CSE462/562: Database Systems (Spring 24) Lecture 14: Pessimistic Concurrency Control & Crash Recovery 5/6/2024



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 - Open-book, paper materials only, no electronics except a calculator
 - Covers Lectures 7 14 / HW 4 6
 - Relational Model, Relational Algebra & SQL
 - Query Processing
 - Query Optimization
 - Transaction, Concurrency Control & Crash Recovery

Recap on Transactions & Concurrency

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 - Needs *concurrency control* & crash recovery

How to enforce conflict serializability?

- Two operations of two different transactions <u>conflict</u> if
 - Performed on the same object
 - At least one of them is a write

			₁ Conflicts:
T1:	R ₁ (A), W ₁ (A),	<i>R</i> ₁ (B), <i>W</i> ₁ (B)	$R_1(A), W_2(A)$
T2:	R ₂ (A), I	W ₂ (A)	$\begin{bmatrix} W_1(A), R_2(A) \\ W_1(A), W_2(A) \end{bmatrix}$

• We can swap two adjacent nonconflicting operations without changing the final state

T1:	R_1 (A), W_1 (A), R_1 (B), W_1 (B)
T2:	$R_2(A), W_2(A)$

- Two schedules are <u>conflict equivalent</u> if one can be transformed into the other through swaps
 - Involve the same actions of the same transactions in the same order
 - Every pair of conflicting operations are ordered the same way
- Schedule S is said to be <u>conflict serializable</u> if it is *conflict equivalent* to some *serial* schedule S'

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Pessimistic Concurrency Control

• <u>Strict Two-phase Locking (Strict 2PL) Protocol</u>:

- Each Xact must obtain a S (*shared*) lock on object before reading, and an X (*exclusive*) lock on object before writing.
- All locks held by a transaction are released when the transaction completes
 - (Non-strict) 2PL Variant: Release locks anytime, but cannot acquire locks after releasing any lock.
- If an Xact holds an X lock on an object, no other Xact can get a lock (S or X) on that object.
- Strict 2PL allows only conflict serializable schedules.
 - Additionally, it simplifies transaction aborts
 - (Non-strict) 2PL also allows only serializable schedules, but involves more complex abort processing

Lock Compatibility Matrix



Example: strict 2-PL



Example: non-strict 2-PL



Example: non-strict 2-PL

Α	T1	T2
D	Х(В)	
D	R(A)	
	W(A)	
		request S(A) blocked
T1: A = A + 100. B = B - 100	Release A	
T2: $A = A - 100, B = B + 100$		S(A)
,		R(A)
		X(A)
susceptible to cascading aborts!		W(A)
Usually avoided in DBMS to avoid wasted work.	R(B) W(B) Release B abort	
		abort

Strict 2-PL vs non-strict 2-PL



Deadlocks

Α	T1	T2
B T1: A = A + 100, B = B - 100	S(A) R(A) X(A) W(A)	
 T2: B = B + 100, A = A - 100 Create a waits-for graph: Nodes are transactions There is an edge from Ti to Tj if Ti is waiting for Tj to release a lock 	S(B) blocked	S(B) R(B) X(B) W(B)
 Deadline ⇔ cycle in the wait-for graph Two ways to handle deadlocks Deadlock prevention Deadlock detection 	D	S(A) blocked

Deadlock prevention

- Idea: make sure wait-for graph is acyclic
 - Intuition: only allow edges to form in one of the following two directions:
 - either from older transactions to younger transactions (wait-die)
 - or only from younger to older <u>(wound-wait)</u>
 - Aborting a transaction prevents forming wait-for edges
- Assign priorities based on start timestamps.
 Assume Ti wants a lock that Tj holds. Two policies are possible:
 - *Wait-Die:* If Ti has lower timestamp (i.e., older) than Tj, Ti waits; otherwise Ti aborts
 - No preemption
 - <u>Wound-Wait</u>: If Ti has lower timestamp (i.e., older), Tj aborts (preempted); otherwise Ti waits
 - Preemptive scheduling
- If a transaction re-starts, make sure it gets its original timestamp
 - Why? (to avoid starvation)

Deadlock prevention: Wait-Die

Α	T1, ts = 1 S(A)	T2, ts = 2
	R(A)	
В	X(A)	
	W(A)	
T1: $A = A + 100, B = B - 100$ T2: $B = B + 100, A = A - 100$		S(B)
12. D = D + 100, A = A = 100		R(B)
<u>valt-Die:</u> If II has lower timestamp (i.e., older) than 1J, 11		X(B)
		W(B)
Scenario 1: T1 requests $S(B)$ before T2 requests $S(A)$	S(B) blocked	
		S(A) abort
	S(B) granted	
	R(B)	
	X(B)	
	W(B)	
(T1) (T2)	Commit	(rotry with to - 2)
		(retry with $ts = 2$)

Deadlock prevention: Wait-Die

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	W(A)	
11: $A = A + 100, B = B - 100$ T2: $B = B + 100, A = A - 100$		S(B)
12. D = D + 100, A = A - 100		R(B)
<u>Walt-Die:</u> If II has lower timestamp (I.e., older) than IJ, II		X(B)
		W(B)
Scenario 2: T1 requests $S(B)$ after T2 requests $S(A)$		S(A) abort
	S(B) granted R(B) X(B)	
T1 T2	W(B) commit	(retry with ts = 2)

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T1 T2	commit	(retry with ts = 2)

Deadlock prevention: Wound-Wait

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	W(A)	
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borts (preempted); otherwise Ti waits		X(B)
Scenario 2: T1 requests $S(B)$ after T2 requests $S(A)$		W(B)
		S(A) blocked
	S(B)	abort (preempted)
	R(B)	
\frown	W(B)	
(T1) $(T2)$	commit	(retry with ts = 2)
wait-for edge from T2 to T1 disappears after T2 is preempted	2024): Lesture 14	

Deadlock detection

- Explicitly create a waits-for graph:
 - Nodes are transactions
 - There is an edge from Ti to Tj if Ti is waiting for Tj to release a lock
- Periodically check for cycles in the waits-for graph
 - If there's a cycle, abort at least one transaction in the cycle



Deadlock detection (cont'd)

- In practice, most systems do detection
 - Experiments show that most waits-for cycles are length 2 or 3
 - Hence, only a few transactions actually need to be aborted
 - Implementations can vary
 - Can construct the graph and periodically look for cycles
 - When is the graph created ?
 - Which process checks for cycles ?
 - Can also use a "time-out" scheme
 - if T has been waiting on a lock for a long time, assume it's in a deadlock and abort

What we have glossed over

- What should we lock?
 - We assume tuples here, but that can be expensive!
 - If we do table locks, that's too conservative
 - *Multi-granularity* locking
- How to deal with phantoms?
- Locking in indexes
 - don't want to lock a B-tree root for a whole transaction!
 - more fine-grained concurrency control in indexes
- CC w/out locking (we'll omit it in this course)
 - "optimistic" concurrency control
 - "timestamp" and multi-version concurrency control
 - locking usually better, though

Multi-granularity locks

- Hard to decide what granularity to lock (tuples vs. pages vs. tables).
- Shouldn't have to make same decision for all transactions!
- Data "containers" are nested:



Solution: new lock modes and protocols

- Allow Xacts to lock at each level, but with a special protocol using new "intention" locks:
- Still need S and X locks, but before locking an item, Xact must have proper intension locks on all its ancestors in the granularity hierarchy.

- □ IS Intent to get S lock(s) at finer granularity.
- □ IX Intent to get X lock(s) at finer granularity.
- SIX mode: Like S & IX at the same time. Why useful?



Example: 2-level hierarchy

- T1 scans R, and updates a few tuples:
 - T1 gets an SIX lock on R, then get X lock on tuples that are updated.
- T2 uses an index to read only part of R:
 - T2 gets an IS lock on R, and repeatedly gets an S lock on tuples of R.
- T3 reads all of R:
 - T3 gets an S lock on R.
 - OR, T3 could behave like T2; can use lock escalation to decide which.
- Lock escalation
 - Dynamically asks for coarser-grained locks when too many low level locks acquired





Dynamic Databases – The "Phantom" Problem

- If the DB is not a fixed collection of objects, even Strict 2PL (on individual items) will not assure serializability:
- Consider T1 "Find the highest GPA among students of each age"
 - T1 locks all pages containing sailor records with *age* = 20
 - and finds the <u>highest GPA</u> (say, GPA = 3.7).
 - Next, T2 inserts a new student; *GPA* = 4.0, *age* = 20.
 - T2 also deletes student with the highest GPA (say 3.8) among those of age = 21, and commits.
 - T1 now locks all pages containing student records with age = 21, and finds highest GPA (say, GPA = 3.6).
- No serial execution could lead to T1's result!

The problem

- T1 implicitly assumes that it has locked the set of all student records with *age* = 20.
 - Assumption only holds if no student records are added while T1 is executing!
 - Need some mechanism to enforce this assumption. (Index locking and predicate locking.)
- Example shows that conflict serializability guarantees serializability only if the set of objects is fixed!
 - e.g. table locks

• Solution: predicate locking

Predicate locking

- Grant lock on all records that satisfy some logical predicate, e.g. *age > 2*salary*.
- Index locking is a special case of predicate locking for which an index supports efficient implementation of the predicate lock.
 - What is the predicate in the sailor example?
- General predicate locking has a lot of locking overhead.
 - too expensive!

Instead of predicate locking

- Full table scans lock entire tables
- Range lookups do "next-key" & gap locking
 - physical stand-in for a logical range!



Lock management

- Lock and unlock requests are handled by the lock manager
- Lock table: a hash table over lock table entries
 - for various resources, e.g., records, gaps, pages, tables, ...
- Lock table entry:
 - Number of transactions currently holding a lock
 - Type of lock held (S, X, IS, IX, SIX)
 - Pointer to queue of lock requests
- Locking and unlocking have to be atomic operations
 - requires <u>latches</u> (e.g. reader-writer locks/semaphores), which ensure that the process is not interrupted while managing lock table entries
- Lock upgrade: transaction that holds a shared lock can be upgraded to hold an exclusive lock
 - Can cause deadlock problems
- Deadlock prevention/detection

Locks vs Latches

- What's common ?
 - Both used to synchronize concurrent tasks
- What's different ?
 - Locks are used for *logical consistency*
 - Latches are used for *physical consistency*
- Why treat 'em differently ?
 - Latches are short-duration lower-level locks that protects critical sections in the code
 - depends on DBMS developer to prevent deadlocks
 - Locks protects data/resources, much longer duration
 - need deadlock prevention/detection, aborting transactions using priorities
 - more lock modes, hierarchical
- Where are latches used ?
 - In a lock manager !
 - In a shared memory buffer manager
 - In a B+ Tree index
 - In a log/transaction/recovery manager

	Latches	Locks
Ownership	Processes	Transactions
Duration	Very short	Long (Xact duration)
Deadlocks	No detection - code carefully !	Checked for deadlocks
Overhead	Cheap - 10s of instructions (latch is directly addressable)	Costly - 100s of instructions (have to search for lock)
Modes	S, X	S, X, IS, IX, SIX
Granularity	Flat - no hierarchy	Hierarchical

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Motivation for crash recovery

- Atomicity:
 - Transactions may abort ("Rollback").
- Durability:
 - What if DBMS stops running? (Causes?)
- Desired state after system restarts:
 - T1 & T3 should be durable.
 - T2, T4 & T5 should be aborted (effects not seen).



Assumptions

- Concurrency control is in effect.
 - Strict 2-PL, in particular.
- Updates are happening "in place".
 - i.e. data are overwritten on (or deleted from) the actual pages.
- Can you think of a <u>simple</u> scheme (requiring no logging) to guarantee Atomicity & Durability?
 - What happens during normal execution (what is the minimum lock granularity)?
 - What happens when a transaction commits?
 - What happens when a transaction aborts?

Buffer manager plays a key role

- Force policy make sure that every update is on disk before commit.
 - Provides durability without REDO logging.
 - But, can cause poor performance.
- No Steal policy don't allow buffer-pool frames with <u>uncommited</u> updates to overwrite <u>committed</u> data on disk.
 - Useful for ensuring atomicity without UNDO logging.
 - But can cause poor performance.

Preferred buffer management policy: steal/no-force

- This combination is most complicated but allows for highest performance.
- <u>NO FORCE</u>: do not have to flush all dirty pages of a transaction to disk before it commits
 - complicates Durability
 - What if system crashes before a modified page written by a committed transaction makes it to disk?
 - Write as little as possible, in a convenient place, at commit time, to support REDOing modifications.
- <u>STEAL</u>: allows buffer pool with uncommitted updates to overwrite committed data on disk
 - complicates Atomicity
 - What if the Xact that performed updates aborts?
 - What if system crashes before Xact is finished?
 - Must remember the old value of P (to support UNDOing the write to page P).

Buffer management policies



Performance Implications Logging/Recovery Implications

Basic Idea: Logging

- Record REDO and UNDO information, for every update, in a *log*.
 - Sequential writes to log (put it on a separate disk).
 - Minimal info (diff) written to log, so multiple updates fit in a single log page.
- Log: An ordered list of REDO/UNDO actions
 - Log record contains:

<XID, pageID, offset, length, old data, new data>

• and additional control info (which we'll see soon).



Write-Ahead Logging (WAL)

- The Write-Ahead Logging Protocol:
 - ① Must flush the log record for an update <u>before</u> the corresponding data page gets to disk.
 - ② Must flush all log records for a Xact <u>before commit</u>
 - alternatively, transaction is not considered as committed until all of its log records including its "commit" record are on the stable log.
- #1 (with UNDO info) helps provide Atomicity.
- #2 (with REDO info) helps provide Durability.
- This allows us to employ Steal/No-Force policy
- Exactly how is logging (and recovery) done?
 - We'll look at the ARIES algorithms.
 - <u>A</u>lgorithms for <u>R</u>ecovery and <u>I</u>solation <u>Exploiting Semantics</u>



Log Records

only

LogRecord fields:

LSN prevLSN XID type pageID length update offset records before-image after-image

prevLSN is the LSN of the previous log record written by this Xact (so records of an Xact form a linked list backwards in time)

Possible log record types:

- Update
- Checkpoint (for log maintenance)
- Compensation Log Records (CLRs)
 - for UNDO actions
- Commit/Abort
- End (indicates end of commit/abort)

Other logging-related state

- Two -in-memory tables
- Transaction Table
 - One entry per <u>currently active Xact</u>.
 - entry removed when Xact commits or aborts
 - Contains XID, status (running/committing/aborting), and lastLSN (most recent LSN written by Xact).
- Dirty Page Table:
 - One entry per <u>dirty page currently in buffer pool</u>.
 - Contains recLSN -- the LSN of the log record which <u>first</u> caused the page to be dirty.
 - If a dirty page is flushed to disk, it is removed from dirty page table

The big picture: what's stored and where



LogRecords LSN prevLSN XID type pageID length offset before-image after-image





each with a pageLSN

Master record



Xact Table lastLSN status

Dirty Page Table recLSN

flushedLSN

Normal execution of an Xact

- Series of reads & writes, followed by commit or abort.
 - We will assume that disk write is atomic.
 - In practice, additional details to deal with non-atomic writes.
- Strict 2-PL.
- STEAL, NO-FORCE buffer management, with Write-Ahead Logging.

Transaction Commit

- Write commit record to log.
- All log records up to Xact's commit record are flushed to disk.
 - Guarantees that flushedLSN \geq lastLSN.
 - Note that log flushes are sequential, synchronous writes to disk.
 - Many log records per log page.
- Write an end record to log (no need to flush immediately)
- Commit() returns.

- When does a transaction becomes durable in the database?
 - When its commit log record is flushed to disk, even if there are still dirty pages in bufmgr.

Simple transaction abort

- For now, consider an explicit abort of a Xact.
 - No crash involved.
- First, set the transaction state in the transaction table to aborting.
 - Write an *Abort* log record before starting to rollback operations
- We want to "play back" the log in reverse order, UNDOing updates.
 - Get lastLSN of Xact from Xact table.
 - Can follow chain of log records backward via the prevLSN field.
 - Write a "CLR" (compensation log record) for each undone operation.
 - more details on next slide
 - Once its finished, write a transaction end log record in the disk
- Q: do we need to wait for abort, CLRs and end record to be flushed?

Simple transaction abort (cont'd)

- To perform UNDO, must have a lock on data!
 - We still have the lock because of strict 2-PL.
- Before restoring old value of a page, write a CLR:
 - Must continue logging during undo in case of crash
 - CLR has one extra field: undonextLSN
 - Points to the next LSN to undo (i.e. the prevLSN of the record we're currently undoing).
 - CLR contains REDO info
 - CLRs is *never* undone
 - Undo needn't be idempotent (>1 UNDO won't happen)
 - But they might be Redone when repeating history (=1 UNDO guaranteed)
- At end of all UNDOs, write an "end" log record.

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Checkpointing

- Conceptually, we keep log around for all time. Obviously this has performance issues...
- Periodically, the DBMS creates a <u>checkpoint</u>, in order to minimize the time taken to recover in the event of a system crash. Write to log:
 - begin_checkpoint record: Indicates when chkpt began.
 - end_checkpoint record: Contains current *Xact table* and *dirty page table*. This is a `fuzzy checkpoint':
 - Other Xacts continue to run; so these tables accurate only as of the time of the begin_checkpoint record.
 - No attempt to force all dirty pages to disk; effectiveness of checkpoint limited by oldest unwritten change to a dirty page.
 - However, the more dirty page gets flushed, the shorter time will be needed in crash recovery
 - Store LSN of most recent chkpt record in a safe place (*master* record).

Crash Recovery: Big Picture



- □ Start from a checkpoint (found via master record).
- □ Three phases. Need to do:
 - Analysis Figure out which Xacts committed since checkpoint, which failed.
 - REDO all actions.

(repeat history)

UNDO effects of failed Xacts.

Phase 1: the analysis phase

- Re-establish knowledge of state at checkpoint.
 - via transaction table and dirty page table stored in the checkpoint
- Scan log forward from checkpoint.
 - End record: Remove Xact from Xact table.
 - All Other records: Add Xact to Xact table, set lastLSN=LSN, change Xact status on commit.
 - also, for Update records: If page P not in Dirty Page Table, Add P to DPT, set its recLSN=LSN.
- At end of Analysis...
 - transaction table says which xacts were active at time of crash.
 - DPT says which dirty pages <u>might not</u> have made it to disk

Phase 2: the redo phase

- We *Repeat History* to reconstruct state at crash:
 - Reapply *all* updates (including those of aborted Xacts), redo CLRs.
- Scan forward from log rec containing smallest recLSN in DPT. Q: why start here?
- For each update log record or CLR with a given LSN, REDO the action <u>unless</u>:
 - Affected page is not in the Dirty Page Table, or
 - Affected page is in D.P.T., but has recLSN > LSN, or
 - pageLSN (in DB) \geq LSN. (this last case requires I/O)
- To REDO an action:
 - Reapply logged action.
 - Set pageLSN to LSN. No additional logging, no forcing!

Phase 3: the undo phase

ToUndo={lastLSNs of all Xacts in the Trans Table}

i.e., last log entry of the aborted transactions

Repeat:

- Choose (and remove) largest LSN among ToUndo.
- If this LSN is a CLR and undonextLSN==NULL
 - Write an End record for this Xact.
- If this LSN is a CLR, and undonextLSN != NULL
 - Add undonextLSN to ToUndo
- Else this LSN is an update. Undo the update, write a CLR, add prevLSN to ToUndo.

Until ToUndo is empty.

Example of recovery



ToUndo



Example: crash during recovery



Additional crash issues

- What happens if system crashes during Analysis? During REDO?
- How do you limit the amount of work in REDO?
 - Flush asynchronously in the background.
 - Watch "hot spots"!
- How do you limit the amount of work in UNDO?
 - Avoid long-running Xacts.
- What about schema changes/disk space management?

Summary of logging/recovery

- Recovery Manager guarantees Atomicity & Durability.
- Use WAL to allow STEAL/NO-FORCE w/o sacrificing correctness.
- LSNs identify log records; linked into backwards chains per transaction (via prevLSN).
- pageLSN allows comparison of data page and log records.
- Checkpointing: A quick way to limit the amount of log to scan on recovery.
- Recovery works in 3 phases:
 - Analysis: Forward from checkpoint.
 - Redo: Forward from oldest recLSN.
 - Undo: Backward from end to first LSN of oldest Xact alive at crash.
- Upon Undo, write CLRs.
- Redo "repeats history": Simplifies the logic!

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