



Parallel Databases

COMP3211 Advanced Databases

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Overview

- The I/O bottleneck
- Parallel architectures
- Parallel query processing
 - Inter-operator parallelism
 - Intra-operator parallelism
 - Bushy parallelism
- Concurrency control
- Reliability



The I/O Bottleneck



The Memory Hierarchy, Revisited

Type	Capacity	Latency
Registers	10¹ bytes	1 cycle
L1	10 ⁴ bytes	<5 cycles
L2	10 ⁵ bytes	5-10 cycles
RAM	10 ⁹ -10 ¹⁰ bytes	20-30 cycles (10 ⁻⁸ s)
Hard Disk	10 ¹¹ -10 ¹² bytes	10 ⁶ cycles (10 ⁻³ s)



The I/O Bottleneck

Access time to secondary storage (hard disks) dominates performance of DBMSes

Two approaches to addressing this:

- Main memory databases (expensive!)
- Parallel databases (cheaper!)

Increase I/O bandwidth by spreading data across a number of disks



Definitions

Parallelism

 An arrangement or state that permits several operations or tasks to be performed simultaneously rather than consecutively

Parallel Databases

- have the ability to split:
 - processing of data
 - access to data
- across multiple processors, multiple disks



Why Parallel Databases?

- Hardware trends
- Reduced elapsed time for queries
- Increased transaction throughput
- Increased scalability
- Better price/performance
- Improved application availability
- Access to more data
- in short, for better performance



Parallel Architectures



Monolithic Architecture

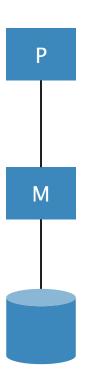
Single processor (P)

- Tasks may be interleaved
- Not true parallelism

Single bank of memory (M)

- Used by transactions
- Buffer pool for staging data to/from disc

Single disc



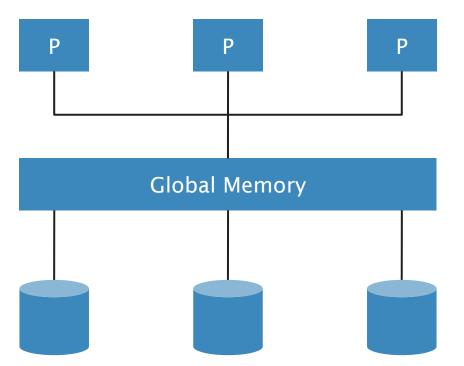


Shared Memory Architecture

- Tightly coupled
- Symmetric Multiprocessor (SMP)

P = processor

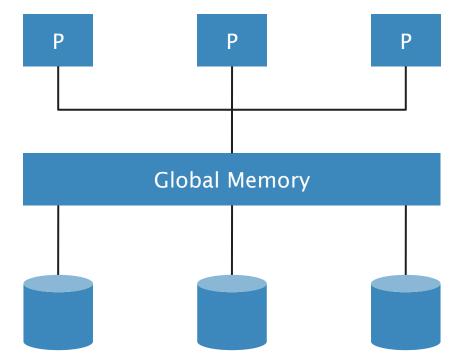
M = memory (for buffer pool)





Software - Shared Memory

- Less complex database software
- Limited scalability
- Single buffer
- Single database storage

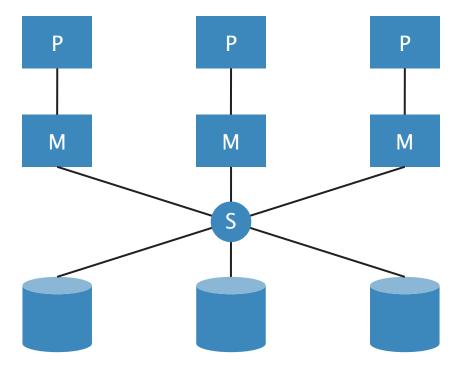




Shared Disc Architecture

- Loosely coupled
- Distributed Memory

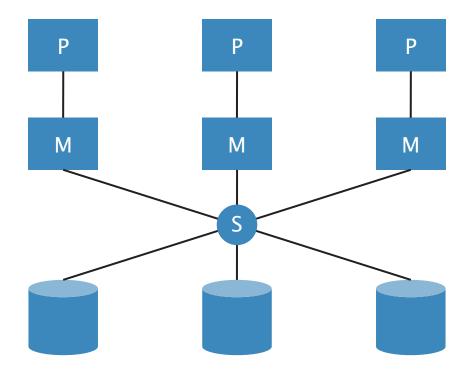
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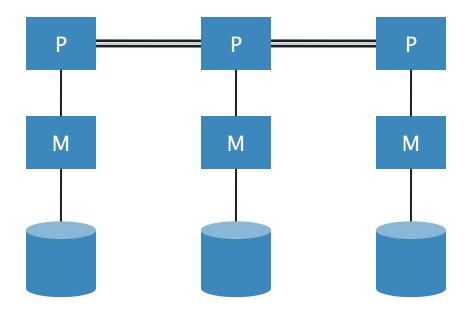
- Avoids memory bottleneck
- Same page may be in more than one buffer at once – can lead to incoherence
- Needs global locking mechanism
- Single logical database storage
- Each processor has its own database buffer





Shared Nothing Architecture

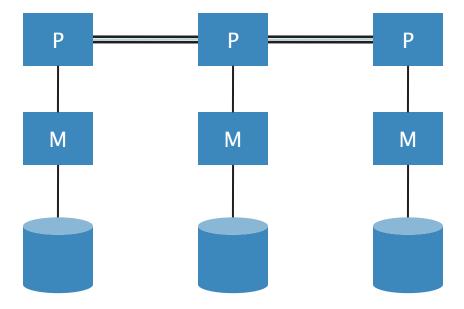
- Massively Parallel
- Loosely Coupled
- High Speed Interconnect (between processors)





Software - Shared Nothing

- Each processor owns part of the data
- Each processor has its own database buffer
- One page is only in one local buffer no buffer incoherence
- Needs distributed deadlock detection
- Needs multiphase commit protocol
- Needs to break SQL requests into multiple sub-requests





Hardware vs. Software Architecture

- It is possible to use one software strategy on a different hardware arrangement
- Also possible to simulate one hardware configuration on another
 - Virtual Shared Disk (VSD) makes an IBM SP shared nothing system look like a shared disc setup (for Oracle)
- From this point on, we deal only with shared nothing



Shared Nothing Challenges

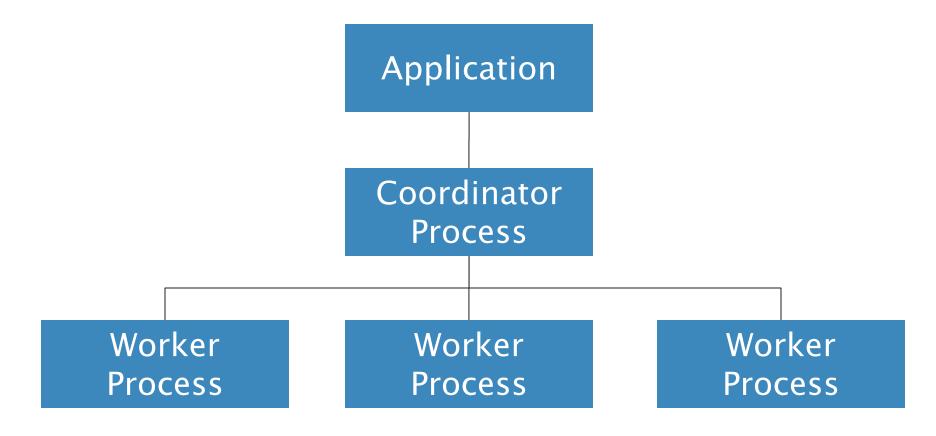
- Partitioning the data
- Keeping the partitioned data balanced
- Splitting up queries to get the work done
- Concurrency control and avoiding distributed deadlock
- Dealing with node failure



Parallel Query Processing

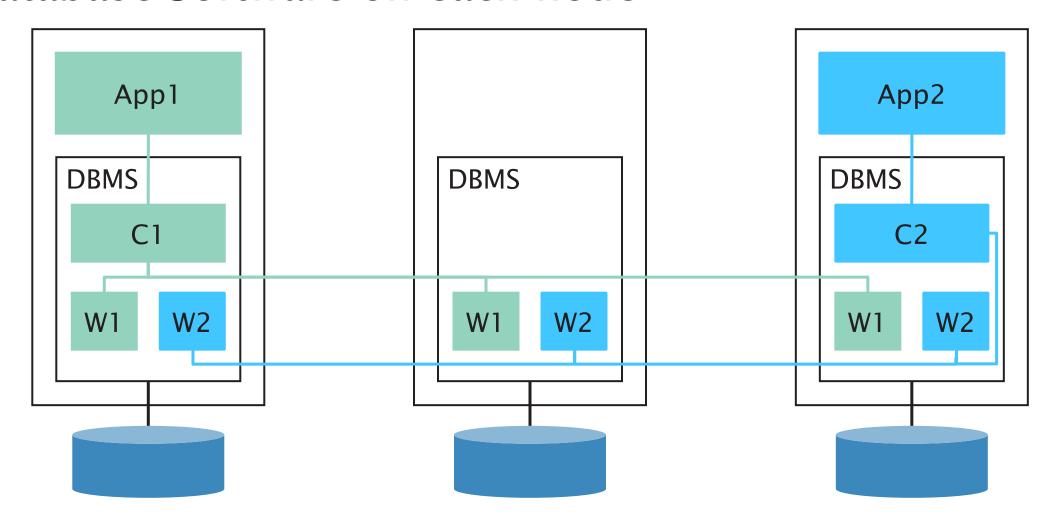


Dividing up the Work





Database Software on each node





Inter-Query Parallelism

Improves throughput

Different queries/transactions execute on different processors

• (largely equivalent to material in lectures on concurrency)



Intra-Query Parallelism

Improves response times (lower latency)

Intra-operator (horizontal) parallelism

 Operators decomposed into independent operator instances, which perform the same operation on different subsets of data

Inter-operator (vertical) parallelism

- Operations are overlapped
- Pipeline data from one stage to the next without materialisation

Bushy (independent) parallelism

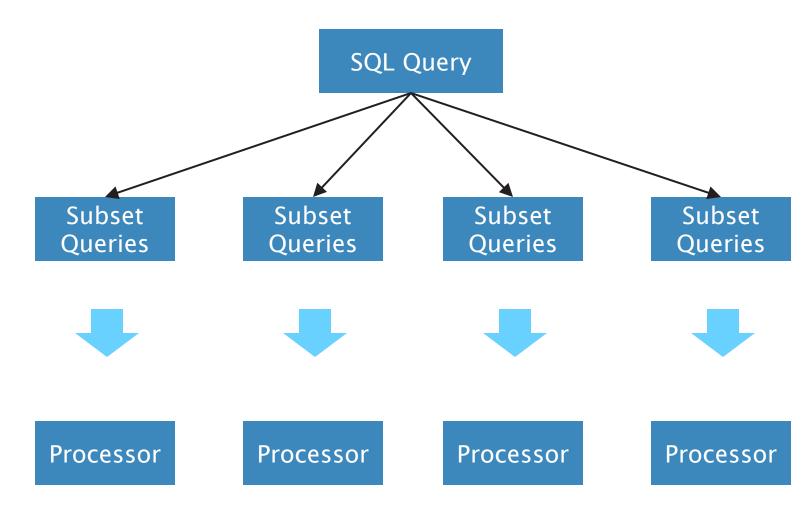
Subtrees in query plan executed concurrently



Intra-Operator Parallelism



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Partitioning

Decomposition of operators relies on data being partitioned across the servers that comprise the parallel database

Access data in parallel to mitigate the I/O bottleneck

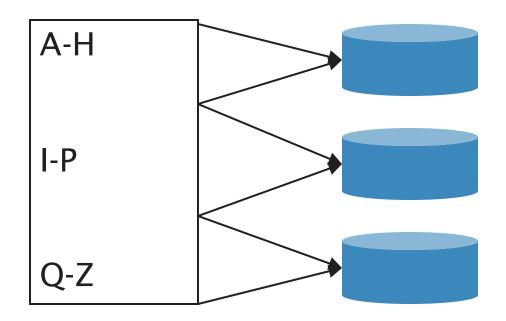
Partitions should aim to spread I/O load evenly across servers

Choice of partitions affords different parallel query processing approaches:

- Range partitioning
- Hash partitioning
- Schema partitioning

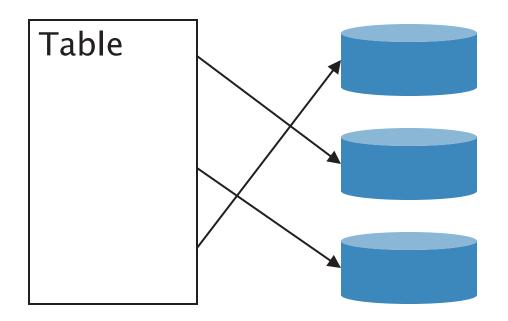


Range Partitioning



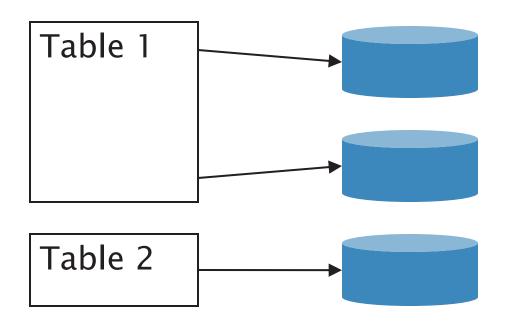


Hash Partitioning



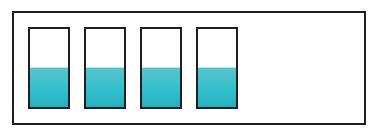


Schema Partitioning





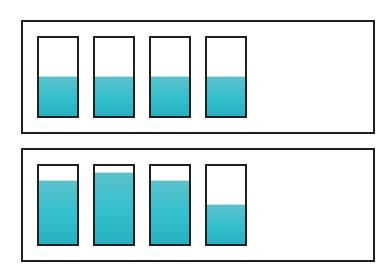
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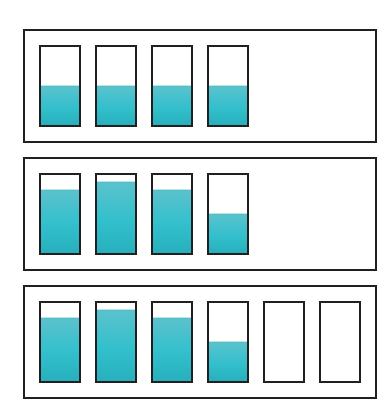




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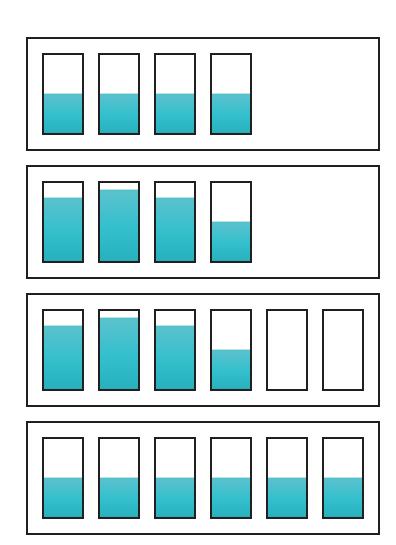


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Redistribute data to new nodes





Intra-Operator Parallelism

Example query:

SELECT c1,c2 FROM t WHERE c1>5.5

Assumptions:

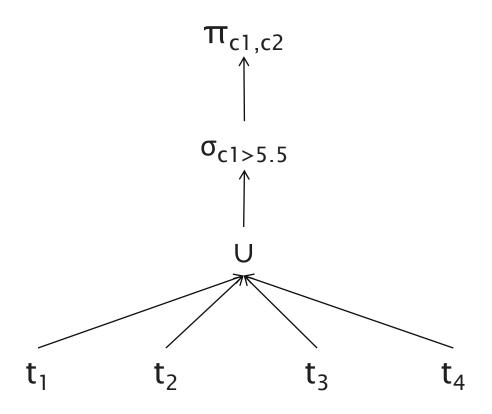
- 100,000 rows
- Predicates eliminate 90% of the rows

Considerations for query plans:

- Data shipping
- Query shipping

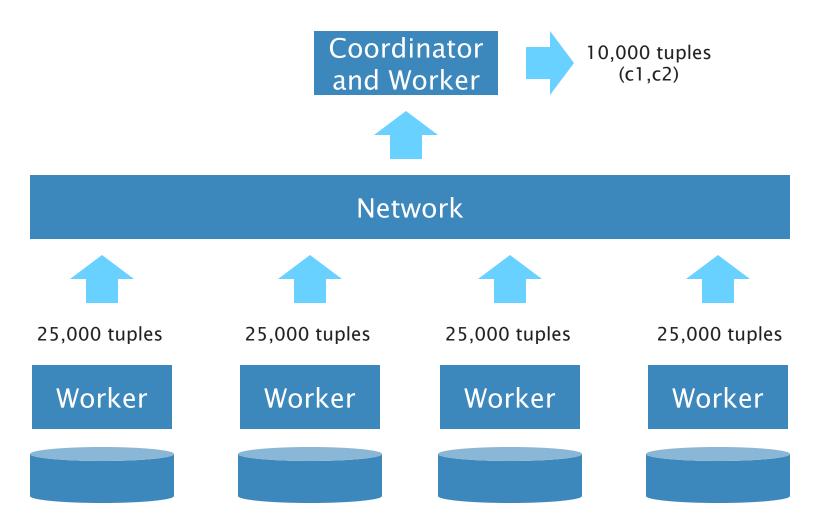


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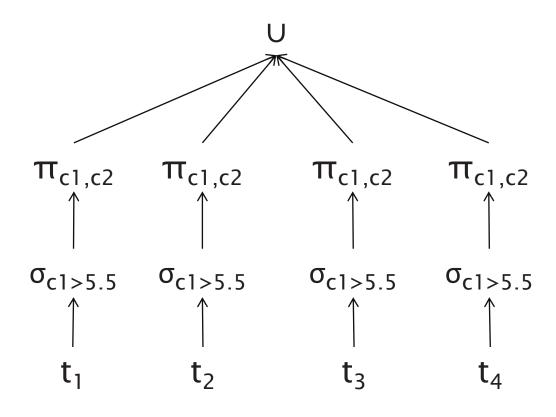


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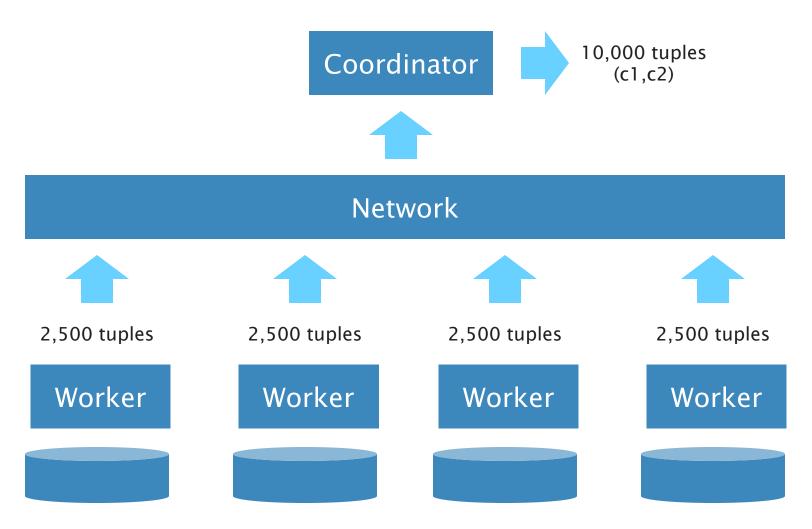


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Query Shipping Benefits

- Database operations are performed where the data are, as far as possible
- Network traffic is minimised
- For basic database operators, code developed for serial implementations can be reused
- In practice, mixture of query shipping and data shipping has to be employed



Inter-Operator Parallelism



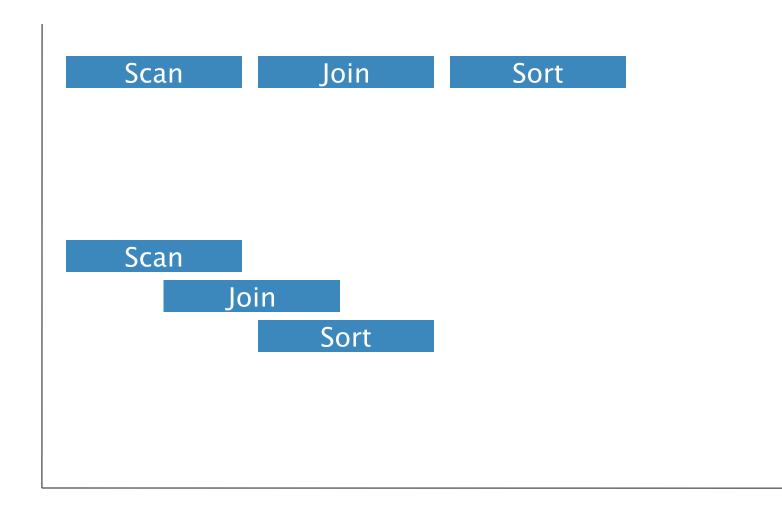
Inter-Operator Parallelism

Allows operators with a producer-consumer dependency to be executed concurrently

- Results produced by producer are pipelined directly to consumer
- Consumer can start before producer has produced all results
- No need to materialise intermediate relations on disk (although available buffer memory is a constraint)
- Best suited to single-pass operators



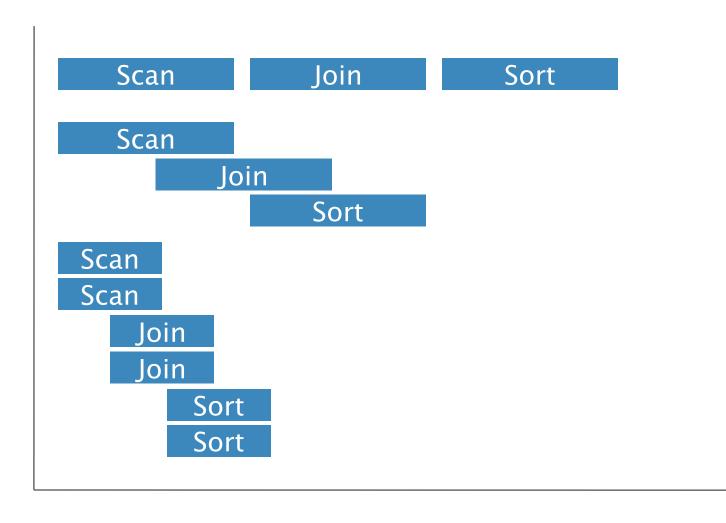
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time



Intra- + Inter-Operator Parallelism



time



The Volcano Architecture

Basic operators as usual:

• scan, join, sort, aggregate (sum, count, average, etc)

The Exchange operator

- Inserted between the steps of a query to:
 - Pipeline results
 - Direct streams of data to the next step(s), redistributing as necessary

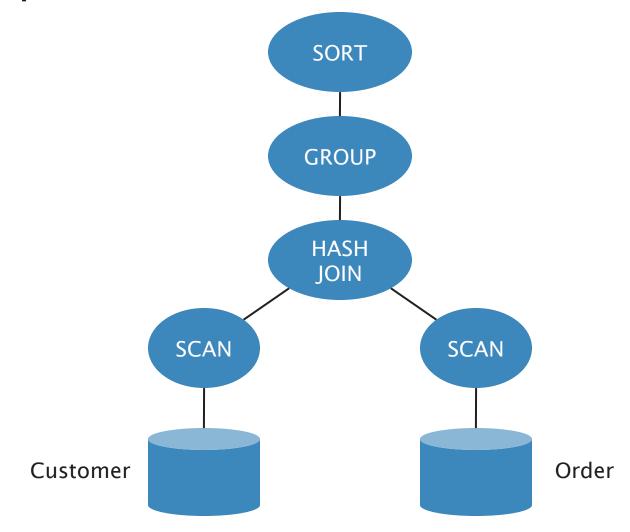
Provides mechanism to support both vertical and horizontal parallelism



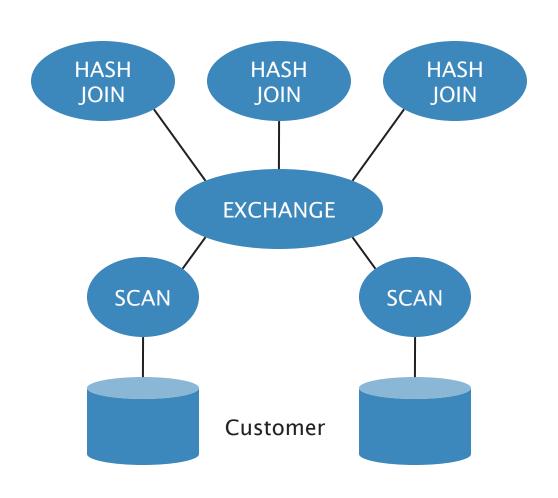
Example query:

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SELECT county, SUM(order_item)
FROM customer, order
WHERE order.customer_id=customer_id
GROUP BY county
ORDER BY SUM(order_item)
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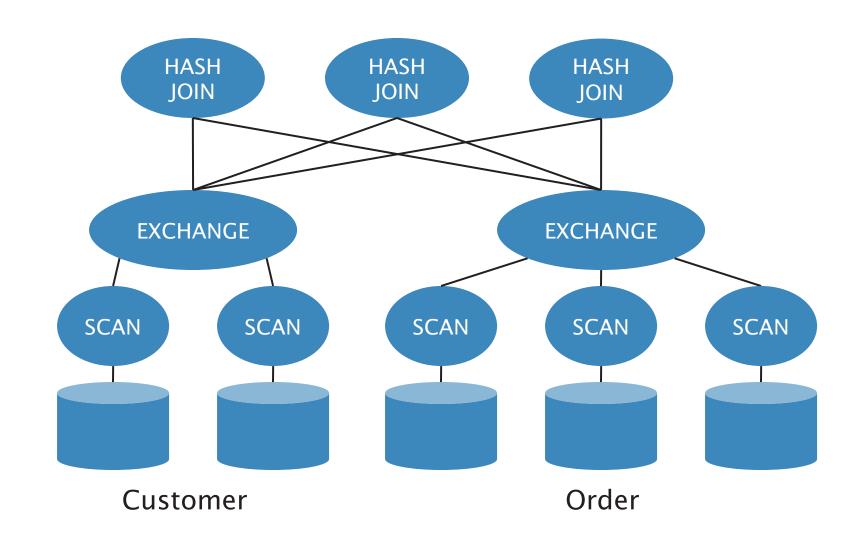


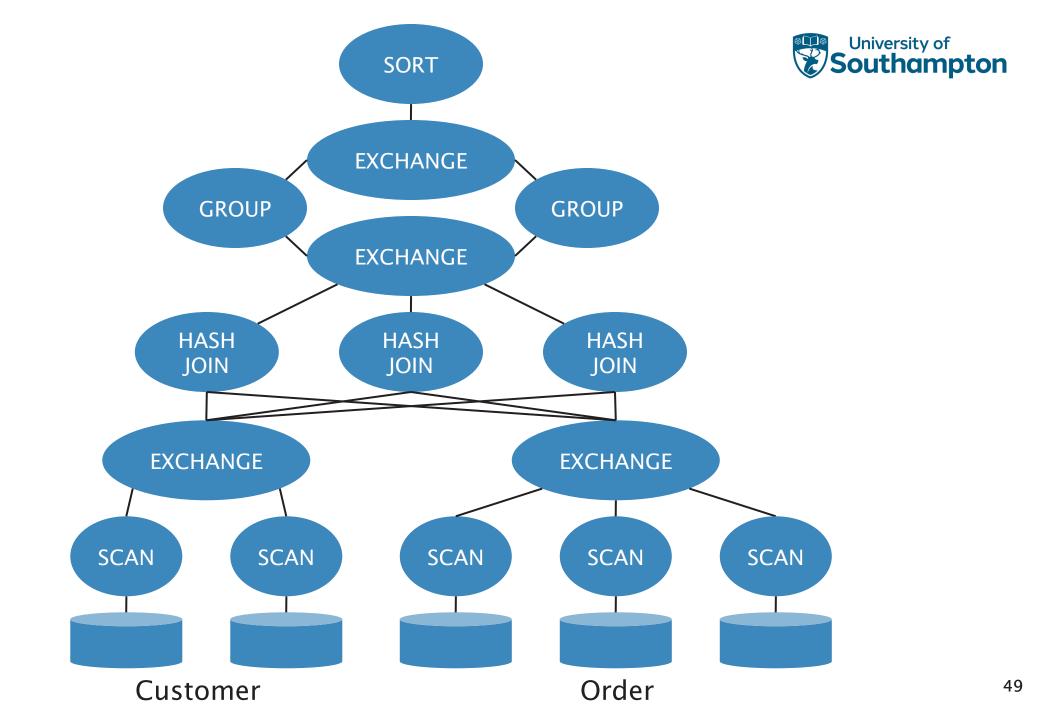












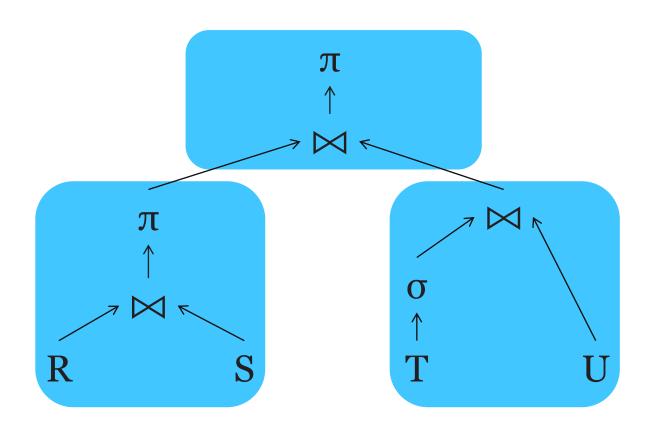


Bushy Parallelism



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Execute subtrees concurrently





Parallel Query Processing



Some Parallel Queries

- Enquiry
- Co-located Join
- Directed Join
- Broadcast Join
- Repartitioned Join

Combine aspects of intra-operator and bushy parallelism



Orders Database

CUSTOMER

CKEY CNAME CNATION

ORDER

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SUPPLIER

SKEY SNAME	SNATION	
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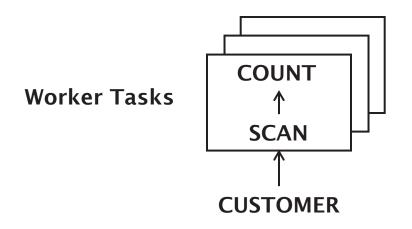


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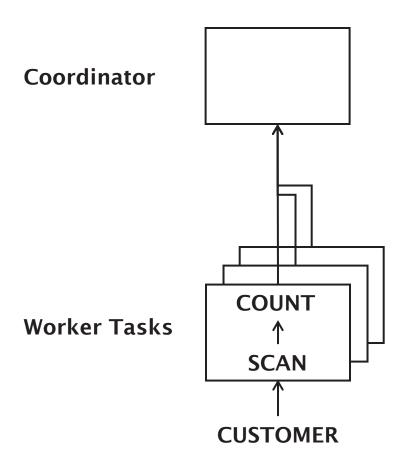
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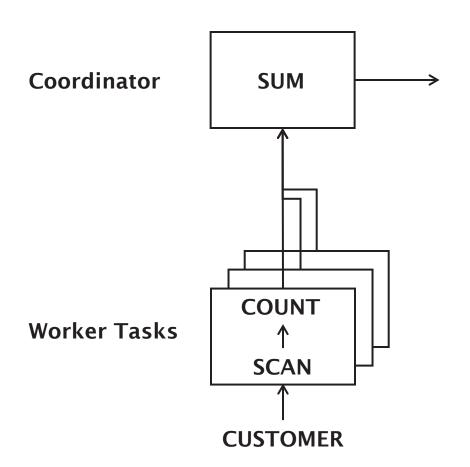
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- 3. Sum counts and return





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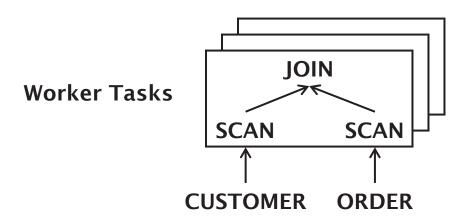


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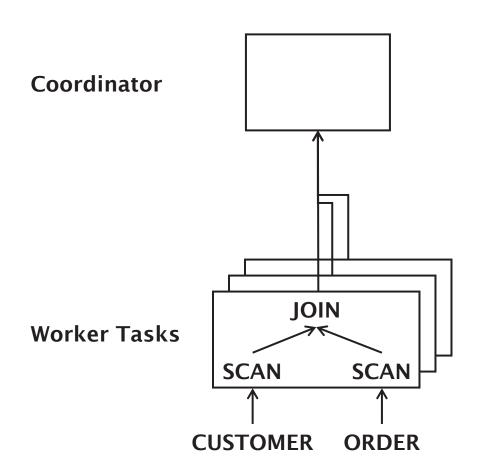
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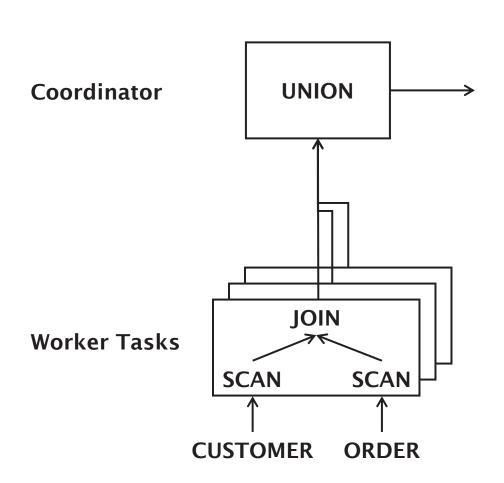
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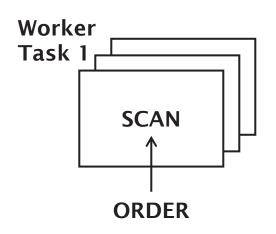
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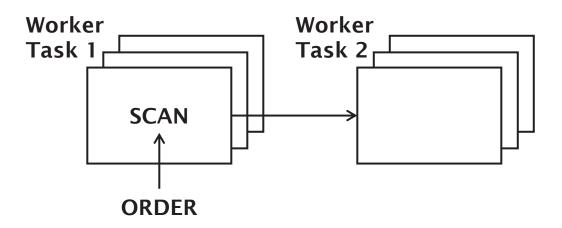




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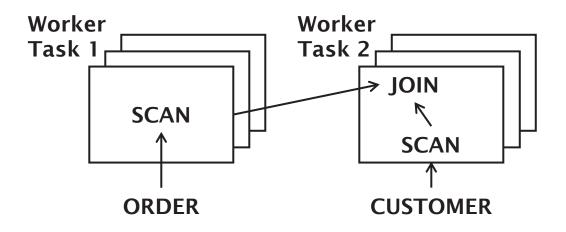




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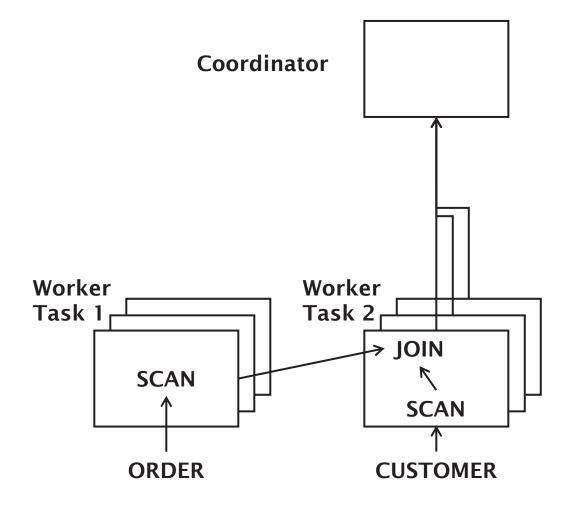




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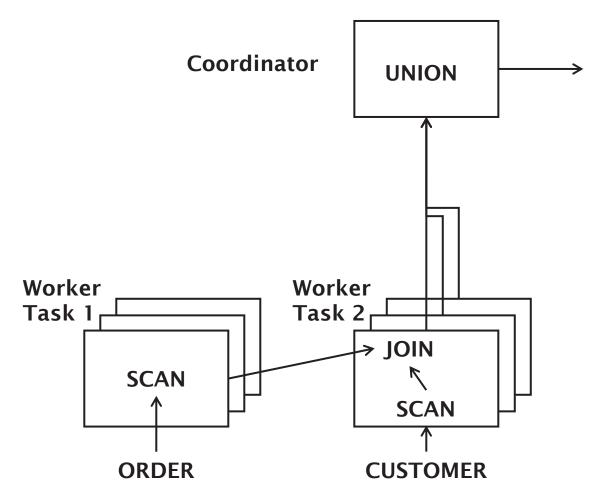




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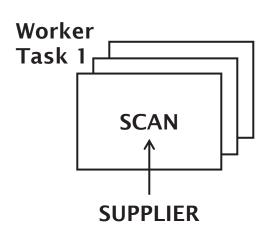
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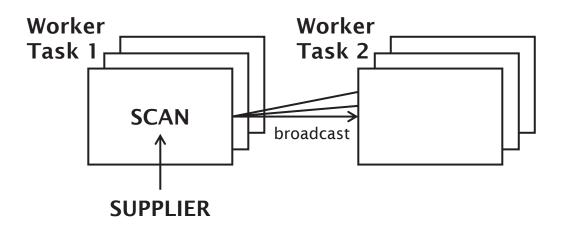
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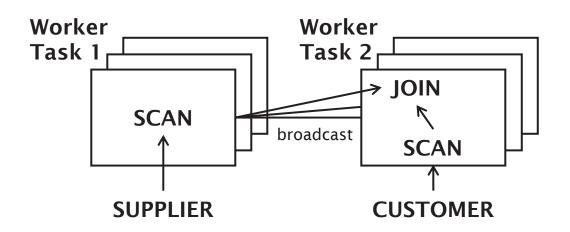
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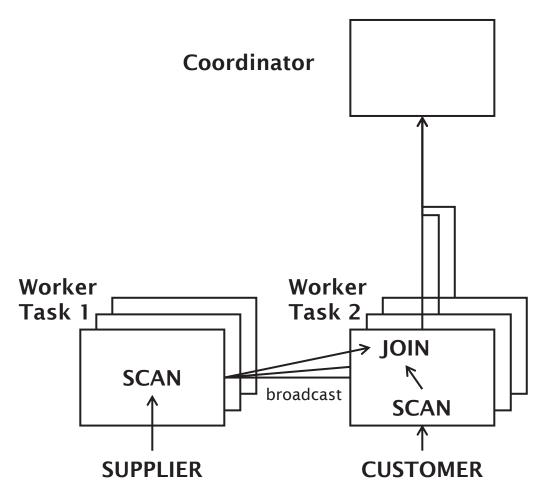
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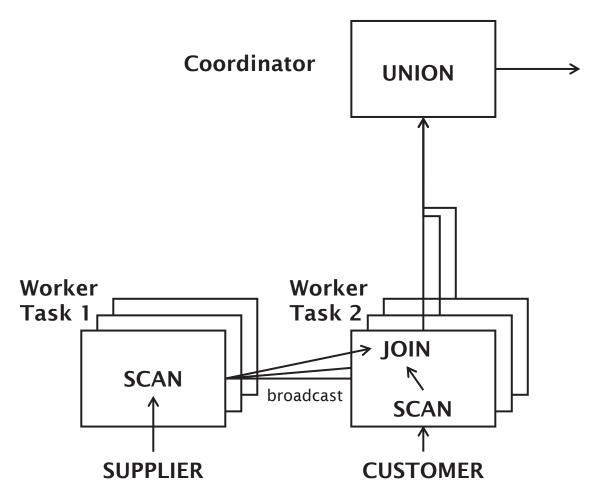
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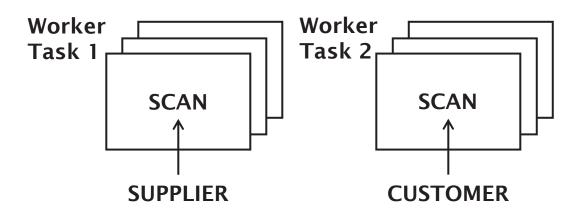
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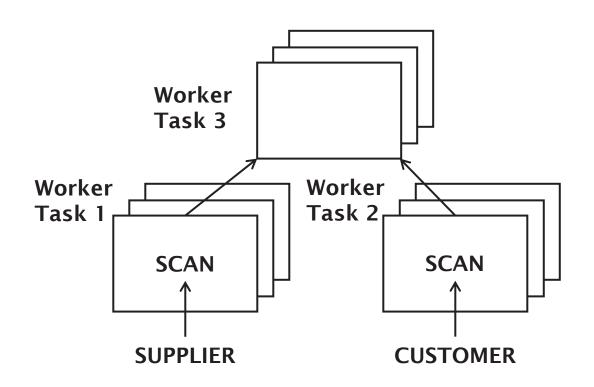
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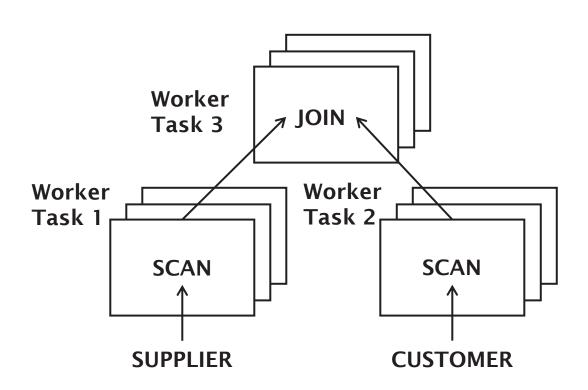
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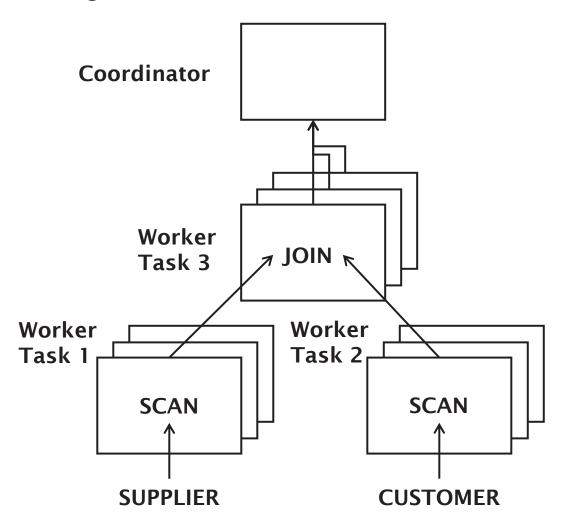
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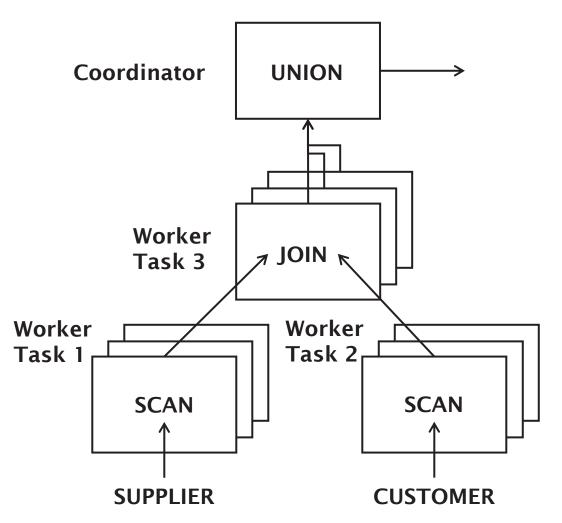
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Concurrency Control



Concurrency and Parallelism

- A single transaction may update data in several different places
- Multiple transactions may be using the same (distributed) tables simultaneously
- One or several nodes could fail
- Requires concurrency control and recovery across multiple nodes for:
 - Locking and deadlock detection
 - Two-phase commit to ensure 'all or nothing'



Locking and Deadlocks

- With Shared Nothing architecture, each node is responsible for locking its own data
- No global locking mechanism
- However:
 - T1 locks item A on Node 1 and wants item B on Node 2
 - T2 locks item B on Node 2 and wants item A on Node 1
 - Distributed Deadlock



Resolving Deadlocks

Simple approach - Timeouts

- 1. Timeout T2, after wait exceeds a certain interval
 - Interval may need random element to avoid 'chatter' i.e. both transactions give up at the same time and then try again
- 2. Rollback T2 to let T1 to proceed
- 3. Restart T2, which can now complete



Resolving Deadlocks

More sophisticated approach (used by DB2)

- Each node maintains a local 'wait-for' graph
- Distributed deadlock detector (DDD) runs at the catalogue node for each database
- Periodically, all nodes send their graphs to the DDD
- DDD records all locks found in wait state
- Transaction becomes a candidate for termination if found in same lock wait state on two successive iterations



Reliability



Reliability

We wish to preserve the ACID properties for parallelised transactions

- Isolation is taken care of by 2PL protocol
- Isolation implies Consistency
- Durability can be taken care of node-by-node, with proper logging and recovery routines
- Atomicity is the hard part. We need to commit all parts of a transaction, or abort all parts

Two-phase commit protocol (2PC) is used to ensure that Atomicity is preserved



Two-Phase Commit (2PC)

Distinguish between:

- The global transaction
- The local transactions into which the global transaction is decomposed

Global transaction is managed by a single site, known as the *coordinator*Local transactions may be executed on separate sites, known as the *participants*



Phase 1: Voting

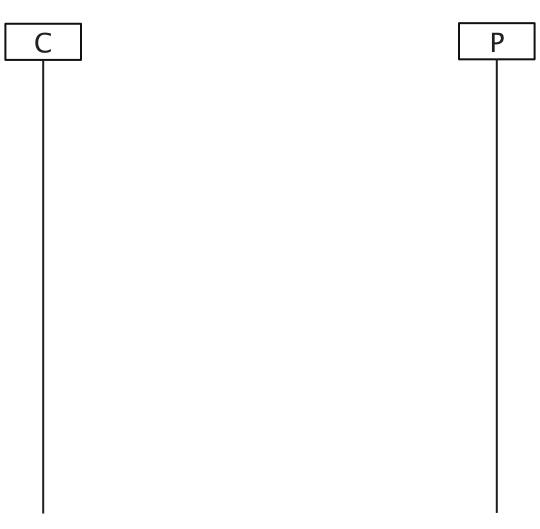
- Coordinator sends "prepare T" message to all participants
- Participants respond with either "vote-commit T" or "vote-abort T"
- Coordinator waits for participants to respond within a timeout period



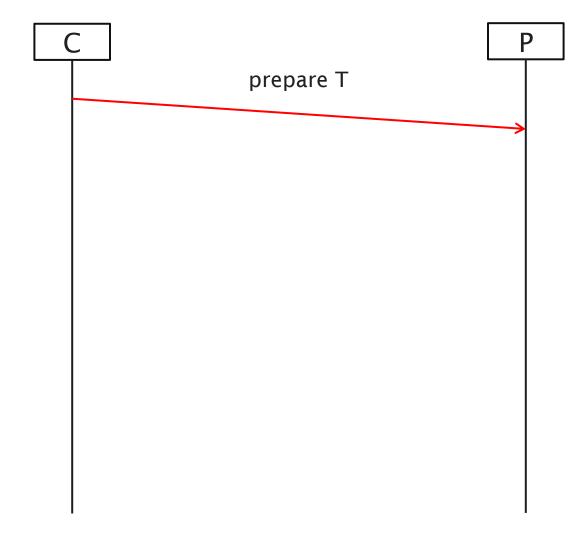
Phase 2: Decision

- If all participants return "vote-commit T" (to commit), send "commit T" to all participants. Wait for acknowledgements within timeout period.
- If any participant returns "vote-abort T", send "abort T" to all participants. Wait for acknowledgements within timeout period.
- When all acknowledgements received, transaction is completed.
- If a site does not acknowledge, resend global decision until it is acknowledged.

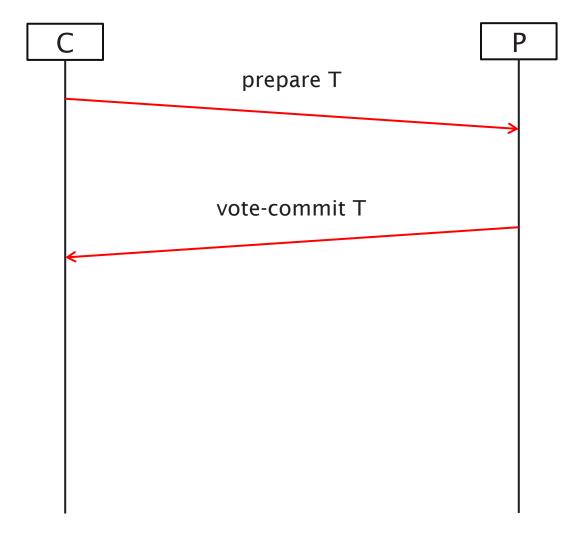




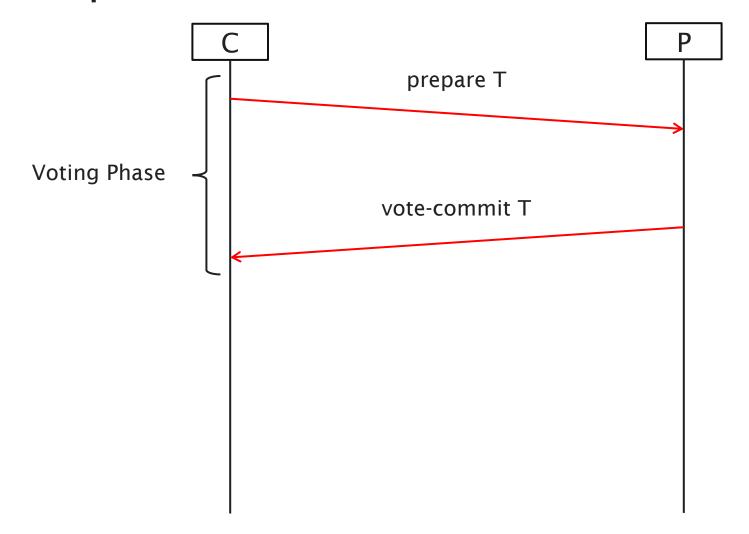




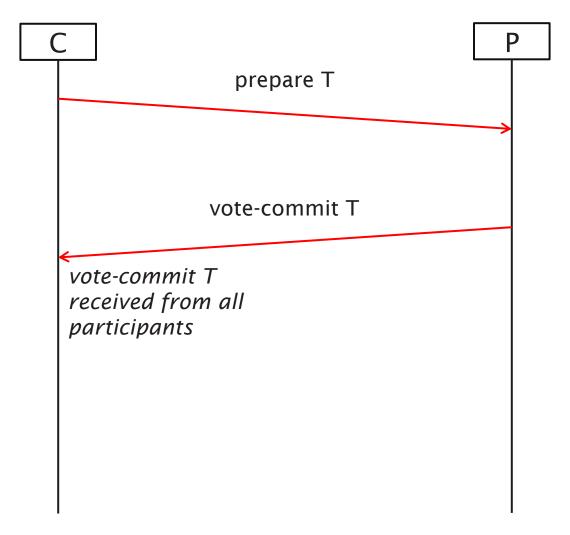




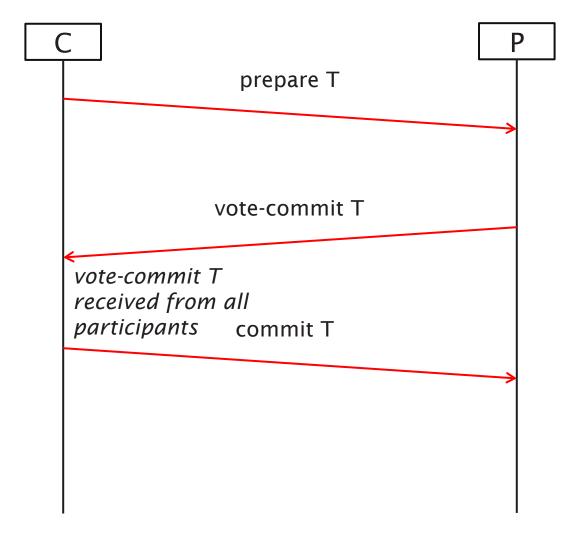




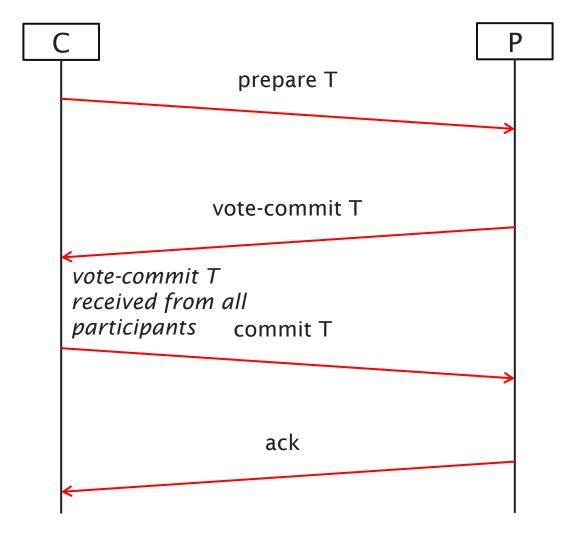




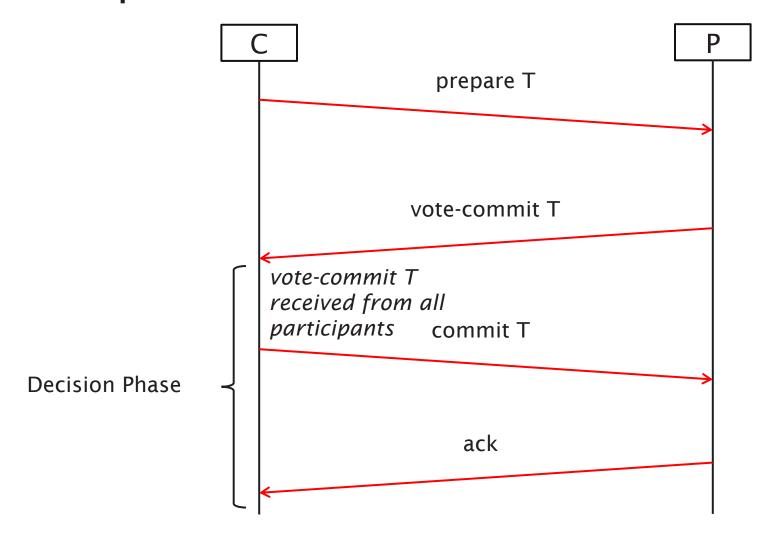






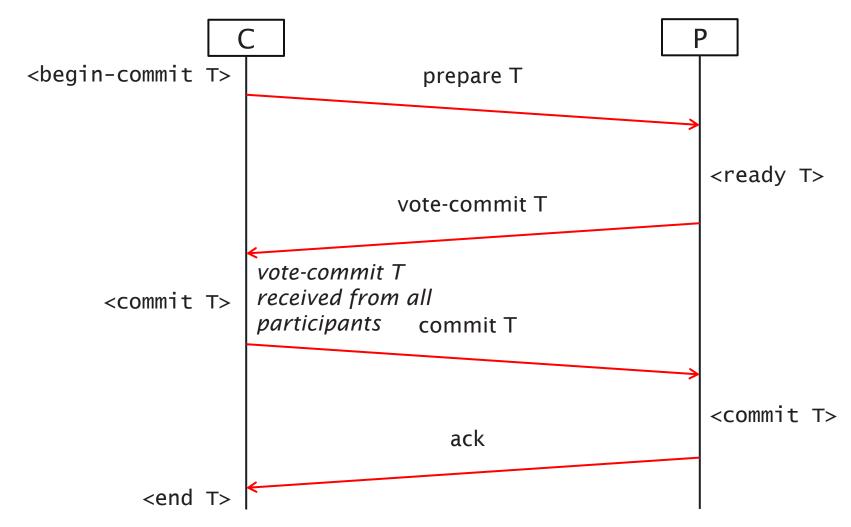






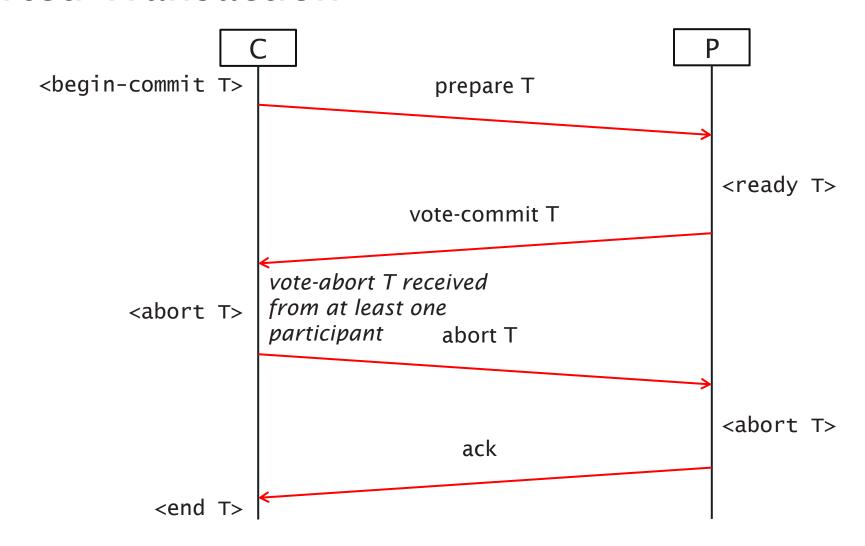


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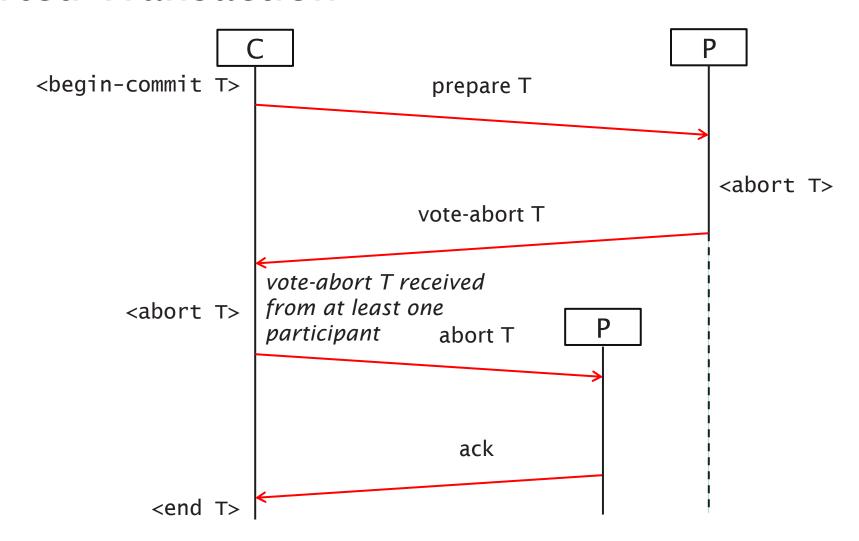


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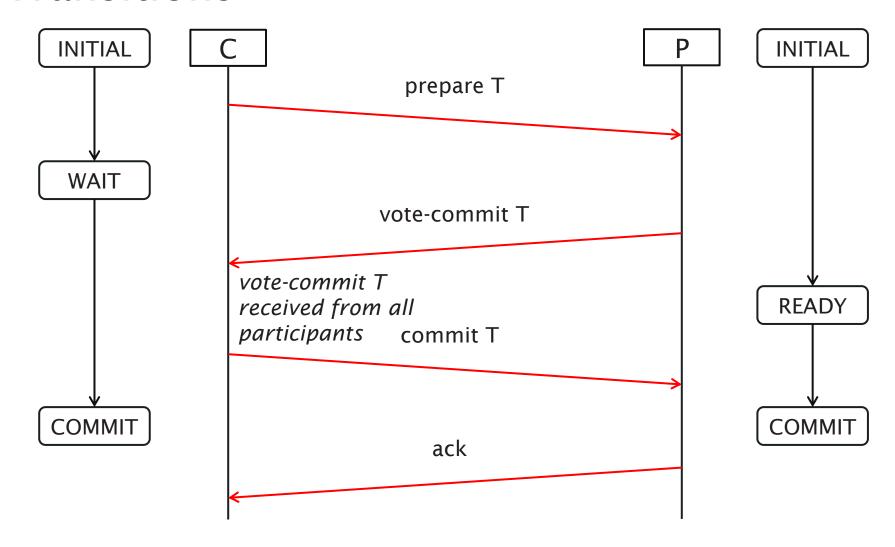


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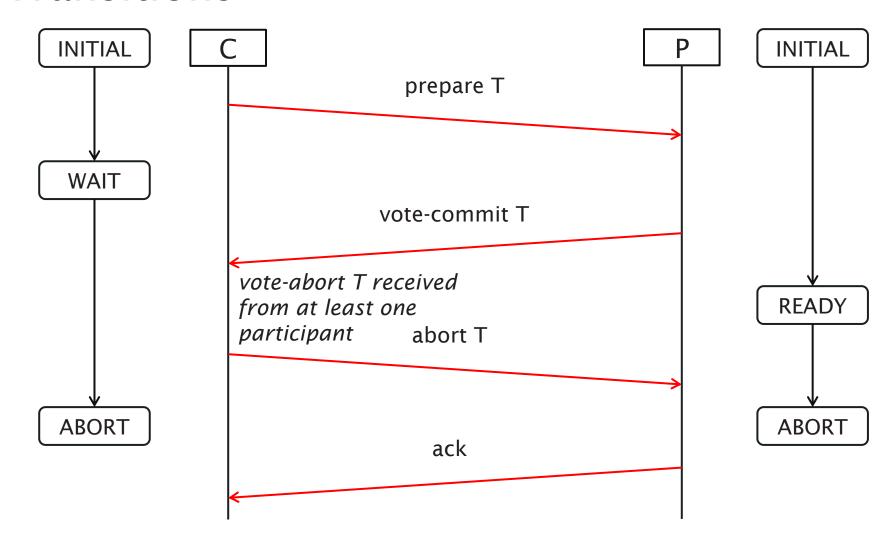


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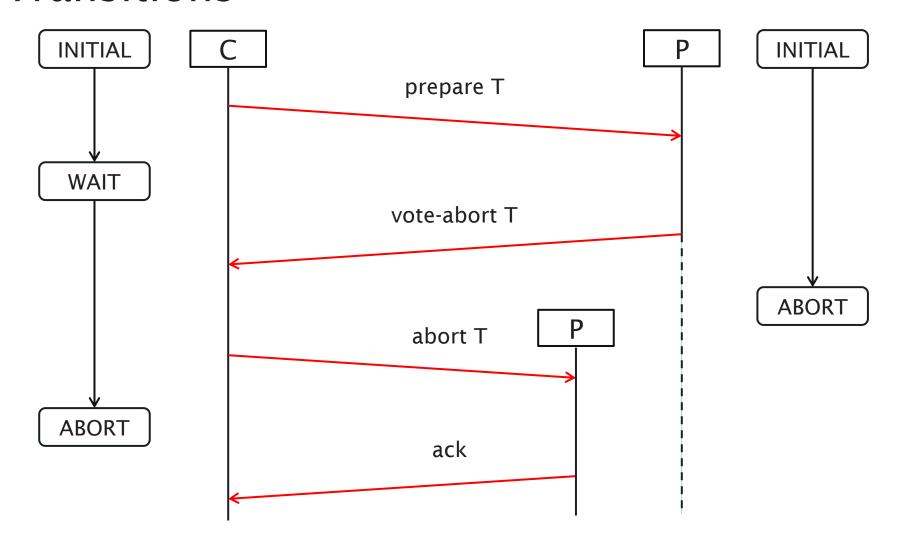


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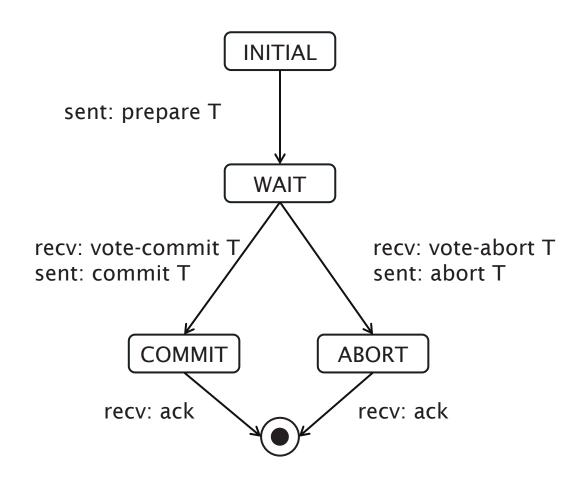


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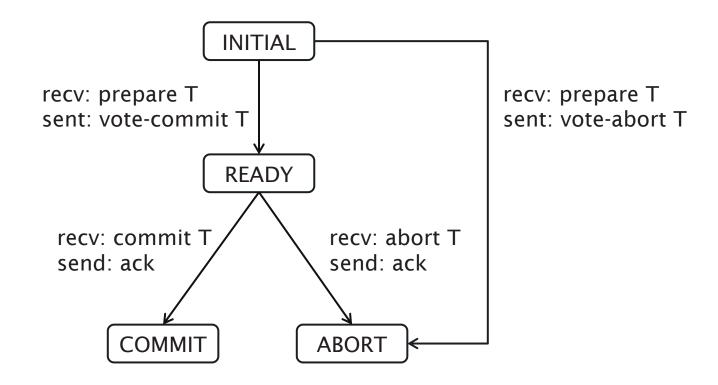


Coordinator State Diagram





Participant State Diagram





Dealing with failures

If the coordinator or a participant fails during the commit, two things happen:

- The other sites will time out while waiting for the next message from the failed site and invoke a *termination protocol*
- When the failed site restarts, it tries to work out the state of the commit by invoking a recovery protocol

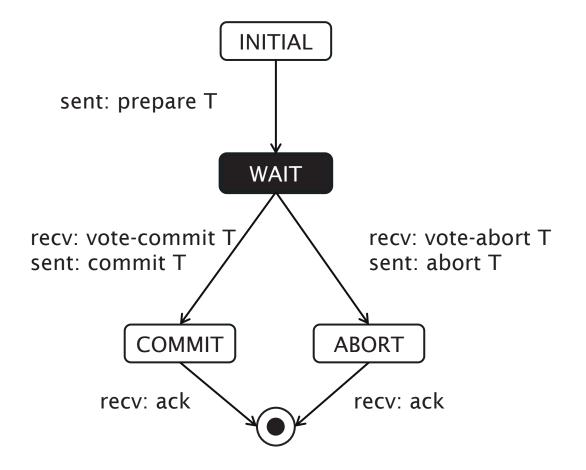
The behaviour of the sites under these protocols depends on the state they were in when the site failed



Termination Protocol: Coordinator

Timeout in WAIT

- Coordinator is waiting for participants to vote on whether they're going to commit or abort
- A missing vote means that the coordinator cannot commit the global transaction
- Coordinator may abort the global transaction

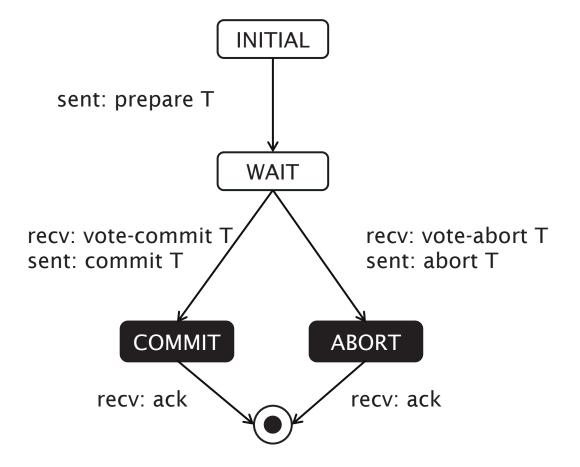




Termination Protocol: Coordinator

Timeout in COMMIT/ABORT

- Coordinator is waiting for participants to acknowledge successful commit or abort
- Coordinator resends global decision to participants who have not acknowledged

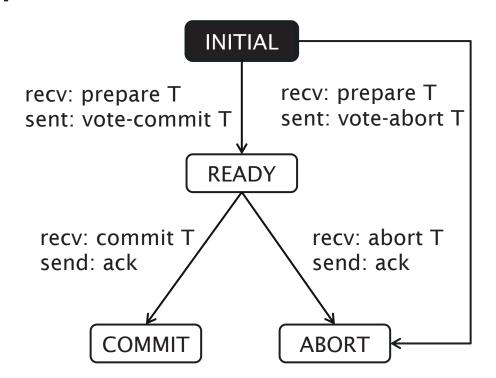




Termination Protocol: Participant

Timeout in INITIAL

- Participant is waiting for a "prepare T"
- May unilaterally abort the transaction after a timeout
- If "prepare T" arrives after unilateral abort, either:
 - resend the "vote-abort T" message or
 - ignore (coordinator then times out in WAIT)

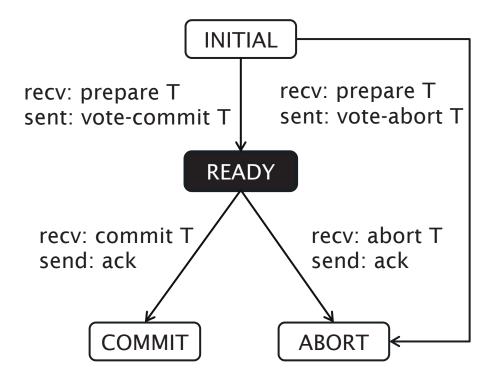




Termination Protocol: Participant

Timeout in READY

- Participant is waiting for the instruction to commit or abort – blocked without further information
- Alternatively, use cooperative termination protocol – contact other participants to find one who knows the decision





Cooperative Termination Protocol

Assumes that participants are aware of each other

Coordinator sends list of participants with "prepare T"

If a participant P times out while waiting for the global decision, it contacts the other participants to see if they know it

Response from the other participant depends on their state and any vote they've sent:

- INITIAL hasn't yet voted, so unilaterally aborts by sending "abort T"
- READY voted to abort, so sends "abort T"
- READY voted to commit, but doesn't know the global decision, so sends "uncertain T"
- ABORT/COMMIT knows the global decision, so sends "commit T" or "abort T"

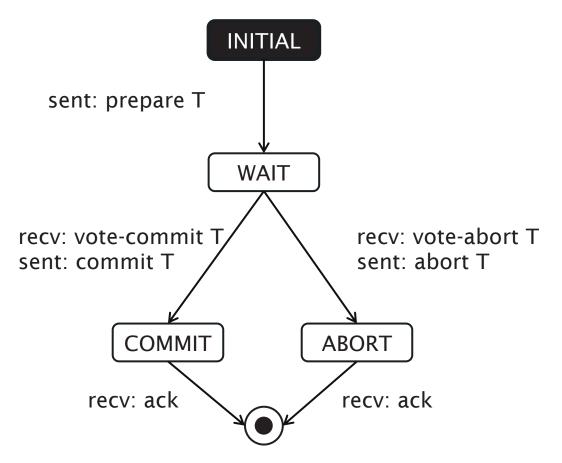
If all participants return "uncertain T", then P remains blocked



Recovery Protocol: Coordinator

Failure in INITIAL

Commit not yet begun, restart commit procedure

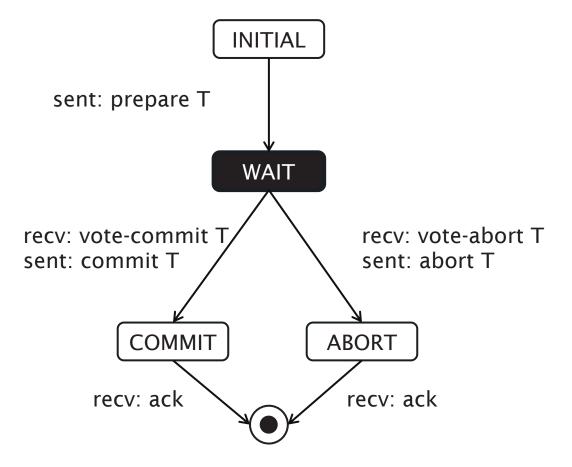




Recovery Protocol: Coordinator

Failure in WAIT

- Coordinator has sent "prepare T", but has not yet received all vote-commit/vote-abort messages from participants
- Recovery restarts commit procedure by resending "prepare T"

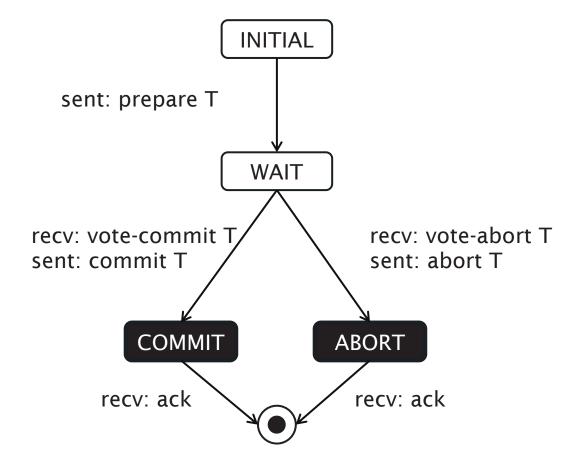




Recovery Protocol: Coordinator

Failure in COMMIT/ABORT

- If coordinator has received all "ack" messages, complete successfully
- Otherwise, invoke terminate protocol (i.e. resend global decision)



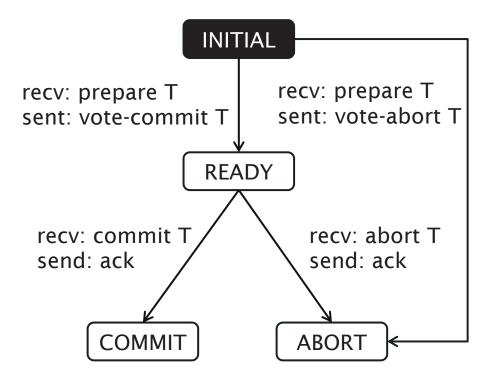


Recovery Protocol: Participant

Failure in INITIAL

- Participant has not yet voted
- Coordinator cannot have reached a decision
- Participant should unilaterally abort by sending "vote-abort T"

(what was the coordinator doing while the participant was down?)

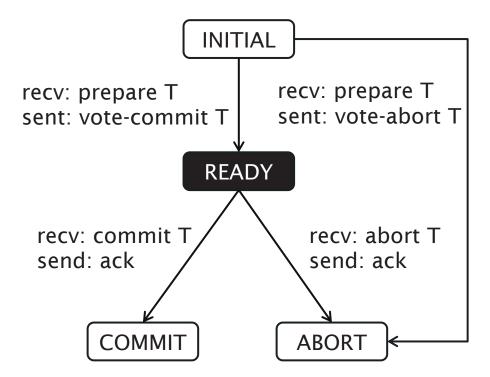




Recovery Protocol: Participant

Failure in READY

- Participant has voted, but doesn't know what the global decision was
- Treat as a timeout in READY (use cooperative termination protocol)

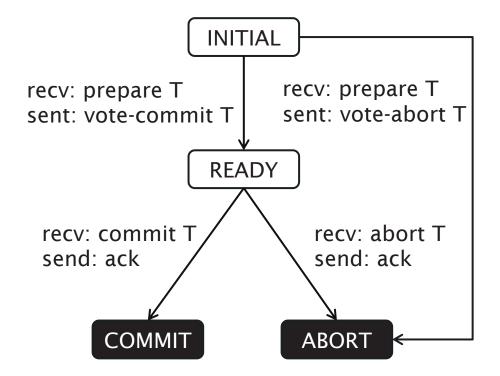




Recovery Protocol: Participant

Failure in COMMIT/ABORT

- "ack" message has been sent
- Participant need take no action





2PC Variants



2PC Performance

Costs associated with 2PC:

- Number of messages transmitted between coordinator and participants
- Number of times that logs are accessed

We can improve the performance of 2PC if we can reduce either of these

 Coordinator keeps state information about current transactions in memory (doesn't need to consult logs)

Two proposed approaches:

- Presumed-Abort
- Presumed-Commit



Presumed-Abort

Improves performance by letting the coordinator forget about transactions (remove them from memory) in certain circumstances

If the global decision was to abort the transaction, write <abort T> to log and forget T

- If a participant asks the coordinator about the global decision and it isn't in memory, tell the participant that the transaction was aborted
- Coordinator doesn't need to write <end T>

If the global decision was to commit the transaction, only forget it and write <commit T> and <end T> to log once all "ack" messages have been received from participants



Presumed-Commit

Assumes that, if no information about a transaction is in memory, it must have been committed

If the global decision is to commit, coordinator writes <commit T> to log, sends "commit T" and forgets the transaction

If the global decision is to abort, coordinator writes <abort T> to log and sends "abort T"

Only writes <end T> and forgets T when all "ack" messages have been received



Three-Phase Commit



Three-Phase Commit

As we saw earlier, 2PC can still block in certain circumstances

Participant times out in READY and is unable to find out the global decision

3PC is non-blocking in the event of site failure (but not network partition)

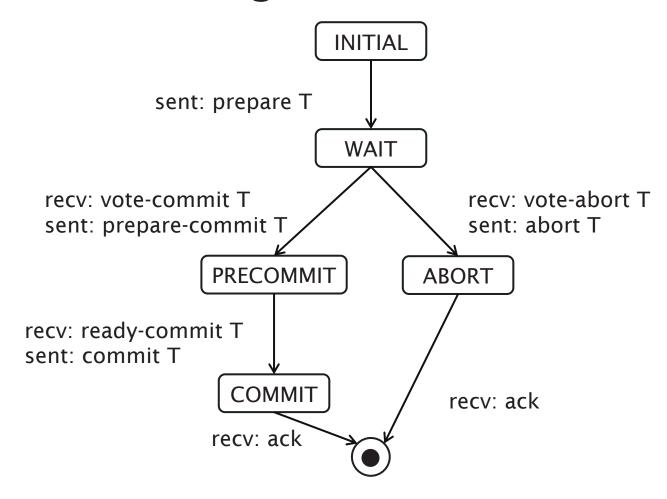
Adds an additional state between WAIT/READY and COMMIT

PRECOMMIT – process is ready to commit but has not yet committed

Some changes to termination and recovery protocols from 2PC

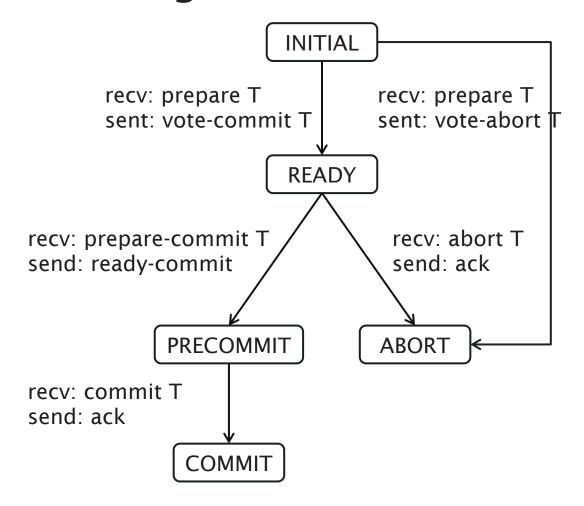


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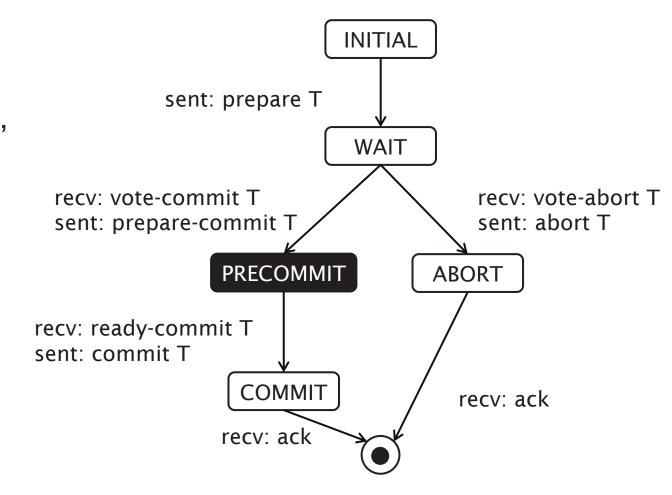




3PC Termination Protocol: Coordinator

Timeout in PRECOMMIT

- Coordinator does not if non-responding participants have moved to PRECOMMIT, but it does know that they're all in READY at least (so have all voted to commit)
- Move all participants to PRECOMMIT by sending "prepare-commit T", then send "commit T"

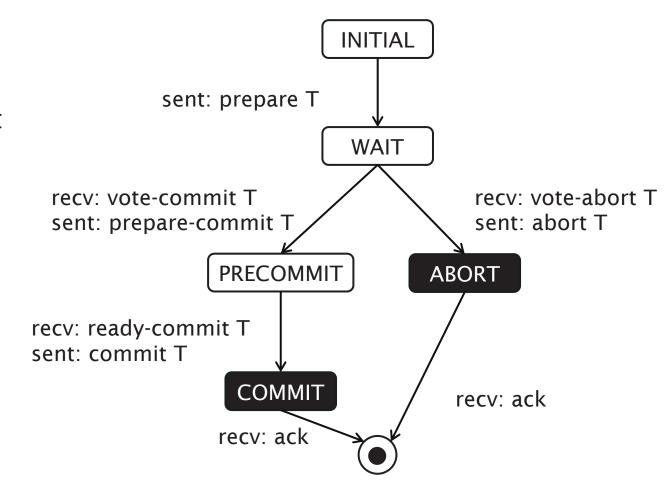




3PC Termination Protocol: Coordinator

Timeout in COMMIT/ABORT

- Coordinator does not know if participants have performed the commit or abort, but knows that they are in either PRECOMMIT or READY
- Participants follow their own recovery protocols

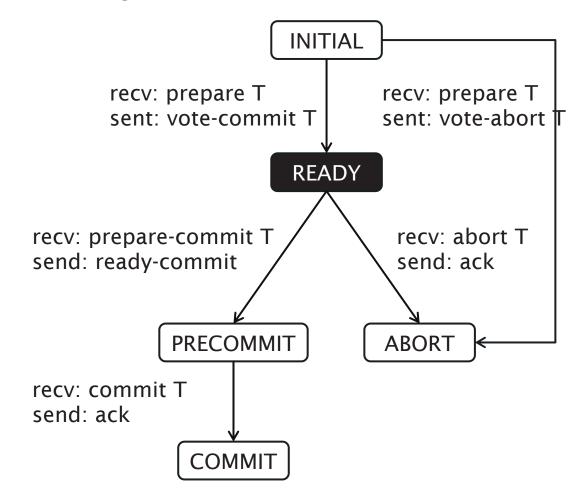




3PC Termination Protocol: Participant

Timeout in READY

- Participant has voted to commit, but does not know the global decision
- Elects a new coordinator, and proceeds according to its state:
 - WAIT new coordinator globally aborts
 - PRECOMMIT new coordinator globally commits
 - ABORT all participants will also move into ABORT

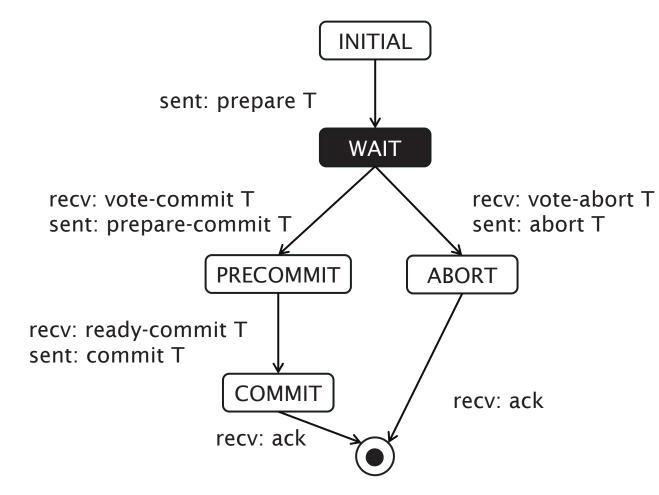




3PC Recovery Protocol: Coordinator

Failure in WAIT

- Participants will have already terminated the transaction due to termination protocol
- Coordinator needs to ask participants for outcome

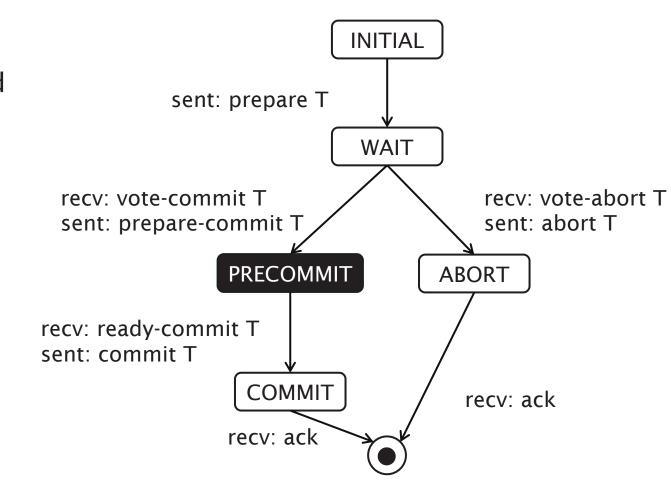




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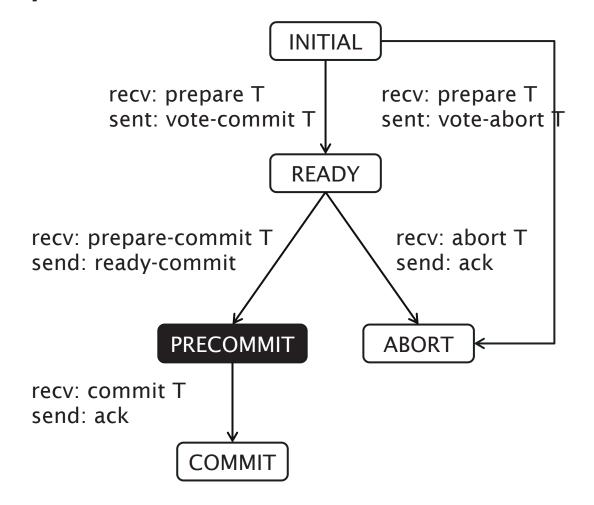




3PC Recover Protocol: Participant

Failure in PRECOMMIT

 Participant must ask to determine how other participants have terminated the transaction





Parallel Utilities



Parallel Utilities

Ancillary operations can also exploit the parallel hardware

- Parallel Data Loading/Import/Export
- Parallel Index Creation
- Parallel Rebalancing
- Parallel Backup
- Parallel Recovery



Next Lecture: Distributed Databases