ECE30030/ITP30010 – Database Systems

Relational Data

Reading: Chapter 1-2

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Agenda

- R-DBMS
- Relational Data Model

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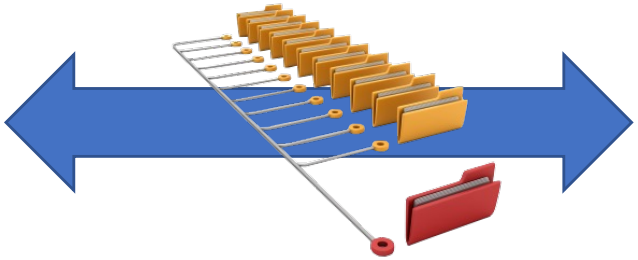

File System

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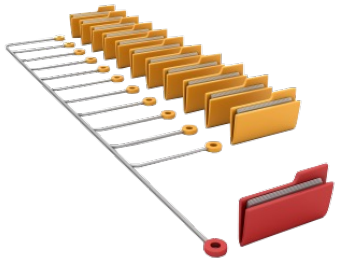

File System

  - Flat file strawman
    - Store a database as comma-separated value (CSV) files
    - Manage the CSV files using our own code
      - Use a separate file per entity
      - The applications have to parse the CSV files each time they want to read or update records

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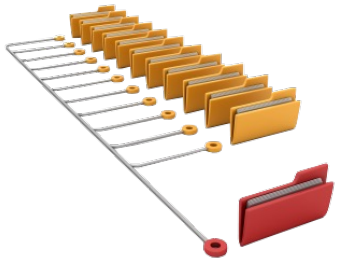

File System

  - Flat file strawman
    - Issue: data integrity
      - How to examine the validity of the values?
    - Issue: implementation
      - How to find a particular record?
      - How to write a new application that uses the same data
    - Issue: durability
      - What if the machine crashes while file writing?

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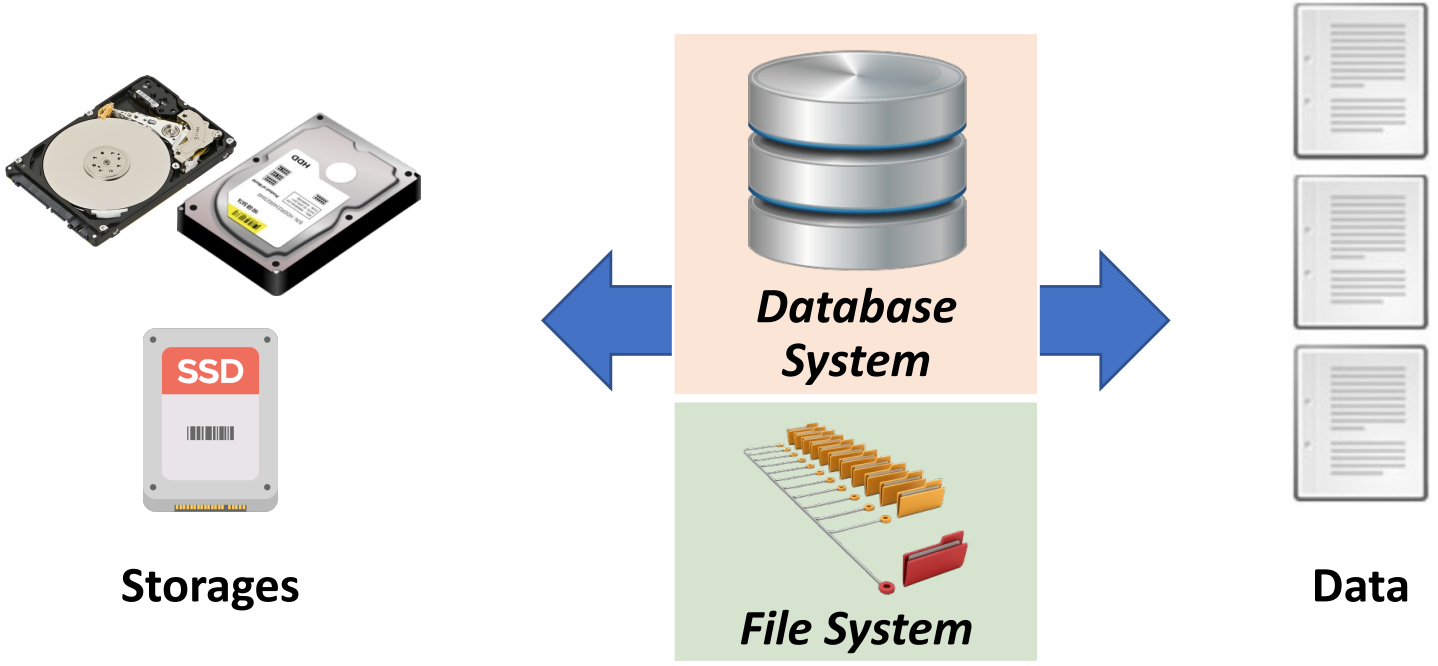

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Database Systems

- Database management system (DBMS)
  - Software that allows applications to store and analyze information in a database
    - Access data without worrying about the file I/O-level details
  - A general-purpose DBMS is designed to allow the definition, creation, querying, update, and administration of databases

Database Systems

- DBMS as a data storage
  - Database abstraction to avoid low-level implementation and maintenance chores
    - Store database in simple data structures
    - Access data through high-level language
  - Database abstraction does not include:
    - How to implement the storage, relations, …
    - Clear separation between logical vs. physical layers

- DBMS as an interface
  - Data definition language (DDL)
  - Data manipulation language (DML)

  → Structured query language (SQL) includes both DDL and DML

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Data Model

- Data model: A notion for describing data or information
  - Data model consists of three parts:
    - Structure
    - Operations
    - Constraints
  - Examples
    - Relational data model: the most conventional ← *main focus of the course*!
    - NoSQL
      - Key/value
      - Graph
      - Document
      - Column-family
    - Machine learning
      - Array/matrix
    - Misc.: hierarchical, network

Relational Data Model

- Relational data model: A data model describes data in terms of relations

- Relation
  - An unordered set that contains the relationship of attributes that represent entities

Relation (Table)

- Attribute (column)
  - Attribute values are required to be atomic (indivisible data type)
    - String is an atomic data type in most database systems
  - The set of allowed values for each attribute is called the domain of the attribute
  - NULL is a member of every domain, indicating that the value is "unknown"
    - The NULL values cause complications in many operations

- Tuple (row)
  - A tuple is a set of attribute values (also known as its domain) in the relation
  - Each tuple has one value for each attribute of the relation
  - Values are (normally) atomic/scalar

Example: a *Relation*

- *n*-ary relation = table with *n* columns

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4 attributes (columns)

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12 tuples (rows, or records)

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- Relations are unordered: Order of tuples is irrelevant (tuples may be stored in an arbitrary order)
  - Example

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Notations

- Using a table

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- Using a set notation

  Structure: *instructor*(*ID, name, dept_name, salary*),

  Tuples: (*76766, Crick, Biology, 72000.00*),
  (*83821, Brandt, Comp. Sci., 92000.00*),
  (*45565, Katz, Comp. Sci., 75000.00*)

  - Mathematically, sets do not have orders nor duplicates
  - However, we implicitly treat them as ordered sets
    - (*76766, Crick, Biology, 72000.00*) != (*72000.00, Biology, Crick, 76766*)

Keys

- Key
  - One type of constraints
  - One or more attributes form a key
  - A key for a relation → do NOT allow duplicates of the same values of the key attributes

Primary Keys

- A relation's primary key uniquely identifies a single tuple
- Some DBMSs automatically create an internal primary key if you do not define one
  - *E.g.*, SQL:2003 (SEQUENCE), MySQL (AUTO_INCREMENT)

- Example
  - instructor(ID, name, dept_name, salary)

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Foreign Keys

- A foreign key specifies that an attribute from one relation has to map to a tuple in another relation
  - Value in one relation must appear in another relation
    - Referencing relation → Referenced relation

- Example

Relation: instructor

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Relation: department

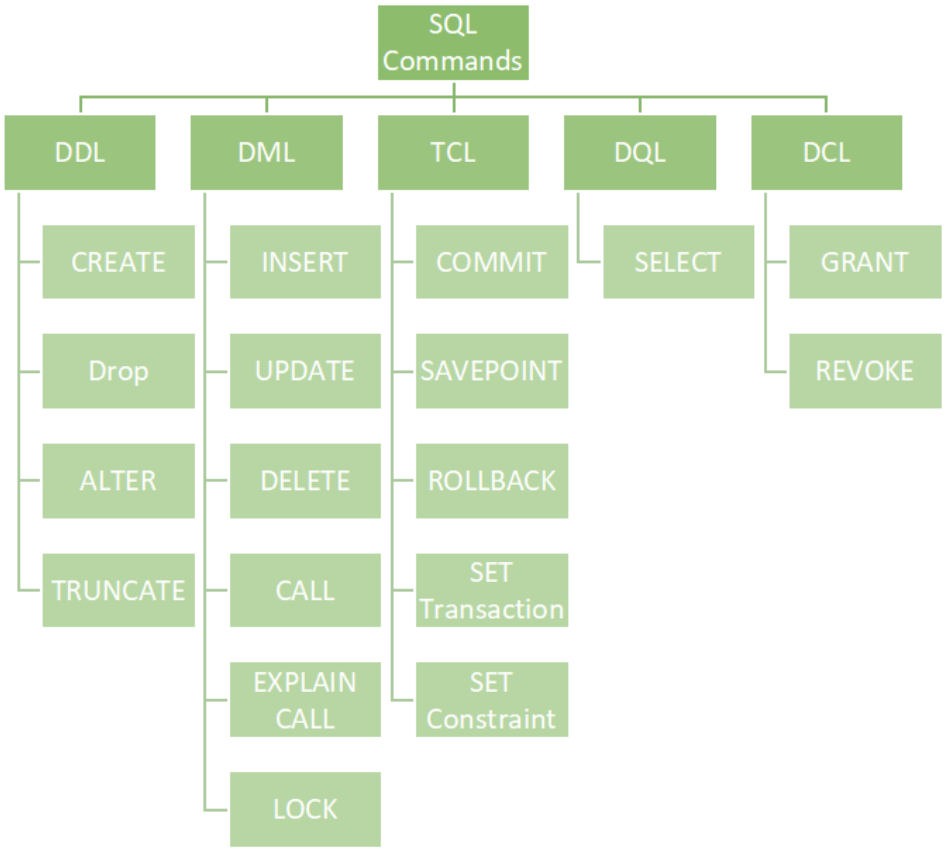
dept_name	building	budget
Biology	Watson	90000.00
Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000.00
Elec. Eng.	Taylor	85000.00

Data Language

- Data definition language (DDL)
  - How to represent relations and information in a database
    - Defines database schemas
- Data manipulation language (DML)
  - How to store and retrieve information from a database
  - Procedural
    - The query specifies the (high-level) strategy the DBMS should use to find the desired results
    - Based on relational algebra
  - *C.f.*, there are non-procedural DML
    - The query specifies only what data is wanted and not how to find it
    - Based on relational calculus – *this is related to query optimization*

Data Language (Optional)

- A bit more specific …
  - DDL
  - DML
  - TCL: Transaction Control Lang.
  - DQL: Data Query Lang.
  - DCL: Data Control Lang.



Database Schema

- Database: a collection of relations (tables)
- Database schema: the logical structure of the database
- Database instance: a snapshot of the data in the database at a given instant in time
  - Relation instance: a snapshot of a relation (attributes and tuples) at a given instant in time

Next

- Coming next:
  - Relational algebra