

CHAPTER 2

Database System Concepts and Architecture

Data Models

■ Data Model:

- A set of concepts to describe the ***structure*** of a database, the ***operations*** for manipulating these structures, and certain ***constraints*** that the database should obey.

■ Data Model Structure and Constraints:

- Constructs are used to define the database structure
- Constructs typically include ***elements*** (and their ***data types***) as well as groups of elements (e.g. ***entity***, ***record***, ***table***), and ***relationships*** among such groups
- Constraints specify some restrictions on valid data; these constraints must be enforced at all times

Data Models (continued)

■ Data Model Operations:

- These operations are used for specifying database *retrievals* and *updates* by referring to the constructs of the data model.
- Operations on the data model may include ***basic model operations*** (e.g. generic insert, delete, update) and ***user-defined operations*** (e.g. compute_student_gpa, update_inventory)

Schemas versus Instances

- Database Schema:
 - The ***description*** of a database.
 - Includes descriptions of the database structure, data types, and the constraints on the database.
- Schema Diagram:
 - An ***illustrative*** display of (most aspects of) a database schema.
- Schema Construct:
 - A ***component*** of the schema or an object within the schema, e.g., STUDENT, COURSE.

Schemas versus Instances

■ Database State:

- The actual data stored in a database at a ***particular moment in time***. This includes the collection of all the data in the database.
- Also called database instance (or occurrence or snapshot).
 - The term *instance* is also applied to individual database components, e.g. *record instance*, *table instance*, *entity instance*

Database Schema vs. Database State

- Database State:
 - Refers to the ***content*** of a database at a moment in time.
- Initial Database State:
 - Refers to the database state when it is initially loaded into the system.
- Valid State:
 - A state that satisfies the structure and constraints of the database.

Database Schema vs. Database State (continued)

- Distinction
 - The ***database schema*** changes very infrequently.
 - The ***database state*** changes every time the database is updated.
- **Schema** is also called **intension**.
- **State** is also called **extension**.

Example of a Database Schema

STUDENT

Name	Student_number	Class	Major
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Figure 2.1

Schema diagram for the database in Figure 1.2.

COURSE

Course_name	Course_number	Credit_hours	Department
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PREREQUISITE

Course_number	Prerequisite_number
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SECTION

Section_identifier	Course_number	Semester	Year	Instructor
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GRADE_REPORT

Student_number	Section_identifier	Grade
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Example of a database state

COURSE

Course_name	Course_number	Credit_hours	Department
Intro to Computer Science	CS1310	4	CS
Data Structures	CS3320	4	CS
Discrete Mathematics	MATH2410	3	MATH
Database	CS3380	3	CS

SECTION

Section_identifier	Course_number	Semester	Year	Instructor
85	MATH2410	Fall	04	King
92	CS1310	Fall	04	Anderson
102	CS3320	Spring	05	Knuth
112	MATH2410	Fall	05	Chang
119	CS1310	Fall	05	Anderson
135	CS3380	Fall	05	Stone

GRADE_REPORT

Student_number	Section_identifier	Grade
17	112	B
17	119	C
8	85	A
8	92	A
8	102	B
8	135	A

PREREQUISITE

Course_number	Prerequisite_number
CS3380	CS3320
CS3380	MATH2410
CS3320	CS1310

Figure 1.2

A database that stores student and course information.

Three-Schema Architecture

- Proposed to support DBMS characteristics of:
 - **Program-data independence.**
 - Support of **multiple views** of the data.
- Not explicitly used in commercial DBMS products, but has been useful in explaining database system organization

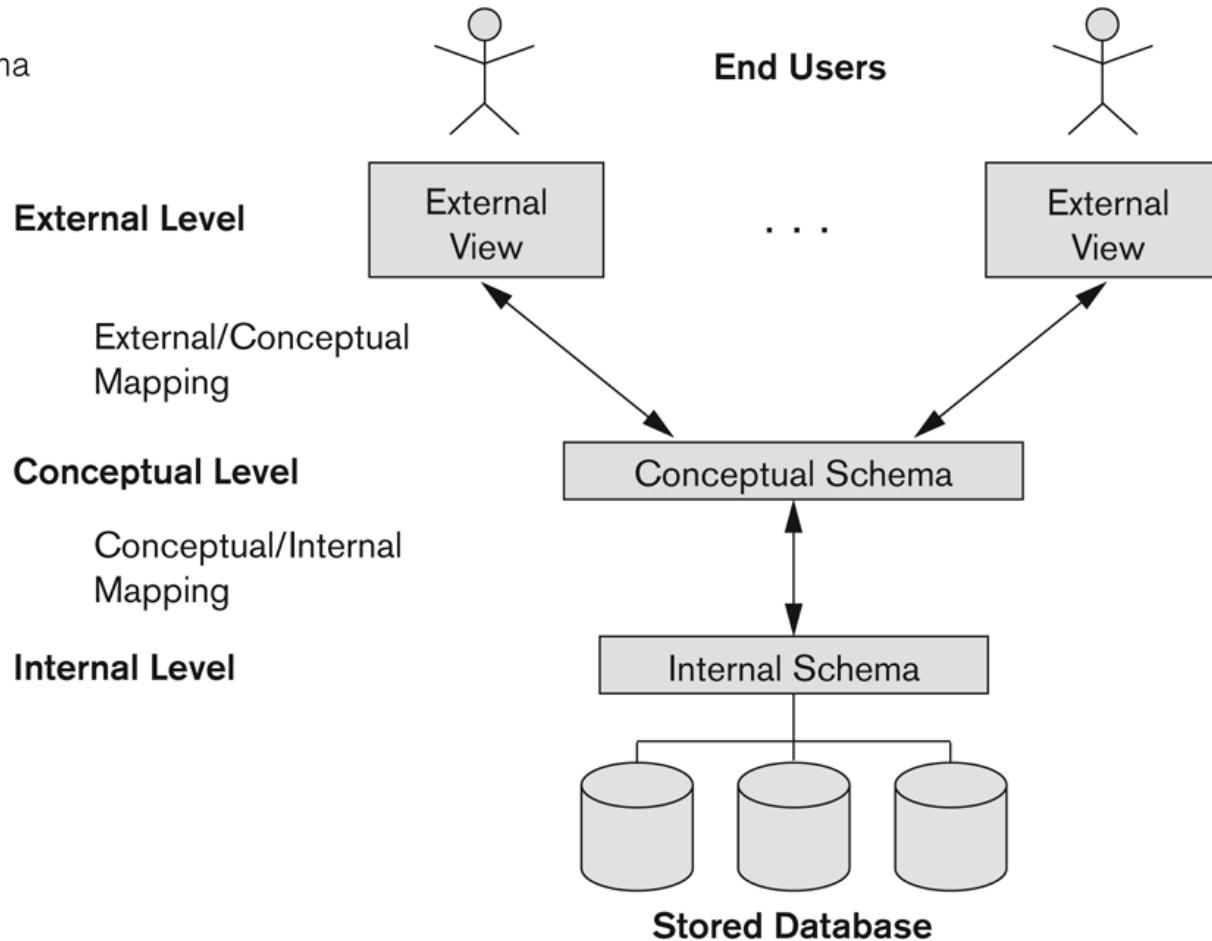
Three-Schema Architecture

- Defines DBMS schemas at **three** levels:
 - **Internal schema** at the internal level to describe physical storage structures and access paths (e.g indexes).
 - Typically uses a **physical** data model.
 - **Conceptual schema** at the conceptual level to describe the structure and constraints for the whole database for a community of users.
 - Uses a **conceptual** or an **implementation** data model.
 - **External schemas** at the external level to describe the various user views.
 - Usually uses the same data model as the conceptual schema.

The three-schema architecture

Figure 2.2

The three-schema architecture.



Three-Schema Architecture

- Mappings among schema levels are needed to transform requests and data.
 - Programs refer to an external schema, and are mapped by the DBMS to the internal schema for execution.
 - Data extracted from the internal DBMS level is reformatted to match the user's external view (e.g. formatting the results of an SQL query for display in a Web page)

Data Independence

■ **Logical Data Independence:**

- The capacity to change the conceptual schema without having to change the external schemas and their associated application programs.

■ **Physical Data Independence:**

- The capacity to change the internal schema without having to change the conceptual schema.
- For example, the internal schema may be changed when certain file structures are reorganized or new indexes are created to improve database performance

Data Independence (continued)

- When a schema at a lower level is changed, only the **mappings** between this schema and higher-level schemas need to be changed in a DBMS that fully supports data independence.
- The higher-level schemas themselves are **unchanged**.
 - Hence, the application programs need not be changed since they refer to the external schemas.

DBMS Languages

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
 - High-Level or Non-procedural Languages: These include the relational language SQL
 - May be used in a standalone way or may be embedded in a programming language
 - Low Level or Procedural Languages:
 - These must be embedded in a programming language

DBMS Languages

■ Data Definition Language (DDL):

- Used by the DBA and database designers to specify the conceptual schema of a database.
- In many DBMSs, the DDL is also used to define internal and external schemas (views).
- In some DBMSs, separate **storage definition language (SDL)** and **view definition language (VDL)** are used to define internal and external schemas.
 - SDL is typically realized via DBMS commands provided to the DBA and database designers

DBMS Languages

■ Data Manipulation Language (DML):

- Used to specify database retrievals and updates
- DML commands (data sublanguage) can be *embedded* in a general-purpose programming language (host language), such as COBOL, C, C++, or Java.
 - A library of functions can also be provided to access the DBMS from a programming language
- Alternatively, stand-alone DML commands can be applied directly (called a *query language*).

Types of DML

- **High Level or Non-procedural Language:**
 - For example, the SQL relational language
 - Are “set”-oriented and specify what data to retrieve rather than how to retrieve it.
 - Also called **declarative** languages.
- **Low Level or Procedural Language:**
 - Retrieve data one record-at-a-time;
 - Constructs such as looping are needed to retrieve multiple records, along with positioning pointers.

DBMS Interfaces

- Stand-alone query language interfaces
 - Example: Entering SQL queries at the DBMS interactive SQL interface (e.g. SQL*Plus in ORACLE)
- Programmer interfaces for embedding DML in programming languages
- User-friendly interfaces
 - Menu-based, forms-based, graphics-based, etc.
- Mobile Interfaces:interfaces allowing users to perform transactions using mobile apps

DBMS Programming Language Interfaces

- Programmer interfaces for embedding DML in a programming languages:
 - **Embedded Approach:** e.g embedded SQL (for C, C++, etc.), SQLJ (for Java)
 - **Procedure Call Approach:** e.g. JDBC for Java, ODBC (Open Database Connectivity) for other programming languages as API's (application programming interfaces)
 - **Database Programming Language Approach:** e.g. ORACLE has PL/SQL, a programming language based on SQL; language incorporates SQL and its data types as integral components
 - **Scripting Languages:** PHP (client-side scripting) and Python (server-side scripting) are used to write database programs.

User-Friendly DBMS Interfaces

- Menu-based (Web-based), popular for browsing on the web
- Forms-based, designed for naïve users used to filling in entries on a form
- Graphics-based
 - Point and Click, Drag and Drop, etc.
 - Specifying a query on a schema diagram
- Natural language: requests in written English
- Combinations of the above:
 - For example, both menus and forms used extensively in Web database interfaces

Other DBMS Interfaces

- Natural language: free text as a query
- Speech : Input query and Output response
- Web Browser with keyword search
- Parametric interfaces, e.g., bank tellers using function keys.
- Interfaces for the DBA:
 - Creating user accounts, granting authorizations
 - Setting system parameters
 - Changing schemas or access paths

Centralized and Client-Server DBMS Architectures

- Centralized DBMS:
 - Combines everything into single system including-DBMS software, hardware, application programs, and user interface processing software.
 - User can still connect through a remote terminal – however, all processing is done at centralized site.

A Physical Centralized Architecture

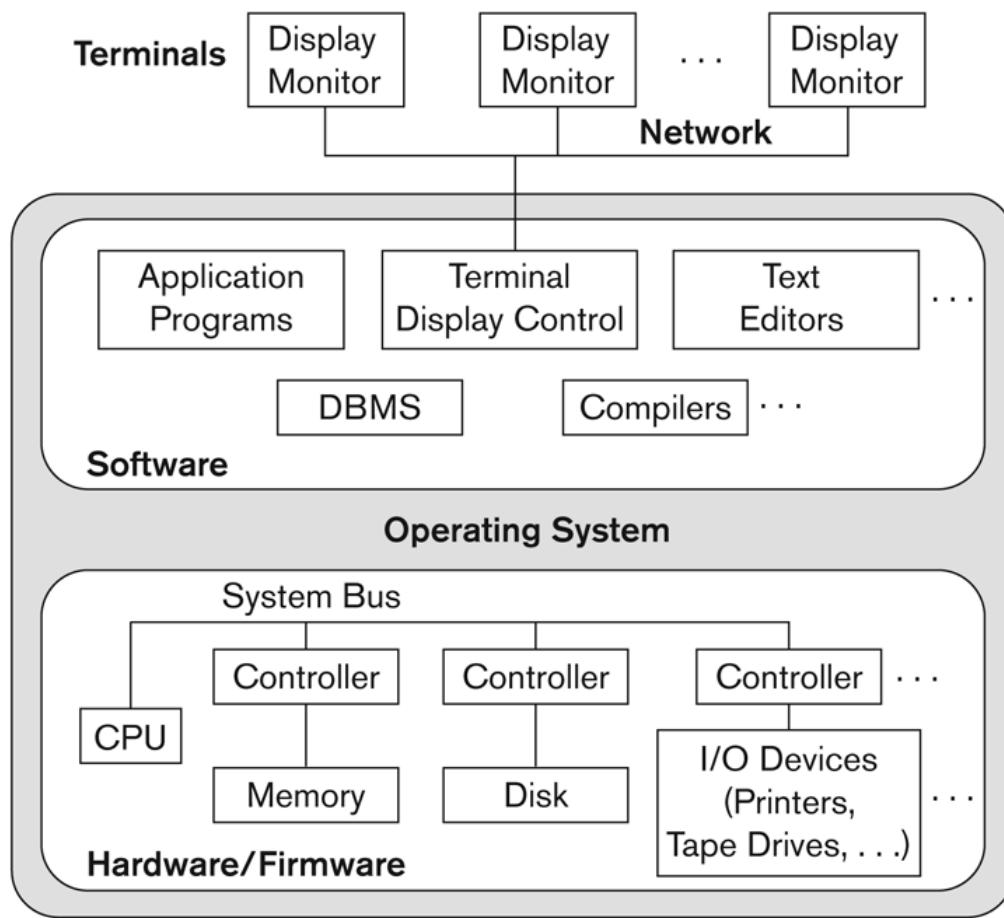


Figure 2.4

A physical centralized architecture.