







Database Systems Lecture 4



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DFD Example, Schema and Subschemas and Data Independence





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- Buses come to a garage for repairs.
- A mechanic and helper perform the repair, record the reason for the repair and record the total cost of all parts used on a Shop Repair Order.
- Information on labor, parts and repair outcome is used for billing by the Accounting Department, parts monitoring by the inventory management computer system and a performance review by the supervisor.





DFD Example: Bus Garage Repairs (cont'd)

- External Entities: Bus, Mechanic, Helper, Supervisor, Inventory Management System, Accounting Department, etc.
- Key process ("the system"): performing repairs and storing information related to repairs
- Processes:
 - Record Bus ID and reason for repair
 - Determine parts needed
 - Perform repair
 - Calculate parts extended and total cost
 - Record labor hours, cost





DFD Example: Bus Garage Repairs (cont'd)

Data stores:

- Personnel file
- Repairs file
- Bus master list
- Parts list

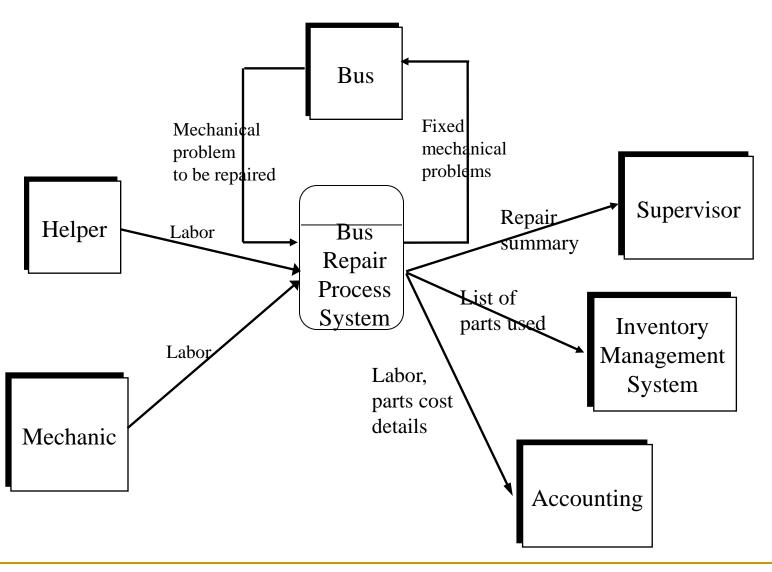
Data flows:

- Repair order
- Bus record
- Parts record
- Employee timecard
- Invoices





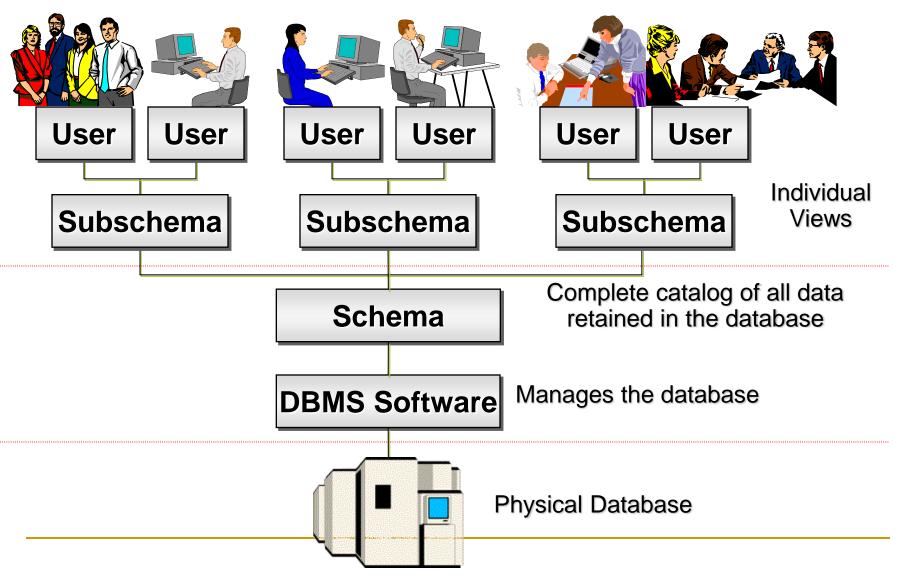
Bus Garage Context Diagram



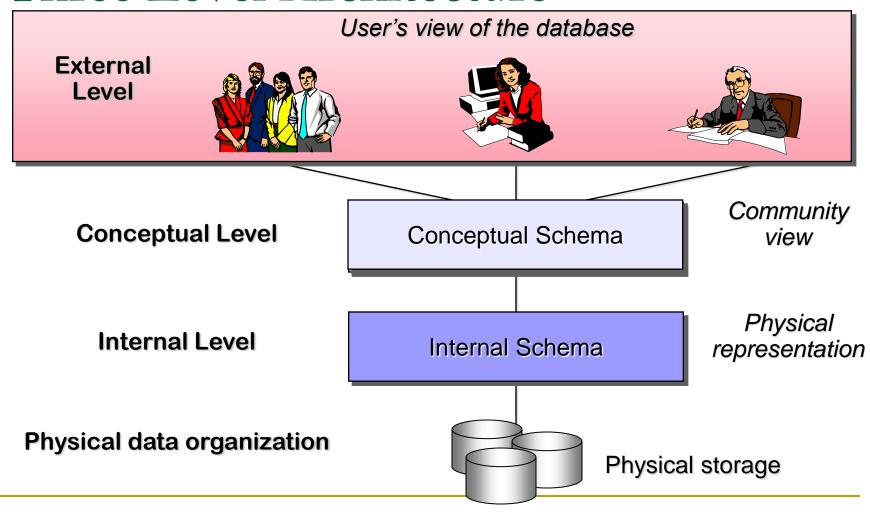
Prepare 0 – Level and 1-Level diagram

Schema and Subschemas

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Database Environment Three Level Architecture



Independence

- Each user should be able to access the same data, but have a different customized view of the data
- Users should not have to deal directly with physical database storage details
- The DBA should be able to change the database storage structures without affecting the users' views
- The internal structure of the database should be unaffected by changes to the physical aspects of storage
- The DBA should be able to change the conceptual or global structure of the database without affecting all users





Three-Level Architecture

External Level

Describes that part of the database that is relevant to a particular user

Conceptual Level

Describes what data is stored in the database and relationships among the data

Internal Level

Describes *how* the data is stored in the database



