



F A S T School of Computing

DS3003 – Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence

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Course Information

Program: DS **Credit Hours:** 3 **Type:** Core
Pre-requisites (if any): CS2005 – Database Systems
Course Website (if any):
Class Meeting Time: M, W 11:30 AM
Class Venue: CS-3

Course Description/Objectives/Goals

This course covers the concepts and techniques in the design and construction of high-performance data warehouses. The software, hardware and design factors influencing performance characteristics of the data warehouse will be emphasized. A special focus will be given to features and functions in RDBMS implementations that are appropriate in a data warehouse environment. Distinction between DSS (Decision Support System) and OLTP workloads will be made with an emphasis on performance characteristics and functionality required.

| Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs): | | |
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| At the end of the course students will be able to: | Domain | BT* Level |
| Introduction to the concepts and techniques in data warehousing and business intelligence. | C | 2 |
| Design of high performing data warehouses. | C | 3 |
| Construction of high performing data warehouses. | C | 3 |
| * BT= Bloom's Taxonomy, C=Cognitive domain, P=Psychomotor domain, A= Affective domain. Bloom's taxonomy Levels: 1. Knowledge, 2. Comprehension, 3. Application, 4. Analysis, 5. Synthesis, 6. Evaluation | | |

Course Textbook

1. Paulraj Ponniah, *Data Warehousing Fundamentals*, John Wiley & Sons, 2010.
2. Handouts

Additional references and books related to the course

1. Ralph Kimball, *The Data Warehouse Lifecycle Toolkit: Expert Methods for Designing, Developing and Deploying Data Warehouses*, John Wiley & Sons, 1998.
2. Ralph Kimball, *The Data Warehouse Toolkit*. John Wiley & Sons, June 1996.
3. W. H. Inmon, *Building the Data Warehouse* (3rd Edition), John Wiley & Sons, 2002.
4. Articles

Tentative Weekly Schedule

| Week | Topics to be covered | Readings (Textbook) | No of Lectures | Asst. |
|-------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1-2 | 1. Overview and Concepts: DW Fundamentals, need for a DW and BI, decision support versus transaction processing, evolution of a DW | Ch. 1,2,3 Handout | 3 | A1 |
| 2-3 | 2. Logical and Physical Data Modeling: Normalization vs. denormalization, pre-Join denormalization, column replication/ movement, pre-aggregation denormalization | Handout | 2 | |
| 3-4 | 3. OLAP Implementation Techniques: OLAP framework for decision support, Physical implementation techniques: MOLAP, ROLAP, HOLAP, and DOLAP, Star schema design | Ch. 15 Handout | 2 | |
| 4-5 | 4. Dimensional Modeling: Principles of dimensional modeling, Physical database design for ROLAP deployment, Natural versus surrogate key design | Ch. 10,11 Handout | 3 | A2 |
| 6 | 5. Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) Processing | Ch. 12 Handout | 2 | |
| 7 | 6. Join Techniques and Performance Evaluation for Data Warehousing: DSS vs. OLTP queries, nested loop join, sort merge join, merge join, hash join, pointer-based join, query optimization | Handout | 2 | A3 |
| 8-9 | 7. Indexing Techniques for Data Warehousing: Traditional B-tree indexing, hash Indexing, primary vs. secondary indexing, single index access vs. scanning, combining multiple indexes, dynamic bitmap indexing, static bitmap indexing, composite indexing, covered indexing, cluster indexing, partial indexing | Handout | 4 | A4 |
| 10-11 | 8. Advanced Physical Database Design: Horizontal and vertical partitioning, materialized views framework, materialized views for geography manipulation, advanced aggregation functions | Ch. 18 Handout | 3 | |
| 11-12 | 9. Data Mining and Data Visualization | Handout | 3 | |
| 13-14 | 10. Advanced Data Warehousing & BI Concepts | Handout | 4 | |

(Tentative) Grading Criteria

1. Assignments (8%)
2. Quizzes (10%)
3. Class Participation (2%)
4. 2 Midterm Exams (30%)
5. Final Exam (50%)

Grading Scheme: Absolute

Course Policies

1. Quizzes may be un-announced.
2. No makeup for missed quiz or assignment.
3. Minimum eligibility to pass this course is to get 50% marks.