

# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

- Purpose of Database Systems
- View of Data
- Data Models
- Data Definition Language
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- Storage Management
- Database Administrator
- Database Users
- Overall System Structure



# Database Management System (DBMS)

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



# **Purpose of Database System**

- In the early days, database applications were built 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 part of program code
    - Hard to add new constraints or change existing ones



# Purpose of Database Systems (Cont.)

- Drawbacks of using file systems (cont.)
  - Atomicity of updates
    - Failures may leave database in an inconsistent state with partial updates carried out
    - E.g. transfer of funds from one account to another should either complete or not happen at all
  - Concurrent access by multiple users
    - Concurrent accessed needed for performance
    - Uncontrolled concurrent accesses can lead to inconsistencies
      - E.g. two people reading a balance and updating it at the same time
  - Security problems
- Database systems offer solutions to all the above problems



#### **Levels of Abstraction**

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

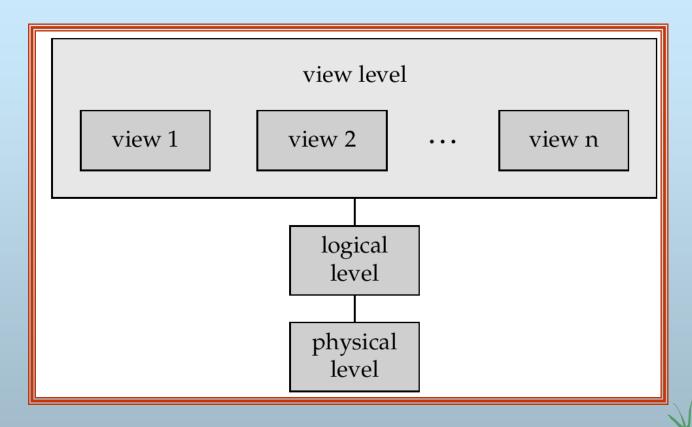
View level: application programs hide details of data types. Views can also hide information (e.g., salary) for security purposes.





### **View of Data**

An architecture for a database system





#### **Instances and Schemas**

- Similar to types and variables in programming languages
- Schema the logical structure of the database
  - e.g., the database consists of information about a set of customers and accounts and the relationship between them)
  - Analogous to type information of a variable in a program
  - Physical schema: database design at the physical level
  - Logical schema: database design at the logical level
- 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.



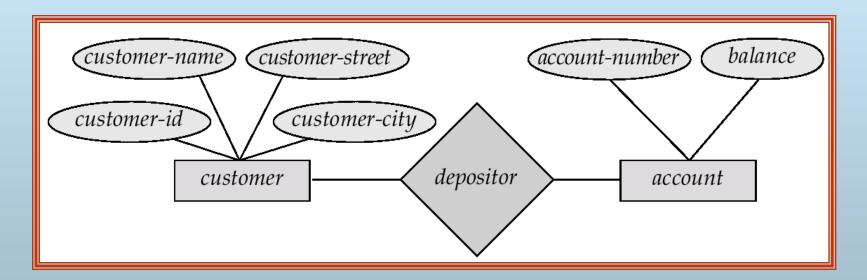
#### **Data Models**

- A collection of tools for describing
  - data
  - data relationships
  - data semantics
  - data constraints
- **Entity-Relationship model**
- Relational model
- Other models:
  - object-oriented model
  - semi-structured data models
  - Older models: network model and hierarchical model



# **Entity-Relationship Model**

#### Example of schema in the entity-relationship model







# **Entity Relationship Model (Cont.)**

- E-R model of real world
  - Entities (objects)
    - E.g. customers, accounts, bank branch
  - Relationships between entities
    - **E.g.** Account A-101 is held by customer Johnson
    - Relationship set depositor associates customers with accounts
- Widely used for database design
  - Database design in E-R model usually converted to design in the relational model (coming up next) which is used for storage and processing





## **Relational Model**

Example of tabular data in the relational model

Customer-	customer- name	customer- street	customer- city	account- number
192-83-7465	Johnson	Alma	Palo Alto	A-101
019-28-3746	Smith	North	Rye	A-215
192-83-7465	Johnson	Alma	Palo Alto	A-201
321-12-3123	Jones	Main	Harrison	A-217
019-28-3746	Smith	North	Rye	A-201



**Attributes** 



# A Sample Relational Database

customer-id	customer-name	customer-street	customer-city
192-83-7465	Johnson	12 Alma St.	Palo Alto
019-28-3746	Smith	4 North St.	Rye
677-89-9011	Hayes	3 Main St.	Harrison
182-73-6091	Turner	123 Putnam Ave.	Stamford
321-12-3123	Jones	100 Main St.	Harrison
336-66-9999	Lindsay	175 Park Ave.	Pittsfield
019-28-3746	Smith	72 North St.	Rye

(a) The customer table

account-number	balance	
A-101	500	
A-215	700	
A-102	400	
A-305	350	
A-201	900	
A-217	750	
A-222	700	
(b) The account table		

customer-id	account-number
192-83-7465	A-101
192-83-7465	A-201
019-28-3746	A-215
677-89-9011	A-102
182-73-6091	A-305
321-12-3123	A-217
336-66-9999	A-222
019-28-3746	A-201

(c) The depositor table





# **Data Definition Language (DDL)**

- Specification notation for defining the database schema
- DDL compiler generates a set of tables stored in a data dictionary
- Data dictionary contains metadata (i.e., data about data)
  - database schema
  - Data storage and definition language
    - language in which the storage structure and access methods used by the database system are specified
    - Usually an extension of the data definition language



# **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
  - Procedural user specifies what data is required and how to get those data
  - Nonprocedural user specifies what data is required without specifying how to get those data
- SQL is the most widely used query language





# SQL

- SQL: widely used non-procedural language
  - E.g. find the name of the customer with customer-id 192-83-7465

select customer.customer-name

from customer

where customer.customer-id = '192-83-7465'

E.g. find the balances of all accounts held by the customer with customer-id 192-83-7465

select account.balance

from depositor, account

where depositor.customer-id = '192-83-7465' and

depositor.account-number = account.account-number

- 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 Users**

- Users are differentiated by the way they expect to interact with the system
- Application programmers interact with system through DML calls
- Sophisticated users form requests in a database query language
- Specialized users write specialized database applications that do not fit into the traditional data processing framework
- Naïve users invoke one of the permanent application programs that have been written previously
  - E.g. people accessing database over the web, bank tellers, clerical staff



#### **Database Administrator**

- Coordinates all the activities of the database system; the database administrator has a good understanding of the enterprise's information resources and needs.
- Database administrator's duties include:
  - Schema definition
  - Storage structure and access method definition
  - Schema and physical organization modification
  - Granting user authority to access the database
  - Specifying integrity constraints
  - Acting as liaison with users
  - Monitoring performance and responding to changes in requirements





# **Transaction Management**

- 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.





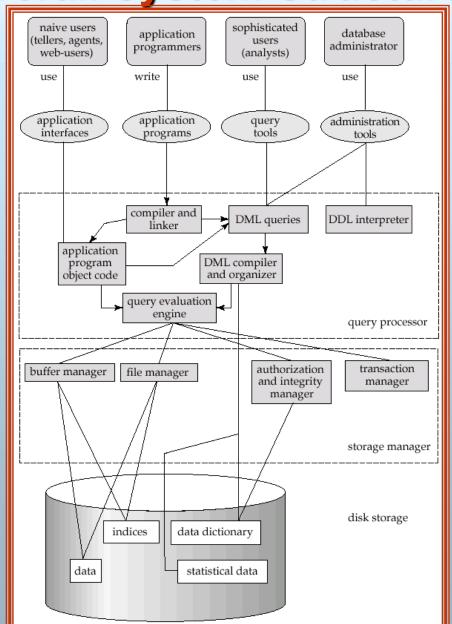
# **Storage Management**

- 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 file manager
  - efficient storing, retrieving and updating of data





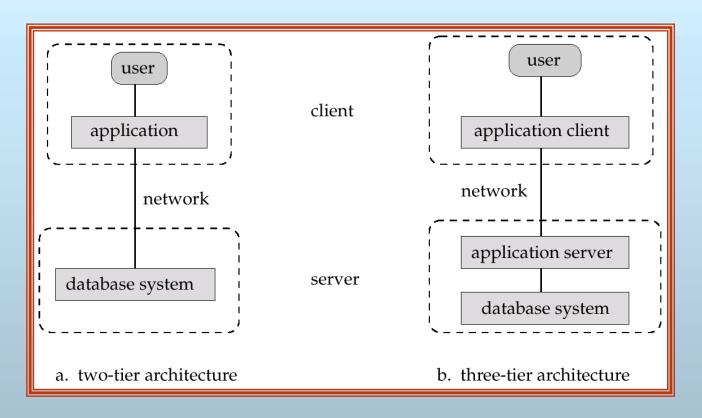
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# **Application Architectures**



■Two-tier architecture: E.g. client programs using ODBC/JDBC to communicate with a database

■Three-tier architecture: E.g. web-based applications, and applications built using "middleware"