CS254 Database Management Systems (DBMS) Lec02

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Example Database

STUDENT

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Smith	17	1	COSC
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GRADE REPORT

Student Number	Section-Identifier	Grade
17	85	A
18	102	B+

PREREQUISITE

Course Number	Prerequisite Number
COSC3380	COSC3320
COSC3320	COSC1310

SECTION

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85	MATH2410	Fall	91	King
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102	COSC3320	Spring	92	Knuth
135	COSC3380	Fall	92	Stone

COURSE

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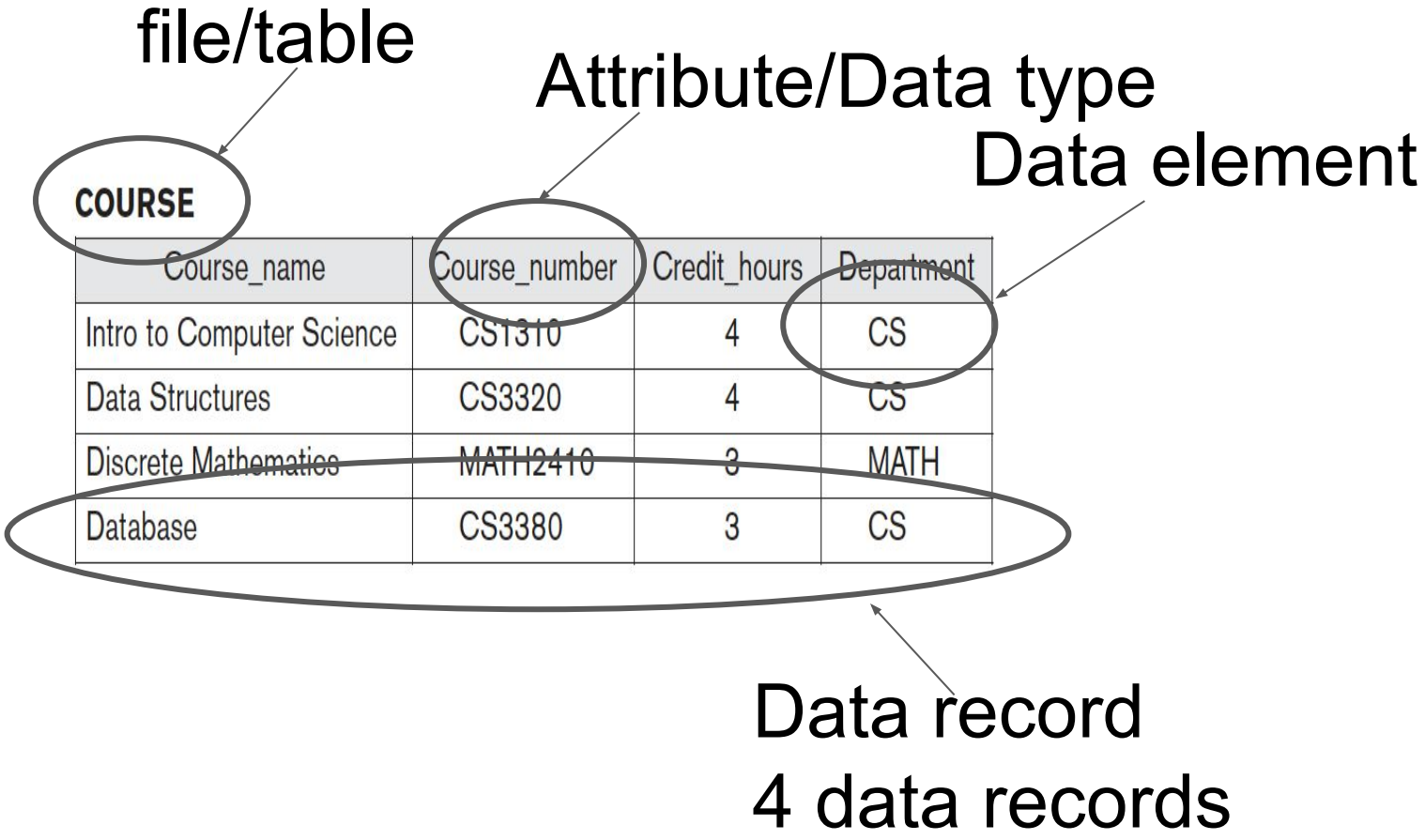
Intro to CS	COSC1310	4	COSC
Data Structures	COSC3320	4	COSC
Discrete Mathematics	MATH2410	3	MATH
Data Base	COSC3380	3	COSC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CS3380
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CS
Data record
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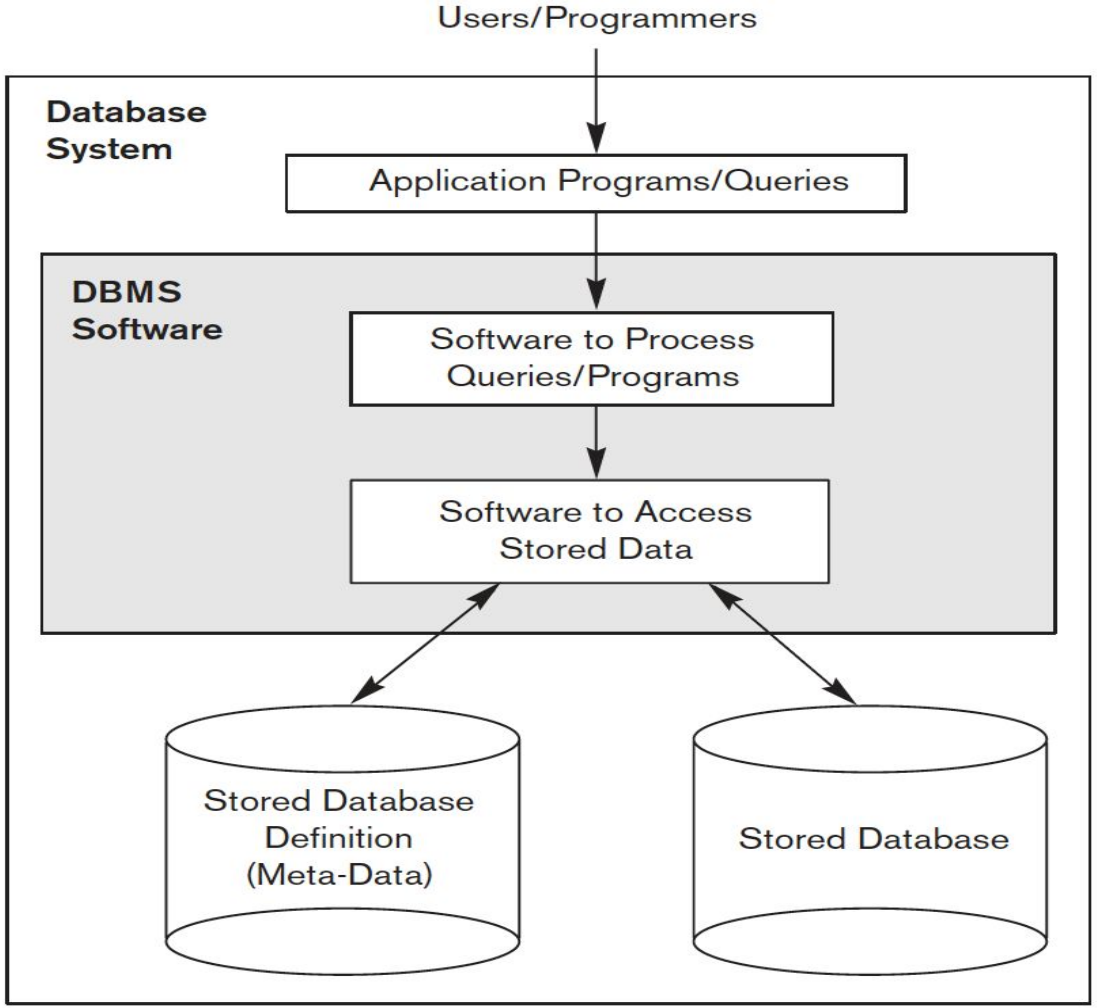
Properties that Define a Database

- A database represents some aspect of the real world, sometimes called the **miniworld** or the **universe of discourse** (**UoD**). Changes to the miniworld are reflected in the database.
- A database is a logically coherent collection of data with some inherent meaning. A random assortment of data cannot correctly be referred to as a database.
- A database is designed, built, and populated with data for a specific purpose. It has an intended group of users and some preconceived applications in which these users are interested.



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Database Management Systems =

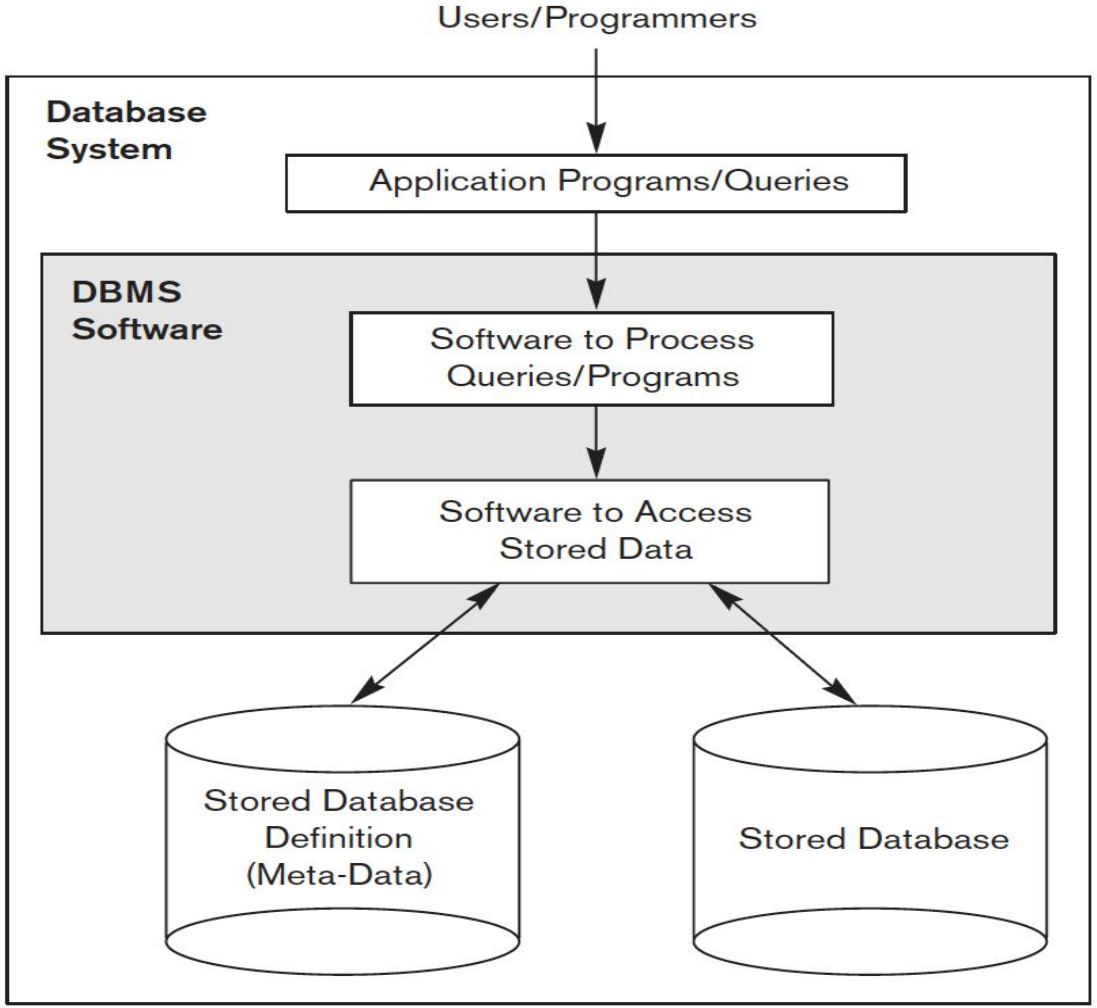
Database Environment

Figure 1.1
A simplified database system environment.

Query in a Database Environment?

- Retrieve data
- Update data
- Store data

(Data manipulation)



What is meta data?

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A simplified database system environment.

What is Metadata (= data definition)

- Data types
- Constraints of data
- Structures
- Properties that run common to various data elements

Phase 1 of Designing a Database

Requirements Specification and Analysis

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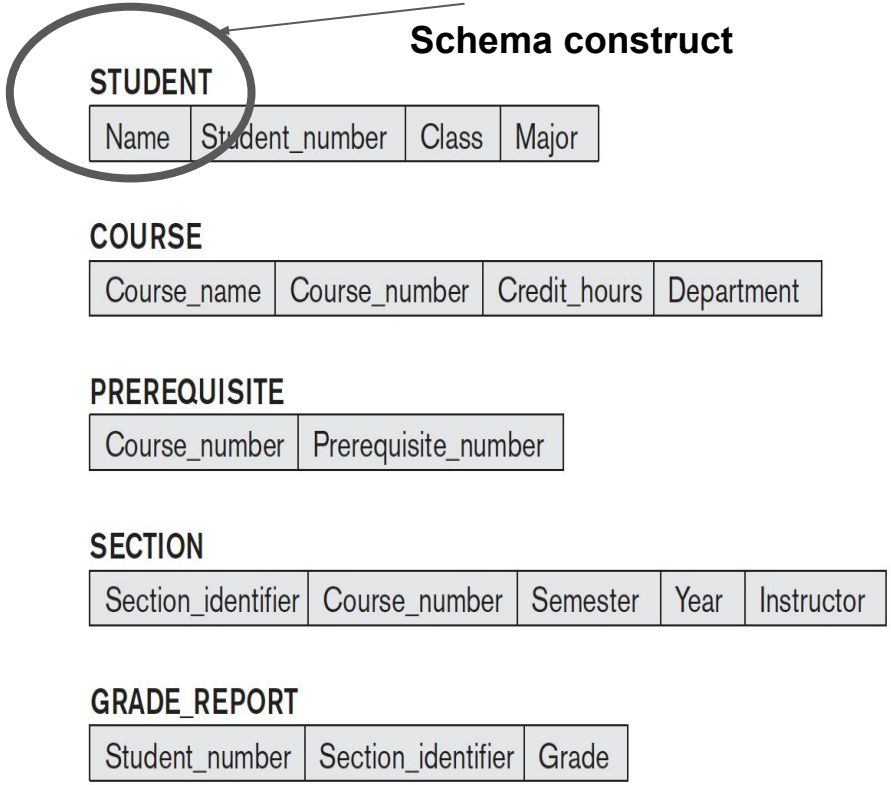
1. **Miniworld (Universe of Discourse):** How your project is going to impact the real world (short summary)

2. **Full data flow (detailed description):**
   a. Who are the parties involved, what they do, and in which sequence
   b. Full details of specific constraints

3. **Application requirements**
   a. Update (what and when)
   b. Store (what and when)
   c. Retrieve (what and when)

Database Schema (= description of database)

Figure 2.1
Schema diagram for the database in Figure 1.2.



- Structure
- Data type
- Unchangeable
- No actual instance
- Not all constraints included

Database state (snapshot)

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Figure 1.2
A database that stores student and course information.

Database schema vs. Database State (I)

- **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 (II)

- Distinction
  - The ***database schema*** changes very infrequently.
  - The ***database state*** changes every time the database is updated.

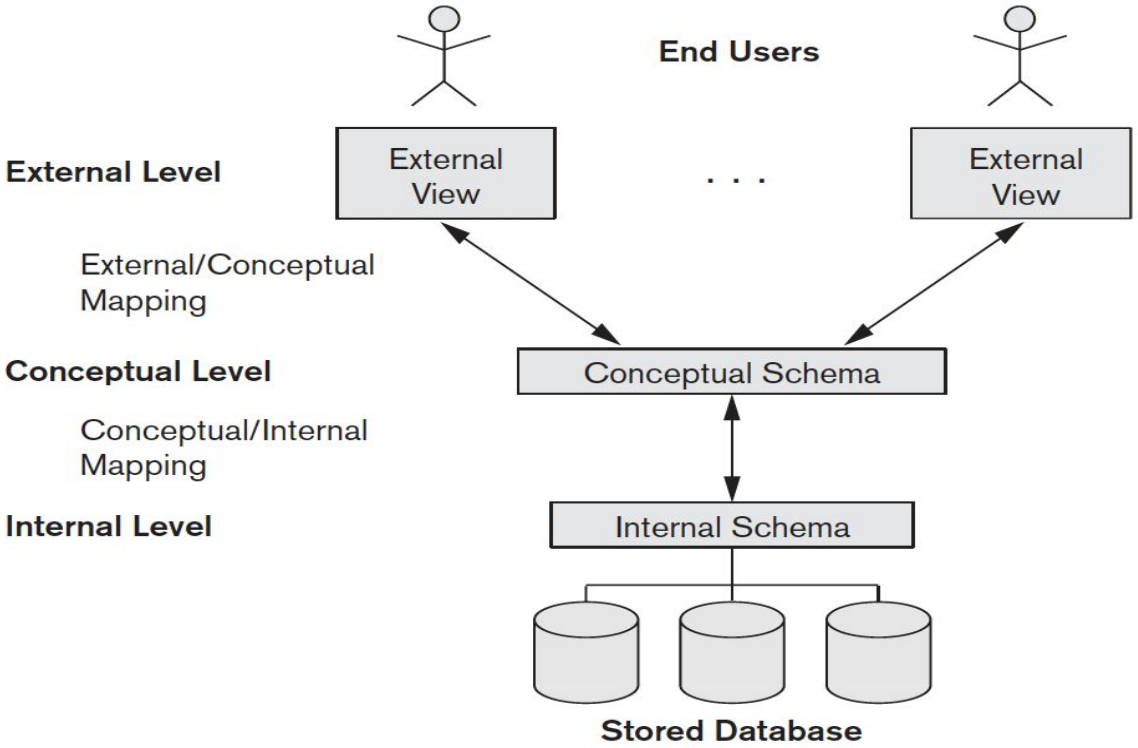
- **Schema** is also called **intension**.
- **State** is also called **extension**.

Three schema architecture: objective

- Self-describing (schema constructs)
- Insulation program from data (program-data independence
- Support of Multiple views (several APIs)

Three-schema architecture: pictorially

Figure 2.2
The three-schema architecture.



Three schema architecture: description

- 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.

Categories of Data Models

- **Conceptual (high-level, semantic) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that are close to the way many users perceive data.
    - (Also called ***entity-based*** or ***object-based*** data models.)
- **Physical (low-level, internal) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that describe details of how data is stored in the computer. These are usually specified in an ad-hoc manner through DBMS design and administration manuals
- **Implementation (representational) data models:**
  - Provide concepts that fall between the above two, used by many commercial DBMS implementations (e.g. relational data models used in many commercial systems).

Three schema architecture: mappings

- 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 (I)

- **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 (II)

- 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.

Data Model Operations

- **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)

DBMS Languages

DDL and DML

- 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