CowabungaDB

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Milestone One Review

Overall Design



Persistence

File Structure



Database Directory

Stores every table in database, determined by db.open(...).

Buffer Pool Header

Stores buffer pool management data (e.g. page identifier map).

Table Directory

Stores table data. Uses numeric identifier instead of name.

File Structure



Table Header

Stores page ranges and metadata like table name, number of columns...

Column File / Header

File stores actual data, header stores next available page slot.

Example File Structure

```
db = Database()
db.open("./COWDIR")
grades_table = db.create_table('Grades', 5, 0)
query = Query(grades_table)
```

COWDIR				
		bp	.hdr	
		0		
			table.hdr	
			0.hdr	
			0.dat	
			1.hdr	
			1.dat	
			0	

Column Files

- Written as bytes (no serialization, per specification)
- Array of 512 i64 values → buffer of 4096 u8 values
- Seek correct byte offset and write entire buffer
 - Know this from the **physical page ID**
 - Includes table identifier, column identifier, and physical page identifier (zero indexed from beginning of file)

Column

Page 0

Page 1

1001010101010 0101010010101 0101001011001 .





General Design

- At core, list of frames protected by smart pointers wrapping read-write locks (for memory / thread safety)
 - o Arc<RwLock<Frame>>
- Each Frame has...
 - Page (in memory) or None
 - Boolean fields for dirty and empty states
 - Its PhysicalPageID
- The Arc is used to measure **pin count**
 - Guaranteed to be accurate

Buffer Pool



Eviction Process

Part One



Then, acquire a read lock, and return the frame's Page.

Eviction Process

- When there are no empty Frames, one must be replaced with the desired page
 - First, prioritize unpinned pages to avoid waiting
 - Second, randomly check Frame pin counts until we find one without pins
 - This is effectively busy waiting
- The selected Frame is flushed if needed, then replaced.
- The busy waiting strategy represents a tradeoff
 - It makes it unnecessary to do accounting of unpinned pages at every possible modification





Writes for Merge

- Array of 512 i64 values \rightarrow buffer of 4096 u8 values
- Seek correct byte offset and write entire buffer
 - Know this from the **physical page ID**
 - Includes table identifier, column identifier, and physical page identifier
- Merge is called after 500 updates (by default)
 - Each PageRange to be merged is placed into a channel (queue that serializes access)
 - Table sends, merge_thread receives requests













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Merge: Consolidation







Query Performance





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Buffer Pool and Merge





Page Range Size and Page Size





Demonstration

