# Introduction to Database Management Systems

Lecture 01

# Agenda



- Data vs. Information
- File Systems
- Database
- Database Management System
- Database Design

### Data vs. Information

- Data:
  - Unprocessed information
  - i.e. customer, course, employee
  - Building blocks of information
- Information:
  - Information reveals the meaning of data
  - Produced by processing data which is related
  - i.e. credit card statement, phone bill, video rental
- Accurate and timely information is need for decision making
- Good decision making is key to an organization's survival

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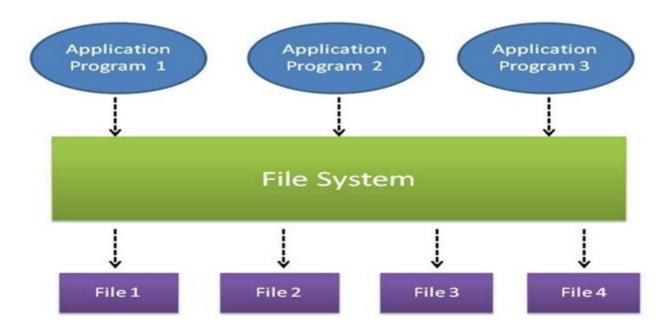


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## File Systems

- Programs were written to access data.
  - i.e. to get information about a customer, a program would be written to do just that (and nothing else).
  - Program would go against a specific file (or files, depending on it's purpose)
- If other information was needed, another program was written
- Programmer had to specify exactly how the processing of the data needed to be done

# File Systems



## File Systems (Example)

- Simple business example:
  - A customer *orders* products from a Retailer
  - Sales Department would **take the order** information from the customer
  - Sales Department would **send a request** to the Shipping Department to deliver a product to a customer
  - The Shipping Department would enter in the information about the customer order and create a shipping document
  - The Shipping Department would print the shipping document and send the products to the Customer

## File Systems (Cont'd)

- Possible required files to store data:
  - Files required in Sales Department:
    - Customer, Product, Sale
  - Files required Shipping Department:
    - Customer, Shipping Document

Can anybody see a problem with this? Where would you go to look up the phone number for a customer?

## Data Redundancy

- Same data appears in more than one location
  - Customer data exists in two different files:
  - Sales Department:
    - Customer, Product, Sale
  - Shipping Department:
    - Customer, Shipping Document
- Results in data inconsistency
- Data anomalies result when changes to redundant data are not made successfully.

## File Systems

- What if you wanted some information from a file quickly?
- Could not be done using a traditional file system.
- Why? Programs specified exact structure of a file. Think of the complexity if information was required from multiples files!

## File Systems

- What if you wanted to change the structure of a file?
- All the programs that used that file would have to be changed.

### **Data Anomalies**

- Modification anomalies
- Insertion anomalies
- Deletion anomalies

### **Modification Anomaly**

#### **Employees' Skills**

Employee ID Employee Address		Skill	
426	87 Sycamore Grove	Typing	
426	87 Sycamore Grove	Shorthand	
519	94 Chestnut Street	Public Speaking	
519	96 Walnut Avenue	Carpentry	

- Change the address for employee 519 has to be done for all rows with employee ID 519.
- What if this employee address is in another table (file) has to be done for all tables (files)

## **Deletion Anomaly**

#### **Faculty and Their Courses**

Faculty ID	Faculty Name	Faculty Hire Date	Course Code
389	Dr. Giddens	10-Feb-1985	ENG-206
407	Dr. Saperstein	19-Apr-1999	CMP-101
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We could lose the hire date if we remove this row to reflect current faculty and their courses

## Insertion Anomaly

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- We can record the details of any faculty member who teaches at least one course in 2007
- We cannot record the details of a newly hired faculty member who has not yet been assigned to teach any courses

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### **Database**

data base contain tables.

- Database
  - A structure that contains logically related data in a single repository

- A Database contains:
  - End user component data
  - Metadata data about data

## Types of Databases

#### Centralized

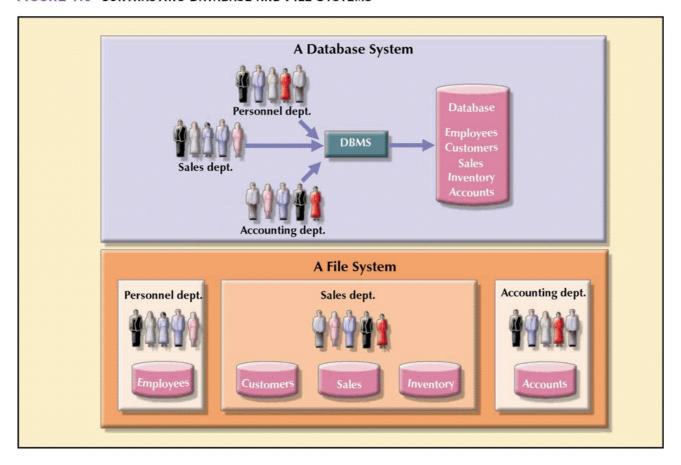
- Supports one or more users at a time
- Database is in one physical location
- Database could be on a pc, a mid-range, or a main-frame

#### Distributed:

- Data is distributed at several physical locations
- Database at each physical locations can vary (i.e. one location might have the database on a mid-range, one might have it on a pc)

## Database vs. File System

FIGURE 1.6 CONTRASTING DATABASE AND FILE SYSTEMS



### Database Uses

- Production or Transaction
  - Supports day-to-day operations
- Decision Support
  - Information for tactical or strategic decision making
- · Data Warehouse
  - Historical data

# Advantages of Database Processing

- Ability to get more information from the same amount of data
  - i.e. all customer related data is in one customer place
- Sharing data
  - Data is available to be use by authorized users
- Controlling Redundancy
  - Only a single copy of the data exists

## More Advantages

- Balancing
  - Databases are structured to benefit all users in the organization, not just a single group
- Expanding security
  - Access to data can be password protected or can restrict access to data – read only, update

## Advantages Continued

- Increasing Productivity
  - Ability to write ad hoc queries
  - Users don't have to know exact structure of the data
- Provides data independence
  - Can change the structure of the data without having to change the programs that access it

# Disadvantages of Database Processing

- Large file size
  - Files now include metadata information
- Increased complexity
  - Need to take into consideration data design, security, backup and recovery, integrity

## More Disadvantages

- Greater impact of failure
  - Data is now shared, if a failure occurs, many users are impacted
- More difficult recovery
  - If data can be updated by many users at the same time, how can it be recovered to the correct state for all users correctly

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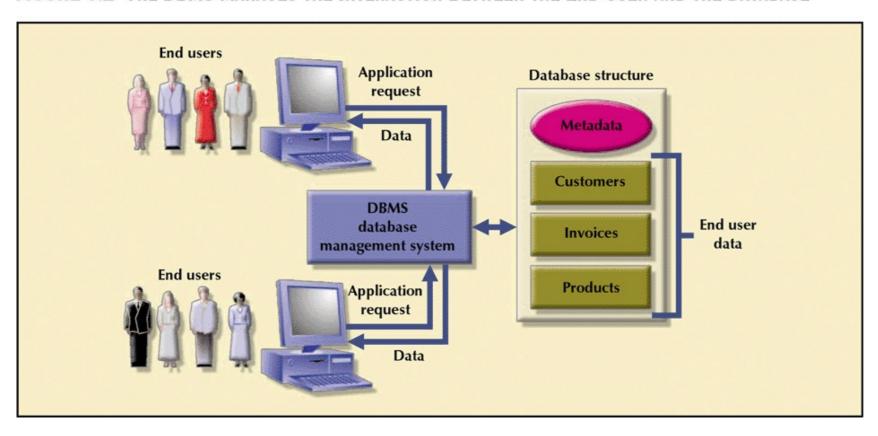
# Database Management System (DBMS)

- Collection of programs that manages database structure and controls access to the database (and ultimately the data)
- Manages sharing of data among multiple applications and users
- Data is more consistent
- Ability to do ad hoc querying

# Database Management System (DBMS)

any request is going to dbms

FIGURE 1.2 THE DBMS MANAGES THE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE END USER AND THE DATABASE



## Importance of a DBMS

- For Top Management
  - Provides information necessary for strategic decision making and planning
  - Provides access to external and internal data
  - Provides information on company performance and whether the company is achieving their goals (targets) or not
- For Middle Management
  - Provides information necessary for tactical decision making planning

## Importance of a DBMS

- For Operational Management
  - Provides timely information
  - Represents and supports the company operations as closely as possible (operational data)
- For Other Users
  - Provides timely information
  - Produces results within specified performance levels

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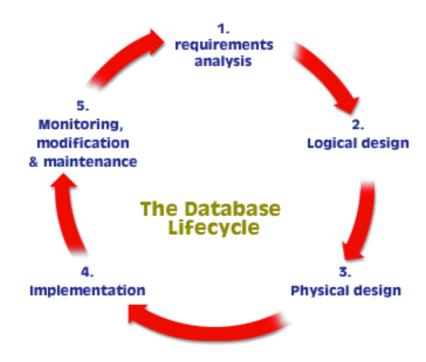


Database Design

## Database Design

- Defines the database's expected use
- Avoids redundant data (unnecessarily duplicated)
- Eliminates poorly designed databases
- Done within a systems development life cycle (SDLC) framework
- Database Design has it's own framework, within the SDLC called the Database Life Cycle (DBLC)

## Database Development Life Cycle



## Database Design

- Different database design strategies exist: top-down, bottom-up, centralized and decentralized
- The database topic will be covered in database design and modeling lecture.