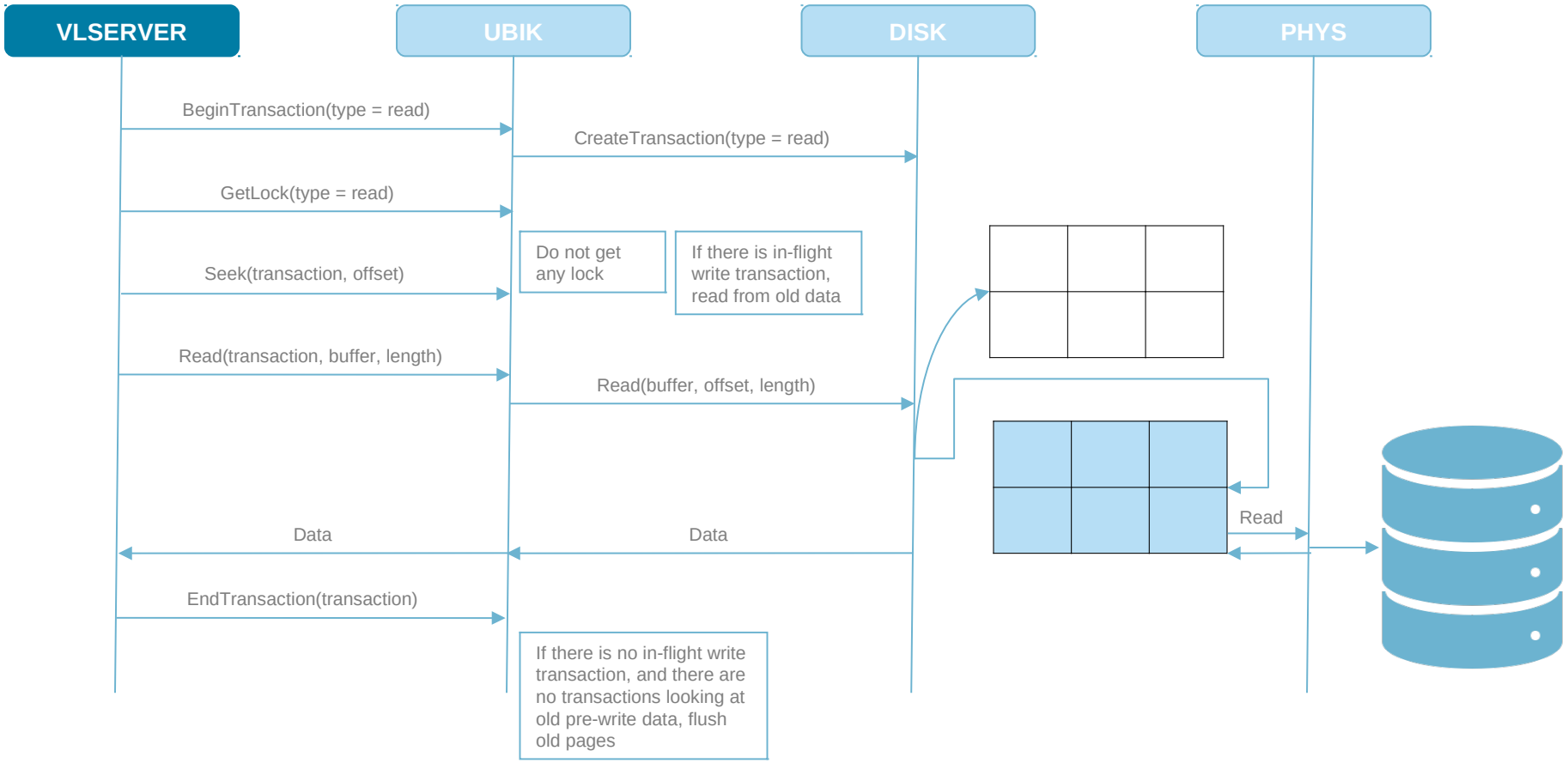

READS-DURING-COMMIT

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- Write-transactions do not block read-transactions;
- Read-transactions do not block write-transactions;
- Limitations
  - Can not have multiple write-transactions running at the same time;
  - New write-transactions are blocked if we still have any read-transaction looking at old data;

PATCHES

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- Patches can be found on gerrit;
- Reads-during-recovery;
  - Topic: ubik-reads-during-recovery;
- Reads-during-commit;
  - Topic: ubik/read-during-commit;

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OTHER FIXES

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- Remote-sites do not create write-transactions if it didn't vote for the sync-site;
- What happens when the request for a new transaction is refused?
  - Sync-site assumes that the remote-site is not "available";

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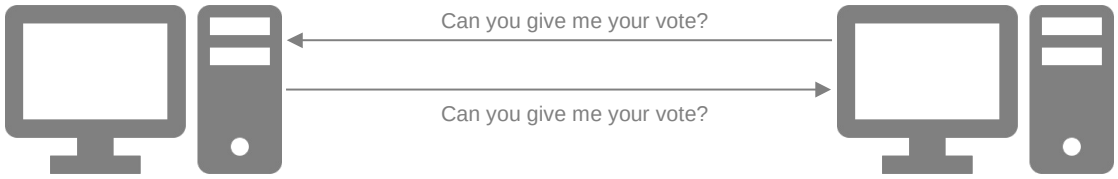

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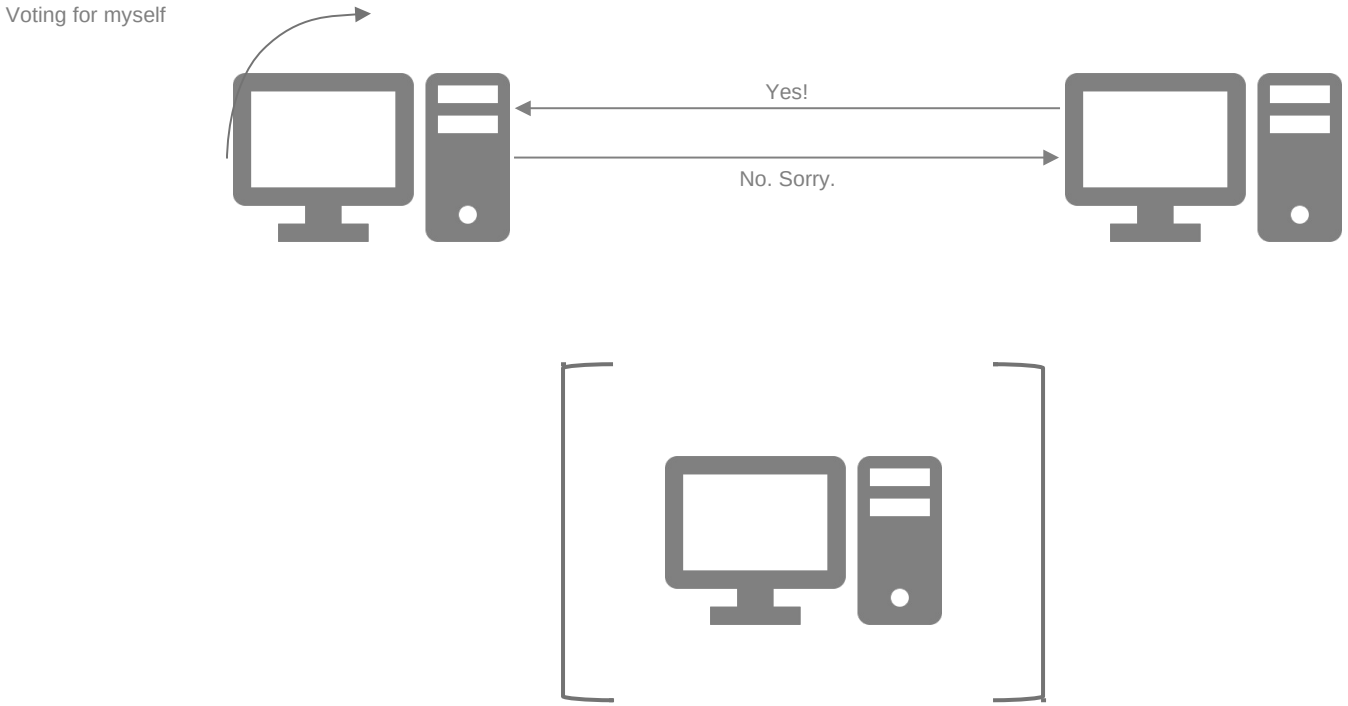

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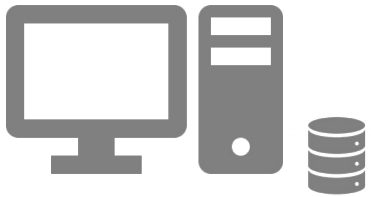

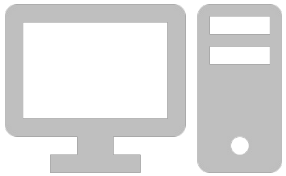

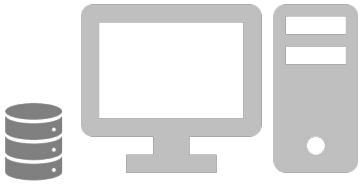

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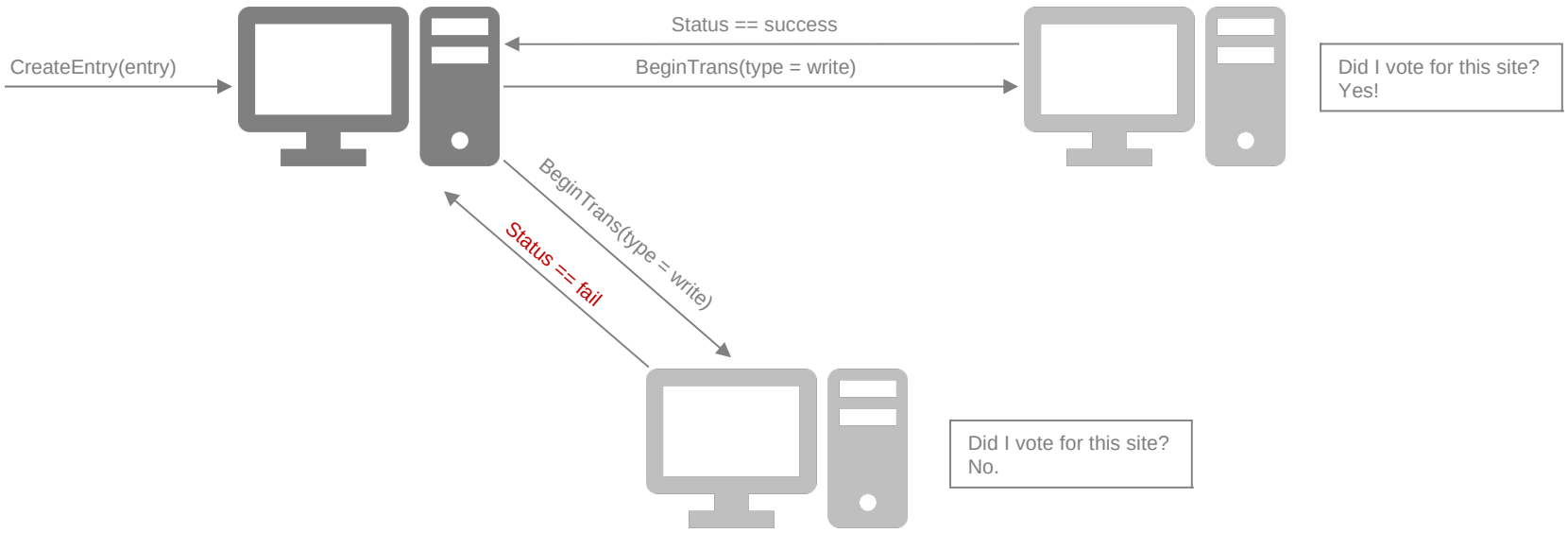

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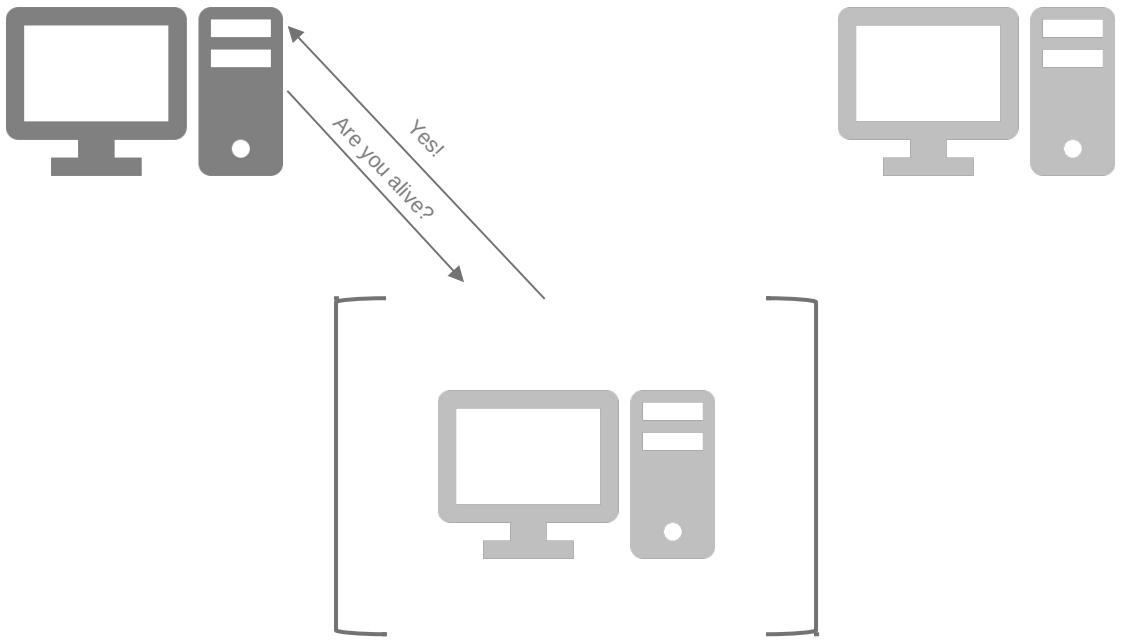

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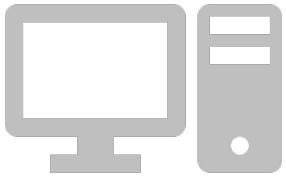

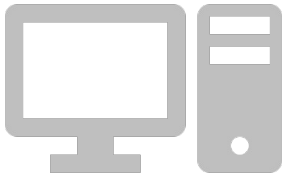

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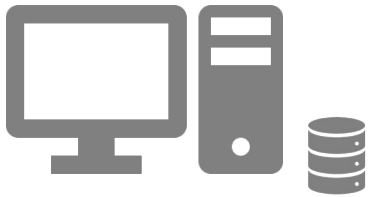

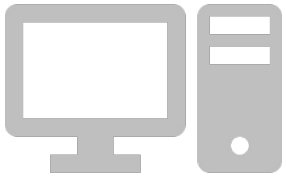

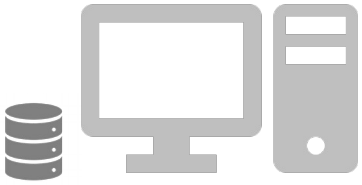

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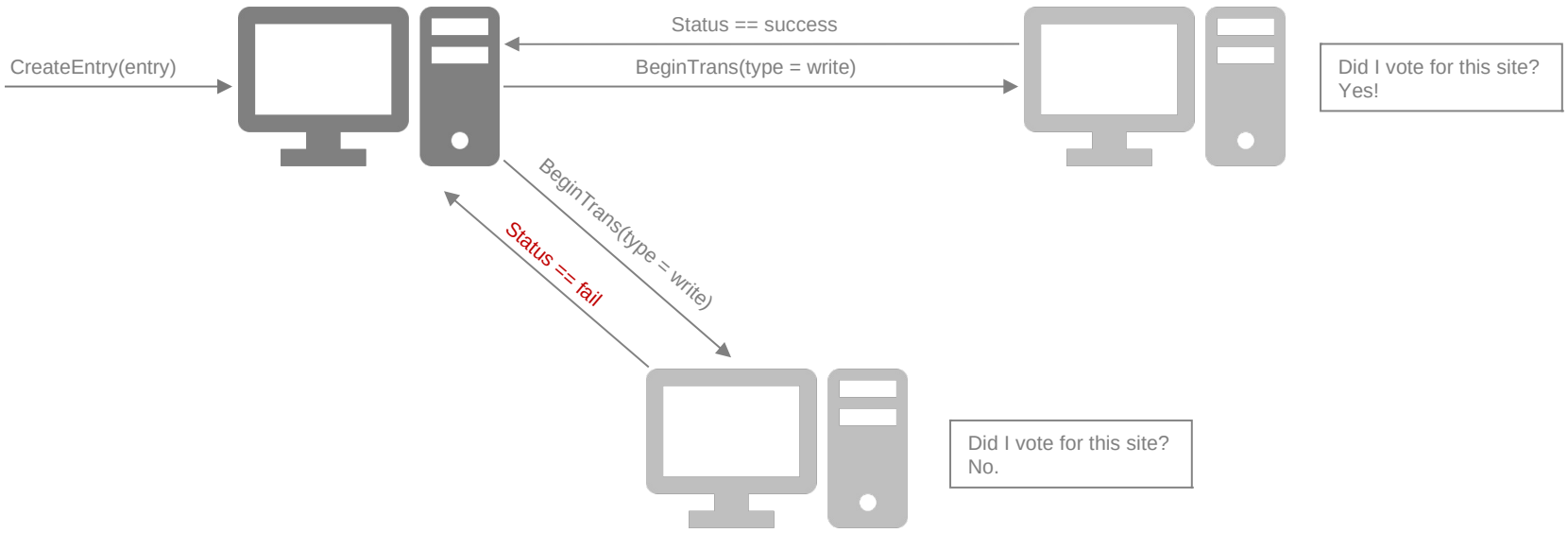

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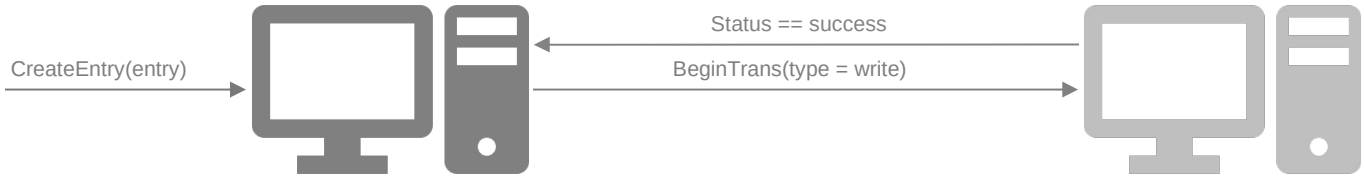

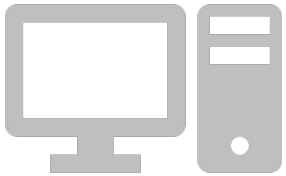

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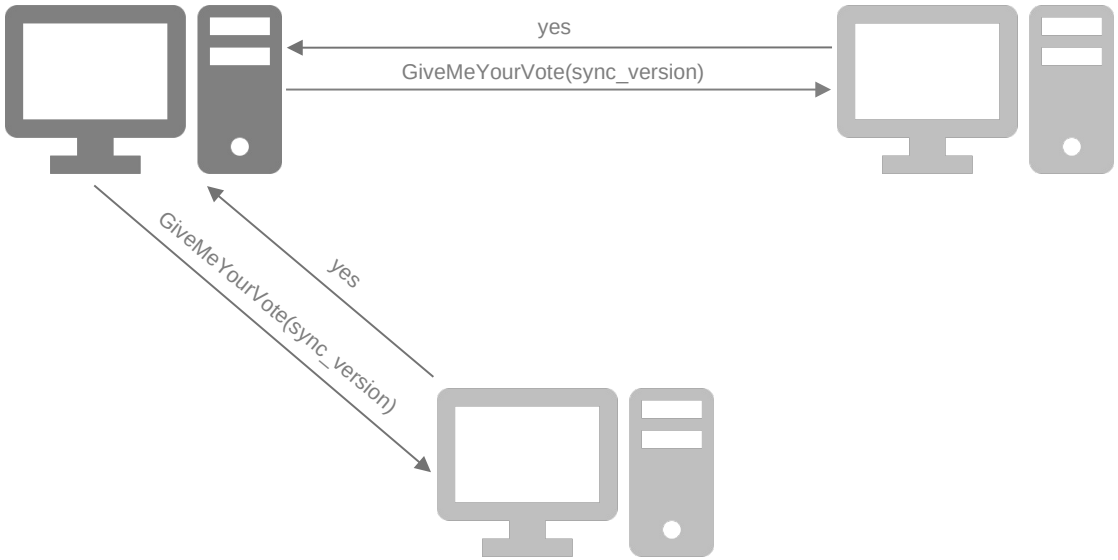

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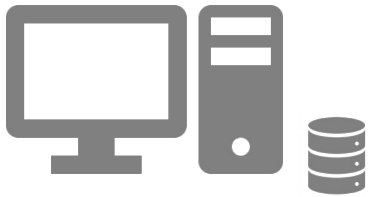

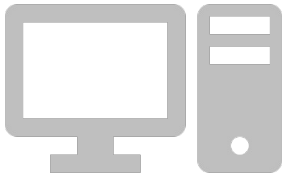

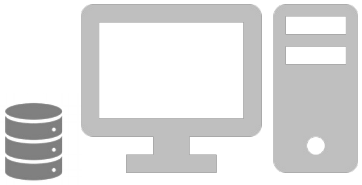

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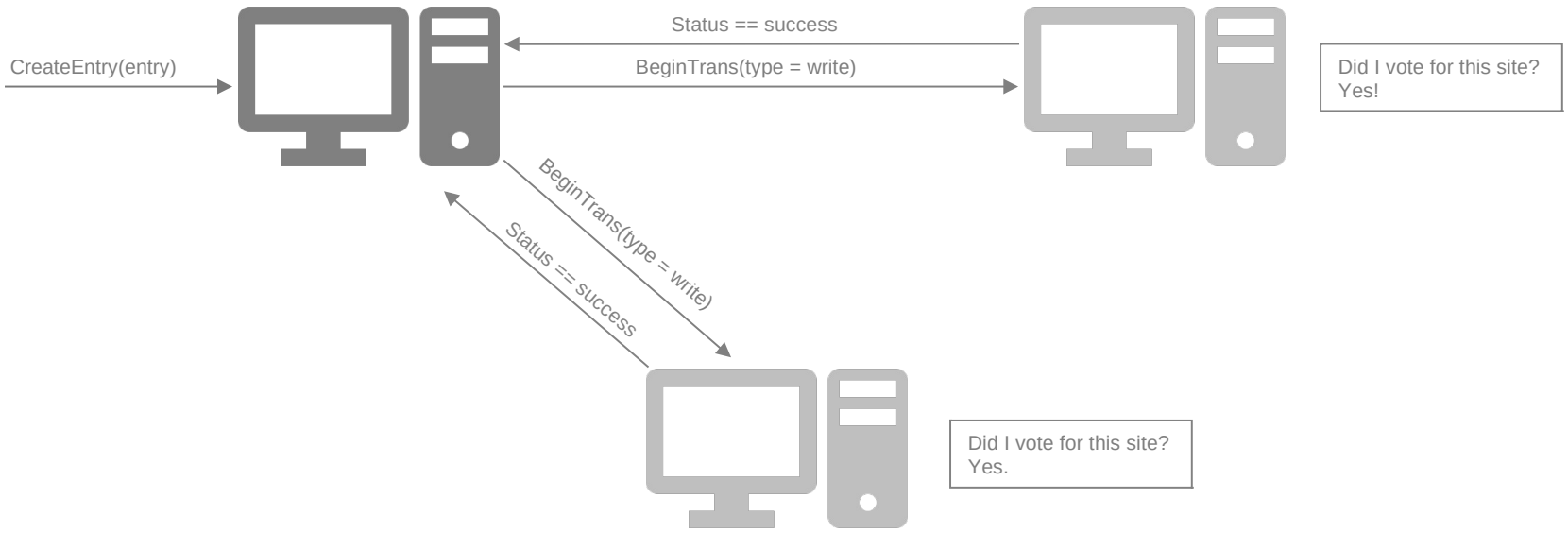

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- Epoch is global that represents the time in which the sync-site was elected;
- We use this global to differentiate transactions from different mandates;
  - Every transaction has an epoch;
  - If this epoch is not equal to the epoch advertised by the current sync-site, this transaction should be aborted;

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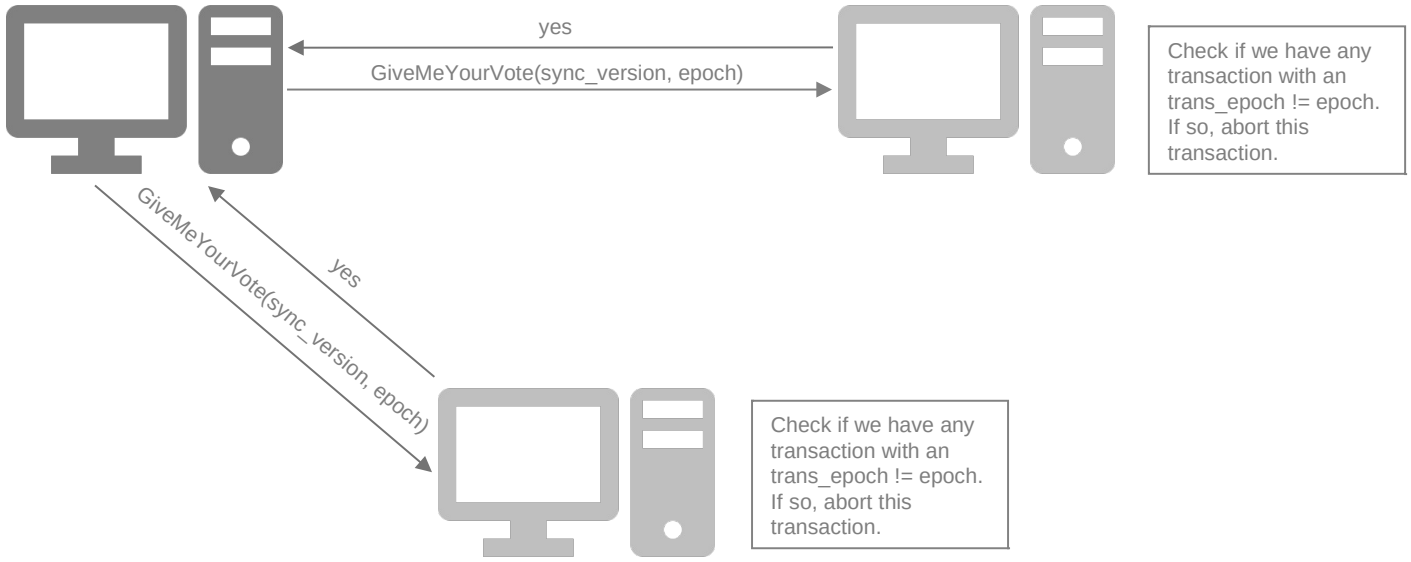

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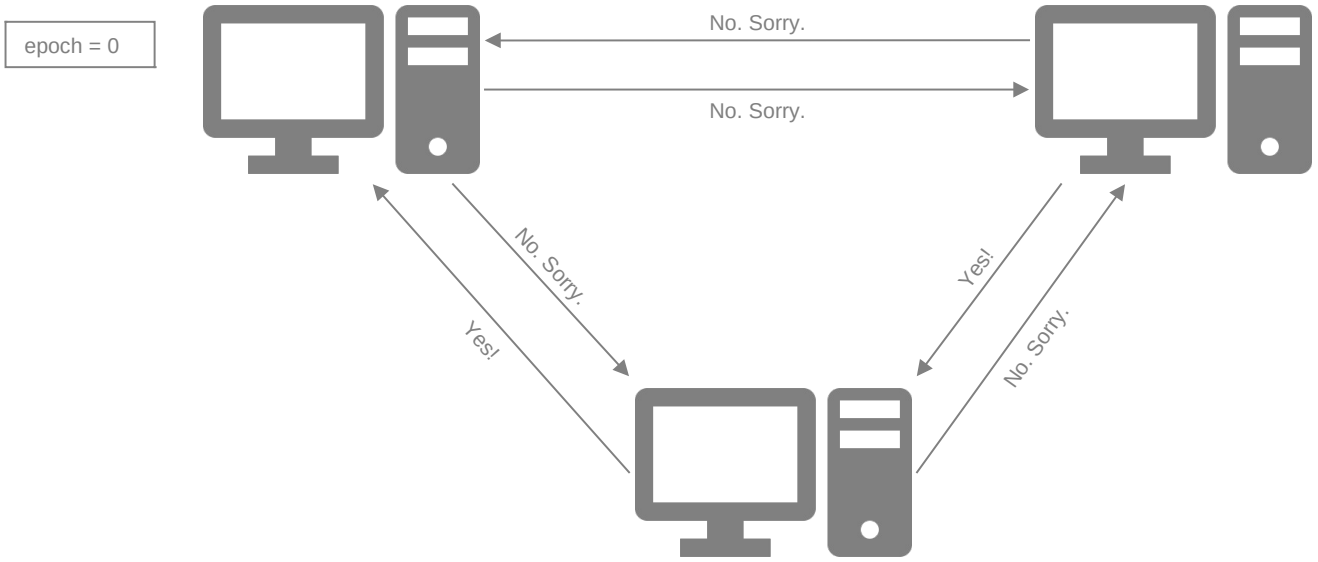

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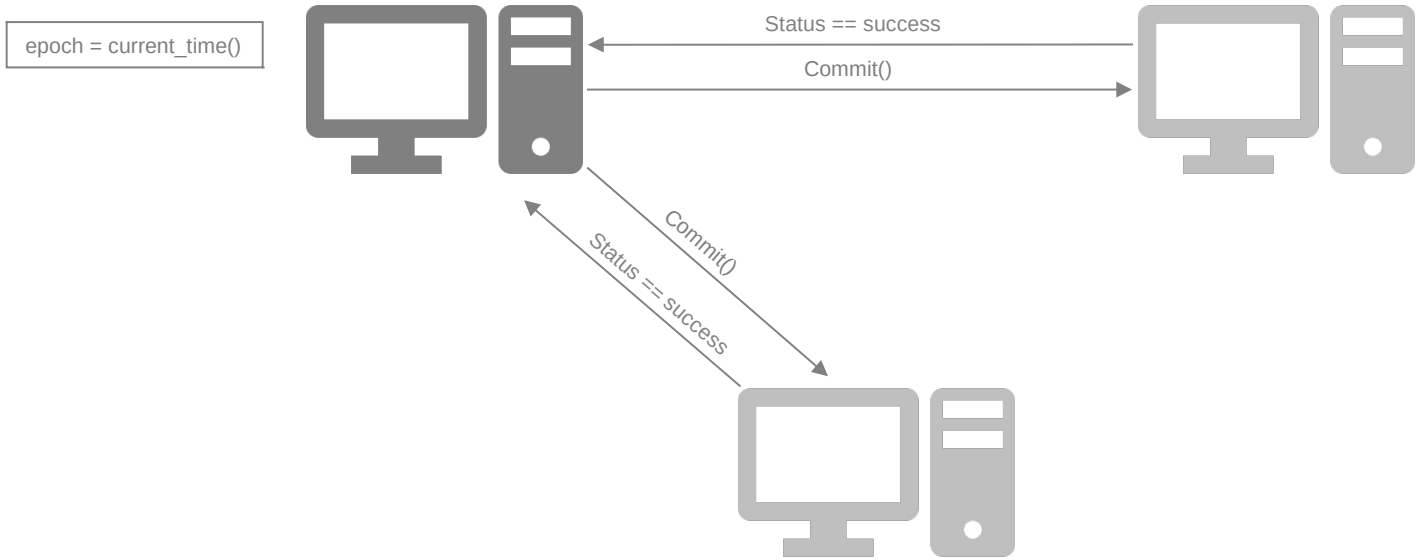

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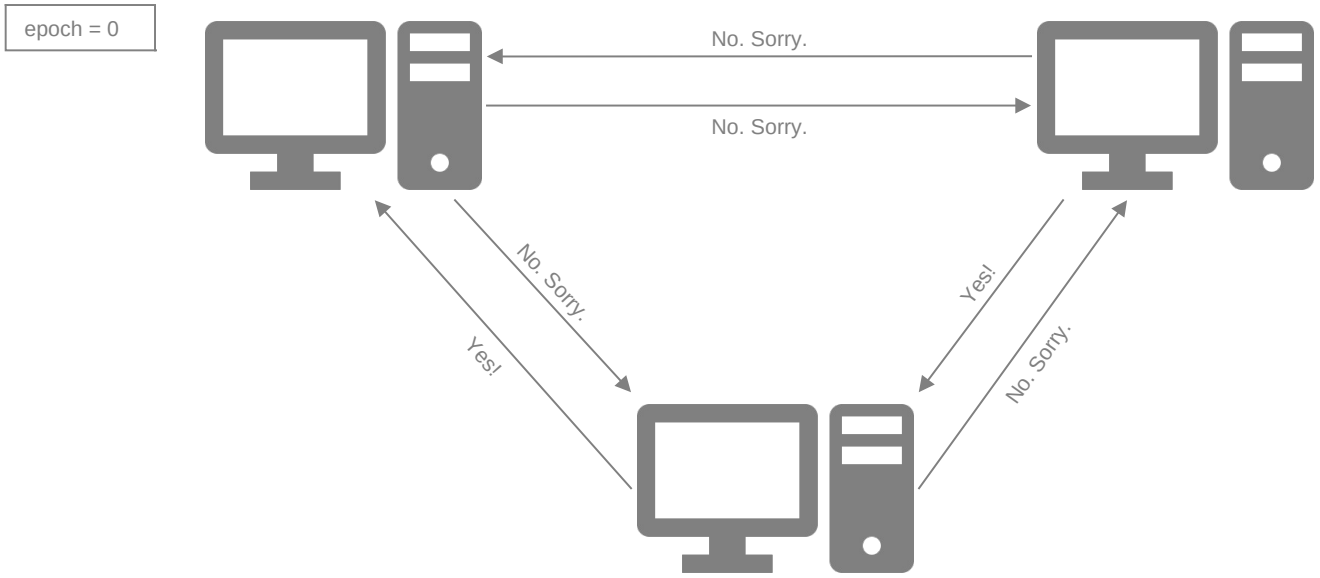

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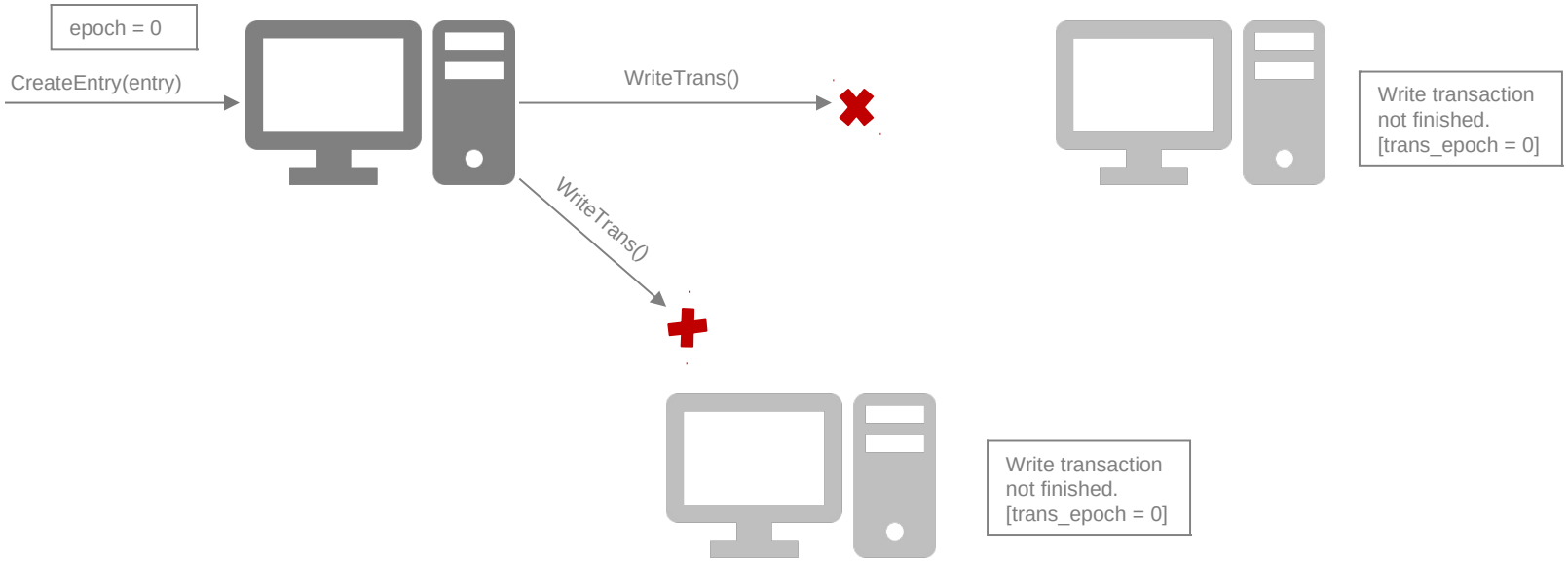

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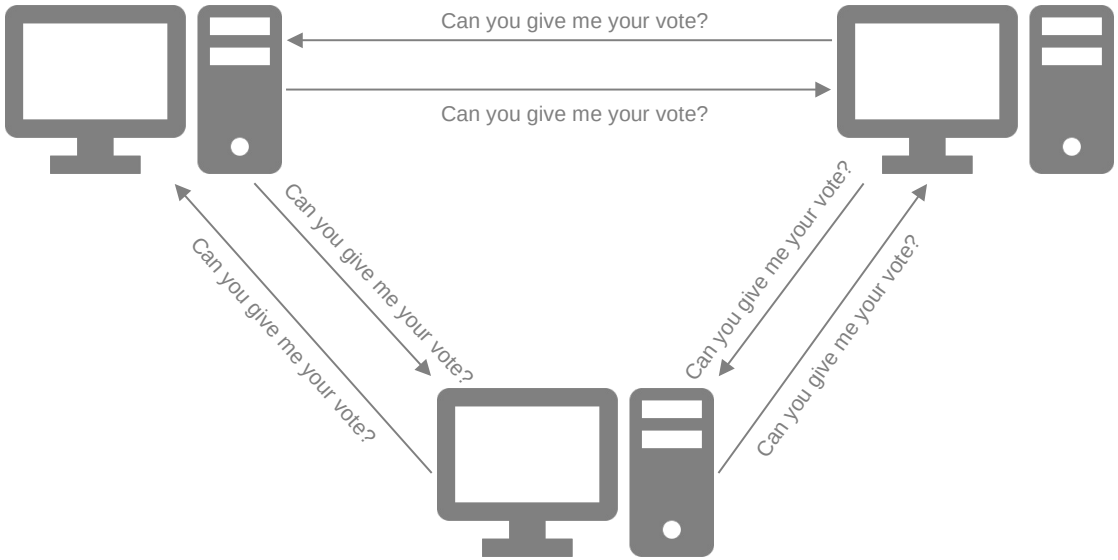

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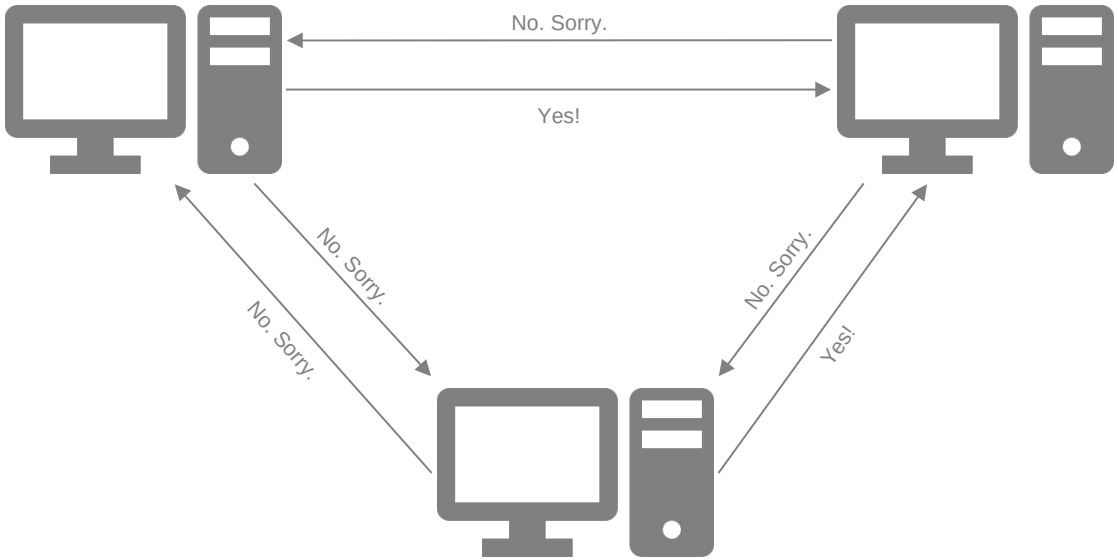

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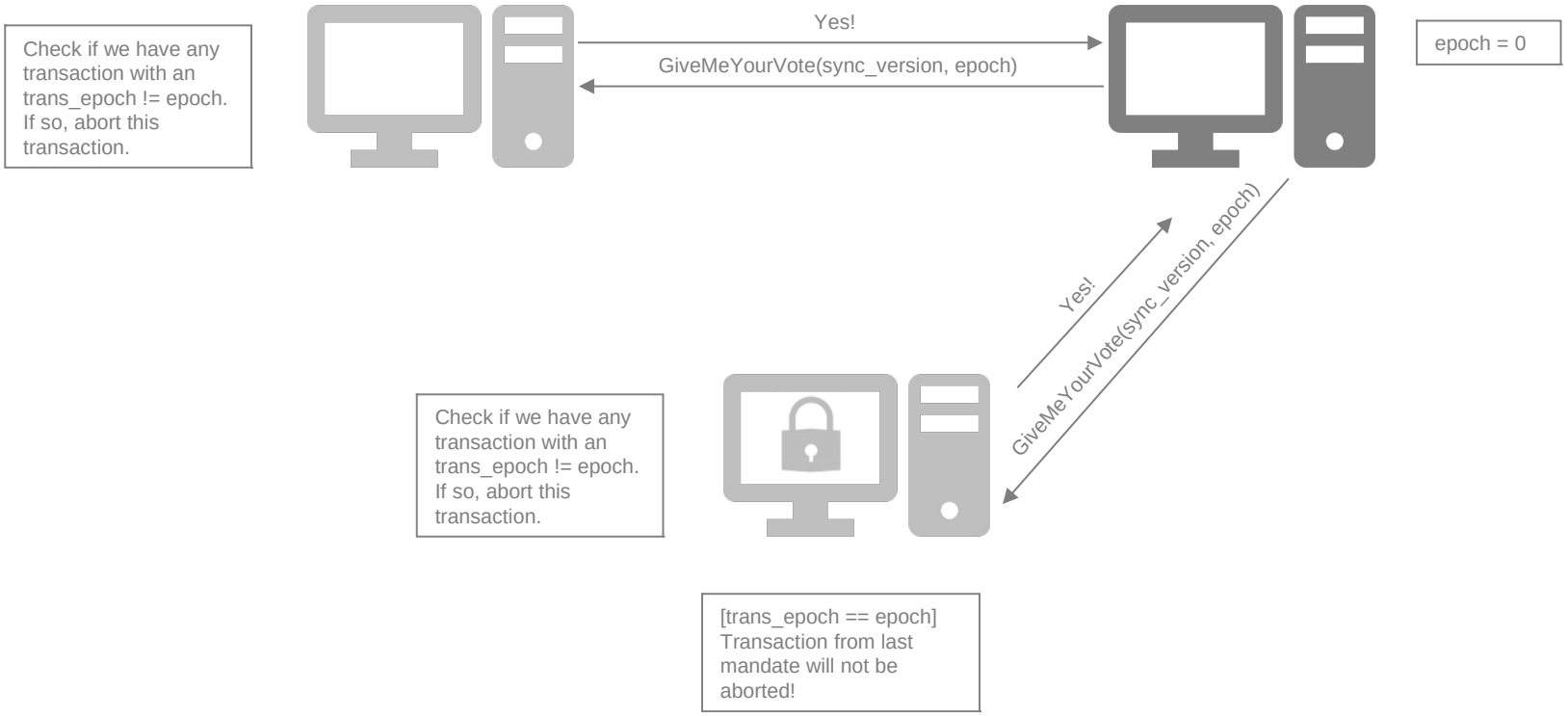

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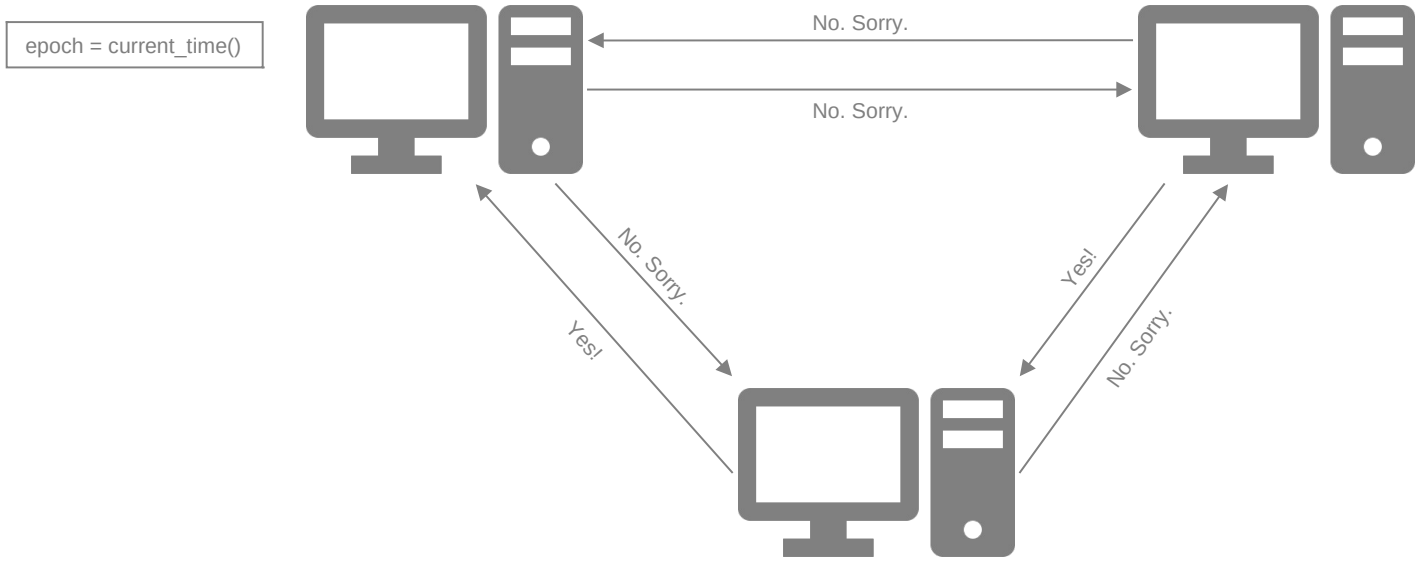

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