CS 764: Topics in Database Management Systems

Lecture 17: ARIES

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Today's Paper: ARIES

ARIES: A Transaction Recovery Method Supporting Fine-Granularity Locking and Partial Rollbacks Using Write-Ahead Logging

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In this paper we present a simple and efficient method, called ARIES (*Algorithm for Recovery and Isolation Exploiting Semantics*), which supports partial rollbacks of transactions, fine-granularity (e.g., record) locking and recovery using write-ahead logging (WAL). We introduce the paradigm of *repeating history* to redo all missing updates *before* performing the rollbacks of the loser transactions during restart after a system failure. ARIES uses a log sequence number in each page to correlate the state of a page with respect to logged updates of that page. All updates of a transaction are logged, including those performed during rollbacks. By appropriate chaining of the log records written during rollbacks to those written during forward progress, a bounded amount of logging is ensured during rollbacks even in the face of repeated failures during restart or of nested rollbacks We deal with a variety of features that are very important in building and operating an *industrial-strength* transaction processing system ARIES supports fuzzy checkpoints, selective and deferred restart, fuzzy image copies, media recovery, and high concurrency lock modes (e.g., increment/decrement) which exploit the semantics of the operations and require the ability to perform operation logging. ARIES is flexible with respect to the kinds of buffer management policies that can be implemented. It supports objects of varying length efficiently. By enabling parallelism during restart, page-oriented redo, and logical undo, it enhances concurrency and performance. We show why some of the System R paradigms for logging and recovery, which were based on the shadow page technique, need to be changed in the context of WAL. We compare ARIES to the WAL-based recovery methods of

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Solution: add a version number to each page

- **pageLSN**: LSN of the log record that describes the latest update to the page.
- **REDO scan**: Apply REDO only if record.LSN > page.pageLSN
- **Write**: update pageLSN (for the buffered page) for each write

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- **prevLSN**: preceding log record written by the same transaction
- **lastLSN**: LSN of the last log record written by the transaction
- **UNDO scan**: Follow lastLSN and prevLSN to undo records
- **REDO scan**: update lastLSN in TT based on the last update of the transaction

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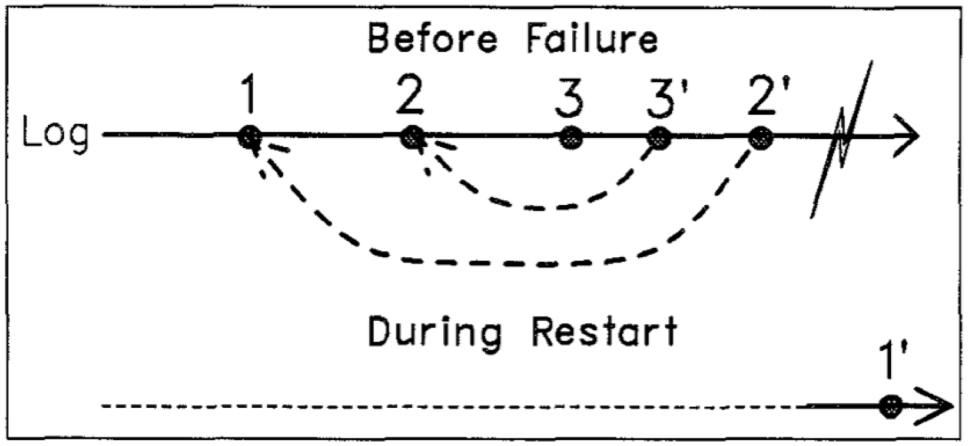
Compensation Log Record (CLR)



I′ is the Compensation Log Record for I
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The action of applying UNDO leads to a CLR

- In undo scan, do not reapply UNDO if CLR exists
- **UndoNxtLSN**: LSN of the next record to be processed during undo scan

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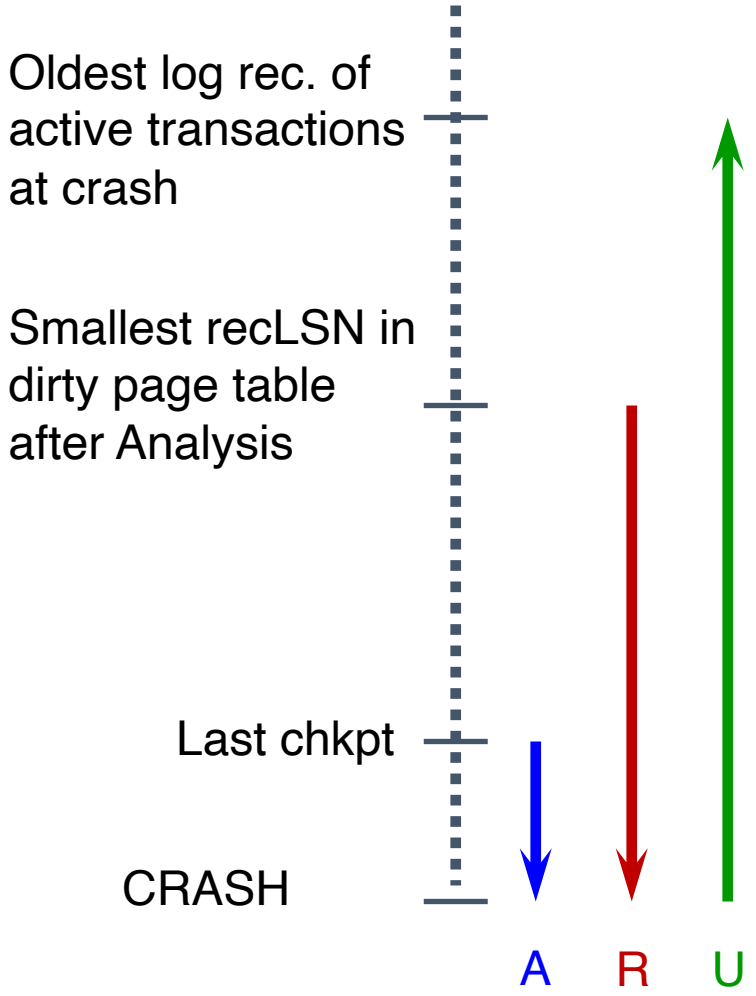

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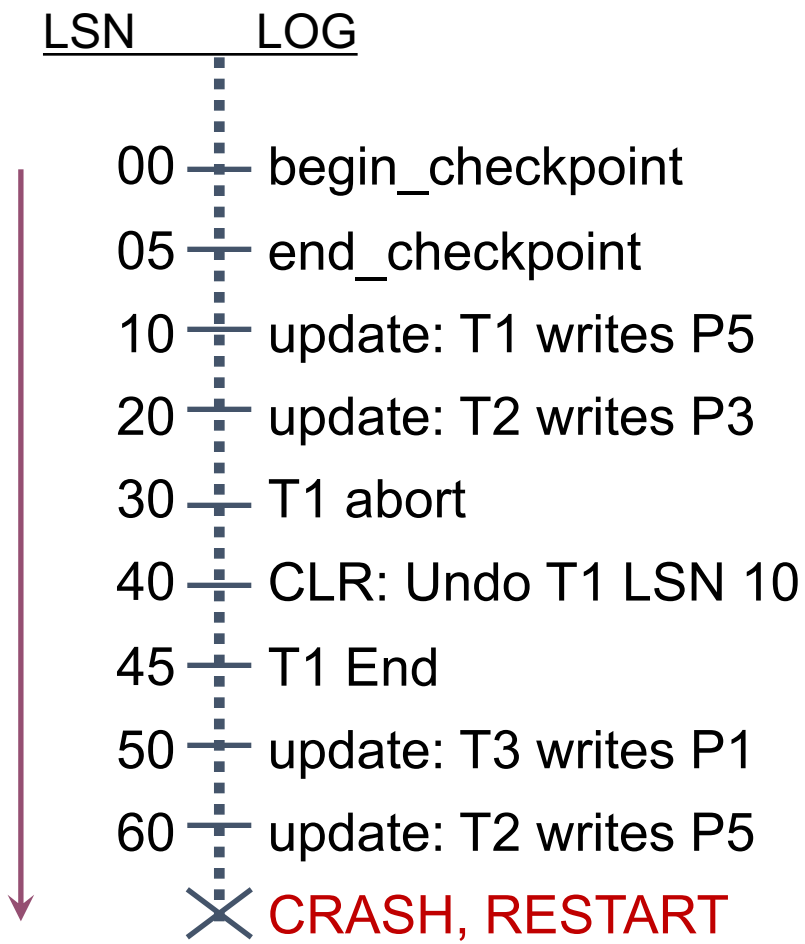

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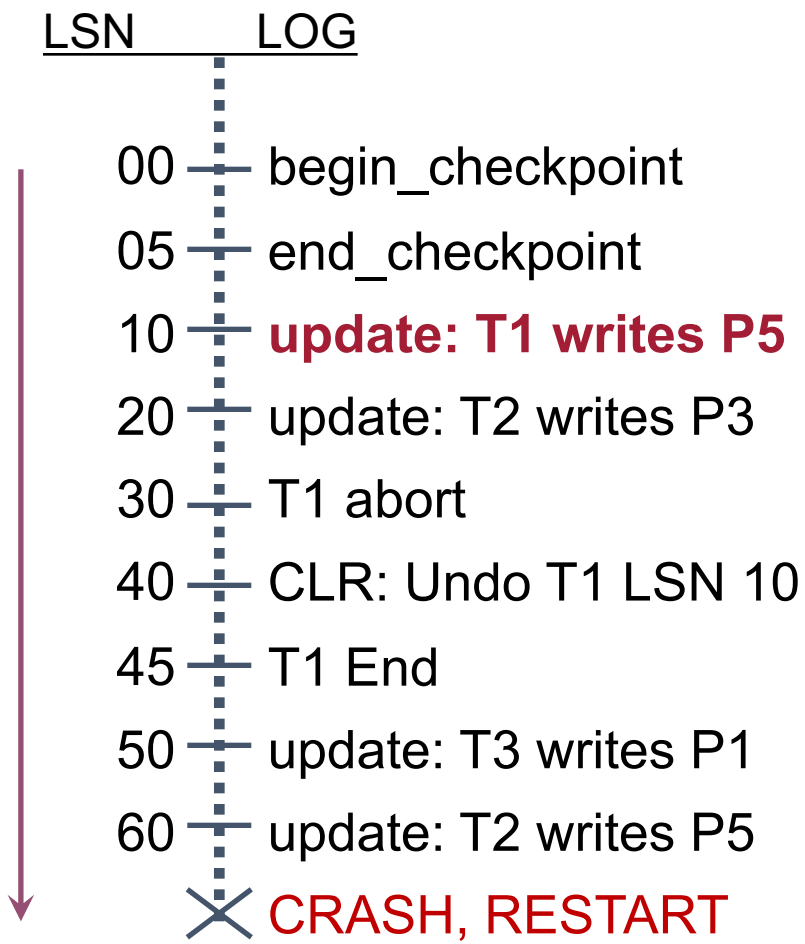

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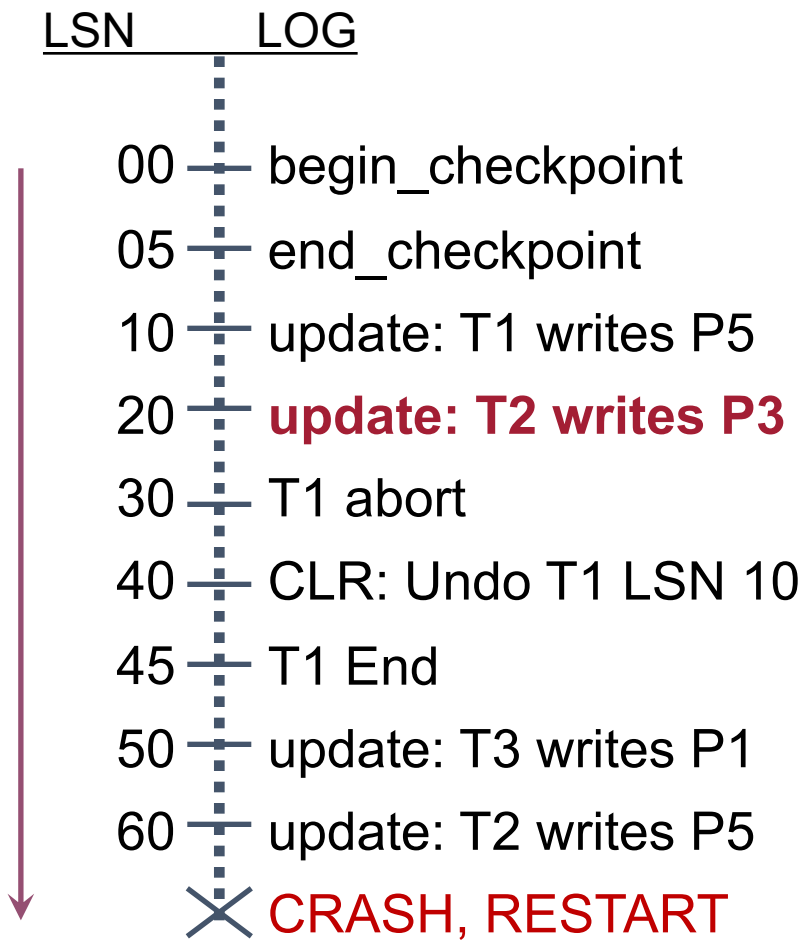

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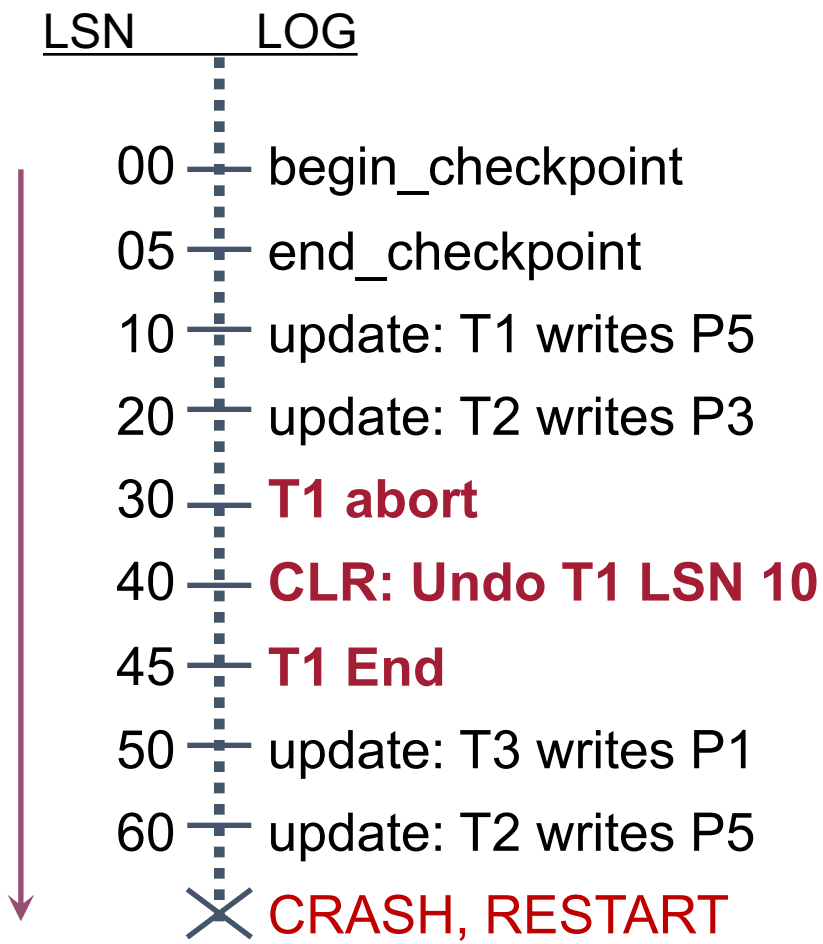

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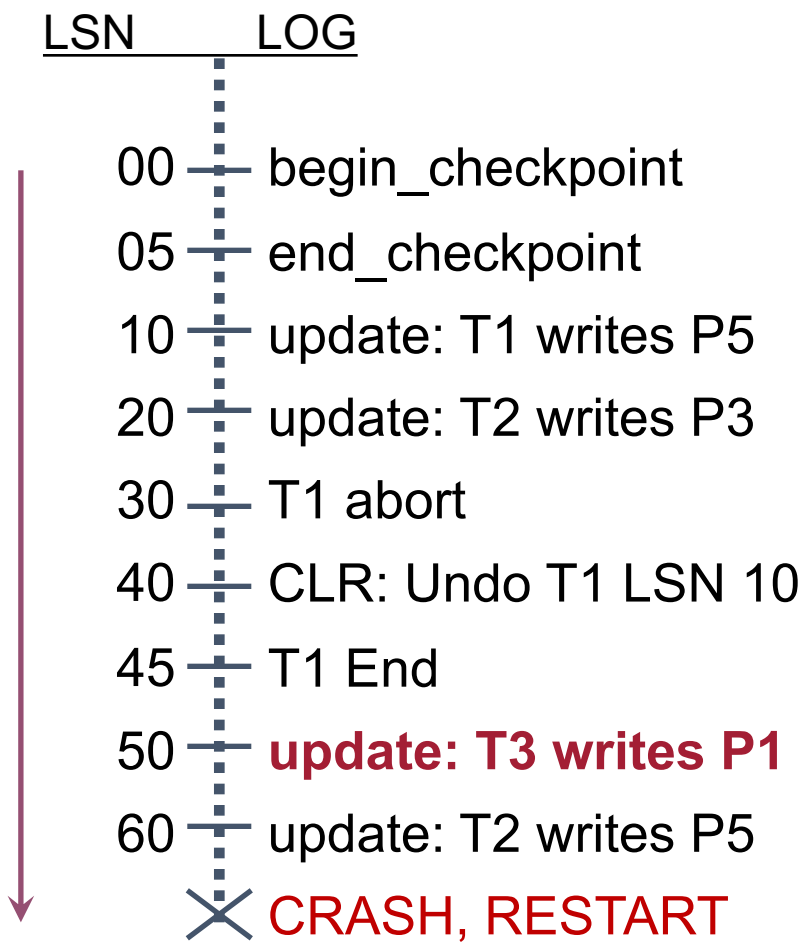

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P5	10
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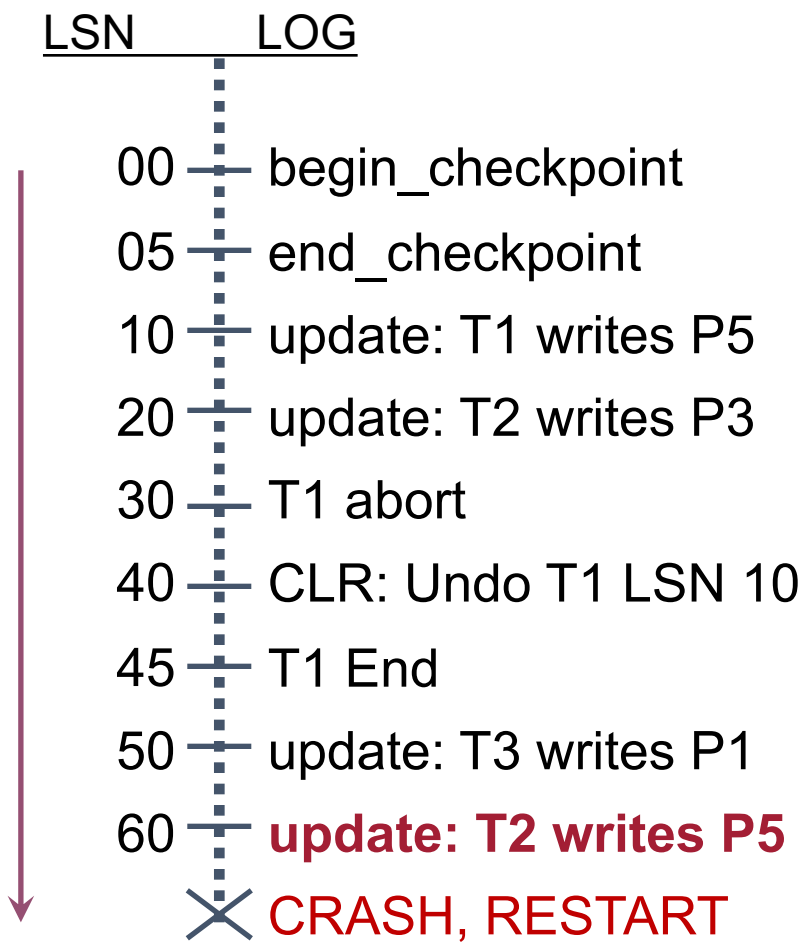

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T2	**60**

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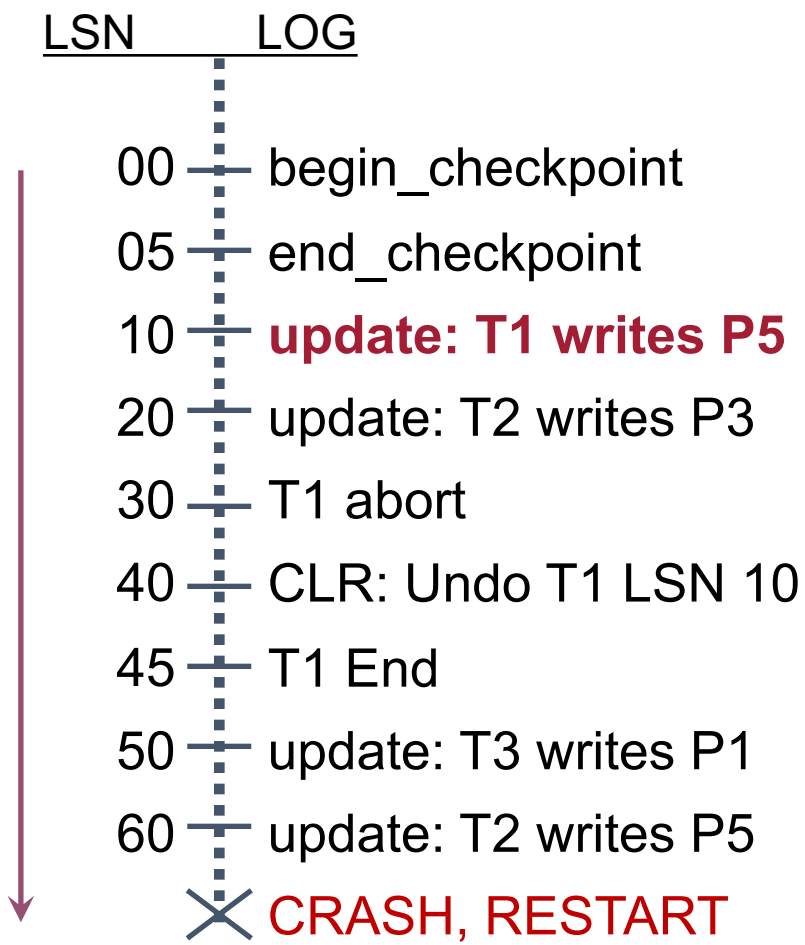

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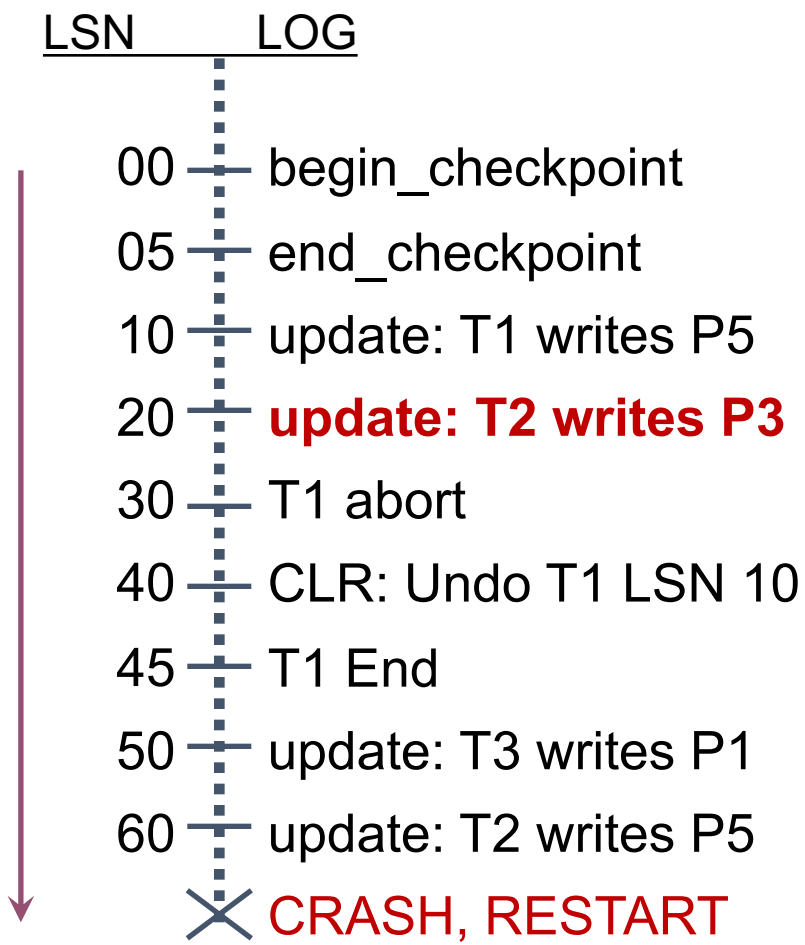

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Update P3 in buffer pool

No need to flush P3 now

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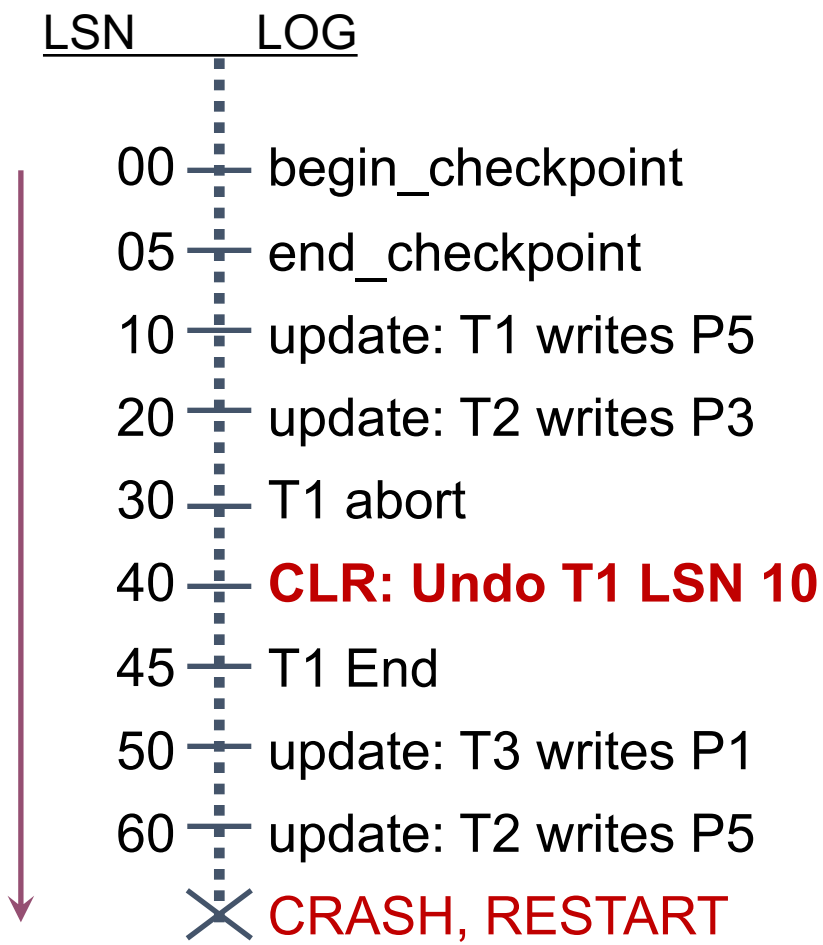

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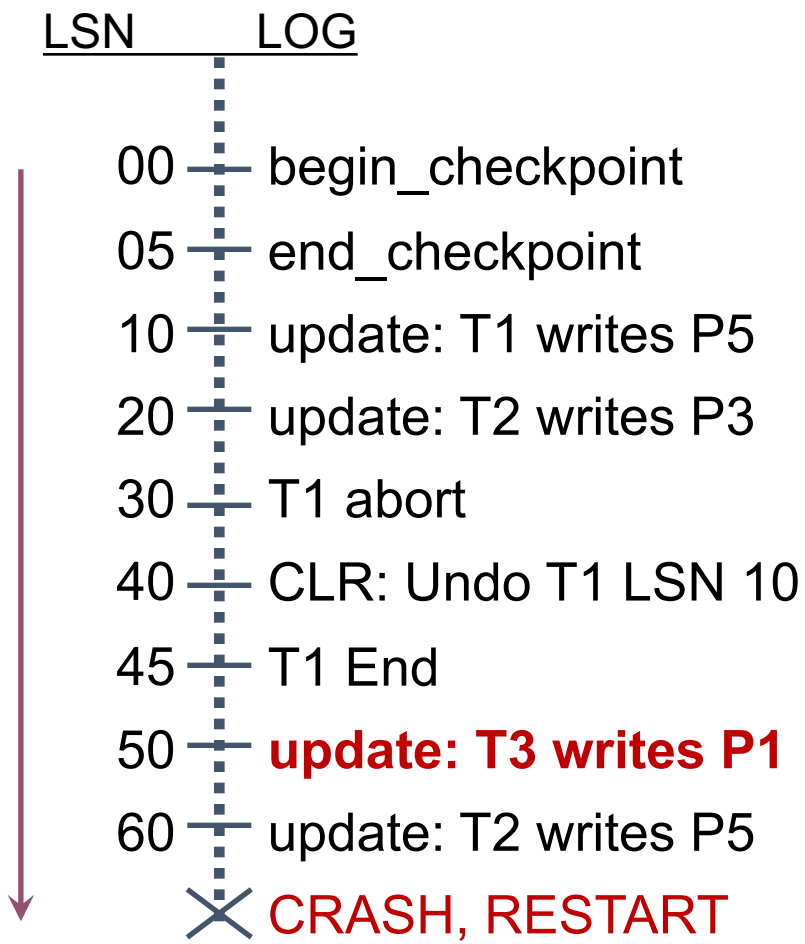

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Update P1 in buffer pool

No need to flush P1 now

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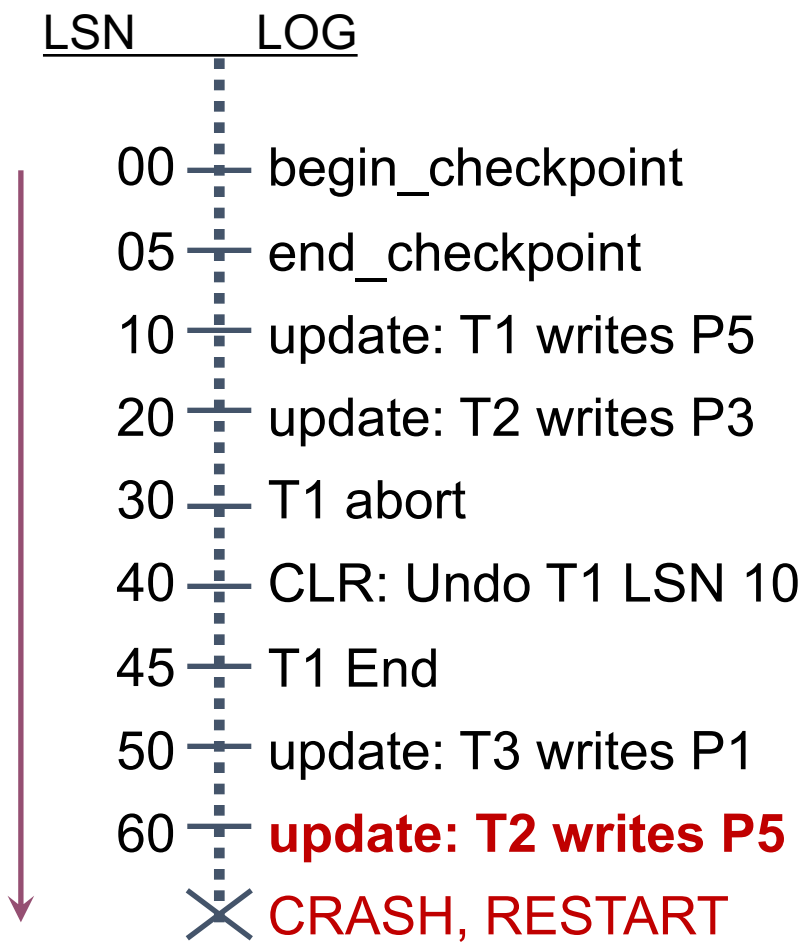

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Update P5 in buffer pool

No need to flush P5 now

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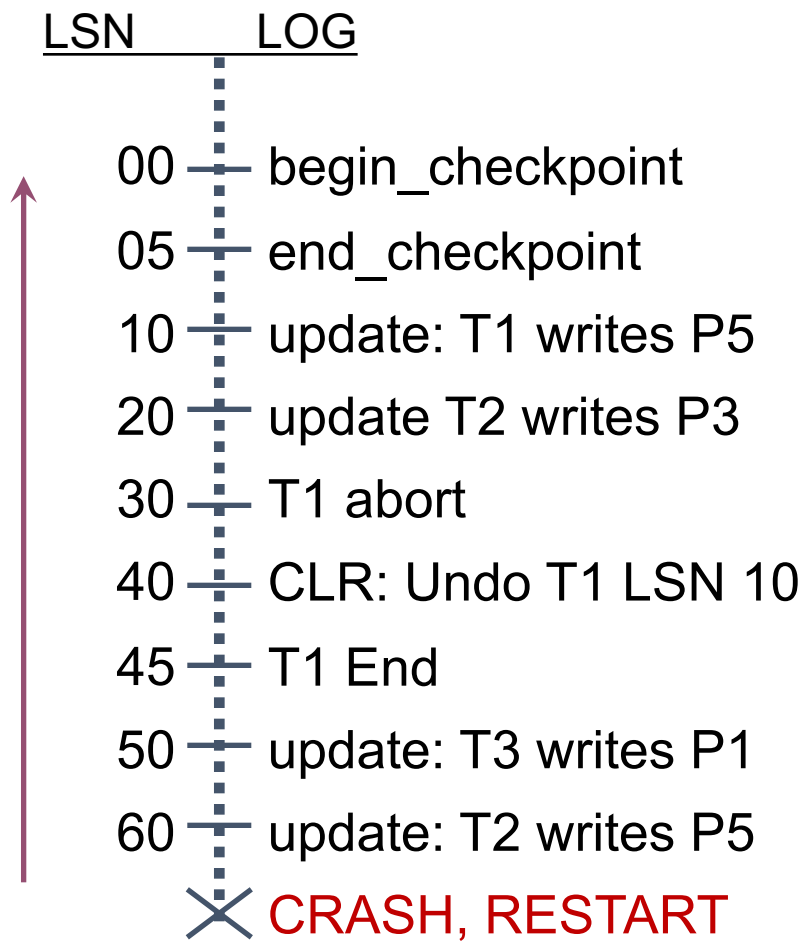
Repeat until transaction table is empty:

- Choose largest LastLSN among transactions in the transaction table
- If the log record is an ‘update’: Undo the update, write a CLR, add record.prevLSN to transaction table
- If the log record is an ‘CLR’: add CLR.UndoNxtLSN to transaction table
- If prevLSN and UpdoNxtLSN are NULL, remove the transaction from transaction table

UNDO Phase – Example



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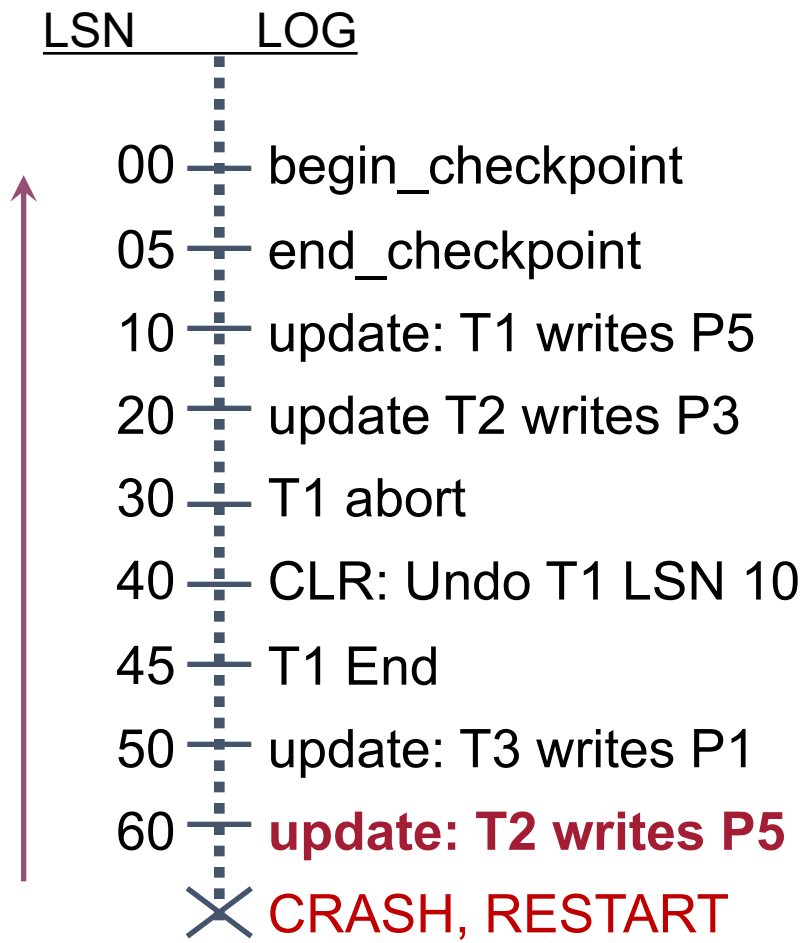

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T3	50	50
T2	~~60~~ 70	~~60~~ 20

LSN	LOG	(undoNextLSN)
70	CLR: Undo T2, LSN 60,	(20)

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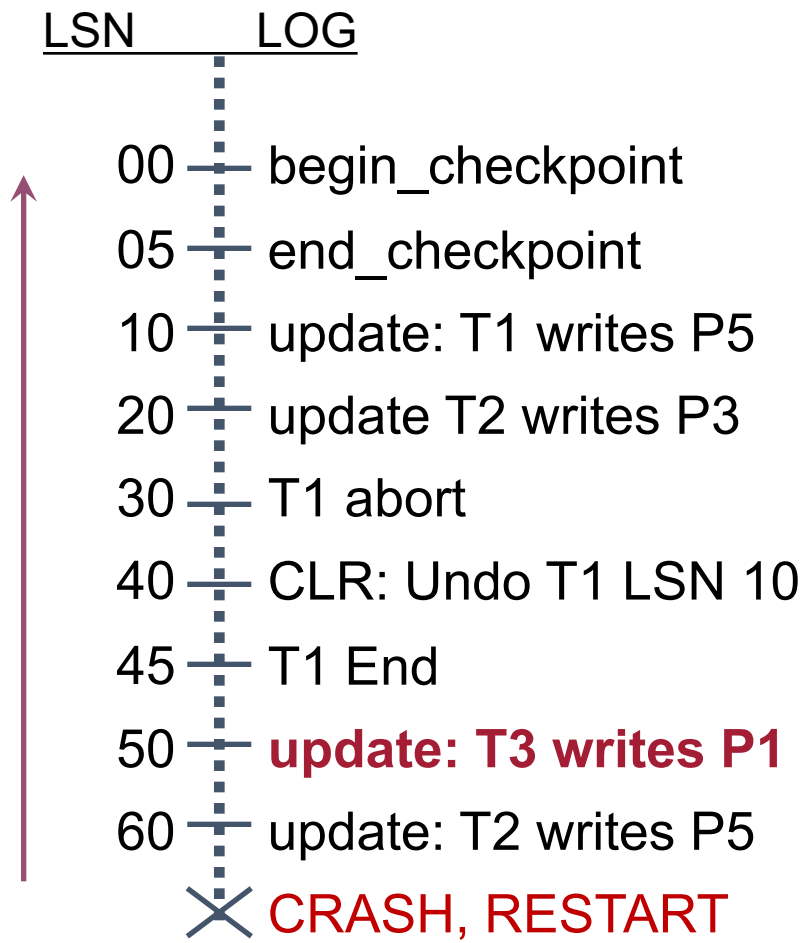

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T3	~~50~~ 80	~~50~~ null
T2	70	20

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80	CLR: Undo T3, LSN 50,	(null)

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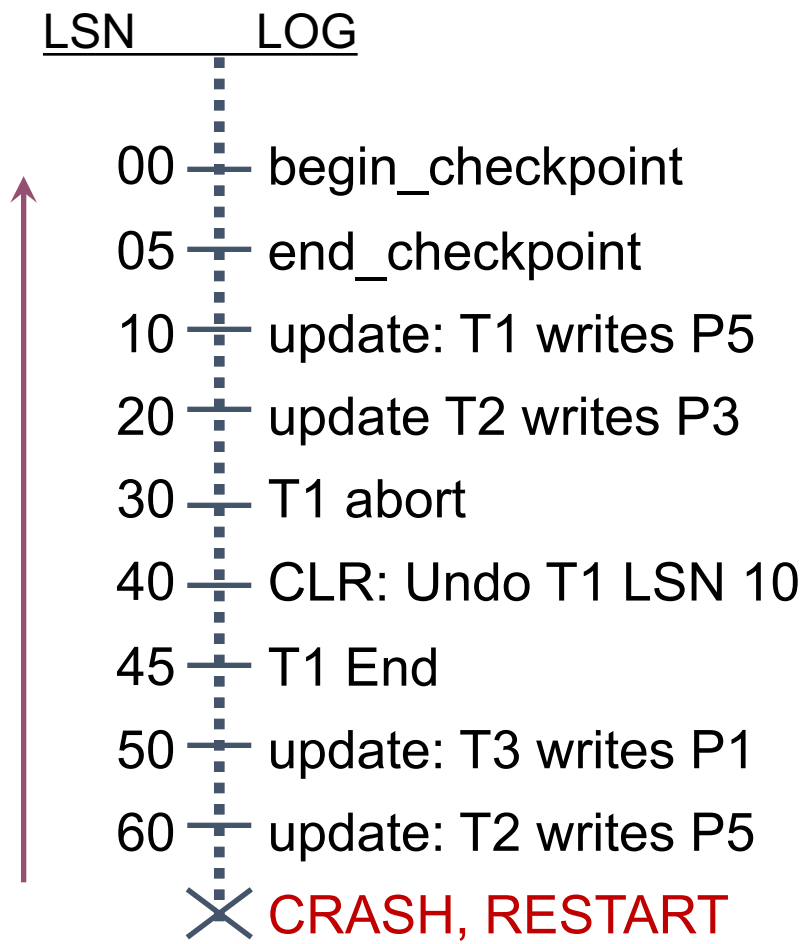

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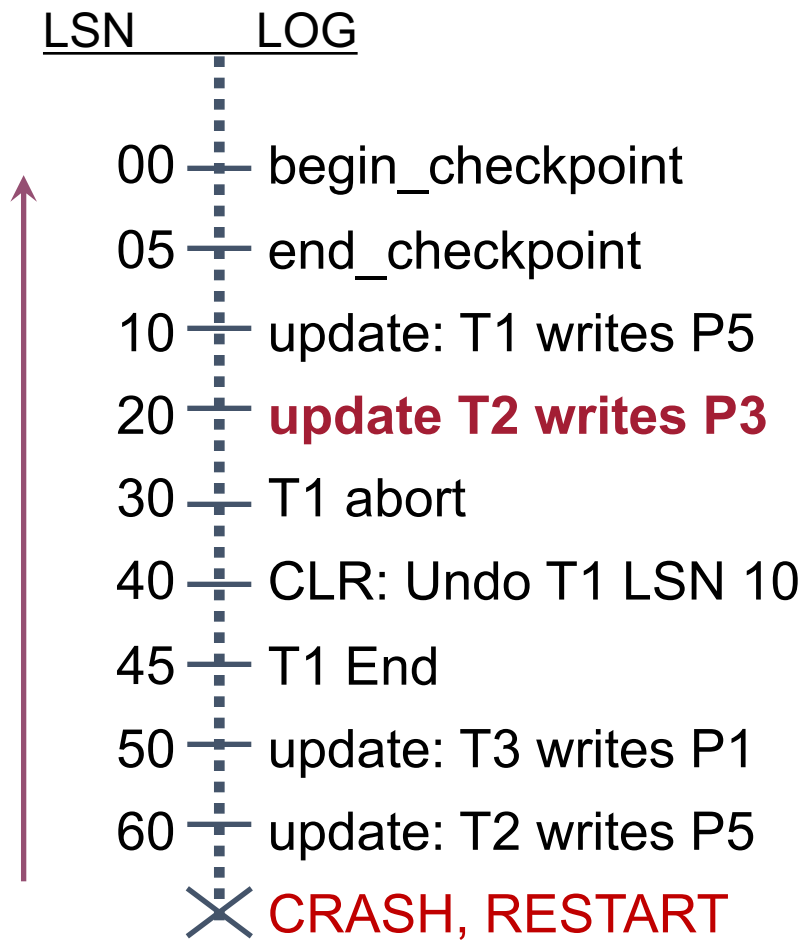

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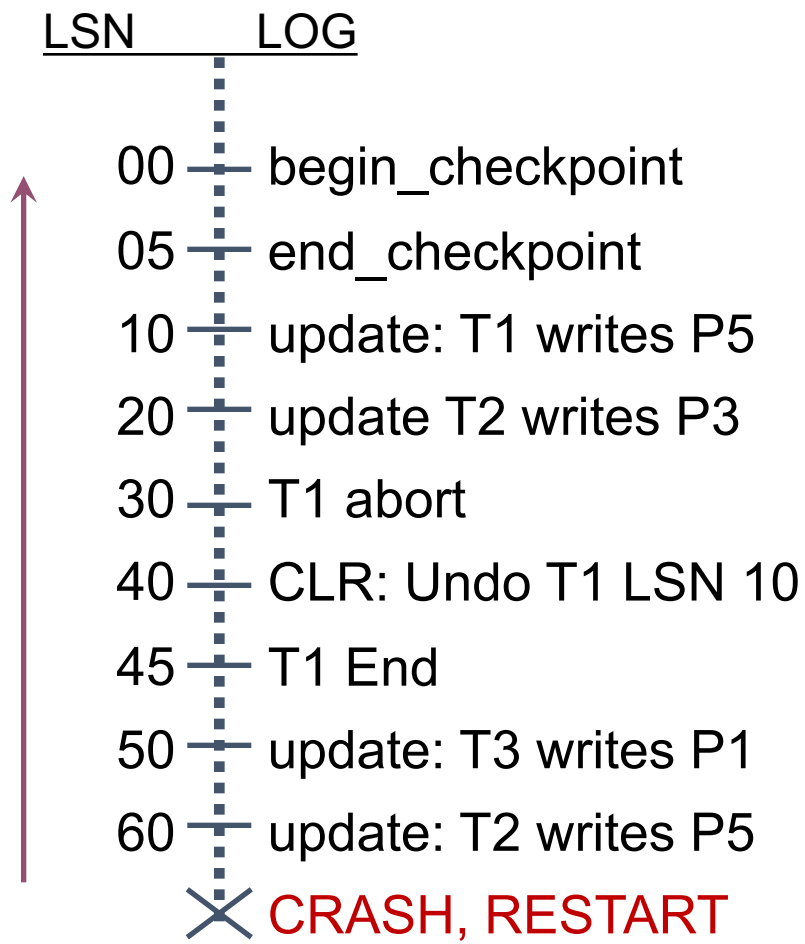

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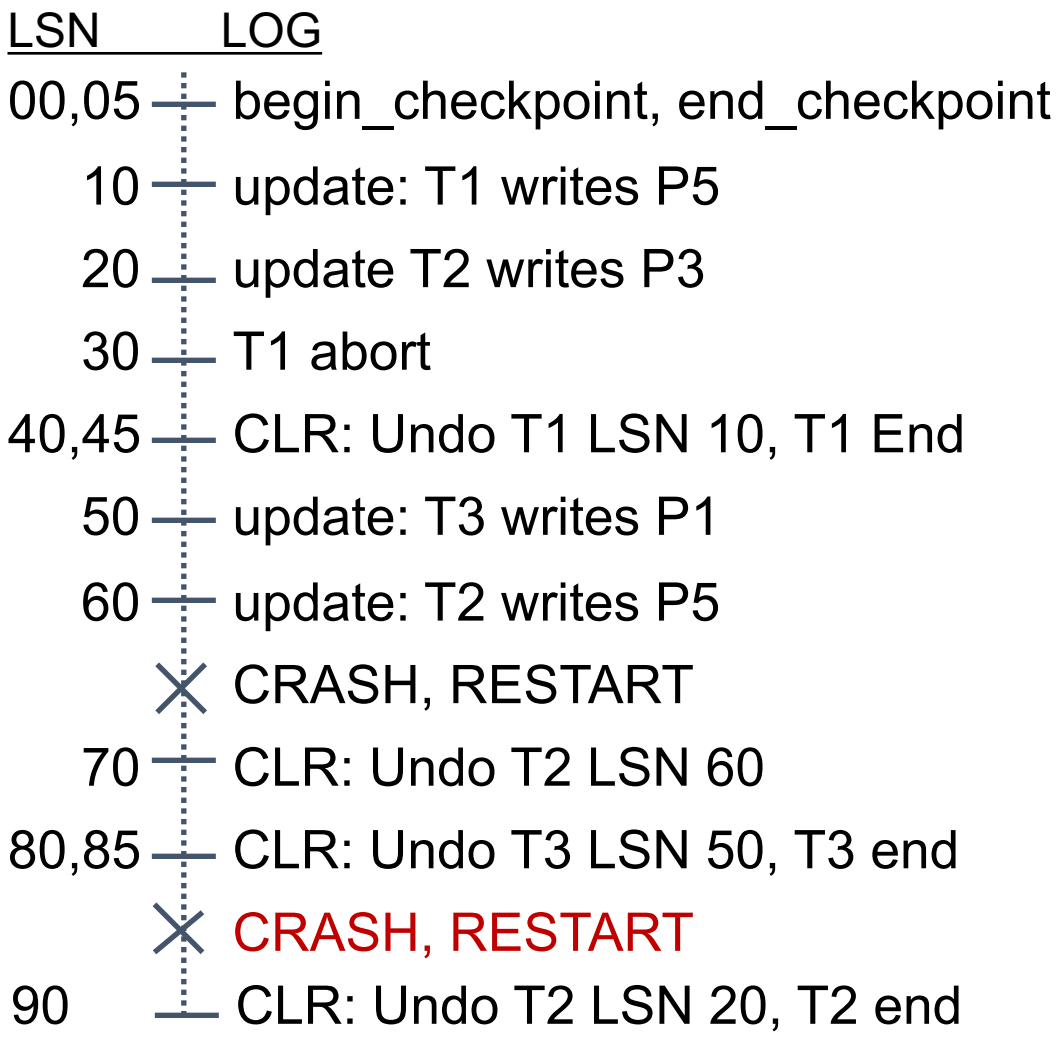
Crash During Restart – Example



No need to undo LSN 60 and LSN 50 again due to the CLRs created in the previous restart

Can created a checkpoint to reduce the cost of future restart

Q/A – ARIES

- How to know all dirty pages of one txn are flushed in order to write "END" log?
- Checkpointed DPT may not reflect logs in between start and end checkpointing, does it matter?
- Is Steal + No force the fastest?
- What's the intuition behind the ARIES design?
- How much space do such logs generally consume?
- Is ARIES generally for distributed DB?
- What is the performance overhead of logging?

Before Next Lecture

Submit review before next lecture

- C. Mohan, et al., Transaction Management in the R* Distributed Database Management System. ACM Transactions on Database Systems, 1986