

Atomicity  
Consistency  
Isolation  
Durability

} ensure reliable  
database transactions



## Atomicity

- "All or nothing"
- If any part of transaction fails, everything gets rolled back
- Bank transfer between 2 users as an example, if something fails every step of the transaction is rolled back

## Consistency

- Transaction must follow all rules and constraints
- DBMS will return a consistency violation and cancel the transaction

## Isolation

- How concurrent transactions affect consistency
- Isolation makes it seem like each transaction occurring is the only tx occurring

# Durability

- Once committed, the transaction is permanent
- Done by write-ahead logging (WAL)
  - ↳ persist changes to disk before confirming the commit
- In distributed databases this means replicating across other nodes