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Recovery System

Failure Classification

- Transaction failure :
 - Logical errors: transaction cannot complete due to some internal error condition
 - **System errors**: the database system must terminate an active transaction due to an error condition (e.g., deadlock)
- System crash: a power failure or other hardware or software failure causes the system to crash.
 - Fail-stop assumption: non-volatile storage contents are assumed to not be corrupted by system crash
 - Database systems have numerous integrity checks to prevent corruption of disk data
- Disk failure: a head crash or similar disk failure destroys all or part of disk storage
 - Destruction is assumed to be detectable: disk drives use checksums to detect failures

Storage Structure

Volatile storage:

- does not survive system crashes
- examples: main memory, cache memory

Nonvolatile storage:

- survives system crashes
- examples: disk, tape, flash memory, non-volatile (battery backed up) RAM
- but may still fail, losing data

Stable storage:

- a mythical form of storage that survives all failures
- approximated by maintaining multiple copies on distinct nonvolatile media (multiple disks locally and at remote site)

Data Access

- Physical blocks are those blocks residing on the disk.
- Buffer blocks are the blocks residing temporarily in main memory.
- Block movements between disk and main memory are initiated through the following two operations:
 - input(B) transfers the physical block B to main memory.
 - output(B) transfers the buffer block B to the disk, and replaces the appropriate physical block there.
- We assume, for simplicity, that each data item fits in, and is stored inside, a single block.

Recovery and Atomicity

- •To ensure atomicity despite failures, we first output information describing the modifications to stable storage without modifying the database itself.
- We study log-based recovery mechanisms
- Less used alternative: shadow-paging

Log-Based Recovery

- A log is kept on stable storage.
 - The log is a sequence of log records, and maintains a record of update activities on the database.
- When transaction T_i starts, it registers itself by writing a <T_i start>log record
- Before T_i executes write(X), a log record
 <T_i, X, V₁, V₂>
 is written, where V₁ is the value of X before the write (the old value), and V₂ is the value to be written to X (the new value).
- When T_i finishes it last statement, the log record $< T_i$ commit> is written.
- Two approaches using logs
 - Deferred database modification
 - Immediate database modification

Immediate Database Modification

- The immediate-modification scheme allows updates of an uncommitted transaction to be made to the buffer, or the disk itself, before the transaction commits
- Update log record must be written before database item is written
 - We assume that the log record is output directly to stable storage
- Output of updated blocks to stable storage can take place at any time before or after transaction commit
- Order in which blocks are output can be different from the order in which they are written.
- The deferred-modification scheme performs updates to buffer/disk only at the time of transaction commit
 - Simplifies some aspects of recovery
 - But has overhead of storing local copy

Transaction Commit

- A transaction is said to have committed when its commit log record is output to stable storage
 - all previous log records of the transaction must have been output already
- Writes performed by a transaction may still be in the buffer when the transaction commits, and may be output later
 - Why allow outputs (writes to disk) to be postoned?
 - □ Reduces number of disk writes required to commit a transaction □ faster commit, earlier release of locks
 - Frequently updated pages will be written out to disk less often overall (multiple updates written out together).

Immediate Database Modification Example

Log	Write	Output
<t<sub>0 start></t<sub>		
< <i>T</i> ₀ , A, 1000, 950> < <i>T</i> ₀ , B, 2000, 2050>		
v	A = 950 B = 2050	
<t<sub>0 commit></t<sub>		
< <i>T</i> ₁ start > < <i>T</i> ₁ , C, 700, 600>	0 - 000	B _C output before T ₁
	C = 600	B_B , B_C commits
<t<sub>1 commit></t<sub>		\mathcal{L}_{B} , \mathcal{L}_{C}
·		B_A
 Note: B_X denotes block containing X. 		B _A output after T ₀ commits

Concurrency Control and Recovery

- With concurrent transactions, all transactions share a single disk buffer and a single log
 - A buffer block can have data items updated by one or more transactions
- We assume that if a transaction T_i has modified an item, no other transaction can modify the same item until T_i has committed or aborted
 - i.e. the updates of uncommitted transactions should not be visible to other transactions
 - Otherwise how to perform undo if T1 updates A, then T2 updates A and commits, and finally T1 has to abort?
 - Can be ensured by obtaining exclusive locks on updated items and holding the locks till end of transaction (strict two-phase locking)
- Log records of different transactions may be kept in the log.

Undo and Redo Operations

- Undo of a log record $\langle T_i, X, V_1, V_2 \rangle$ writes the old value V_1 to X
- Redo of a log record $< T_i, X, V_1, V_2 >$ writes the **new** value V_2 to X
- Undo and Redo of Transactions
 - undo(T_i) restores the value of all data items updated by T_i to their old values, going backwards from the last log record for T_i
 - □ each time a data item X is restored to its old value V a special log record $\langle T_i, X, V \rangle$ is written out
 - when undo of a transaction is complete, a log record <T_i abort> is written out.
 - $redo(T_i)$ sets the value of all data items updated by T_i to the new values, going forward from the first log record for T_i
 - No logging is done in this case

Undo and Redo on Recovering from Failure

- When recovering after failure:
 - Transaction T_i needs to be undone if the log
 - \Box contains the record $< T_i$ start>,
 - □ but does not contain either a $< T_i$ commit> or a $< T_i$ abort>.record
 - Transaction T_i needs to be redone if the log
 - \Box contains the records $< T_i$ start>
 - □ and contains the record $< T_i$ commit> or $< T_i$ abort>
- Note that If transaction T_i was undone earlier and the $< T_i$ abort > record written to the log, and then a failure occurs, on recovery from failure T_i is redone
 - such a redo redoes all the original actions including the steps that restored old values
 - Known as repeating history

Immediate DB Modification Recovery Example

Below we show the log as it appears at three instances of time.

Recovery actions in each case above are:

- (a) undo (T_0) : B is restored to 2000 and A to 1000, and log records $< T_0$, B, 2000>, $< T_0$, A, 1000>, $< T_0$, **abort**> are written out
- (b) redo (T_0) and undo (T_1): A and B are set to 950 and 2050 and C is restored to 700. Log records T_1 , C, 700>, T_1 , abort> are written out.
- (c) redo (T_0) and redo (T_1): A and B are set to 950 and 2050 respectively. Then C is set to 600

Checkpoints

- Redoing/undoing all transactions recorded in the log can be very slow
 - processing the entire log is time-consuming if the system has run for a long time
 - 2. we might unnecessarily redo transactions which have already output their updates to the database.
- Streamline recovery procedure by periodically performing checkpointing
 - recovery only needs to look at parts of the log after the checkpoint
 - plus just a little bit before the checkpoint corresponding to transactions that were active at the time of checkpoint.

Checkpoints

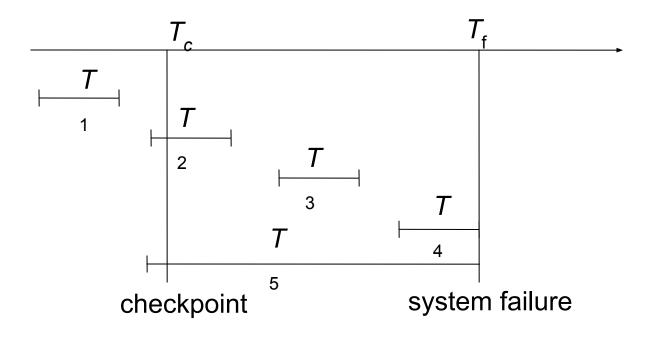
Checkpointing

- 1. Output all log records currently residing in main memory onto stable storage.
- Output all modified buffer blocks to the disk.
- Write a log record < checkpoint L> onto stable storage where L is a list of all transactions active at the time of checkpoint.
- All updates are stopped while doing checkpointing
- (A less intrusive version of checkpointing is described in book)

Checkpoints (Cont.)

- During recovery we need to consider only the most recent transaction T_i that started before the checkpoint, and transactions that started after T_i.
 - Scan backwards from end of log to find the most recent
 checkpoint L> record
 - Only transactions that are in L or started after the checkpoint need to be redone or undone
 - Transactions that committed or aborted before the checkpoint already have all their updates output to stable storage.
- Some earlier part of the log may be needed for undo operations
 - 1. Continue scanning backwards till a record $\langle T_i$ start \rangle is found for every transaction T_i in L.
 - Parts of log prior to earliest $< T_j$ start> record above are not needed for recovery, and can be erased whenever desired.

Example of Checkpoints



- T_1 can be ignored (updates already output to disk due to checkpoint)
- T_2 (steps after checkpoint only) and T_3 redone.
- T_4 , T_5 undone

Recovery Algorithm

- Logging (during normal operation):
 - <T_i start> at transaction start
 - $<T_{i'}X_{i'}V_1, V_2>$ for each update, and
 - <T_i commit> at transaction end
- Transaction rollback (during normal operation)
 - Let T_i be the transaction to be rolled back
 - Scan log backwards from the end, and for each log record of T_i of the form $< T_i, X_i, V_1, V_2 >$
 - \Box perform the undo by writing V_1 to $X_{i'}$
 - □ write a log record $\langle T_i, X_i, V_1 \rangle$
 - such log records are called compensation log records
 - Once the record <T_i start> is found stop the scan and write the log record <T_i abort>

Recovery Algorithm (Cont.)

- Recovery from failure: Two phases
 - Redo phase: replay updates of all transactions, whether they committed, aborted, or are incomplete
 - Undo phase: undo all incomplete transactions

Redo phase:

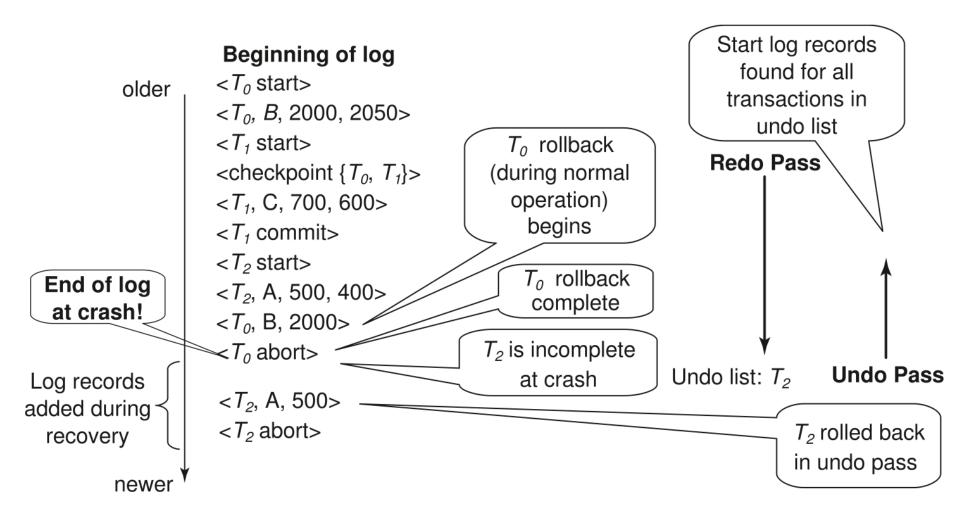
- 1. Find last <checkpoint L> record, and set undo-list to L.
- Scan forward from above <checkpoint L> record
 - 1. Whenever a record $\langle T_i, X_j, V_1, V_2 \rangle$ is found, redo it by writing V_2 to X_i
 - 2. Whenever a log record $< T_i$ start> is found, add T_i to undo-list
 - 3. Whenever a log record $< T_i$ **commit**> $or < T_i$ **abort**> is found, remove T_i from undo-list

Recovery Algorithm (Cont.)

• Undo phase:

- Scan log backwards from end
 - 1. Whenever a log record $\langle T_i, X_j, V_1, V_2 \rangle$ is found where T_i is in undo-list perform same actions as for transaction rollback:
 - 1. perform undo by writing V_1 to X_i .
 - 2. write a log record $\langle T_i, X_j, V_1 \rangle$
 - 2. Whenever a log record $< T_i$ start> is found where T_i is in undo-list,
 - 1. Write a log record $\langle T_i \text{ abort} \rangle$
 - 2. Remove T_i from undo-list
 - Stop when undo-list is empty
 - i.e. <T_i start> has been found for every transaction in undo-list
- After undo phase completes, normal transaction processing can commence

Example of Recovery



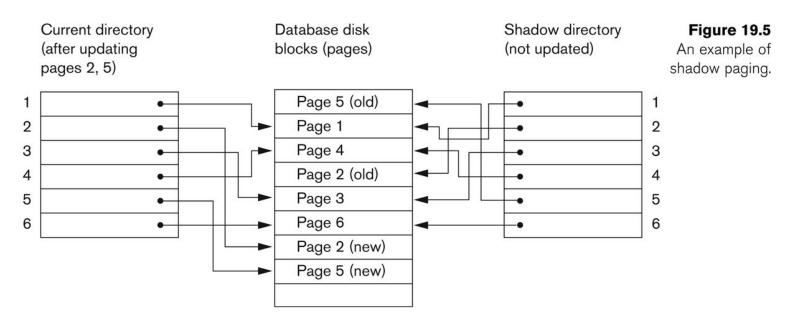
Shadow Paging

- Shadow paging is an alternative to log-based recovery; this scheme is useful if transactions execute serially
- Idea: maintain two page tables during the lifetime of a transaction
 –the current page table, and the shadow page table
- Store the shadow page table in nonvolatile storage, such that state of the database prior to transaction execution may be recovered.
 - Shadow page table is never modified during execution
- To start with, both the page tables are identical. Only current page table is used for data item accesses during execution of the transaction.
- Whenever any page is about to be written for the first time
 - A copy of this page is made onto an unused page.
 - The current page table is then made to point to the copy
 - The update is performed on the copy

Shadow Paging (Cont.)

Shadow Paging

- To manage access of data items by concurrent transactions two directories (current and shadow) are used.
 - The directory arrangement is illustrated below. Here a page is a data item.



Shadow Paging (Cont.)

- To commit a transaction :
 - 1. Flush all modified pages in main memory to disk
 - 2. Output current page table to disk
 - 3. Make the current page table the new shadow page table, as follows:
 - keep a pointer to the shadow page table at a fixed (known) location on disk.
 - to make the current page table the new shadow page table, simply update the pointer to point to current page table on disk
- Once pointer to shadow page table has been written, transaction is committed.
- No recovery is needed after a crash new transactions can start right away, using the shadow page table.
- Pages not pointed to from current/shadow page table should be freed (garbage collected).

Shadow Paging

- Advantages of shadow-paging over log-based schemes
 - no overhead of writing log records
 - recovery is trivial
- Disadvantages :
 - Copying the entire page table is very expensive
 - Can be reduced by using a page table structured like a B⁺-tree
 - No need to copy entire tree, only need to copy paths in the tree that lead to updated leaf nodes
 - Commit overhead is high even with above extension
 - Need to flush every updated page, and page table
 - Data gets fragmented (related pages get separated on disk)
 - After every transaction completion, the database pages containing old versions of modified data need to be garbage collected
 - Hard to extend algorithm to allow transactions to run concurrently
 - Easier to extend log based schemes