Another Approach: Read-Write Locks

- Each object has a lock that can be held in one of <u>two modes</u>
 - Read mode: multiple transactions allowed in
 - Write mode: exclusive lock
- Before first reading O, transaction T calls read_lock(O)
 - T allowed in only if *all* transactions inside lock for O all entered via read mode
 - Not allowed if *any* transaction inside lock for O entered via write mode