



INF115 Lecture 1: *Introduction to Databases*

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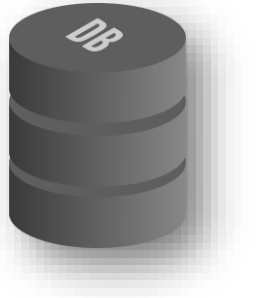
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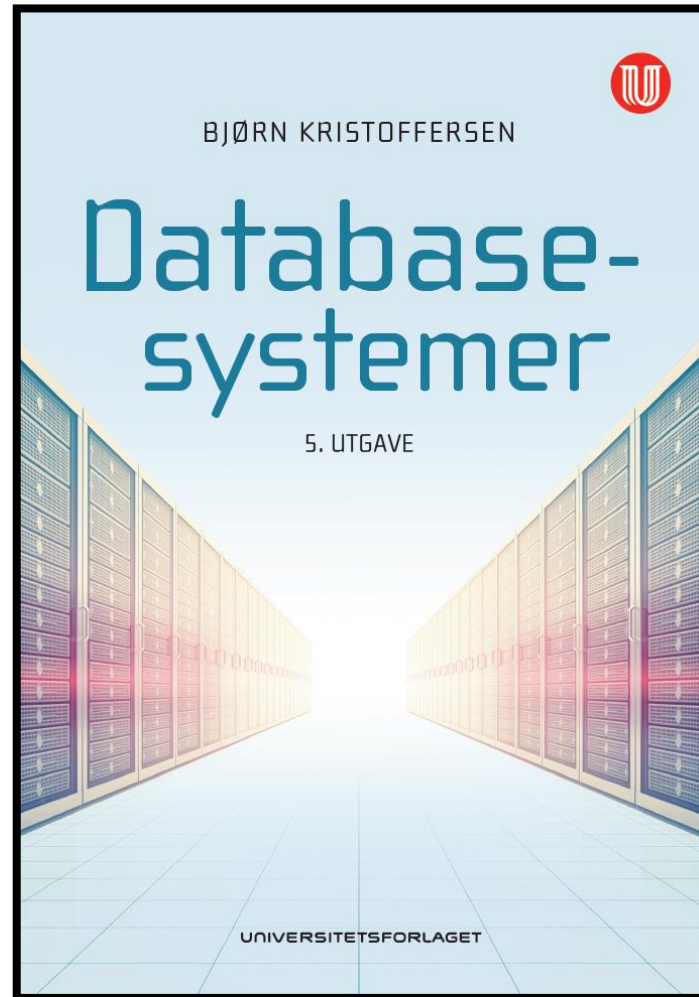
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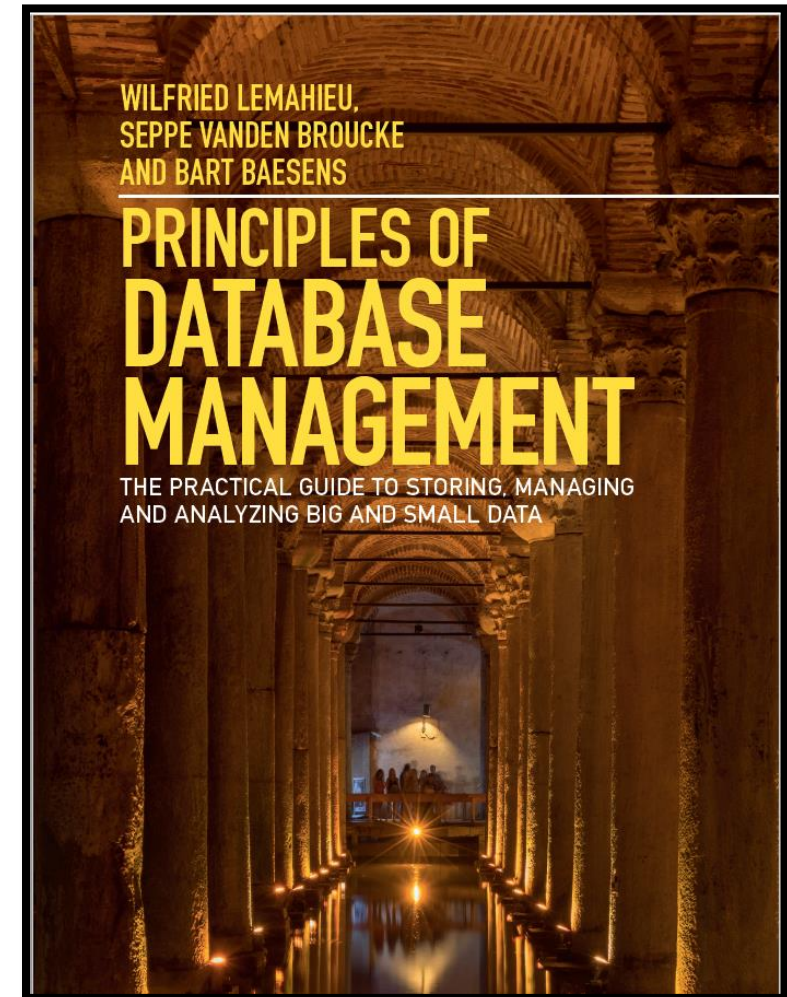
In English:

<https://www.pdbmbook.com/>

- **Both** cover the INF115 course material
- Students can choose the one they prefer



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Lecture Schedule (preliminary)



Lectures
will be recorded

on Tuesdays (14:15 – 16:00)
and Fridays (10:15 to 12:00)

Week	Day	Nr.	Topic
3	18.01.2022	1	Introduksjon
3	21.01.2022	2	Tabeller og enkle spørringer
4	25.01.2022	3	Tabelldefinisjon og Datamanipulering
4	28.01.2022	4	Spørringer mot flere tabeller
5	01.02.2022	5	Avanserte spørreteknikker
5	04.02.2022	6	Relasjonsmodellen
6	08.02.2022	7	Datamodellering med E/R
6	11.02.2022	8	Datamodellering med E/R
7	15.02.2022	9	E/R-diagrammer til tabeller
7	18.02.2022	10	Normalisering
8	22.02.2022	11	Filer og indekser
8	25.02.2022	12	Transaksjoner
9	01.03.2022		(vinterferie)
9	04.03.2022		(vinterferie)

10	08.03.2022	13	Databaseadministrasjon
10	11.03.2022	14	Web-applikasjoner
11	15.03.2022	x	No lecture - På vei uke
11	18.03.2022	15	XML og JSON
12	22.03.2022	16	XML og JSON
12	25.03.2022	17	Via Objekter to NoSQL
13	29.03.2022	18	Via Objekter to NoSQL
13	01.04.2022		
14	05.04.2022	IL	Invited Lecture
14	08.04.2022	IL	Invited Lecture
15	12.04.2022		(Paskeferie)
15	15.04.2022		(Paskeferie)
16	19.04.2022	IL	Invited Lecture
16	22.04.2022	IL	Invited Lecture

Group session schedule

Sessions start on 24th of January:

- 7 groups to happen physically,
- 1 online group.

**You can only attend the group
for which you are registered !
Self-registration from today
on mitt.uib.no**

- Teaching Assistant:

Thomas Stautland

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Group	Day	Time	Place
1	Friday	08:15 - 10:00	online
2	Monday	10:15 - 12:00	A55 ↗ Gr.rom 292 ↗
3	Thursday	10:15 - 12:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom D ↗
4	Friday	14:15 - 16:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom B ↗
5	Wednesday	08:15 - 10:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom D ↗
6	Thursday	14:15 - 16:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom A ↗
7	Wednesday	12:15 - 14:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom C ↗
8	Wednesday	14:15 - 16:00	TM51 ↗ Konf.rom C ↗

Mandatory assignments



- **Three mandatory hand-in assignments,**
- **Due dates** will be announced on <https://mitt.uib.no/courses/33533/announcements>



- Each assignment counts for 10% of the final grade.
- Each assignment must be passed (50%) to be allowed to take the exam.
- You can discuss the assignments in groups,
- but **each student submits their solution individually.**

Exam INF115

3-hour written exam on 30th of May, 30.05.2022.

Note: exam form will depend on regulations.

Exact location and time can be found [\(here\)](#) at a later date.

Be aware that location and time may change up to a few days before the exam!



Software used in the course



Install it now before the first group sessions 😊

- **MySQL Workbench**: visual database design tool :
<https://dev.mysql.com/downloads/workbench/>
- **PHP**: webpage script language
- **XAMPP**: web server stack, **contains MariaDB and PHP**:
<https://www.apachefriends.org/download.html>



- Recommended **E/R Diagram Editors**:
 - LucidChart
 - or MySQL Workbench Diagrams
- Recommended **SQL Stacks**:
 - phpMyAdmin
 - MySQL Workbench

For questions about the software please contact the TA or the student group leaders:

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How to study INF115 **successfully** 😊

- **Attend the lectures live online !**
 - *Ask questions*
 - ***Discuss with your colleagues:*** IRL or on discord 😊
 - *Read the chapters corresponding to the lectures*
- **Attend the study groups !**
 - *Try to answer each question by yourself,*
 - ***Be active during group sessions,***
 - *attend the consultancies for the mandatory assignments !*
- **Study all the topics and problems again during exam preparation**
- **Reach out to us if you have questions !**



Questions on course organization ?

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First Quizz

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Link:

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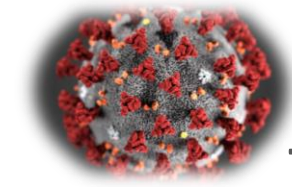
Chapter 1: Learning goals



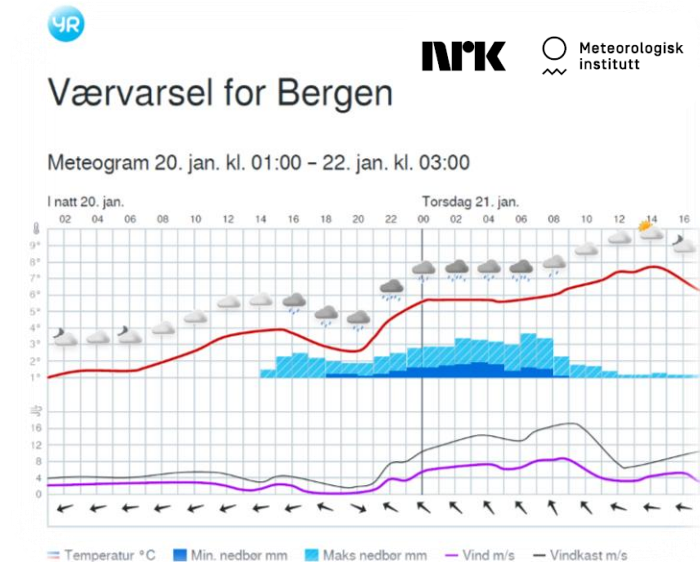
- **Important uses** of database systems
- **Tasks** of a database system
- How to **develop** a database system
- **Important concepts** of database systems
- Understand the principles of **digital representation of data**

Databases are behind many software applications

- **Account management**
- **Cloud computing**, Email, Github ...
- **Health**: Statistics, *Coronavirus test results*, Hospitals, *Genetics* ...
- Banks, **Payment systems**
- **Universities**, Research, Weather forecast, **Machine learning** ...
- Media, **Wikipedia**
- Online services: **government** (tax), banks, stock market, shopping, travel, videos, games ...



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DIKW Pyramid (or hierarchy)

DIKW: Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom

“scientia potestas est” (= knowledge is power)
- Francis Bacon, philosopher (1561–1626)

Reference:

Henry, Nicholas L. (May–June 1974).

"Knowledge Management:

A New Concern for Public Administration".

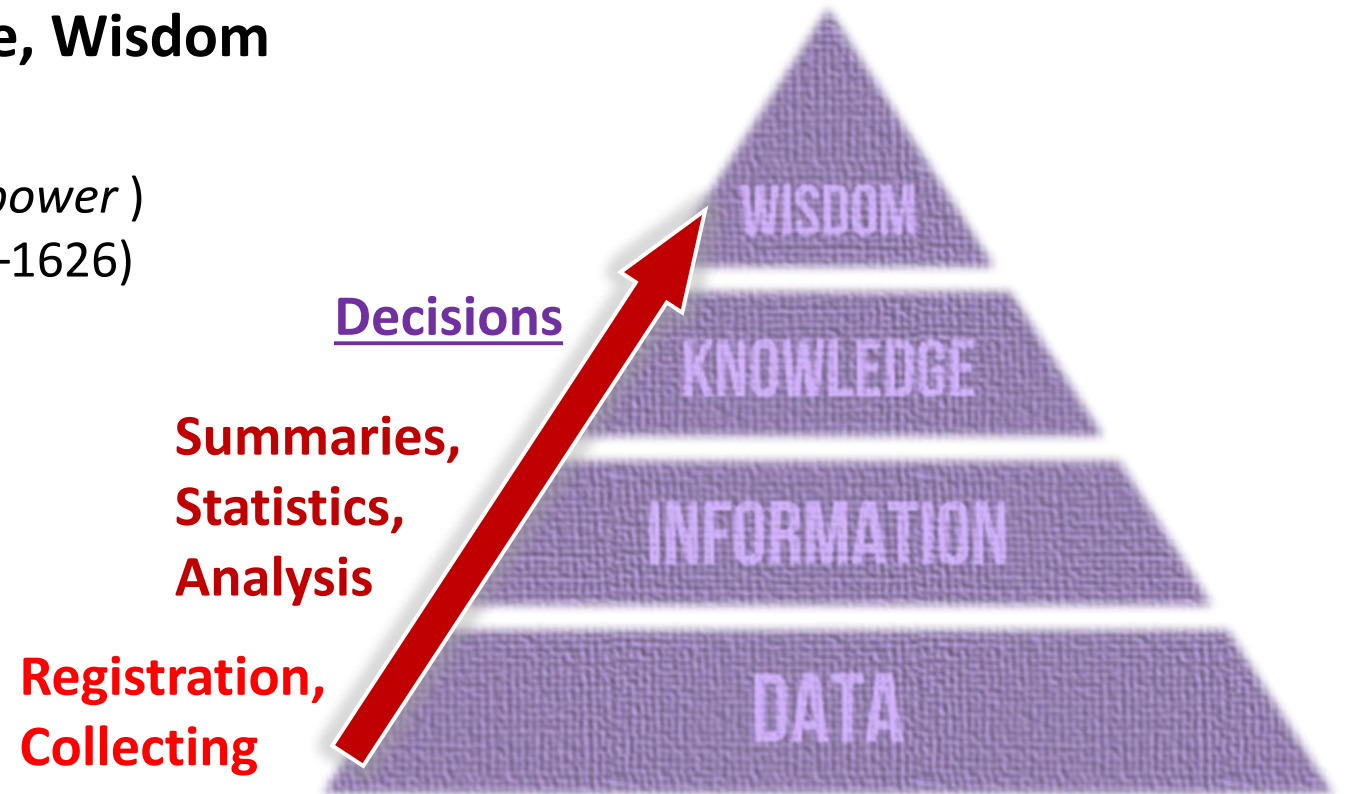
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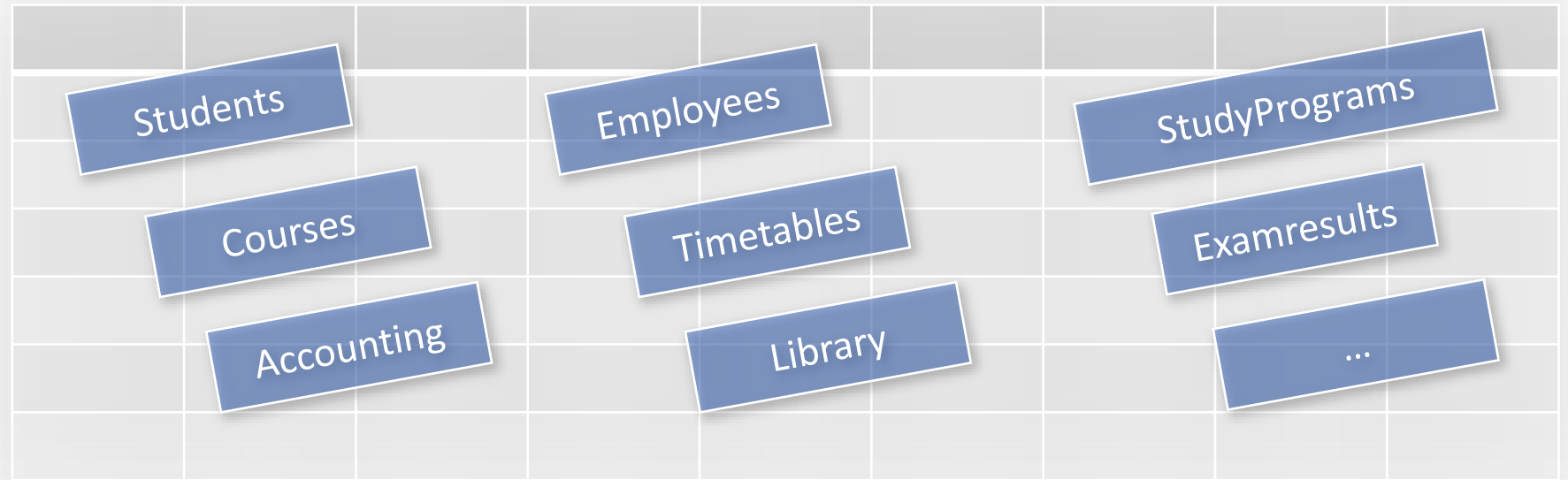
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What is a database ?

Database (DB) = a logically organized collection of data (*information*)

Examples: A university keeps many databases

➤ **every** database can contain **many tables**:

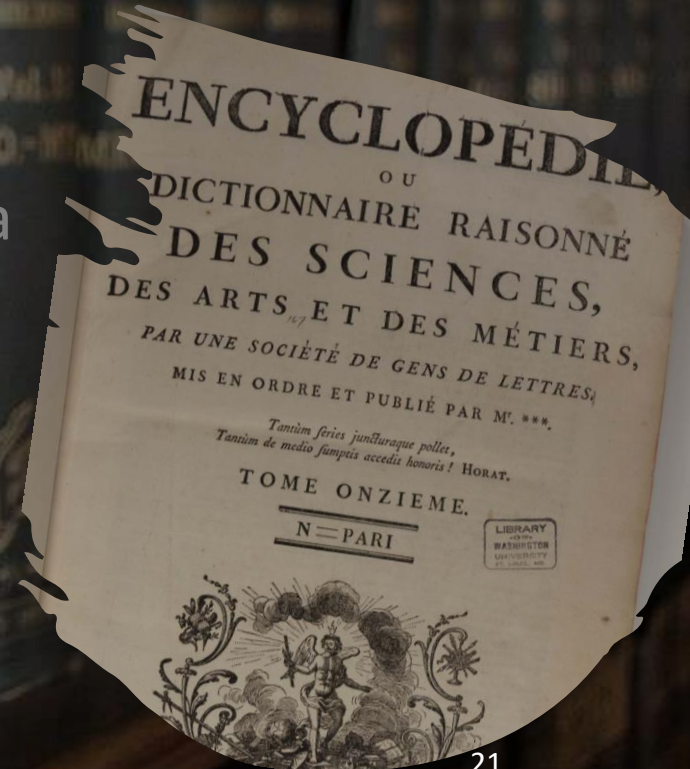


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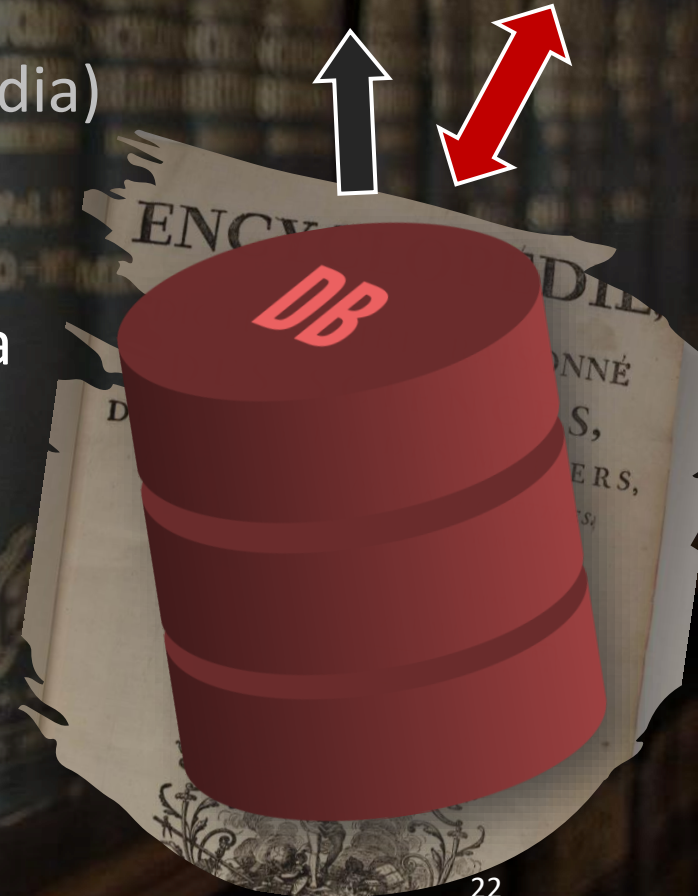
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- Allows to collect & organize data from **many sources** in one system
 - **Create, update, delete** tables and entries
 - Streamline data **curation** and **administration**
- Store & access data **efficiently** (even big data: e.g. Wikipedia)
 - **Queries, indexing, search, references** ...
- Serve the *same data to many users simultaneously*
 - Allow users to **choose an appropriate view** of the data
 - **Security**: control access rights of users
 - Allow access over a **network** (internet or internal)
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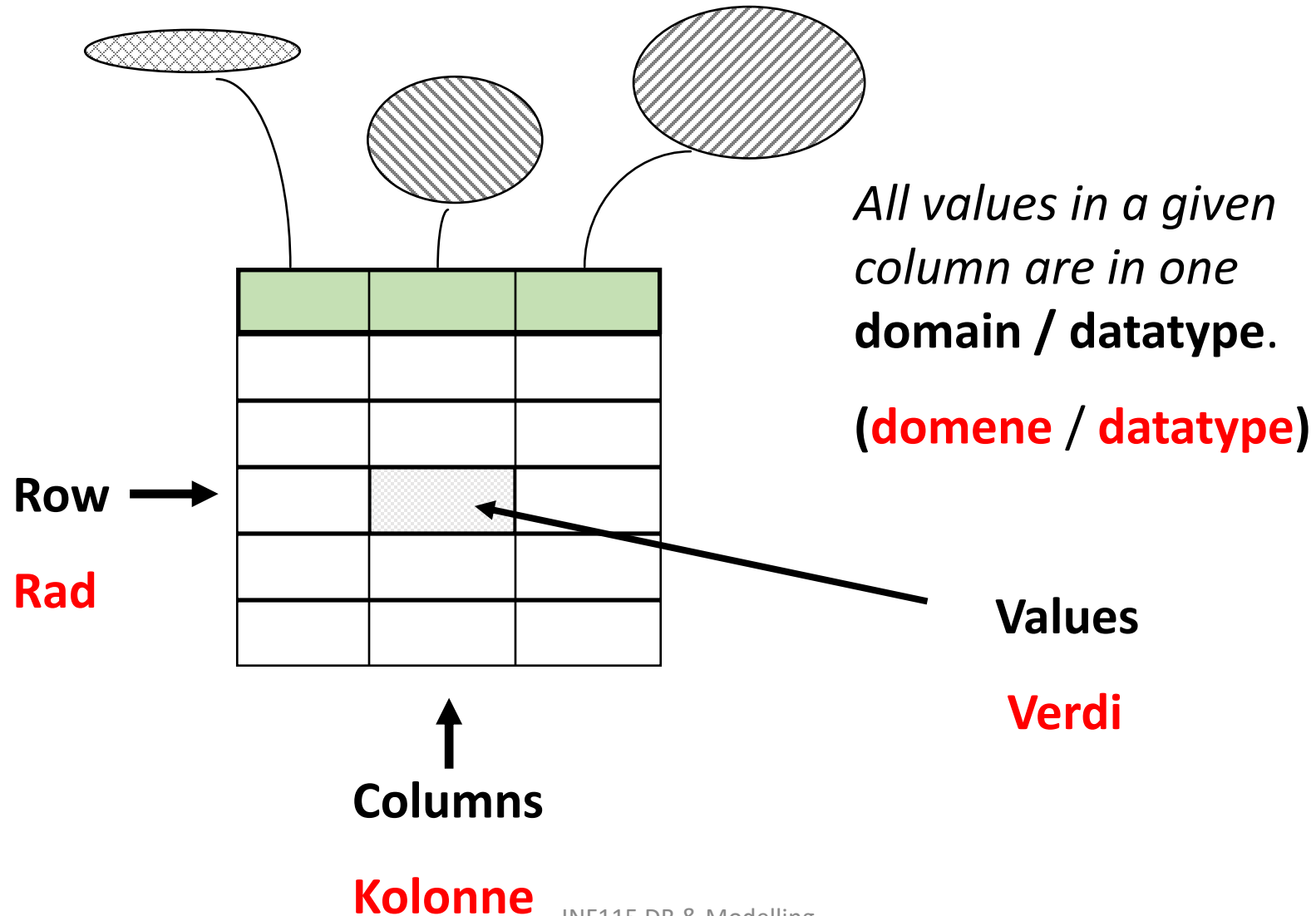


A **database table** is like a spreadsheet, but:

- All **columns** have a (logical) **name**
- All ***values in a given column*** are of the **same type**
- *And a few more restrictions* that we will describe later ...

ElevNr	Fornavn	Etternavn	Fødselsdato	Kjønn
1	Ailin	Liane	09.10.2010	J
2	Gorm	Syrstad	13.05.2010	G
3	Ulf	Borgen	29.08.2010	G
4	Karina	Habbestad	02.12.2010	J
5	Anneli	Karlsen	19.06.2010	J

Database tables



Structured Query Language: SQL queries

```
SELECT Fornavn, Etternavn  
FROM Elev  
WHERE Kjønn = 'J'  
ORDER BY Etternavn
```



Metadata

- **Metadata** are «*data about data*».
- **Metadata** are also **stored in tables**.
- They can be obtained using SQL.

In MySQL metadata is in the *INFORMATION_SCHEMA*.
In other DB systems this is often called *System Catalog*.

Tabell	AntallRader
Kunde	507
Vare	1305
Ordre	5729
...	...

Metadata
=
data om data

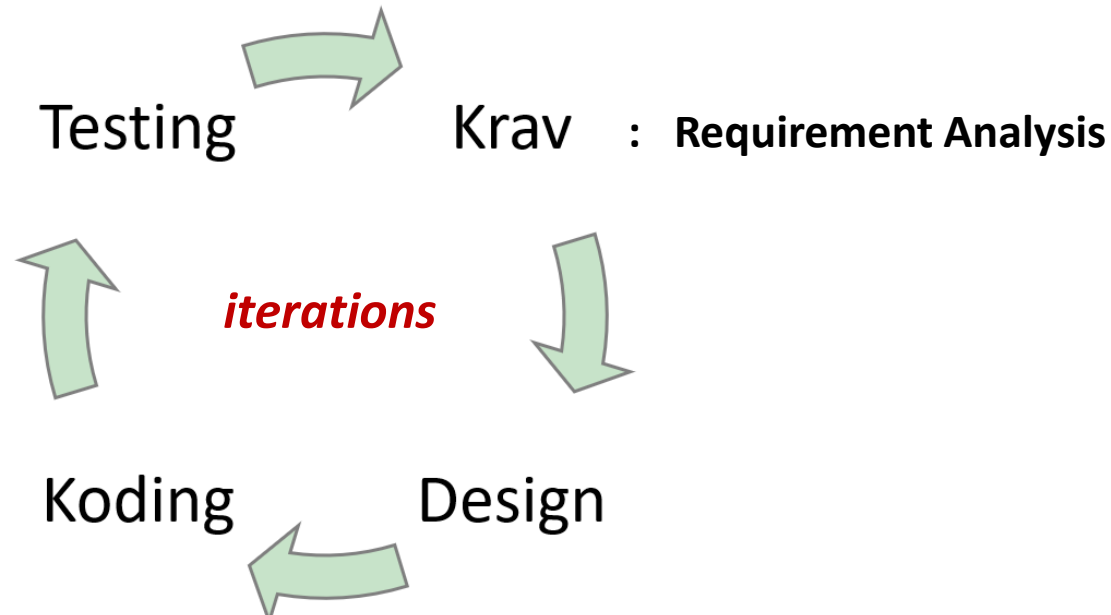
Life cycle of a database system

1. **Preliminary study (Forstudie):** Which **need** for the new system?
2. **Analysis:** **What** shall the system do?
3. **Design:** **How** should the system be **built**?
4. **Implementation:** Make (**programming**) the system!
5. **Testing:** Does it **work** as **expected**?
6. **Production:** **Use** the system!
7. **Maintenance:** Keep it running *for years*!



Agile (**smidig**) method

- **Not strict** on planning and documentation **at the beginning**
- **Iterative** process with many small deliverables
- **Testing & feedback** from users while developing
- Example: **Scrum framework**



Now: 15 minute break
Lecture resumes at 15:10

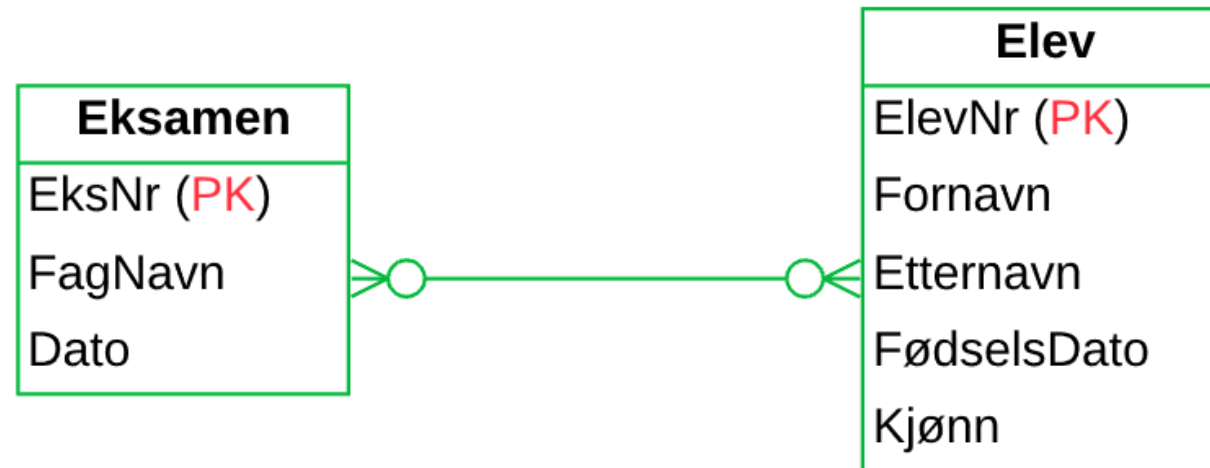
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- DB Tables and SQL
- **Life cycle of a DB** system development

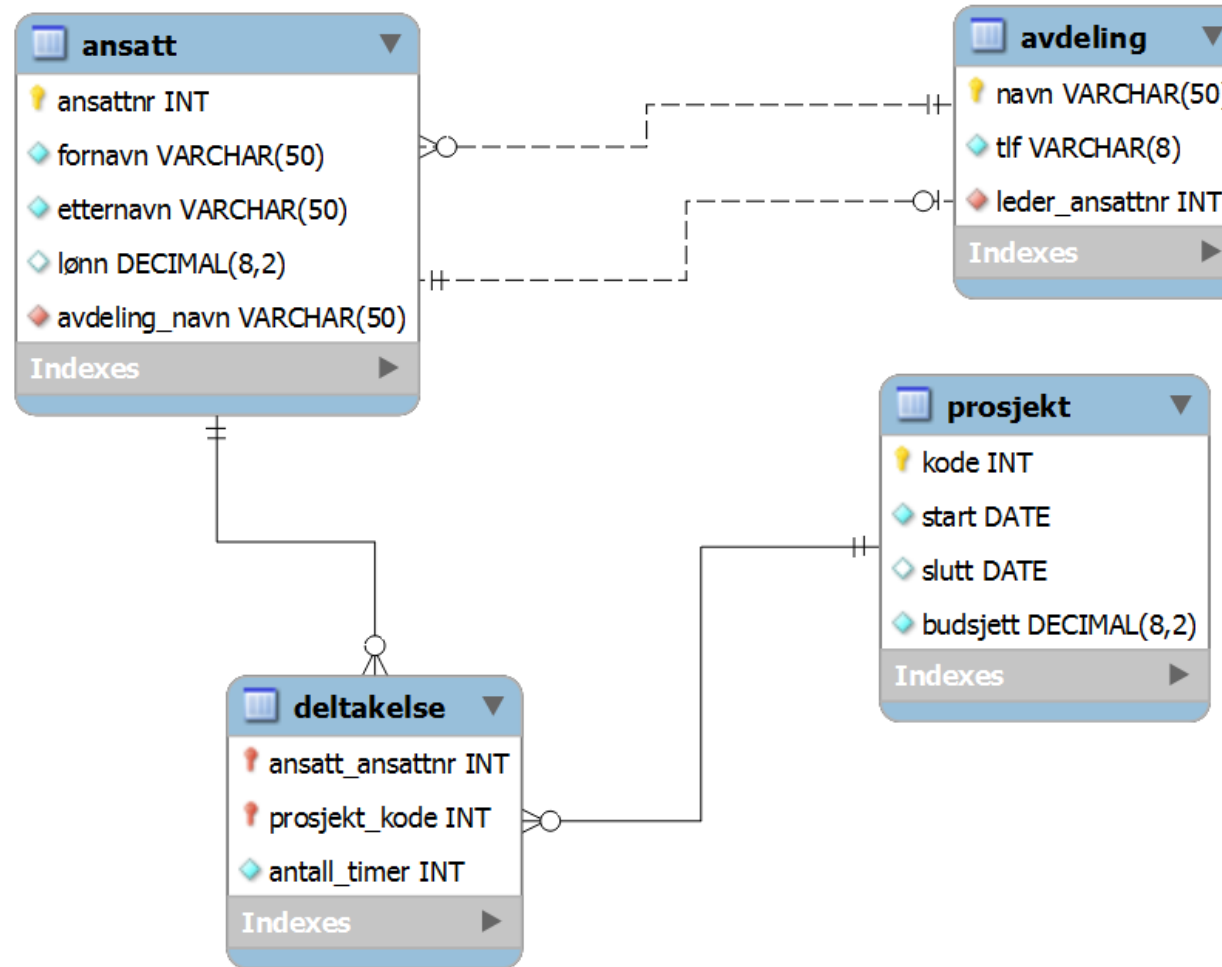


Data models

- **(DB) System development** needs **good planning**.
- Making **models** helps to **understand the system**.
- A **data model** represents the **structure of the database**.



Example from MySQL Workbench



A printout (papirskjema)

Etternavn: Hansen

Fornavn: Hans

Ansatt dato: 23.08.2010

Stilling: Programmerer

Lønn: 525.000

Prosjektdeltakelse siste år:

Prosjektkode	Timer
1002	44
1007	25
1012	10

Quizz on Database Design

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A Few Examples of Database Use Cases

- **Print out** of a table (on paper or on a screen),
- Calculate the **invoice** for an order (e.g. online shopping),
- **Search for results** of hockey matches (in a local league, or for the last week),
- **Find a list** of *Wikipedia* articles containing search terms,
- **Management of access rights** to the database,
- And many more ...

More Examples: Databases and Tables

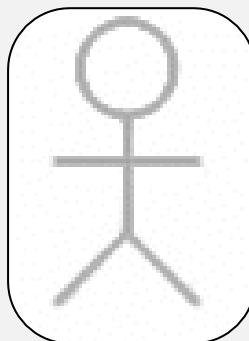
- **Cloud computing**: UserAccounts, Passwords (encrypted), UserData, ...
 - **Email**: Contacts, Inbox, Sent, Labels, Spam ...
 - **Health**: Corona test results, Patients, Medication, Hospitals, Doctors, Appointments, ...
 - **Payment systems**: eID, Cardnumber, PaymentOperations, ...
 - **Wikipedia**: Articles, Pictures, Media, Users, ...
 - **Libraries**: Books, Journals, Articles, Loans, ...
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- (Almost) All **businesses** use databases
 - Many systems must be **operational 24/7** (*critical services*)
 - Databases are part of larger **information processing systems**:
 - Examples: **Accounting** systems, Project **planning** systems, ...



Employees Table (Ansatt)



AnsattNr	Etternavn	Fornavn	AnsattDato	Stilling	Lønn
1	Veum	Varg	01.01.1996	Løpegutt	383 000.00
2	Stein	Trude	10.10.2004	DBA	470 700.00
3	Dudal	Inger-Lise	24.12.2012	Sekretær	499 000.00
4	Hansen	Hans	23.08.2010	Programmerer	525 000.00
5	Bjørnsen	Henrik	01.01.2014	Tekstforfatter	575 000.00
6	Gredelin	Sofie	18.05.2012	Underdirektør	825 850.00
7	Zimmermann	Robert	17.05.1999	Regnskapsfører	575 000.00
8	Nilsen				
11	Fosheim				
13	Lovløs				
16	Ibsen				
17	Fleksnes				
20	Felgen				
23	Karius				
29	Wirkola				



1 rad = 1 ansatt

AnsattNr = 4

Etternavn = Hansen

Fornavn = Hans

AnsattDato = 23.08.2010

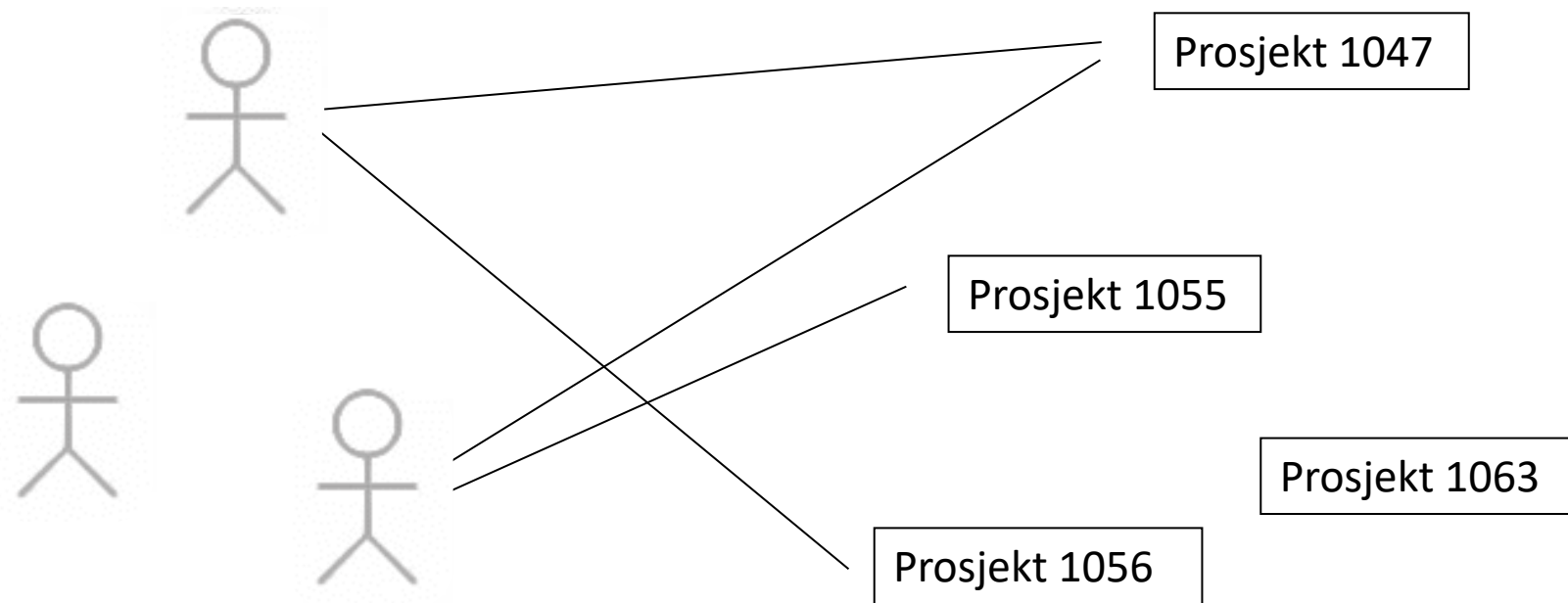
Stilling = Programmerer

Lønn = 525 000

Project Table

ProsjektNr	Budsjett	Leder	Start	Slutt
1001	kr 15 000.00	20	12.01.2019	12.03.2019
1002	kr 750 000.00	8	23.06.2019	23.07.2019
1007	kr 125 000.00	2	12.06.2020	
1009	kr 500 000.00	20	01.01.2020	
1012	kr 10 000.00	4	10.07.2020	
1020	kr 900 000.00	8	23.07.2019	01.09.2019

Employee and Projects

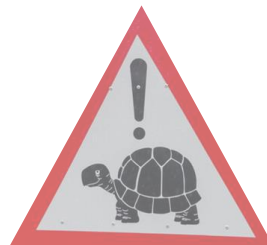


- One employee can participate in **0**, **1** or **many** projects.
- A project can have **0**, **1** or **many** participants.
- Need another table to describe *who* works *where* !

ProjectParticipation Table

*Which employees have worked on which project
– and how many hours ?*

➤ The table represents a **relationship**.



(norsk: **forhold**)

➤ *ProjectParticipation* is a **coupling table**.

(*ProsjektDeltakelse* er en **koblingstabell**.)

ProsjektNr	AnsattNr	AntTimer
1001	1	12
1002	4	44
1002	8	20
1002	13	125
1002	20	2
1007	4	25
1007	11	20
1009	2	5
1009	17	10
1009	20	23
1012	4	10
1020	1	20
1020	8	35
1020	17	125

Missing values

- **NULL** can be used to indicate that some values are **missing** in a table (e.g. the *Project* table).
- They occur **because**:
 - We forgot to register data.
 - We do not know the correct value.
 - It is not meaningful to register a value in this field
- **NULL** is **not** a value.
- *NULL can cause problems ! So be careful !*

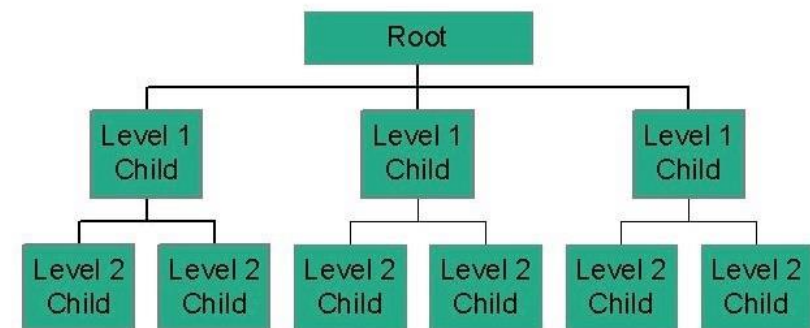


Relational database = « Table database »

- A **table** can be seen as a mathematical **relation** (**relasjon**).
- A **relational database** (**relasjonsdatabase**)
is a collection of tables (relations).

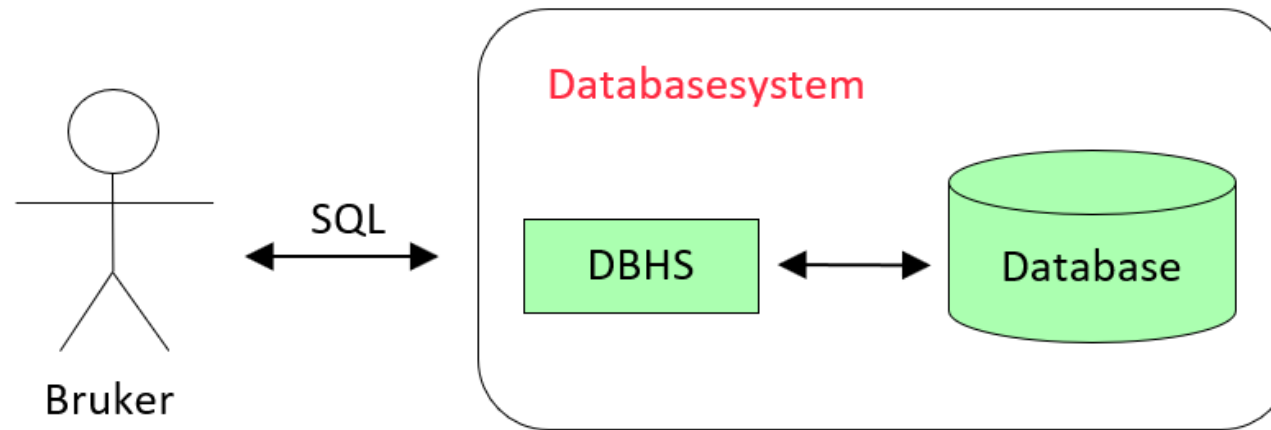
- Other types of databases:
 - Hierarchical databases
 - Network databases
 - Object oriented databases
 - **Object-relational databases**
 - Logical databases
 - **NoSQL databases**

Hierarchical database model



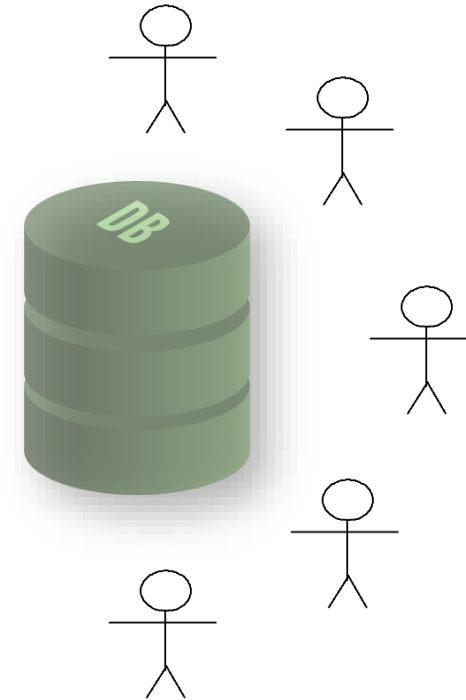
Database system = *DBMS* + database

- DBMS = **D**ata **B**ase **M**anagement **S**ystem
- DBHS = **D**ata**B**ase**H**åndterings**S**ystem
- Examples: **MySQL**, **MariaDB**, Access, Oracle, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, ...
- **SQL** = language to interact with a database via a DBMS



Tasks for a database system

- **Store large** amounts of **structured data** over **long time** in a **secure** manner.
- **Find** data **quickly** and **accurately**.
- Serve **many** users **simultaneously**:
 - Define user access rights (read or write).
 - Allow access over a network.
- **Robustly** manage **failures** such as crashed disks and electricity cuts.
- **Communicate** with other programs.



Database clients in a network

- A database is a **shared** resource.
- Client/server architecture: **many clients** are connected to **one server** via the network.



Database Applications

- Many interact with databases via an application.

The screenshot shows a web application window titled 'Ordre'. It contains a form for order details and a table of products.

Ordreskjema

Order details form:

- OrdreNr: 20505
- SendtDato: 25.08.2019
- OrdreDato: 20.08.2019
- BetaltDato: 14.09.2019
- Kunde: 5022
- Torgrim
- Østbø

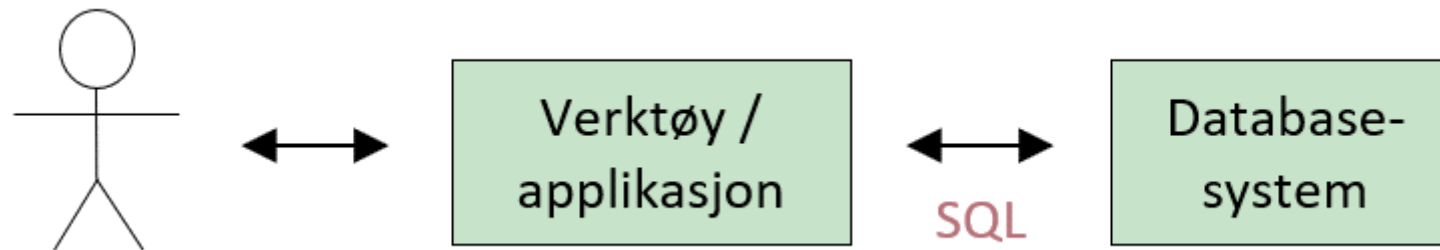
Produkter på ordre

VNr	Betegnelse	PrisPrEnhet	Antall	Beløp
10830	Nisseskjegg, 30 cm	kr 33,90	1	kr 33,90
22055	Bensinkanne 5 ltr., grønn	kr 246,50	1	kr 246,50
41020	Hobbyleire terrakotta, 1 kg	kr 108,50	5	kr 542,50
65060	Strandtennis	kr 53,50	1	kr 53,50
77033	Japanbarlind	kr 125,50	5	kr 627,50
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Database Users and Tools / Applications

- **Applications & tools** form an additional **layer** **between** the **user** and the **database**.
- Applications & tools ***communicate*** with the DB **using SQL**.
- The **enduser** does not need to know SQL.
- DBA: database **administrator** can be different from the **developer**.



5 minutes breakout rooms:

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- A table **Users** with columns:
UserNumber, UserName, TableName, ReadAccess, WriteAccess.
- A GUI where one can add users and set values.

User Number	User Name	Table Name	Read Access	Write Access



DBAccessRights

User	Table	Read	Write
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="CANCEL"/>		<input type="button" value="SAVE"/>	

Representation of Data in Computers

1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
...

- All values in a table are represented as **numbers** which can be **represented using 0s and 1s**.

- A **row** of a database table can be stored as a ***sequence of values***.

- A **database table** can be stored as a ***sequence of rows***.



AnsNr	Fornavn	Etternavn
11	Varg	Veum
12	Ada	Lovløs
13	Jon	Nymann

Quizz on Data Representation

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- DBS enable us to **store & access data efficiently and reliably**.
- DBS are part of **information processing systems**.
- A DB may contain **incomplete data**, some values may be missing.
- A DB should **not** contain errors or contradictions.



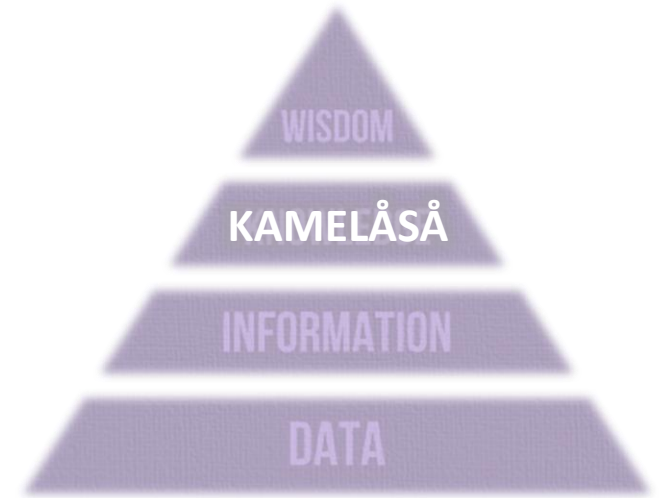
Summary: Chapter 1 – Introduction (Part 2)

- Databases are **behind many software applications and tools**.
- DBMS = **Data Base Management System**
- **SQL** = language to interact with a database via a DBMS
- A **data model** represents the **structure of the database**.
- A DB may contain **incomplete data**, because some values may be missing.
- **Data representation:**
 - **Memory** (RAM and disk) store **sequences of numbers**.
 - A **computer stores values as numbers** encoded as 0s and 1s.
 - A **table** is stored as a **sequence of values**.





Questions ?



- **Next lecture on Friday**

21.01.2022 (10:15 – 12:00)



INF115 Lecture 1: *Representation of Data*

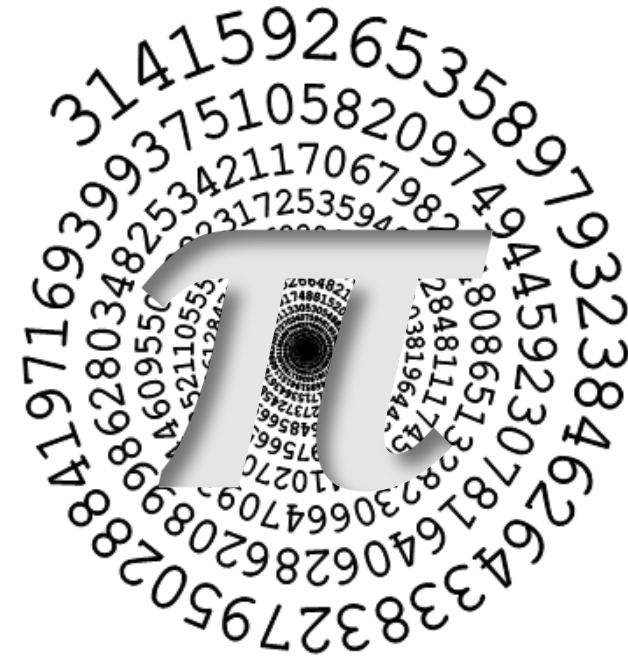
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Representation of Data in Computers

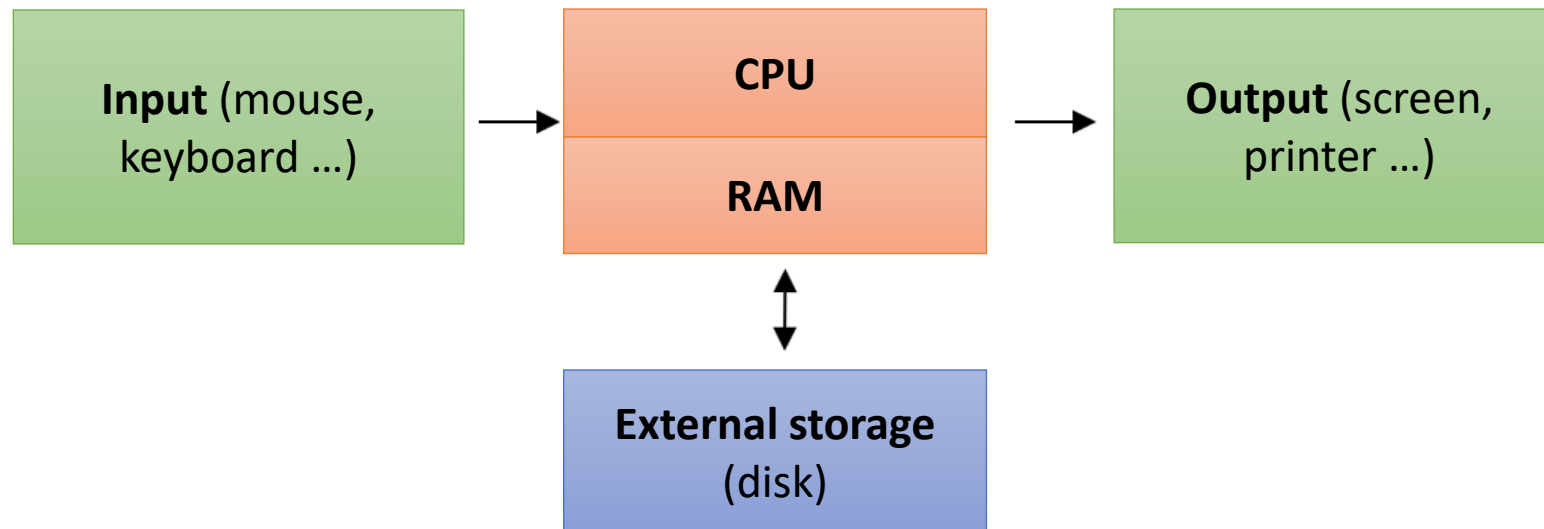
1. How do **computers** work ?
2. **Representation of numbers**
3. **Representation of text**
4. **Representation of tables**



How do computers work ?

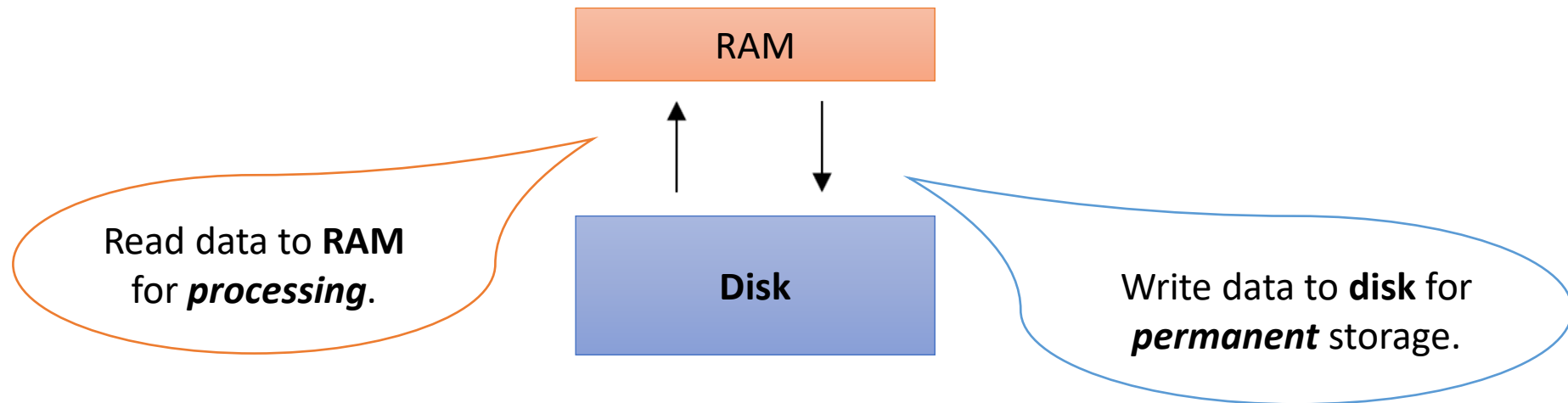
The physical **details** of a **computer** are **complex** (gates, transistors...). Let's consider **a simplified but useful model**.

➤ A computer can **store data** and **execute programs**.



Disk and RAM

- Random access memory (**RAM**, hurtigminnet)
is **much faster** than the disk.
- The data in the RAM is **lost when** the machine is **turned off** !



Bits and Bytes



A simplified model of *storage media*:

Both **disk** and **RAM** contain **numbered sequences of bytes**.

- 1 **byte** = 8 **bits** in either 0 or 1 state.
- *Every bit can store 2 different values.*
- 2 bits can store $2^2 = 4$ values.
- ...
- **8 bits** can store $2^8 = 256$ values.

1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
...

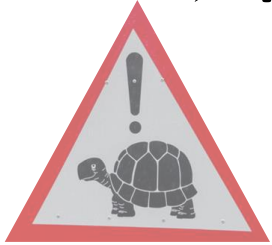
Units to measure data size

SI Unit:	Value:		Binary Unit:	Value:
Måleenhet	Verdi	IT-bruk	Binær måleenhet	Verdi
kilobyte (kB)	10 ³	2 ¹⁰	kibibyte (KiB)	2 ¹⁰
megabyte (MB)	10 ⁶	2 ²⁰	mebibyte (MiB)	2 ²⁰
gigabyte (GB)	10 ⁹	2 ³⁰	gibibyte (GiB)	2 ³⁰
terabyte (TB)	10 ¹²	2 ⁴⁰	tebibyte (TiB)	2 ⁴⁰
petabyte (PB)	10 ¹⁵	2 ⁵⁰	pebibyte (PiB)	2 ⁵⁰
exabyte (EB)	10 ¹⁸	2 ⁶⁰	exbibyte (EiB)	2 ⁶⁰
zettabyte (ZB)	10 ²¹	2 ⁷⁰	zebibyte (ZiB)	2 ⁷⁰
yottabyte (YB)	10 ²⁴	2 ⁸⁰	yobibyte (YiB)	2 ⁸⁰

Representing Numbers

Integer numbers (or integers):

- 1 byte = **256 *different* patterns of bits**
- 1 byte can be interpreted as an **integer** in [0..255]
- 2 bytes can be interpreted as a **integer** in [0.. 65 535]
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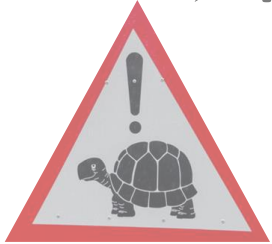


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Every **decimal number** (or float) can be **represented as two integers**:

- **For example:** the number 486.229 can be written as 0.486229×10^3 .
- Which can be represented as the integers 486229 and 3.
- The **same method** can be used **for all decimal numbers**.

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Representing Text

A **character encoding** assigns one number to every symbol.

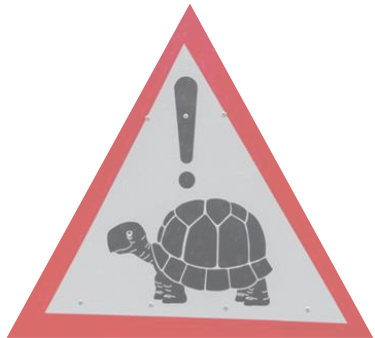
➤ *Letters, digits, special symbols* can thus be **represented as numbers** !

With 2 bytes we can represent 65 536 symbols.

➤ A **string of characters** is a **sequence of symbols**.

ASCII and **Unicode** are two examples of **character encodings**.

Tegn	Kode	Tegn	Kode
A	65	æ	145
Z	90	Æ	146
a	97	!	33
z	122	=	61
0	60	?	63
9	71	@	64
...



From 0 and 1 to database tables

Every cell in a database table contains a **value**:

- **Integer** numbers: 1, 2, 3 ...
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- **All values are represented as numbers** which can be represented using **0s and 1s** (as we just saw).
- A **row** of a database table can be stored as a ***sequence of values***.
- A **database table** can be stored as a ***sequence of rows*** ...

A database table:

AnsNr	Fornavn	Etternavn
11	Varg	Veum
12	Ada	Lovløs
13	Jon	Nymann

A possible physical organization in memory:

Memory address

value

1024

11

1025

V

1026

A

1027

r

1028

g

...

...

1045

V

1046

e

1047

u

1048

m

...

...

1085

12

...

...

Rad 1 starter på
adresse 1024.

AnsNr	Fornavn	Etternavn
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Rad 2 starter på
adresse 1085.

Quizz on Data Representation

Please answer the practice quizz on mitt.uib now 😊
(you can take it again later if you want)

Link:

➤ <https://mitt.uib.no/courses/33533/quizzes>