

CS 457 - Database Management Systems

Introduction Chapter 1-2

Course Logistics

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- Classroom:
 - SEC 3437 - 11:00 am - 11:50 am.

[Class Website \(http://cs457.cs.ua.edu\)](http://cs457.cs.ua.edu)

This is a **writing class**.

Grade Breakdown:

- 60% 2 tests with 1 sheet with notes, and final exam
- 40% 6-8 assignments
- Written Assignments are Pass/Fail

Dr. Vrbsky reserves the right to make announcements in class that may not appear on the course site.

2 "Slip Days", calendar days, are given for students for assignments.

- You can get 2 days for 1 assignment or 1 day for 2 assignments

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Databases are a part of most decisions in the enterprise.

- Traditional Database Operations
 - Day to day information
- Datawarehouses
 - Used for decision support
- NoSQL Databases
 - Used mostly for generic information

Databases play a critical role in most major software platform

Difference between Data and Database

Data are recorded, known facts.

Database is a collection of logically coherent, related data. It represents a miniworld, designed and build for a specific purposes, for a specific user group for preconceived applications.

A **Database Management System** is software to manage, create, and maintain a database. In a **Database Management System**, you define the types of the data, while it controls the data on disk. It also allows you to manipulate the data.

Why use it?

Quite a few reasons:

- Program-Data Independence
- Data Abstractions
- Conceptual Representation
- Meta Data
- Share Data
- Multiple Views
- Transaction Processing

But the biggest and most important: **Optimization**.

A **Database System** is the combination of **Data** and a **Database Management System**.

The **Database System** has both the

- **schema** (skee-mah) or **meta-data**
- **instance** or **actual data**

3 Schema Architecture

- **External View**
- **Conceptual**
- **Internal**

Data Model

Describes the **structure**.

- **Record**

- Types
- Relationships
- Constrations
- Basic Operations

Types of **Data Models**

- High Level (UML)
- Low Level (XML)
- Implementation (Relational)
- NoSQL (Column, Key-Value, Document Stores)

Data Languages

- DDL
 - Data Defintion Language
- DML
 - Data Manipulation Languge
- SQL
 - Structured Query Language.
 - Combines both DDL and DML.