

1	1	<p><b>All marks AO1 (understanding)</b></p> <p>Two users (read and) edit a record/the same data simultaneously;  <b>NE.</b> access/read unless later made clear the record/data is changed  <b>NE.</b> edit the database simultaneously</p> <p>One user writes the record/data back/saves then the other user writes the record/data back/saves;</p> <p>One user's update is lost // only one user's update is the kept; <b>NE.</b> data is lost</p> <p><b>A.</b> examples that map to the above points.</p> <p><b>If no other marks awarded, award one mark for the use of the term “lost update problem”.</b></p> <p><b>Refer examples relating to data being read whilst another transaction that is later rolled-back is in progress to team leaders.</b></p>	3
1	2	<p><b>All marks AO1 (knowledge)</b></p> <p><b>Mark against “Record locks” or “Timestamp ordering” mark scheme, depending upon which method the student has selected.</b></p> <p><b>Record locks:</b></p> <p>When a transaction on a record starts / when a user starts to edit a record an (exclusive) lock is set on the <u>record</u>; <b>R.</b> database/data/file/table for record</p> <p>Other transactions/users cannot edit (<b>A.</b> access) the record/data until the lock is released/while the lock is in place/until the first edit is completed;</p> <p><b>Timestamp ordering:</b></p> <p>Timestamps are generated for each transaction // timestamps indicate the order that transactions occurred in; <b>A.</b> timestamps generated for edits/queries as BOD</p> <p>Database records timestamp of last read / last write transaction for each record / data item; <b>A.</b> just one of read/write</p> <p>Database server applies rules to determine if processing a transaction <u>will result in loss of data integrity/inconsistency</u> (and if so aborts the transaction); <b>A.</b> Examples of rules for this mark point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a transaction tries to write to a record/data item then the transaction should be aborted if the read/write timestamp on the record/data item is greater that the time at which the transaction started.</li> <li>• If a transaction tries to read a record/data item then the transaction should be aborted if the write timestamp on the record/data item is greater that the time at which the transaction started.</li> </ul> <p><b>Max 2</b></p>	2