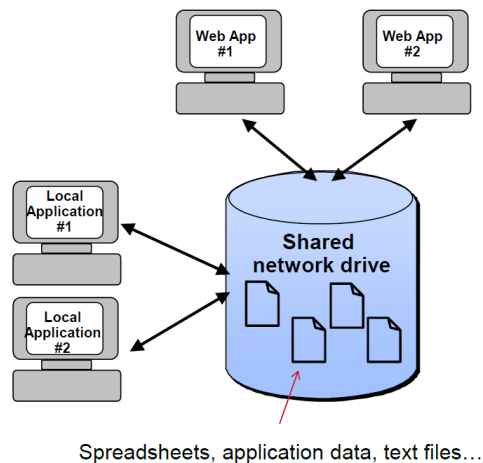


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Databases

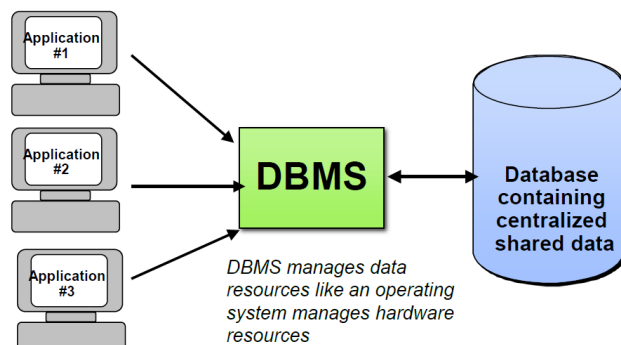
0.1 Definition

A database is a persistent collection of data, and is typically more than one single collection of data. Database Management Systems (**DBMS**) are a central repository of shared data, and data is accessed and transferred via a common language.



Database Figure 0.1.1: Shared Information Model

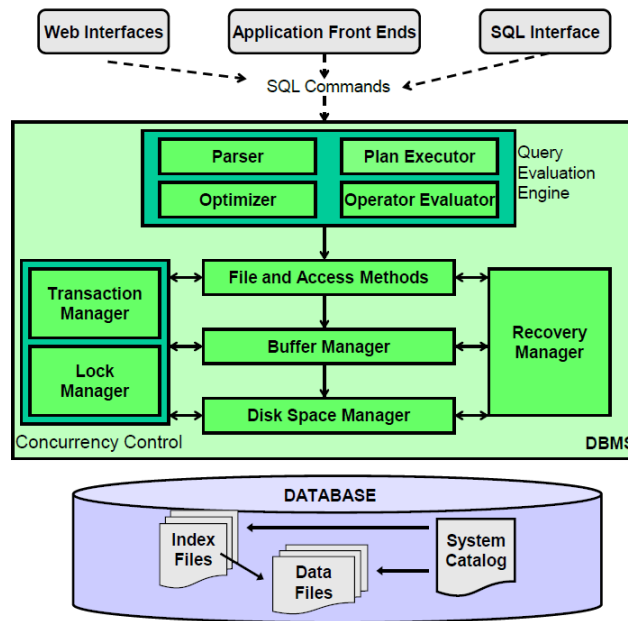
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Database Figure 0.1.2: Relational Database Model

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While the database transfers data through a common language, the set-up of the database varies from system to system. Below is an example of the structure of a DBMS:



Database Figure 0.1.3: DBMS Structure

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The language that most systems communicate with DBMSs is **SQL**, which stands for **Structured Query Language**.

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