

Database Questions and Answers – Multiple Granularity

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This set of Database Multiple Choice Questions & Answers (MCQs) focuses on “Multiple Granularity”.

1. In a granularity hierarchy the highest level represents the

- a) Entire database
- b) Area
- c) File
- d) Record

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Answer: a

Explanation: This level is the root of the tree.



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2. In a database the file is contained in _____

- a) Entire database
- b) Two area
- c) One area
- d) more than one area

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Answer: c

Explanation: This level is below the root of the tree.

3. If a node is locked in an intention mode, explicit locking is done at a lower level of the tree. This is called

- a) Intention lock modes
- b) Explicit lock
- c) Implicit lock
- d) Exclusive lock

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Answer: a

Explanation: There is an intention mode associated with shared mode, and there is one with an exclusive mode.

4. If a node is locked in _____ explicit locking is being done at a lower level of the tree, but with only shared-mode locks.

- a) Intention lock modes
- b) Intention-shared-exclusive mode
- c) Intention-exclusive (IX) mode
- d) Intention-shared (IS) mode

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Answer: a

Explanation: There is an intention mode associated with shared mode, and there is one with an exclusive mode.

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5. If a node is locked in _____ then explicit locking is being done at a lower level, with exclusive-mode or shared-mode locks.

- a) Intention lock modes
- b) Intention-shared-exclusive mode
- c) Intention-exclusive (IX) mode
- d) Intention-shared (IS) mode

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Answer: c

Explanation: There is an intention mode associated with shared mode, and there is one with an exclusive mode.

6. If a node is locked in _____ the subtree rooted by that node is locked explicitly in shared mode, and that explicit locking is being done at a lower level with exclusive-mode locks.

- a) Intention lock modes
- b) shared and intention-exclusive (SIX) mode
- c) Intention-exclusive (IX) mode
- d) Intention-shared (IS) mode

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Answer: b

Explanation: There is an intention mode associated with shared mode, and there is one with an exclusive mode.

7. _____ denotes the largest timestamp of any transaction that executed write(Q) successfully.

- a) W-timestamp(Q)
- b) R-timestamp(Q)
- c) RW-timestamp(Q)
- d) WR-timestamp(Q)

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Answer: a

Explanation: The most common method for doing ordering transaction is to use a timestamp-ordering scheme.

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8. The _____ ensures that any conflicting read and write operations are executed in timestamp order.

- a) Timestamp-ordering protocol
- b) Timestamp protocol
- c) W-timestamp
- d) R-timestamp

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Answer: a

Explanation: The most common method for doing ordering transaction is to use a timestamp-

ordering scheme.

9. The _____ requires that each transaction T_i executes in two or three different phases in its lifetime, depending on whether it is a read-only or an update transaction.

- a) Validation protocol
- b) Validation-based protocol
- c) Timestamp protocol
- d) Timestamp-ordering protocol

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Answer: a

Explanation: A concurrency-control scheme imposes the overhead of code execution and possible delay of transactions. It may be better to use an alternative scheme that imposes less overhead.

10. This validation scheme is called the _____ scheme since transactions execute optimistically, assuming they will be able to finish execution and validate at the end.

- a) Validation protocol
- b) Validation-based protocol
- c) Timestamp protocol
- d) Optimistic concurrency-control

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Answer: a

Explanation: A concurrency-control scheme imposes the overhead of code execution and possible delay of transactions. It may be better to use an alternative scheme that imposes less overhead.

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