

# Transaction

A transaction is an action or series of actions which is performed by a single user or application on a database. Which read, write and update the content of the database? A transaction can be defined as a logical unit of work on a database.

A transaction must follow the *ACID* property:--

## Atomicity

Atomicity states that a transaction must be considered as an atomic unit. Either all of its operations execute at once or none. The operation of a transaction cannot be done partially.

## Consistency

The database must remain in a consistent state before and after any transaction. If a transaction is completed successfully then the database must go from one stable state to another stable state.

## Isolation

Isolation states that all transactions must execute independently. Multiple transactions can occur without affecting one another. It says that data used by one transaction at the time of execution cannot be used by another transaction until the first transaction is committed and writes to the memory permanently.

## Durability

Durability ensures that the database remains in a consistent state always and any transaction committed successfully must be written on the database. The database should be capable of holding all of its latest updates and changes if the system fails. If a transaction is committing but the change cannot be written to the memory due to a system failure, then once the system is back on, the data must be written on the system. The consistent state of the database cannot be lost if a system failure occurs. If a transaction is committed then that change must be written on the database at any cost.

# States of a Transaction

## Active State

This is the initial state of a transaction. In this state the transaction is being executed

Insert, delete and update of any data but the records or change are not saving or write to the database.

## Partially committed

In this state the transaction executes its final operation but still the data is not saving to the database.

System gives an alert of final submission or gives a chance to overview of input data before final submission.

## Committed

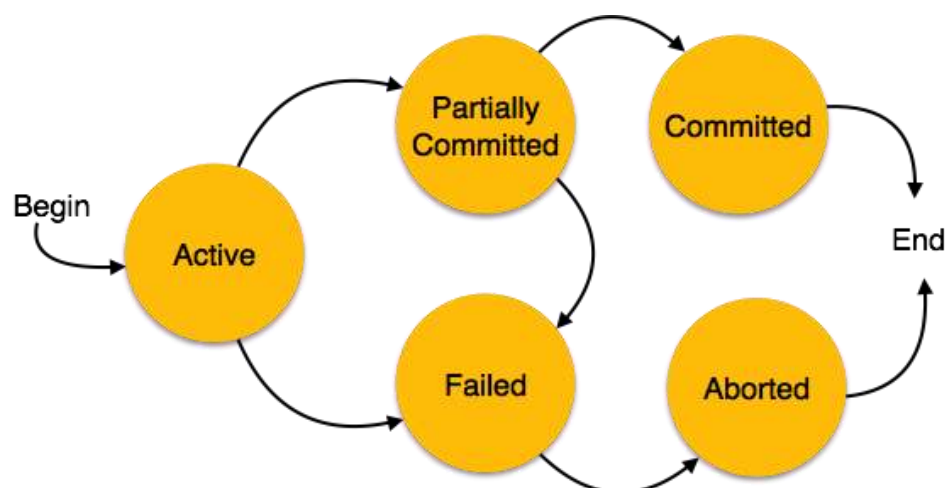
A transaction is said to be committed if all of its operation are execute at once and all the effect are permanently save on the database.

## Fail state

A transaction is said to be fail if any of its checks made by the database recovery system is fail.

## Aborted

If the transaction is in fail state then it must be abort. If the transaction fails, if the system goes fail or something wrong happens middle of a transaction then the recovery system manager will roll back all its write operation from the database and bring the database in its original state or in consistent state.



# Operations of a transection

The main operations of a transaction are

## 1. Read operation

In this operation read a particular value from the database and store the buffer in main memory until the transaction is committed or roll back to its initial state?

## 2. Write Operation

Write operation is used to write the data on database from buffer after the transaction is committee successfully.

$R(X);$

$X = X - 500;$

$W(X);$

Let's assume the value of X before starting of the transaction is 4000.

- The first operation reads X's value from database and stores it in a buffer.
- The second operation will decrease the value of X by 500. So buffer will contain 3500.
- The third operation will write the buffer's value to the database. So X's final value will be 3500.

## Dead Lock & Roll Back

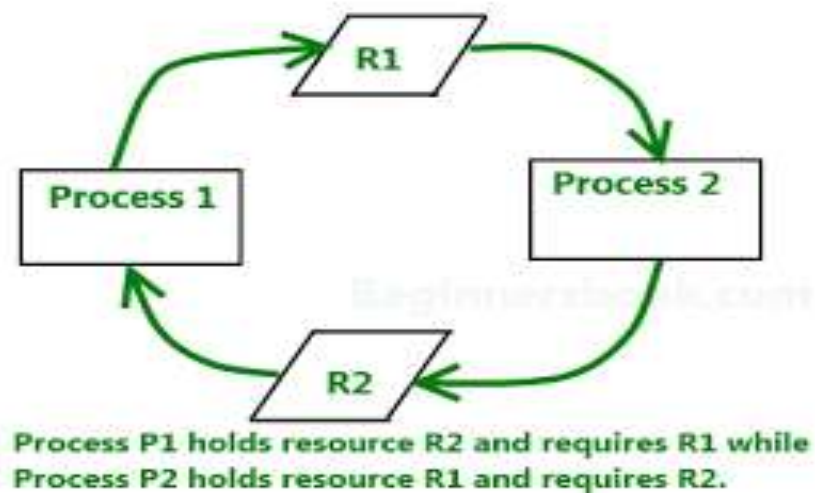
Sometimes due to hardware or software and database failure a transaction cannot commit or may fail. Beside that dead lock is one of the main reasons to fail a transaction. And to solve this problem we do Roll back.

### Dead lock

Deadlock is a situation in which two or more transaction want to access the same resources and. or two or more transaction waiting for one another to give up locks.

Suppose transaction A might hold some rows on account table and need to update some rows on order table to commit the transaction. But transaction B holds the same rows of order table that A require and need to update some rows on account table that A holds.

The transaction A cannot complete because B has a lock on order table that A require. And transaction B cannot complete because A has a lock on account table that B require. so all the activity comes to a halt state and stop for forever. This situation is call dead lock.



# Deadlock Handling Mechanism

There are three mechanisms to handle a deadlock situation:

1. Deadlock avoidance
2. Deadlock detection
3. Deadlock prevention

## Deadlock avoidance:

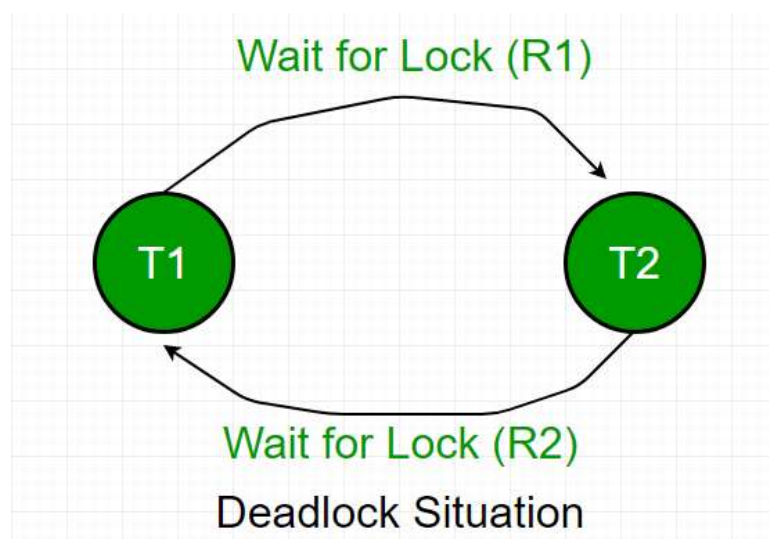
Deadlock avoidance mechanism handles a deadlock situation before it occurs. Design the system in such a way that it is consistent and avoid deadlock. In this system there is an algorithm which always checks for the data which is requested by a transaction to lock on. If the requested data is locked on by some other transaction then the lock manager will decide whether the transaction needs to be put on wait stage or abort it so that deadlock does not occur.

This approach is useful for small databases.

## Deadlock detection:

When a transaction waits for a long time for a lock on some resources the database management system must check whether the transaction involves a deadlock situation or not.

One way to detect deadlock is using **Wait-for-graph**. In this method a graph is grown based on transactions and their lock on resources. If the graph becomes a closed loop or cycle then there is a deadlock.



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## Deadlock prevention

If a deadlock situation happens we can prevent it using two methods

1. Wait-die scheme
2. Wound Wait scheme

### Wait – die scheme

If a transaction requests a lock on some resources which is already locked by some other transaction then DBMS quickly checks the timestamp of both the transaction and puts the older transaction in a wait state until the new transaction is committed and resources are released.

### Wound Wait Scheme

If an older transaction requests a lock on some resources which is already held by a younger transaction then the older transaction forces the younger transaction to kill the transaction and restart it after a millisecond.