

Introduction to Database Systems

CSci 150 - Fundamentals of Database Systems

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Course Outcome

Describe data and database concepts.



Learning Outcomes

- Identify and explain the concepts about data and databases.
- Identify and explain the users, characteristics, and applications of databases.



Outline:

- File Systems
- Database Systems
- Database Management Systems
 - DBMS Characteristics
 - DBMS ACID Properties
 - Evolution of DBMS (pre-1960s to present)
 - DBMS Types
- Database Applications



Database Designer

Responsible for designing the structure and layout of a database based on the requirements.



Database Administrator

Responsible for the management, maintenance, and performance of an organization's databases.



File Systems



What is Data?

It refers to raw, unprocessed facts, figures, symbols, or its representations, it may convey no meaning by its own.

When one or more data is transformed, interpreted, and contextualized, it becomes **information**.



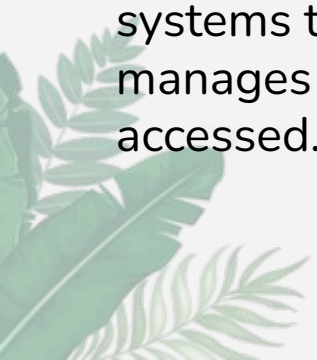




What is a File System?

It is a systematic method of categorizing, arranging, and storing of items for easy organization and retrieval.

It is now more closely associated to computerized systems that refers to the software and structure that manages how digital data is organized, stored, and accessed.

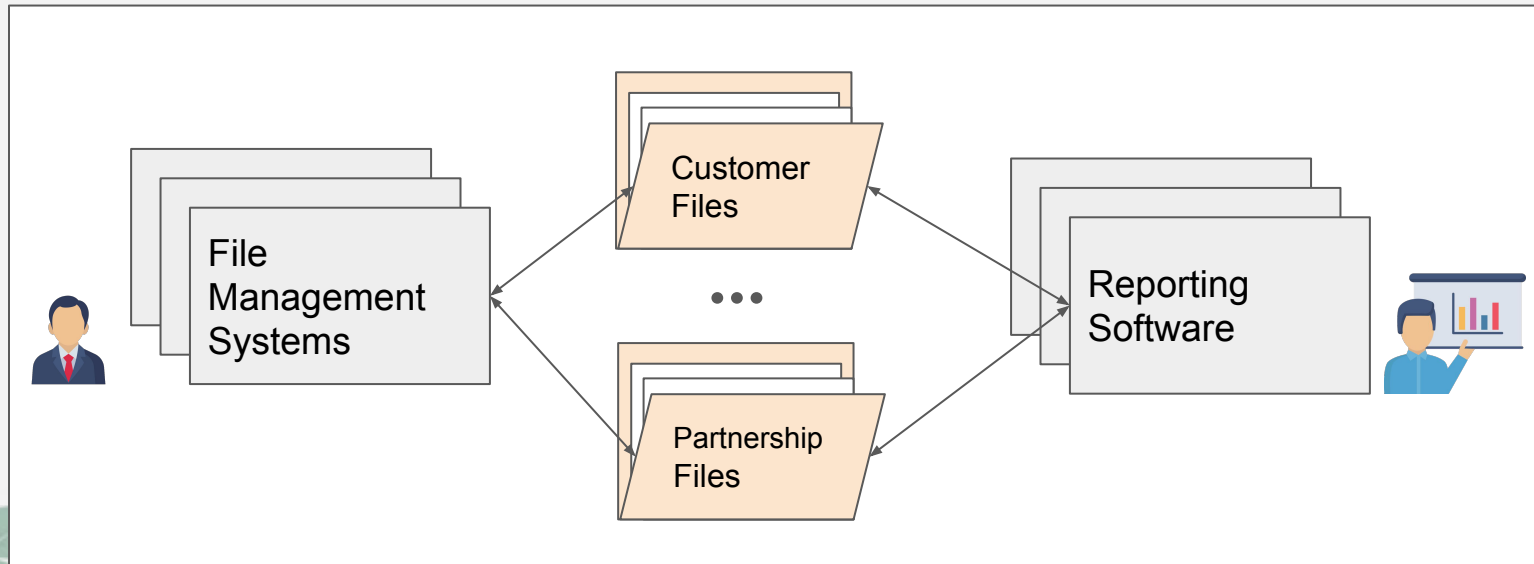


Different File Systems

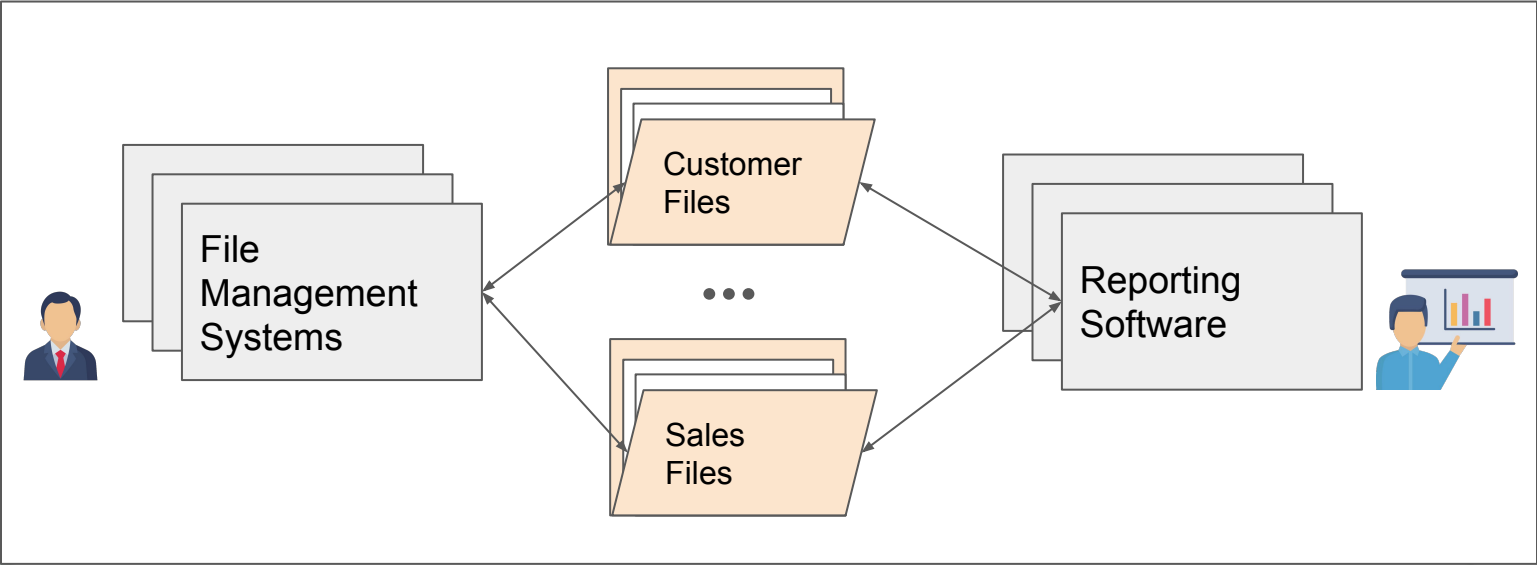
- File Allocation Table 32 (FAT32)
- New Technology File System (NTFS)
- Extended File Allocation Table (exFAT)
- Universal Disk Format (UDF)
- Apple File System (APFS)
- B-tree File System (btrfs)



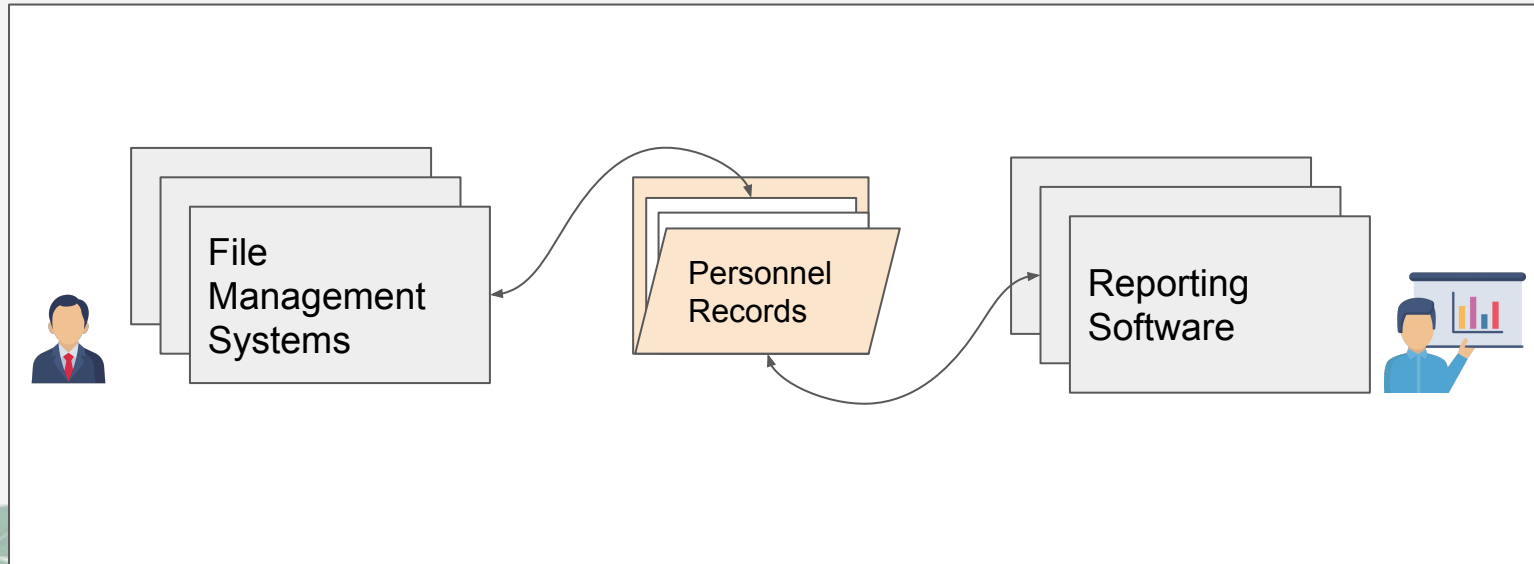
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Sales Department



Personnel Department



Disadvantages

- Extensive programming
- Complex development process
- Complex system administration
- Slow information retrieval
- Limited data sharing
- Lack of security



Database Systems

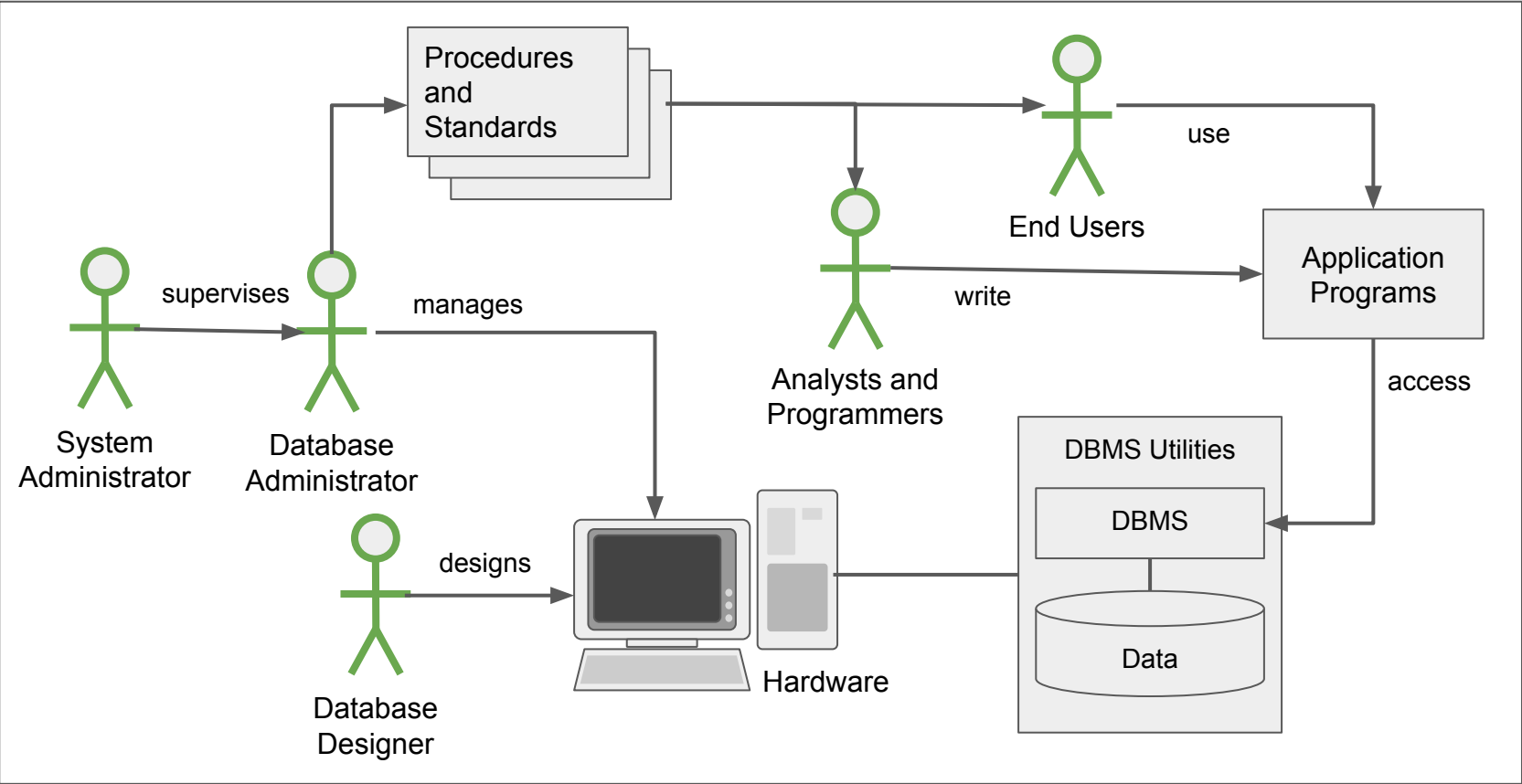


What is a Database System?

It is a computerized system that aims to organize and manage structured data and make that it available on demand.

Examples

- Computerized personnel records system
- Distributed version control system
- Digital data repository



Major Parts

1. Hardware

2. Software

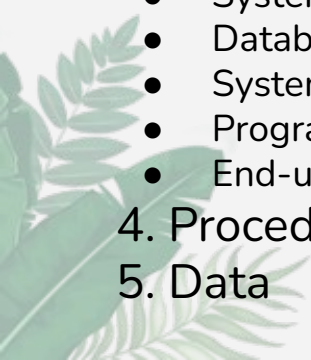
- Operating System
- Database Management System
- Application programs

3. People

- System and DB Administrators
- Database Designers
- Systems Analysts
- Programmers
- End-users

4. Procedures

5. Data



Database Management Systems



What is a Database?

It is a structured and organized collection of end-user data and its metadata stored centrally, allowing management, retrieval, and manipulation.



Advantage #1: Reduced Data Redundancy

A well-designed database system aims to store data only once while ensuring that it's accessible whenever needed, preventing inefficiencies, increased storage requirements, and data inconsistency.



Advantage #2: Data Integrity

It ensures that the data stored is accurate, consistent, and reliable through various constraints, validation rules, and other mechanisms that prevent unauthorized modifications.



Advantage #3: Data Independence

It allows changes to the structure of the database or to the physical storage without directly affecting how data is accessed by an application or a system.



Advantage #4: Data Security

It protects the data from unauthorized access, tampering, or theft through authentication, authorization, and encryption.



Advantage #5: Data Consistency

It ensures that data remains accurate and valid across the database through transactional mechanisms.



Advantage #6: Ease of Use

Allows interaction with the data without the need to understand the underlying complexities of data storage and retrieval.



Advantage #7: Less Storage

Different techniques such as normalization and compression help reduce storage requirements while maintaining data integrity resulting to optimized storage compared to traditional file-based approaches.



Disadvantages

- Costs
- Complexity
- Compatibility
- Vulnerability
- Lack of lower level control



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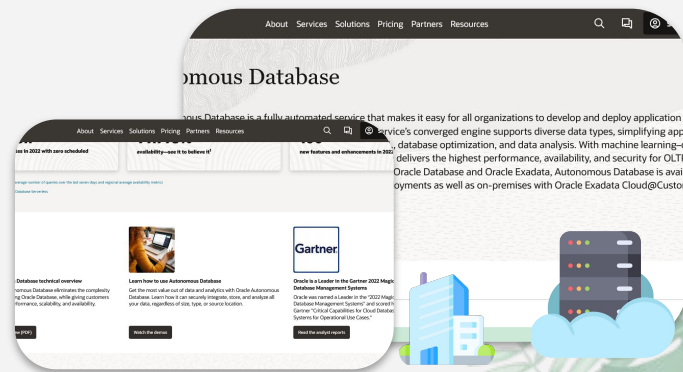


Oracle Database

A proprietary, multi-model DMBS widely used in large enterprises for mission-critical applications.



<https://www.oracle.com/autonomous-database/>



MySQL

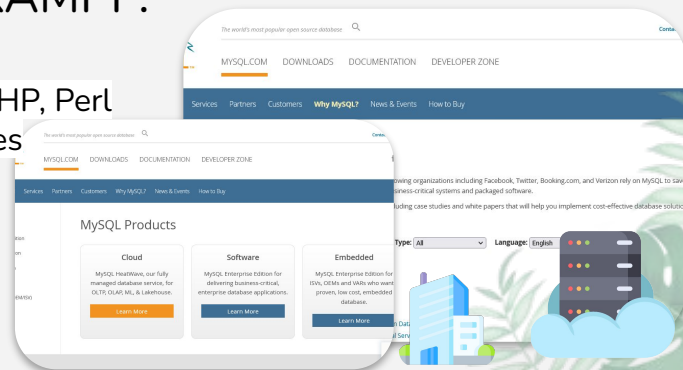
An open-source rDBMS popularly used with smaller-scale web applications.

MySQL is popular with the PHP programming language, and previously supported by XAMPP.

XAMPP = Cross-platform, Apache, MySQL, PHP, Perl
Forked with MariaDB, due to proprietary issues



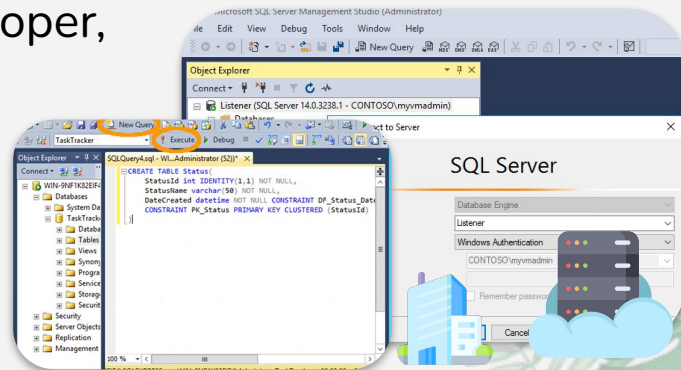
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Microsoft SQL Server

An rDBMS developed by Microsoft, common in Windows platforms and is widely used in large and mid-scale enterprises.

It is available in express, developer, standard, enterprise, and other editions.



PostgreSQL

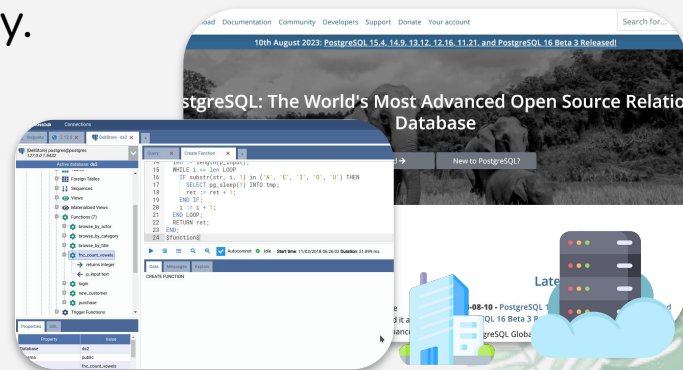
Better known as Postgres is an open-source rDBMS advanced features, extensibility, and compliance to SQL standards.

It is popular across the industry.



PostgreSQL

<https://www.postgresql.org/>



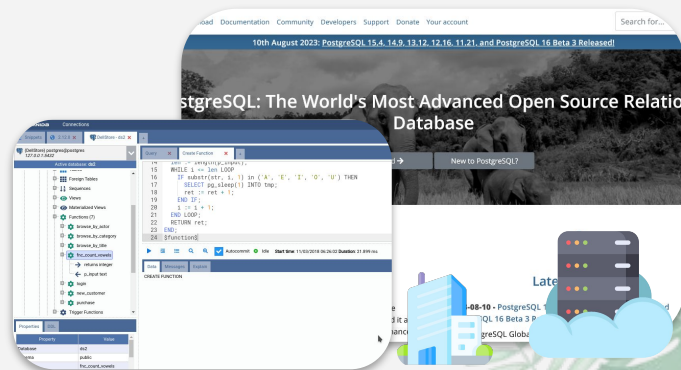
SQLite

A cross-platform, lightweight, open-source, serverless, and self-contained rDBMS that supports a subset of SQL and can be accessed directly through various programming languages.

It is popular embedded database used in mobile and desktop apps.



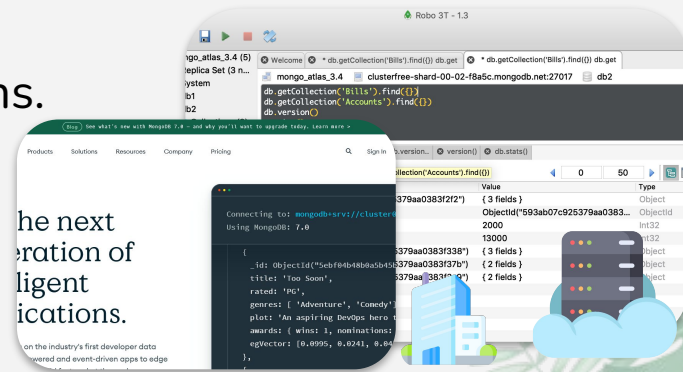
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MongoDB

An open-source NoSQL DBMS designed to handle large volumes of unstructured and semi-structured data, stored JSON-like documents in flexible schemas.

It is popular in web applications.



Other DBMS

- IBM Db2 proprietary data management products
- Cassandra NoSQL, distributed data
- Couchbase NoSQL, distributed data
- Elasticsearch NoSQL, near real-time
- Amazon DynamoDB NoSQL, AWS-managed



Function #1: Data Dictionary Management

It can manage the metadata about the structure and organization of the database such as the information about data types, table relationships, constraints, and indices.



Function #2: Data Storage Management

It abstracts the complexities of the logical and physical storage while ensuring optimal storage and performance.



Function #3: Data Integrity Management

It enforces various constraints to ensure that the data adheres to the predefined rules to maintain accuracy and consistency.



Function #4: Data Transformation

It allows transformation and presentation of raw data into various supported visualizations that are meaningful to the users.



Function #5: Security Management

It ensures a restrictive access to stored data through various authentication, authorization, and encryption mechanisms.

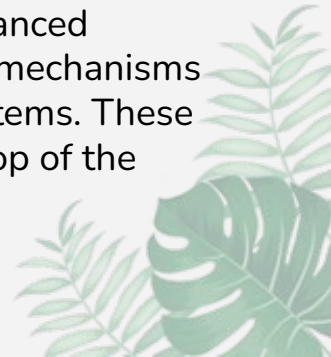
NOTE: Industry-grade DBMSs offer different methods of network and storage level encryptions to secure data from malicious access and during transmission between clients and the database server.



Function #6: Multi-user Access Control

It can handle concurrent access from multiple applications and users to the the same database, through locking mechanisms when different users try to modify data simultaneously.

NOTE: Systems with high traffic loads may implement more advanced architectures and algorithms including serialization and rollback mechanisms to improve scalability, such as in airline booking and banking systems. These mechanisms are typically implemented on the system level, on top of the DBMS functionalities.



Function #7: Backup and Recovery

It facilitates database backup and recovery mechanisms as protection against hardware failures, software glitches, civil unrest, calamities, and other unforeseen events.

NOTE: In order to allow *Business Continuity* during unforeseen events, large organizations employ continual research and the development of protocols that may help to minimize financial loss and operational disruption.



Function #8: DB Communication Interfaces

DBMS developers or vendors provide standard drivers and APIs to allow clients to seamlessly communicate between database servers.

Examples

- Open Database Connectivity (ODBC)
- Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)
- Object Linking and Embedding Database (OLE DB)
- Representational State Transfer APIs (REST)
- Native DB Drivers



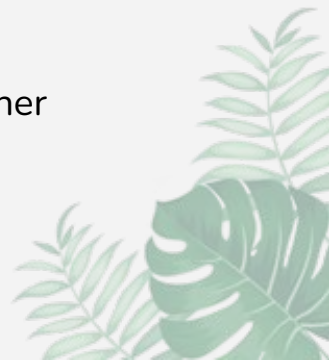
Function #9: DB Access Languages and APIs

DBMS provides an interface to programmatically communicate with and manipulate databases.

Categories of Operations

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)

NOTE: SQL is one of the popular language used in DBMS, but other open-source and proprietary languages and SQL variants exists.



ACID Properties



Atomicity

Each transaction is a single unit of work, when an operation fails, the transaction itself fails.



Consistency

A valid data remains valid during and after a transaction, and after one state to another.



Isolation

The operations of a transactions do not interfere with the other concurrent transactions, until the first one is completed.



Durability

Successful transactions are guaranteed to be permanent even with system failures, crashes, or power outages.

Evolution of DBMS

pre-1960s



File
Systems

1960s



Hierarchical
& Network
Models

1970s
1980s



Relational
& SQL
DBMS

1990s



ORMs

Distributed &
Client-Server
Architectures

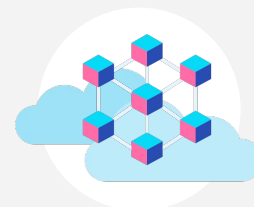
Data
Warehousing
& OLAP

2000s



NoSQL

2010s



Cloud-native &
Serverless

Blockchains

DBMS #1 Relational Databases

RDBMS is an ACID-compliant DBMS that supports SQL and structured data, making it suitable for well-defined schemas, transactional requirements, and complex queries.

Examples: MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL, Microsoft SQL Server, SQLite



DBMS #2 NoSQL

Not only SQL is a class of DBMS that supports dynamic and flexible schema and different data models, it aims for high availability and horizontal scalability, making it suitable for applications with evolving data structures, high write loads, and distributed systems.

Examples: MongoDB, Redis

DBMS #3 Graph

It supports Graph structures, excelling in modeling and powerful querying traversals and analyses of complex relationships of data, making it suitable for social network analysis, recommendation systems, and fraud detection.

Examples: Neo4j, Amazon Neptune

DBMS Other Types

- **Columnar** Apache Cassandra, HBase
- **Time-series** InfluxDB, TimescaleDB
- **In-memory** Redis, Memcached
- **NewSQL** Google Spanner, CockroachDB
- **Multi-model** ArangoDB, Couchbase
- **Distributed** Apache Cassandra, Amazon DynamoDB
- **Cloud** Amazon RDS, Azure SQL Database



Major Applications of DBMS



Business and Finance

Businesses use databases in mission-critical Transaction Processing, Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and Accounting and Financial Management systems.



Healthcare



Databases help healthcare and medical professionals perform informed decisions and precise diagnostics through Electronic Health Records and Clinical Decision Support systems.



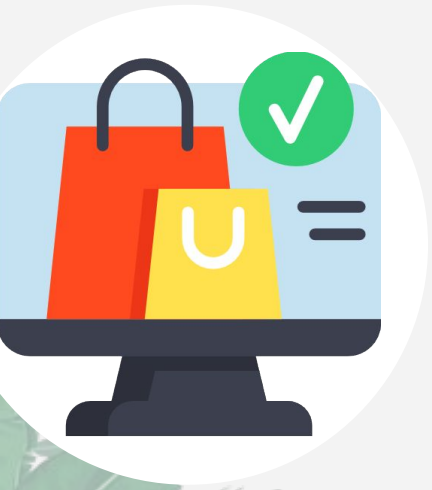
Education



Different specialized Learning Management Systems (LMS) and Student Information Systems allow institutions to manage interactive educational experiences and academic history.



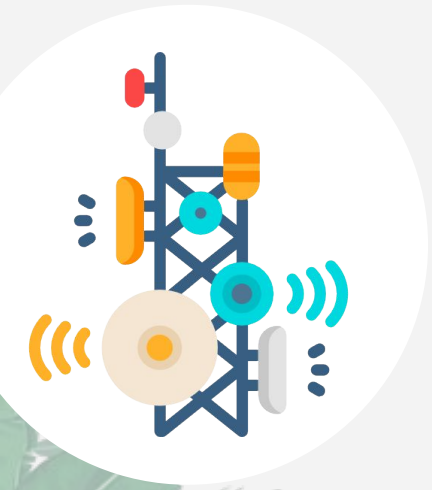
E-commerce



Databases allows on-demand and real-time interaction between businesses and customers through online Order and Inventory Management and custom-tailored product catalogs.

Telecommunications

People and communities worldwide become interconnected through up-to-date Network and Subscriber Management Systems that manage both its infrastructure and its stakeholders data.



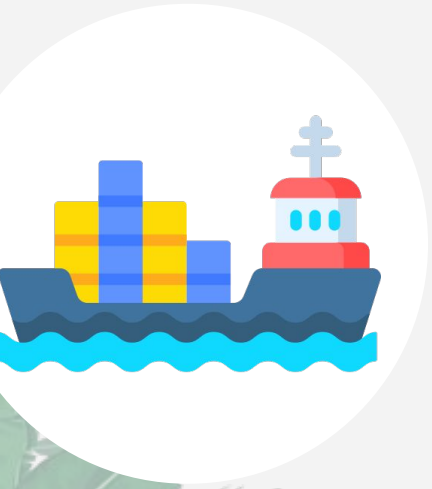
Government and Public Services

Government operations are now becoming more transparent and optimized through the digitalization of Public Records and Law Enforcement.



Logistics and Supply Chain

The interconnected operations of national and transnational industries are optimized through Inventory and Warehouse Management and Route Optimization systems.



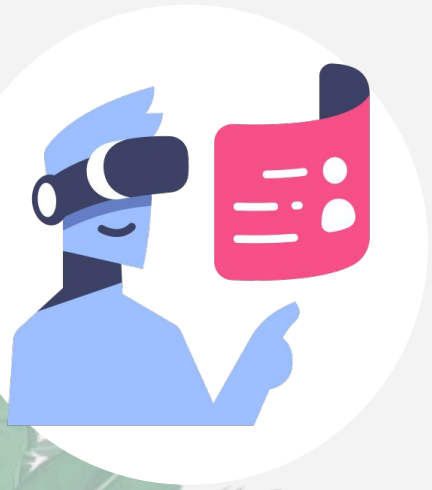
Scientific Research

Databases promote scientific breakthroughs and innovations through online scientific archives, Data Analysis and Simulation, and Genomics and Bioinformatics.



Media and Entertainment

Digital media and entertainment portals proliferate through the highly-available Content Management Systems (CMS) and automated Digital Rights Management.



Energy and Utilities

Utility companies optimize operations through the implementation of Smart Grids and Asset Management systems.



Summary

- A file-based approach is prone to inefficiency redundancy.
- A database system includes HW, SW, people, procedure, and data.
- A database is a collection of a structured of data, designed to support efficient data storage, retrieval and maintenance.
- A DBMS is software that facilities the creation, organization, and management of databases, including features such as data storage, retrieval, manipulation, integrity, and security.





Questions?



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Thank You!

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