Database Applications (15-415)

DBMS Internals- Part XIV Lecture 25, April 19, 2015

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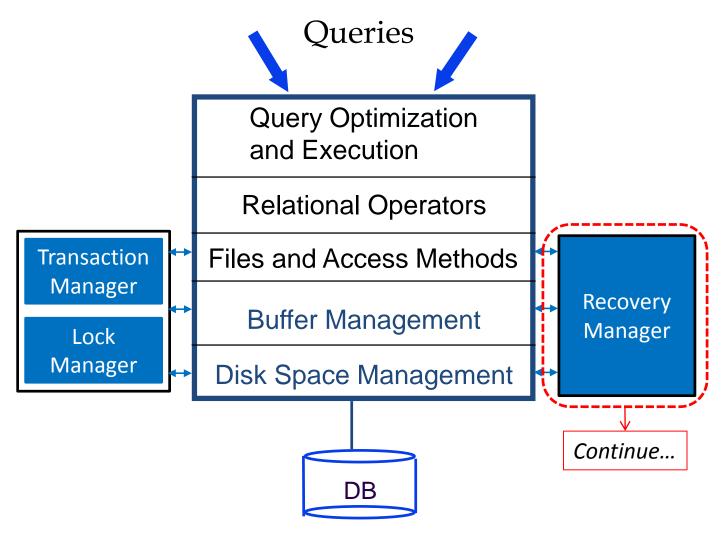
Today...

- Last Session:
 - Recovery Management

- Today's Session:
 - Recovery Management (Cont'd)
- Announcements:
 - The final exam is on Monday April 27th, from 8:30AM to 11:30AM in room 1190 (all materials are included- open book, open notes)
 - PS5 (the "last" assignment) is due on Thursday, April 23rd by midnight
 - P4: Write a survey on SQL vs. NoSQL databases (optional)due on Friday, April 24th by midnight



DBMS Layers



Logging and the WAL Property

- In order to recover from failures, the recovery manager maintains a log of all modifications to the database on stable storage (which should survive crashes)
- After a failure, the DBMS "replays" the log to:
 - Redo committed transactions
 - Undo uncommitted transactions

- Caveat: A log record describing a change must be written to stable storage before the change is made
 - This is referred to as the *Write-Ahead Log (WAL) property*

The WAL Protocol

- WAL is the fundamental rule that ensures that a record of every change to the database is available after a crash
- What if a transaction made a change, committed, then a crash occurred (i.e., no log is kept "before" the crash)?
 - The no-force approach entails that this change may not have been written to disk before the crash
 - Without a record of this change, there would be no way to ensure that the committed transaction survives the crash
 - Hence, durability cannot be guaranteed!

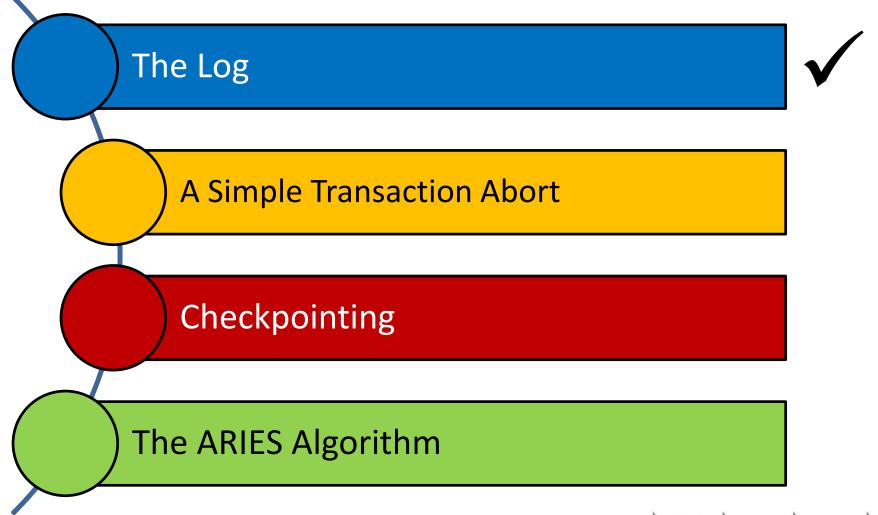
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The WAL Protocol (Cont'd)

- WAL is the fundamental rule that ensures that a record of every change to the database is available after a crash
- What if a transaction made a change, was progressing, and a crash occurred?
 - The steal approach entails that this change may have been written to disk before the crash
 - Without a record of this change, there would be no way to ensure that the transaction can be rolled back (i.e., its effects would be unseen)
 - Hence, atomicity cannot be guaranteed!

To guarantee **atomicity**, a record for every change must be written to stable storage <u>before the change is made</u>

Outline



The Log

■ The log is *a file of records* stored in stable storage

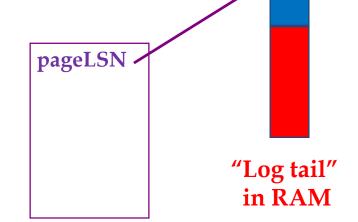
- Every log record is given a unique id called the Log Sequence Number (LSN)
 - LSNs are assigned in a monotonically increasing order (this is required by the ARIES recovery algorithm- later)
- Every page contains the LSN of the most recent log record, which describes a change to this page
 - This is called the pageLSN

The Log (Cont'd)

The most recent portion of the log, called the log tail, is kept in main memory and forced periodically to disk
Log records

Log records flushed to disk

- The DBMS keeps track of the maximum LSN flushed to disk so far
 - This is called the flushedLSN
- As per the WAL protocol, before a page is written to disk, pageLSN ≤ flushedLSN



When to Write Log Records?

- A log record is written after:
 - Updating a Page
 - An update log record is appended to the log tail
 - The pageLSN of the page is set to the LSN of the update log record
 - Committing a Transaction
 - A commit log record is appended to the log tail
 - The log tail is written to stable storage, up to and including the commit log record
 - Aborting a Transaction
 - An abort log record is appended to the log tail
 - An undo is initiated for this transaction

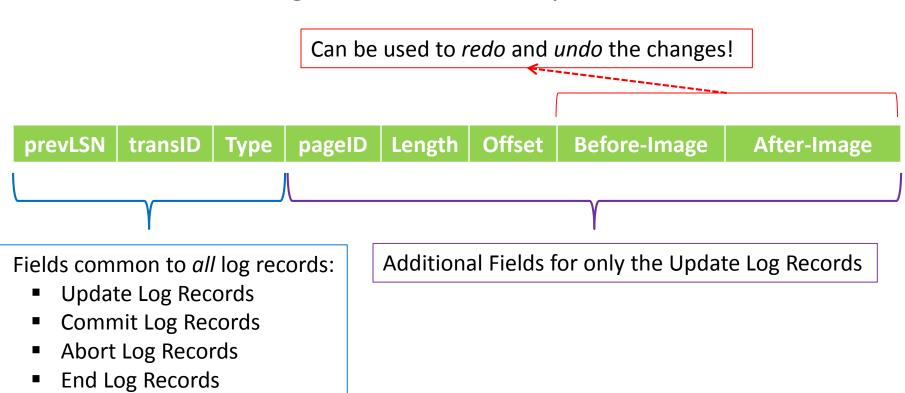
When to Write Log Records?

- A log record is written after:
 - Ending (Aborting or Committing) a Transaction:
 - Additional steps are completed (*later*)
 - An end log record is appended to the log tail
 - Undoing an Update
 - When the action (described by an update log record) is undone, a compensation log record (CLR) is appended to the log tail
 - CLR describes the action taken to undo the action recorded in the corresponding update log record

Log Records

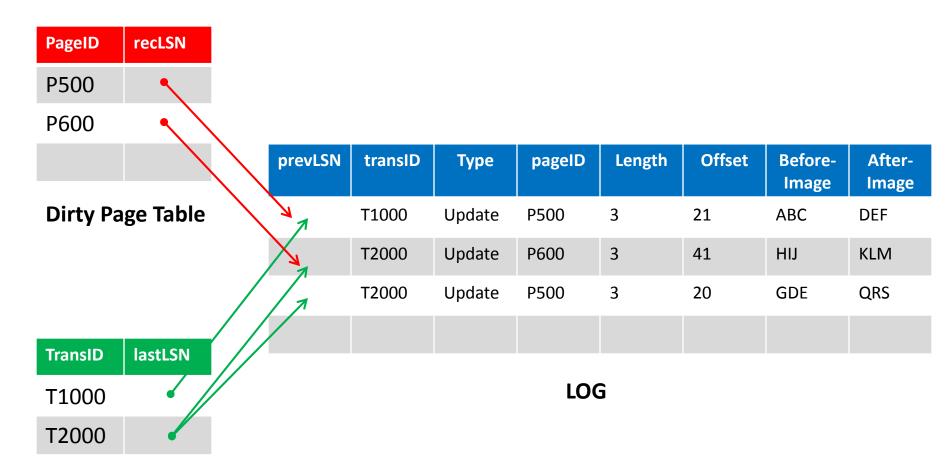
The fields of a log record are usually as follows:

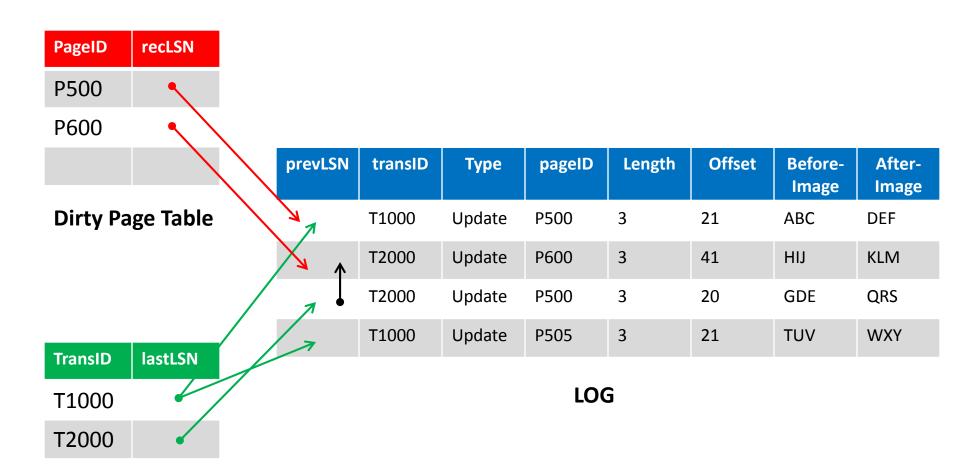
Compensation Log Records



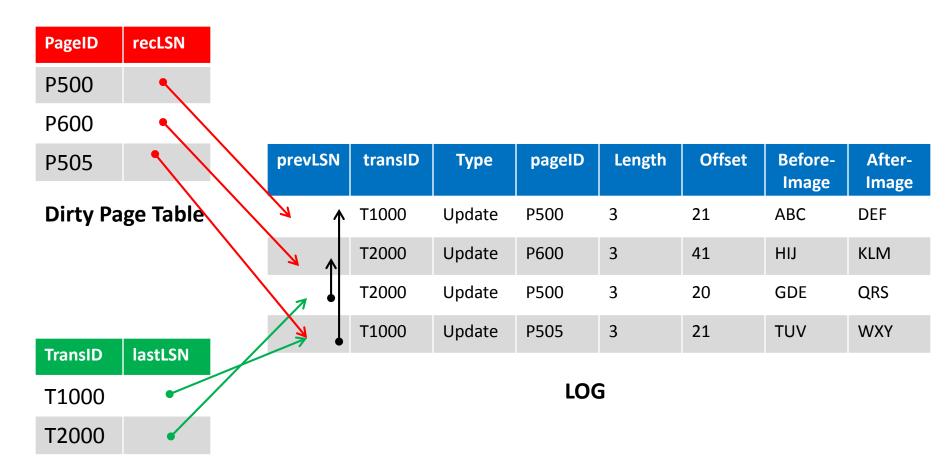
Other Recovery-Related Structures

- In addition to the log, the following two tables are maintained:
 - The Transaction Table
 - One entry **E** for each <u>active</u> transaction
 - **E** fields are:
 - Transaction ID
 - Status, which can be "Progress", "Committed" or "Aborted"
 - lastLSN, which is the most recent log record for this transaction
 - The Dirty Page Table
 - One entry E' for each dirty page in the buffer pool
 - E' fields are:
 - Page ID
 - recLSN, which is the LSN of the first log record that caused the page to become dirty



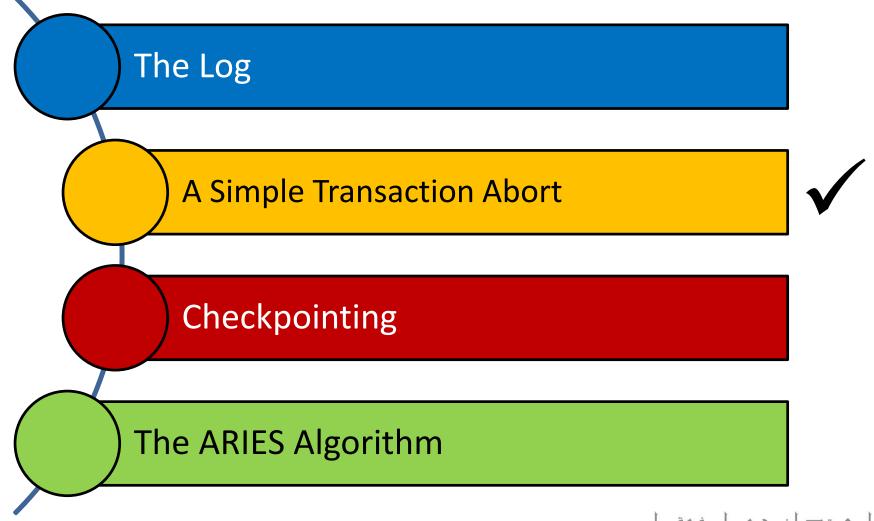


Transaction Table



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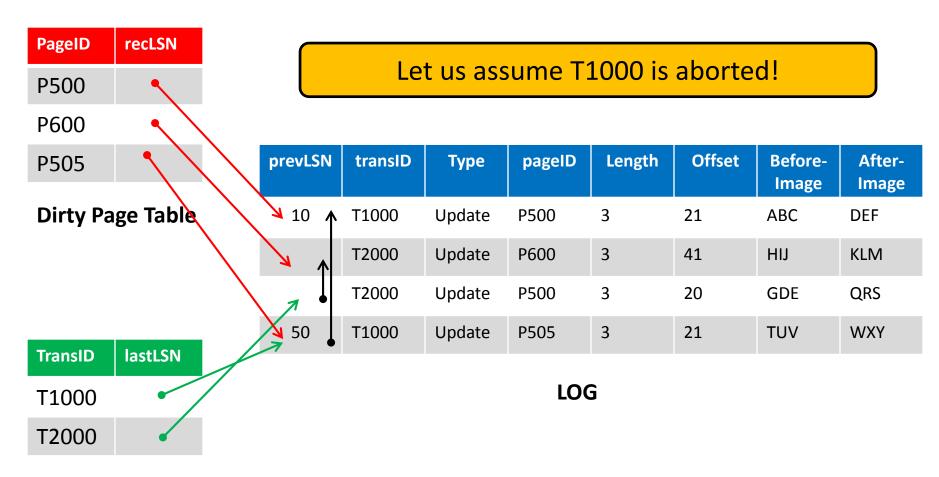
A Simple Transaction Abort

- For now, let us consider an "explicit" abort of a transaction *T*
 - That is, no system crash is involved
- We want to "play back" the log in reverse order, undoing T's updates
 - Step 1: We get the lastLSN of T from the Transaction table

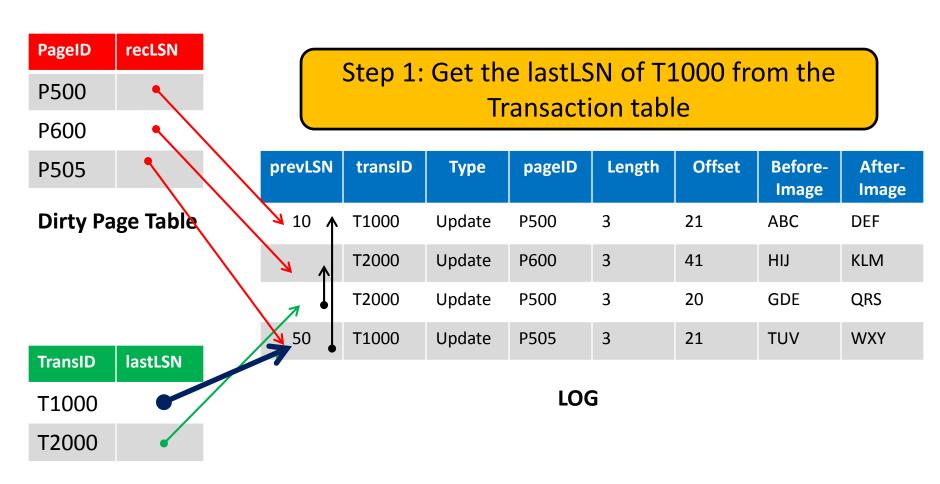
 Step 2: We lock the corresponding data to be undone (we can use strict 2PL)

A Simple Transaction Abort (Cont'd)

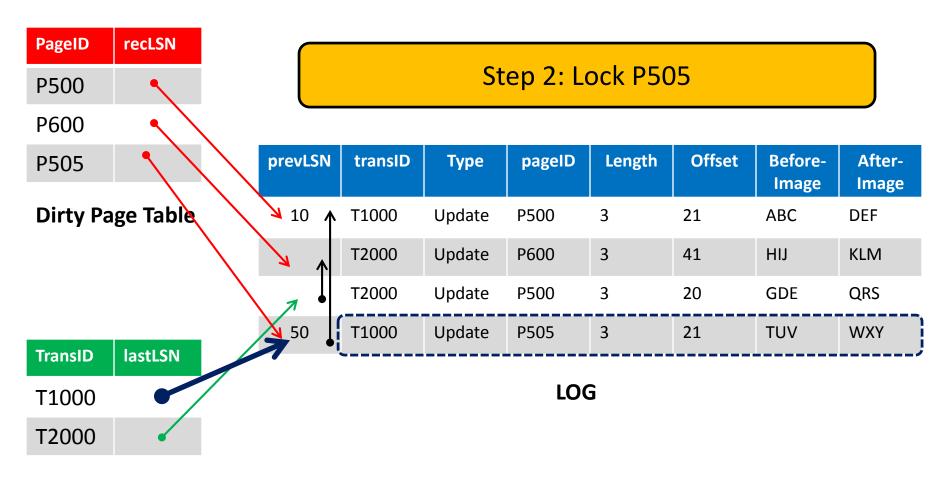
- Step 3: before restoring an old value of a page, we write a respective Compensation Log Record (CLR)
 - CLR has one extra field, that is, undoNextLSN, which points to the next LSN to undo
 - That is, the prevLSN of the record we are currently undoing
 - CLRs are <u>never</u> undone (but they might be Redone)
- Step 4: repeat steps 2 and 3 by following a chain of log records backward via the prevLSN field
- Last Step: at the end of UNDO, write an end log record

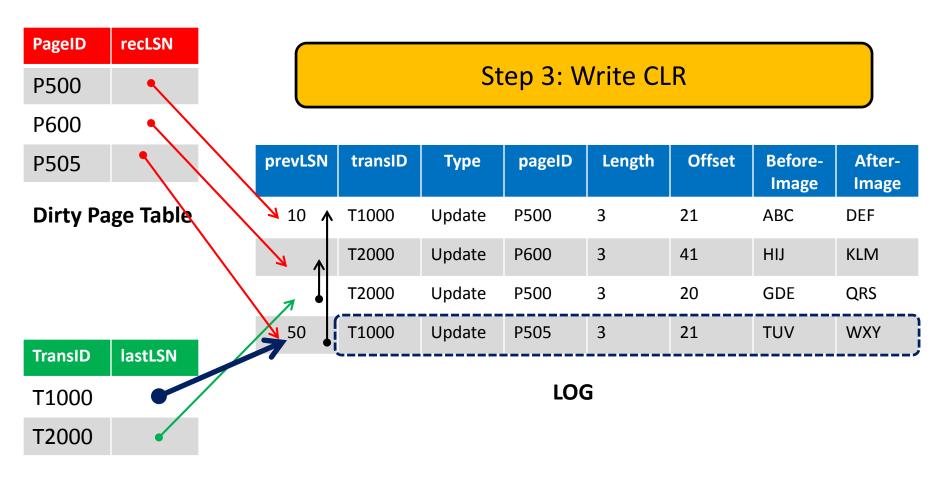


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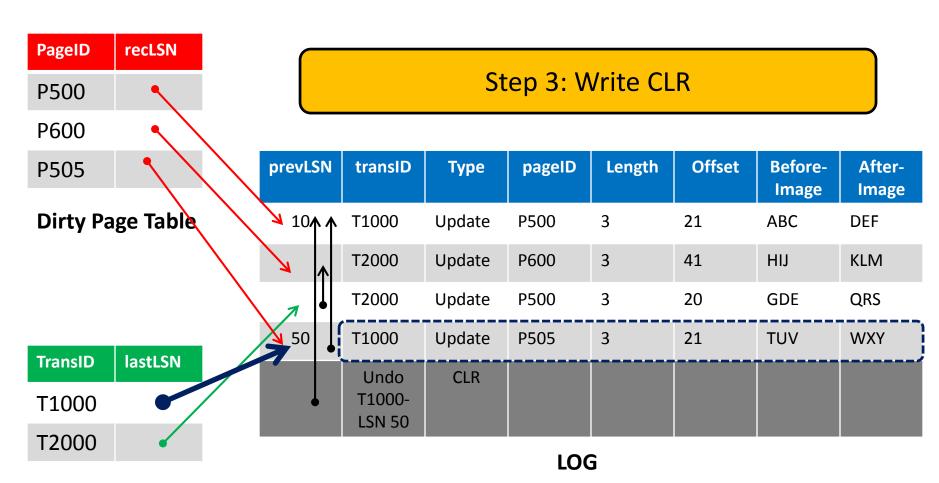


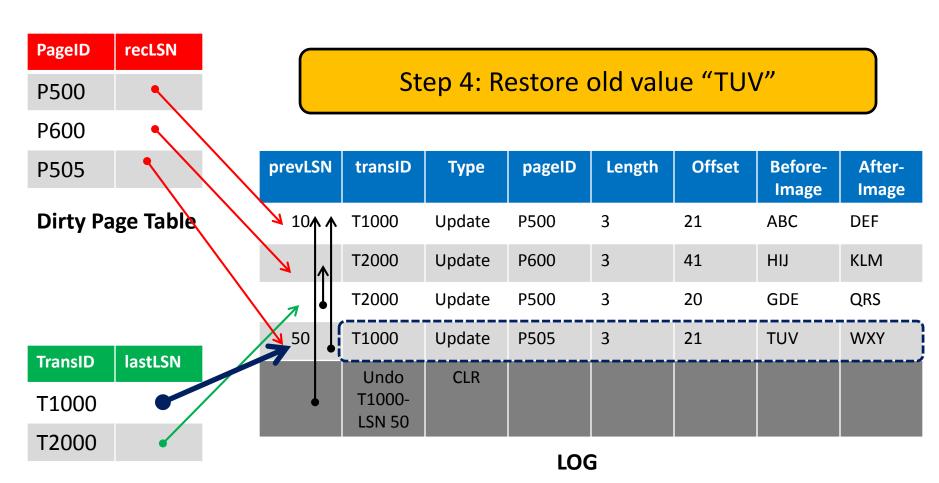
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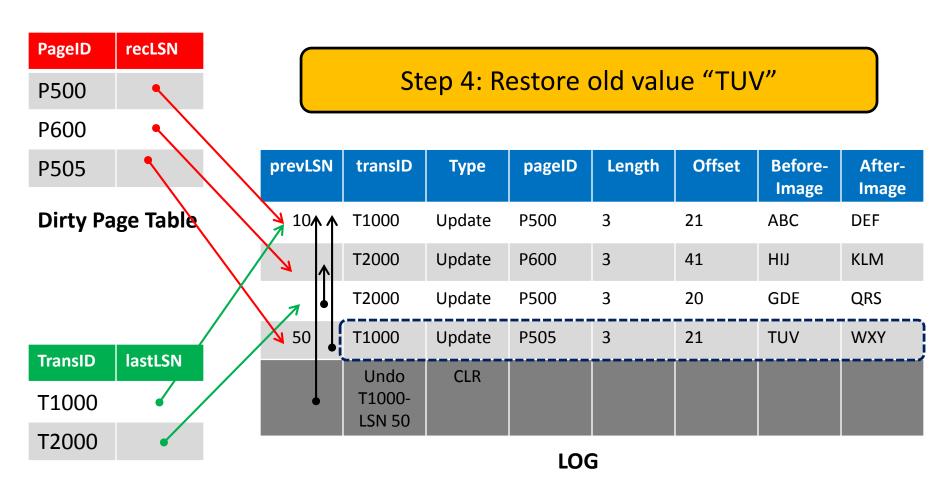


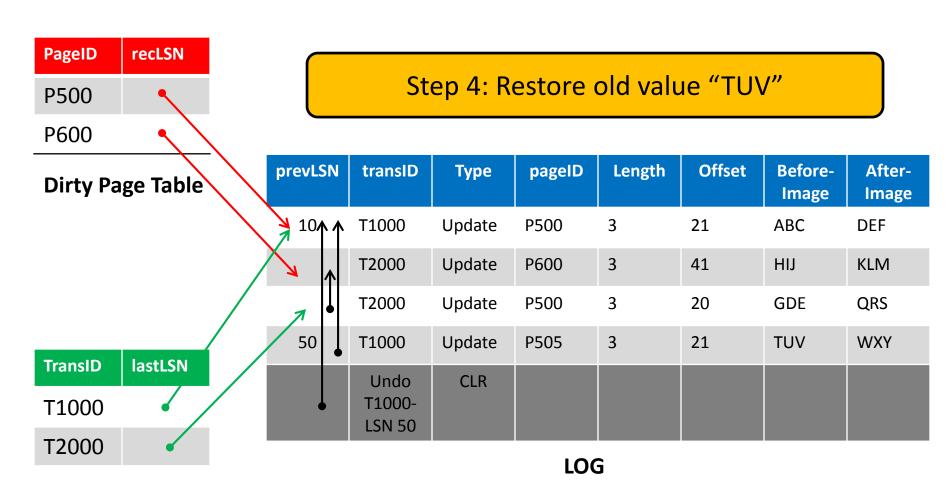


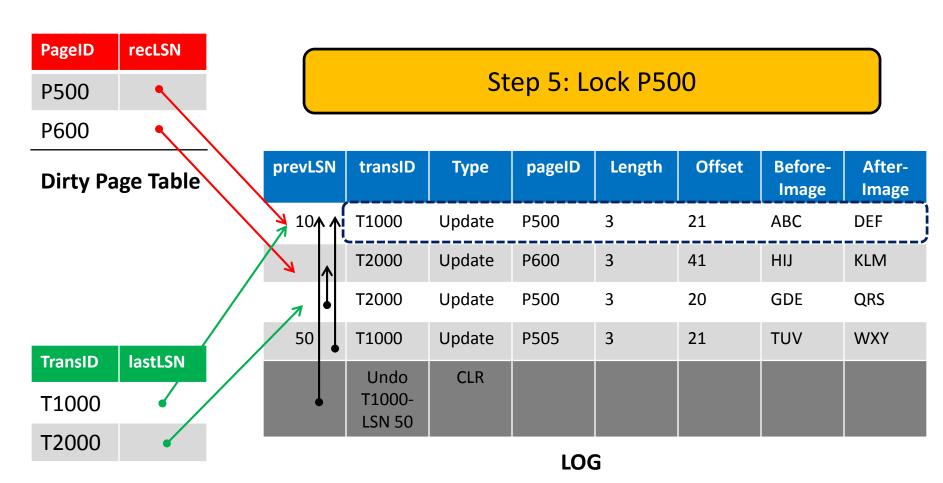
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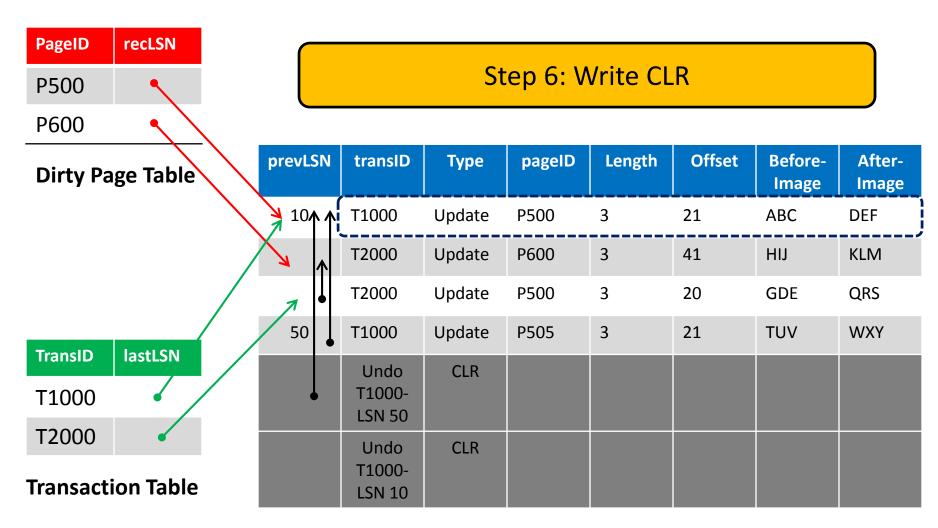


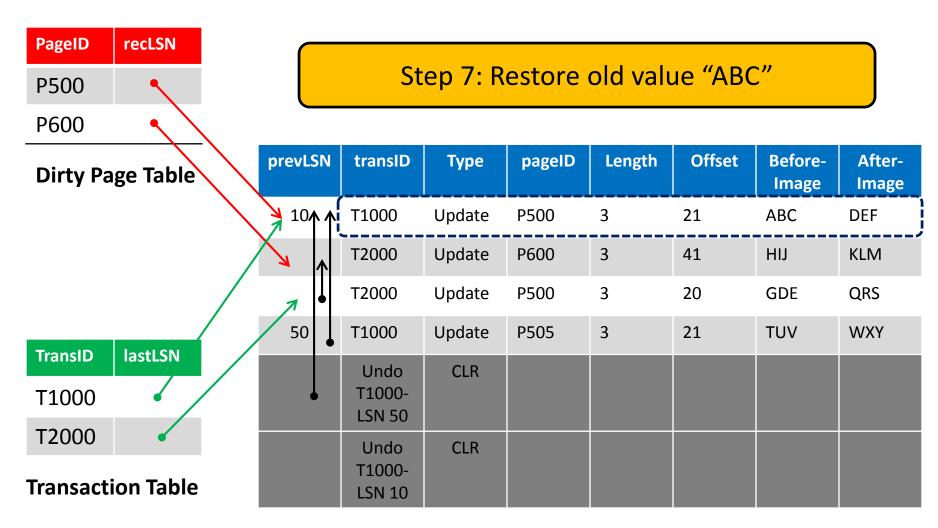


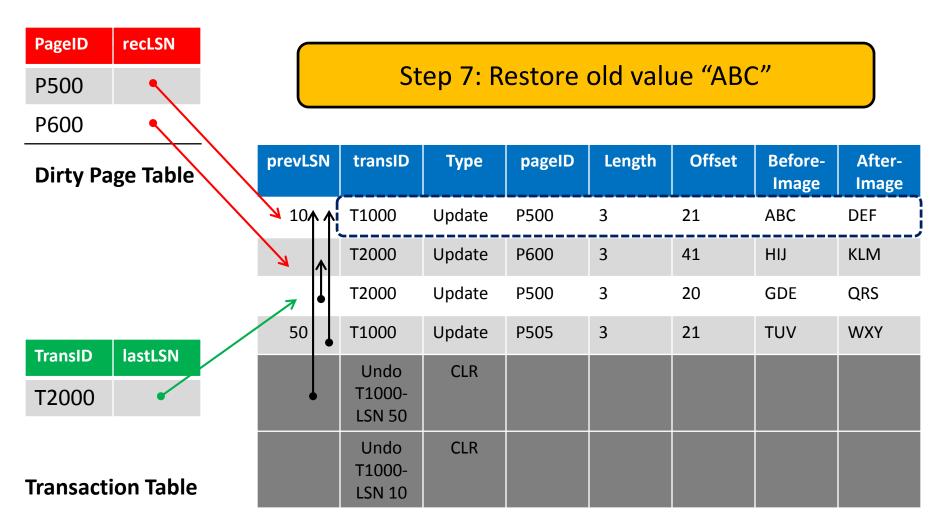


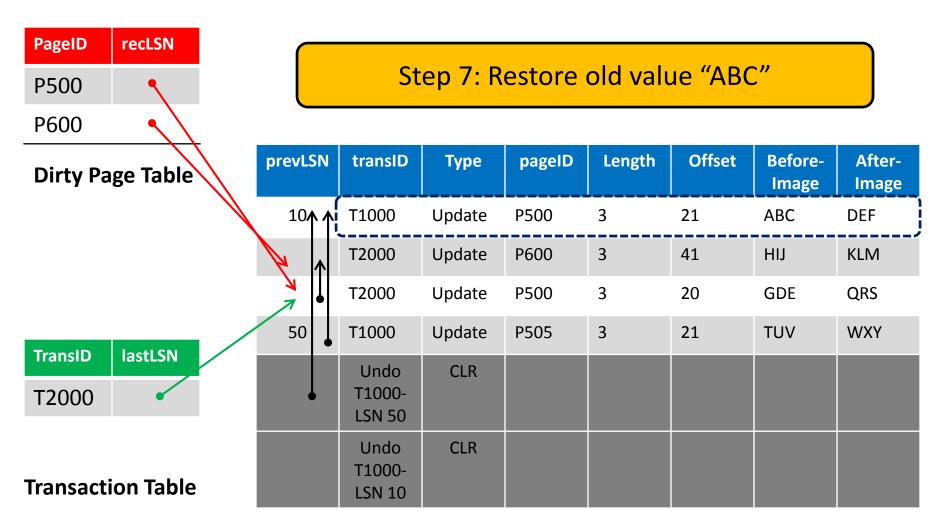


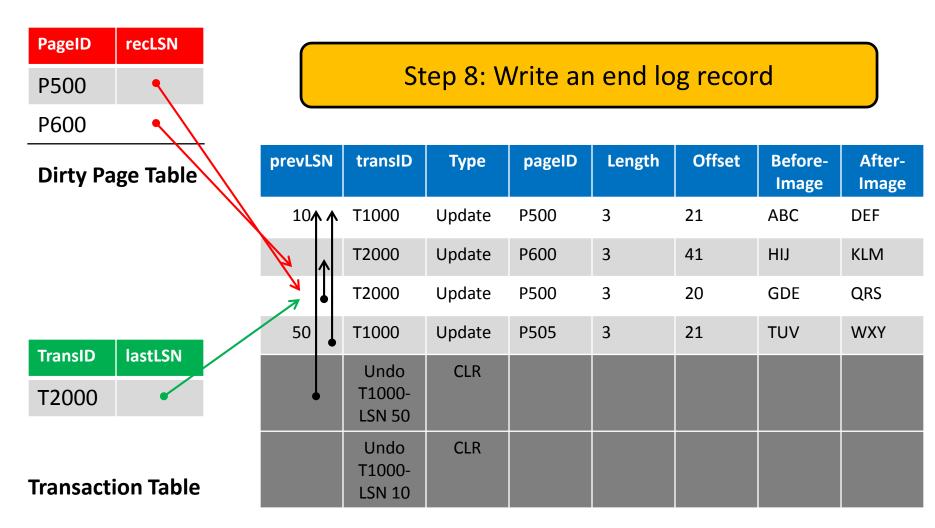


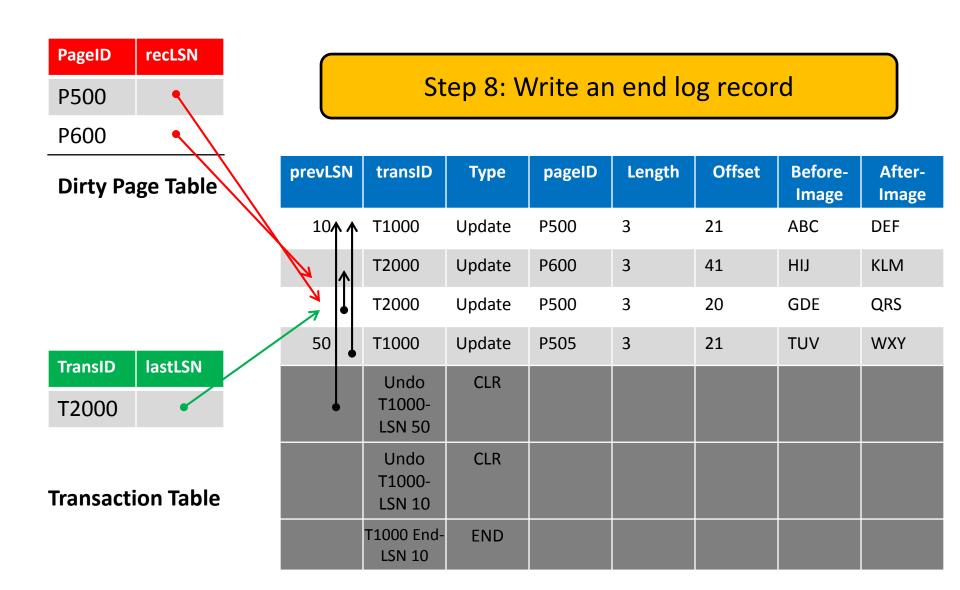




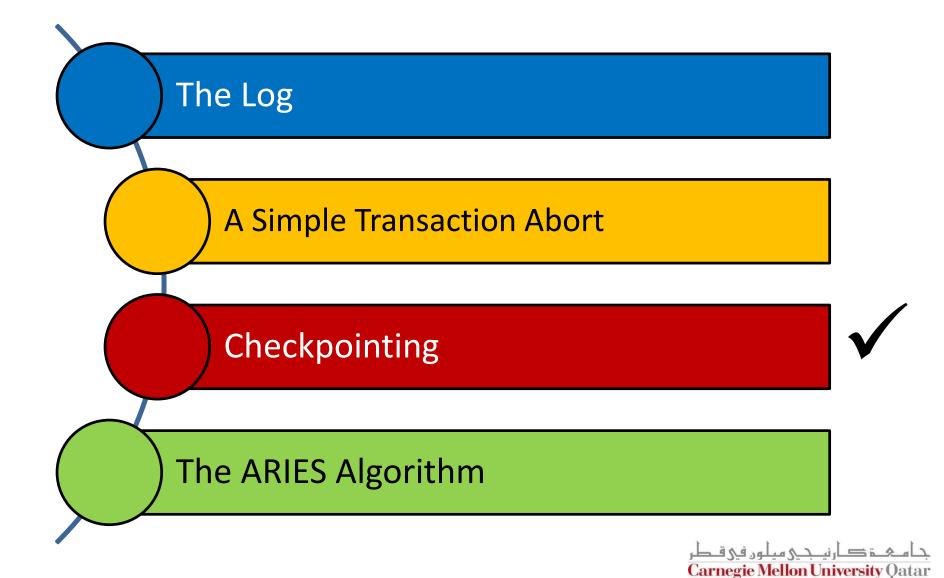








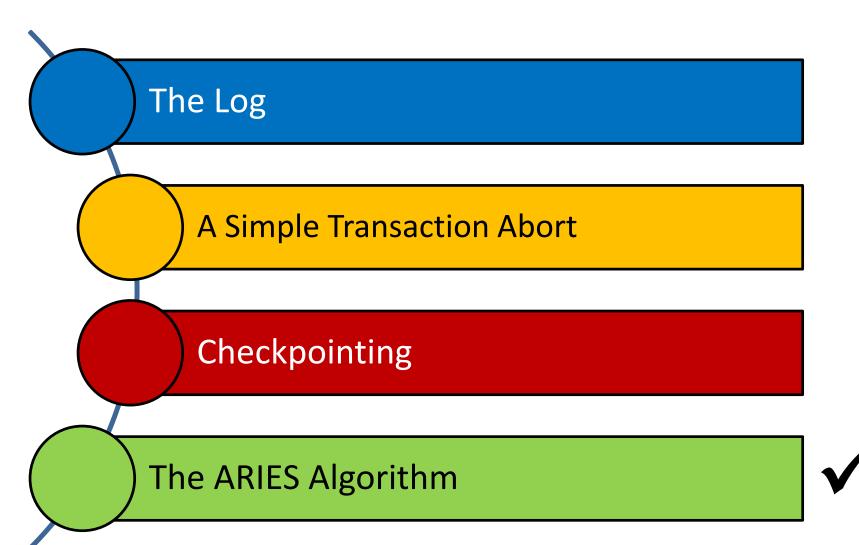
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Checkpointing

- To reduce the amount of work to do during recovery, DBMSs typically take checkpoints
- A checkpoint is like a snapshot of a DBMS state
- A checkpoint can be taken by writing to the log:
 - A begin_checkpoint record
 - This indicates the start of the checkpoint
 - An end_checkpoint record
 - This indicates the end of the checkpoint
 - It includes the contents of the Transaction and the Dirty Page tables
 - A master record
 - This contains the LSN of the begin_checkpoint record

Outline



Recovering From a System Crash: ARIES

- We will study the ARIES algorithm for recovering from system crashes
- ARIES is designed to work with a steal, no-force approach
- When the recovery manager is invoked after a crash, restart proceeds in three phases:
 - Analysis
 - Redo
 - Undo

Recovering From a System Crash: ARIES

The Analysis Phase:

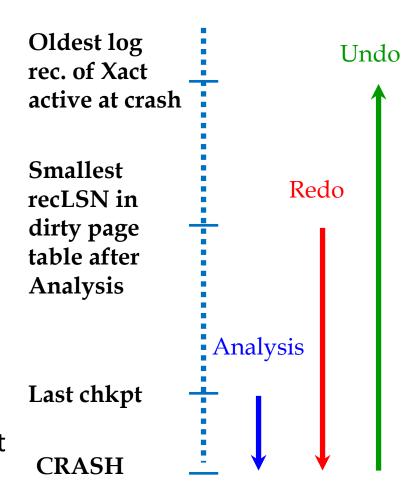
 Identifies dirty pages in the buffer pool and active transactions at the time of the crash

The Redo Phase:

Redoes all actions

The Undo Phase:

 Undoes the actions of transactions that were active and did not commit



ARIES: The Analysis Phase

- The Analysis phase encompasses two main steps:
 - Step 1: Reconstruct state (i.e., Dirty Page and Transaction tables) via the end_checkpoint record, after the most recent begin_checkpoint record

- Step 2: Scan the log in the forward direction, starting after the checkpoint
 - If an end log record is encountered
 - Remove the corresponding transaction from the Transaction table

ARIES: The Analysis Phase

- The Analysis phase encompasses two main steps:
 - Step 2 (Cont'd):
 - If any other record is encountered
 - Add the corresponding transaction to the Transaction table (if it is not already there)
 - Set lastLSN to the LSN of the record
 - Set status to C for committed transactions, or to U (i.e., Undo), otherwise
 - When an update log record is encountered
 - If the recorded page, **P**, is not in the Dirty Page table
 - Add P to the Dirty Page table and set its recLSN to the LSN of the log record

ARIES: The Analysis Phase

- At the end of the Analysis phase:
 - The Transaction table contains an "accurate" list of all transactions that were active at the time of the crash

- The Dirty Page table contains all pages that were dirty at the time of the crash
 - These pages may contain some pages that were written to disk (why?)— Not a Problem!

ARIES: The Redo Phase

- During the Redo phase, ARIES reapplies the updates of "all" transactions (i.e., committed and aborted)
 - This paradigm is referred to as Repeating History
- The Redo phase scans forward until the end of the log, and redoes every action unless:
 - The affected page is not in the Dirty Page table
 - The affected page is in the Dirty Page table, but its recLSN > the current record's LSN
 - The pageLSN of the affected page >= the current record's LSN

Wouldn't checking this be enough?

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YES, but it requires retrieving the page from the disk, thus made last!

ARIES: The Redo Phase

- If the logged action must be redone:
 - The logged action is reapplied

- The pageLSN on the page is set to the LSN of the redone log record
 - No additional record is written at this time!

ARIES: The Undo Phase

- This phase will undo the actions of all transactions that were active before the crash
 - These transactions are referred to as loser transactions and were identified by the Analysis phase
- The Undo phase:
 - Considers the set of lastLSN values for all loser transactions
 - This is denoted as the ToUndo set
 - Repeatedly chooses the largest (i.e., the most recent) LSN value in ToUndo and processes it, until ToUndo is empty

ARIES: The Undo Phase

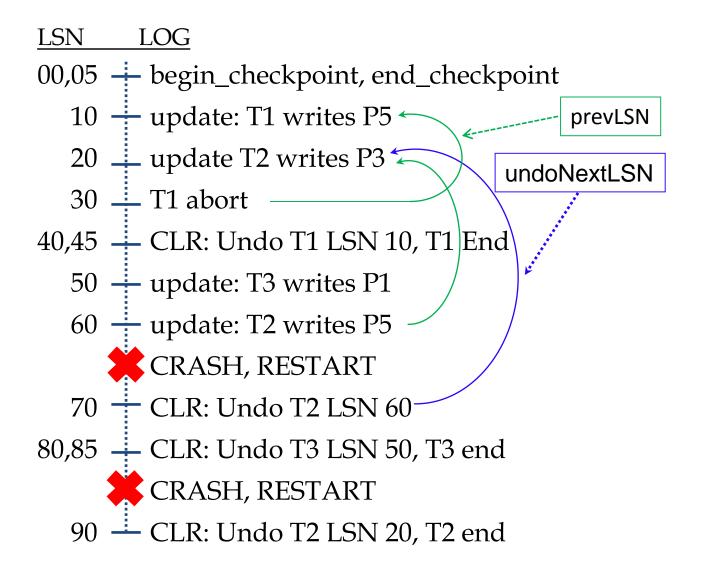
In particular, the Undo phase proceeds as follows:

Repeat:

Choose largest LSN among ToUndo If this LSN is a CLR and undoNextLSN==NULL Write an End record for this Xact If this LSN is a CLR, and undoNextLSN != NULL Add undonextLSN to ToUndo Else this LSN is an update Undo the update Write a CLR Add prevLSN to ToUndo

Until ToUndo is empty

An Example



Additional Crash Issues

- What happens if the system crashes while "Restart" is in the Analysis phase?
 - All the work done is lost!
 - On a second Restart, the Analysis phase starts afresh
- What happens if the system crashes while "Restart" is in the Redo phase?
 - Restart starts again with the Analysis phase then the Redo phase
 - But, some of the changes made during Redo may have been written to disk
 - The update log records that were done the first time around will not be redone a second time (why?)

Summary

Recovery Manager guarantees Atomicity & Durability

 WAL is used to allow STEAL/NO-FORCE without sacrificing correctness

 LSNs identify log records; linked into backwards chains per transaction (via prevLSN)

pageLSNs allow comparisons of data pages and log records

Summary

- Checkpointing: A quick way to limit the amount of log to scan on recovery
- Recovery works in 3 phases:
 - Analysis: Forward from checkpoint
 - Redo: Forward from oldest recLSN
 - Undo: Backward from end to first LSN of oldest transaction alive at crash
- Upon Undo, write CLRs
- Redo "repeats history": Simplifies the logic!

Next Class

The NoSQL Movement!