

Database System Internals Transactions: Recovery (part 2)

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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 (least 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

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

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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 <u>old</u> value was v
 - Idempotent, physical log records

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
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></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,<mark>8></t,b,<mark>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	Creach J.
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	Crash !
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>

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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	<t,a,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></t,b,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	Crash !
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>
WHAT DO WE DO ? We UNDO by setting B=8 and A=8						

• This is all we see (for example):

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16	8	<t,a,8></t,a,8>
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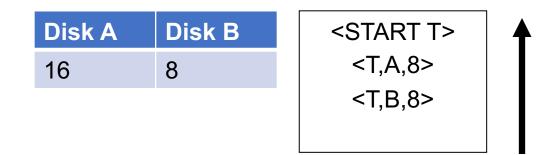
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16	8	<t,a,8></t,a,8>
		<t,b,8></t,b,8>

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		<t,b,8></t,b,8>

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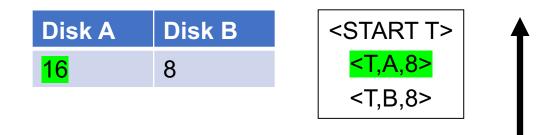
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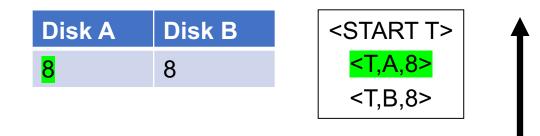
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- If we see NO Commit statement:
 - We UNDO both changes: A=8, B=8
 - The transaction is atomic, since none of its actions have been executed
- In we see that T has a Commit statement
 - We don't undo anything
 - The transaction is atomic, since both its actions have been executed

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 (already cleaned up)
 - <START T>..... = no
- Undo all modifications by incomplete transactions

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

... <T6,X6,v6> ...

... <START T5> <START T4> <T1,X1,v1> <T5,X5,v5> <T4,X4,v4> <COMMIT T5> <T3,X3,v3> <T2,X2,v2> Question1: Which updates are undone ?

Question 2:

How far back do we need to read in the log ?

Question 3:

What happens if second crash during recovery?

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Question 2:

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Question 3:

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

Crash !

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	UNDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
INPUT(A)		V	Vhen mu	ust	8	
READ(A,t)	8		ve force	pages	8	
t:=t*2	16	8	o disk ?		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	2
t:=t*2	16	16	8	8	8	
WRITE(B,t)	16	16	16	8	8	<t,b,8></t,b,8>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	1 6	16	16	16	16	
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>

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16	8	8	8	
16	8	8	8	
16	8	8	8	
16	16	8	8	-(<t,b,8>)</t,b,8>
16	16	16	8	
16	16	16	16	
		FOR	CE	<commit td="" t≯<=""></commit>
			FOR	try <u>before</u> OUTPUT <u>before</u> COMMIT

Undo-Logging Rules

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

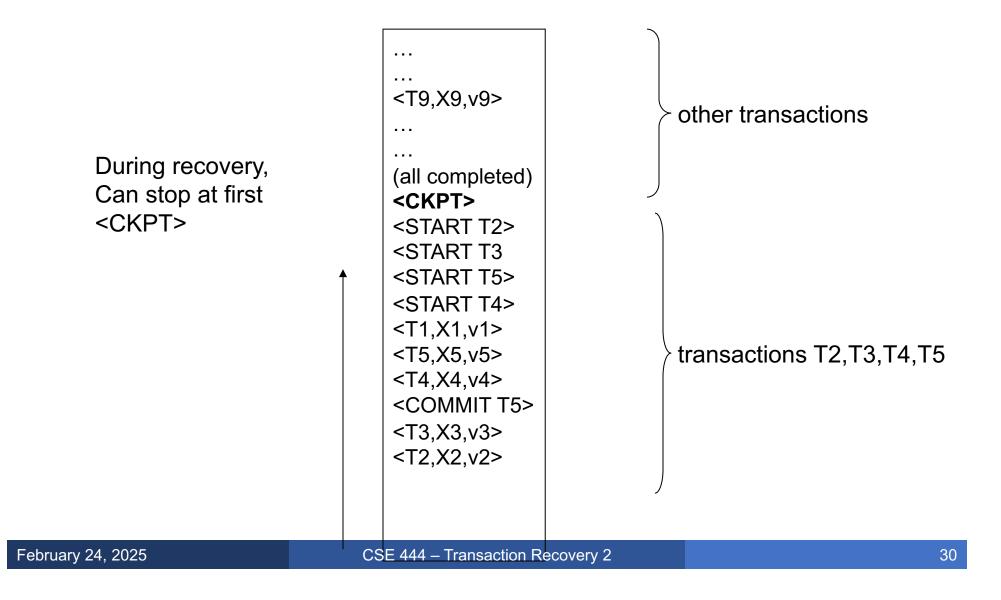
- U2: If T commits, then OUTPUT(X) must be written to disk before <COMMIT T>
- Hence: OUTPUTs are done <u>early</u>, before the transaction commits



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



Nonquiescent Checkpointing

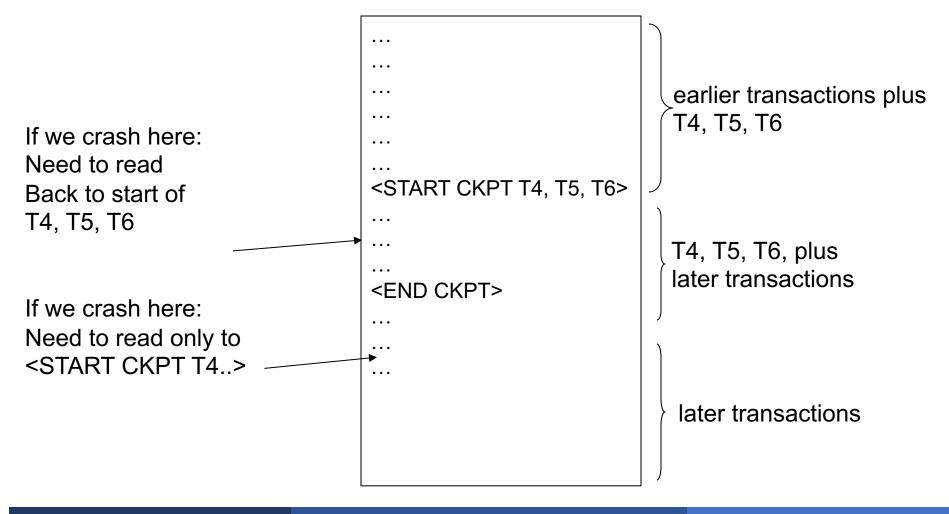
- Problem with checkpointing: database freezes during checkpoint
- Would like to checkpoint while database is operational
- Idea: nonquiescent checkpointing

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

Nonquiescent Checkpointing

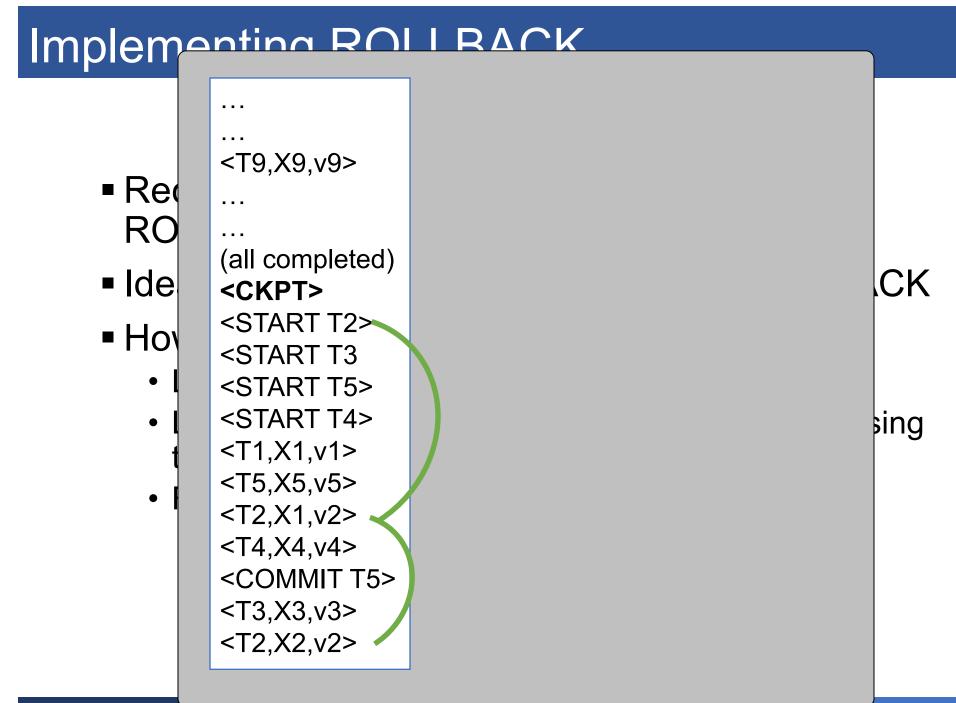
- Write a <START CKPT(T1,...,Tk)> where T1,...,Tk are all active transactions. Flush log to disk
- Continue normal operation
- When all of T1,...,Tk have completed, write <END CKPT>, flush log to disk

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





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

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

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

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

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						Crash !
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

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						Crash !
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

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	Crash !
COMMIT						Crash :
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

No: that's OK.

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	Creak L
COMMIT						Crash !
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

Redo Logging

One minor change to the undo log:

<T,X,v>= T has updated element X, and its <u>new</u> value is v

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<t,a,16></t,a,16>
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,16></t,b,16>
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<t,a,16></t,a,16>
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,16></t,b,16>
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	Crash !

How do we recover ?

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<t,a,16></t,a,16>
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,16></t,b,16>
COMMIT						<commit t=""></commit>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	Crash !

How do we recover ?

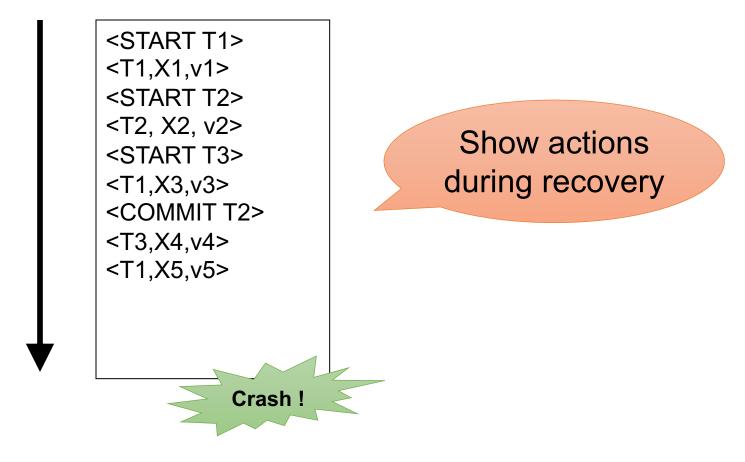
We REDO by setting A=16 and B=16

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After system's crash, run recovery manager

- Step 1. Decide for each transaction T whether it is committed or not
 - <START T>....<COMMIT T>.... = yes
 - <START T>....<ABORT T>.... = no
 - <START T>..... = no
- Step 2. Read log from the beginning, redo all updates of <u>committed</u> transactions

Recovery with Redo Log

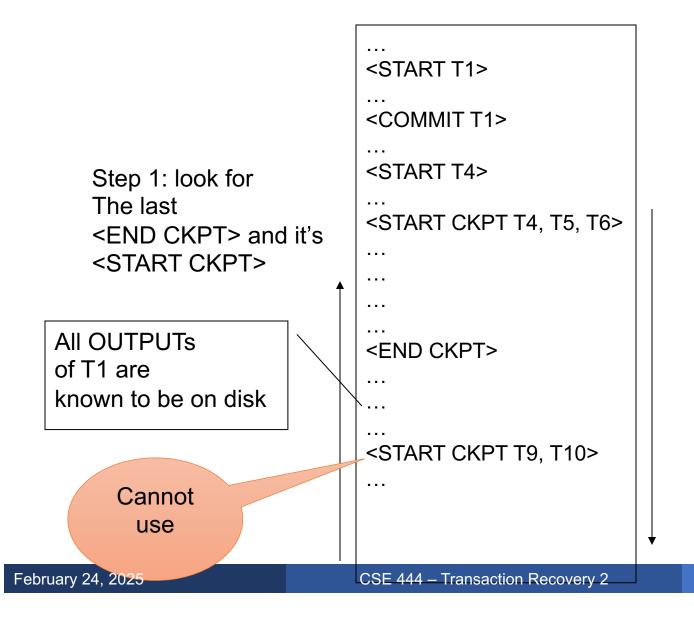


Nonquiescent Checkpointing

- Write a <START CKPT(T1,...,Tk)> where T1,...,Tk are all active txn's
- Begin flush to disk all blocks of committed transactions before the START CKPT (e.g. dirty block from T0 that committed already)
- Meantime, continue normal operation
- When all blocks have been written, write <END CKPT>

END CKPT has different meaning here than in Undo log! It does not mean that T1,...,Tk are complete. It means that commited transactions like T0 are written to disk

Nonquiescent Checkpointing



Step 2: redo from the earliest start of T4, T5, T6 ignoring transactions committed earlier

READ(A,t)88When must we force pages to disk ?t:=t*2168	<start t=""></start>
to disk?	
t:=t*2 16 8 0000 8	
WRITE(A,t) 16 16 8 8	<t,<mark>A,16></t,<mark>
READ(B,t) 8 16 8 8 8	
t:=t*2 16 16 8 8 8	2
WRITE(B,t) 16 16 16 8 8	<t,b,16></t,b,16>
COMMIT	<commit t=""></commit>
OUTPUT(A) 16 16 16 16 8	
OUTPUT(B) 16 16 16 16 16	

Action	t	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	REDO Log
						<start t=""></start>
READ(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<t,a,16></t,a,16>
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,16></t,b,16>
COMMIT						
OUTPUT(A)) 16	16	16	16	8	
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

RULE: OUTPUT after COMMIT

NO-STEAL

Redo-Logging Rules

R1: If T modifies X, then both <T,X,v> and <COMMIT T> must be written to disk before OUTPUT(X)

Hence: OUTPUTs are done <u>late</u>

NO-STEAL

Comparison Undo/Redo

Undo logging:

Steal/Force

- OUTPUT must be done early
- If <COMMIT T> is seen, T definitely has written all its data to disk (hence, don't need to redo) – inefficient
- Redo logging
 - OUTPUT must be done late

No-Steal/No-Force

- If <COMMIT T> is not seen, T definitely has not written any of its data to disk (hence there is not dirty data on disk, no need to undo) – inflexible
- Would like more flexibility on when to OUTPUT: undo/redo logging (next)

Steal/No-Force

Log records, only one change

<T,X,u,v>= T has updated element X, its <u>old</u> value was u, and its <u>new</u> value is v

Undo/Redo-Logging Rule

UR1: If T modifies X, then <T,X,u,v> must be written to disk before OUTPUT(X)

Note: we are free to OUTPUT early or late relative to <COMMIT T>

Action	Т	Mem A	Mem B	Disk A	Disk B	Log
						<start t=""></start>
REAT(A,t)	8	8		8	8	
t:=t*2	16	8		8	8	
WRITE(A,t)	16	16		8	8	<t,a<mark>,8,16></t,a<mark>
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,<mark>8,16></t,b,<mark>
OUTPUT(A)	16	16	16	16	8	
						<commit t=""></commit>
OUTPUT(B)	16	16	16	16	16	

Can OUTPUT whenever we want: before/after COMMIT

Recovery with Undo/Redo Log

After system's crash, run recovery manager

- Redo all committed transaction, top-down
- Undo all uncommitted transactions, bottom-up

Recovery with Undo/Redo Log

<START T1> <T1,X1,v1> <START T2> <T2, X2, v2> <START T3> <T1,X3,v3> <COMMIT T2> <T3,X4,v4> <T1,X5,v5> ...

ARIES



- ARIES pieces together several techniques into a comprehensive algorithm
- Developed at IBM Almaden, by Mohan
- IBM botched the patent, so everyone uses it now
- Several variations, e.g. for distributed transactions

ARIES Recovery Manager

Log entries:

- START T> -- when T begins
- Update: <T,X,u,v>
 - T updates X, <u>old</u> value=u, <u>new</u> value=v
 - Logical description of the change
- COMMIT T> or <ABORT T> then <END>
- <CLR> we'll talk about them later.

Rule:

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

We are free to OUTPUT early or late w.r.t commits

LSN = Log Sequence Number

LSN = identifier of a log entry

 Log entries belonging to the same TXN are linked with extra entry for previous LSN

Each page contains a pageLSN:

• LSN of log record for latest update to that page

ARIES Data Structures

Active Transactions Table

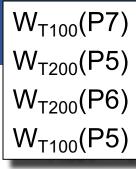
- Lists all active TXN's
- For each TXN: lastLSN = its most recent update LSN

Dirty Page Table

- Lists all dirty pages
- For each dirty page: recoveryLSN (recLSN)= first LSN that caused page to become dirty

Write Ahead Log

• LSN, prevLSN = previous LSN for same txn



W_{T100}(P7) W_{T200}(P5) Data Structures

Dirty pages

pagelD	recLSN	
P5	102	
P6	103	
P7	101	

Log (WAL)

LSN	prevLSN	transID	pagelD	Log entry
101	-	T100	P7	
102	-	T200	P5	
103	102	T200	P6	
104	101	T100	P5	

Active transactions

transID	lastLSN	
T100	104	
T200	103	

Buffer Pool

P8	P2	
P5	P6	P7
PageLSN=104	PageLSN=103	PageLSN=101
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- T writes page P
- What do we do ?

- T writes page P
- What do we do ?
- Write **<T,P,u,v>** in the **Log**
- pageLSN=LSN
- prevLSN=lastLSN
- lastLSN=LSN
- recLSN=if isNull then LSN

Buffer manager wants to OUTPUT(P)

What do we do ?

Buffer manager wants INPUT(P)

What do we do ?

Buffer manager wants to OUTPUT(P)

- Flush log up to pageLSN
- Remove P from Dirty Pages table

Buffer manager wants INPUT(P)

What do we do ?

Buffer manager wants to OUTPUT(P)

- Flush log up to pageLSN
- Remove P from Dirty Pages table

Buffer manager wants INPUT(P)

Create entry in Dirty Pages table recLSN = NULL

Transaction T starts

What do we do ?

Transaction T commits/aborts

What do we do ?

ARIES Normal Operation

Transaction T starts

- Write <START T> in the log
- New entry T in Active TXN; lastLSN = null
- **Transaction T commits**
- What do we do ?

ARIES Normal Operation

Transaction T starts

- Write <START T> in the log
- New entry T in Active TXN; lastLSN = null
- **Transaction T commits**
- Write <COMMIT T> in the log
- Flush log up to this entry
- Write <END>

Write into the log

- Entire active transactions table
- Entire dirty pages table

Recovery always starts by analyzing latest checkpoint

Background process periodically flushes dirty pages to disk

ARIES Recovery

1. Analysis pass

- Figure out what was going on at time of crash
- List of dirty pages and active transactions

2. Redo pass (repeating history principle)

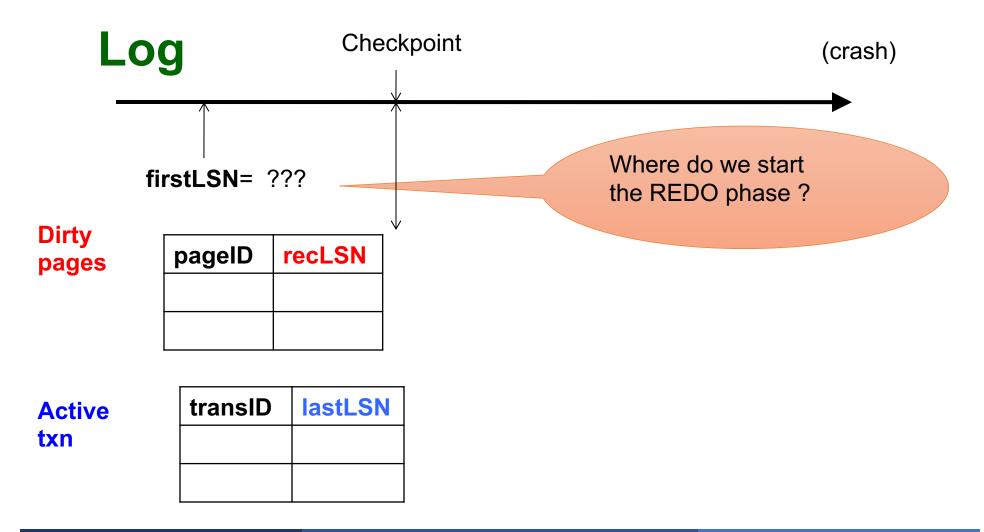
- Redo all operations, even for transactions that will not commit
- Get back to state at the moment of the crash

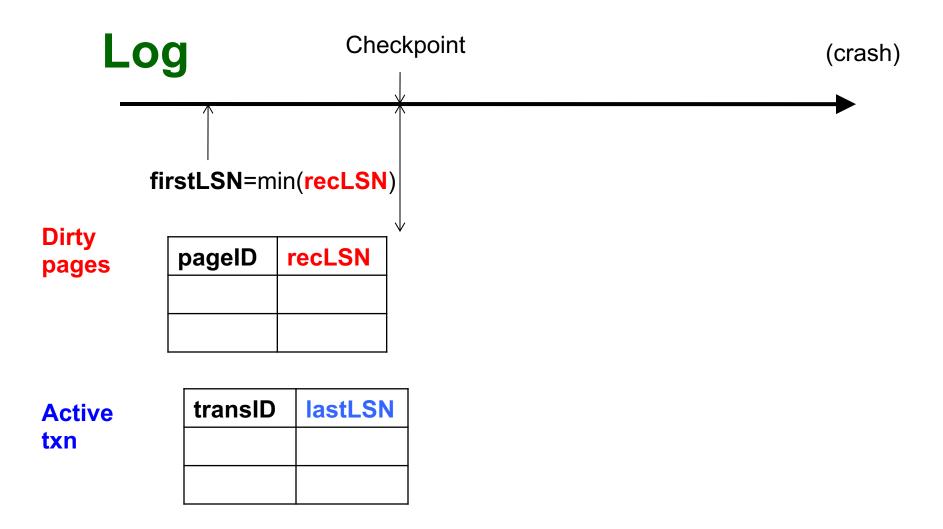
3. Undo pass

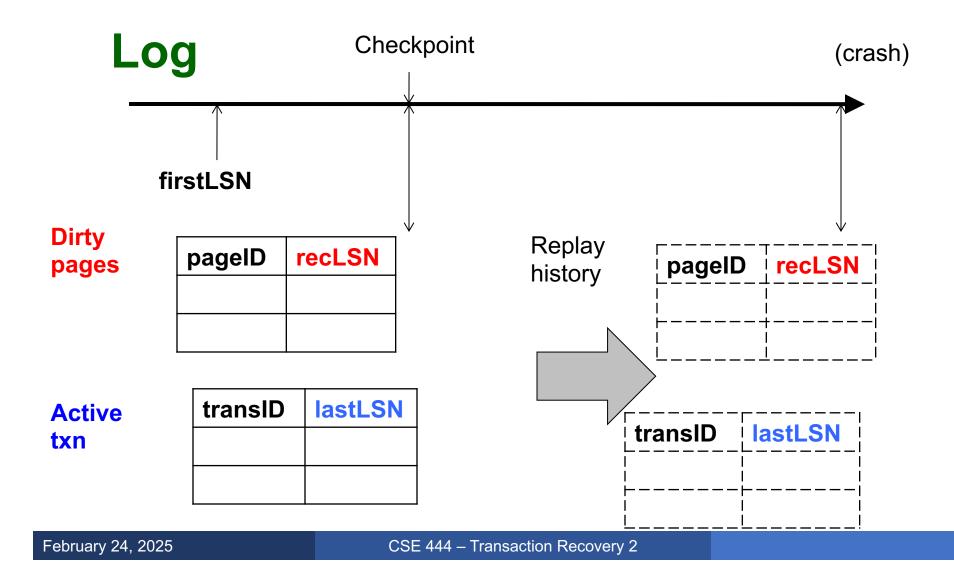
- Remove effects of all uncommitted transactions
- Log changes during undo in case of another crash during undo

Goal

- Determine point in log where to start REDO
- Determine set of dirty pages when crashed
 - Conservative estimate of dirty pages
- Identify active transactions when crashed
- Approach
 - Rebuild active transactions table and dirty pages table
 - Reprocess the log from the checkpoint
 - Only update the two data structures
 - Compute: firstLSN = smallest of all recoveryLSN







Main principle: replay history

- Process Log forward, starting from firstLSN
- Read every log record, sequentially
- Redo actions are not recorded in the log
- Needs the Dirty Page Table

For each Log entry record LSN: **<T**,**P**,**u**,**v>**

- Redo the action P=u and WRITE(P)
- Only redo actions that need to be redone

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- If P is not in Dirty Page then no update
- If recLSN > LSN, then no update
- Read page from disk: If pageLSN >= LSN, then no update
- Otherwise perform update

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 - Undo only the loser transactions
 - Need to support ROLLBACK: selective undo, for one transaction
- Hence, *logical* undo v.s. *physical* redo

Main principle: "logical" undo

- Start from end of Log, move backwards
- Read only affected log entries
- Undo actions are written in the Log as special entries: CLR (Compensating Log Records)
- CLRs are redone, but never undone

 "Loser transactions" = uncommitted transactions in Active Transactions Table

• ToUndo = set of lastLSN of loser transactions

While **ToUndo** not empty:

- Choose most recent (largest) LSN in ToUndo
- If LSN = regular record <T,P,u,v>:
 - Write a CLR where CLR.undoNextLSN = LSN.prevLSN
 - Undo v
- If LSN = CLR record:
 - Don't undo !
- if CLR.undoNextLSN not null, insert in ToUndo otherwise, write <END> in log

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We do not UNDO again ! Instead, each CLR is a REDO record: we simply redo the undo