

# Concurrency

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“We will avenge every problem on our way”

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## **Requirements**

This series of experiments must cover the following areas:

1. Serializable Transactions
2. Isolation Levels.
3. Hints: no lock, read past, no wait
4. Shared locks, exclusive locks, deadlock resolution.
5. DM\_Exec queries.

Must include the following:

- All 4 isolation levels.
- Compare with row versioning, snapshot isolation (SI).
- 3 locking options.
- 4 table hints.
- Must support a user story for each isolation level and locking option choice explaining what advantage the choice provides the user.
- You must demonstrate effective use of Dynamic Management View evaluating the waits and blocks.

## **Business Process Supported**

We have created the Inventory Table which consists of the Item Id, Item description and its stock at a point of time.

## USER STORY:

Store manager wants to maintain a Database of stocks which is administered by more than one Database administrators from different locations without facing any Concurrency Issues.

## Create a table and add rows.

We have created a Inventory Table which consists of Item Id, Item Description, Stock and inserted some dummy records into the table.

The screenshot displays the SQL Server Enterprise Manager interface. The top pane shows the SQL script for creating the 'Inventory' table and inserting data. The bottom pane shows the results of the 'select \* from Inventory' query, which returned 4 rows of data.

```
CREATE TABLE Inventory (  
    ItemID int ,  
    ItemDescription varchar(50) NOT NULL,  
    Stock Int NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY (ItemID)  
)  
  
Insert into dbo.Inventory (ItemID,[ItemDescription],Stock)  
values (1,'Pencil',10),  
(2,'Pen',20),  
(3,'Eraser',15),  
(4,'Scale',14)  
  
select * from Inventory
```

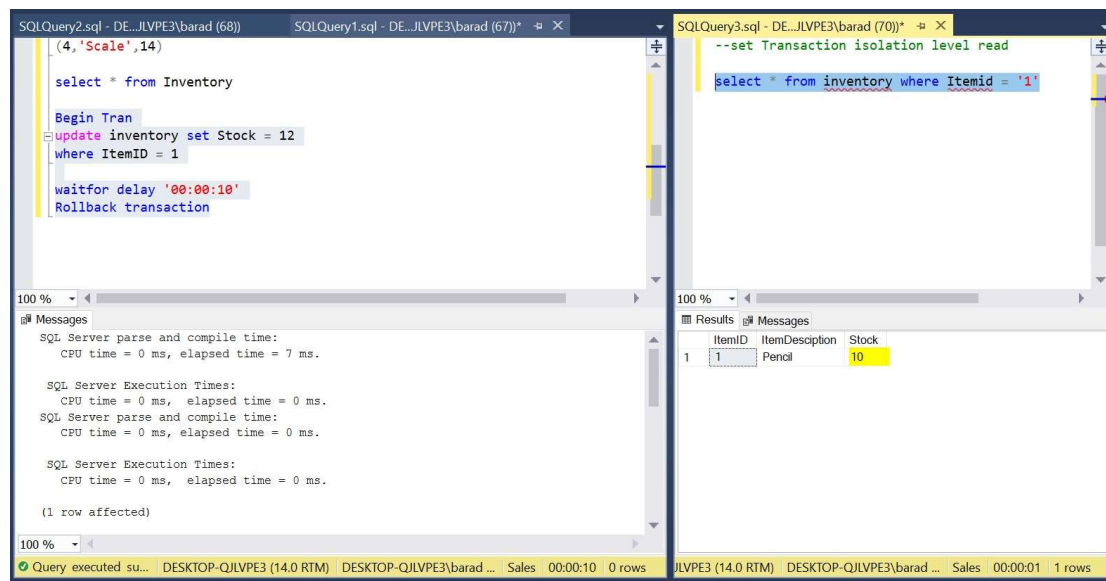
	ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	1	Pencil	10
2	2	Pen	20
3	3	Eraser	15
4	4	Scale	14

Query executed successfully. DESKTOP-QJLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... Sales 00:00:00 4 rows

## Isolation levels

- **Read Committed**

This isolation level guarantees that any data read is committed at the moment it is read. Thus, it does not allow dirty read. The transaction holds a read or write lock on the current row, and thus prevent other transactions from reading, updating or deleting it.



In the above screenshot we can see the stock of the product pencil is updated to '12' in query window1 with a delay time and in that delay time query in the window2 is run. Query in window2 will wait until the query in window 1 is done. So it didn't allow dirty read as '12'.

- **Read Uncommitted**

Read Uncommitted is the lowest isolation level. In this level, one transaction may read not yet committed changes made by other transaction, thereby allowing dirty reads. In this level, transactions are not isolated from each other.

In the below screenshot we can see the stock of the product pencil is updated to '12' in query window1 with a delay time and in that delay time query in the window2 is run. Query in window2 will not wait until the query in window 1 is done and outputs dirty data.

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window with two tabs: 'SQLQuery2.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (68))' and 'SQLQuery1.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (67))'. The active tab contains the following T-SQL script:

```
(4, 'Scale', 14)

select * from Inventory

Begin Tran
update inventory set Stock = 12
where ItemID = 1
waitfor delay '00:00:10'
Rollback transaction
```

Below the script, the 'Messages' pane displays the following output:

```
SQL Server parse and compile time:
  CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 7 ms.

SQL Server Execution Times:
  CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.
SQL Server parse and compile time:
  CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

SQL Server Execution Times:
  CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

(1 row affected)
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates: 'Query executed su... DESKTOP-QJLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... Sales 00:00:10 0 rows'.

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window with a tab: 'SQLQuery3.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (70))'. The active tab contains the following T-SQL script:

```
set Transaction isolation level read uncommitted
select * from inventory where Itemid = '1'
```

Below the script, the 'Results' pane displays the following data:

ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	Pencil	12

The status bar at the bottom indicates: 'JLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... Sales 00:00:00 1 rows'.

- **Repeatable Read**

This is the most restrictive isolation level. The transaction holds read locks on all rows it references and writes locks on all rows it inserts, updates, or deletes. Since other transaction cannot read, update or delete these rows, consequently it avoids non-repeatable read.

```

--transaction 1
begin transaction
declare @itemsinstock int
select @itemsinstock = stock
from inventory where ItemID = 1;

waitfor delay '00:00:11'
set @itemsinstock = @itemsinstock-1

update Inventory
set stock = @itemsinstock where Itemid =1

print @itemsinstock
commit transaction

```

```

--transaction 2
begin transaction
declare @itemsinstock int
select @itemsinstock = stock
from inventory where ItemID = 1;

waitfor delay '00:00:1'
set @itemsinstock = @itemsinstock-2

update Inventory
set stock = @itemsinstock where Itemid =1

print @itemsinstock
commit transaction
--transaction 2
begin transaction

```

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.  
(1 row affected)  
9

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.  
(1 row affected)  
8

```

--transaction 1
set transaction isolation level repeatable read
begin transaction
declare @itemsinstock int
select @itemsinstock = stock
from inventory where ItemID = 1;

waitfor delay '00:00:11'
set @itemsinstock = @itemsinstock-1

update Inventory
set stock = @itemsinstock where Itemid =1

print @itemsinstock
commit transaction

```

```

--transaction 2
set transaction isolation level repeatable read
begin transaction
declare @itemsinstock int
select @itemsinstock = stock
from inventory where ItemID = 1;

waitfor delay '00:00:1'
set @itemsinstock = @itemsinstock-2

update Inventory
set stock = @itemsinstock where Itemid =1

print @itemsinstock
commit transaction

```

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.  
Msg 1205, Level 13, State 51, Line 35  
Transaction (Process ID 53) was deadlocked on lock resources with another process and has been chosen as the deadlock victim. Rerun the transaction.  
SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.  
Completion time: 2019-11-13T20:23:52.5212202-05:00

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.  
SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 8461 ms.  
(1 row affected)  
10

In the above screenshot1 we can see the stock of the product pencil is reduced by 1 from 10 to 9 in query window1 with a delay time and in that delay time query in the window2 which will reduce the product by 2 from 10 to 8 is run. Query in window2 will return 8 and query in window 1 will return 8 and produces data loss. We can avoid this by introducing isolation level to Repeatable data which will throw an error “Error: Transaction (Process ID 53) was deadlocked on lock resources with another process and has been chosen as the deadlock victim. Rerun the transaction.” Refer screenshot 2.



- **Serializable**

This is the Highest isolation level. A serializable execution is guaranteed to be serializable. Serializable execution is defined to be an execution of operations in which concurrently executing transactions appears to be serially executing.

SQLQuery1.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (53)\*

```
commit transaction

--Phantom Read
Begin transaction
select * from inventory
where itemID between 1 and 5

waitfor delay '00:00:10'

select * from inventory
where itemID between 1 and 5
commit transaction
```

SQLQuery2.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (57)\*

```
commit transaction

-- phantom read
--transaction2
insert into inventory values 5, 'File', 10
```

Results

ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	Pencil	10
2	Pen	20
3	Eraser	15
4	Scale	14
5	File	10

Messages

CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

(1 row affected)

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

Completion time: 2019-11-13T20:32:43.8595001-05:00

SQLQuery1.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (53)\*

```
commit transaction

--Phantom Read
set transaction isolation level serializable
Begin transaction
select * from inventory
where itemID between 1 and 6

waitfor delay '00:00:10'

select * from inventory
where itemID between 1 and 6
commit transaction
```

SQLQuery2.sql - DE...JLVPE3\barad (57)\*

```
commit transaction

-- phantom read
--transaction2
insert into inventory values (6, 'Books', 10)
```

Results

ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	Pencil	10
2	Pen	20
3	Eraser	15
4	Scale	14
5	File	10
6	Books	10

Messages

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 7192 ms.

(1 row affected)

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

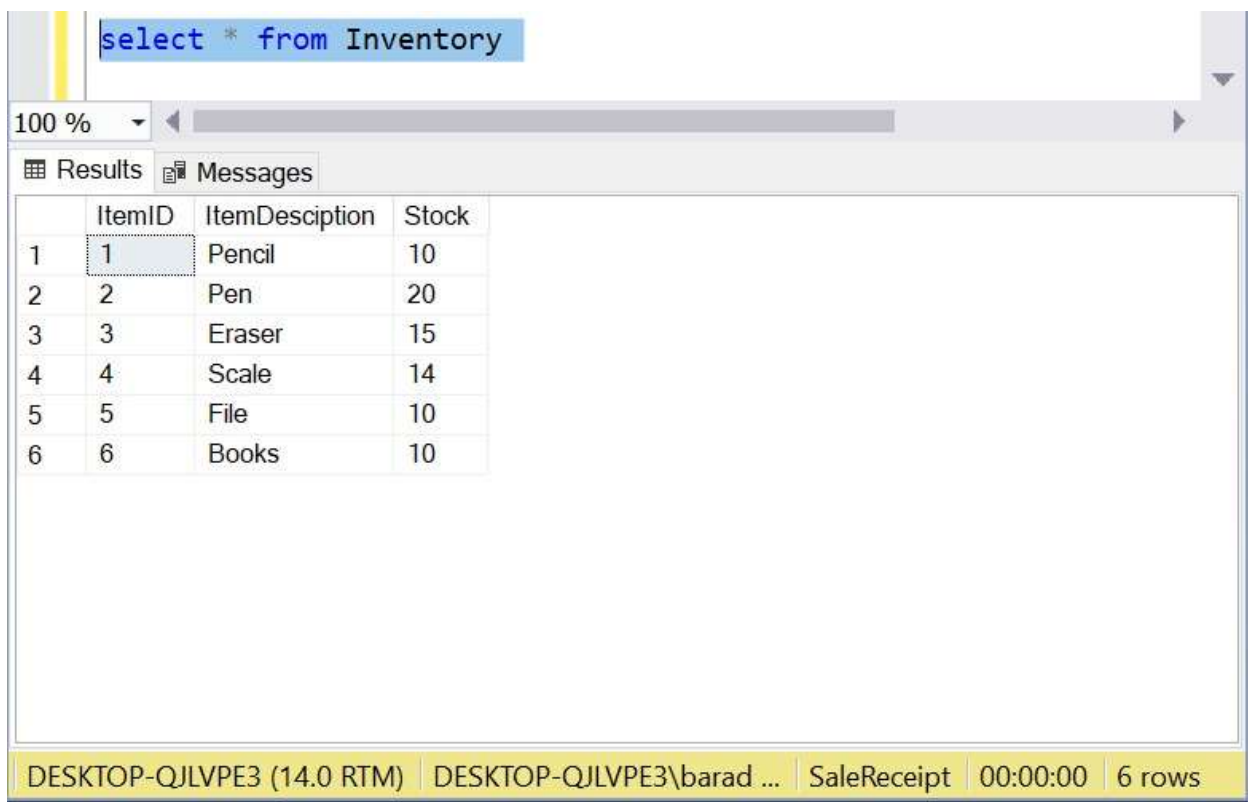
Completion time: 2019-11-13T20:36:05.0417448-05:00

In the above screenshot1 we can see the new product file is added into table at the same time of delay between two queries of reading the table in window 1, which will return the updated table. Ideally it should not allow insertion when the query 2 is in progress, which is also called Phantom error. To avoid this set isolation level to serializable, refer screenshot2, which avoided insertion of new product book into table.

## Hints

- **No Lock**

Items in the Inventory table.

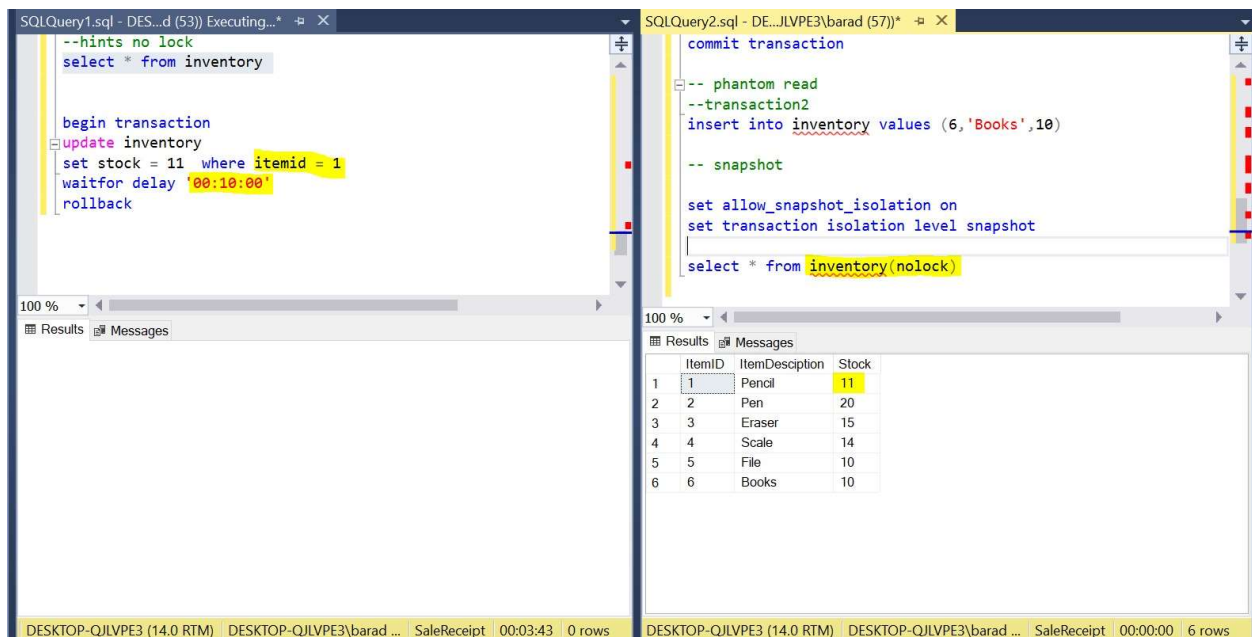
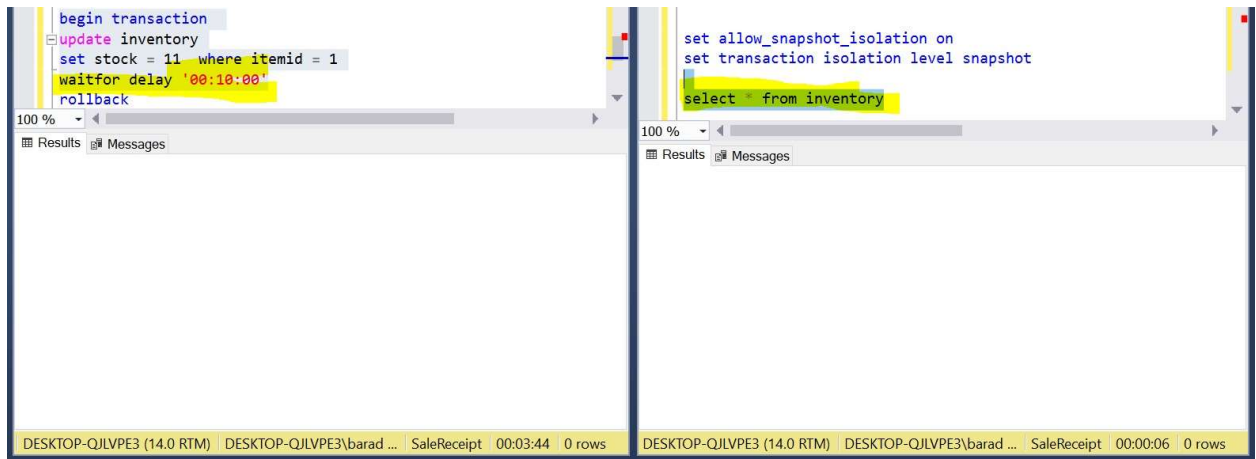


The screenshot shows a SQL query window with the text `select * from Inventory`. Below the query, the 'Results' tab is active, displaying a table with 6 rows. The table has columns: ItemID, ItemDescription, and Stock. The data is as follows:

	ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	1	Pencil	10
2	2	Pen	20
3	3	Eraser	15
4	4	Scale	14
5	5	File	10
6	6	Books	10

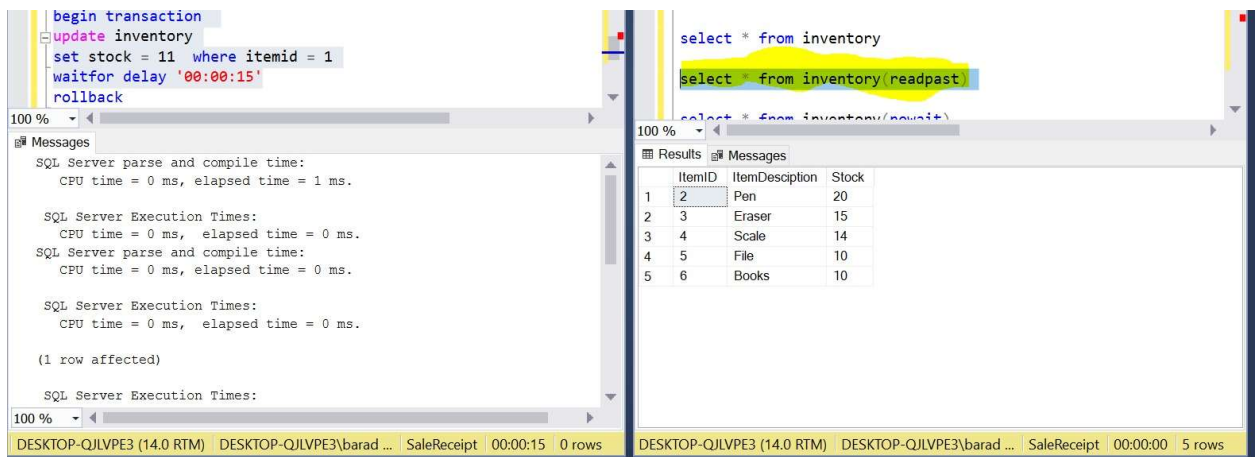
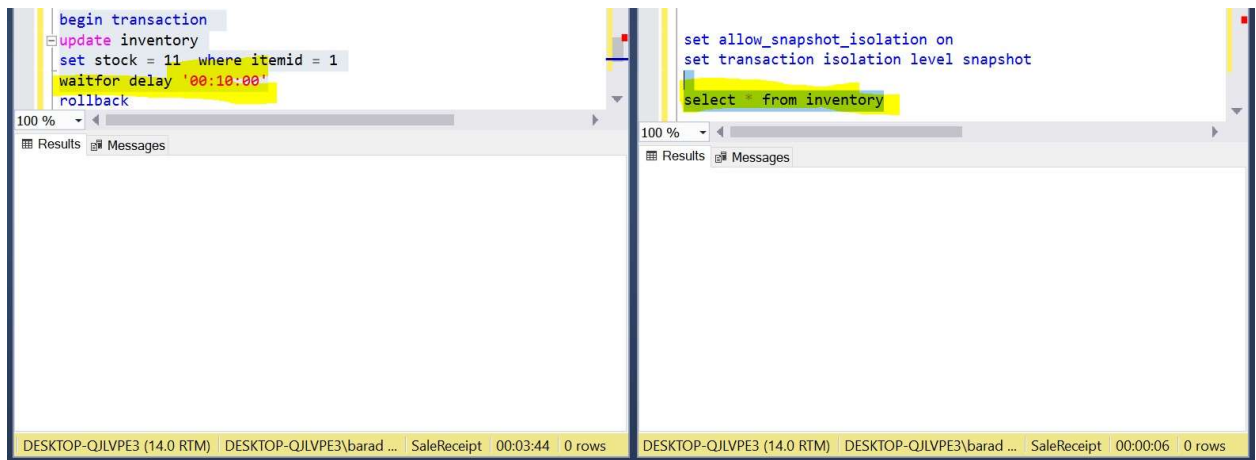
The status bar at the bottom indicates: DESKTOP-QJLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) | DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... | SaleReceipt | 00:00:00 | 6 rows

In the below screenshot we can see without no lock, we cannot read table query, whereas with using no lock (refer screenshot2) the list gets updated even before the completion of transaction giving dirty reads.



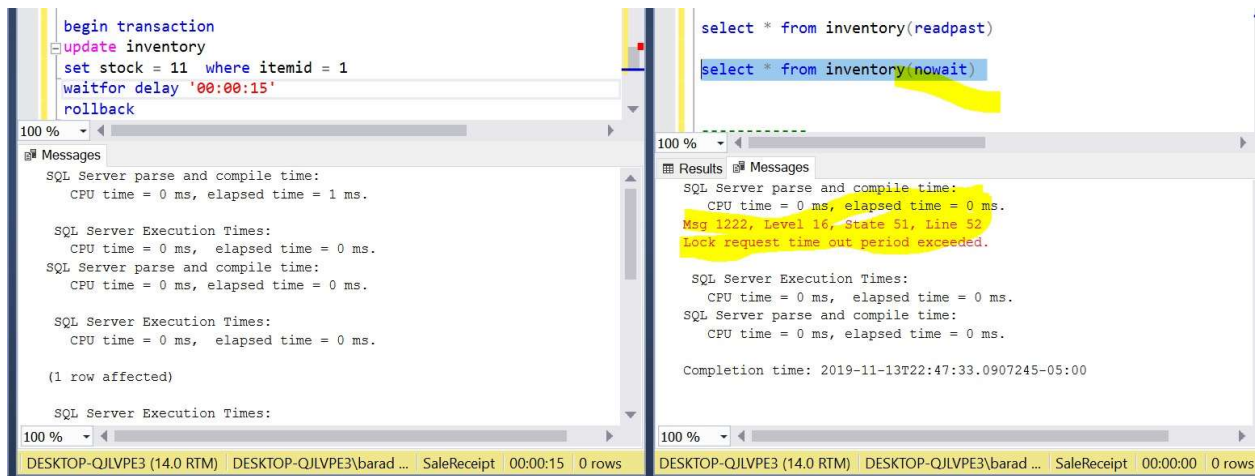
- **Read past**

In the below screenshot without using anything, we cannot execute query, whereas with Read past we can access the table except one which we are updating.



- **No wait**

In the below screenshot with use of no wait, SQL server throws error and we'll be not able to access the table.



## Locks

- **Shared Lock**

Shared (S) locks allow concurrent transactions to read (SELECT) a resource under pessimistic concurrency control. No other transactions can modify the data while shared (S) locks exist on the resource. Shared (S) locks on a resource are released as soon as the read operation completes, unless the transaction isolation level is set to repeatable read or higher, or a locking hint is used to retain the shared (S) locks for the duration of the

Exclusive (X) locks prevent access to a resource by concurrent transactions. With an exclusive (X) lock, no other transactions can modify data; read operations can take place only with the use of the NOLOCK hint or read uncommitted isolation level.

```

set Transaction isolation level read committed
begin tran
select * from Inventory with (HOLDLOCK)
SELECT resource_type, request_mode, resource_description
FROM sys.dm_tran_locks
WHERE resource_type <> 'DATABASE'
rollback

```

100 %

Results Messages

	ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	1	Pencil	10
2	2	Pen	20
3	3	Eraser	15
4	4	Scale	14
5	5	File	10
6	6	Books	10

	resource_type	request_mode	resource_description
1	PAGE	IS	1:392
2	KEY	RangeS-S	(ffffffffffff)
3	KEY	RangeS-S	(98ec012aa510)
4	KEY	RangeS-S	(a0c936a3c965)
5	OBJECT	IS	

DESKTOP-QJLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) | DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... | SaleReceipt | 00:00:00 | 15 rows

- **Exclusive Lock**

Exclusive (X) locks prevent access to a resource by concurrent transactions. With an exclusive (X) lock, no other transactions can modify data; read operations can take place only with the use of the NOLOCK hint or read uncommitted isolation level.

```

begin tran
select * from Inventory with(XLOCK)
--SELECT resource_type, request_mode, resource_description
FROM sys.dm_tran_locks
WHERE resource_type <> 'DATABASE'
rollback

```

100 %

Results Messages

	ItemID	ItemDescription	Stock
1	1	Pencil	15
2	2	Pen	20
3	3	Eraser	15
4	4	Scale	14
5	5	File	10
6	6	Books	10

	resource_type	request_mode	resource_description
1	PAGE	IX	1:392
2	KEY	X	(98ec012aa510)
3	KEY	X	(a0c936a3c965)
4	OBJECT	IX	
5	KEY	X	(8194443284a0)

DESKTOP-QJLVPE3 (14.0 RTM) | DESKTOP-QJLVPE3\barad ... | SaleReceipt | 00:00:00 | 14 rows

- **DeadLock**

A deadlock occurs when 2 processes are competing for exclusive access to a resource but is unable to obtain exclusive access to it, because the other process is preventing it. This results in a standoff where neither process can proceed.



The image displays two side-by-side SQL Server Enterprise Manager query windows, each showing a different transaction and its execution results.

**Left Window (Transaction 1):**

```
-- Transaction 1
Begin Tran
Update Inventory set Stock = '1' where itemid = 1
-- From Transaction 2 window execute the first update statement
waitfor delay '00:00:15'
Update Inventory set Stock = '2' where itemid = 2
-- From Transaction 2 window execute the second update statement
Commit Transaction
```

**Messages (Left Window):**

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 1 ms.

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

(1 row affected)

SQL Server Execution Times:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

**Right Window (Transaction 2):**

```
-- Transaction 2
Begin Tran
Update Inventory set Stock = '1' where itemid = 2
waitfor delay '00:00:15'
-- From Transaction 1 window execute the second update statement
Update Inventory set Stock = '2' where itemid = 1
-- After a few seconds notice that one of the transactions complete
-- successfully while the other transaction is made the deadlock victim
Commit Transaction
```

**Messages (Right Window):**

CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 15002 ms.

SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

Msg 1205, Level 13, State 51, Line 104  
Transaction (Process ID 52) was deadlocked on lock resources with another process and  
SQL Server parse and compile time:  
CPU time = 0 ms, elapsed time = 0 ms.

Completion time: 2019-11-13T23:59:10.9234288-05:00

The status bar at the bottom of both windows shows the query file name as 'SaleReceipt' and the execution time as '00:00:16'.