What is a Database Management System?

1. Manages very large amounts of data.

2. Supports efficient access to very large amounts of data.

3. Supports concurrent access to v.l.a.d.
   ♦ Example: bank and its ATM machines.

4. Supports secure, atomic access to v.l.a.d.
   ♦ Contrast two people editing the same UNIX file — last to write “wins” — with the problem if two people deduct money from the same account via ATM machines at the same time — new balance is wrong whichever writes last.
Relational Model

- Based on tables, as:

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<th>acct#</th>
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<th>balance</th>
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- Today used in *most* DBMS’s.
The DBMS Marketplace

- Relational DBMS companies — Oracle, Informix, Sybase — are among the largest software companies in the world.

- IBM offers its relational DB2 system. With IMS, a nonrelational system, IBM is by some accounts the largest DBMS vendor in the world.

- Microsoft offers SQL-Server, plus Microsoft Access for the cheap DBMS on the desktop, answered by “lite” systems from other competitors.

- Relational companies also challenged by “object-oriented DB” companies.

- But countered with “object-relational” systems, which retain the relational core while allowing type extension as in OO systems.
Three Aspects to Studying DBMS’s

1. Modeling and design of databases.
   - Allows exploration of issues before committing to an implementation.

   - SQL = “intergalactic dataspeak.”

3. DBMS implementation.

CS145 = (1) + (2), while (3) is covered in CS245, CS346, CS347.
Entity/Relationship Model

Diagrams to represent designs.

- *Entity* like object, = “thing.”
- *Entity set* like class = set of “similar” entities/objects.
- *Attribute* = property of entities in an entity set, similar to fields of a struct.
- In diagrams, entity set → rectangle; attribute → oval.
Relationships

- Connect two or more entity sets.
- Represented by diamonds.

![Diagram showing the relationship between Students, Taking, and Courses]

Relationship Set

Think of the “value” of a relationship set as a table.

- One column for each of the connected entity sets.
- One row for each list of entities, one from each set, that are connected by the relationship.

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Multiway Relationships

Usually binary relationships (connecting two E.S.) suffice.

- However, there are some cases where three or more E.S. must be connected by one relationship.

- Example: relationship among students, courses, TA’s. Possibly, this E/R diagram is OK:

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Students ----> Taking ----> Courses

Assisting

TAs
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• Works in CS145, because each TA is a TA of all students. Connection student-TA is _only_ via the course.

• But what if students were divided into sections, each headed by a TA?

  ✦ Then, a student in CS145 would be related to only one of the TA’s for CS145. Which one?

• Need a 3-way relationship to tell.
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Beers-Bars-Drinkers Example

- Our running example for the course.
Multiplicity of Relationships

Many-many  Many-one  One-one

Representation of Many-One

- E/R: arrow pointing to “one.”
  - Rounded arrow = “exactly one.”
Example: Drinkers Have Favorite Beers
One-One Relationships

Put arrows in both directions.

Design Issue:
Is the rounded arrow justified?

Design Issue:
Here, manufacturer is an E.S.; in earlier diagrams it is an attribute. Which is right?
Attributes on Relationships

- Shorthand for 3-way relationship:
• A true 3-way relationship.
  ✦ Price depends jointly on beer and bar.

• Notice arrow convention for multiway relationships: “all other E.S. determine one of these.”
  ✦ Not sufficiently general to express any possibility.
  ✦ However, if price, say, depended only on the beer, then we could use two 2-way relationships: price-beer and beer-bar.
  ✦ Or better: just make price an attribute of beer.
Converting Multiway to 2-Way

- Baroque in E/R, but necessary in certain “object-oriented” models.
- Create a new connecting E.S. to represent rows of a relationship set.
  - E.g., (Joe’s Bar, Bud, $2.50) for the Sells relationship.
- Many-one relationships from the connecting E.S. to the others.
Roles

Sometimes an E.S. participates more than once in a relationship.

- Label edges with roles to distinguish.
- Notice *Buddies* is symmetric, *Married* not.
  - No way to say “symmetric” in E/R.

**Design Question**

Should we replace *husband* and *wife* by one relationship *spouse*?