

Recovery and Logging

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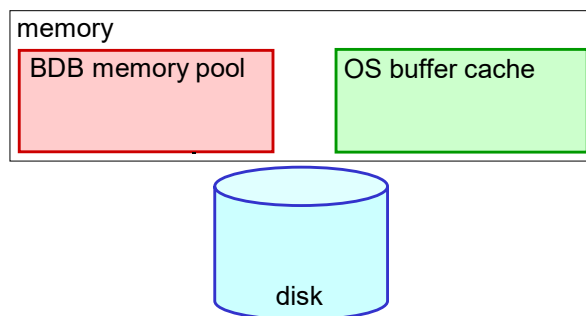
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Review: ACID Properties

- A transaction has the following “ACID” properties:
 - Atomicity: either all of its changes take effect or none do
 - Consistency preservation: its operations take the database from one consistent state to another
 - Isolation: it is not affected by and does not affect other concurrent transactions
 - Durability: once it completes, its changes survive failures
- We’ll now look at how the DBMS guarantees atomicity and durability.
 - ensured by the subsystem responsible for *recovery*

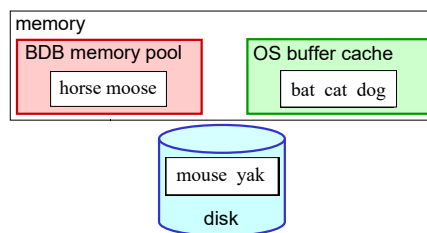
A Quick Look at Caching

- Recently accessed database pages are *cached* in memory so that subsequent accesses to them don't require disk I/O.
- There may be more than one cache:
 - the DBMS's own cache (called the memory pool in BDB)
 - the operating system's buffer cache



Caching Example 1

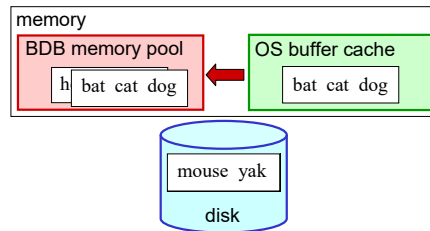
- The user requests the item with the key "horse."



- The page containing "horse" is already in the database's own cache, so no disk I/O is needed.

Caching Example 2

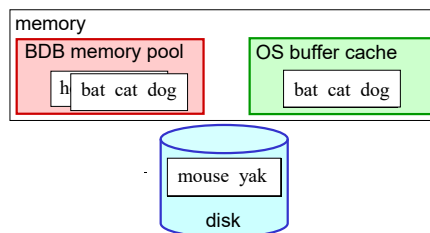
- The user requests the item with the key "cat."



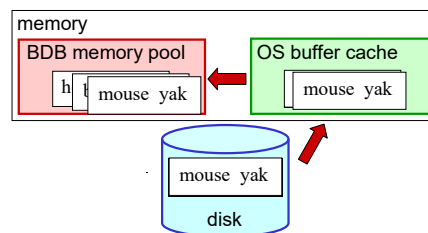
- The page containing "cat" is in the OS buffer cache, so it just needs to be brought into the database's cache. No disk I/O.
- This produces *double buffering* – two copies of the same page in memory.
 - one reason that some DBMSs bypass the filesystem

Caching Example 3

- The user requests the item with the key "yak."

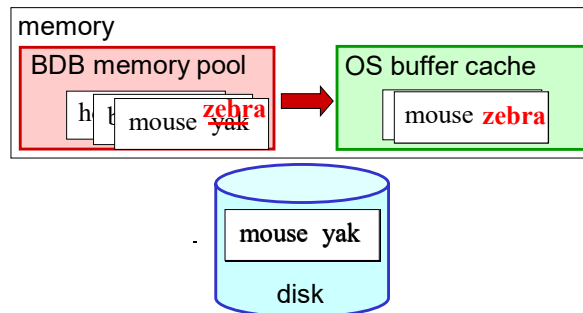


- The page with "yak" is in neither cache, so it is:
 - read from disk into the buffer cache
 - read into the database's own cache



Caching and Disk Writes

- Updates to a page may not make it to disk until the page is evicted from all of the caches.
 - initially, only the page in the DBMS's cache is updated
 - when evicted from the DBMS's cache, it is written to the backing file, but it may not go to disk right away



- This complicates recovery, because changes may not be on disk.

What Is Recovery?

- Recovery is performed after:
 - a crash of the DBMS
 - other non-catastrophic failures (e.g., a reboot)
 - (for catastrophic failures, need an archive or replication)
- It makes everything right again.
 - allows the rest of the DBMS to be built as if failures don't occur
- "the scariest code you'll ever write" (Margo Seltzer)
 - it has to work
 - it's rarely executed
 - it can be difficult to test

What Is Recovery? (cont.)

- During recovery, the DBMS takes the steps needed to:
 - *redo* changes made by any committed txn, if there's a chance the changes didn't make it to disk
 - durability: the txn's changes are still there after the crash
 - atomicity: *all* of its changes take effect
 - *undo* changes made by any txn that didn't commit, if there's a chance the changes made it to disk
 - atomicity: *none* of its changes take effect
 - also used when a transaction is rolled back
- In order for recovery to work, need to maintain enough state about txns to be able to redo or undo them.

Logging

- The *log* is a file that stores the info. needed for recovery.
- It contains:
 - *update records*, each of which summarizes a write
 - records for *transaction begin* and *commit*
- It does *not* record reads.
 - don't affect the state of the database
 - aren't relevant to recovery
- The log is append-only: records are added at the end, and blocks of the log file are written to disk sequentially.
 - more efficient than non-sequential writes to the database files

LSN	record contents
100	txn: 1; BEGIN
150	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 3000; new: 2500
225	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1000; new: 1500
350	txn: 2; BEGIN
400	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 7200; new: 6780
470	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 2500; new: 2750
550	txn: 1; COMMIT
585	txn: 2; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 1300
675	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 6780; new: 6760

Write-Ahead Logging (WAL)

- Both updated database pages and log records are cached.
- It's important that they go to disk in a specific order.
- Example of what can go wrong:

```
read balance1  
write(balance1 - 500)  
read balance2  
write(balance2 + 500)  
CRASH
```

- assume that:
 - write(balance1 - 500) made it to disk
 - write(balance2 + 500) didn't make it to disk
 - neither of the corresponding log records made it to disk
- the database is in an inconsistent state
- without the log records, the recovery system can't restore it

Write-Ahead Logging (WAL) (cont.)

- The write-ahead logging (WAL) policy:
*before a modified database page is written to disk,
all update log records describing changes on that page
must be forced to disk*
 - the log records are "written ahead" of the database page
- This ensures that the recovery system can restore the database to a consistent state.

Undo-Redo Logging

- Update log records must include both the old *and* new values of the changed data element.

- Example log after a crash:

- the database could be in an inconsistent state

- why?

some of T1's changes may not have made it to disk.

need to redo

- some of T2's changes may have made it to disk.

need to undo

LSN	record contents
100	txn: 1; BEGIN
150	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 3000; new: 2500
225	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1000; new: 1500
350	txn: 2; BEGIN
400	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 7200; new: 6780
470	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 2500; new: 2750
500	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 2100
550	txn: 1; COMMIT
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Undo-Redo Logging (cont.)

- To ensure that it can undo/redo txns as needed, undo-redo logging follows the WAL policy.
- In addition, it does the following when a transaction commits:
 - writes the commit log record to the in-memory log buffer
 - forces to disk all dirty log records (dirty = not yet written to disk)
- It does *not* force the dirty database pages to disk.
- At recovery, it performs two passes:
 - first, a *backward pass* to undo uncommitted transactions
 - then, a *forward pass* to redo committed transactions

Recovery Using Undo-Redo Logging

- **Backward pass:** begin at the last log record and scan backward
 - for each commit record, add the txn to a *commit list*
 - for each update by a txn *not* on the commit list, undo the update (restoring the old value)
 - for now, we skip:
 - updates by txns that *are* on the commit list
 - all begin records
- **Forward pass:**
 - for each update by a txn that *is* on the commit list, redo the update (writing the new value)
 - skip updates by txns that are *not* on the commit list, because they were handled on the backward pass
 - skip other records as well

Recovery Using Undo-Redo Logging (cont.)

- Here's how it would work on our earlier example:

LSN	record contents	backward pass	forward pass
100	txn: 1; BEGIN	skip	skip
150	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 3000; new: 2500	skip	redo: D1 = 2500
225	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1000; new: 1500	skip	redo: D2 = 1500
350	txn: 2; BEGIN	skip	skip
400	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 7200; new: 6780	undo: D3 = 7200	skip
470	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 2500; new: 2750	skip	redo: D1 = 2750
500	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 2100	skip	redo: D2 = 2100
550	txn: 1; COMMIT	add to commit list	skip
585	txn: 2; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 1300	undo: D2 = 1500	skip
675	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 6780; new: 6760	undo: D3 = 6780	skip

- Recovery restores the database to a consistent state that reflects:
 - *all* of the updates by txn 1 (which committed before the crash)
 - *none* of the updates by txn 2 (which did *not* commit)

The Details Matter!

LSN	record contents	backward pass	forward pass
100	txn: 1; BEGIN	skip	skip
150	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 3000; new: 2500	skip	redo: D1 = 2500
225	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1000; new: 1500	skip	redo: D2 = 1500
350	txn: 2; BEGIN	skip	skip
400	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 7200; new: 6780	undo: D3 = 7200	skip
470	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 2500; new: 2750	skip	redo: D1 = 2750
500	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 2100	skip	redo: D2 = 2100
550	txn: 1; COMMIT	add to commit list	skip
585	txn: 2; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 1300	undo: D2 = 1500	skip
675	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 6780; new: 6760	undo: D3 = 6780	skip

- 1) Scanning backward at the start of recovery provides the info needed for undo / redo decisions.
- when we see an update, we already know whether the txn has committed!

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350	txn: 2; BEGIN	skip	skip
400	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 7200; new: 6780	undo: D3 = 7200	skip
470	txn: 1; item: D1; old: 2500; new: 2750	skip	redo: D1 = 2750
500	txn: 1; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 2100	skip	redo: D2 = 2100
550	txn: 1; COMMIT	add to commit list	skip
585	txn: 2; item: D2; old: 1500; new: 1300	undo: D2 = 1500	skip
675	txn: 2; item: D3; old: 6780; new: 6760	undo: D3 = 6780	skip

- 2) To ensure the correct values are on disk after recovery, we:
- put all redos after all undos (consider D2 above)
 - perform the undos in reverse order (consider D3 above)
 - perform the redos in the same order as the original updates (consider D1 above)

Logical Logging

- We've assumed that update records store the old + new values of the changed data element.
- It's also possible to use *logical logging*, which stores a logical description of the update operation.
 - example: increment D1 by 1
- Logical logging is especially useful when we use pages or blocks as data elements, rather than records.
 - storing the old and new contents of a page or block would take up a lot of space
 - instead, store a logical description
 - for example: "add record r somewhere on D1"

Logical Logging (cont.)

- When we store old and new data values, the associated undo/redo operations are *idempotent*.
 - can be performed multiple times without changing the result
- Problem: logical update operations *may not be* idempotent.
 - example: if "increment D1 by 1" has already been performed, we don't want to redo it
 - example: if "increment D1 by 1" has not been performed, we don't want to undo it
 - example: if "add record r to page D1" has already been performed, we don't want to redo it
- To ensure that only the necessary undo/redos are made, the DBMS makes use of the *log sequence numbers (LSNs)* associated with the update log records.

Storing LSNs with Data Elements

- When a data element is updated, the DBMS:
 - stores the LSN of the update log record with the data element
 - known as the *datum LSN*
 - stores the old LSN of the data element in the log record

log file

LSN	record contents
100	txn: 1; BEGIN
150	txn: 1; item: D1; new: "bar"; old: "foo"; olsn: 0

data elements (value / datum LSN)

D1	D2	D3
"foo" / 0	"oh" / 0	"moo" / 0
"bar" / 150		

Recovery Using LSNs

- During recovery, there are three LSNs to consider for each update record:
 - the **record LSN**: the one for the update record itself

LSN	record contents
700	txn: 3; BEGIN
770	txn: 3; item: D5; old: "foo"; new: "bar"; olsn: 0
825	txn: 4; BEGIN
850	txn: 4; item: D4; old: 9000; new: 8500; olsn: 0
900	txn: 4; item: D6; old: 5.7; new: 8.9; olsn: 0
930	txn: 3; item: D7; old: "zoo"; new: "cat"; olsn: 0
980	txn: 4; COMMIT
1000	txn: 3; item: D4; old: 8500; new: 7300; olsn: 850
1100	txn: 3; item: D6; old: 8.9; new: 4.1; olsn: 900

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 - 2) the on-disk **datum LSN** for the data item
 - the one associated with it in the database file

on-disk datum LSNs:
D4: 0, D5: 0, **D6: 1100**, D7: 930

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 - the one associated with it in the database file
 - 3) the **olsn**: the old datum LSN for the data item
 - the one associated with it when the update was originally requested

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The Backward Pass Using LSNs

- During the backward pass, we undo an update if:
 - the txn did *not* commit
 - datum LSN** == **record LSN**
- When we undo, we also set:
datum LSN = olsn

on-disk datum LSNs:
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Which updates will be undone?

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Which updates will be undone?

- datum LSNs: D4: 0 D5: 0 D6: 1100, 900 D7: 930, 0

LSN	record contents	backward pass	forward pass
700	txn: 3; BEGIN	skip	
770	txn: 3; item: D5; old: "foo"; new: "bar"; olsn: 0	0 != 770 don't undo	
825	txn: 4; BEGIN	skip	
850	txn: 4; item: D4; old: 9000; new: 8500; olsn: 0	skip	
900	txn: 4; item: D6; old: 5.7; new: 8.9; olsn: 0	skip	
930	txn: 3; item: D7; old: "zoo"; new: "cat"; olsn: 0	930 == 930 undo: D7 = "zoo" datum LSN = 0	
980	txn: 4; COMMIT	add to commit list	
1000	txn: 3; item: D4; old: 8500; new: 7300; olsn: 850	0 != 1000 don't undo	
1100	txn: 3; item: D6; old: 8.9; new: 4.1; olsn: 900	1100 == 1100 undo: D6 = 8.9 datum LSN = 900	

The Forward Pass Using LSNs

- During the forward pass, we redo an update if:
 - the txn *did* commit
 - datum LSN == olsn
- When we redo, we also set:
datum LSN = record LSN

on-disk datum LSNs:
D4: 0, D5: 0, D6: 900, D7: 0

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770	txn: 3; item: D5; old: "foo"; new: "bar"; olsn: 0
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825	txn: 4; BEGIN	skip	
850	txn: 4; item: D4; old: 9000; new: 8500; olsn: 0	skip	
900	txn: 4; item: D6; old: 5.7; new: 8.9; olsn: 0	skip	
930	txn: 3; item: D7; old: "zoo"; new: "cat"; olsn: 0	930 == 930 undo: D7 = "zoo" datum LSN = 0	
980	txn: 4; COMMIT	add to commit list	
1000	txn: 3; item: D4; old: 8500; new: 7300; olsn: 850	0 != 1000 don't undo	
1100	txn: 3; item: D6; old: 8.9; new: 4.1; olsn: 900	1100 == 1100 undo: D6 = 8.9 datum LSN = 900	

Which updates will be redone?

- datum LSNs: D4: ~~0~~, 850 D5: 0 D6: 1100, 900 D7: ~~930~~, 0

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700	txn: 3; BEGIN	skip	skip
770	txn: 3; item: D5; old: "foo"; new: "bar"; olsn: 0	0 != 770 don't undo	skip
825	txn: 4; BEGIN	skip	skip
850	txn: 4; item: D4; old: 9000; new: 8500; olsn: 0	skip	0 == 0 redo: D4 = 8500 datum LSN = 850
900	txn: 4; item: D6; old: 5.7; new: 8.9; olsn: 0	skip	900 != 0 don't redo
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Checkpoints

- As a DBMS runs, the log gets longer and longer.
 - thus, recovery could end up taking a very long time!
- To avoid long recoveries, periodically perform a *checkpoint*.
 - force data and log records to disk to create a consistent on-disk database state
 - during recovery, don't need to consider operations that preceded this consistent state

Static Checkpoints

- Stop activity and wait for a consistent state.
 - 1) prohibit new transactions from starting and wait until all current transactions have aborted or committed.
- Once there is a consistent state:
 - 2) force all dirty log records to disk
(dirty = not yet written to disk)
 - 3) force all dirty database pages to disk
 - 4) write a *checkpoint record* to the log
 - these steps must be performed in the specified order!
- When performing recovery, go back to the most recent checkpoint record.
- Problem with this approach?

Dynamic Checkpoints

- Don't stop and wait for a consistent state.

Steps:

 - 1) prevent all update operations
 - 2) force all dirty log records to disk
 - 3) force all dirty database pages to disk
 - 4) write a *checkpoint record* to the log
 - include a list of all active txns
- When performing recovery:
 - backward pass: go back until you've seen the start records of all uncommitted txns in the most recent checkpoint record
 - forward pass: begin from the log record that comes after the most recent checkpoint record. why?
 - note: if all txns in the checkpoint record are on the commit list, we stop the backward pass at the checkpoint record

Example of Recovery with Dynamic Checkpoints

- Initial datum LSNs: D4: 110 D5: 140,0 D6: 80

LSN	record contents	backward pass	forward pass
100	txn: 1; BEGIN		
110	txn: 1; item: D4; old: 20; new: 15; olsn: 0		
120	txn: 2; BEGIN	stop here	
130	txn: 1; COMMIT	add to commit list	
140	txn: 2; item: D5; old: 12; new: 13; olsn: 0	undo: D5 = 12 datum LSN = 0	
150	CHECKPOINT (active txns = 2)	note active txns	
160	txn: 2; item: D4; old: 15; new: 50; olsn: 110	don't undo	start here skip
170	txn: 3; BEGIN	skip	skip
180	txn: 3; item: D6; old: 6; new: 8; olsn: 80	don't undo	skip

Could D4 have a datum LSN of less than 110?

Undo-Only Logging

- Only store the info. needed to undo txns.
 - update records include only the old value
- Like undo-redo logging, undo-only logging follows WAL.
- In addition, all database pages changed by a transaction must be forced to disk before allowing the transaction to commit. Why?
- At transaction commit:
 - force all dirty log records to disk
 - force database pages changed by the txn to disk
 - write the commit log record
 - force the commit log record to disk
- During recovery, the system only performs the backward pass.

Redo-Only Logging

- Only store the info. needed to redo txns.
 - update records include only the new value
- Like the other two schemes, redo-only logging follows WAL.
- In addition, all database pages changed by a txn are held in memory until it commits and its commit record is forced to disk.
- At transaction commit:
 1. write the commit log record
 2. force all dirty log records to disk(changed database pages are allowed to go to disk anytime after this)
- If a transaction aborts, none of its changes can be on disk.
- During recovery, perform the backward pass to build the commit list (no undos). Then perform the forward pass as in undo-redo.

Comparing the Three Logging Schemes

- Factors to consider in the comparison:
 - complexity/efficiency of recovery
 - size of the log files
 - what needs to happen when a txn commits
 - other restrictions that a logging scheme imposes on the system
- We'll list advantages and disadvantages of each scheme.
- Undo-only:
 - + smaller logs than undo-redo
 - + simple and quick recovery procedure (only one pass)
 - forces log and data to disk at commit;
have to wait for the I/Os

Comparing the Three Logging Schemes (cont.)

- Redo-only:
 - + smaller logs than undo-redo
 - +/- recovery: more complex than undo-only, less than undo-redo
 - must be able to cache all changes until the txn commits
 - limits the size of transactions
 - constrains the replacement policy of the cache
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 - larger logs
 - more complex recovery
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Reviewing the Log Record Types

- Why is each type needed?
 - assume undo-redo logging
- **update records**: hold the info. needed to undo/redo changes
- **commit records**: allow us to determine which changes should be undone and which should be redone
- **begin records**: allow us to determine the extent of the backward pass in the presence of dynamic checkpoints
- **checkpoint records**: limit the amount of the log that is processed during recovery

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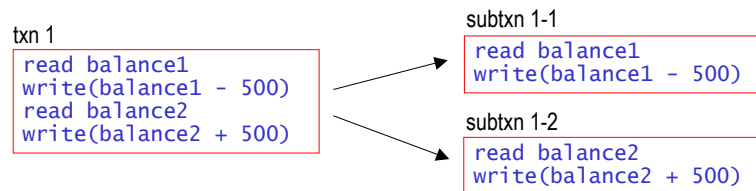
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Atomicity

- In a centralized database, logging and recovery are enough to ensure atomicity.
 - if a txn's commit record makes it to the log, *all* of its changes will eventually take effect
 - if a txn's commit record isn't in the log when a crash occurs, *none* of its changes will remain after recovery
- What about atomicity in a distributed database?

Recall: Distributed Transactions

- A *distributed transaction* involves data stored at multiple sites.
- One of the sites serves as the *coordinator* of the transaction.
- The coordinator divides a distributed transaction into *subtransactions*, each of which executes on one of the sites.



Distributed Atomicity

- In a distributed database:
 - each site performs local logging and recovery of its subtxns
 - that alone is *not* enough to ensure atomicity
- The sites must coordinate to ensure that either:
 - *all* of the subtxns are committed
 - or
 - *none* of them are

Distributed Atomicity (cont.)

- Example of what could go wrong:
 - a subtxn at one of the sites deadlocks and is aborted
 - before the coordinator of the txn finds out about this, it tells the other sites to commit, and they do so
- Another example:
 - the coordinator notifies the other sites that it's time to commit
 - most of the sites commit their subtxns
 - one of the sites crashes before committing

Two-Phase Commit (2PC)

- A protocol for deciding whether to commit a distributed txn.
- Basic idea:
 - coordinator asks sites if they're ready to commit
 - if a site is ready, it:
 1. *prepares* its subtxn – putting it in the *ready state*
 2. tells the coordinator it's ready
 - if all sites say they're ready, all subtxns are committed
 - otherwise, all subtxns are aborted (i.e., rolled back)
- Preparing a subtxn means ensuring it can be *either* committed or rolled back – even after a failure.
 - need to at least...
 - some logging schemes need additional steps
- After saying it's ready, a site *must wait* to be told what to do next.

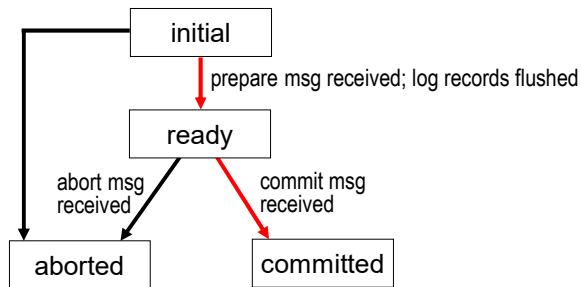
2PC Phase I: Prepare

- When it's time to commit a distributed txn T, the coordinator:
 - force-writes a *prepare record* for T to its own log
 - sends a *prepare message* to each participating site
- If a site can commit its subtxn, it:
 - takes the steps needed to put its txn in the ready state
 - force-writes a *ready record* for T to its log
 - sends a *ready message* for T to the coordinator and **waits**
- If a site needs to abort its subtxn, it:
 - force-writes a *do-not-commit record* for T to its log
 - sends a *do-not-commit message* for T to the coordinator
 - can it abort the subtxn now?
- Note: we always log a message before sending it to others.
 - allows the decision to send the message to survive a crash

2PC Phase II: Commit or Abort

- The coordinator reviews the messages from the sites.
 - if it doesn't hear from a site within some time interval, it assumes a do-not-commit message
- If all sites sent ready messages for T, the coordinator:
 - force-writes a commit record for T to its log
 - T is now officially committed
 - sends *commit messages* for T to the participating sites
- Otherwise, the coordinator:
 - force-writes an abort record for T to its log
 - sends *abort messages* for T to the participating sites
- Each site:
 - force-writes the appropriate record (commit or abort) to its log
 - commits or aborts its subtxn as instructed

2PC State Transitions



- A subtxn can enter the aborted state from the initial state at any time.
- After entering the ready state, it can only enter the aborted state after receiving an abort message.
- A subtxn can only enter the committed state from the ready state, and only after receiving a commit message.

Recovery When Using 2PC

- When a site recovers, it decides whether to undo or redo its subtxn for a txn T based on the last record for T in its log.
- Case 1: the last log record for T is a commit record.
 - redo the subtxn's updates as needed
- Case 2: the last log record for T is an abort record.
 - undo the subtxn's updates as needed
- Case 3: the last log record for T is a do-not-commit record.
 - undo the subtxn's updates as needed
 - why is this correct?

Recovery When Using 2PC (cont.)

- Case 4: the last log record for T is from before 2PC began (e.g., an update record).
 - undo the subtxn's updates as needed
 - this works in both of the possible situations:
 - 2PC has already completed without hearing from this site
why?
 - 2PC is still be going on
why?
- Case 5: the last log record for T is a ready record.
 - contact the coordinator (or another site) to determine T's fate
 - why can the site still commit or abort T as needed?
 - if it can't reach another site, it must block until it can reach one!

What if the Coordinator Fails?

- The other sites can either:
 - wait for the coordinator to recover
 - elect a new coordinator
- In the meantime, each site can determine the fate of any current distributed transactions.
- Case 1: a site has *not* received a prepare message for txn T
 - can abort its subtxn for T
 - preferable to waiting for the coordinator to recover, because it allows the T's fate to be decided
- Case 2: a site *has* received a prepare message for T, but has *not* yet sent ready message
 - can also abort its subtxn for T now. why?

What if the Coordinator Fails? (cont.)

- Case 3: a site sent a ready message for T but didn't hear back
 - poll the other sites to determine T's fate

<u>evidence</u>	<u>conclusion/action</u>
at least one site has a commit record for T	???
at least one site has an abort record for T	???
no commit/abort records for T; at least one site does <i>not</i> have a ready record for T	???
no commit/abort records for T; <i>all</i> surviving sites have ready records for T	can't know T's fate unless coordinator recovers. why?

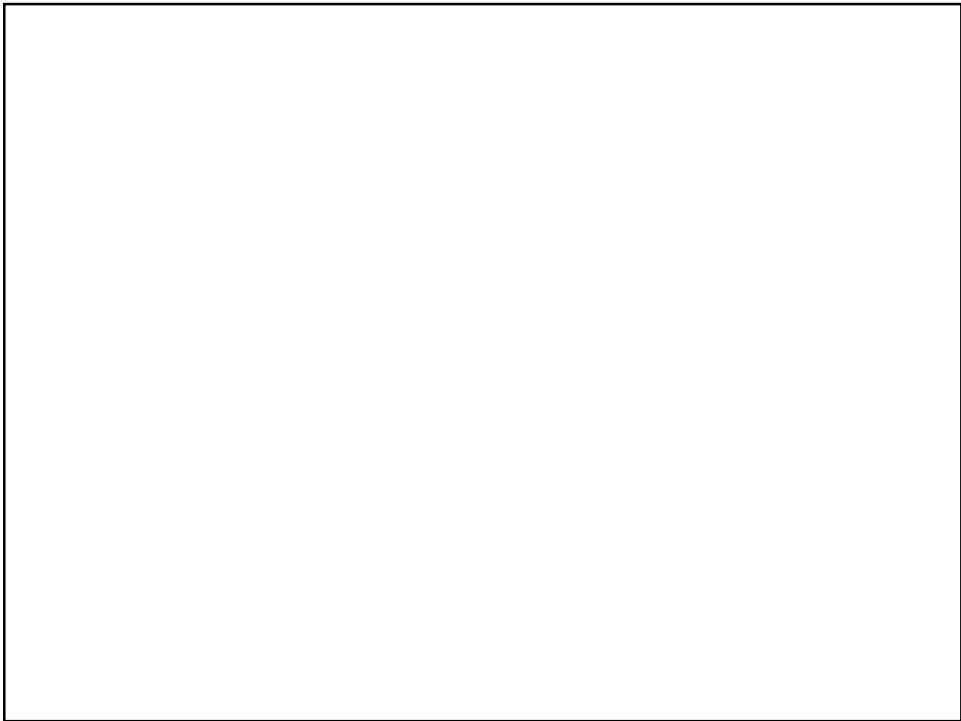
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