

# Introduction to Data Management Transactions

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- Midterm is graded and will be released shortly
- Final exam will be comprehensive:
  - Includes this material plus what we cover in 2<sup>nd</sup> half
- HW4 dues on Friday

Two types of query workloads:

Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)

We focused on these

- SELECT-FROM-WHERE are complex
- No INSERT/UPDATE/DELTE, or very few
- For data visualization (eg Tableau), or interactive SQL
- Online Transaction Processing (OLTP):
  - Lots of INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE
  - SELECT-FROM-WHERE are very simple
  - Used in Java/Python apps

Next few lectures

#### **Applications and Databases**

Almost every app uses some database

- General purpose language (Java, Python)
- App issues SQL commands to RDBMS
- Usually, multiple apps (users) access same DB

- Manage user accounts:
  - Names
  - Balances
  - ...

- Allow users to:
  - Inquire balance
  - Deposit cash/check
  - Withdraw cash
  - Transfer money

#### SQL

CREATE TABLE Acc ( Usr TEXT PRIMARY KEY, Balance INT);

| Acc | Usr   | Balance |
|-----|-------|---------|
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|     | Bob   | 600     |
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#### Python\*

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| SQL   | Acc                          | Usr     | Balance               |
|---|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
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| Usr TEXT PRIMARY KEY,                                     |                              | Bob     | 600                   |
| Balance <b>INT</b> );                                     |                              | Carol   | 400                   |
| Python*   |                              |         |                       |
| <pre>import sqlite3 con = sqlite3.connect("/Us</pre>      | ers/suciu/te<br>commit=True) | emp/ban | k.db",                |
| <pre>cur = con.cursor() res = cur.execute("SELECT")</pre> | * FROM acc")                 |         | SQL que<br>sent to DB |

answ = res.fetchall()

print("The answer is: ", answ)

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#### DEMO: lec16\_txn\_demo\_create\_table.sql lec16\_txn\_demo\_simple\_1.py

## Terminology: Client/Server

- Client:
  - The program running the application
  - In our example: a python program running on laptop
  - In general: a big program on laptop or in the cloud
- Server:
  - The database management system
  - In our example it is Sqlite on laptop
  - In general: any RDBMS, on remote server or in cloud

#### Parameterized Query

Give every user a 4% interest

```
res = cur.execute("SELECT * FROM acc")
answ = res.fetchall()
for row in answ:
    usr = row[0]
    bal = row[1]
    b = int(bal)
    i = b*0.04
    cur.execute("UPDATE acc
        SET balance=?
        WHERE usr=?",
        [b+i, usr])
```

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#### DEMO: lec16\_txn\_demo\_simple\_2.py

#### Read a username

Repeat:

- Read a command
- Execute that command
  - Check the balance
  - Deposit money
  - Withdraw money
  - Transfer between accounts

Read a username, check if exists:



A simple loop for executing commants:

```
while True:
    cmd = input()
    if cmd == "b": ... check balance
    elif cmd == "d": ... deposit
    elif cmd == "w": ... withdraw
    elif cmd == "t": ... transfer
    elif cmd == "q": exit()
```

#### Check balance



#### Deposit

#### Withdraw

#### Withdraw

```
... Read the balance b as before
amount = input() # amount to be withdrawn
a = int(amount)
                                            We need to check
#
                                            if there is enough
#
  THE BANK DISPENSES MONEY HERE!
                                               money!
#
h1 = b-a
         # the new balance
cur.execute("UPDATE acc
             SET balance = ?
             WHERE usr=?",
              [b1,usr])
```

#### Withdraw



```
Transfer
```

```
... Read the balance b as before
amount = input() # amount to be transferred
a = int(amount)
if a>b:
               # error: overdraft!
   exit()
usrt = input() # to whom to transfer
... Read the balance bt of usrt
b1 = b-a
bt1 = bt+a
cur.execute("UPDATE acc
             SET balance = ?
             WHERE user=?",
             [b1,usr])
cur.execute("UPDATE acc
             SET balance = ?
             WHERE user=?",
             [bt1,usrt])
```

DEMO: lec16\_txn\_demo.py single user  The users Alice, Bob, ... don't need to know SQL, but interact with the app;

The app usually has a nice User Interface (UI)

The database is persistent: it retains the data for a long period of time

# Concurrency

## Single-Server

The database is accessed by a single user:



RDBMS on same laptop, or a server, or the cloud

#### Client-Server or Two-Tier Architecture

Multiple users access the database concurrently



#### DEMO: lec16\_txn\_demo.py multiple users

#### lec16\_txn\_demo\_txn\_no.sql

How Alice and Bob colluded to steal \$100 (simplified, using only SQL) Current balance of Alice is \$100:

```
-- Alice withdraws $100
b = SELECT balance
   FROM acc
   WHERE user = 'Alice';
  Is b >= 100? Yes:
  Dispense money
UPDATE acc SET balance=b-100
WHERE user = 'Alice'
```

-- Bob impersonates Alice -- and also withdraws \$100 b = SELECT balance FROM acc WHERE user = 'Alice'; -- Is b >= 100? Yes: -- Dispense money UPDATE acc SET balance=b-100 WHERE user = 'Alice'

time

 Users Alice, Bob, ... can access the same database concurrently

 This may lead to the database being inconsistent, which is a big problem

# Consistency

Consistency: a property that should always hold

- Every account balance is  $\geq 0$
- The sum of all balances is constant, or changes exactly by the amount deposited/withdrawn
- If we write the application correctly, we expect the database to remain consistent
- But (without transactions!) things can go wrong during concurrency. Next.

# Conflicts Between Concurrent Operations

We will return to these in a later lectrue

#### **Common Concurrency Conflicts**

- Dirty/Inconsistent Read
- Unrepeatable Read
- Phantom Read
- Lost Update

These have popular names, but all sorts of other conflicts can happen. Let's see these.

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Dirty/Inconsistent Read

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Manager wants to balance project budgets

CEO wants to check company balance

time

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-\$10mil from project A

+\$7mil to project B

+\$3mil to project C

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SELECT SUM(money) ...

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#### **Unrepeatable Read**

# An **unrepeatable read** happens when data read twice differs

Accountant wants to check company assets

time

SELECT inventory FROM Products WHERE pid = 1 Dirty/Inconsistent Read

- Unrepeatable Read
- Phantom Read
- Lost Update

Warehouse updates inventory levels

UPDATE Products SET inventory = 0 WHERE pid = 1

SELECT inventory\*price FROM Products WHERE pid = 1

Might get a value that doesn't correspond to previous read!

#### **Phantom Read**

A **phantom read** happens when a record is inserted/delete during reads

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Accountant wants to check company assets

time

SELECT \* FROM products WHERE price < 20.00 Warehouse receives new products

INSERT INTO Products VALUES ('nuts', 10, 8.99)

Returns a "new" row that should have been in the last read!

A lost update happens when a write "disappears"

- Dirty/Inconsistent Read
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#### Account 1 = 100, Account 2 = 100

User 1 wants to pool money into account 1

User 2 wants to pool money into account 2

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#### Account 1 = 100, Account 2 = 100

User 1 wants to pool money into account 1

Set account 1 = 200

User 2 wants to pool money into account 2

Set account 2 = 0

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At end: Account 1 = 0, Account 2 = 200

Transactions: Serializability

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# Transactions

#### Transactions

 A transaction is a set of read and writes to the database that execute all or nothing



#### Transactions

- Prevent all concurrency control conflicts
- Easy to use in app: group statements in txns
- Let's see how they work

#### DEMO: lec16\_txn\_demo\_txn\_yes.sql