COMPLEX CONSTRAINTS AND BIG DATA

MSiA 413 Week 10

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Announcements

- · This is the last discussion section
- · The final is next Thursday!
 - Nikos's next lecture is going to be a retrospective of the whole course
 - · Ask him final-related questions
 - No practice problems for the final
 - All lectures are fair game
 - Any supplemental discussion material I've brought up won't be on the final
- · HW 6 is out

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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Triggers

- When should you use triggers to enforce constraints?
- Given the following schema, enforce the constraint that no manager has more than five immediate subordinates?

Employees		CREATE TRIGGER MaxTeamSizeIs5 BEFORE INSERT ON Employees
Employeeld	INTEGER NOT NULL	FOR EACH ROW BEGIN SELECT CASE WHEN (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Employees WHERE Employees.ManagerId = new.ManagerId)>5 THEN RAISE(FAIL, "Error: max team of 5) END; END;
ManagerId*	INTEGER	
Name	VARCHAR(80) NOT NULL	

 How would you restructure the data to avoid the need for this trigger?

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Transactions

- How do transactions help enforce ACID constraints?
- How do transactions help parallelize databases?
- Is there a benefit to wrapping a single select statement into a transaction?
- · Assume you have the following transaction
 - Read(A)
 - 2. Read(B)
 - 3. B := B A
 - 4. Write(B)
 - 5. Commit
- Could another transaction Read from B between lines 2-3?
- Could another transaction Read from B between lines 5-6?
- Could another transaction Write to B between lines 2-3
- Could another transaction Write to B after line 5?

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Partitioning

- What are vertical partitioning and horizontal partitioning?
 - What is the difference between a JOIN and a horizontal partition?
 - What is the difference between a UNION and a vertical partition?
- What is the difference between partitioning and indexing?
 - Can you use an index on a partitioned table?
- Why use table partitioning?
 - Can partitioning be useful in small databases?

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NoSQL

- · What are key-value stores?
- How do you specify queries to NoSQL databases if they don't SQL?
- What kind of queries are key-value stores useful for?
- Can you imagine other paradigms for NoSQL databases?
 - Graph databases
 - Column-based store
 - Document-based store

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