COMP9120

Week 8: Introduction to Database Application Development

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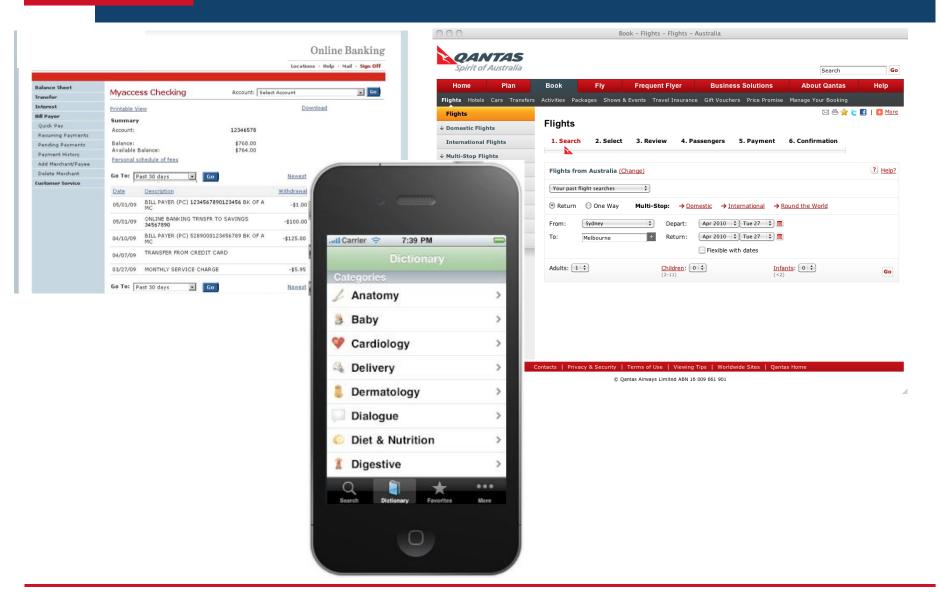


Interactive vs. Non-Interactive SQL

- > Interactive SQL: SQL statements input from terminal; DBMS outputs to screen
 - Inadequate for most uses
 - It may be necessary to process the data before output
 - Amount of data returned not known in advance
 - SQL has limited expressive power
- > Non-interactive SQL: SQL statements are included in a database application program written in a host language, like C++, Java, Python, PHP
- > Client-side vs. Server-side application development
 - Client-side: database application program
 - Server-side: stored procedures and triggers

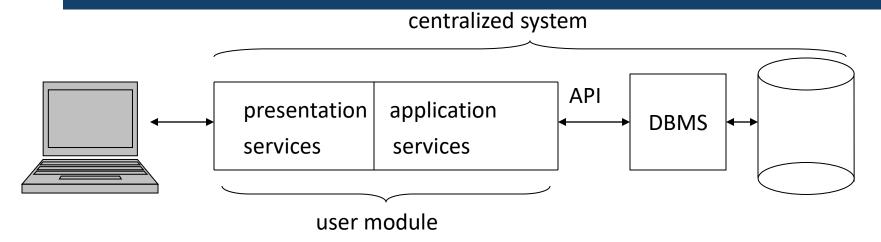


Database Applications





1-Tier Architecture: Centralized System

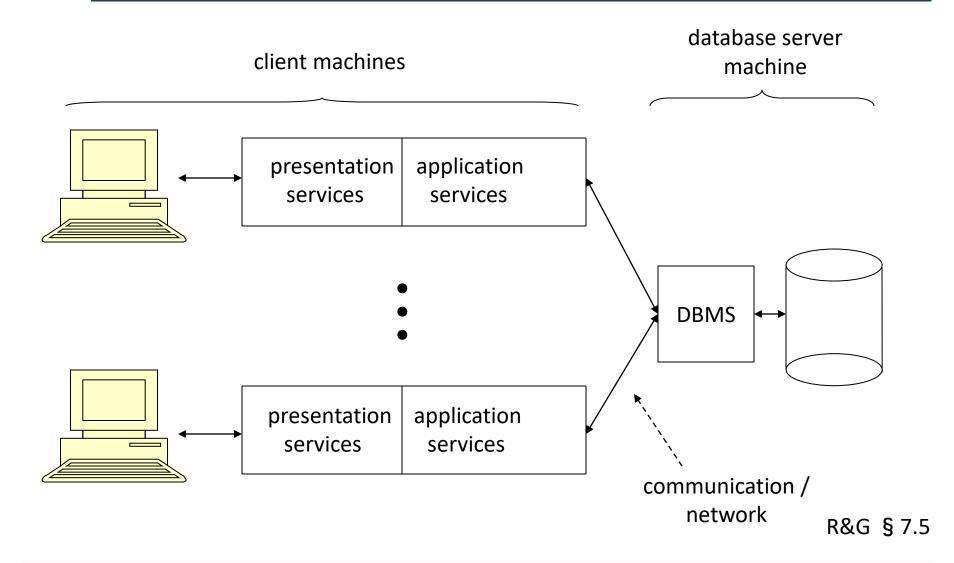


- > Presentation Services displays forms, handles flow of information to/from screen
- > Application Services implements user request, interacts with DBMS
- DBMS handles user requests retrieves and returns results of queries or handles user requests for inserts/updates/deletes of data.
- > Examples: Any application with integrated DB
 - MS Access systems
 - SQLite, esp. Smartphone apps

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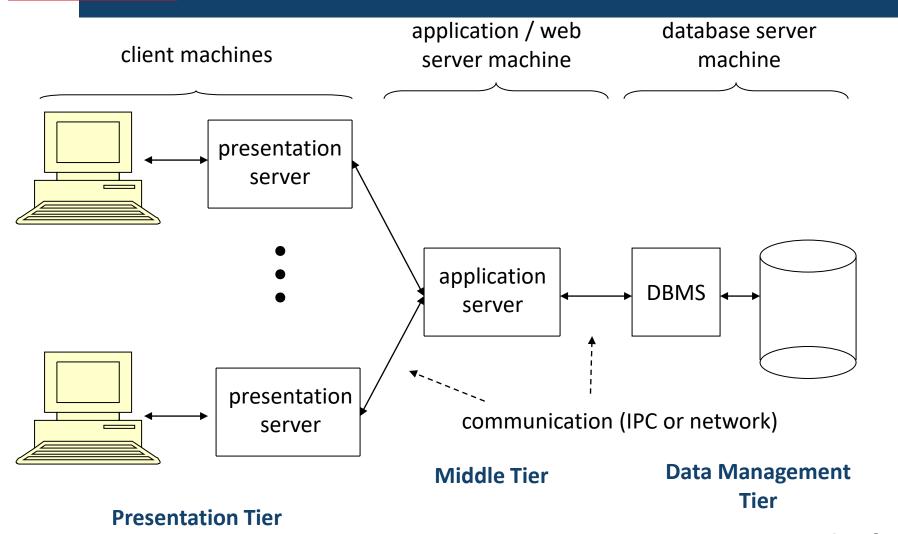


2-Tier Architecture: Client - Server Model





3-Tiered Architecture



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SQL in Application Code

> SQL commands can be called from within a host language (e.g., C++, Java, PHP, Python) program

- SQL statements can refer to host variables

Must include a statement to connect to the right database

int userInput = takeUserInput();

SELECT *
FROM student
WHERE sid = userInput

- Two main integration approaches
 - Statement-level interface (SLI)
 - Embed SQL in the host language (Embedded SQL in C, SQLJ)
 - Call-level interface (CLI)
 - Create special API to call SQL commands (ODBC, JDBC, PHP-PDO, etc.)
 - SQL statements are passed as arguments to host language (library) procedures / APIs





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Object-Oriented Programming

- OOP is a programming paradigm based on the concept of "objects", which may contain data (in the form of *variables*, often known as *attributes*) and code (in the form of *methods*).
 - object's methods can access and often modify the attributes of the object with which they are associated
 - Objects are instances of *classes*, which typically also determine their type.



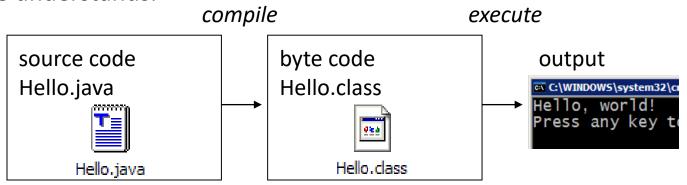


```
public class Employee {
         String name;
         int age;
         double salary;
         public Employee(String name) {
                   this.name = name;
         public void setAge(int empAge) {
                   age = empAge;
         public void setSalary(double empSalary) {
                   salary = empSalary;
         public void printEmployee() {
                   System.out.println("Name:"+ name );
                   System.out.println("Age:" + age );
                  System.out.println("Salary:" + salary);
```

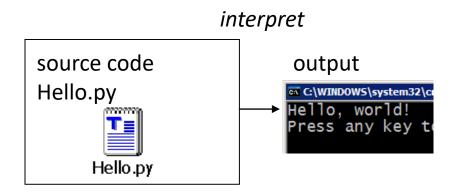


Compiling and interpreting

Java requires you to compile (translate) your program into a form that the machine understands.



> Python is instead directly *interpreted* into machine instructions.







Hello.java

javac Hello.java (compilation creates Hello.class)
java Hello (Execution on the local JVM)

- > Everything is in a class
- In the generated byte code, one file for each public class
- In the runnable public class:
 - public static void main(String[] args)
 - Execution starts from the main function



"Hello World" in Python

Hello.py

```
def printHelloWorld():
     print("Hello World !!!")
printHelloworld()
```

- python Hello.py
- Not everything in a class
- > Execution starts from the first statement at *indentation* level 0 of Hello.py



Example Template Java function

```
boolean myFunction(int myValue, String myText) {
 boolean valueToReturn = false;
 try {
    // Do something with input parameters
    // ** Interact with database **
    // Set return value
    System.out.println("Try Block");
 } catch (Exception e) {
    // Handle errors
    System.out.println("Exception Block");
 } finally {
    // Cleanup
    System.out.println("Finally Block");
 return valueToReturn;
```



Example Template Python function

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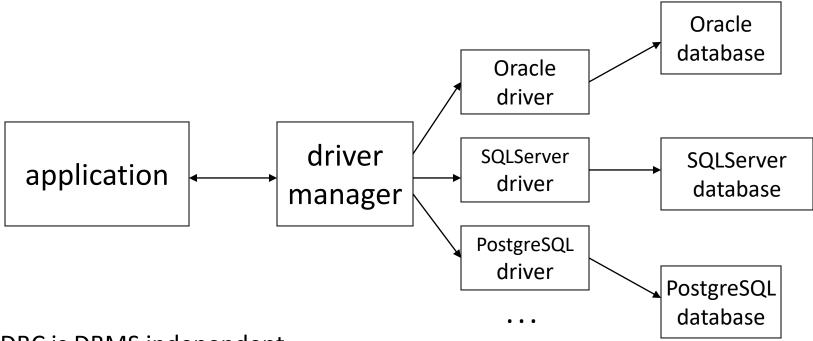


JDBC - "Java Database Connectivity"

- > JDBC is a Java API for communicating with database systems supporting SQL
- JDBC supports a variety of features for querying and updating data, and for retrieving query results
- Model for communicating with the database:
 - Acquire a connection
 - Create a "Statement" object
 - Execute queries using the Statement object to send queries and fetch results
 - Exception mechanism to handle errors



JDBC Run-Time Architecture



- JDBC is DBMS independent
 - JDBC functions are generic
 - DriverManager allows to connect to specific driver
 - Even to different databases from the same program



JDBC Connection: Connecting to a database

- > A session with a data source is started through the creation of a **Connection** object
 - example with PostgreSQL

```
PGSimpleDataSource source = new PGSimpleDataSource();
source.setServerName(myHost);
source.setDatabaseName(myDB);
source.setUser(userid);
source.setPassword(passwd);
Connection conn = source.getConnection();
```

Always release resource with conn.close();



JDBC Statement: Executing a query

- > SQL operations are conducted using java.sql.Statement
 - Constructed from a Connection object:

```
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
```

- Execute a SQL query:

```
stmt.executeQuery("SELECT ... ");
```

Execute a DML statement (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE)

```
stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO ... ");
```

- Release resource with stmt.close();
- Two other ways (will be covered later)
 - PreparedStatement (semi-static SQL statements)
 - CallableStatement (stored procedures)



JDBC ResultSet: Retrieving results

> stmt.executeQuery returns data, encapsulated in a ResultSet object (a cursor)

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql);
while(rs.next()) {
    //Iterate through records
    // process the data
    rs.getString("name");
}
rs.close() // Release resources
```

- A ResultSet can be a very powerful cursor:
 - previous(): moves one row back
 - absolute(int num): moves to the row with the specified number
 - relative(int num): moves forward or backward
 - first() and last(): jump to ends
 - wasNull(): dealing with NULL values



Matching Java and SQL Types

SQL Type	Java class	ResultSet get method
BIT	Boolean	getBoolean()
CHAR	String	getString()
VARCHAR	String	getString()
DOUBLE	Double	getDouble()
FLOAT	Double	getDouble()
INTEGER	Integer	getInt()
REAL	Double	getFloat()
DATE	java.sql.Date	getDate()
TIME	java.sql.Time	getTime()
TIMESTAMP	java.sql.TimeStamp	getTimestamp()

For python matching example: http://initd.org/psycopg/docs/usage.html#adaptation-of-python-values-to-sql-types



Python Database API (DB-API)

- > Python's API (DB-API) for communicating with database systems supporting SQL
 - Specific *modules* for each db engine (eg: Oracle, Postgres, IBM DB2, etc) provide an implementation for common DB-API functionality
- Model for communicating with the database:
 - Acquire a connection
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Python DB-API Connection/Cursor

import psycopg2 try: # fetch connection object to connect to the database conn = psycopg2.connect(database="postgres", user="test", password="secret", host="host") # fetch cursor prepare to query the database curs = conn.cursor() # execute a SQL query curs.execute("SELECT name FROM Student NATURAL JOIN Enrolled WHERE uos code = 'COMP9120'") # can loop through the resultset for result in curs: print (" student: " + result[0]) # for illustrating close methods – calling close() on cursor and connection # objects will release their associated resources. curs.close() conn.close() except Exception as e: # error handling print("SQL error: unable to connect to database or execute query") print(e)



Some common Python DB-API Cursor Object methods

- > execute(operation[,parameters])
 - Execute a query or a command with the sql provided as the operation argument;
 - the sql query parameter values provided in the parameters argument.
- > executemany(operation[,parameters])
 - Can execute the same query (operation) multiple times, each time with a different parameter set
- > fetchone()
 - Fetch the next row of a query result set, or returns None if no more data is available
- > fetchmany([size=cursor.arraysize])
 - Return multiple rows from the result set for a given query, where one can specify the desired number of rows to return (where they are available)
- > fetchall()
 - fetch all remaining rows
- > close()

Release cursor resources

Reference: http://initd.org/psycopg/docs/cursor.html





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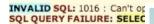
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Avoid Exposing Errors to End-users

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The web site you are accessing has experienced an unexpected error. INVALID SQL: 1016: Can't of Please contact the website administrator.

The following information is meant for the website developer for debugging purposes.

Error Occurred While Processing Request

Element ORDERID is undefined in URL.

The error occurred in D:\wwwroot\Public\rectifyCC\rectifyCC.cfm: line 463

```
461 :
         WHERE a.order id = b.order id
462 :
           AND a.order id = c.order id
463 :
           AND a.order id = '#URL.orderID#'
464:
        </CFOUERY>
```

465 :

Resources:

- Check the ColdFusion documentation to verify that you are using the correct syntax.
- Search the Knowledge Base to find a solution to your problem.

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Remote

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JDBC SQLException: Handling Errors

- Most of java.sql can throw an SQLException if an error occurs.
 - Catch and process with catch(SQLException e) { ... }
 - Use getMessage()or getSQLState() or getErrorCode() to identify problem

Table 12. Class Code 23: Constraint Violation

SQLSTATE Value	
	Meaning
23001	The update or delete of a parent key is prevented by a RESTRICT update or delete rule.
23502	An insert or update value is null, but the column cannot contain null values.
23503	The insert or update value of a foreign key is invalid.
23504	The update or delete of a parent key is prevented by a NO ACTION update or delete rule.
23505	A violation of the constraint imposed by a unique index or a unique constraint occurred.
23510	A violation of a constraint on the use of the command imposed by the RLST table occurred.
23511	A parent row cannot be deleted, because the check constraint restricts the deletion.
23512	The check constraint cannot be added, because the table contains rows that do not satisfy the constraint definition.
23513	The resulting row of the INSERT or UPDATE does not conform to the check constraint definition.
23514	Check data processing has found constraint violations.
23515	The unique index could not be created or unique constraint added, because the table contains duplicate values of the specified key.
23520	The foreign key cannot be defined, because all of its values are not equal to a parent key of the parent table.
23521	The update of a catalog table violates an internal constraint.

ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/ps/products/db2/info/vr6/htm/db2m0/db2state.htm#HDRSTTMSG



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- Most of java.sql can throw an SQLException if an error occurs.
 - Catch and process with catch(SQLException e) { ... }
 - Use getMessage()or getSQLState() or getErrorCode() to identify problem
- > Sub-classes available to catch specific types e.g.:
 - SQLTimeoutException
 - SQLIntegrityConstraintViolationException
- SQLWarning is a subclass of SQLException; not as severe
 - conn.getWarnings();
 - conn.getNextWarning();
 - conn.clearWarnings();





The following function may fail to work for a number of reasons.

```
void exampleEnrolment() {
 PGSimpleDataSource source = new PGSimpleDataSource();
 source.setServerName(myHost);
                                                       May fail due to
 source.setDatabaseName(myDB);
                                                       server/connection
 source.setUser(userid);
                                                       problems
 source.setPassword(passwd);
 Connection conn = source.getConnection();
 Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
 stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO Transcript VALUES
  (123,'COMP9120', 'S1', 2022,'HD')");
conn.close();
                                                        Query could time out
                                                        Primary key violation
                                                        Foreign key violation
```

```
void exampleEnrolment() {
 Connection conn = null;
 try {
  conn = openConnection();
  Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
  stmt.executeUpdate("INSERT INTO Transcript VALUES (123,'COMP9120', 'S1', 2022,'HD')");
 catch (SQLIntegrityConstraintViolationException e) {
         System.err.println("Violated a constraint!");
 catch (SQLTimeoutException e) {
         System.err.println("Operation timed out");
 catch (SQLException e) {
         System.err.println("Other problem");
finally {
  if (conn != null)
  try{conn.close();} catch(SQLException e) {//handle exception}
```



Python DB API: Handling Errors

- Error handling via normal exception mechanism of Python
 - Errors and warnings are made available as Python exceptions
 - Warning raised for warnings such as data truncation on insert, etc
 - Error exception raised for various db-related errors
- psycopg API extension:
 - Exception attributes for detailed SQL error codes and messages
 - pgerror string of the error message returned by backend
 - pgcode string with the SQLSTATE error code returned by backend
- > Example:

```
try:
    psycopg2.connect(...)

except psycopg2.Error as e:
    print("Problem connecting to database:")
    print(e.pgerror)
    print(e.pgcode)

Demo purpose only. As said before:
    please do not directly print SQL exceptions :)
```



Python DB API: Handling Errors

Stan	ndardError
	Warning
	Error
	InterfaceError
	DatabaseError
	DataError
	OperationalError
	psycopg2.extensions.QueryCanceledError
	psycopg2.extensions.TransactionRollbackError
	IntegrityError
	InternalError
	ProgrammingError
	NotSupportedError
	NotSupportedError

http://initd.org/psycopg/docs/module.html#exceptions

Also see: https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249





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Security & SQL Injection

User Name:	' or '1'='1	
Password:	' or '1'='1	
Details:		

Name =" or '1'='1' AND Pass =" or '1'='1'

http://www.open.edu/openlearn/ocw/mod/oucontent/view.php?id=48319§ion=1.3

```
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
                                                           SELECT * FROM Student WHERE
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(
                                                        Name ='John' AND Pass ='myPassword'
 "SELECT * FROM Student WHERE
 name = "" + uName + "" AND Pass = "" + uPass + """);
                                    SELECT * FROM Student WHERE
```

Will return all students' details!!



Security & SQL Injection

User Name:	' or '1'='1		
Password:	' or '1'='1		
Details:			

- How do we limit risks?
 - Hide error messages that expose the internals
 - Use salted hash passwords
 - Prevent SQL injection with:
 - Prepared Statements in Java
 - Anonymous or Named Parameters in Python



Dynamic SQL with Prepared Statements in JDBC

- java.sql.PreparedStatement allows a statement to be executed with host variables after the query plan has been evaluated
- > Example:

- More flexible and <u>secure</u>
- > As a rule, always use in preference to Statements



Another example : Security

What security issues can you identify in this function? How could they be fixed?

```
void getStudentAddress(int studID, String password) {
 Connection conn = openConnection();
 Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
 ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery
           "SELECT address FROM Student WHERE studid=""
          + studID + "' AND password = " + password + "");
 // Process results
 while (rs.next()){
  System.out.println(rs.getString("address"));
 conn.close();
                          Try:
                          getStudentAddress(307088592, "' OR 1=1 -- ");
```

SELECT address FROM Student WHERE studid='307088592' AND password = "OR 1=1 --



Another example : Security

What security issues can you identify in this function? How could they be fixed?

```
void getStudentAddress(int studID, String password) {
 Connection conn = openConnection();
 PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(
 "SELECT address FROM Student WHERE studid=? AND password=?");
 stmt.setInt(1, studID);
 stmt.setString(2, password);
 ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();
 // Process results
 while (rs.next()){
  System.out.println(rs.getString("address"));
 conn.close();
```



Python DB-API: Avoiding SQL Injection

NEVER ever use Python string concatenation (+) or string parameter interpolation (%) to pass variables to a SQL query string!

=> otherwise your program is vulnerable to SQL Injection attacks

```
query="""SELECT E.studid FROM Enrolled E
     WHERE E.uosCode = """ + uosCode +
     " AND E.semester = " + semester
```

cursor.execute(query)



Python DB-API: Avoiding SQL Injection: Parametrized Queries

Two (safe) approaches for passing query parameters: (because execute() will do any necessary escaping / conversions for parameter markers)

1. Anonymous Parameters

```
studid = 12345
cursor.execute(
    "SELECT name FROM Student WHERE sid=%s",
    (studid) )
```

2. Named Parameters

```
studid = 12345
cursor.execute(
   "SELECT name FROM Student WHERE sid=%(sid)s",
   {'sid': studid} )
```





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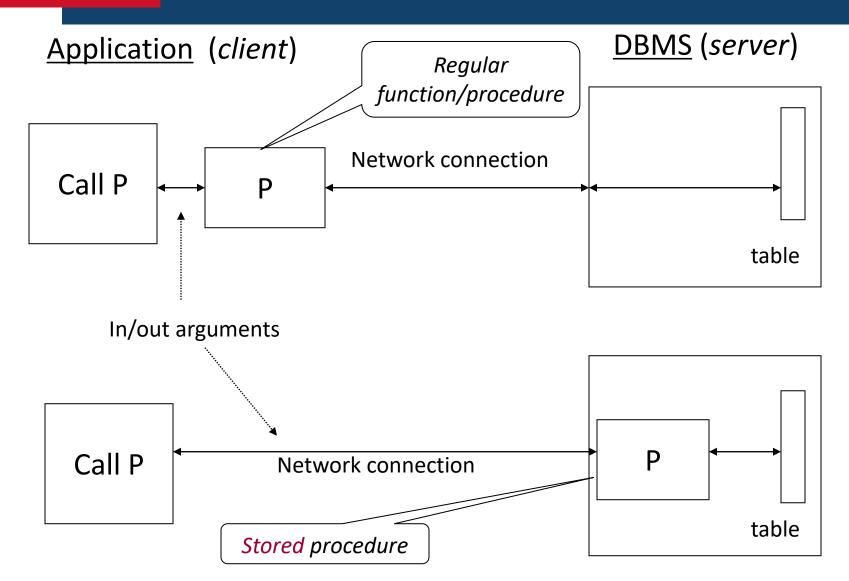
Stored Procedures

- > Run logic within the database server
 - Included as schema element (stored in DBMS)
 - Invoked by the application
- > Pros:
 - Additional abstraction layer (programmers do not need to know the schema)
 - Reduced data transfer

- > Cons:
 - What if you wanted to switch DBMS?
 - rewrite all logic?



Stored Procedures network activity





Stored Procedure features

- > All major database systems provide extensions of SQL to a simple, general purpose language
 - PostgreSQL: PL/pgSQL, Oracle: PL/SQL (syntax differs!!!)
- > Procedure Declarations (with SQL/PSM)

CREATE PROCEDURE name (parameter1,..., parameterN)

local variable declarations

procedure code;

- > Stored Procedures can have parameters
 - of a valid SQL type (parameter types must match)
 - three different modes
 - IN arguments to procedure
 - OUT return values
 - INOUT combination of IN and OUT
- > Stored Procedures have full access to SQL, plus extensions:
 - Local variables, loops, if-then-else conditions



PostgreSQL PL/pgSQL Example

CREATE FUNCTION RateStudent(studid INTEGER, uos VARCHAR) RETURNS CHAR AS \$\$ DECLARE

```
grade CHAR;
marks INTEGER;
```

BEGIN

```
SELECT SUM(mark) INTO marks
```

FROM Assessment

WHERE sid=studId AND uosCode=uos;

```
marks>=85THEN grade := 'H';
ELSIF marks>=75THEN grade := 'D';
ELSIF marks>=65THEN grade := 'C';
ELSIF marks>=50THEN grade := 'P';
ELSE grade := 'F';
END IF;
```

RETURN grade;

END; \$\$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;



BEGIN

PostgreSQL PL/pgSQL Example

CREATE FUNCTION RateStudent_INOUT(IN studid INTEGER, IN uos VARCHAR, OUT result CHAR) AS \$\$ **DECLARE**

```
grade
                    CHAR;
          marks
                    INTEGER;
          SELECT SUM(mark) INTO marks
          FROM Assessment
          WHERE sid=studId AND uosCode=uos;
          IF
                    marks>=85THEN grade := 'H';
          ELSIF
                    marks>=75THEN grade := 'D';
          ELSIF
                    marks>=65THEN grade := 'C';
                    marks>=50THEN grade := 'P';
          ELSIF
                                    grade := 'F';
          ELSE
          END IF;
          result := grade;
END; $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



Calling Stored Procedures from JDBC

- > Use java.sql.CallableStatement subclass of Statement
- Calling a stored procedure with return value:

```
CallableStatement call = conn.prepareCall("{? = call RateStudent(?, ?)}");
call.registerOutParameter(1, Types.CHAR);
call.setInt(2, 101);
call.setString(3, "COMP9120");
call.execute();
String result = call.getString(1);
```

Calling a stored procedure with IN/OUT parameter :

```
CallableStatement call = conn.prepareCall("{call RateStudent_INOUT(?, ?, ?)}");
call.setInt(1, 101);
call.setString(2, "COMP9120");
call.registerOutParameter(3, Types.CHAR);
call.execute();

String result = call.getString(3);
```



Calling Stored Procedures from Python DB-API

- Cursor objects have an explicit callproc()method
 - cursor.callproc() makes the OUT parameters available as resultset
- > Calling a stored procedure with return value:

```
curs.callproc("RateStudent", [101, "comp9120"])
output = curs.fetchone()
result = output[0];
```

> Calling a stored procedure with IN/OUT parameter :

```
curs.callproc("RateStudent_INOUT", [101, "comp9120"])
output = curs.fetchone()
result = output[0];
```



Example: Stored Procedures

The following function performs several queries and updates, incurring several network round trips. Rewrite as a stored procedure and change the function to call this.

```
void enrolStudent(Connection conn, int studID, String uos, String sem, int year)
 PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO Transcript
                                                     VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, null)");
 stmt.setInt(1, studID);
 stmt.setString(2, uos);
 stmt.setString(3, sem);
 stmt.setInt(4, year);
 stmt.executeUpdate();
 stmt.close();
 stmt = conn.prepareStatement("UPDATE UoSOffering SET enrollment=enrollment+1
                                 WHERE UoSCode=? AND Semester=? AND Year=?");
 stmt.setString(1, uos);
 stmt.setString(2, sem);
 stmt.setInt(3, year);
 stmt.executeUpdate();
 stmt.close();
```



Example: Stored Procedures

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION ENROLSTUDENT ( sid INTEGER, uos VARCHAR, sem VARCHAR, yr INTEGER) AS $$

BEGIN
INSERT INTO Transcript VALUES (sid, uos, sem, yr, null);
UPDATE UoSOffering SET enrollment=enrollment+1
WHERE uoSCode=uos AND semester=sem AND year=yr;
END; $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```





- Some Keywords
 - Cursors
 - Prepared Statement
 - Stored Procedure
 - SQL Injection
- Understanding (within a DB application API)
 - Error handling
- > Skills
 - Write application code (e.g. Java functions with JDBC) to interact with a database
 - Identify and avoid major security flaws in client code
 - Write stored procedures and call from client code





- > Ramakrishnan/Gehrke (3rd edition the 'Cow' book)
 - Chapter 6; 7.5
- › Kifer/Bernstein/Lewis (2nd edition)
 - Chapter 8
- Ullman/Widom (3rd edition of 'First Course in Database Systems')
 - Chapter 9 (covers Stored Procedures, ESQL, CLI, JDBC and PHP)

Further Documentation:

- Java JDBC reference: http://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/package-summary.html
- PostgreSQL JDBC Documentation: https://jdbc.postgresql.org/documentation/head/index.html
- Python DB-API: https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0249/
- A Postgres Python DB-API Adapter: http://initd.org/psycopg/docs/
 - Connection pooling: http://initd.org/psycopg/docs/pool.html
- Database PL/pgSQL Language Reference: https://www.postgresql.org/docs/9.5/static/plpgsql.html





- Java & Python Language References:
 - Java
 - https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/learn/java/intro-to-java-course/index.html
 - https://www.udemy.com/java-tutorial/
 - Python
 - https://www.learnpython.org/
 - https://docs.python.org/2/tutorial/





- Schema Normalization
 - Functional Dependencies
 - Schema Normal Forms
 - Schema Normalization

> Readings:

- Ramakrishnan/Gehrke (Cow book), Chapter 19
- Kifer/Bernstein/Lewis book, Chapter 6
- Ullman/Widom, Chapter 3 (up-to 3.5)



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