CHAPTER 2

Database System Concepts and Architecture

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- Data Independence
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Data Models

- **Data Model:**
  - A set of concepts to describe the *structure* of a database, the *operations* for manipulating these structures, and certain *constraints* that the database should obey.

- **Data Model Structure and Constraints:**
  - Constructs are used to define the database structure
  - Constructs typically include *elements* (and their *data types*) as well as groups of elements (e.g. *entity*, *record*, *table*), and *relationships* among such groups
  - Constraints specify some restrictions on valid data; these constraints must be enforced at all times

Data Models (continued)

- **Data Model Operations:**
  - These operations are used for specifying database *retrievals* and *updates* by referring to the constructs of the data model.
  - Operations on the data model may include *basic model operations* (e.g. generic insert, delete, update) and *user-defined operations* (e.g. compute_student_gpa, update_inventory)
Categories of Data Models

- **Conceptual (high-level, semantic) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that are close to the way many users perceive data.
  - (Also called *entity-based* or *object-based* data models.)

- **Physical (low-level, internal) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that describe details of how data is stored in the computer. These are usually specified in an ad-hoc manner through DBMS design and administration manuals.

- **Implementation (representational) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that fall between the above two, used by many commercial DBMS implementations (e.g. relational data models used in many commercial systems).

- **Self-Describing Data Models:**
  - Combine the description of data with the data values. Examples include XML, key-value stores and some NOSQL systems.

Schemas versus Instances

- **Database Schema:**
  - The *description* of a database.
  - Includes descriptions of the database structure, data types, and the constraints on the database.

- **Schema Diagram:**
  - An *illustrative* display of (most aspects of) a database schema.

- **Schema Construct:**
  - A *component* of the schema or an object within the schema, e.g., STUDENT, COURSE.
Schemas versus Instances

- **Database State:**
  - The actual data stored in a database at a *particular moment in time*. This includes the collection of all the data in the database.
  - Also called database instance (or occurrence or snapshot).
    - The term *instance* is also applied to individual database components, e.g. record instance, table instance, entity instance.

Database Schema vs. Database State

- **Database State:**
  - Refers to the *content* of a database at a moment in time.
- **Initial Database State:**
  - Refers to the database state when it is initially loaded into the system.
- **Valid State:**
  - A state that satisfies the structure and constraints of the database.
Database Schema vs. Database State (continued)

- **Distinction**
  - The *database schema* changes very infrequently.
  - The *database state* changes every time the database is updated.

- **Schema** is also called **intension**.
- **State** is also called **extension**.

Example of a Database Schema

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Figure 1.3 A database that stores student and course information.

Three-Schema Architecture

- Proposed to support DBMS characteristics of:
  - **Program-data independence.**
  - Support of **multiple views** of the data.
- Not explicitly used in commercial DBMS products, but has been useful in explaining database system organization
Three-Schema Architecture

- Defines DBMS schemas at **three** levels:
  - **Internal schema** at the internal level to describe physical storage structures and access paths (e.g., indexes).
    - Typically uses a **physical** data model.
  - **Conceptual schema** at the conceptual level to describe the structure and constraints for the whole database for a community of users.
    - Uses a **conceptual** or an **implementation** data model.
  - **External schemas** at the external level to describe the various user views.
    - Usually uses the same data model as the conceptual schema.

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The three-schema architecture

Figure 2.2
The three-schema architecture.

- End Users
- External Level: External View → External/Conceptual Mapping
- Conceptual Level: Conceptual Schema → Conceptual/Internal Mapping
- Internal Level: Internal Schema → Stored Database
Three-Schema Architecture

- Mappings among schema levels are needed to transform requests and data.
  - Programs refer to an external schema, and are mapped by the DBMS to the internal schema for execution.
  - Data extracted from the internal DBMS level is reformatted to match the user’s external view (e.g. formatting the results of an SQL query for display in a Web page)

Data Independence

- **Logical Data Independence:**
  - The capacity to change the conceptual schema without having to change the external schemas and their associated application programs.

- **Physical Data Independence:**
  - The capacity to change the internal schema without having to change the conceptual schema.
  - For example, the internal schema may be changed when certain file structures are reorganized or new indexes are created to improve database performance
Data Independence (continued)

- When a schema at a lower level is changed, only the mappings between this schema and higher-level schemas need to be changed in a DBMS that fully supports data independence.
- The higher-level schemas themselves are unchanged.
  - Hence, the application programs need not be changed since they refer to the external schemas.

DBMS Languages

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
  - High-Level or Non-procedural Languages: These include the relational language SQL
    - May be used in a standalone way or may be embedded in a programming language
  - Low Level or Procedural Languages:
    - These must be embedded in a programming language
DBMS Languages

- **Data Definition Language (DDL):**
  - Used by the DBA and database designers to specify the conceptual schema of a database.
  - In many DBMSs, the DDL is also used to define internal and external schemas (views).
  - In some DBMSs, separate *storage definition language (SDL)* and *view definition language (VDL)* are used to define internal and external schemas.
    - SDL is typically realized via DBMS commands provided to the DBA and database designers.

DBMS Languages

- **Data Manipulation Language (DML):**
  - Used to specify database retrievals and updates.
  - DML commands (data sublanguage) can be *embedded* in a general-purpose programming language (host language), such as COBOL, C, C++, or Java.
    - A library of functions can also be provided to access the DBMS from a programming language.
  - Alternatively, stand-alone DML commands can be applied directly (called a *query language*).
Types of DML

- **High Level or Non-procedural Language:**
  - For example, the SQL relational language
  - Are “set”-oriented and specify what data to retrieve rather than how to retrieve it.
  - Also called **declarative** languages.

- **Low Level or Procedural Language:**
  - Retrieve data one record-at-a-time;
  - Constructs such as looping are needed to retrieve multiple records, along with positioning pointers.

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DBMS Interfaces

- **Stand-alone query language interfaces**
  - Example: Entering SQL queries at the DBMS interactive SQL interface (e.g., MySQL Workbench)

- **Programmer interfaces for embedding DML in programming languages**

- **User-friendly interfaces**
  - Menu-based, forms-based, graphics-based, etc.

- **Mobile Interfaces:** interfaces allowing users to perform transactions using mobile apps
DBMS Programming Language Interfaces

- Programmer interfaces for embedding DML in a programming languages:
  - **Embedded Approach**: e.g. embedded SQL (for C, C++, etc.), SQLJ (for Java)
  - **Procedure Call Approach**: e.g. JDBC for Java, ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) for other programming languages as API's (application programming interfaces)
  - **Database Programming Language Approach**: e.g. ORACLE has PL/SQL, a programming language based on SQL; language incorporates SQL and its data types as integral components
  - **Scripting Languages**: PHP (client-side scripting) and Python (server-side scripting) are used to write database programs.

User-Friendly DBMS Interfaces

- Menu-based (Web-based), popular for browsing on the web
- Forms-based, designed for naïve users used to filling in entries on a form
- Graphics-based
  - Point and Click, Drag and Drop, etc.
  - Specifying a query on a schema diagram
- Natural language: requests in written English
- Combinations of the above:
  - For example, both menus and forms used extensively in Web database interfaces
Other DBMS Interfaces

- Natural language: free text as a query
- Speech: Input query and Output response
- Web Browser with keyword search
- Parametric interfaces, e.g., bank tellers using function keys.
- Interfaces for the DBA:
  - Creating user accounts, granting authorizations
  - Setting system parameters
  - Changing schemas or access paths

Database System Utilities

- To perform certain functions such as:
  - Loading data stored in files into a database. Includes data conversion tools.
  - Backing up the database periodically on tape.
  - Reorganizing database file structures.
  - Performance monitoring utilities.
  - Report generation utilities.
  - Other functions, such as sorting, user monitoring, data compression, etc.
Other Tools

- **Data dictionary / repository:**
  - Used to store schema descriptions and other information such as design decisions, application program descriptions, user information, usage standards, etc.
  - **Active data dictionary** is accessed by DBMS software and users/DBA.
  - **Passive data dictionary** is accessed by users/DBA only.

Other Tools

- **Application Development Environments and CASE (computer-aided software engineering) tools:**
  - **Examples:**
    - PowerBuilder (Sybase)
    - JBuilder (Borland)
    - JDeveloper 10G (Oracle)
    - Oracle NetBeans 8, Apache NetBeans 9, 10
Typical DBMS Component Modules

Centralized and Client-Server DBMS Architectures

- **Centralized DBMS:**
  - Combines everything into single system including DBMS software, hardware, application programs, and user interface processing software.
  - User can still connect through a remote terminal – however, all processing is done at centralized site.
A Physical Centralized Architecture

Basic 2-tier Client-Server Architectures

- Specialized Servers with Specialized functions
  - Print server
  - File server
  - DBMS server
  - Web server
  - Email server
- Clients can access the specialized servers as needed
Logical two-tier client server architecture

Figure 2.5
Logical two-tier client/server architecture.

- Clients
  - Provide appropriate interfaces through a client software module to access and utilize the various server resources.
  - Clients may be diskless machines or PCs or Workstations with disks with only the client software installed.
  - Connected to the servers via some form of a network.
    - (LAN: local area network, wireless network, etc.)
DBMS Server

- Provides database query and transaction services to the clients
- Relational DBMS servers are often called SQL servers, query servers, or transaction servers
- Applications running on clients utilize an Application Program Interface (API) to access server databases via standard interface such as:
  - ODBC: Open Database Connectivity standard
  - JDBC: for Java programming access

Two Tier Client-Server Architecture

- Client and server must install appropriate client module and server module software for ODBC or JDBC
- A client program may connect to several DBMSs, sometimes called the data sources.
- In general, data sources can be files or other non-DBMS software that manages data.
Three Tier Client-Server Architecture

- **Common for Web applications**
- **Intermediate Layer called Application Server or Web Server:**
  - Stores the web connectivity software and the business logic part of the application used to access the corresponding data from the database server
  - Acts like a conduit for sending partially processed data between the database server and the client.
- **Three-tier Architecture Can Enhance Security:**
  - Database server only accessible via middle tier
  - Clients cannot directly access database server
  - Clients contain user interfaces and Web browsers
  - The client is typically a PC or a mobile device connected to the Web
Classification of DBMSs

- Based on the data model used
  - Currently Used: Relational, Object-oriented, Object-relational
  - Recent Technologies: Key-value storage systems, NOSQL systems: document based, column-based, graph-based and key-value based. Native XML DBMSs.

- Other classifications
  - Single-user (typically used with personal computers) vs. multi-user (most DBMSs).
  - Centralized (uses a single computer with one database) vs. distributed (multiple computers, multiple DBs)

Variations of Distributed DBMSs (DDBMSs)

- Homogeneous DDBMS
- Heterogeneous DDBMS
- Federated or Multidatabase Systems
  - Participating Databases are loosely coupled with high degree of autonomy.
- Distributed Database Systems have now come to be known as client-server based database systems because:
  - They do not support a totally distributed environment, but rather a set of database servers supporting a set of clients.
Cost considerations for DBMSs

- Cost Range: from free open-source systems to configurations costing millions of dollars
- Examples of free relational DBMSs: MySQL, PostgreSQL, others
- Commercial DBMS offer additional specialized modules, e.g. time-series module, spatial data module, document module, XML module
  - These offer additional specialized functionality when purchased separately
  - Sometimes called cartridges (e.g., in Oracle) or blades
- Different licensing options: site license, maximum number of concurrent users (seat license), single user, etc.

Other Considerations

- Type of access paths within database system
  - E.g.- inverted indexing based (ADABAS is one such system). Fully indexed databases provide access by any keyword (used in search engines)
- General Purpose vs. Special Purpose
  - E.g.- Airline Reservation systems or many others-reservation systems for hotel/car etc. Are special purpose OLTP (Online Transaction Processing Systems)
History of Data Models (Additional Material)

- Network Model
- Hierarchical Model
- Relational Model
- Object-oriented Data Models
- Object-Relational Models

History of Data Models

**Network Model:**
- The first network DBMS was implemented by Honeywell in 1964-65 (IDS System).
- Adopted heavily due to the support by CODASYL (Conference on Data Systems Languages) (CODASYL - DBTG report of 1971).
- Later implemented in a large variety of systems - IDMS (Cullinet - now Computer Associates), DMS 1100 (Unisys), IMAGE (H.P. (Hewlett-Packard)), VAX-DBMS (Digital Equipment Corp., next COMPAQ, now H.P.).
Network Model

Advantages:
- Network Model is able to model complex relationships and represents semantics of add/delete on the relationships.
- Can handle most situations for modeling using record types and relationship types.
- Language is navigational; uses constructs like FIND, FIND member, FIND owner, FIND NEXT within set, GET, etc.
  - Programmers can do optimal navigation through the database.

Disadvantages:
- Navigational and procedural nature of processing
- Database contains a complex array of pointers that thread through a set of records.
  - Little scope for automated “query optimization”
History of Data Models

**Hierarchical Data Model:**
- Initially implemented in a joint effort by IBM and North American Rockwell around 1965. Resulted in the IMS family of systems.
- IBM’s IMS product had (and still has) a very large customer base worldwide
- Hierarchical model was formalized based on the IMS system
- Other systems based on this model: System 2k (SAS inc.)

Hierarchical Model

**Advantages:**
- Simple to construct and operate
- Corresponds to a number of natural hierarchically organized domains, e.g., organization (“org”) chart
- Language is simple:
  - Uses constructs like GET, GET UNIQUE, GET NEXT, GET NEXT WITHIN PARENT, etc.

**Disadvantages:**
- Navigational and procedural nature of processing
- Database is visualized as a linear arrangement of records
- Little scope for "query optimization"
History of Data Models

- **Relational Model:**
  - Proposed in 1970 by E.F. Codd (IBM), first commercial system in 1981-82.
  - Now in several commercial products (e.g. DB2, ORACLE, MS SQL Server, SYBASE, INFORMIX).
  - Several free open source implementations, e.g. MySQL, PostgreSQL
  - Currently most dominant for developing database applications.
  - SQL relational standards: SQL-89 (SQL1), SQL-92 (SQL2), SQL-99, SQL3, ...

History of Data Models

- **Object-oriented Data Models:**
  - Several models have been proposed for implementing in a database system.
  - One set comprises models of persistent O-O Programming Languages such as C++ (e.g., in OBJECTSTORE or VERSANT), and Smalltalk (e.g., in GEMSTONE).
  - Additionally, systems like O2, ORION (at MCC - then ITASCA), IRIS (at H.P.- used in Open OODB).
History of Data Models

- **Object-Relational Models:**
  - The trend to mix object models with relational was started with Informix Universal Server.
  - Relational systems incorporated concepts from object databases leading to object-relational.
  - Exemplified in the versions of Oracle, DB2, and SQL Server and other DBMSs.
  - Current trend by Relational DBMS vendors is to extend relational DBMSs with capability to process XML, Text and other data types.
  - The term “Object-relational” is receding in the marketplace.

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