2IS55 Software Evolution

Implementing evolution: Database migration

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Where innovation starts

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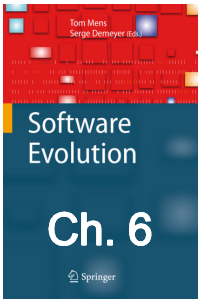
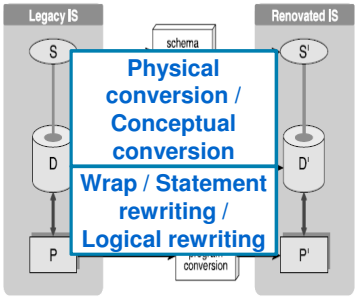


Last week

- Assignment 8
  - How is it going?
  - Questions to Marcel: m.f.v.amstel@tue.nl

Recapitulation

- Last week: introduction to DB migration
- DB migration
  - Data is important, technology is outdated
  - S – DB schema
  - D – DB data
  - P – data manipulation programs



Schema conversion: Physical vs Conceptual

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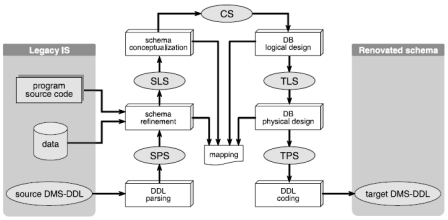

Conceptual

Schema conversion: Physical

- Easy to automate
  - Existing work: COBOL ⇒ relational, hierarchical ⇒ relational, relational ⇒ OO
  - "Migration as translation" vs "migration as improvement"
- Semantics is ignored
  - Limitations of COBOL ⇒ Design decisions in the legacy system ⇒ Automatic conversion ⇒ the same design decisions in the new system
    - Risk: compromised flexibility

Schema conversion: Physical vs Conceptual

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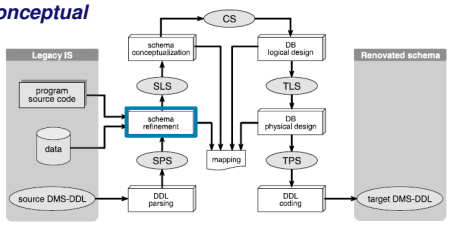
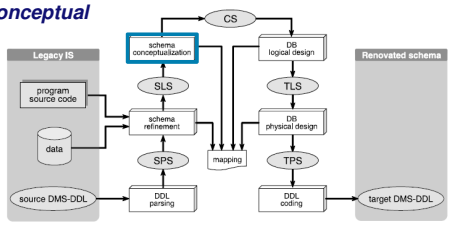


- Refinement: Data and code may contain implicit constraints (field refinement, foreign key, cardinality) on the schema

Schema conceptualization

Conceptual

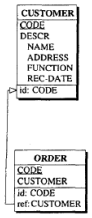


- Conceptualization: Remove implementation details

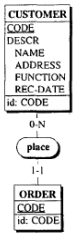
Conceptualization

- Preparation: "clean up" to understand
  - e.g., rename attributes, drop one-element compounds
- Untranslation: separate logic from limitations of technology
- De-optimization: separate logic from performance
- Conceptual normalization:
  - Entities vs. relations and attributes
  - Explicit IS-A relations

Untranslation: Foreign keys



- COBOL allows "direct access" via foreign keys
- ER requires a relationship set to connect two entities
- What would be the appropriate cardinality?
  - One customer can place multiple orders
  - Every order can be placed only by one customer



De-optimization

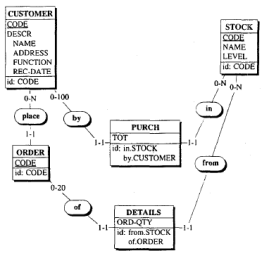
- Recall:

```
FD ORDER.
01 ORD.
  02 ORD-CODE PIC 9(10).
  02 ORD-CUSTOMER PIC X(12).
  02 ORD-DETAIL PIC X(200).
```

```
01 LIST-DETAIL.
  02 DETAILS OCCURS 20 TIMES
     INDEXED BY IND-DET.
    03 REF-DET-STK PIC 9(5).
    03 ORD-QTY PIC 9(5).
```

- ORD-DETAIL is a complex multi-valued attribute
  - Highly efficient COBOL trick
- ORD-DETAIL cannot exist without an order
- How would you model this in ER?
  - Weak entity set
  - One-to-many relationship

Conceptual normalization



- What would you like to improve in this schema?
  - Are the cardinality constraints meaningful?
  - Which entities are, in fact, relations?
  - Are there unneeded structures?

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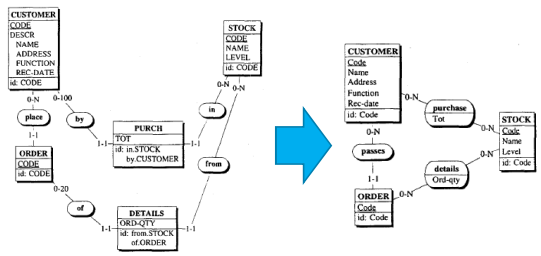

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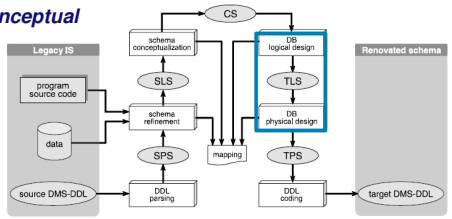
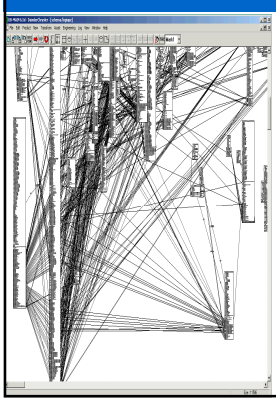
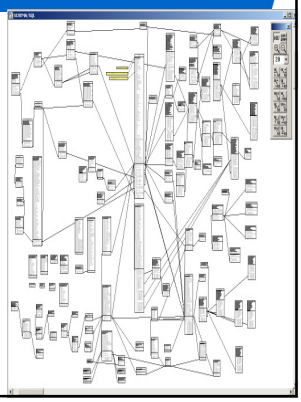


- Logical design: schema concepts ⇒ DB tables
- Physical design: e.g., naming conventions

Hainaut 2009: Before and After





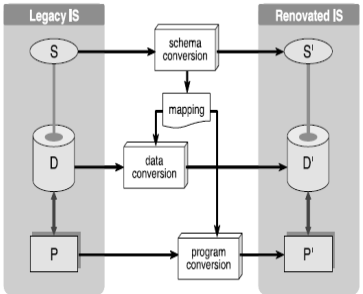
Another case study (Ch. 6)

	Physical IDS/II	Refined IDS/II	Conceptual	Relational DB2
# entity types	159	159	156	171
# relationship types	148	148	90	0
# attributes	458	9 027	2 176	2 118
max # att./entity type	8	104	61	94

- Refined schema: decomposed attributes
  - Address = Street, Number, City, ZIP, State
- Schema refinement:
  - 89 foreign keys, 37 computer foreign keys, 60 redundancies
- Relational DB2
  - ↑entities: decomposition of arrays

Recall…

- So far we have considered DB schemas only
- Next step: data migration



Data migration

- Strategy depends on the schema migration strategy
- Physical conversion: straightforward
  - Data format conversion
- Conceptual conversion
  - Data may violate implicit constraints
  - Hence, data cleaning is required as preprocessing
  - Once the data has been cleaned up: akin to physical conversion

What should be cleaned? 1 source [Rahm, Do]

- Schema-level
  - Can be solved with appropriate integrity constraints

Scope/Problem		Dirty Data	Reasons/Remarks
Attribute	Illegal values	bdate=30.13.70	values outside of domain range
Record	Violated attribute dependencies	age=22, bdate=12.02.70	age = (current date – birth date) should hold
Record type	Uniqueness violation	emp_1=(name="John Smith", SSN="123456") emp_2=(name="Peter Miller", SSN="123456")	uniqueness for SSN (social security number) violated
Source	Referential integrity violation	emp=(name="John Smith", deptno=127)	referenced department (127) not defined

- Instance-level

Scope/Problem		Dirty Data	Reasons/Remarks
Attribute	Missing values	phone=9999-999999	unavailable values during data entry (dummy values or null)
	Misspellings	city="Liipzig"	usually typos, phonetic errors
	Cryptic values, Abbreviations	experience="B"; occupation="DB Prog."	
	Embedded values	name="J. Smith 12.02.70 New York"	multiple values entered in one attribute (e.g. in a free-form field)
	Misfielded values	city="Germany"	
Record	Violated attribute dependencies	city="Redmond", zip=77777	city and zip code should correspond
Record type	Word transpositions	$name_1$= "J. Smith", $name_2$="Miller P."	usually in a free-form field
	Duplicated records	emp_1=(name="John Smith",...); emp_2=(name="J. Smith",...)	same employee represented twice due to some data entry errors
	Contradicting records	emp_1=(name="John Smith", bdate=12.02.70); emp_2=(name="John Smith", bdate=12.12.70)	the same real world entity is described by different values
Source	Wrong references	emp=(name="John Smith", deptno=17)	referenced department (17) is defined but wrong

What should be cleaned? Multiple sources

- Which DB tuples refer to the same real-world entity?

Customer (source 1)

CID	*Name*	*Street*	*City*	*Sex*
11	Kristen Smith	2 Hurley Pl	South Fork, MN 48503	0
24	Christian Smith	Hurley St 2	S Fork MN	1

Client (source 2)

Cno	*LastName*	*FirstName*	*Gender*	*Address*	*Phone/Fax*
24	Smith	Christoph	M	23 Harley St, Chicago IL, 60633-2394	333-222-6542 / 333-222-6599
493	Smith	Kris L.	F	2 Hurley Place, South Fork MN, 48503-5998	444-555-6666

Customers (integrated target with cleaned data)

No	*LName*	*FName*	*Gender*	*Street*	*City*	*State*	*ZIP*	*Phone*	*Fax*	*CID*	*Cno*
1	Smith	Kristen L.	F	2 Hurley Place	South Fork	MN	48503-5998	444-555-6666		11	493
2	Smith	Christian	M	2 Hurley Place	South Fork	MN	48503-5998			24	
3	Smith	Christoph	M	23 Harley Street	Chicago	IL	60633-2394	333-222-6542	333-222-6599		24

- Scheme: name and structure conflicts
- Instance: data representation, duplication, identifiers

How to clean up data?

- Analyse:
  - Define inconsistencies and detect them
- Define individual transformations and the workflow
- Verify correctness and effectiveness
  - Sample/copy of the data
- Transform
- Backflow if needed
  - If the "old" data still will be used, it can benefit from the improvements.

Data cleaning: Analysis

- Data profiling
  - Instance analysis of individual attributes
  - Min, max, distribution, cardinality, uniqueness, null values
    - max(age) > 150? count(gender) > 2?
- Data mining
  - Instance analysis of relations between the attributes
  - E.g., detect association rules
    - Confidence(A ⇒ B) = 99%
    - 1% of the cases might require cleaning

Data cleaning: Analysis (continued)

- Record matching problem:
  - Smith Kris L., Smith Kristen L., Smith Christian, …
- Matching based on
  - Simplest case: unique identifiers (primary keys)
  - Approximate matching
    - Different weights for different attributes
    - Strings:
      - Edit distance
      - Keyboard distance
      - Phonetic similarity
    - Very expensive for large data sets

Define data transformations

- Use transformation languages
  - Proprietary (e.g., DataTransformationService of Microsoft)
  - SQL extended with user-defined functions (UDF):

```
CREATE VIEW Customer2(LName, FName, Street, CID) AS
SELECT LastNameExtract(Name),
       FirstNameExtract(Name),
       Street, CID)
FROM Customer

CREATE FUNCTION LastNameExtract(Name VARCHAR(255))
  RETURNS VARCHAR(255)
  RETURN SUBSTRING(Name FROM 28 FOR 15)
```

UDF: advantages and disadvantages

- Advantages
  - Does not require learning a separate language
- Disadvantages
  - Suited only for information already in a DB
    - What about COBOL files?
  - Ease of programming depends on availability of specific functions in the chosen SQL dialect
    - Splitting/merging are supported but have to be reimplemented for every separate field
    - Folding/unfolding of complex attributes not supported at all.

Inconsistency resolution

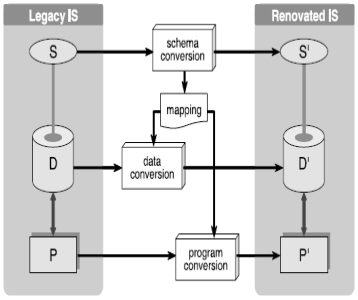
- If inconsistency has been detected, the offending instances
  - Are removed
  - Are modified so the offending data becomes NULL
  - Are modified by following user-defined preferences
    - One table might be more reliable than the other
    - One attribute may be more reliable than the other
  - Are modified to reduce the (total) number of modifications required to restore consistency

Inconsistency resolution

- If multiple inconsistencies are detected
  - Which one has to be selected to be resolved?
    - Usually resolutions are not independent
    - [Wijsen 2006]:
      - Single database instead of multiple uprepairs
        - Special kind of updates
    - Which one is more important?

From data to programs

- So far: schemas and data
- Next : programs
  - Wrapping
  - Statement rewriting
  - Program rewriting



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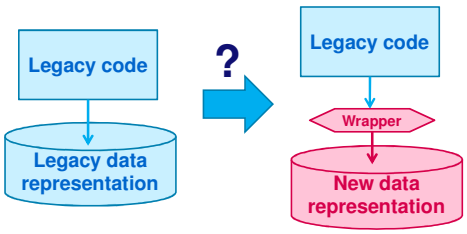

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Actual implementation of "READ"

Start wrapping action "READ"

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DELETE-CUS-ORD.
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   MOVE 0 TO END-FILE.
   SET WR-ACTION-READ TO TRUE.
   MOVE 'KEY IS O-CUST' TO WR-OPTION.
   CALL WR-ORDERS USING WR-ACTION, ORD, WR-OPTION, WR-STATUS
   IF WR-STATUS-INVALID-KEY MOVE 1 TO END-FILE.
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Wrappers

- [Thiran, Hainaut]: wrapper code can be reused

Cannot be expressed in the DB itself

Upper wrapper		→ Manually written
Model wrapper	Instance wrapper	→ Automatically generated

Common to all DMS in the family: cursor, transaction

Specific to the given DB: query translation, access optimization

Wrapping: Pro and Contra

- Wrapping
  - Preserves logic of the legacy system
  - Can be (partially) automated
- Physical + wrapper:
  - Almost automatic (cheap and fast)
  - Quality is poor, unless the legacy DB is well-structured
- Conceptual + wrapper:
  - More complex/expensive
  - Quality is reasonable: "First schema, then – code"
  - Possible performance penalty due to complexity of wrappers
    - Mismatch: "DB-like" schema and "COBOL like" code

Wrapping in practice

Table 6.2. Program transformation results

	Migrated	Manually transformed
# programs	669	17
# copybooks	3 917	68
# IDS/II verbs	5 314	420

- Wrappers
  - 159 wrappers
  - 450 KLOC

Cursor?..

- Control structure for the successive traversal of records in a query result
- Cursor declaration

```
EXEC SQL DECLARE CURSOR ORD_GE_K1 FOR
  SELECT CODE, CUS_CODE
  FROM ORDERS WHERE CUS_CODE >= :O-CUST
  ORDER BY CUS_CODE
END-EXEC.
```

- What will this cursor return? O_CUST = J12

CUS_CODE	CODE
J11	12
J12	11
J13	14
K01	15

Why would you like to use such a cursor?

```
READ ORDERS KEY IS O-CUST
```

COBOL READ: Sequential reading starting from the first tuple with the given key

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- Opening a cursor

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EXEC SQL OPEN ORD_GE_K1 END-EXEC
```

- Retrieving data

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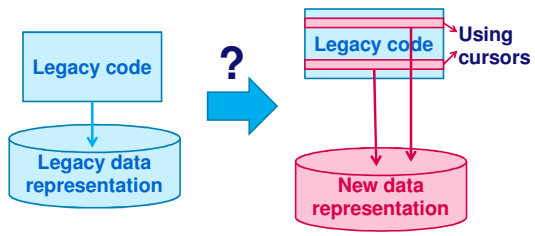
END-EXEC
```

- Closing cursor

Statement rewriting



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    SELECT COUNT(*) INTO :COUNTER
    FROM ORDERS WHERE CUS_CODE = :O-CUST
  END-EXEC.
  IF COUNTER = 0
     MOVE 1 TO END-FILE
  ELSE
     EXEC SQL OPEN ORD_GE_K1 END-EXEC
     MOVE "ORD_GE_K1" TO ORD-SEQ
     EXEC SQL
       FETCH ORD_GE_K1
       INTO :O-CODE, :O-CUST
     END-EXEC
     IF SQLCODE NOT = 0
        MOVE 1 TO END-FILE
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        EXEC SQL OPEN ORD_DETAIL END-EXEC
        SET IND-DET TO 1
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O-CUST does not appear in ORDERS

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- Files can have multiple keys and multiple READ commands
- We need to remember which key/READ is used!

```
IF ORD-SEQ = "ORD_GE_K1"
   EXEC SQL
     FETCH ORD_GE_K1 INTO :O-CODE,:O-CUST
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- Prepare the cursor for READing
- READ the data

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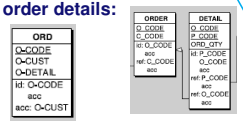
- We need additional cursor and procedure to read the order details:



Legacy DB New DB

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Statement rewriting: Pro and Contra

- Statement rewriting
  - Preserves logic of the legacy system
  - Intertwines legacy code with new access techniques
  - Detrimental for maintainability
- Physical + statement
  - Inexpensive and popular
  - Blows up the program: from 390 to ~1000 LOC
  - Worst strategy possible
- Conceptual + statement
  - Good quality DB, unreadable code: "First schema, then – code"
  - Meaningful if the application will be rewritten on the short term

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Alternative 3: Logic Rewriting

- Akin to conceptual conversion
  - e.g., COBOL loop ⇒ SQL join
  - And meaningful only in combination with it
    - Otherwise: high effort with poor results

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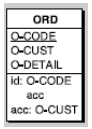

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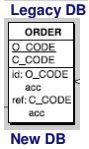

New DB

Alternative 3: Logic Rewriting

- Manual transformation with automatic support
  - Identify file access statements
  - Identify and understand data and statements that depend on these statements
  - Rewrite these statements and redefine the objects

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Logic rewriting: Pro and Contra

- Logic rewriting + physical
  - Low quality DB
  - High costs due to logic rewriting
  - Unfeasible
- Logic rewriting + conceptual
  - High quality
  - Highest costs

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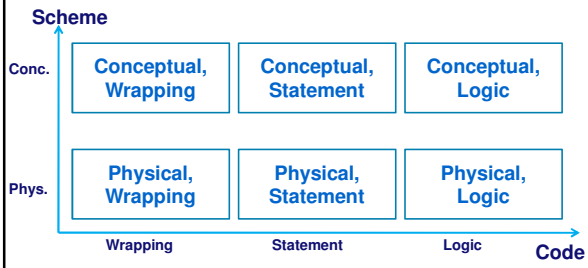

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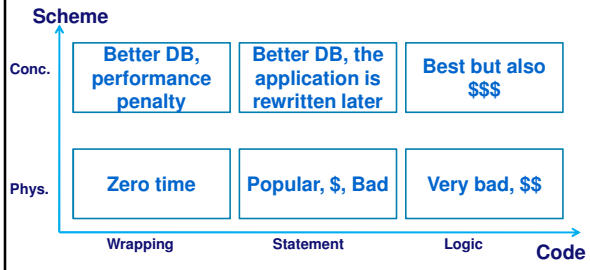

Tools

- DB-MAIN CASE tool (University of Namur, ReVeR)
  - DDL extraction
  - Schema storage, analysis and manipulation
  - Implicit constraint validation
  - Schema mapping management
  - Data analysis & migration
  - Wrapper generation (COBOL-to-SQL, CODASYL-to-SQL)
- Transformations
  - Eclipse Modelling Framework: ATL
  - ASF+SDF Meta-Environment (CWI, Amsterdam)

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Conclusions

- 3 levels of DB migration: schema, data, code

- Schema: physical/conceptual
- Data: determined by schema
- Code: wrapper/statement rewriting/logical rewriting

- Popular but bad: physical + statement
- Expensive but good: conceptual + logic
- Alternatives to consider:
  - conceptual + wrapping/statement
  - physical + wrapping (zero time)