



# Database Systems

## Introduction



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# AGENDA

- **Introduction**
- What is data?
- How to store data?
- Where are they stored?
- Who have access to what?
- **Logistics for the course**



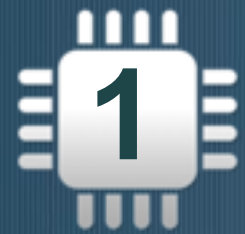


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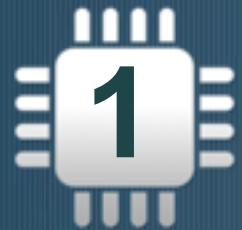
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## INTRODUCTION



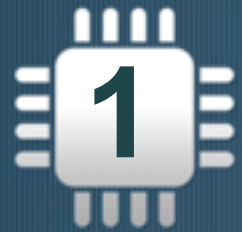
## COURSE OUTLINE

- Overview, Set Theory Terminologies
- Data Modeling
- Transaction Processing
- Networked Database Systems



## Lecture Divisions

Week Number	Topics
Week 1	Introduction
2	Relational Model
3	SQL
4	E-R Model
5	Database Design
6	Data Serialization, XML
7	Data Storage and Query
8-9	Transaction
10-11	System Architectures
12-13	Networked Databases
14-15	Product Demonstration



## 1 WHAT IS DATA?

- Digital Information only
- Represented as bits

### EXAMPLE

An application familiar to Industrial Engineers

24 hours worth of commercial flight data in the US

# NASA Alex Bayen 2005

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# Tsinghua IE Database 2008

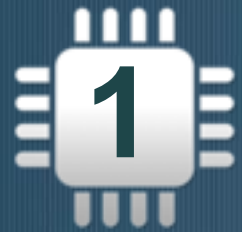
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## A Pattern of Database Apps

- The MVC Pattern
- Model/View/Controller
- Modularized Software Development
- Easier than you might imagine
  - With proper tools and disciplines



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### EXAMPLE

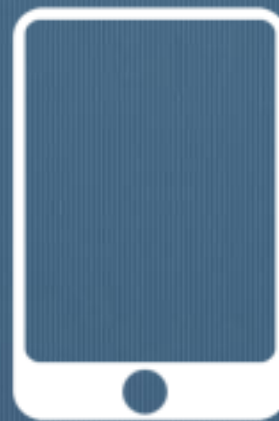
If you were to record every moment  
in your life...

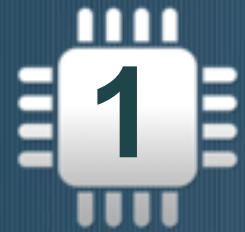
Prof. Deb Roy's talk on TED.COM



## WHERE TO STORE DATA?

- Devices
- Mobility
- Performance
- Networks





## 1 WHERE TO STORE DATA

- Online, Offline, Synchronization?
- Different strategies

### EXAMPLE



Dropbox



Evernote



Wordpress

## 1 Cloud storage?

- A folder that refreshes itself automatically
- A transparent service

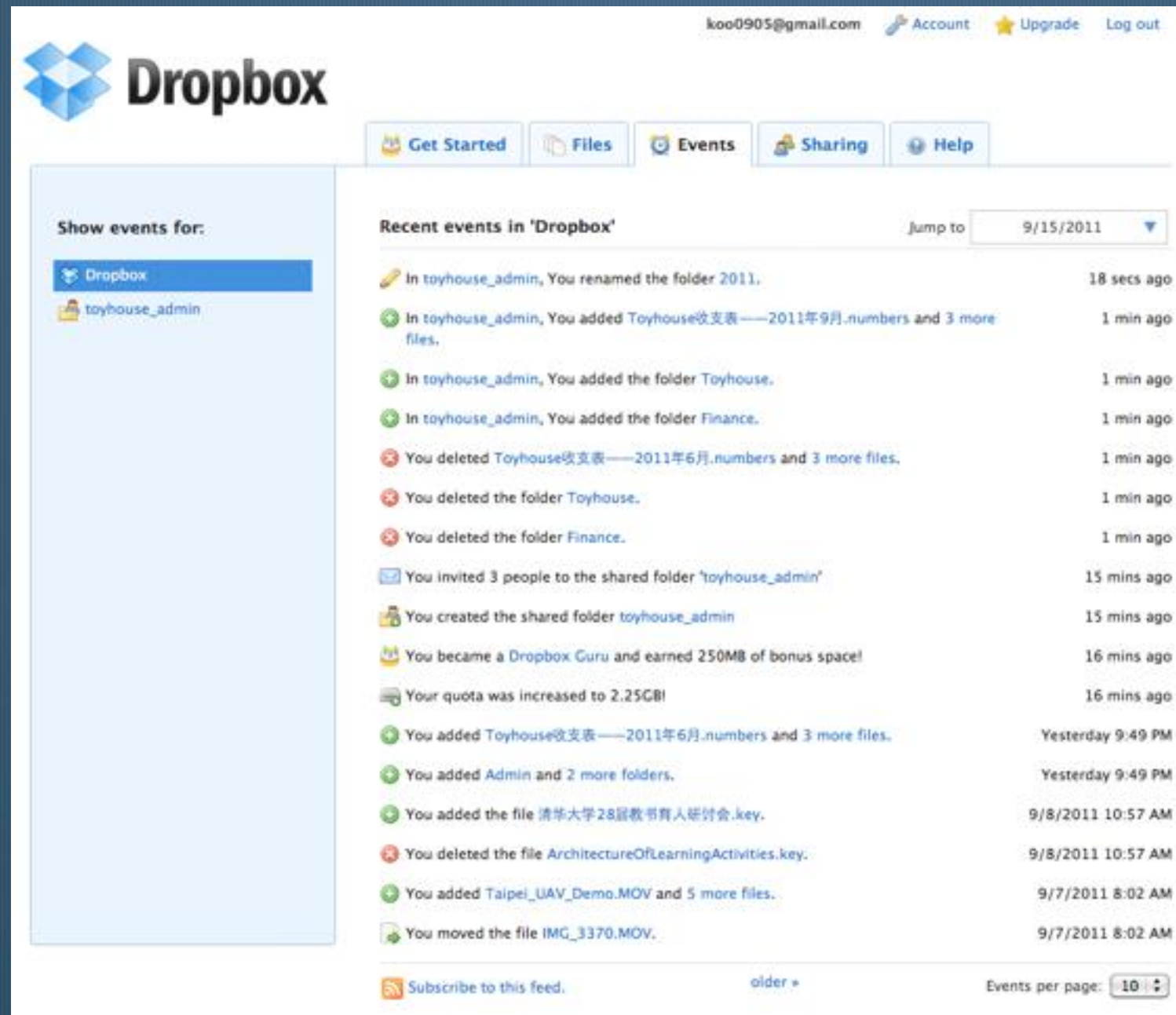
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Dropbox



- Dropbox Screen shot



## 1 Where else to store DATA?

- If you want to take notes on the go...
- Video notes, location of events, words

### EXAMPLE



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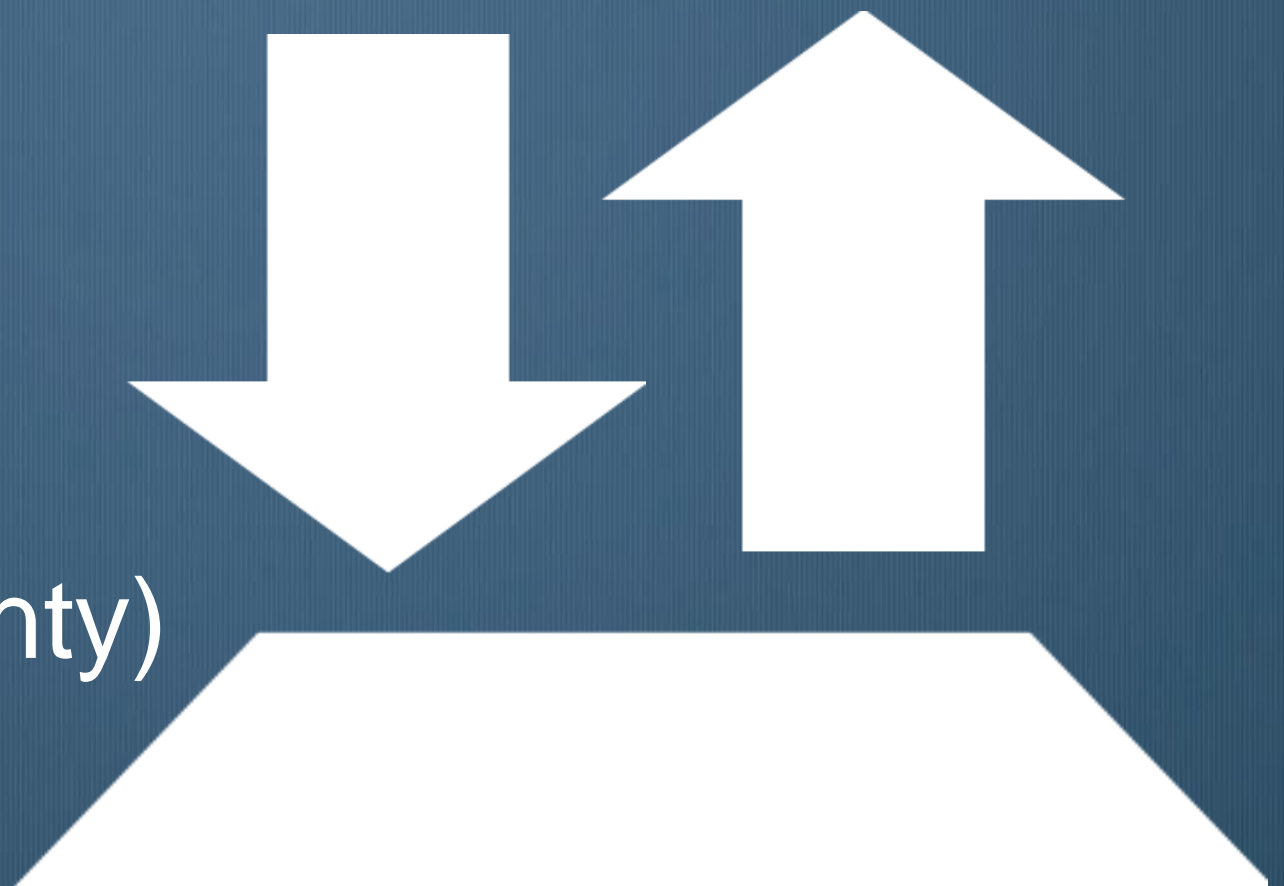
An interesting way to store everything in the “Cloud”...





## 2 HOW TO STORE/RETRIEVE DATA?

- Space
- Time
- Reliability (Uncertainty)





## 4 WHO HAVE ACCESS?

- Ownership of data
- Security





## System Correctness

- Safety: Nothing bad happens
- Liveness: Do something good/useful
  - Representable as logical values (yes/no)



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## LOGISTICS OF THE COURSE



## 1 LOGISTICS

- Home work assignments
- Term Projects
- Grading Policies



## Term Project

- Each team pick a weekly topic: Say “Data Modeling”
- Develop a functional database program
- Proposal, Midterm, Final written reports
- Incrementally, create a 20 min video lecture
- Report weekly progress on Toyhouse blog





## A DEMONSTRATION

- A typical element of a term project
- Using WordPress as a platform for travel management
- Use video notes to present the final product





## 3 RESOURCES

- MAMP and XAMP
- For Mac and PC
- WordPress 3.3.4+
- Mathematica 8.0.4
- A lot of existing data





## 4 TERM PROJECT

- A product/service that uses database for group learning
- All groups works on one big system
  - Each group works on one aspect of the system
  - Or just a feature to the system
  - Example: A plug-in for WordPress



## HOME WORK

- Weekly blog entries
- Team Project
- Proposal,
- Midterm Report,
- Final Report
- Product Demo





## A sample video lecture

- Product Features
- Usage Context
- Issues Addressed
- Design Schemes, Data Models
- Applications



## 4 TERM PROJECT PROPOSAL

- A project proposal:



**WATCH VIDEO**



# Proposal in video form

- Team FanFood
- Project of Global Manufacturing Strategies

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## A THEME FOR THIS TERM

- Manage data about your own learning activities
- Class notes, videos, images, ...
- Blog Entries
- Relevant Electronic Papers/Books
- Social Network Contact Info





## 6 GRADING POLICIES

- Personal Blog Entries 25%
- Team Project Reports 25%
- Product Demonstrations 30%
- Team Spirits 20%
- Working with other teams/schools

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## 6 A Personal Journey of Growth

- Mr. Zhang Lu Hang
  - Currently 3rd year student at Ningbo Polytechnic
  - Majored in Mechanical Engineering
  - Age 20

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# September, 2010

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# November through December, 2010





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## 6 Q and A