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Homework #5: Due Thursday Dec 2nd @ 11:59pm.

Project #4: Due Sunday Dec 5th @ 11:59pm.
Additional office hours on Saturday Dec 4th @ 3:00pm.

Final Exam: Friday Dec 10th @ 8:30am at **Doherty Hall 2210**. Bring pencil and rubber.

FINAL EXAM

Exam focuses on topics after mid-term. But questions may need understanding of earlier lecture material.

Open book/notes/calculator.

We will post announcements on Piazza with practice exam.



COURSE EVALS

Your feedback is strongly needed:

- <https://cmu.smartevals.com>
- <https://www.ugrad.cs.cmu.edu/ta/F21/feedback/>

Things that we want feedback on:

- Homework Assignments
- Projects
- Reading Materials
- Lectures



STUFF BEFORE MID-TERM

SQL

Buffer Pool Management

Hash Tables

B+Trees

Storage Models

Inter-Query Parallelism



QUERY OPTIMIZATION

Heuristics

- Predicate Pushdown
- Projection Pushdown
- Nested Sub-Queries: Rewrite and Decompose

Statistics

- Cardinality Estimation
- Histograms

Cost-based search



TRANSACTIONS

ACID

Conflict Serializability:

→ How to check?

→ How to ensure?

View Serializability

Recoverable Schedules

Isolation Levels / Anomalies



TRANSACTIONS

Two-Phase Locking

- Rigorous vs. Non-Rigorous
- Deadlock Detection & Prevention

Multiple Granularity Locking

- Intention Locks



TRANSACTIONS

Timestamp Ordering Concurrency Control

→ Thomas Write Rule

Optimistic Concurrency Control

→ Read Phase

→ Validation Phase

→ Write Phase

Multi-Version Concurrency Control

→ Version Storage / Ordering

→ Garbage Collection



CRASH RECOVERY

Buffer Pool Policies:

- STEAL vs. NO-STEAL
- FORCE vs. NO-FORCE

Write-Ahead Logging

Logging Schemes

Checkpoints

ARIES Recovery

- Log Sequence Numbers
- CLRs



DISTRIBUTED DATABASES

System Architectures

Replication

Partitioning Schemes

Two-Phase Commit



FINAL COMMENTS

Know your goal, constraints, and resources

→ Focus on “high pole in the tent”

→ Keep remind yourself and re-evaluate

Avoid pre-mature optimization/engineering for non-exist requirements

→ Prefer simple solutions

Avoid cutting corners

→ Balance engineering effort and extensibility

