

Architecture of DB Systems

11 Modern Concurrency Control

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Announcements/Org

■ #1 Video Recording

- Link in **TUbe** & **TeachCenter** (lectures will be public)
- Optional attendance (independent of COVID)
- **Virtual lectures** (recorded) until end of the year
<https://tugraz.webex.com/meet/m.boehm>



■ #2 Programming Projects

- Deadline Reminder: **Jan 21, 11.59pm**, submission in TeachCenter
- Preliminary Perf Target: **#pcores/2** (see **03 Data Layouts and Bufferpools**)
- Team size has impact on quality/effort threshold but not on score
- https://mboehm7.github.io/teaching/ws2122_adbs/Project_Setup_v4.zip

■ #3 Oral Exams

- **Oral exams, 45min** each, via
<https://tugraz.webex.com/meet/m.boehm>
- Exam Slots: Feb 7/8, Feb 24/25
<https://doodle.com/poll/zqiat5svr4xng7g4>

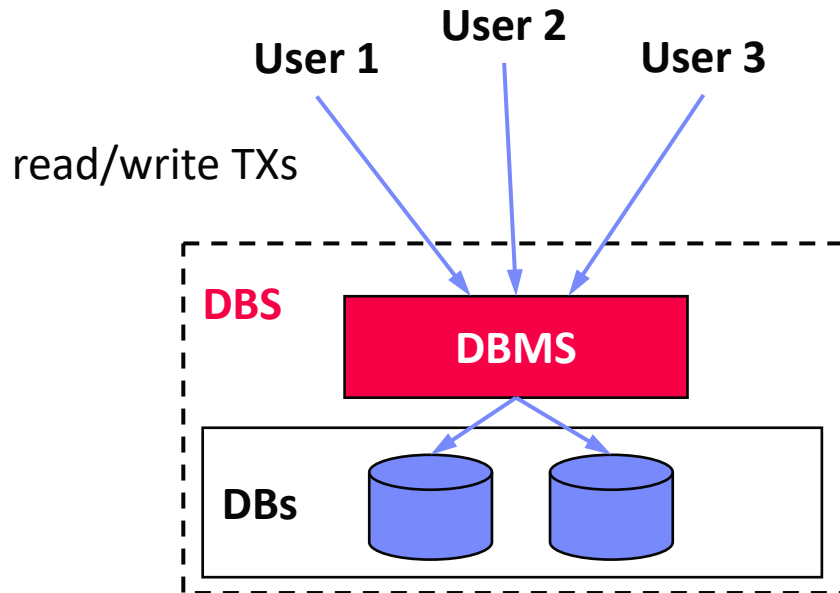


Agenda

- **TX Processing Background**
- **Pessimistic and Optimistic Concurrency Control**
- **Multi-Version Concurrency Control**
- **Excursus: Coordination Avoidance**

TX Processing Background

Transaction (TX) Processing



#1 Multiple users
→ Correctness?

#2 Various failures
 (TX, system, media)
→ Reliability?

Deadlocks
 Constraint violations
 Network failure
 Crash/power failure
 Disk failure

■ Goal: Transaction Processing

- **#1** Locking and concurrency control to ensure **#1 correctness**
- **#2** Logging and recovery to ensure **#2 reliability**

Terminology of Transactions

Database Transaction

- A transaction (TX) is a **series of steps** that brings a database from a **consistent state** into another (not necessarily different) **consistent state**
- ACID properties** (atomicity, consistency, isolation, durability)

Terminology by Example

#1 Isolation level (defined by addressed anomalies)

#2 Start/begin of TX (BOT/BT)

START TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;

**UPDATE Account SET Balance=Balance-100
WHERE AID = 107;**

**UPDATE Account SET Balance=Balance+100
WHERE AID = 999;**

**SELECT Balance INTO lbalance
FROM Account WHERE AID=107;**

IF lbalance < 0 THEN

ROLLBACK TRANSACTION;

END IF

COMMIT TRANSACTION;

#6 Savepoints
(checkpoint for partial rollback)

#3 Reads and writes of data objects

#4 Abort/rollback TX
(unsuccessful end of transaction, EOT/ET)

#5 Commit TX
(successful end of transaction, EOT/ET)

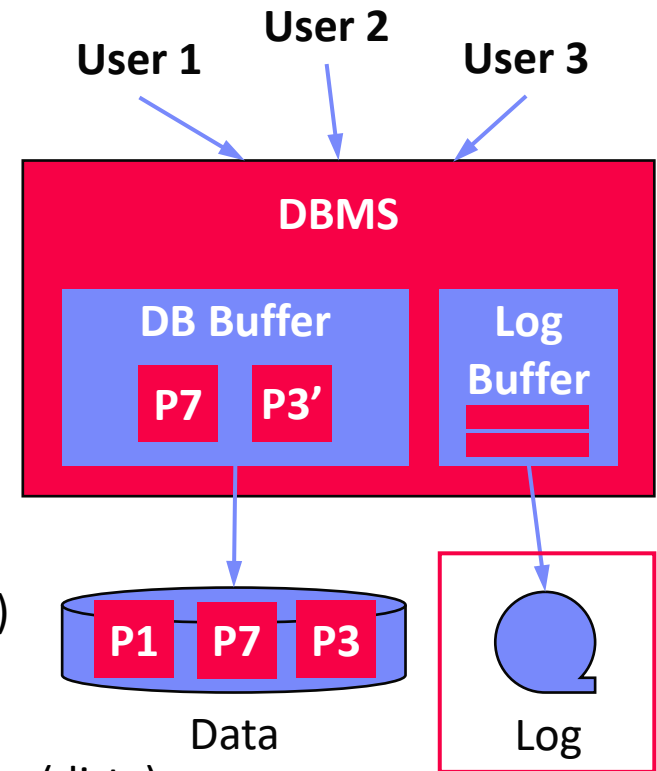
Database (Transaction) Log

Database Architecture

- **Page-oriented storage** on disk and in memory (DB buffer)
- Dedicated **eviction algorithms**
- Modified in-memory pages marked as dirty, flushed by cleaner thread
- **Log**: append-only TX changes
- Data/log often placed on different devices and periodically archived (backup + truncate)

Write-Ahead Logging (WAL)

- The log records representing changes to some (dirty) data page must be on **stable storage before the data page** (UNDO - atomicity)
- **Force-log on commit** or full buffer (REDO - durability)
- **Recovery**: forward (REDO) and backward (UNDO) processing
- Log sequence number (LSN)



[C. Mohan, Donald J. Haderle, Bruce G. Lindsay, Hamid Pirahesh, Peter M. Schwarz: ARIES: A Transaction Recovery Method Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking and Partial Rollbacks Using Write-Ahead Logging. **TODS 1992**]



Isolation Levels

■ Different Isolation Levels

- **Tradeoff Isolation vs performance** per session/TX
- SQL standard requires **guarantee against lost updates** for all

SET TRANSACTION
ISOLATION LEVEL
READ COMMITTED

■ SQL Standard Isolation Levels

Isolation Level	Lost Update	Dirty Read (P1)	Unrepeatable Read (P2)	Phantom Read (P3)
READ UNCOMMITTED	No*	Yes	Yes	Yes
READ COMMITTED	No*	No	Yes	Yes
REPEATABLE READ	No*	No	No	Yes
[SERIALIZABLE]	No*	No	No	No

- Serializable w/ highest guarantees (**pseudo-serial execution**)

* Lost update potentially w/ different semantics in standard

■ How can we enforce these isolation levels?

- **User:** set default/transaction isolation level (mixed TX workloads possible)
- **System:** dedicated concurrency control strategies + scheduler

Excursus: A Critique of SQL Isolation Levels

■ Summary

- **Criticism:** SQL standard isolation levels are ambiguous (strict/broad interpretations)
- Additional anomalies: dirty write, cursor lost update, fuzzy read, read skew, write skew
- Additional isolation levels: **cursor stability** and **snapshot isolation**

[Hal Berenson, Philip A. Bernstein, Jim Gray, Jim Melton, Elizabeth J. O'Neil, Patrick E. O'Neil: A Critique of ANSI SQL Isolation Levels. **SIGMOD 1995**]



■ Snapshot Isolation (< Serializable)

- **Type of optimistic concurrency control** via multi-version concurrency control
- TXs reads data from a snapshot of committed data when TX started
- **TXs never blocked on reads**, other TXs data invisible
- TX **T1 only commits if no other TX wrote the same data items** in the time interval of T1

■ Current Status?

- “SQL standard that **fails to accurately define database isolation levels** and database vendors that attach liberal and non-standard semantics”

[<http://dbmsmusings.blogspot.com/2019/05/introduction-to-transaction-isolation.html>]

Excursus: Isolation Levels in Practice

■ Default and Maximum Isolation Levels for “ACID” and “NewSQL” DBs [as of 2013]

- 3/18 SERIALIZABLE by default
- 8/18 did not provide SERIALIZABLE at all



[Peter Bailis, Alan Fekete, Ali Ghodsi, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Ion Stoica: **HAT**, **Not CAP**: Towards Highly Available Transactions. **HotOS 2013**]

Beware of defaults, even though the SQL standard says **SERIALIZABLE** is the default

Database	Default	Maximum
Actian Ingres 10.0/10S [1]	S	S
Aerospike [2]	RC	RC
Akiban Persistit [3]	SI	SI
Clustrix CLX 4100 [4]	RR	RR
Greenplum 4.1 [8]	RC	S
IBM DB2 10 for z/OS [5]	CS	S
IBM Informix 11.50 [9]	Depends	S
MySQL 5.6 [12]	RR	S
MemSQL 1b [10]	RC	RC
MS SQL Server 2012 [11]	RC	S
NuoDB [13]	CR	CR
Oracle 11g [14]	RC	SI
Oracle Berkeley DB [7]	S	S
Oracle Berkeley DB JE [6]	RR	S
Postgres 9.2.2 [15]	RC	S
SAP HANA [16]	RC	SI
ScaleDB 1.02 [17]	RC	RC
VoltDB [18]	S	S
RC: read committed, RR: repeatable read, SI: snapshot isolation, S: serializability, CS: cursor stability, CR: consistent read		

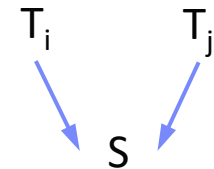
Serializability Theory

Operations of Transaction T_j

- Read and write operations of A by T_j : $r_j(A)$ $w_j(A)$
- Abort of transaction T_j : a_j (unsuccessful termination of T_j)
- Commit of transaction T_j : c_j (successful termination of T_j)

Schedule S

- Operations of a transaction T_j are executed in order
- Multiple transactions may be executed concurrently
- ➔ Schedule describes the total ordering of operations



Equivalence of Schedules S1 and S2

- Read-write, write-read, and write-write dependencies on data object A executed in same order:

$$r_i(A) <_{S1} w_j(A) \Leftrightarrow r_i(A) <_{S2} w_j(A)$$

$$w_i(A) <_{S1} r_j(A) \Leftrightarrow w_i(A) <_{S2} r_j(A)$$

$$w_i(A) <_{S1} w_j(A) \Leftrightarrow w_i(A) <_{S2} w_j(A)$$

Serializability Theory, cont.

Example Serializable Schedules

- Input TXs
T1: BOT $r_1(A)$ $w_1(A)$ $r_1(B)$ $w_1(B)$ c_1
T2: BOT $r_2(C)$ $w_2(C)$ $r_2(A)$ $w_2(A)$ c_2
- Serial execution
 $r_1(A)$ $w_1(A)$ $r_1(B)$ $w_1(B)$ c_1 $r_2(C)$ $w_2(C)$ $r_2(A)$ $w_2(A)$ c_2
- Equivalent schedules
 $r_1(A)$ $r_2(C)$ $w_1(A)$ $w_2(C)$ $r_1(B)$ $r_2(A)$ $w_1(B)$ $w_2(A)$ c_1 c_2
 $r_1(A)$ $w_1(A)$ $r_2(C)$ $w_2(C)$ $r_1(B)$ $w_1(B)$ $r_2(A)$ $w_2(A)$ c_1 c_2
- Wrong schedule
 $r_1(A)$ $r_2(C)$ $w_2(C)$ $r_2(A)$ $w_1(A)$ $r_1(B)$ $w_1(B)$ $w_2(A)$ c_1 c_2

Serializability Graph (conflict graph)

- Operation dependencies (read-write, write-read, write-write) aggregated
- Nodes:** transactions; **edges:** transaction dependencies
- Transactions are serializable** (via topological sort) **if the graph is acyclic**
- Beware:** Serializability Theory considers only successful transactions, which disregards anomalies like dirty read that might happen in practice

Pessimistic and Optimistic Concurrency Control

Overview Concurrency Control

■ Terminology

- **Lock:** logical synchronization of TXs access to database objects (row, table, etc)
- **Latch:** physical synchronization of access to shared data structures

■ #1 Pessimistic Concurrency Control

- Locking schemes (lock-based database scheduler)
- Full serialization of transactions

■ #2 Optimistic Concurrency Control (OCC)

- Optimistic execution of operations, check of conflicts (validation)
- Optimistic and timestamp-based database schedulers

■ #3 Mixed Concurrency Control (e.g., PostgreSQL)

- Combines locking and OCC
- Might return **synchronization errors**

ERROR: could not serialize access
due to concurrent update

ERROR: deadlock detected

Locking Schemes

Compatibility of Locks

- X-Lock (exclusive/write lock)
- S-Lock (shared/read lock)

Requested
Lock

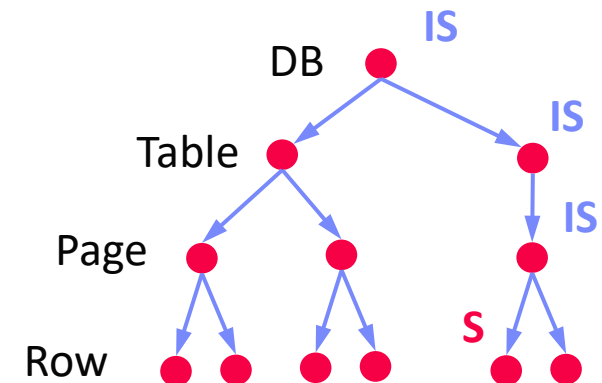
Existing Lock

	None	S	X
S	Yes	Yes	No
X	Yes	No	No

Multi-Granularity Locking

- Hierarchy of DB objects
- Additional intentional **IX** and **IS** locks

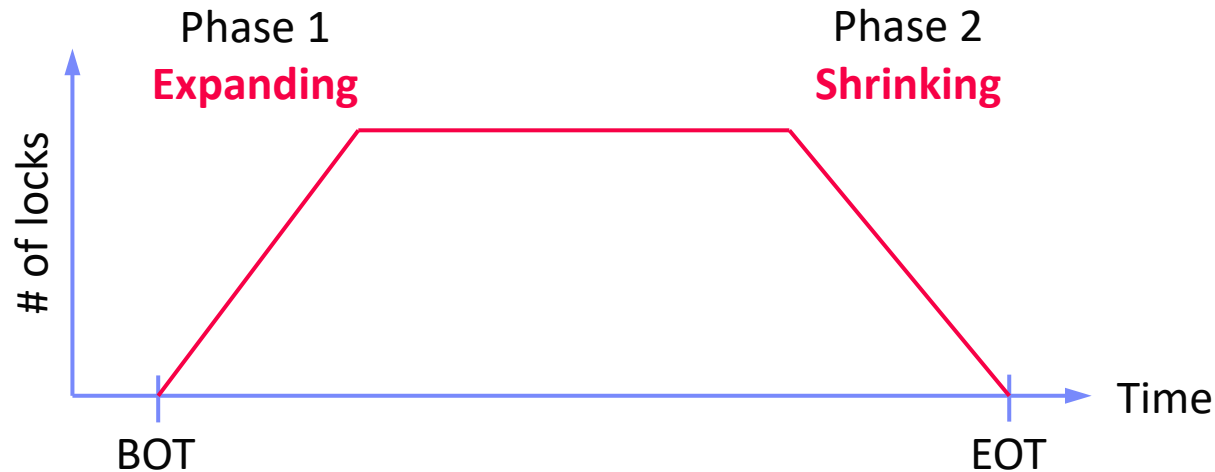
	None	S	X	IS	IX
S	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
X	Yes	No	No	No	No
IS	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
IX	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes



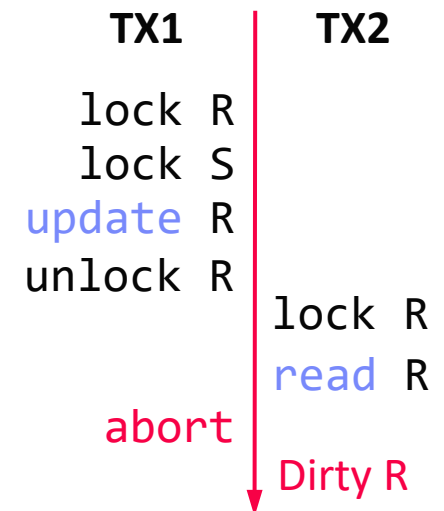
Two-Phase Locking (2PL)

Overview

- 2PL is a concurrency protocol that guarantees **SERIALIZABLE**
- Expanding phase** (growing): acquire locks needed by the TX
- Shrinking phase**: release locks acquired by the TX
(can only start if all needed locks acquired)



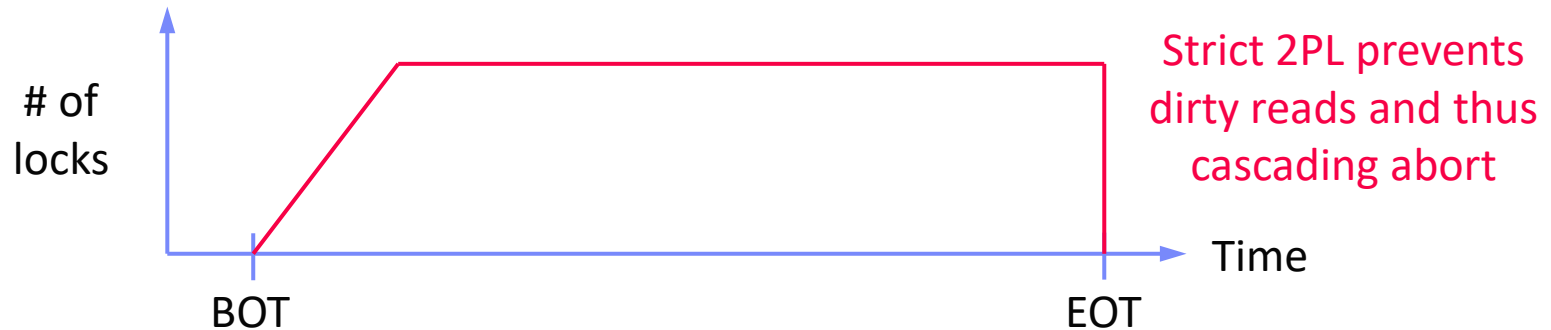
Dirty Read Problem



Two-Phase Locking, cont.

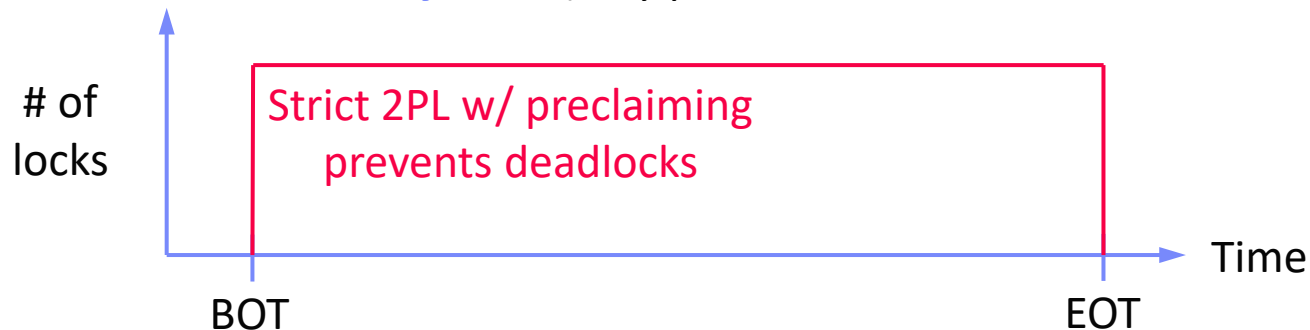
Strict 2PL (S2PL) and Strong Strict 2PL (SS2PL)

- **Problem:** Transaction rollback can cause (**Dirty Read**)
- Release all X-locks (S2PL) or X/S-locks (SSPL) **at end of transaction (EOT)**



Strict 2PL w/ pre-claiming (aka conservative 2PL)

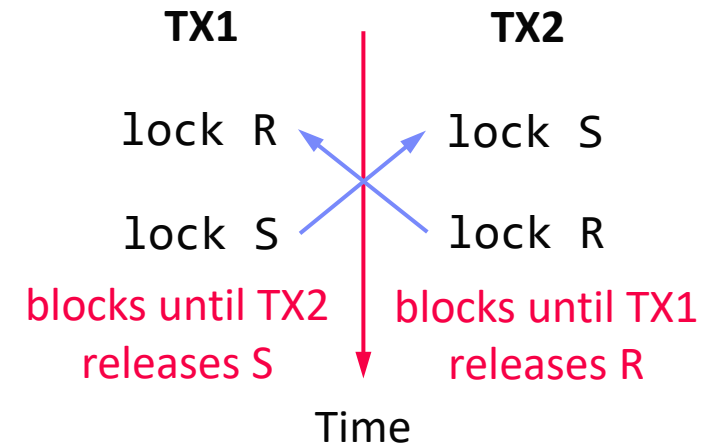
- Problem: incremental expanding can cause deadlocks for interleaved TXs
- **Pre-claim all necessary locks** (only possible if entire TX known + **latches**)



2PL – Deadlocks

Deadlock Scenario

- Deadlocks of concurrent transactions
- Deadlocks happen due to **cyclic dependencies without pre-claiming** (wait for exclusive locks)



#1 Deadlock Prevention

- Pre-claiming** (guarantee if TX known upfront)

DEADLOCK, as this will never happen



#2 Deadlock Avoidance

- Preemptive vs non-preemptive strategies
- NO_WAIT** (if deadlock suspected wrt timestamp TS, abort lock-requesting TX)
- WOUND-WAIT** (T1 locks something held by T2 → if $T1 < T2$, restart T2)
- WAIT-DIE** (T1 locks something held by T2 → if $T1 > T2$, abort T1 but keep TS)

[Philip A. Bernstein, Nathan Goodman:
Concurrency Control in Distributed Database
Systems. **ACM Comput. Surv.** 1981]



#3 Deadlock Detection (**DL_DETECT**)

- Maintain a wait-for graph (WFG) of blocked TX (similar to serializability graph)
- Detection of cycles in graph (on timeout) → abort one or many TXs

Excursus: Deadlocks in Distributed TXs

Deadlock Scenario

- Transmission delay
- Distributed cyclic dependencies without pre-claiming (wait for exclusive locks)

#1 Deadlock Prevention

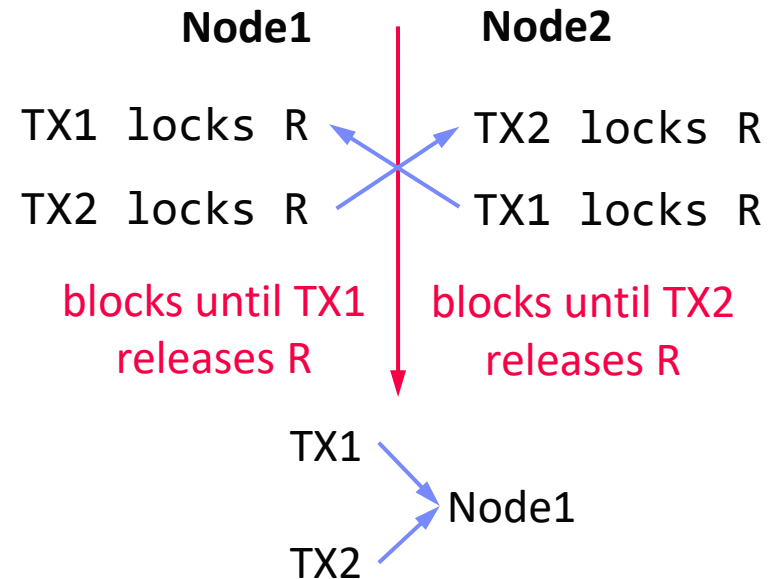
- Pre-claiming** via a gatekeeper

#2 Deadlock Avoidance

- WOUND-DIE and WOUND-WAIT with broadcasting states

#3 Deadlock Detection

- Centralized**: Build a global WFG from all local WFGs
- Hierarchical**: Cascade merge the local WFGs
- Distributed**: Detect deadlocks locally



[Elmagarmid A.K.: A Survey of Distributed Deadlock Detection Algorithms. **ACM SIGMOD Record 1986**]



[C. Mohan, B. Lindsay, R. Obermarck: Transaction Management in the R* Distribute Database Management System. **ACM Trans. Database Syst. 1986**]



Basic Timestamp Ordering (BTO)

[Philip A. Bernstein, Nathan Goodman: Concurrency Control in Distributed Database Systems. **ACM Comput. Surv.** 1981]



■ Synchronization Scheme

- Transactions get timestamp (or version) $TS(T_j)$ at BOT
- Each data object A has **readTS(A)** and **writeTS(A)**
- Use timestamp comparison to validate access → serialized schedule

■ Read Protocol $T_j(A)$

- If $TS(T_j) \geq \text{writeTS}(A)$: **allow read**, set $\text{readTS}(A) = \max(TS(T_j), \text{readTS}(A))$
- If $TS(T_j) < \text{writeTS}(A)$: **abort T_j** (older than last modifying TX)

■ Write Protocol $T_j(A)$

- If $TS(T_j) \geq \text{readTS}(A)$ & $TS(T_j) \geq \text{writeTS}(A)$: **allow write**, set $\text{writeTS}(A) = TS(T_j)$
- If $TS(T_j) < \text{readTS}(A)$: **abort T_j** (older than last reading TX)
- If $TS(T_j) < \text{writeTS}(A)$: **abort T_j** (older than last modifying TX)

■ **BEWARE:** BTO requires handling of dirty reads, recoverability in general (e.g., via abort or versions)

- Strict Timestamp Ordering (dirty bit) w/ deadlock avoidance techniques

[Stephan Wolf et al: An Evaluation of Strict Timestamp Ordering Concurrency Control for Main-Memory Database Systems. **IMDM@VLDB 2013** (Revised Selected Papers)]



Excursus: BTO in Project WS20/21 Ref Impl

Overview TX Processing

- Implements variant of **basic timestamp ordering** (w/ handling of dirty reads)
- TX log for UNDO** of aborted transactions
- TIDs:** `__sync_fetch_and_add(&VAR,1)`

```
./speed_test 1468 0 0 0 0 \
              4000 160000 100
```

#1 Basic TO

- isReadable: $TID \geq WTS$
- IsWriteable: $TID \geq \max(WTS, RTS)$

```
NUM_TXN_FAIL: 0
NUM_TXN_COMP: 16,000,000
Time to run: 15.223s.
```

#2 Basic TO w/ Read Committed

- Basic TO w/ isReadable: $TID \geq WTS$
&& $!(TID \neq WTS \ \&\& \text{scanTXTable}(ix, WTS))$

```
NUM_TXN_FAIL: 0
NUM_TXN_COMP: 16,000,000
Time to run: 15.394s.
```

#3 Basic TO w/ Serializable

- Basic TO w/ read committed
- Deleted bit, forced cleanup in epochs ($\nexists TS < \max(RTS, WTS)$)

NotImplementedException

Optimistic Concurrency Control (OCC)

■ #1 Read Phase

- Initial reads from DB, **repeated reads and writes into TX-local buffer**
- Maintain **ReadSet(T_j)** and **WriteSet(T_j)** per transaction T_j
- TX seen as read-only transaction on database

■ #2 Validation Phase

- Check read/write and write/write conflicts, **abort on conflicts**
- BOCC (Backward-oriented concurrency control) – check all older TXs T_i that finished (EOT) while T_j was running ($EOT(T_i) \geq BOT(T_j)$)
 - **Serializable**: if $EOT(T_i) < BOT(T_j)$ or $WSet(T_i) \cap RSet(T_j) = \emptyset$
 - **Snapshot isolation**: $EOT(T_i) < BOT(T_j)$ or $WSet(T_i) \cap WSet(T_j) = \emptyset$
- FOCC (Forward-oriented concurrency control) – check running TXs

■ #3 Write Phase

- Successful TXs with write operations propagate their local buffer into the database and log

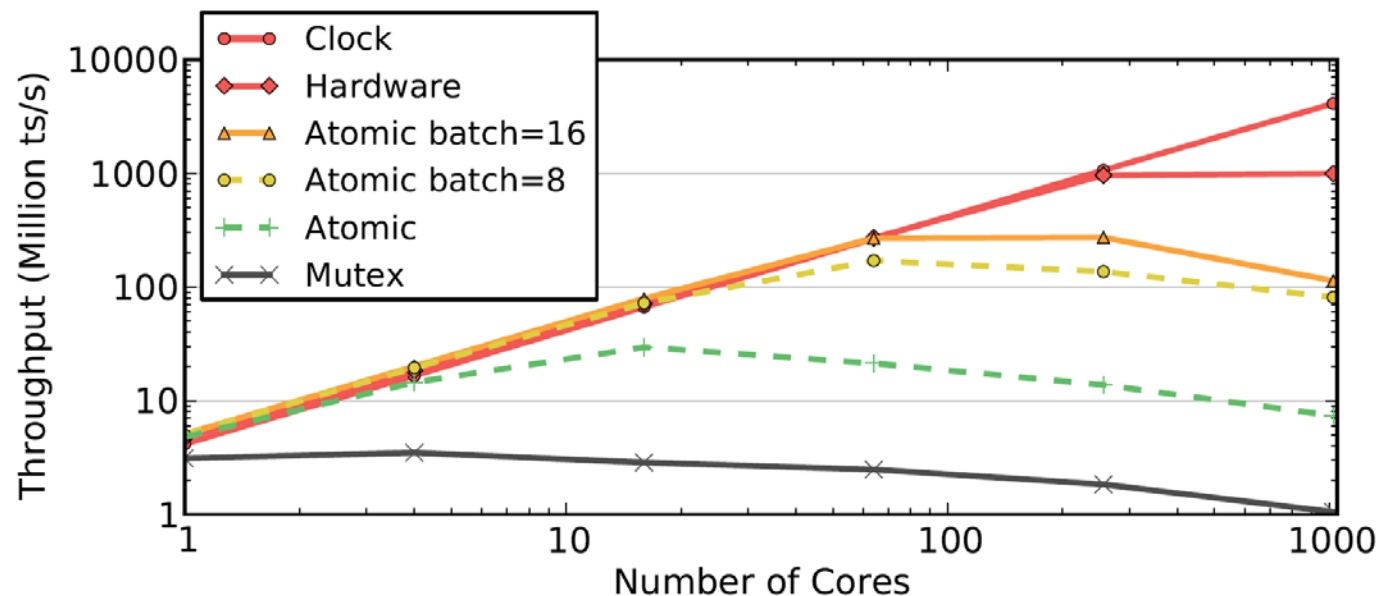
Timestamp Allocation

- #1 **Mutex**
- #2 **Atomic add / Batched Atomics**
- #3 **Decentralized / CPU Clock**
- #4 **Hardware (CPU HW counter)**

[Xiangyao Yu, George Bezerra, Andrew Pavlo, Srinivas Devadas, Michael Stonebraker: Staring into the Abyss: An Evaluation of Concurrency Control with One Thousand Cores. **PVLDB 8(3) 2014**]



[Stephen Tu, Wenting Zheng, Eddie Kohler, Barbara Liskov, Samuel Madden: Speedy transactions in multicore in-memory databases. **SOSP 2013**]

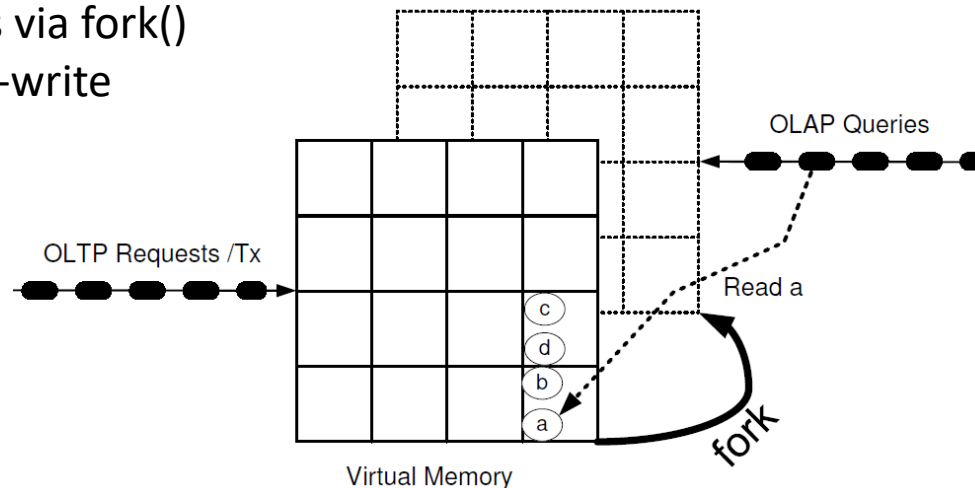


Multi-Version Concurrency Control (MVCC)

Snapshot Isolation w/ Snapshots

- **#1 Shadow Storage**
- **#2 Snapshots via Fork**
 - Partitioned, single-threaded OLTP ops
 - Snapshots via fork()
+ copy-on-write

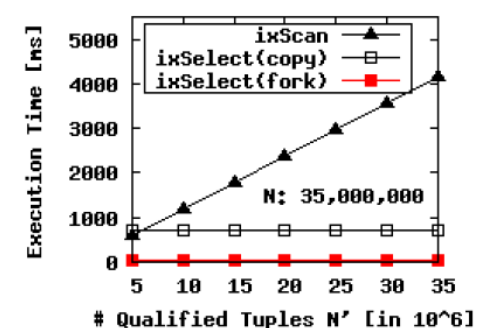
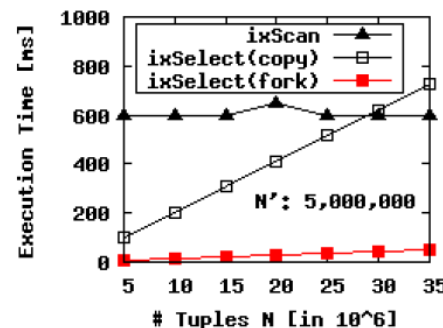
[Alfons Kemper, Thomas Neumann:
HyPer: A hybrid OLTP&OLAP main
memory database system based on
virtual memory snapshots. **ICDE 2011**]



- **Excursus: Query Processing on Prefix Trees (via fork)**



[Matthias Boehm Patrick Lehmann
Peter Benjamin Volk Wolfgang Lehner:
Query Processing on Prefix Trees,
HPI Future SOC Lab 2011]



MVCC Overview

■ MVCC Motivation

- Read TXs without need for locks, read sets, or copies (fine-grained management of individual versions)
- Copy-on-write (readers never block writers), garbage collection when safe
- Additional benefits: time travel, clear semantics, snapshot isolation
- **Mixed HTAP workloads** → focus of many recent systems

■ Design Decisions

- **#1 Concurrency Control Protocol**
- **#2 Version Storage**
 - Append-only, time-travel, delta
 - Oldest-to-newest/newest-to-oldest
- **#3 Garbage Collection**
 - Tuple (background, coop), TX-level
- **#4 Index Management**
 - Logical, physical pointers

[Andy Pavlo: Advanced Database Systems – Multi-Version Concurrency Control (Design Decisions), **CMU 2020**]



[Yingjun Wu, Joy Arulraj, Jiexi Lin, Ran Xian, Andrew Pavlo: An Empirical Evaluation of In-Memory Multi-Version Concurrency Control. **PVLDB 10(7) 2017**]





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- In-place update, backward delta in UNDO buffer
- Almost no storage overhead (VersionVector), TX-local commit processing
- Newest-to-oldest (preference for fast analytical queries)



Serializability Validation

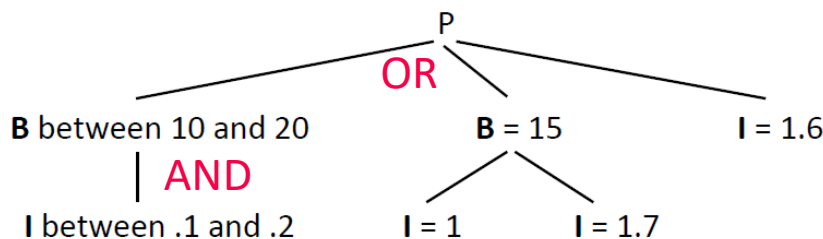
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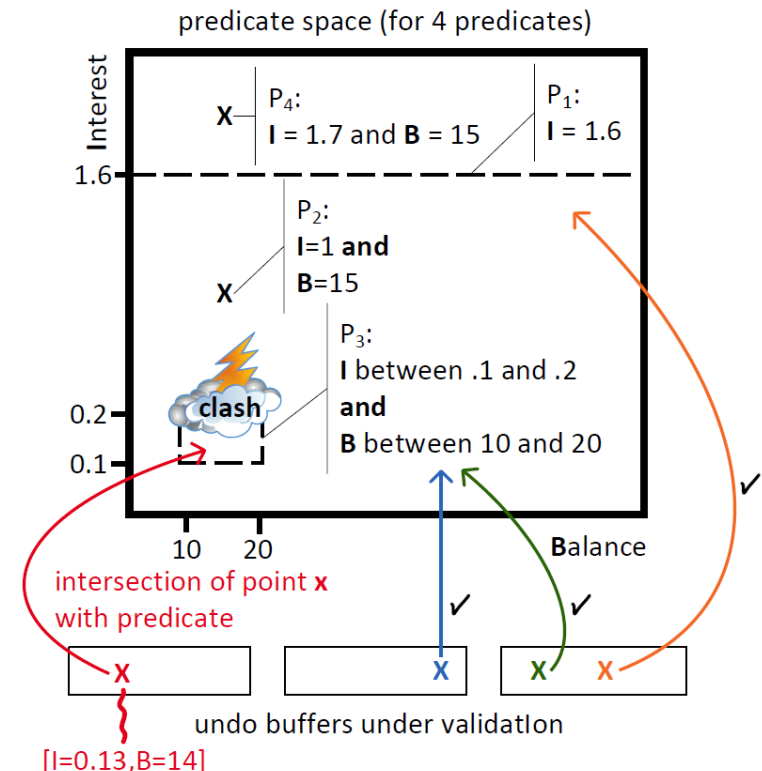
▪ (Extended) Precision Locking

- **Predicate logging:** Instead of maintaining read-set, store read predicates of index and table scan of validated T_i in **predicate tree** (PT)
- Recap: **Serializable:** if $EOT(T_i) < BOT(T_j)$ or $WSet(T_i) \cap RSet(T_j) = \emptyset$
- Probe UNDO buffers (write set) of all T_j against predicate tree

Predicate Tree of T_i



Abort T_i if a single UNDO buffer's data point matches

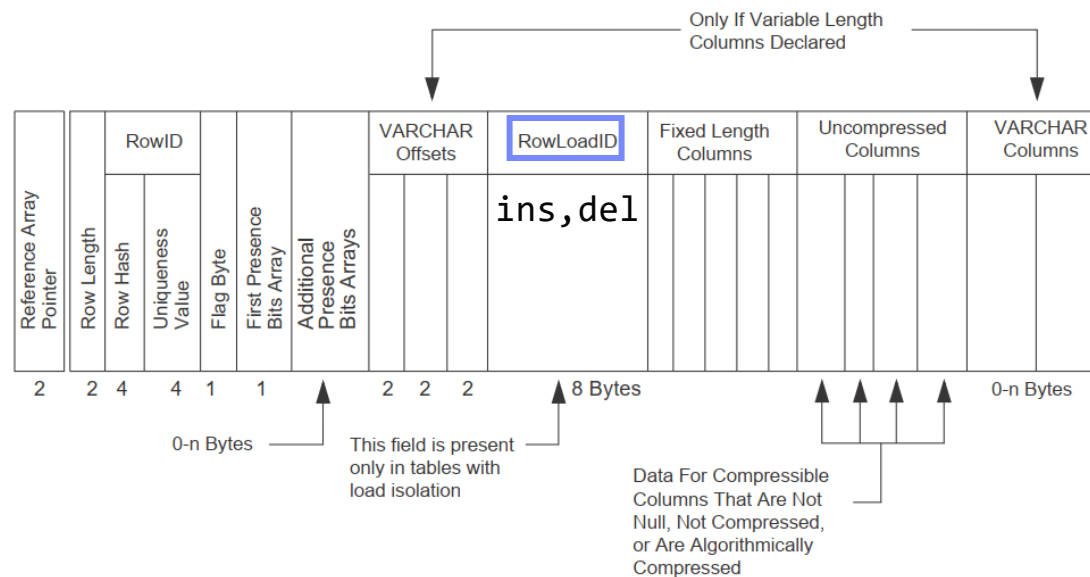


Excursus: Load Isolation in Teradata DB

Overview

- Single loader/writer, multiple readers
- Writer session can select MVCC or Serializability
- Append only version storage in the main table

[<https://docs.teradata.com/r/w4DJnG9u9GdDIXzsTXyltA/S~gx1XKjg4ROKw2~8c01jQ>]



Reader w/ **ReadLoadID** = 2

RLId	Cols
1,0	1,2,3
3,0	2,2,3
1,3	1,2,3

- Read condition (compiled as selection predicates)

ins_loaded <= ReadLoadID and del_loaded > ReadLoadID

Garbage Collection

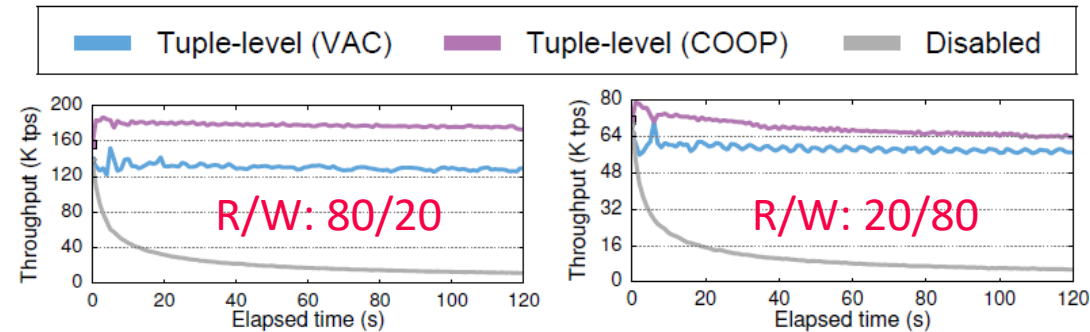
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#1 Tuple-level

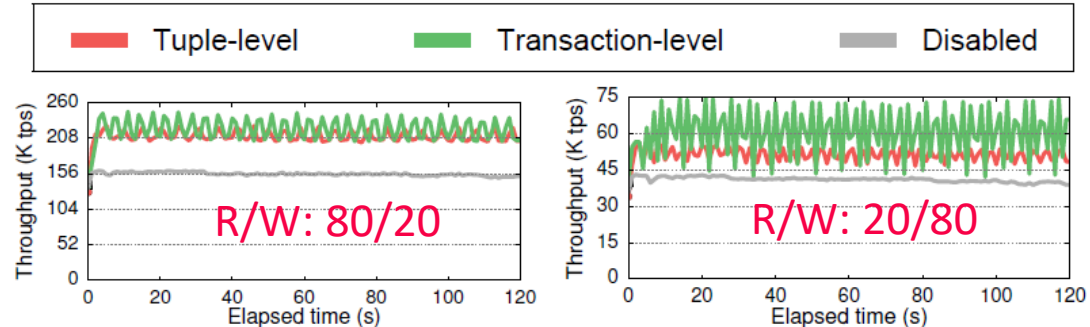
Garbage Collection

- Background vacuuming
- Cooperative cleaning on traversal)



#2 Transaction-level

- E.g., by epoch



Deferred Action Framework (DAF)

- Maintenance tasks for GC, plan cache invalidation, data transformation

[Ling Zhang et al: Everything is a Transaction: Unifying Logical Concurrency Control and Physical Data Structure Maintenance in Database Management Systems, **CIDR 2021**]

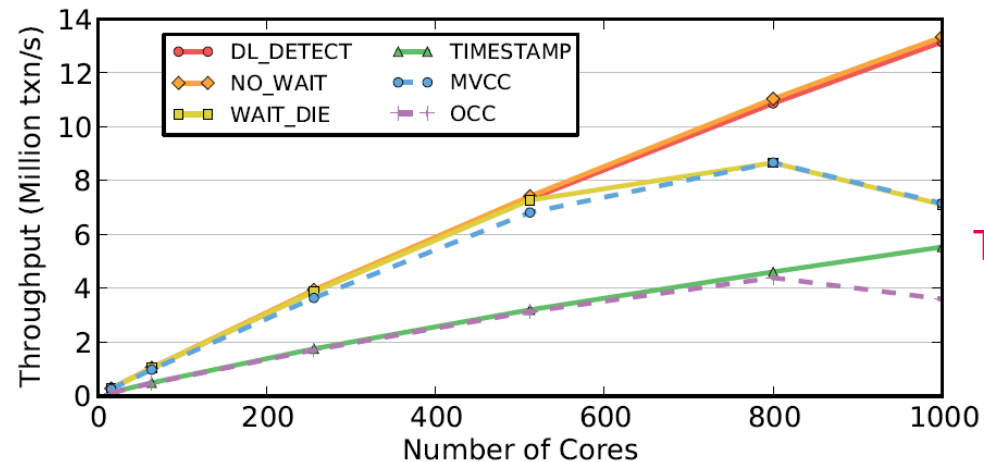


Comparison (simulated)

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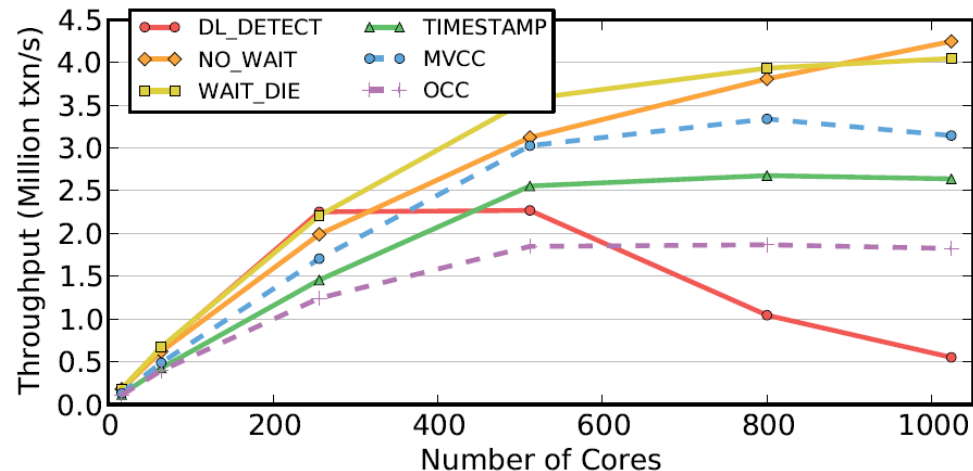


Read-only Workload



Timestamp Allocation

Write-intensive Workload (medium contention)



Abort Rates

Lock Thrashing

Excursus: Coordination Avoidance

Overview Coordination Avoidance

■ Overview

- Ensure application-level invariants and convergence instead of (serializability vs weaker) with **as little coordination as possible** (different approaches)

With Transactions



[Peter Bailis, Ali Ghodsi, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Ion Stoica: Bolt-on causal consistency. **SIGMOD 2013**]



[Peter Bailis et al.: Coordination Avoidance in Database Systems. **PVLDB 8(3) 2014**]



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Without Transactions



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