Database Management Systems

UNIT-1: INTRODUCTION TO DATABASE SYSTEM AND ER MODELING

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Outline

- Introduction to Database Management System (DBMS)
- Purpose of Database System
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Introduction to Database Management System (DBMS)

- DBMS contains information about a particular enterprise
  - Collection of interrelated data
  - Set of programs to access the data
  - An environment that is both *convenient* and *efficient* to use
- Database Applications:
  - Banking: transactions
  - Airlines: reservations, schedules
  - Universities: registration, grades
  - Sales: customers, products, purchases
  - Online retailers: order tracking, customized recommendations
  - Manufacturing: production, inventory, orders, supply chain
  - Human resources: employee records, salaries, tax deductions
- Databases can be very large.
- Databases touch all aspects of our lives

Purpose of Database System

In the early days, database applications were built directly on top of file systems

Drawbacks of using file systems to store data:

- Data redundancy and inconsistency
  - Multiple file formats, duplication of information in different files
- Difficulty in accessing data
  - Need to write a new program to carry out each new task
- Data isolation
  - Multiple files and formats
- Integrity problems
  - Integrity constraints (e.g., account balance > 0) become "buried" in program code rather than being stated explicitly
  - Hard to add new constraints or change existing ones

Purpose of Database System (Cont.)

- Atomicity of updates
  - Failures may leave database in an inconsistent state with partial updates carried out
  - Example: Transfer of funds from one account to another should either complete or not happen at all
- Concurrent access by multiple users
  - Concurrent access needed for performance
  - Uncontrolled concurrent accesses can lead to inconsistencies
    - Example: Two people reading a balance (say 100) and updating it by withdrawing money (say 50 each) at the same time
- Security problems
  - Hard to provide user access to some, but not all, data

Database systems offer solutions to all the above problems

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System Applications

- Databases are used to support internal operations of organi: and to underpin online interactions with customers and suppliers.
- Databases are used to hold administrative information and more specialized data, such as engineering data or economic models.
- Databases touch all aspects of our lives. Some of the major areas of application are as follows:
  - *Universities*
  - *Banking*
  - *Airlines*
  - *Computerized library systems*
  - *Flight Reservation System*
  - *Manufacturing and selling*
  - *Human resources*
  - *Content Management Systems that stores websites as collections of WebPages in a database, etc.*

University Database Example

- Application program examples
  - Add new students, instructors, and courses
  - Register students for courses, and generate class rosters
  - Assign grades to students, compute grade point averages (GPA) and generate transcripts

Levels of Abstraction

- **Physical level:** describes how a record (e.g., instructor) is stored.
- **Logical level:** describes data stored in database, and the relationships among the data.

  type *instructor* = **record**

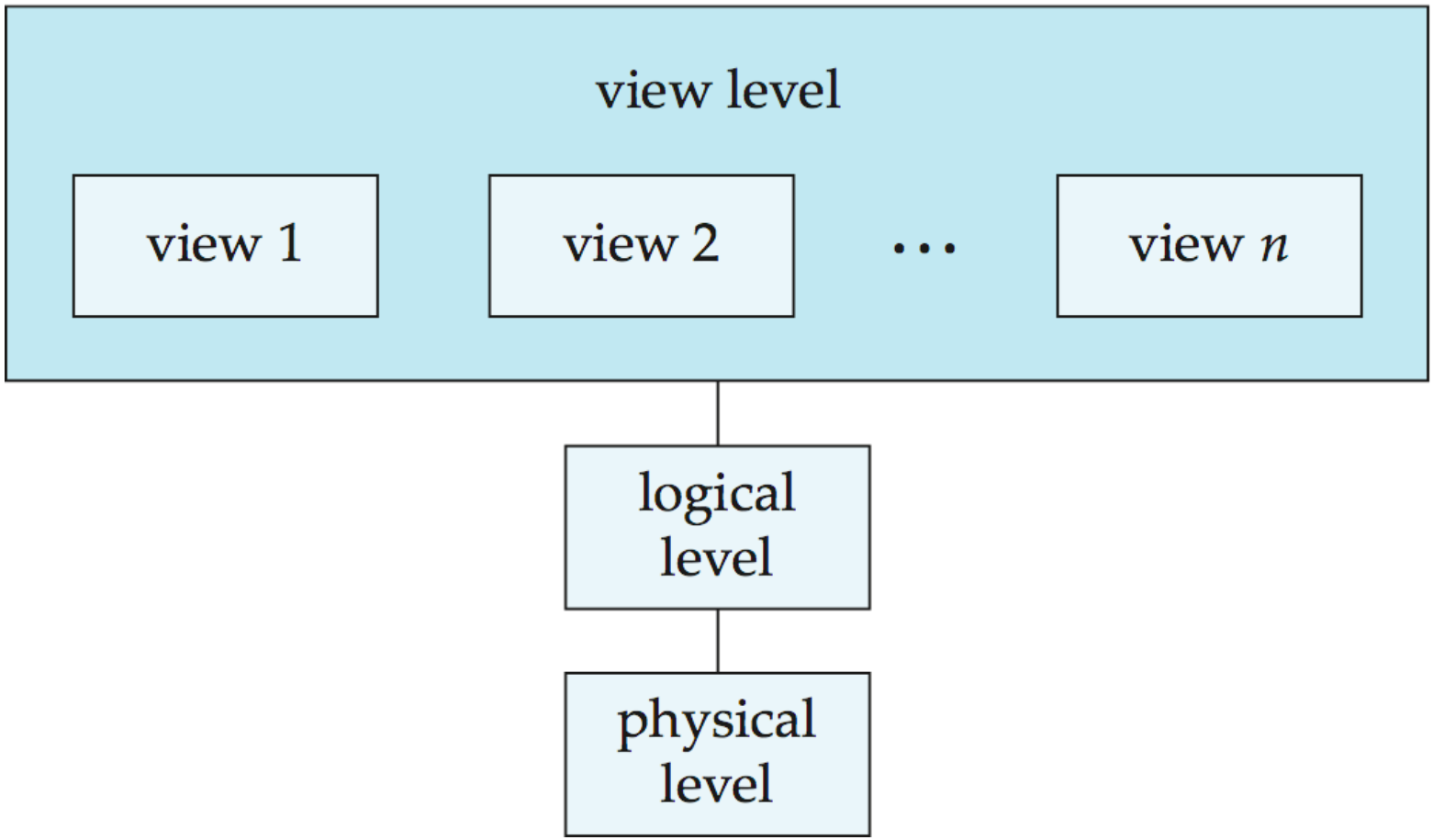
  ID : string;
  name : string;
  dept_name : string;
  salary : integer;

  end;

- **View level:** application programs hide details of data types. Views can also hide information (such as an employee's salary) for security purposes.

View of Data

An architecture for a database system



Instances and Schemas

- Similar to types and variables in programming languages
- **Logical Schema** – the overall logical structure of the database
  - Example: The database consists of information about a set of customers and accounts in a bank and the relationship between them
    - Analogous to type information of a variable in a program
- **Physical schema**– the overall physical structure of the database
- **Instance** – the actual content of the database at a particular point in time
  - Analogous to the value of a variable
- **Physical Data Independence** – the ability to modify the physical schema without changing the logical schema
  - Applications depend on the logical schema
  - In general, the interfaces between the various levels and components should be well defined so that changes in some parts do not seriously influence others.

Data Definition Language (DDL)

- Data Definition Language (**DDL**) is a standard for commands that define the different structures in a database. **DDL** statements create, modify, and remove database objects such as tables, indexes, and users. Common **DDL** statements are CREATE, ALTER, and DROP.
- Specification notation for defining the database schema

Example: **create table** *instructor* (
ID **char**(5),
name **varchar**(20),
dept_name **varchar**(20),
salary **numeric**(8,2))

- DDL compiler generates a set of table templates stored in a ***data dictionary***
- Data dictionary contains metadata (i.e., data about data)
  - Database schema
  - Integrity constraints
    - Primary key (ID uniquely identifies instructors)
  - Authorization
    - Who can access what

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- Language for accessing and manipulating the data organized by the appropriate data model
  - DML also known as query language
- Two classes of languages
  - **Pure** – used for proving properties about computational power and for optimization
    - Relational Algebra
    - Tuple relational calculus
    - Domain relational calculus
  - **Commercial** – used in commercial systems
    - SQL is the most widely used commercial language

SQL

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- SQL is NOT a Turing machine equivalent language
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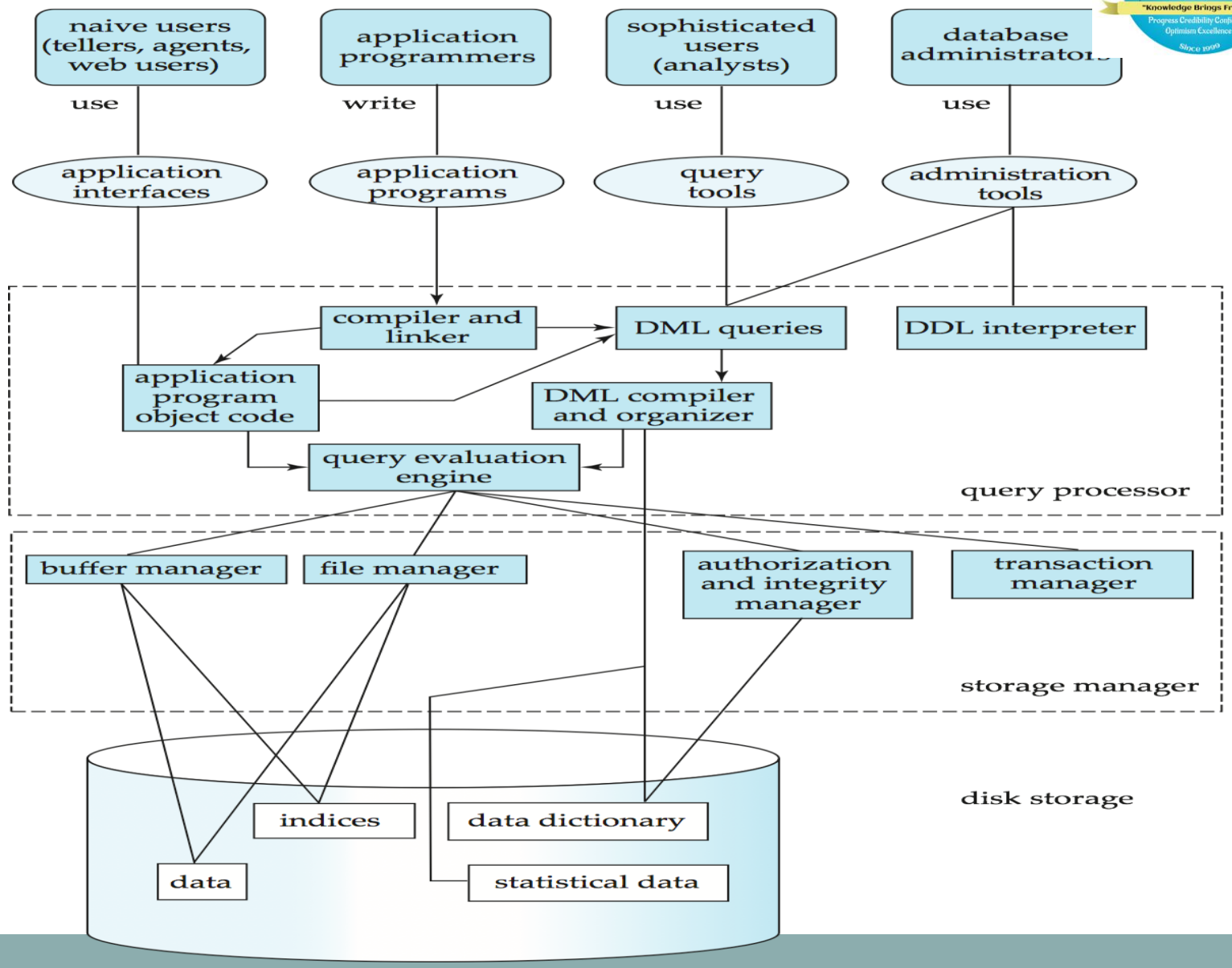
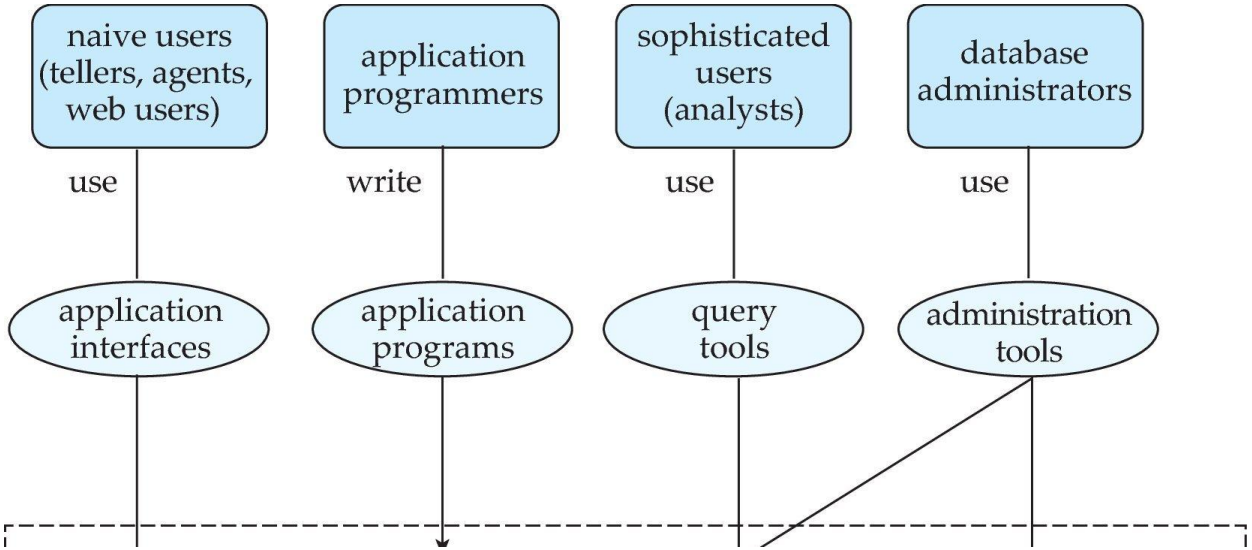
- To be able to compute complex functions SQL is usually embedded in some higher-level language
- Application programs generally access databases through one of
  - Language extensions to allow embedded SQL
  - Application program interface (e.g., ODBC/JDBC) which allow SQL queries to be sent to a database

Database System Structure



Database Users and Administrators



Database Engine

- Storage manager
- Query processing
- Transaction manager

Storage Management

- **Storage manager** is a program module that provides the interface between the low-level data stored in the database and the application programs and queries submitted to the system.
- The storage manager is responsible to the following tasks:
  - Interaction with the OS file manager
  - Efficient storing, retrieving and updating of data
- Issues:
  - Storage access
  - File organization
  - Indexing and hashing

Transaction Management

- What if the system fails?
- What if more than one user is concurrently updating the same data?
- A **transaction** is a collection of operations that performs a single logical function in a database application
- **Transaction-management component** ensures that the database remains in a consistent (correct) state despite system failures (e.g., power failures and operating system crashes) and transaction failures.
- **Concurrency-control manager** controls the interaction among the concurrent transactions, to ensure the consistency of the database.

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