Introduction

Outline

The Need for Databases Data Models Relational Databases Database Design Storage Manager Query Processing Transaction Manager

Database Management System (DBMS)

- *DBMS contains information about a particular enterprise*
	- Collection of interrelated data
	- Set of programs to access the data
	- An environment that is both *convenient* and *efficient* to use
- *Database systems*
	- designed to manage large bodies of information.
	- Management of data involves both defining structures for storage of information and providing mechanisms for the manipulation of information.
	- must ensure the safety of the information stored, despite system crashes or attempts at unauthorized access.
	- If data are to be shared among several users, the system must avoid possible anomalous results.
	- Because information is so important in most organizations, computer scientists have developed a large body of concepts and techniques for managing data.
- *Databases can be very large.*
- *Databases touch all aspects of our lives*

Database Management System (DBMS)

Database Applications:

- Banking: transactions
- Airlines: reservations, schedules
- Universities: registration, grades
- Sales: customers, products, purchases
- Online retailers: order tracking, customized recommendations
- Manufacturing: production, inventory, orders, supply chain
- Human resources: employee records, salaries, tax deductions

Purpose of Database Systems

- *Computerizing the management of commercial data*
- *In the early days, database applications were built directly on top of file systems*
	- Disadvantages
	- Data redundancy and inconsistency Multiple file formats, duplication of information in different files
	- Difficulty in accessing data Need to write a new program to carry out each new task
	- ▶ Data isolation Multiple files and formats
	- Integrity problems Integrity constraints (e.g., account balance > 0) become "buried" in program code rather than being stated explicitly - Hard to add new constraints or change existing ones.
	- Atomicity problems Atomicity of updates Failures may leave database in an inconsistent state with partial updates carried out Example: Transfer of funds from one account to another should either complete or not happen at all
	- Concurrent access by multiple users Concurrent access needed for performance Uncontrolled concurrent accesses can lead to inconsistencies Example: Two people reading a balance (say 100) and updating it by withdrawing money (say 50 each) at the same time
	- Security problems Hard to provide user access to some, but not all, data
- *Application programs*

University Database Example

- *Application program examples*
	- Add new students, instructors, and courses
	- Register students for courses, and generate class rosters
	- Assign grades to students, compute grade point averages (GPA) and generate transcripts

Database systems offer solutions to all the above problems

View of data

- *A database system is a collection of interrelated data and a set of programs that allow users to access and modify these data.*
- *A major purpose of a database system is to provide users with an abstract view of the data.*
- *That is, the system hides certain details of how the data are stored and maintained.*

Levels of Abstraction

Physical level:

- lowest level of abstraction
- describes how a record (e.g., instructor) is stored.
- *Logical level: describes data stored in database, and the relationships among the data.*
	- physical data independence. Database administrators, who must decide what information to keep in the database, use the logical level of abstraction.

```
type instructor = record
         ID : string; 
         name : string;
         dept_name : string;
         salary : integer;
```
end;

- *View level: application programs hide details of data types. Views can also hide information (such as an employee's salary) for security purposes.*
	- describes only part of the entire database

View of Data

An architecture for a database system

Instances and Schemas

- *Similar to types and variables in programming languages*
- *The overall design of the database is called the database schema.*
- *Logical Schema – the overall logical structure of the database*
	- Example: The database consists of information about a set of customers and accounts in a bank and the relationship between them
		- Analogous to type information of a variable in a program
- *Physical schema– the overall physical structure of the database*

Instance – the actual content of the database at a particular point in time

- Analogous to the value of a variable
- *Physical Data Independence – the ability to modify the physical schema without changing the logical schema*
	- Applications depend on the logical schema
	- In general, the interfaces between the various levels and components should be well defined so that changes in some parts do not seriously influence others.

Data Models

- *the structure of a database is the data model:*
- *a collection of conceptual tools for describing*
	- Data
	- Data relationships
	- Data semantics
	- Data constraints
- *Relational model*
- *Entity-Relationship data model (mainly for database design)*
- *Object-based data models (Object-oriented and Objectrelational)*
- *Semistructured data model (XML)*
- *Other older models:*
	- Network model
	- **Hierarchical model**

Relational Model

(a) The *instructor* table

A Sample Relational Database

(a) The *instructor* table

(b) The *department* table

Database Languages

A database system provides

- data-definition language to specify the database schema
- data-manipulation language to express database queries and updates.
- *In practice, the data-definition and data-manipulation languages are not two separate languages; instead they simply form parts of a single database language, such as the widely used SQL language.*

Data Definition Language (DDL)

 Specification notation for defining the database schema Example: **create table** *instructor* (

> *ID* **char**(5), *name* **varchar**(20)**,** *dept_name* **varchar**(20), *salary* **numeric**(8,2))

- *DDL compiler generates a set of table templates stored in a data dictionary*
- *Data dictionary contains metadata (i.e., data about data)*
	- Database schema
	- Integrity constraints
		- ▶ Primary key (ID uniquely identifies instructors)
	- **Authorization**
		- Who can access what

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- *Language for accessing and manipulating the data organized by the appropriate data model*
	- DML also known as query language
- *The types of access are:*
	- Retrieval of information stored in the database
	- Insertion of new information into the database
	- Deletion of information from the database
	- Modification of information stored in the database
- *There are basically two types:two types:*
	- Procedural DML s require a user to specify what data are needed and how to get those data.
	- Declarative DML s (also referred to as nonprocedural DML s) require a user to specify what data are needed without specifying how to get those data.

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

Two classes of languages

- **Pure** used for proving properties about computational power and for optimization
	- ▶ Relational Algebra
	- Tuple relational calculus
	- Domain relational calculus
- **Commercial** used in commercial systems
	- **▶ SQL is the most widely used commercial** language
- A query is a statement requesting the retrieval of information. The portion of a DML that involves information retrieval is called a query language.

SQL

- *The most widely used commercial language*
- *To be able to compute complex functions SQL is usually embedded in some higher-level language*
- Application programs generally access databases through *one of*
	- Language extensions to allow embedded SQL
	- Application program interface (e.g., ODBC/JDBC) which allow SQL queries to be sent to a database

Database Design

The process of designing the general structure of the database:

- *Logical Design – Deciding on the database schema. Database design requires that we find a "good" collection of relation schemas.*
	- Business decision What attributes should we record in the database?
	- Computer Science decision What relation schemas should we have and how should the attributes be distributed among the various relation schemas?
- *Physical Design – Deciding on the physical layout of the database*

Database Design (Cont.)

Is there any problem with this relation?

Design Approaches

- *Need to come up with a methodology to ensure that each of the relations in the database is "good"*
- *Two ways of doing so:*
	- Entity Relationship Model (Chapter 7)
		- Models an enterprise as a collection of *entities* and *relationships*
		- Represented diagrammatically by an *entityrelationship diagram:*
	- Normalization Theory (Chapter 8)
		- ▶ Formalize what designs are bad, and test for them

Object-Relational Data Models

- *Relational model: flat, "atomic" values*
- *Object Relational Data Models*
	- Extend the relational data model by including object orientation and constructs to deal with added data types.
	- Allow attributes of tuples to have complex types, including non-atomic values such as nested relations.
	- Preserve relational foundations, in particular the declarative access to data, while extending modeling power.
	- **Provide upward compatibility with existing relational** languages.

XML: Extensible Markup Language

- *Defined by the WWW Consortium (W3C)*
- *Originally intended as a document markup language not a database language*
- *The ability to specify new tags, and to create nested tag structures made XML a great way to exchange data, not just documents*
- *XML has become the basis for all new generation data interchange formats.*
- *A wide variety of tools is available for parsing, browsing and querying XML documents/data*

Database Engine

- *Storage manager*
- *Query processing*
- *Transaction manager*

Storage Management

- *Storage manager is a program module that provides the interface between the low-level data stored in the database and the application programs and queries submitted to the system.*
- The storage manager is responsible to the following tasks:
	- Interaction with the OS file manager
	- **Efficient storing, retrieving and updating of data**
- *Issues:*
	- Storage access
	- File organization
	- Indexing and hashing

Query Processing

Query Processing (Cont.)

Alternative ways of evaluating a given query

- **Equivalent expressions**
- Different algorithms for each operation
- Cost difference between a good and a bad way of *evaluating a query can be enormous*
- *Need to estimate the cost of operations*
	- Depends critically on statistical information about relations which the database must maintain
	- Need to estimate statistics for intermediate results to compute cost of complex expressions

Transaction Management

- *What if the system fails?*
- What if more than one user is concurrently updating the *same data?*
- *A transaction* is a collection of operations that performs a *single logical function in a database application*
- *Transaction-management component ensures that the database remains in a consistent (correct) state despite system failures (e.g., power failures and operating system crashes) and transaction failures.*
- *Concurrency-control manager controls the interaction among the concurrent transactions, to ensure the consistency of the database.*

Database Users and Administrators

Database

Database Architecture

The architecture of a database systems is greatly influenced by

- *the underlying computer system on which the database is running:*
- *Centralized*
- *Client-server*
- *Parallel (multi-processor)*
- *Distributed*

History of Database Systems

- *1950s and early 1960s:*
	- Data processing using magnetic tapes for storage
		- ▶ Tapes provided only sequential access
	- Punched cards for input
- *Late 1960s and 1970s:*
	- Hard disks allowed direct access to data
	- Network and hierarchical data models in widespread use
	- Ted Codd defines the relational data model
		- ▶ Would win the ACM Turing Award for this work
		- ▶ IBM Research begins System R prototype
		- ▶ UC Berkeley begins Ingres prototype
	- High-performance (for the era) transaction processing

History (cont.)

- *1980s:*
	- Research relational prototypes evolve into commercial systems
		- SQL becomes industrial standard
	- Parallel and distributed database systems
	- Object-oriented database systems
- *1990s:*
	- Large decision support and data-mining applications
	- Large multi-terabyte data warehouses
	- **Emergence of Web commerce**
- *Early 2000s:*
	- XML and XQuery standards
	- Automated database administration
- *Later 2000s:*
	- Giant data storage systems
		- Google BigTable, Yahoo PNuts, Amazon, ..

Introduction to Relational Model

Example of a Relation

Attribute Types

- The set of allowed values for each attribute is called the **domain** of the attribute
- Attribute values are (normally) required to be **atomic**; that is, indivisible
- The special value *null* is a member of every domain. Indicated that the value is "unknown"
- The null value causes complications in the definition of many operations

Relation Schema and Instance

- A_1 , A_2 , ..., A_n are *attributes*
- $R = (A_1, A_2, ..., A_n)$ is a *relation schema* Example:

instructor = (ID, name, dept name, salary)

• Formally, given sets D_1 , D_2 , D_n a **relation** *r* is a subset of

*D*1 x *D*2 x … x *Dⁿ* Thus, a relation is a set of *n*-tuples (a_1 , a_2 , ..., a_n) where each $a_i \in D_i$

- The current values (**relation instance**) of a relation are specified by a table
- An element *t* of *r* is a *tuple*, represented by a *row* in a table

Relations are Unordered

■ Order of tuples is irrelevant (tuples may be stored in an arbitrary order) ■ Example: *instructor* relation with unordered tuples

Keys

- Let $K \subset R$
- *K* is a **superkey** of *R* if values for *K* are sufficient to identify a unique tuple of each possible relation *r(R)*
	- Example: {*ID*} and {ID,name} are both superkeys of *instructor.*
- Superkey *K* is a **candidate key** if *K* is minimal Example: {*ID*} is a candidate key for *Instructor*
- One of the candidate keys is selected to be the **primary key**.
	- which one?
- **Foreign key** constraint: Value in one relation must appear in another
	- **Referencing** relation
	- **Referenced** relation
	- Example *dept_name* in i*nstructor* is a foreign key from *instructor* referencing *department*

Schema Diagram for University Database

Relational Query Languages

- Procedural vs .non-procedural, or declarative
- "Pure" languages:
	- Relational algebra
	- Tuple relational calculus
	- Domain relational calculus
- The above 3 pure languages are equivalent in computing power
- We will concentrate in this chapter on relational algebra
	- Not turning-machine equivalent
	- consists of 6 basic operations

Select Operation – selection of rows (tuples)

Relation r

$A \mid B \mid C \mid D$			
α	α	1	7
α	β	5	7
β	β	12	3
β	β	23	10

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\blacksquare \sigma_{A=B} \wedge D > 5 \ (r)
$$

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(r)
$$
\n
$$
A \mid B \mid C \mid D
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\alpha \mid \alpha \mid 1
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$$
\beta \mid \beta \mid 23 \mid 10
$$

Project Operation – selection of columns (Attributes)

• Relation *r*:

A	B	C
α	10	1
α	20	1
β	30	1
β	40	2

$$
\blacksquare \prod_{A,C} (r)
$$

$$
\begin{array}{c|c}\nA & C \\
\hline\n\alpha & 1 \\
\alpha & 1 \\
\beta & 1 \\
\beta & 2\n\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{c|c}\nA & C \\
\hline\n\alpha & 1 \\
\beta & 1 \\
\beta & 2\n\end{array}
$$

Union of two relations

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• Relations *r, s:*

 \blacksquare r \cup s:

Set difference of two relations

• Relations *r*, *s*:

 $r - s$:

Set intersection of two relations

• Relation *r, s*:

• $r \cap s$

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\begin{array}{|c|c|}\n\hline\nA & B \\
\hline\n\alpha & 2\n\end{array}
$$

Note: $r \cap s = r - (r - s)$

joining two relations -- Cartesianproduct

Relations *r, s*:

S

r x *s*:

Cartesian-product – naming issue

Relations *r*, *s*: $\boxed{A \mid B}$

 $\cal S$

r x *s*:

Renaming a Table

Allows us to refer to a relation, (say E) by more than one name.

 ρ_{x} (E)

returns the expression *E* under the name *X*

Relations *r*

 $r \times \rho_s(r)$

r.A	r.B	s.A	s.B
α	1	α	1
α	1	β	2
β	2	α	1
β	2	β	2

A	B	C	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	10	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b
β	2	γ	10	b

Composition of Operations

- Can build expressions using multiple operations
- Example: $\sigma_{A=C}$ (*r x s*)

• *r x s*

A	B	C	D	E
α	1	α	10	a
α	1	β	10	a
α	1	β	10	b
α	1	γ	10	b
β	2	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	10	b
β	2	β	10	b
β	2	β	10	b
β	2	γ	10	b

$$
\bullet \quad \sigma_{A=C}(r \times s)
$$

$A \mid B \mid C \mid D \mid E$				
α	1	α	10	a
β	2	β	10	a
β	2	β	20	b

Joining two relations – Natural Join

• Let *r* and *s* be relations on schemas *R* and *S* respectively.

Then, the "natural join" of relations *R* and *S* is a relation on schema $R \cup S$ obtained as follows:

- Consider each pair of tuples *t^r* from *r* and *t^s* from *s*.
- $-$ If t_r and t_s have the same value on each of the attributes in $R \cap S$, add a tuple t to the result, where
	- *t* has the same value as t_r on *r*
	- *t* has the same value as t_s on *s*

Natural Join Example

• Relations r, s:

Natural Join

 \blacksquare r \bowtie s

A	B	C	D	E
α	1	α	a	α
α	1	α	a	γ
α	1	γ	a	α
α	1	γ	a	γ
δ	2	β	b	δ

$$
\prod_{A, r.B, C, r.D, E} (\sigma_{r.B = s.B \land r.D = s.D} (r \times s)))
$$

Notes about Relational Languages

- Each Query input is a table (or set of tables)
- Each query output is a table.
- All data in the output table appears in one of the input tables
- Relational Algebra is not Turning complete
- Can we compute:
	- SUM
	- AVG
	- MAX
	- MIN

Summary of Relational Algebra Operators

