

# ARIES (& Logging)

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What does it mean for a transaction to be committed?

If commit returns successfully, the transaction...

- ... is recorded completely (atomicity)
- ... left the database in a stable state (consistency)
- ...'s effects are independent of other xacts (isolation)
- ... will survive failures (durability)

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called but  
doesn't  
return

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may be  
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# Motivation

T1

T2

T3

T4

T5



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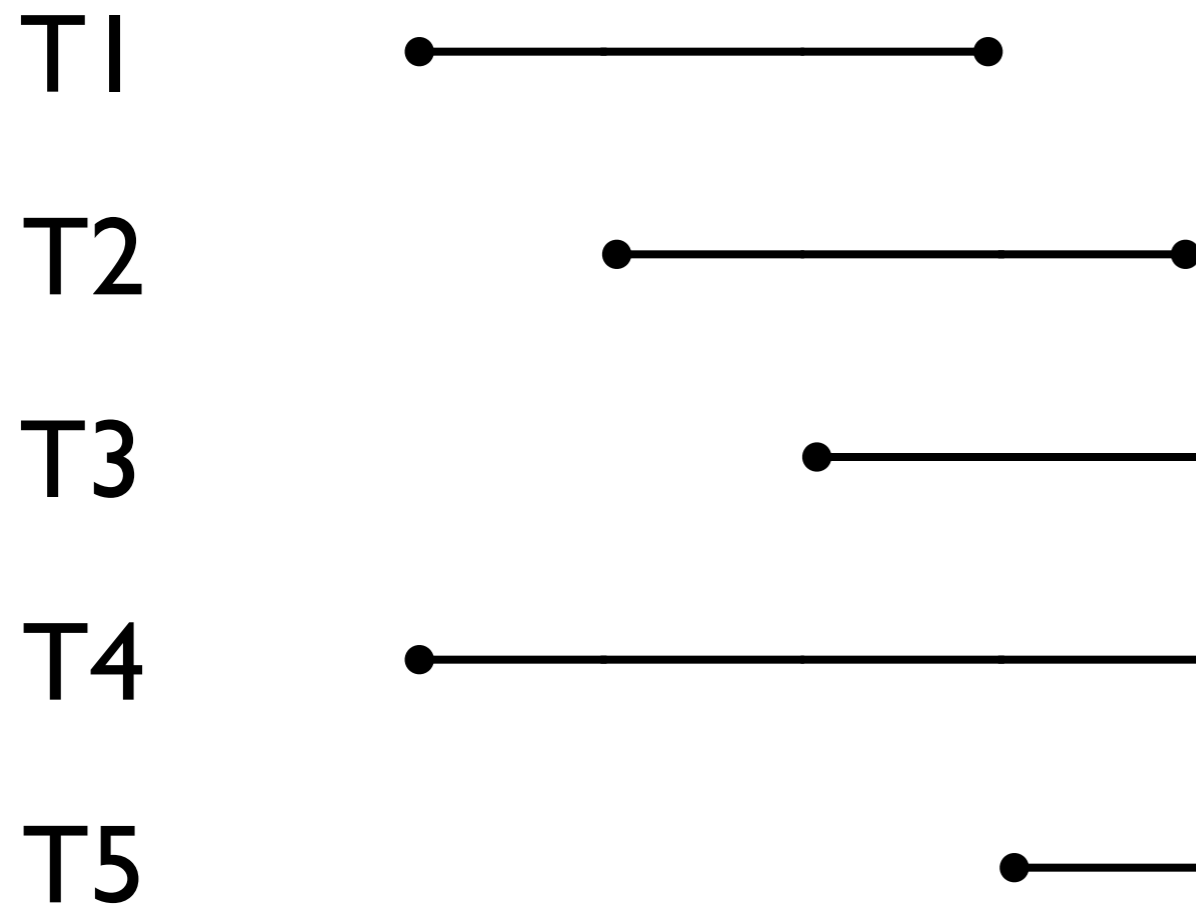
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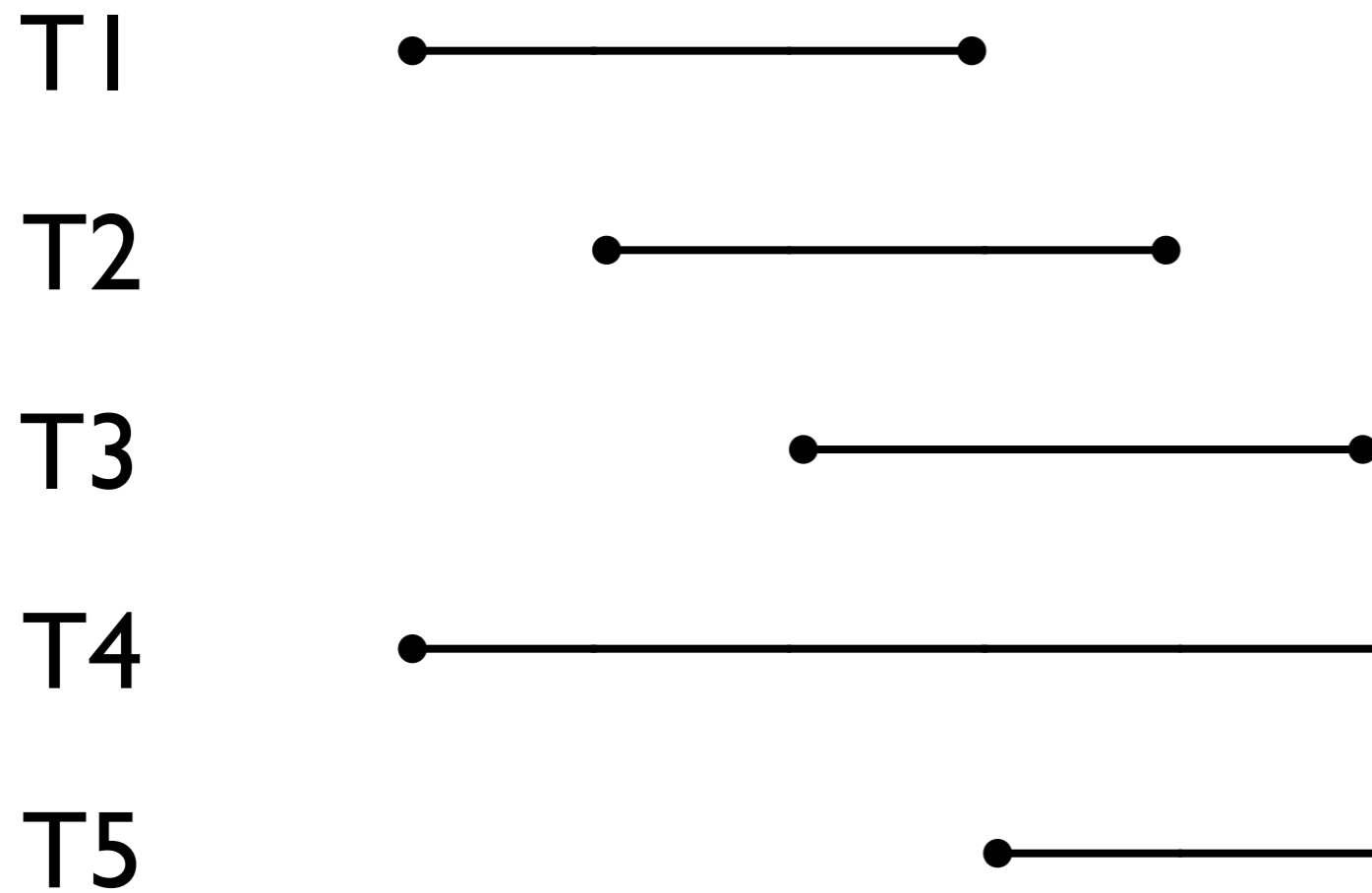


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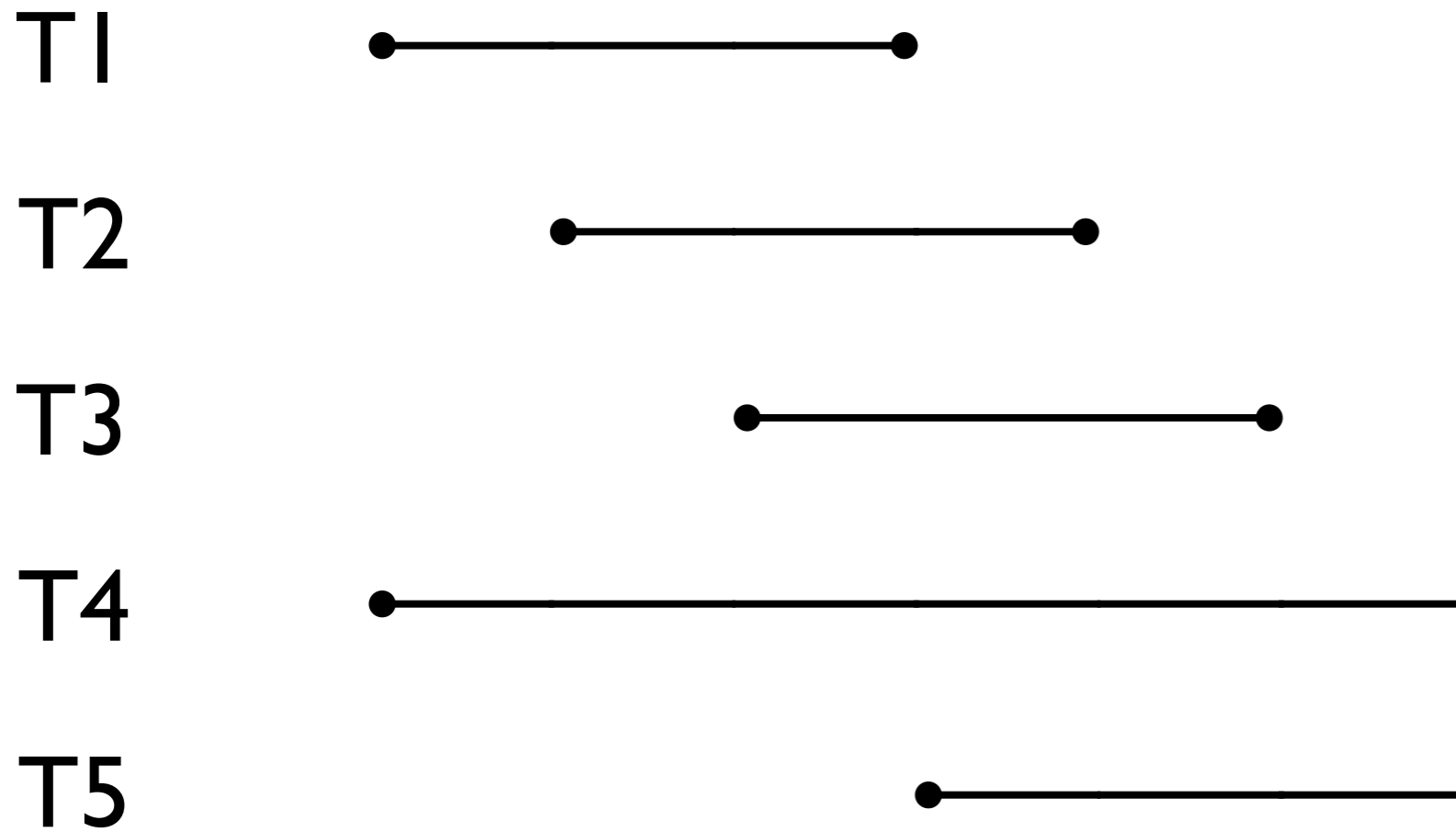


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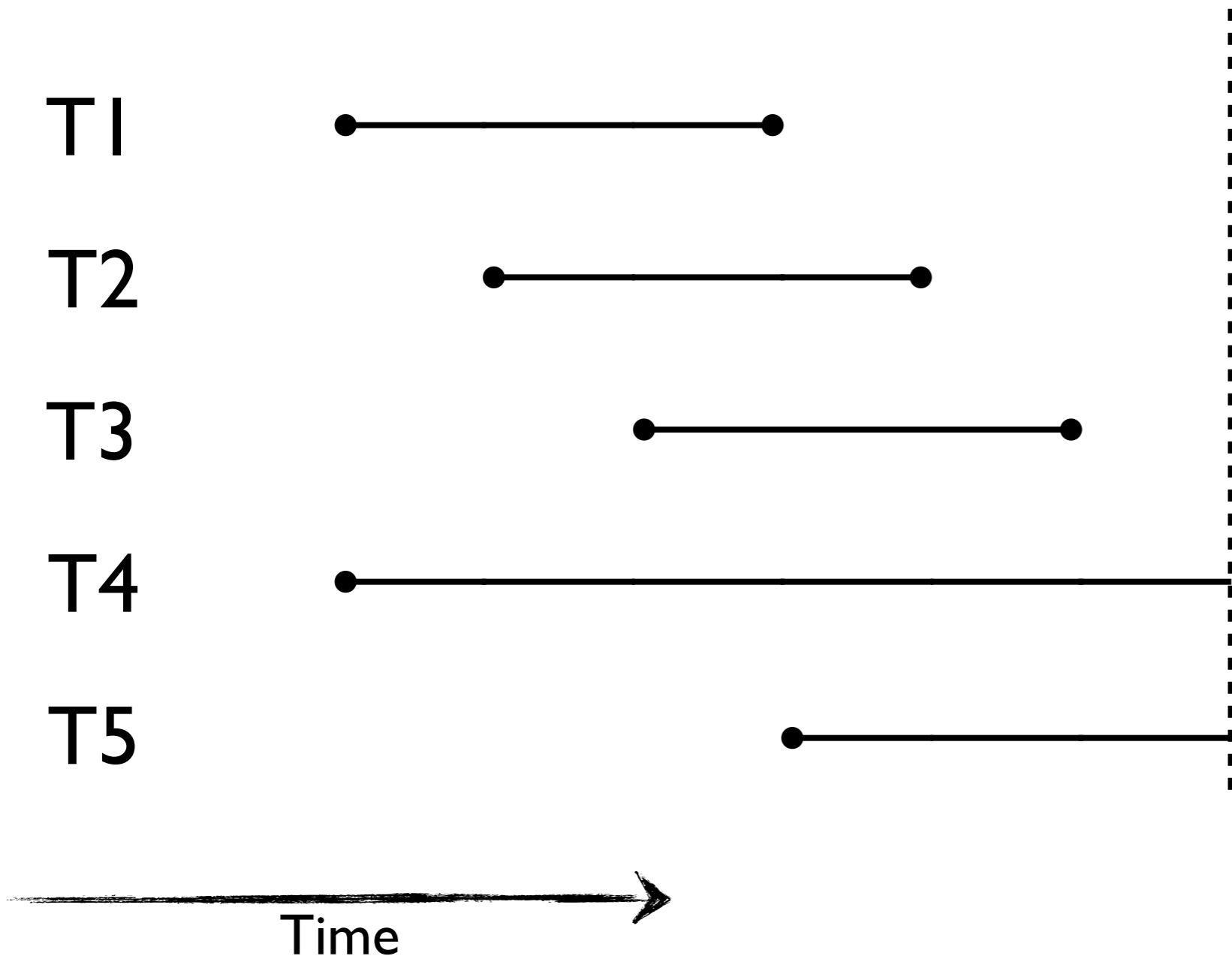
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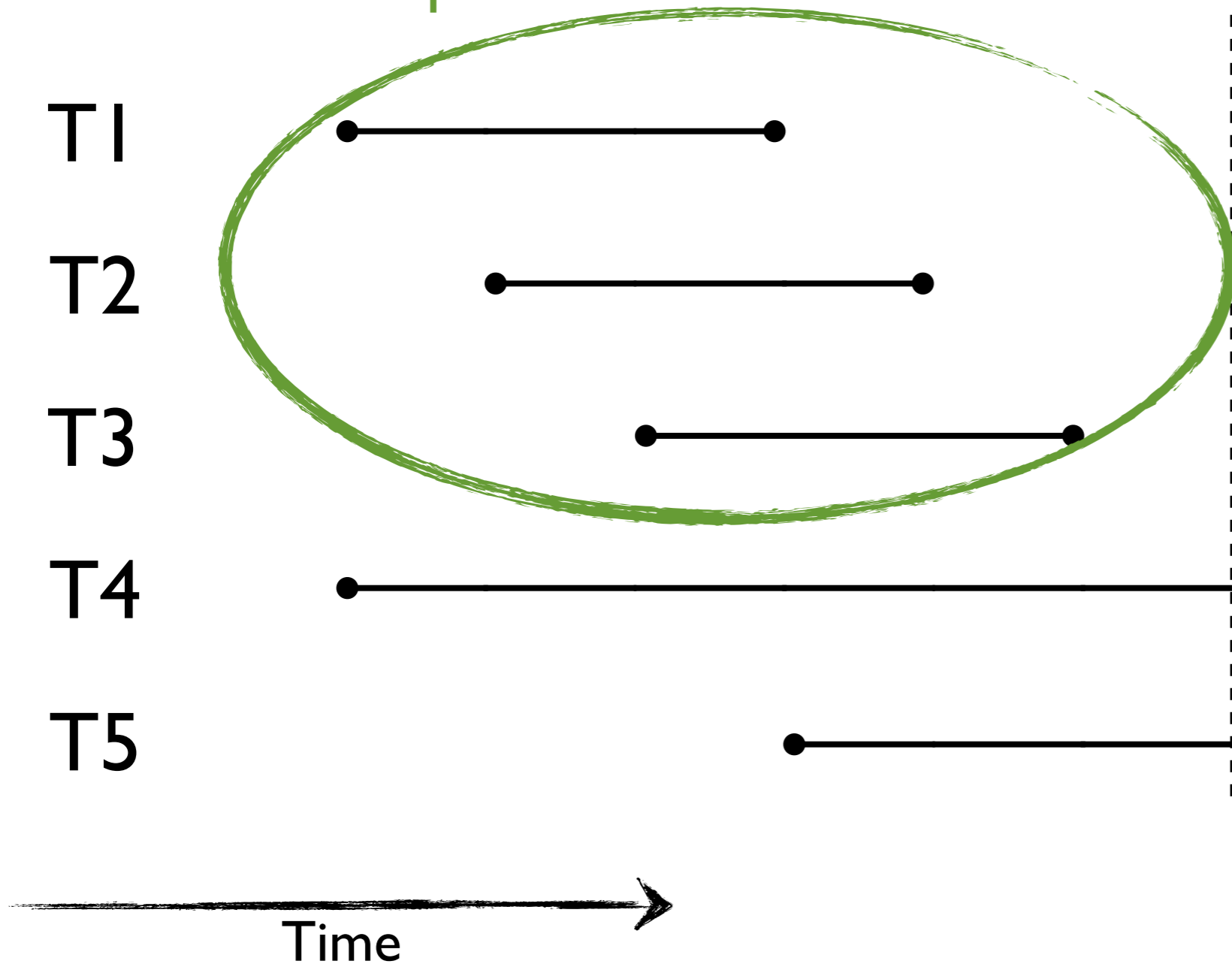
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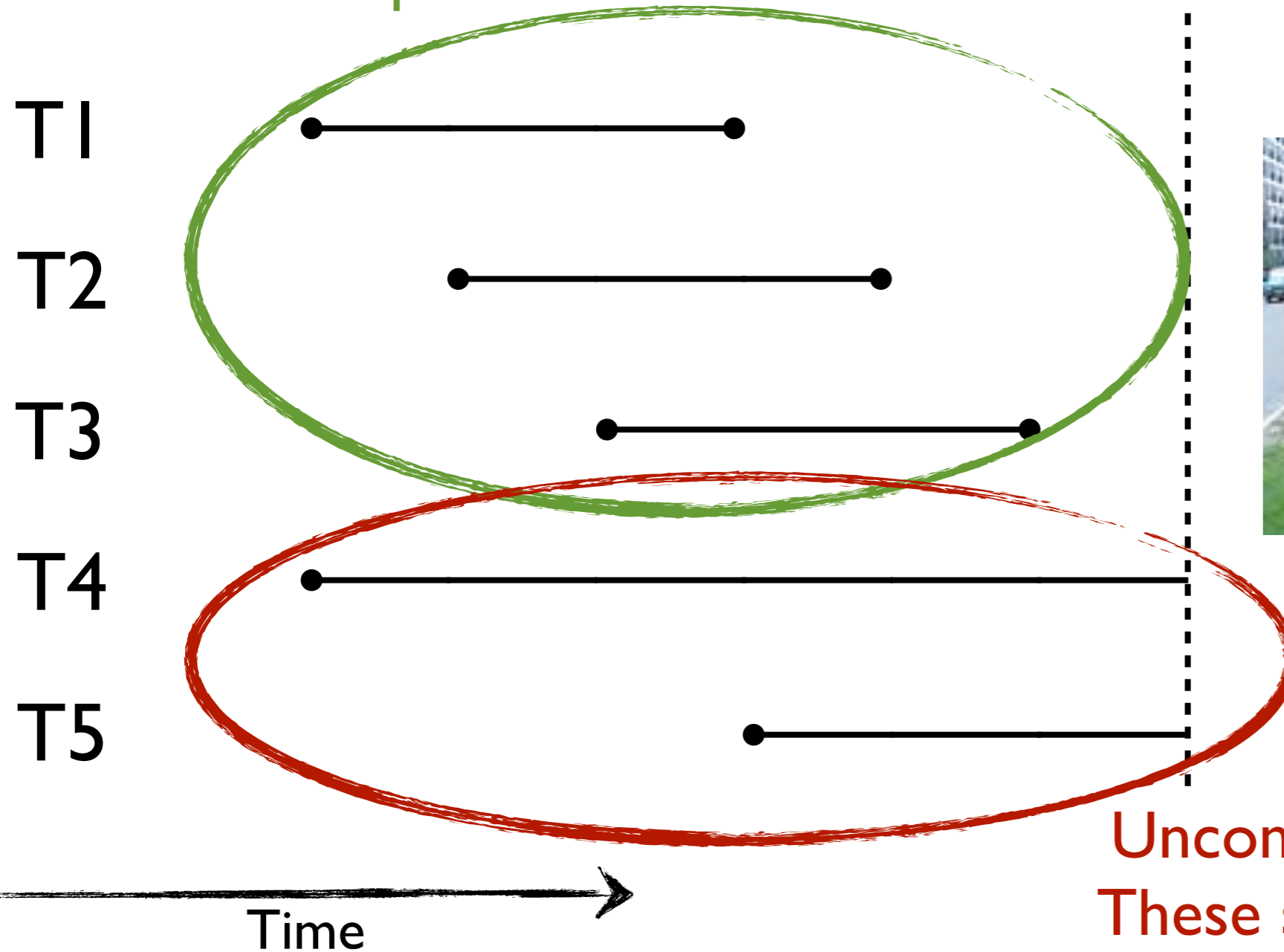
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Uncommitted Transactions.  
These should leave no trace

- How do we guarantee durability under failures?
- How do aborted transactions get rolled back?
- How do we guarantee atomicity under failures?



**Problem 1:** Providing durability under failures.

## Simplified Model

When a write succeeds, the data is completely written

# Problems

- A crash occurs part-way through the write.
- A crash occurs before buffered data is written.

# Write-Ahead Logging

Before writing to the database,  
first write what you plan to write  
to a log file...

**Log**  
W ( A : 10 )



<b>A</b>	8
<b>B</b>	12
<b>C</b>	5
<b>D</b>	18
<b>E</b>	16

# Write-Ahead Logging

Once the log is safely on disk  
you can write the database

**Log**  
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# Write-Ahead Logging

Log is append-only,  
so writes are always  
efficient

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W(A:10)

W(C:8)

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...allowing random writes  
to be safely batched

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**Problem 2:** Providing rollback.



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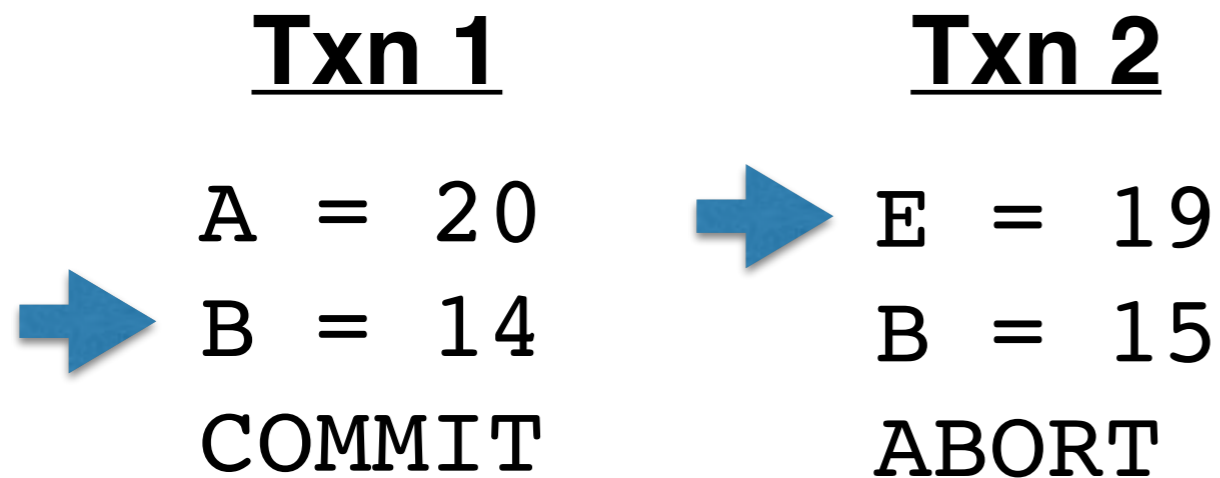
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COMMIT

**Txn 2**  
→ E = 19  
B = 15  
ABORT



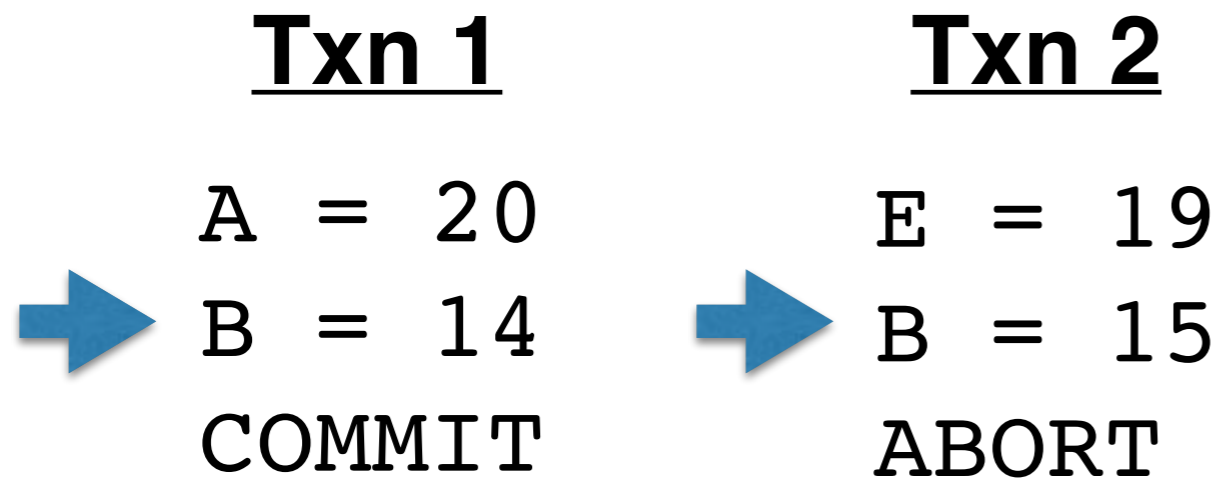
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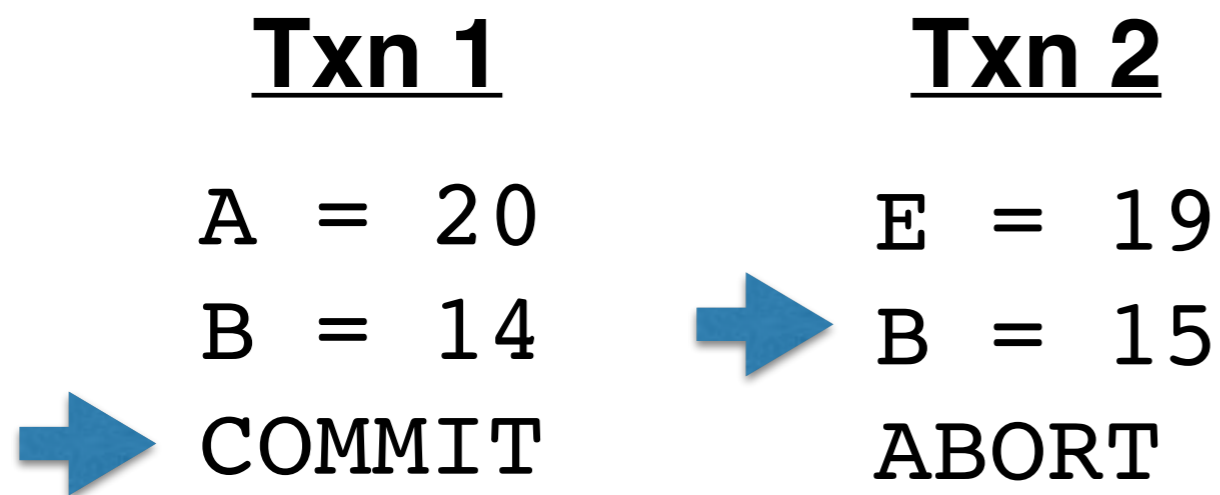
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# Single DB Model



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C	5
D	18
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Is staging always possible?

- Staging takes up more memory.
- Merging after-the-fact can be harder.
- Merging after-the-fact introduces more latency!

for the single database model

**Problem 2:** Providing rollback.  
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# UNDO Logging



Store both the “old” and the “new” values of the record being replaced

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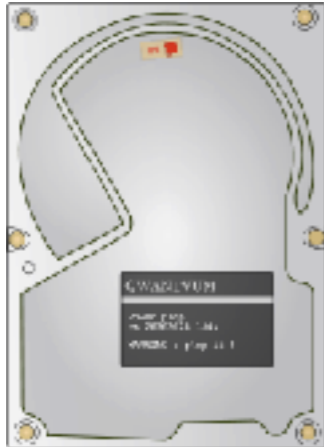
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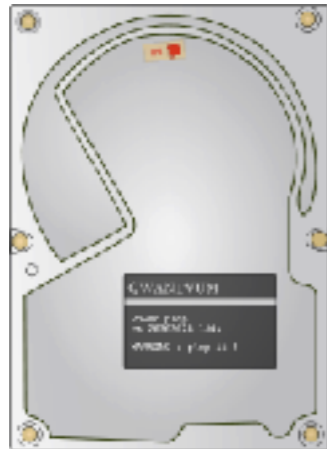


Transaction Table

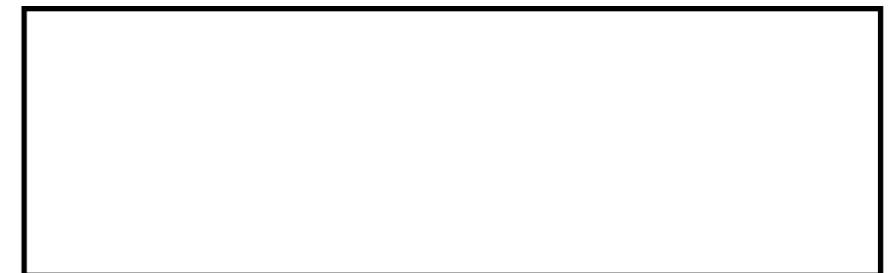


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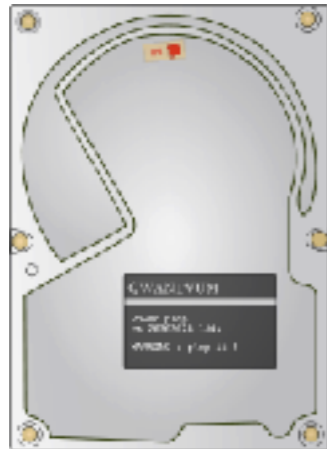


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(necessary for crash recovery)

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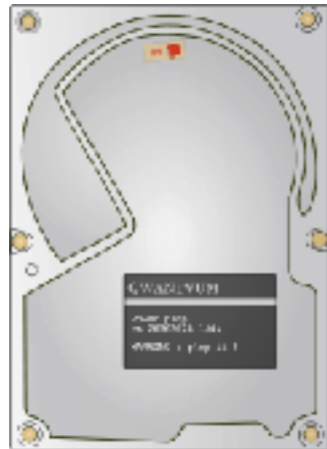
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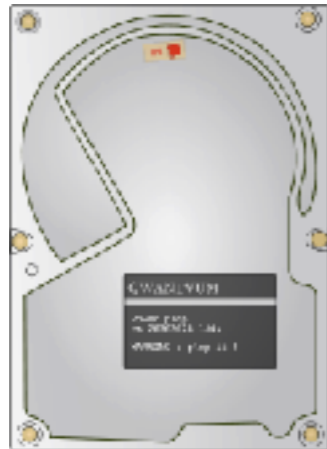
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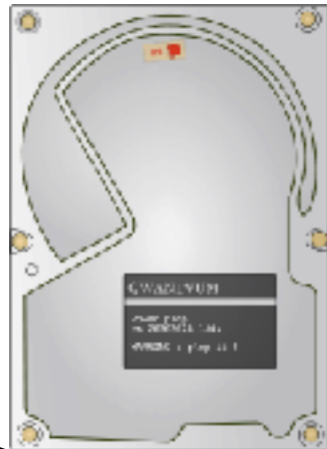
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**Problem 3:** Providing atomicity.



**Goal:** Be able to reconstruct all state at the time of the DB's crash (minus all running xacts)

What state is relevant?

# DB State



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# DB State

**On-Disk  
(or rebuildable)**



**In-Memory  
Only!**

**Active Xacts**

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**On-Disk**

**Log**

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# Rebuilding the Xact Table

Log every COMMIT  
(replay triggers commit process)

Log every ABORT  
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New message: END  
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What about BEGIN?  
(when does an Xact get added to the Table?)

# Transaction Commit

- Write **Commit** Record to Log
- All Log records up to the transaction's LastLSN are flushed.
- Note that Log Flushes are Sequential, Synchronous Writes to Disk
- Commit() returns.
- Write **End** record to log.

# Simple Transaction Abort (supporting crash recovery)

- Before restoring the old value of a page, write a Compensation Log Record (CLR).
  - Logging continues during UNDO processing.
  - CLR has an extra field: UndoNextLSN
    - Points to the next LSN to undo (the PrevLSN of the record currently being undone)
- CLR's are never UNDO'ed.
  - But might be REDO'ed when repeating history.
  - (Why?)



# Rebuilding the Xact Table

**Optimization:** Write the Xact Table to the log periodically.  
(checkpointing)

# ARIES Crash Recovery

- Start from checkpoint stored in master record.
- **Analysis**: Rebuild the Xact Table
- **Redo**: Replay operations from all live Xacts (even uncommitted ones).
- **Undo**: Revert operations from all uncommitted/aborted Xacts.

