

Transaction :

- A collection of operations that form a single logical atomic unit.
- A transaction is a unit of program execution or an executing program that forms a logical unit of database processing i.e. accessing and updating data items.
- A transaction includes one or more database access operations., this includes insertion, deletion, updating or retrieval operations
- A transaction can be bounded by putting/ specifying the boundaries explicitly by BEGIN TRANSACTION and END TRANSACTION statements in an application program

Steps in Executing a Transaction

- For a transaction to get executed it must be scheduled and it is the job of the scheduler to schedule and regulate transaction.

Role of scheduler:

Transaction Manager

↓ Read/write requests

Scheduler

↓ Read and write

Buffer

→ As soon as a transaction starts to execute, the transaction manager takes the read/write requests and sends it to the scheduler.

→ The scheduler takes the read/write request from transaction manager and performs read operation from the buffer (or) writes the value of buffer

read(x) :

Steps when a read function is executed.

1, Finds the address of the disk block that contains ' x '.

2, Copies that block into a buffer in main memory.

3, Copies the item ' x ' from buffer to program variable named again ' x ' (read(x))

write(x) :

1, Finds the address of the disk block that contains x .

2, Copies that block into a buffer in main memory.

3, Copies item x from program variable named x or t into its correct location in buffer

4, Store the updated disk block from the buffer back to disk either immediately or at some later point of time

Transaction Example

→ Transaction to transfer ₹10000/- from A to B

Step No	Algorithm	Statements
1	Begin the Transaction	Begin Transaction
2	Read your balance i.e A	read(A)
3	Deduce the amount from A	$A := A - 10000$
4	Write/Update the remaining balance to A	write(A)
5	Read your friends balance i.e B	read(B)
6	Add the amount to B	$B := B + 10000$
7	Write/Update the remaining balance to B	write(B)
8	End the transaction	End Transaction

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→ Before transaction execution, the transaction must see a consistent database

→ During a transaction execution the database may become inconsistent. When transaction is committed the database must be consistent.

Issues that a transaction must deal with:

- 1, Failures of various kinds, such as hardware failures and system crashes
- 2, Concurrent execution of multiple transactions accessing same shared memory

Properties of Transaction

→ To deal with the issues that a transaction faces and to maintain the integrity of database during transaction processing we have some concepts / properties of Transactions namely ABCD properties.

A > Atomicity C > Consistency I > Isolation
D > Durability

Atomicity

- This property states that all of the instructions within a transaction must be executed or none.
- If atomicity is present, all actions of transaction are reflected in database or none is reflected.

Consistency:

- To maintain integrity, some constraints are maintained so that the database is consistent before & after the transaction.
- The execution of transaction will leave a database in either of its prior stable state (old stable db) or its updated new stable state.
- The consistency property of database states that every transaction sees a consistent database.
- Ensuring consistency for an individual transaction is responsibility of an Application programmer who write the code.

Isolation:

- It shows that the data which is used at the time of execution of one transaction cannot be used by second transaction until the first one is completed.
- An isolation if transaction T_k is being executed & using the data item X , then the data item cannot be used by any other transaction T_m until T_k ends.
- This property ensures that multiple transaction can occur concurrently without leading to inconsistency.
- Ensuring isolation is the responsibility of concurrency sub system.

A ↓

Before ₹ 100

Debit B 20

Available 80

Debit C 20

Available 60

↓ T_2

Before 70

Credit A 20

Available 90

value read

by B = 100

Before 50

Credit 20

Available 70

$T_1 \rightarrow$

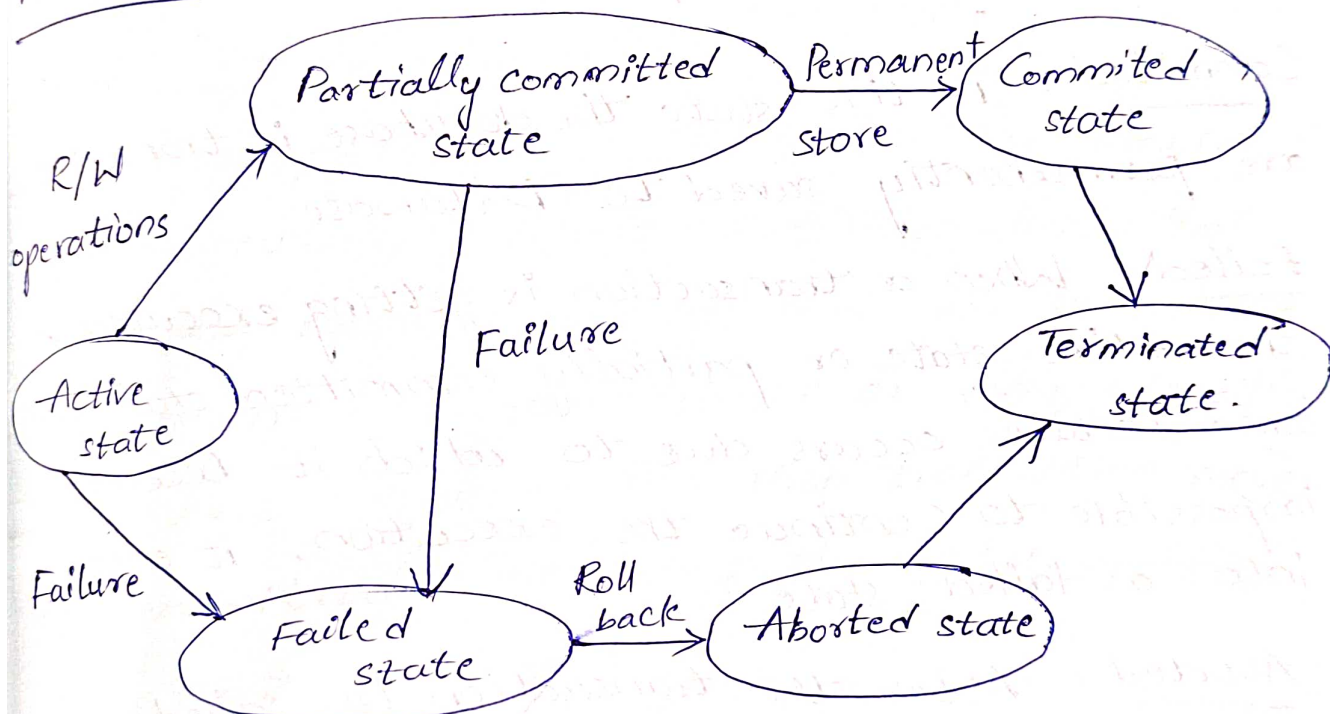
Durability (recovery manager)

- This property says that once after the transaction is completed the changes that has been made must be permanent and should be recoverable even after system crashes and power failure.

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<u>Acid properties:</u>	
Property	Responsibility for maintaining properties
Atomicity	Transaction Manager
Consistency	Application programmer
Isolation	Concurrency control Manager
Durability	Recovery Manager

Transaction States:



Active: (1st state of every transaction)

→ Transaction will ~~start~~ to begin the execution (ie start stage is being executed) and get executed till the last line of transaction

Partially committed: This is an execution state where the last step of transaction is executed.

Last line can have 2 statements: 1, commit
2, rollback

1, commit : This signals a successful end of transaction so that any changes made while executing a transaction are now updated permanently in database.

2, rollback : This signals an unsuccessful end of transaction so that any changes made while executing a transaction are now need get undone and have the prior stable state.

Committed : In this state the database is transactions are permanently saved to Database

Failed : When a transaction is getting executed in the active state or partially committed state and some failure occurs due to which it becomes impossible to continue the execution, it enters into a failed state.

Aborted : After the transaction has failed and entered into a failed state, all the changes made by it have to be undone.

→ To undo the changes made by the transaction, it becomes necessary to rollback the transaction.

→ After the transaction has rolled back completely it enters into an aborted state.

Terminated: This is the last state in the life cycle of a transaction. After entering the committed state or aborted state, the transaction finally ~~execut~~ enters into a terminated state where its life cycle finally comes to an end.

→ A transaction execution starts in active state.

→ When it comes near final statement it enters to a partially committed state where the last statement will be executed.

→ At this point, the transaction has completed its execution, but it is still possible that it may have to be aborted due to rollback statement or system failure or some exceptions.

→ If there are no crashes then transaction moves to committed state where the value updates are made permanent.