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What is a Database?

A database is a structured collection of interrelated data that allows efficient retrieval, insertion, deletion, and management of data. Data is typically organized in the form of tables, views, schemas, and reports.

Example: A university database may contain information about students, faculty, and administrative staff, organized to allow quick access and management.

What is DBMS?

A **Database Management System (DBMS)** is software that enables users to create, manage, and interact with databases. It ensures data is organized, stored, and retrieved efficiently, while also providing **security**, **concurrency control**, and **data integrity**.

Key Features of DBMS

- Data Modelling: Tools for designing the structure and relationships of data.
- **Data Storage & Retrieval:** Efficient methods to store, search, and retrieve data.
- **Concurrency Control:** Manages simultaneous access by multiple users without conflicts.
- **Data Integrity & Security:** Enforces rules to maintain accuracy and restrict unauthorized access.
- Backup & Recovery: Safeguards data by enabling restoration after system failures.

> DBMS can be classified into two types:

- Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) Data is organized in the form of tables and each table has a set of rows and columns. The data are related to each other through primary and foreign keys.
- Non-Relational Database Management System (NoSQL or Non-SQL)-Data is organized in the form of key-value pairs, documents, graphs, or column-based. These are designed to handle large-scale, highperformance scenarios.

> Types of DBMS

1. Relational DBMS (RDBMS):

- Stores data in tables (relations) with rows and columns.
- Uses primary and foreign keys to define relationships.
- Uses SQL (Structured Query Language) for data manipulation.
- Examples: MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server.

2. Non-Relational DBMS (NoSQL):

- Stores data in formats like key-value pairs, documents, graphs, or columns.
- Ideal for large-scale, distributed, and high-performance applications.
- Examples: MongoDB (document), Redis (key-value), Cassandra (column), Neo4j (graph).

3. Object-Oriented DBMS (OODBMS):

- Stores data as **objects**, similar to those in object-oriented programming languages.
- Supports complex data types and relationships.
- Useful for applications that require tight integration between application and database logic.

Database Languages

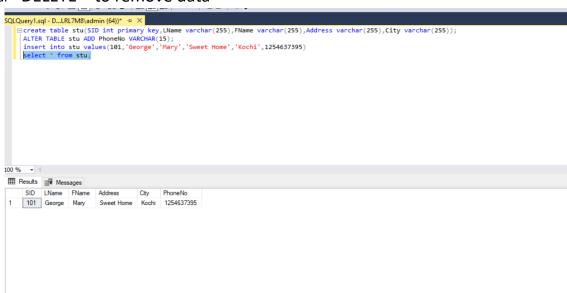
1. Data Definition Language (DDL)-DDL is used to define or change the structure of the database, like creating or modifying tables.

Common Commands:

- a. CREATE to create a new table or database
- b. ALTER to modify an existing table (add or remove columns)
- c. DROP to delete a table or database
- d. TRUNCATE to delete all data from a table but keep the structure



- **2.** Data Manipulation Language (DML)-DML is used to manipulate data stored in the database, like adding, editing, or deleting records.
- Common Commands:
- a. INSERT to add new data
- b. SELECT to fetch data
- c. UPDATE to modify existing data
- d. DELETE to remove data



3. Data Control Language (DCL)-DCL is used to control access to the data, like giving or taking away user permissions.

Common Commands:

- a. GRANT to give permissions to a user
- b. REVOKE to remove permissions
- **4. Transaction Control Language (TCL)-**TCL is used to **manage transactions** in the database, ensuring data is consistent and correct.

Common Commands:

- a. COMMIT to save the changes made during the transaction
- b. ROLLBACK to undo changes if there's an error
- c. SAVEPOINT to set a point in a transaction to roll back to

Advantages of DBMS:

- 1. Data Redundancy Control-Minimizes duplication by centralizing data storage.
- 2. Data Consistency-Updates made in one place are reflected across the system, ensuring data accuracy.
- 3. Improved Data Security-Access can be restricted using user roles, passwords, and permissions.
- 4. Data Sharing-Multiple users can access the data concurrently with proper synchronization.
- 5. Backup and Recovery-Automatic backup and recovery mechanisms protect against data loss.
- 6. Data Integrity-Enforces rules to maintain the correctness and validity of data.
- 7. Efficient Query Processing-Optimized to retrieve and manipulate data quickly using query languages (e.g., SQL).
- 8. Data Independence-Application programs are insulated from changes in data structure.

Disadvantages of DBMS:

1. High Cost-Software, hardware, and skilled personnel can be expensive.

- 2. Complexity-Setup, configuration, and maintenance require expert knowledge.
- 3. Performance Overhead-For small or simple tasks, a DBMS might be slower due to its general-purpose design.
- 4. Size-DBMS software can be large and consume significant system resources.
- 5. Vulnerability to Failure-A failure in the DBMS can affect the entire data system, though recovery mechanisms help mitigate this.
- 6. Frequent Maintenance-Requires regular updates, tuning, and monitoring for optimal performance.

> RDBMS (Relational Database Management System)

An **RDBMS** is a type of **DBMS** that stores data in **tables** (also called **relations**) and allows relationships between them using **keys** (like primary and foreign keys). It uses **SQL** (Structured Query Language) to access and manage the data.

Popular RDBMS Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle Database, Microsoft SQL Server, IBM Db2

Primary Key

A **Primary Key** is a column (or set of columns) in a table that **uniquely identifies each row** in that table.

Key Features:

- a. Must be **unique** for each record.
- b. Cannot contain NULL values.
- c. Each table can have **only one** primary key.
- d. Often used to establish relationships with other tables.

> Foreign Key

A Foreign Key is a column (or set of columns) that creates a link between two tables. It refers to the primary key in another table. Key Features:

- a. Used to enforce referential integrity between tables.
- b. Can contain duplicate values.
- c. Can contain **NULL** values unless specified otherwise.
- d. A table can have multiple foreign keys.

Advantages of RDBMS:

1. RDBMS ensures data accuracy and consistency through the use of primary and foreign keys.

- 2. It allows multiple users to access and work with data at the same time without conflicts.
- 3. It uses SQL, a standard and powerful language, to manage and query data easily.

> Disadvantages of RDBMS:

- 1. RDBMS software can be expensive to purchase, set up, and maintain.
- 2. It can become slow and less efficient when handling extremely large or complex datasets.
- 3. The rigid table structure makes it hard to store and manage unstructured data like images or documents.