Lecture1

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- Database: a collection of files storing related data.
 - eg. Accouts database; UW students
- Database Management System(DBMS)
 - Definition: a program written by someone else that allow us to manage efficiently a large db and allows it to persist over long periods of time
 - Relational DBMS
 - Eg., Oracle, IBM DB2, MS SQL server; Open source: MySQL, PostgreSQL, CouchDB; Open source lib: SQLite
- What a DBMS Does
 - Describe real-world entities
 - Store large datasets persistently
 - Query & update efficiently
 - Change structure
 - Handle concurrent updates
 - Crash recovery
 - Security and integrity
- Key Players:
 - DB application developer: write programs that query and modify data(414)
 - DB designer: establishes schema(414)
 - DB administrator: loads data, tunes system, keeps whole thing running(414, 444)
 - Data analyst: data mining and integration(414, 446)
 - o DBMS implementor: builds the DBMS(444)