

Lecture 2:

Ch2. Database System Concepts and Architecture part1

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Outline*

- Database Users
- Data Models, Schemas, and Instances.
- Three-Schema Architecture and Data Independence
- Database Languages and Interfaces
- Introduction to SQL

Database Users



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Database Users

Users may be divided into

- 1. Those who actually use and control the database content, and those who design, develop and maintain database applications (called "Actors on the Scene").
- 2. Those who work to maintain the database system environment but who are not actively interested in the database itself (called "Workers Behind the Scene").

Administrator

Actors on the scene ©

- **■** Database administrators: **DBA**
 - *Responsible for:
 - *authorizing access to the database,
 - for coordinating and monitoring its use,
 - * acquiring software and hardware resources as needed.
 - * security and poor response time and monitoring efficiency of operations.

Designer

Actors on the scene ©

- **■** Database **Designers**:
 - *Responsible for:
 - * identifying data to be stored in database,
 - transactions against the database.
 - They must communicate with the end-users and understand their needs.
 - *Develop different views.

End users

Actors on the scene (continued) ©

- End-user's people whose jobs require access to the database to for querying, updating and generating reports; the database is primarily existing for their use.
- There are several categories for end users.

- System Analysts & App Programmers (software engineers):
 - ❖S.A determine the requirements of end users develop spec for canned transaction to meet these requirements.
 - *A.P implement these spec as program.
 - They test, debug, document and maintain these canned transaction.
 - ❖S.A and A.P commonly referred to as software developer or software engineers. 2/17/2025

Workers Behind the Scene

- **■** DBMS system designer & implementers (ORACLE, SQL):
 - ❖Implementing the catalog, processing query language, processing the interface, buffering data, controlling concurrency, data recovery & security.
- Tool developer:
 - ❖Develop package for database modeling & design, database system design, improve performance.
 - **❖**Tools are optional to purchase.
- Operator & maintenance personnel:
 - *Responsible for the actual running & maintenance of the h/w & s/w environment for the database.

Data Models

- **■** Data Model:
 - **■Data abstraction**: remember (lec. 1)
 - **❖Data Model:** "A set of concepts to describe the structure* of a database, and certain constraints that the database should obey ".
- **■** Data Model basic Operations:
 - ❖Operations for specifying database **retrievals** and **updates** by referring to the concepts of the data model.
 - ♦ Operations on the data model may include basic operations and user-defined operations.

Categories of data models*

- **Conceptual** (High-level, Semantic) data models*:
 - Provide concepts that are close to the way many users perceive data. (Also called *entity-based* or *object-based* data models.)
- **▶ Physical** (Low-level, internal) data models:
 - ❖ Provide concepts that **describe details** of how data is stored in the computer (this category meant for computer specialists, not for end users).
- **Implementation** (representational) data models:
 - ❖ Provide concepts that **fall between the above two**, balancing user views with some computer storage details.
 - * This category include the Widely used relational data model.

Schemas, Instances, and Database State

- **Database Schema**: The "description" of a database. Includes descriptions of the database structure and the constraints that should hold on the database.
 - Schema Diagram: A diagrammatic display of (some aspects of) a database schema.
 - **❖Schema Construct**: A component of the schema or an **object within the schema**, e.g., STUDENT, COURSE.
- Database Instance: The *actual data stored* in a database at a particular moment in time. Also called **database state** (or occurrence).

Schema Diagram*

STUDENT

Name Student_number Class Major

COURSE

Course_name Course_number Credit_hours Department

PREREQUISITE

Course_number | Prerequisite_number

SECTION

Section_identifier | Course_number | Semester | Year | Instructor

GRADE_REPORT

Student_number | Section_identifier | Grade

Database State ①

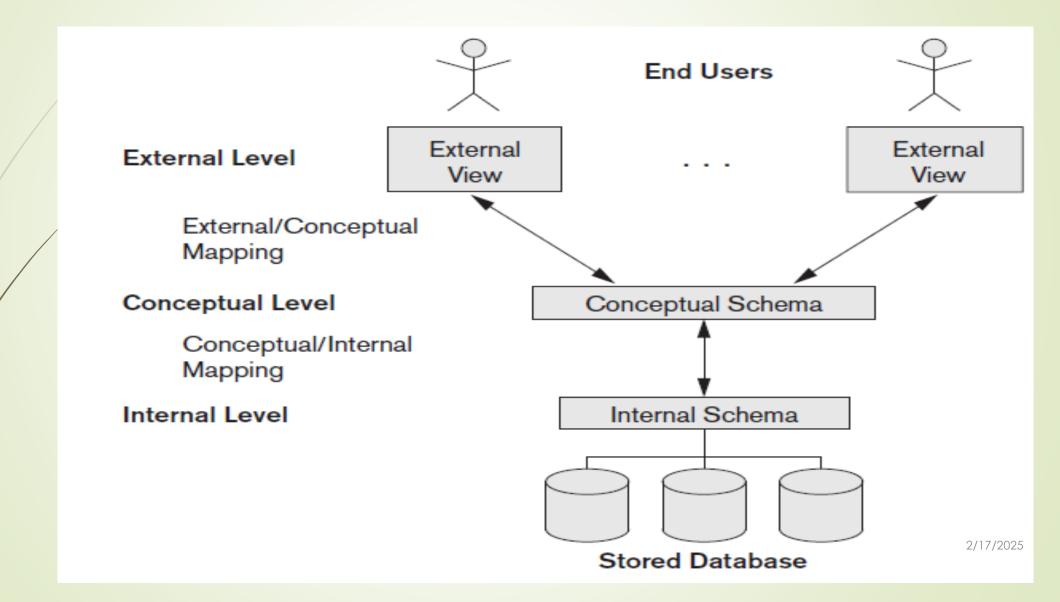
- **Database State**: Refers to the **content** of a database **at a moment** in time.
- **Initial Database State**: Refers to the database when it is loaded.
- **Valid State:** A state that satisfies the structure and constraints of the database.
- Distinction
 - The database **schema** changes very **infrequently** (rarely).
 - The database **state** changes every time the database is updated.
 - **Schema** is also called **intension***, whereas **state** is called extension

Three-Schema Architecture

- The goal of the three-schema architecture, is "to separate the user applications from the physical database"*.
- So, its Proposed to support DBMS characteristics of:
 - Program-data independence.
 - Support of multiple views of the data.

DBMS schemas at three levels ©

- Internal schema: at the internal level
 - *to describe physical storage structures and access paths.
 - Typically uses a physical data model.
- Conceptual schema at the conceptual level:
 - * to describe the structure and constraints for the whole database for a community of users.
 - ❖Its hide details of physical storage.
 - Uses a conceptual or representational data model.
- **External schemas** at the external level (view level):
 - *****to describe the various user views.



Data Independence

- The three-schema architecture can be used to further explain the concept of data independence, which can be defined as "the capacity to change the schema at one level of a database system without having to change the schema at the next higher level". We can define two types of data independence:
 - **Logical Data Independence**: The capacity to **change the** conceptual schema without having to change the external schemas and their application programs*.
 - **Physical Data Independence**: The capacity to **change the** internal schema without having to change the conceptual schema.

DBMS Languages ©

- **Data Definition Language (DDL)**:
 - ❖ Used by the DBA and database designers to specify the conceptual schema of a database.
 - In many DBMSs, the DDL is also used to define internal and external schemas (views).
- **▼ Storage definition language (SDL)**:
 - *used to define internal schemas
- **View definition language (VDL)**:
 - *used to define external schemas(user view)/ and mappings to conceptual schema.
- **Data Manipulation Language (DML)**:
 - ♦ Used to specify database retrievals and updates (insertion, deletion, modification)

DBMS Interfaces

User-friendly interfaces provided by a DBMS may include the following:

- Menu-based, popular for browsing on the web
- Forms-based, designed for naïve users
- Graphics-based (Point and Click, Drag and Drop etc.)
- Natural language: requests in written English or some other lang.
- **Combinations** of the above.
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SQL

What is SQL?

- SQL stands for Structured Query Language.
- ► SQL lets you access and manipulate databases.
- SQL became a standard of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 1986, and of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1987.

What Can SQL do?

- SQL can execute queries against a database.
- SQL can retrieve data from a database.
- SQL can insert records in a database.
- SQL can update records in a database.
- SQL can delete records from a database.
- ► SQL can create new databases.
- SQL can create new tables in a database.
- SQL can create stored procedures in a database.
- SQL can create views in a database.
- SQL can set permissions on tables, procedures, and views.

Is SQL Standard?

- SQL is a Standard BUT....
- ► Although SQL is an ANSI/ISO standard, there are different versions of the SQL language.
- However, to be compliant with the ANSI standard, they all support at least the major commands (such as SELECT, UPDATE, DELETE, INSERT, WHERE) in a similar manner.

Using SQL in Your Web Site

- To build a web site that shows data from a database, you will need:
- An RDBMS database program (i.e., MS Access, SQL Server, MySQL):
 - To use a server-side scripting language, like PHP or ASP.
 - To use SQL to get the data you want.
 - To use HTML / CSS to style the page.

▶ What is RDBMS?

- **RDBMS** stands for Relational Database Management System.
- RDBMS is the basis for SQL, and for all modern database systems such as MS SQL Server, IBM DB2, Oracle, MySQL, and Microsoft Access.
- The data in RDBMS is stored in database objects called tables.
- ► A table is a collection of related data entries, and it consists of columns and rows.

SQL Syntax

Database Tables

- A database most often contains one or more tables.
- Each table is identified by a name (e.g., "Customers" or "Orders").
- Tables contain records (rows) with data.

CustomerID	CustomerName	ContactName	Address	City	PostalCode	Country
1	Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Obere Str. 57	Berlin	12209	Germany
2	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Ana Trujillo	Avda. de la Constitución 2222	México D.F.	05021	Mexico
3	Antonio Moreno Taquería	Antonio Moreno	Mataderos 2312	México D.F.	05023	Mexico
4	Around the Horn	Thomas Hardy	120 Hanover Sq.	London	WA1 1DP	UK
5	Berglunds snabbköp	Christina Berglund	Berguvsvägen 8	Luleå	S-958 22	Sweden

The table above contains five records (one for each customer) and seven columns (CustomerID, CustomerName, ContactName, Address, City, PostalCode, and Country).

SQL Statements

- Most of the actions you need to perform on a database are done with SQL statements.
- The following SQL statement selects all the records in the "Customers" table:
- SELECT * FROM Customers;
- Now, we will teach you all about the different SQL statements.
- Keep in Mind That...
 - > SQL keywords are NOT case sensitive: select is the same as SELECT
- Semicolon after SQL Statements?
 - > Some database systems require a semicolon at the end of each SQL statement.
 - ➤ Semicolon is the standard way to separate each SQL statement in database systems that allow more than one SQL statement to be executed in the same call to the server. 2/17/2025

The Most Important SQL Commands

- **SELECT** extracts data from a database
- **UPDATE** updates data in a database
- **DELETE** deletes data from a database
- **INSERT INTO** inserts new data into a database
- CREATE DATABASE creates a new database
- ► ALTER DATABASE modifies a database
- **CREATE TABLE** creates a new table
- ALTER TABLE modifies a table
- DROP TABLE deletes a table
- CREATE INDEX creates an index (search key)
- DROP INDEX deletes an index



SQL SELECT Statement

- The SELECT statement is used to select data from a database.
- The data returned is stored in a result table, called the result-set.
- **SELECT Syntax**:
 - > SELECT column1, column2, ...
 - FROM table_name;
- Here, column1, column2, ... are the field names of the table you want to select data from.
- > If you want to select all the fields available in the table, use the following syntax:
 - > SELECT * FROM table_name;

SQL SELECT Statement...

example:

- Ex1: write the select statement which select the Customer Name and its City from the "Customers" table
 - > SELECT CustomerName, City FROM Customers;

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Ex2: write the select statement which select all data about Customer stored in "Customers" table

SELECT * FROM Customers;

