Chapter 9

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Database

A collection of data that is multidimensional in the sense that internal links between its entries make the information accessible from a variety of perspectives



Figure 9.1 A file versus a database organization

a. File-oriented information system



b. Database-oriented information system





Data Integration

- Advantages
- **Disadvantages:** the ability to control access to the information in the database is often as important as the ability to share it.



Schemas

- To provide different users access to different information in the database
- Schema: A description of the structure of an entire database, used by database software to maintain the database
- Subschema: A description of only that portion of the database pertinent to a particular user's needs, used to prevent sensitive data from being accessed by unauthorized personnel



Example

Schema

- Student (sno, sname, saddr, stel, score, tno)
- Teacher (tno, tname, taddr, tresume)

Subschema

- registrar : which faculty member is a particular student's adviser **but could not obtain access to additional information about that faculty member.**
- Payroll department: employment history of each faculty member but would not include the linkage between students and advisers.



Figure 9.2 The conceptual layers of a database implementation

Determines the overall system's external characteristics



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software determined



Database Management Systems

- **Database Management System** (DBMS): A software layer that manipulates a database in response to requests from applications
- **Distributed Database:** A database stored on multiple machines
 - DBMS will mask this organizational detail from its users
- **Data independence:** The ability to change the organization of a database without changing the application software that uses it



The dichotomy between the application software and the DBMS has several benefits:

- The construction and use of abstract tools is a major simplifying concept in software design.
- DBMS provides a means for controlling access to the database and enforce the restrictions imposed by the various subschemas.
- Data independence



Database Models

- **DBMS** contains routines that translate commands stated in terms of a conceptual view of the database into the actions required by the actual data storage system.
- **Database model:** A conceptual view of a database
 - Relational database model
 - Object-oriented database model





Relational Database Model

- **Relation:** A rectangular table
 - Attribute: A column in the table
 - **Tuple:** A row in the table



Figure 9.3 A relation containing employee information

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Empl Id	Name	Address	SSN
25X15 34Y70 23Y34	Joe E. Baker Cheryl H. Clark G. Jerry Smith •	33 Nowhere St. 563 Downtown Ave. 1555 Circle Dr. •	111223333 999009999 111005555 •



Figure 9.4 A relation containing redundancy

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Empl Id	Name	Address	SSN	Job Id	Job Title	Skill Cod	e Dept	Start Date	Term Date
25X15	Joe E. Baker	33 Nowhere St.	111223333	F5	Floor manager	FM3	Sales	9-1-2002	9-30-2003
25X15	Joe E. Baker	33 Nowhere St.	111223333	D7	Dept. head	K2	Sales	10-1-2003	*
34Y70	Cheryl H. Clark	563 Downtown Ave.	999009999	F5	Floor manager	FM3	Sales	10-1-2002	*
23Y34	G. Jerry Smith	1555 Circle Dr.	111005555	S25X	Secretary	T5	Personnel	3-1-1999	4-30-2001
23Y34	G. Jerry Smith	1555 Circle Dr.	111005555	S26Z	Secretary	Т6	Accounting	5-1-2001	*
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Relational Design

- Avoid multiple concepts within one relation
 - Can lead to redundant data
 - Deleting a tuple could also delete necessary but unrelated information



Improving a Relational Design

• **Decomposition:** Dividing the columns of a relation into two or more relations, duplicating those columns necessary to maintain relationships



Figure 9.5 An employee database consisting of three relations

EMPLOYEE relation				
Empl Id	Name	Address	SSN	
25X15 34Y70 23Y34	Joe E. Baker Cheryl H. Clark G. Jerry Smith •	33 Nowhere St. 563 Downtown Ave. 1555 Circle Dr. • •	111223333 999009999 111005555	

JOB relation

Job Id	Job Title	Skill Code	Dept
S25X S26Z F5	Secretary Secretary Floor manager	T5 T6 FM3 •	Personnel Accounting Sales
•	•	•	•

ASSIGNMENT relation

Empl Id	Job Id	Start Date	Term Date
23Y34 34Y70 23Y34	S25X F5 S26Z	3-1-1999 10-1-2002 5-1-2001	4-30-2001 * *
•	•	•	•
•	•	•	•
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Figure 9.6 Finding the departments in which employee 23Y34 has worked

	Empl Id	Name	Address	SSN	
	25X15 34Y70 23Y34	Joe E. Baker Cheryl H. Clark G. Jerry Smith	33 Nowhere St. 563 Downtown Ave. 1555 Circle Dr.	111223333 999009999 111005555 •	
	•	•	•	•	
		JOI	B relation		
	Job Id	JobTitle	Skill Code	Dept	
	S25X S26Z F5 • •	Secretary Secretary Floor manager • •	T5 T6 FM3 • •	Personnel Accounting Sales	are contained in the personnel and accounting departments.
		ASSIGN	MENT relation		
	Empl Id	Job Id	Start Date	Term Date	
The jobs held by employee 23Y34	23Y34 34Y70 23Y34 •	S25X F5 S26Z	3-1-1999 10-1-2002 5-1-2001 •	4-30-2001 * • •	
	•	•	•	•	

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EMPLOYEE relation

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Figure 9.7 A relation and a proposed decomposition



Lossless or nonloss decomposition:

A "correct" decomposition that does not lose any information

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Relational Operations

- Select: Choose rows
- **Project:** Choose columns
- Join: Assemble information from two or more relations

Figure 9.8 The SELECT operation

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Figure 9.9 The PROJECT operation

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Figure 9.10 The JOIN operation

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Figure 9.11 Another example of the JOIN operation

Figure 9.12 An application of the JOIN operation

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Draw a figure by executing the following statements

- NEW1 -- JOIN ASSIGNMENT and JOB where ASSIGNMENT.JobId=JOB.JobId
- NEW2 SELECT from NEW1 where ASSIGNMENT.TermDate=""
- LIST- PROJECT ASSIGNMENT.EmplId, JOB.Dept from NEW2

Structured Query Language (SQL)

- Operations to manipulate tuples
 - insert
 - update
 - delete
 - select

SQL Examples

• select EmplId, Dept //(PROJECT) from ASSIGNMENT, JOB //(JOIN) where ASSIGNMENT.JobId = JOB.JobId and ASSIGNMENT.TermData = "*" //(SELECT) EXAMPLES P407 insert into EMPLOYEE values ('43212', 'Sue A. Burt', '33 Fair St.', \444661111')

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SQL Examples (continued)

- delete from EMPLOYEE
 where Name = `G. Jerry Smith'
- update EMPLOYEE
 set Address = `1812 Napoleon Ave.'
 where Name = `Joe E. Baker'

Object-oriented Databases

- **Object-oriented Database:** A database constructed by applying the object-oriented paradigm
 - Each entity stored as a persistent object
 - Relationships indicated by links between objects
 - DBMS maintains inter-object links

Figure 9.13 The associations between objects in an objectoriented database

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Advantages of Object-oriented Databases

- Matches design paradigm of object-oriented applications
- Intelligence can be built into attribute handlers
- Can handle exotic data types
 - Example: multimedia

Maintaining Database Integrity

- **Transaction:** A sequence of operations that must all happen together
 - Example: transferring money between bank accounts
- **Transaction log:** A non-volatile record of each transaction's activities, built before the transaction is allowed to execute
 - Commit point: The point at which a transaction has been recorded in the log
 - **Roll-back:** The process of undoing a transaction

Maintaining database integrity (continued)

- Simultaneous access problems
 - Incorrect summary problem
 - Lost update problem
- **Locking** = preventing others from accessing data being used by a transaction
 - Shared lock: used when reading data
 - **Exclusive** lock: used when altering data

Traditional File Structures Sequential Files

- Sequential file: A file whose contents can only be read in order. (exp. Audio, video, program file, text file)
 - Reader must be able to detect end-of-file (EOF)
 - Data can be stored in logical records, sorted by a key field
 - Greatly increases the speed of batch updates

The following is the method of updating classic sequential files.

Figure 9.14 A procedure for merging two sequential files

procedure MergeFiles (InputFileA, InputFileB, OutputFile)

if (both input files at EOF) then (Stop, with OutputFile empty)
if (InputFileA not at EOF) then (Declare its first record to be its current record)
if (InputFileB not at EOF) then (Declare its first record to be its current record)
while (neither input file at EOF) do
 (Put the current record with the "smaller" key field value in OutputFile;
 if (that current record is the last record in its corresponding input file)
 then (Declare that input file to be at EOF)
 else (Declare the next record in that input file to be the file's current record)
)
Starting with the current record in the input file that is not at EOF,
 copy the remaining records to OutputFile.

Figure 9.15 Applying the merge algorithm (Letters are used to represent entire records. The particular letter indicates the value of the record's key field.)

Figure 9.16 The structure of a simple employee file implemented as a text file

File consists of a sequence of blocks each containing 31 characters.

Each block consists of a 25 character field containing an employee's name followed by a six character field containing the employee's identification number.

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А

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N

Logical record

Employee's name

Ν

Ν

Α

Employee's identification number

7

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Indexed Files

• **Index:** A list of key values and the location of their associated records

Figure 9.17 Opening an indexed file

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Hashing

- Each record has a key field
- The storage space is divided into **buckets**
- A hash function computes a bucket number for each key value
- Each record is stored in the bucket corresponding to the hash of its key

Figure 9.18 Hashing the key field value 25X3Z to one of 41 buckets

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Key field value:	25X3Z
	↓
ASCII representation:	00110010001101010101000001100110101010
	\checkmark
Equivalent base ten val	ue: 215,643,337,562
	\checkmark
Remainder after divisio	n by 41: 3
Bucket number:	3

Figure 9.19 The rudiments of a hashing system

When divided by 41, the key field values of 14, 55, and 96 each produce a remainder of 14. Thus these records are stored in bucket 14.

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Collisions in Hashing

- **Collision:** The case of two keys hashing to the same bucket
 - Major problem when table is over 75% full
 - Solution: increase number of buckets and rehash all data

Data Mining

- **Data Mining:** The area of computer science that deals with discovering patterns in collections of data
- **Data warehouse:** A static data collection to be mined
 - Data cube: Data presented from many perspectives to enable mining

Data Mining Strategies

- Class description
- Class discrimination
- Cluster analysis
- Association analysis
- Outlier analysis
- Sequential pattern analysis

Social Impact of Database Technology

- Problems
 - Massive amounts of personal data are being collected
 - Often without knowledge or meaningful consent of affected people
 - Data merging produces new, more invasive information
 - Errors are widely disseminated and hard to correct
- Remedies
 - Existing legal remedies often difficult to apply
 - Negative publicity may be more effective