Data Modelling and Databases

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Database Management System (DBMS) provides....

... efficient, reliable, convenient, and safe multi-user storage of and access to massive amounts of persistent data.



Massive

- Persistent
- Safe
- Multi-user
- Convenient
- Efficient
- Reliable

Intro to Databases



- Database applications may be programmed via "frameworks"
- DBMS may run in conjunction with "middleware"
- Data-intensive applications may not use DBMS at all



Key concepts

- Data model
- Schema versus data
- Data definition language (DDL)
- Data manipulation or query language (DML)



Key peopleDBMS implementer

- Database designer
- Database application developer
- Database administrator



- Used by all major commercial database systems
- Very simple model
- Query with high-level languages: simple yet expressive
- Efficient implementations



Schema = structural description of relations in database **Instance** = actual contents at given point in time

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Database = set of named **relations** (or **tables**) Each relation has a set of named **attributes** (or **columns**) Each **tuple** (or **row**) has a value for each attribute Each attribute has a **type** (or **domain**)

Student

ID	name	GPA	photo
123	Emil	3.4	
142	Artur	3	:+)
521	Damir	NULL	~

	name	unit	CAP
	dorm1	205	4
	dorm2	205	5
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Key – attribute whose value is unique in each tuple e ' Or set of attributes whose combined values are unique

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Creating relations (tables) in SQL

Oreate Table Student(ID, name, OPA, photo)

(name string, unit char(s), CLP (nteger)

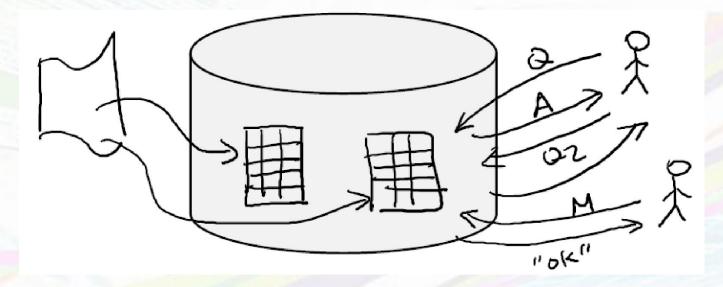


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Steps in creating and using a (relational) database

- 1. Design schema; create using DDL
- 2. "Bulk load" initial data
- 3. Repeat: execute queries and modifications



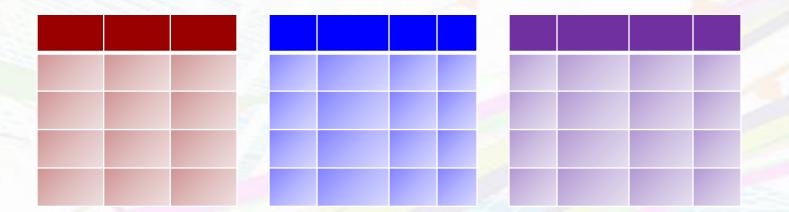


Ad-hoc queries in high-level language

- All students with GPA > 3.7 applying to Stanford and MIT only
- All engineering departments in CA with < 500 applicants
- College with highest average accept rate over last 5 years
- Some easy to pose; some a bit harder
- Some easy for DBMS to execute efficiently; some harder
- "Query language" also used to modify data



Queries return relations ("compositional", "closed")





Query Languages

Relational Algebra

SQL



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- □ Your name and email.
- □ Your short bio.
- Categorize databases based on your opinion by using any search engine.
- Cite all the sources you use.
- □ No copy-paste.

Whether you know it or not, you're using a database every day

