

# Database Questions and Answers – Concurrency in Index Structures

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This set of Database Question Bank focuses on “Concurrency in Index Structures”.

1. The method of access that uses key transformation is called as

- a) Direct
- b) Hash
- c) Random
- d) Sequential

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Answer: b

Explanation: Hash technique uses particular hash key value.



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2. Why do we need concurrency control on B+ trees ?

- a) To remove the unwanted data
- b) To easily add the index elements
- c) To maintain accuracy of index
- d) All of the mentioned

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Answer: c

Explanation: Indices do not have to be treated like other database structures.

3. How many techniques are available to control concurrency on B+ trees?

- a) One
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) None of the mentioned

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Answer: d

Explanation: Two techniques are present.

4. In crabbing protocol locking

- a) Goes down the tree and back up
- b) Goes up the tree and back down
- c) Goes down the tree and releases
- d) Goes up the tree and releases

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Answer: a

Explanation: It moves in a crab like manner.

5. The deadlock can be handled by

- a) Removing the nodes that are deadlocked
- b) Restarting the search after releasing the lock
- c) Restarting the search without releasing the lock
- d) Resuming the search

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Answer: b

Explanation: Crabbing protocol moves in a crab like manner.

6. In crabbing protocol, the lock obtained on the root node is in \_\_\_\_\_ mode.

- a) Shared
- b) Exclusive
- c) Read only
- d) None of the mentioned

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Answer: a

Explanation: Crabbing protocol moves in a crab like manner down the index tree.

7. If needed to split a node or coalesce it with its siblings, or redistribute key values between siblings, the crabbing protocol locks the parent of the node in \_\_\_\_\_ mode. ^

- a) Shared
- b) Exclusive
- c) Read only

d) None of the mentioned

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Answer: b

Explanation: Crabbing protocol moves in a crab like manner down the index tree.

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8. In crabbing protocol to inset or delete a key value the leaf node has to be locked in \_\_\_\_\_ mode.

- a) Shared
- b) Exclusive
- c) Read only
- d) None of the mentioned

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Answer: b

Explanation: Crabbing protocol moves in a crab like manner down the index tree.

9. B-link tree requires a pointer to its \_\_\_\_\_ sibling.

- a) Upper
- b) Lower
- c) Right
- d) Left

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Answer: c

Explanation: This pointer is required because a lookup that occurs while a node is being split may have to search not only that node but also that node's right sibling.

10. Instead of locking index leaf nodes in a two-phase manner, some index concurrency-control schemes use \_\_\_\_\_ on individual key values, allowing other key values to be inserted or deleted from the same leaf.

- a) B+ tree locking
- b) Link level locking
- c) Key-value locking
- d) Next value locking

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Answer: c

Explanation: Key-value locking thus provides increased concurrency.

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