CS489: Applied Software Development

Lesson 5a: Database Design and Development

Wholeness

- In this lesson, we will learn the concepts, principles and techniques for how to create suitable Database design and how to implement it for an enterprise application software solution.
- A Database is an organized, structured collection of data, useful to an enterprise.
- Science of Consciousness: *Order is present everywhere.*

Meaning of essentials terms:

- Data: is facts or figures collected together through observation or measurement, for the purpose of referencing or analysis.
- Information: is what is derived, when data has been made to become meaningful or useful through processing, interpreting or presenting.
- Database: is a structured collection of related data.
- Database Management system (DBMS): is software that manages and controls access to and operation of, a database.

- Database Application: is any computer program that interacts with a database at some point during its execution.
- Database system: is the collection of application programs that interact with the database, together with the DBMS and the database itself.

Note: All access to the Database is through the DBMS.

Why study Databases?

- The Database system is perhaps the most important development in the field of software engineering.
- A Database typically forms the underlying framework of the information system on which most organizations operate.
- The importance of database systems keeps increasing, driven by significant developments in hardware capability/capacity and data communication and the emergence of the Internet, eCommerce, Business Intelligence and network/grid computing.

- Some areas of application of Database systems:
 - Purchases from the supermarket.
 - Online purchases using your credit card.
 - Booking a vacation with a travel agency
 - Using the local/school library
 - Taking out insurance
 - Finding and watch a movie
 - Conducting online or traditional banking
 - Studying at a college or university
 - Using the Internet/World-wide websites

Main Point 1

• It is important that we understand what Databases are, their usefulness within the context of an overall enterprise information system and the related terminologies surrounding the study of Database systems. Knowledge is different in different states of consciousness.

Database technologies

- Relational Databases SQL:
 - Relational model relations (tables columns & rows)
 - Structured Query Language (SQL)
 - Examples: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, MSSQL etc.
- Non-Relational Databases (NoSQL):
 - Document databases e.g. MongoDB, Cassandra etc.
 - Graph databases e.g. neo4j
 - Etc.

1.10 Introduction to MySQL

- MySQL is an open-source relational database management system (RDBMS)
- In this course we will be studying and implementing the various Database Management system concepts and techniques using a MySQL instance
- Therefore, you are required to download and install a MySQL Database server on your local machine (if you do not already have it).*
- MySQL can be obtained from https://dev.mysql.com/

^{*}Note: A demonstration of how to obtain and install MySQL will be given.

Data Modeling & Database Design

- Conceptual database model
 - Entity-Relationship model (E-R diagram)
 - Not tied to any specific RDBMS, yet
- Physical data model
 - Implementation of the E-R model on to a physical RDBMS using DB tables, views, stored procedures etc.
 - Includes RDBMS-specific data types and constructs

Implementing Relational Database

- Two possible approaches:
 - Bottom-up (a.k.a Database-First approach)
 - The Database objects (tables, views etc.) are created first, before the application code is written
 - This can be down either Interactively, using a Database client tool, such as MySQL Workbench or SQL Script
 - Top-down (a.k.a Code-First approach)
 - The Domain Entity classes are first coded in the application
 - And then an Object-Relational Mapping framework/tool is used to generate the corresponding Database objects.

Database Design and Implementation Demo

• Exercise:

- Create an E-R model for the City Library system.
 You may draw the ER diagram using a graphical drawing tool on computer or draw by hand.
- Implement the model on a physical Relational database. Use any RDBMS of your choice e.g. MySQL

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