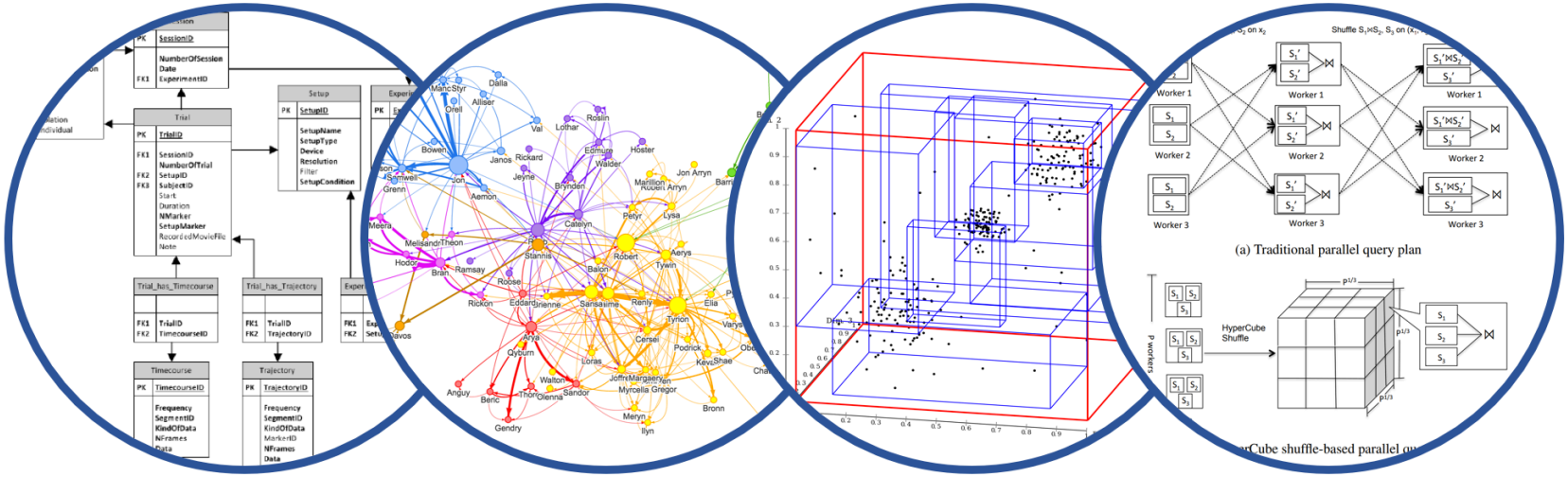

Database System Internals

Transactions: Recovery (part 1)

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Main textbook (Garcia-Molina)

- Ch. 17.2-4, 18.1-3, 18.8-9

Second textbook (Ramakrishnan)

- Ch. 16-18

Also: M. J. Franklin. Concurrency Control and Recovery. The Handbook of Computer Science and Engineering, A. Tucker, ed., CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1997.

Transaction Management

Two parts:

- Concurrency control: ACID
- Recovery from crashes: ACID

We already discussed concurrency control

You are implementing locking in lab3

Today, we start recovery

Type of Crash	Prevention
Wrong data entry	Constraints and Data cleaning
Disk crashes	Redundancy: e.g. RAID, archive
Data center failures	Remote backups or replicas
System failures: e.g. power	DATABASE RECOVERY

System Crash

Client 1:
BEGIN TRANSACTION
UPDATE Account1
SET balance= balance – 500

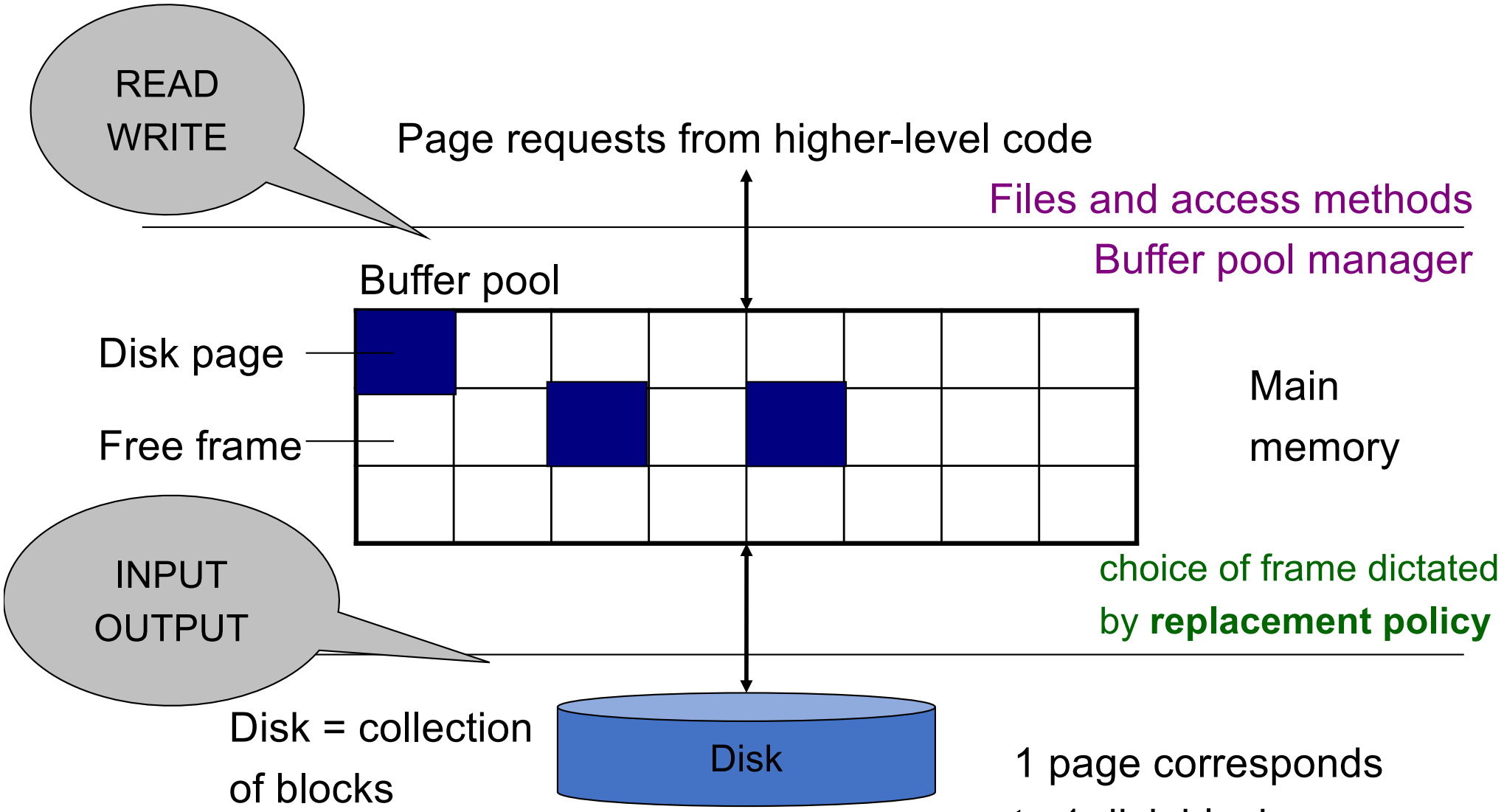
UPDATE Account2
SET balance = balance + 500
COMMIT

System Failures

- Each transaction has *internal state*

- When system crashes, internal state is lost
  - Don't know which parts executed and which didn't
  - Need ability to *undo* and *redo*

Buffer Manager Review



Data must be in RAM for DBMS to operate on it!

Buffer pool = table of <frame#, pageid> pairs

Buffer Manager Review

- Enables higher layers of the DBMS to assume that needed data is in main memory

- Caches data in memory. Problems when crash occurs:
  1. If committed data was not yet written to disk
  2. If uncommitted data was flushed to disk

Transactions

- Assumption: the database is composed of ***elements***.

- 1 element can be either:
  - 1 page = physical logging
  - 1 record = logical logging

- In Lab 4 we use page-level elements

Primitive Operations of Transactions

- READ(X,t)
  - copy element X to transaction local variable t
- WRITE(X,t)
  - copy transaction local variable t to element X

- INPUT(X)
  - read element X to memory buffer
- OUTPUT(X)
  - write element X to disk

Running Example

```
BEGIN TRANSACTION
READ(A,t);
t := t*2;
WRITE(A,t);
READ(B,t);
t := t*2;
WRITE(B,t)
COMMIT;
```

Initially, A=B=8.

Atomicity requires that either
(1) T commits and A=B=16, or
(2) T does not commit and A=B=8.

Running Example

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READ(A,t);
t := t*2;
WRITE(A,t);
READ(B,t);
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```

Initially, A=B=8.

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(1) T commits and A=B=16, or
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Will look at various crash scenarios

What behavior do we want in each case?

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READ(B,t); t := t*2; WRITE(B,t)

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Action	**t**	**Mem A**	**Mem B**	**Disk A**	**Disk B**
INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)					
t:=t*2					
WRITE(A,t)					
INPUT(B)					
READ(B,t)					
t:=t*2					
WRITE(B,t)					
OUTPUT(A)					
OUTPUT(B)					
COMMIT					

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WRITE(B,t)					
OUTPUT(A)					
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READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)					
INPUT(B)					
READ(B,t)					
t:=t*2					
WRITE(B,t)					
OUTPUT(A)					
OUTPUT(B)					
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READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	**16**		8	8
INPUT(B)					
READ(B,t)					
t:=t*2					
WRITE(B,t)					
OUTPUT(A)					
OUTPUT(B)					
COMMIT					

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t:=t*2					
WRITE(B,t)					
OUTPUT(A)					
OUTPUT(B)					
COMMIT					

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INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
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WRITE(B,t)					
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INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	**16**	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)					
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INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	**16**	8	8
OUTPUT(A)					
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COMMIT					

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WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	**16**	8
OUTPUT(B)					
COMMIT					

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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	**16**
COMMIT					

Is this bad ?

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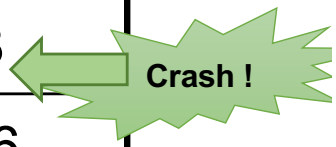
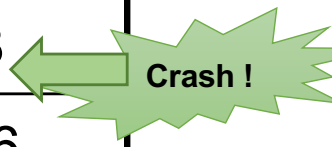
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					



Is this bad ?

Yes it's bad: A=16, B=8….

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					



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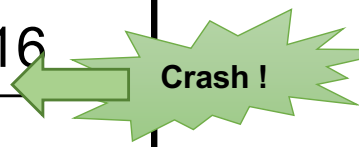
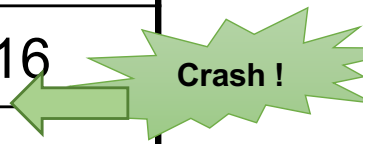
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					



Is this bad ?

Yes it's bad: A=B=16, but not committed

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					



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WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					

Is this bad ?

No: that's OK

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INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16
COMMIT					

OUTPUT can also happen after COMMIT (details coming)

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INPUT(A)		8		8	8
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
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INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

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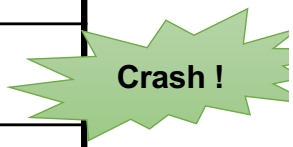
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16



Atomic Transactions

- **FORCE or NO-FORCE**
  - Should all updates of a transaction be forced to disk before the transaction commits?
- **STEAL or NO-STEAL**
  - Can an update made by an uncommitted transaction overwrite the most recent committed value of a data item on disk?

Force/No-steal (most strict)

- **FORCE**: Pages of committed transactions must be forced to disk before commit

- **NO-STEAL**: Pages of uncommitted transactions cannot be written to disk

Easy to implement (how?) and ensures atomicity

No-Force/Steal (most strict)

- **NO-FORCE**: Pages of committed transactions need not be written to disk

- **STEAL**: Pages of uncommitted transactions may be written to disk

In both cases, need a Write Ahead Log (WAL) to provide atomicity in face of failures

Write-Ahead Log (WAL)

The Log: append-only file containing log records

- Records every single action of every TXN
- Forces log entries to disk as needed
- After a system crash, use log to recover

Three types: UNDO, REDO, UNDO-REDO

Aries: is an UNDO-REDO log

Policies and Logs

	NO-STEAL	STEAL
FORCE	Lab 3	Undo Log
NO-FORCE	Redo Log	Undo-Redo Log

"UNDO" Log

FORCE and STEAL

Undo Logging

Log records

- <START T>
  - transaction T has begun
- <COMMIT T>
  - T has committed
- <ABORT T>
  - T has aborted
- <T,X,v>
  - T has updated element X, and its *old* value was v
  - *Idempotent, physical* log records

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8		8	8	
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8	
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

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WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

Crash !

WHAT DO WE DO ?

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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	Crash !
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

WHAT DO WE DO ?

We UNDO by setting B=8 and A=8

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
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COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

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Crash !

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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

What do we do now ?

Nothing: log contains COMMIT

After Crash

- This is all we see (for example):

Disk A	Disk B
8	16

<START T>
<T,A,8>
<T,B,8>

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- What direction?
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After Crash

- If we see NO Commit statement:
  - We UNDO both changes: A=8, B=8
  - The transaction is atomic, since none of its actions have been executed

- In we see that T has a Commit statement
  - We don't undo anything
  - The transaction is atomic, since both it's actions have been executed

Recovery with Undo Log

After system's crash, run recovery manager

- Decide for each transaction T whether it is completed or not
  - <START T>....<COMMIT T>.... = yes
  - <START T>....<ABORT T>..... = yes
  - <START T>..... = no

- Undo all modifications by incomplete transactions

Recovery with Undo Log

Recovery manager:

- Read log from the end; cases:

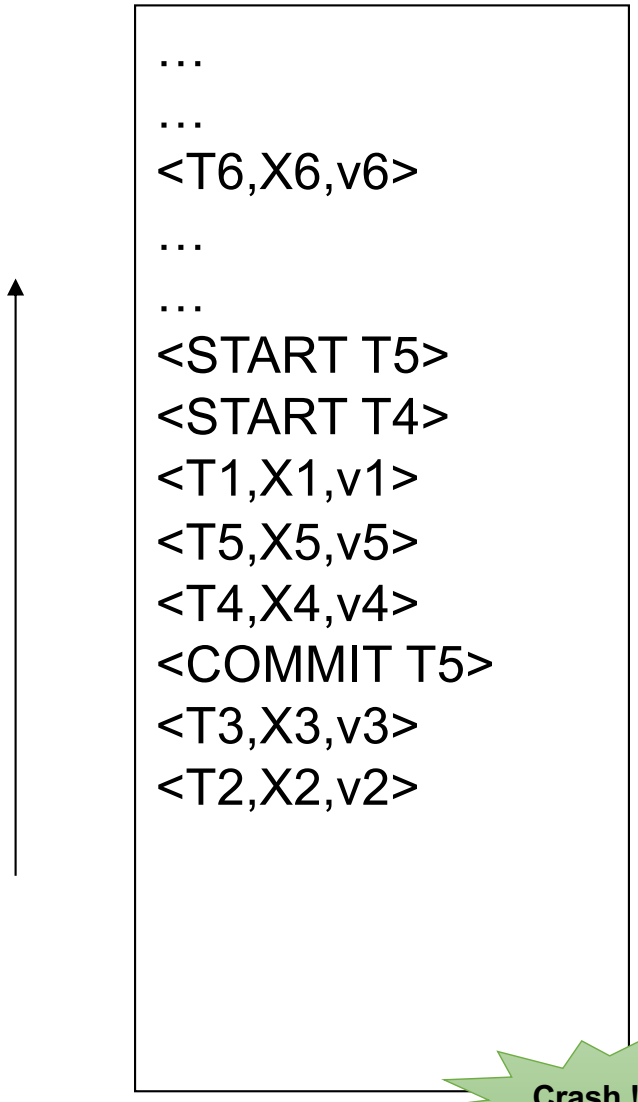
  <COMMIT T>: mark T as completed

  <ABORT T>: mark T as completed

  <T,X,v>: if T is not completed
  then write X=v to disk
  else ignore

  <START T>: ignore

Recovery with Undo Log



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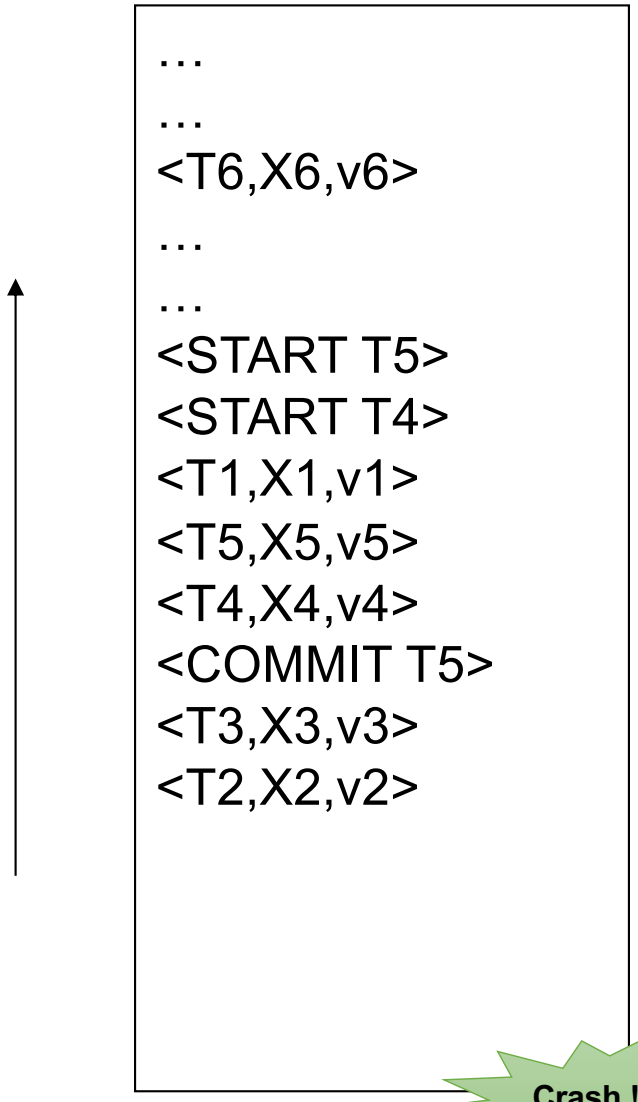

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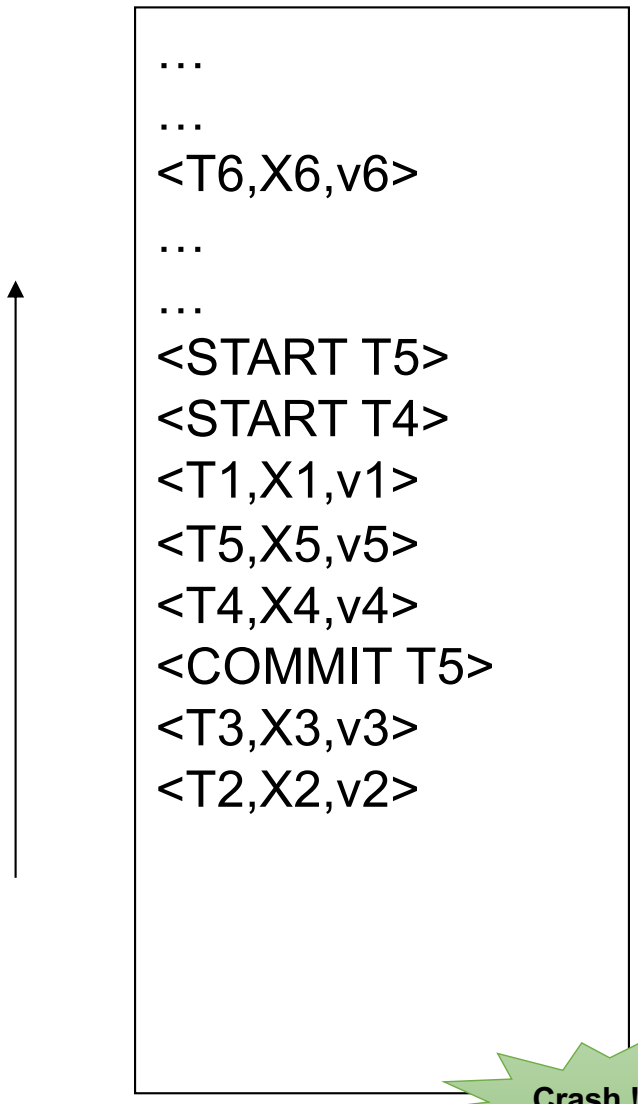


Question1: Which updates are undone ?

Question 2:
How far back do we need to read in the log ?
To the beginning.

Question 3:
What happens if second crash during recovery?
No problem! Log records are idempotent. Can reapply.

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)					8	
READ(A,t)	8				8	
t:=t*2	16	8			8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8	
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<COMMIT T>

When must we force pages to disk ?

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<START T>
INPUT(A)		8		8	8	
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<T,A,8>
INPUT(B)	16	16	8	8	8	
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8	
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<T,B,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT				FORCE		<COMMIT T>

RULES: log entry *before* OUTPUT *before* COMMIT

Undo-Logging Rules

U1: If T modifies X, then <T,X,v> must be written to disk before OUTPUT(X)

U2: If T commits, then OUTPUT(X) must be written to disk before <COMMIT T>

- Hence: OUTPUTs are done *early*, before the transaction commits

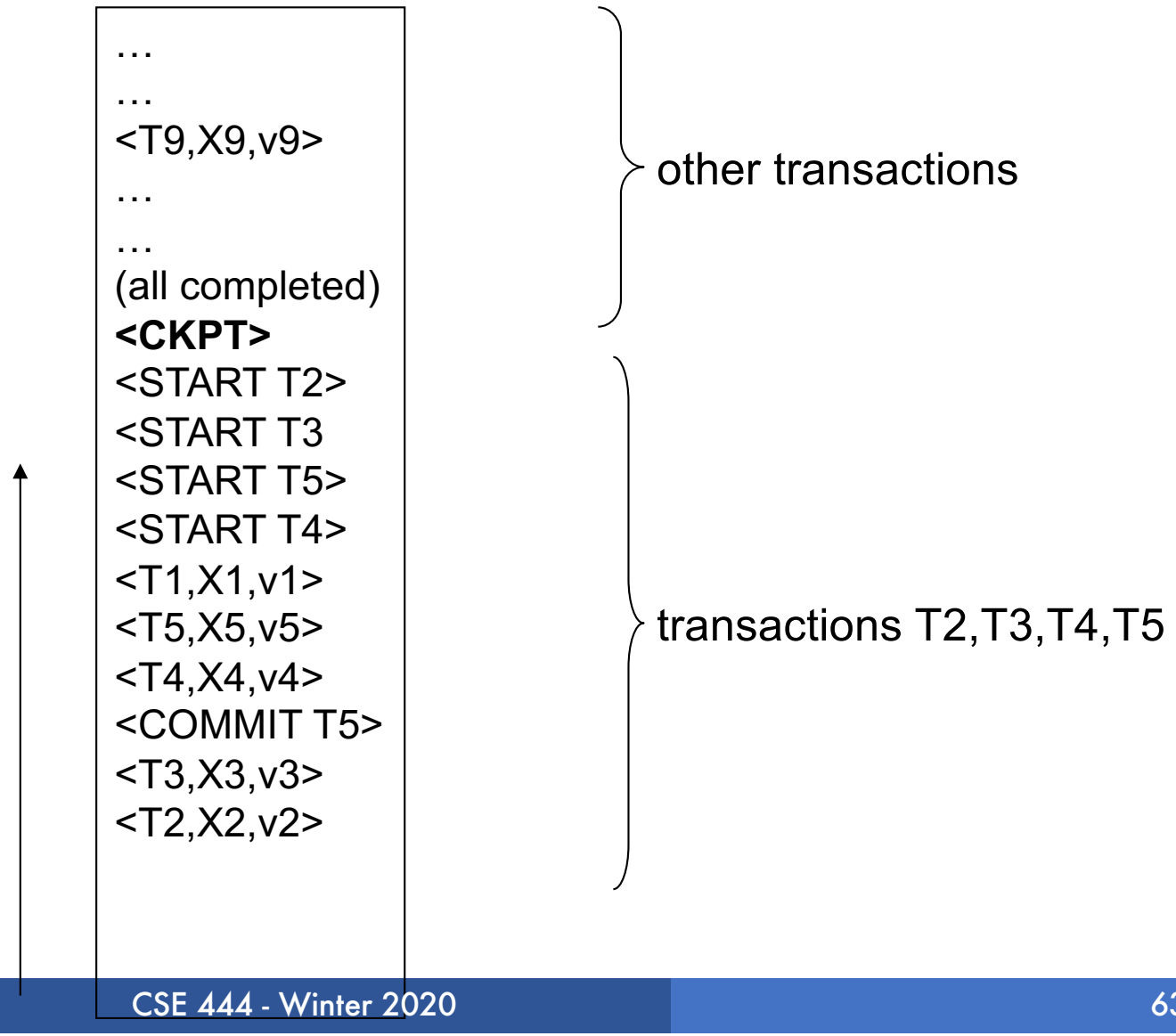
Checkpointing

Checkpoint the database periodically

- Stop accepting new transactions
- Wait until all current transactions complete
- Flush log to disk
- Write a <CKPT> log record, flush
- Resume transactions

Undo Recovery with Checkpointing

During recovery,
Can stop at first
<CKPT>



Nonquiescent Checkpointing

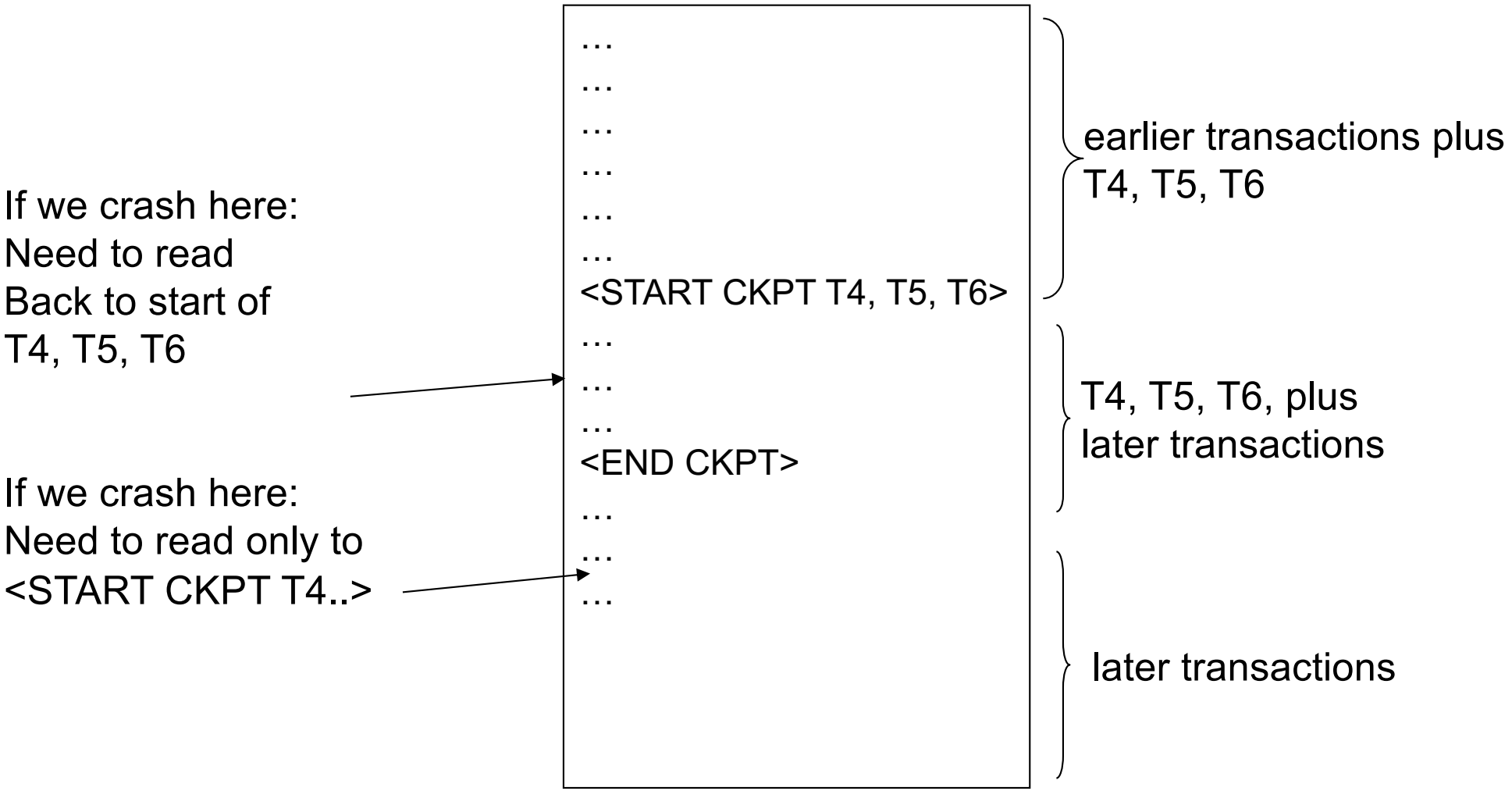
- Problem with checkpointing: database freezes during checkpoint
- Would like to checkpoint while database is operational
- Idea: nonquiescent checkpointing

Quiescent = being quiet, still, or at rest; inactive
Non-quiescent = allowing transactions to be active

Nonquiescent Checkpointing

- Write a <START CKPT(T1,…,Tk)> where T1,…,Tk are all active transactions. Flush log to disk
- Continue normal operation
- When all of T1,…,Tk have completed, write <END CKPT>, flush log to disk

Undo with Nonquiescent Checkpointing



Implementing ROLLBACK

- Recall: a transaction can end in COMMIT or ROLLBACK
- Idea: use the undo-log to implement ROLLBACK
- How ?
  - LSN = Log Sequence Number
  - Log entries for the same transaction are linked, using the LSN's
  - Read log in reverse, using LSN pointers

Implementing ROLLBACK

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…
<T9,X9,v9>
…
…
(all completed)
<CKPT>
<START T2>
<START T3
<START T5>
<START T4>
<T1,X1,v1>
<T5,X5,v5>
<T2,X1,v2>
<T4,X4,v4>
<COMMIT T5>
<T3,X3,v3>
<T2,X2,v2>

REDO

NO-FORCE and NO-STEAL

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

Is this bad ?

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READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

Is this bad ?

Yes, it's bad: A=16, B=8

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
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t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
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t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

Is this bad ?

Yes, it's bad: lost update

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
READ(B,t)	8	16	8	8	8
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8
COMMIT					
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16

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OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8
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Is this bad ?

No: that's OK.

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t:=t*2	16	8		8	8
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8
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