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Distributed DBMS Architecture

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What is a Distributed Database System?

A distributed database (DDB) is a collection of multiple, *logically interrelated* databases distributed over a *computer network*.

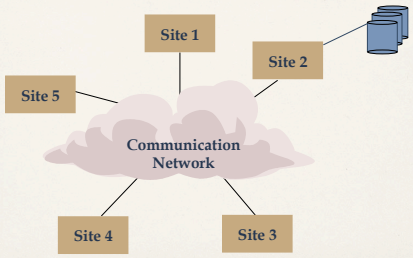
A distributed database management system (D–DBMS) is the software that manages the DDB and provides an access mechanism that makes this distribution transparent to the users.

Distributed database system (DDBS) = DDB + D–DBMS

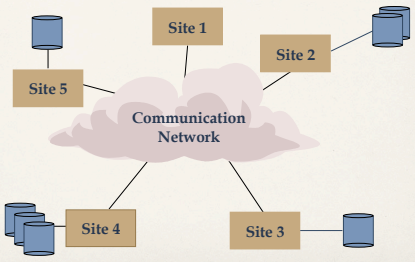
What is not a DDBS?

- A timesharing computer system
- A loosely or tightly coupled multiprocessor system
- A database system which resides at one of the nodes of a network of computers - this is a centralized database on a network node

Centralized DBMS on a Network



Distributed DBMS Environment



Implicit Assumptions

- Data stored at a number of sites → each site *logically* consists of a single processor.
- Processors at different sites are interconnected by a computer network → not a multiprocessor system
  - ➡ Parallel database systems
- Distributed database is a database, not a collection of files → data logically related as exhibited in the users' access patterns
  - ➡ Relational data model
- D-DBMS is a full-fledged DBMS
  - ➡ Not remote file system, not a TP system

Data Delivery Alternatives

- Delivery modes
  - Pull-only
  - Push-only
  - Hybrid
- Frequency
  - Periodic
  - Conditional
  - Ad-hoc or irregular
- Communication Methods
  - Unicast
  - One-to-many
- Note: not all combinations make sense

Distributed DBMS Promises

1. Transparent management of distributed, fragmented, and replicated data
2. Improved reliability/availability through distributed transactions
3. Improved performance
4. Easier and more economical system expansion

Transparency

- Transparency is the separation of the higher level semantics of a system from the lower level implementation issues.
- Fundamental issue is to provide
  data independence
  in the distributed environment
  - Network (distribution) transparency
  - Replication transparency
  - Fragmentation transparency
    - horizontal fragmentation: selection
    - vertical fragmentation: projection
    - hybrid

Example

EMP

ENO	ENAME	TITLE
E1	J. Doe	Elect. Eng
E2	M. Smith	Syst. Anal.
E3	A. Lee	Mech. Eng.
E4	J. Miller	Programmer
E5	B. Casey	Syst. Anal.
E6	L. Chu	Elect. Eng.
E7	R. Davis	Mech. Eng.
E8	J. Jones	Syst. Anal.

ASG

ENO	PNO	RESP	DUR
E1	P1	Manager	12
E2	P1	Analyst	24
E2	P2	Analyst	6
E3	P3	Consultant	10
E3	P4	Engineer	48
E4	P2	Programmer	18
E5	P2	Manager	24
E6	P4	Manager	48
E7	P3	Engineer	36
E8	P3	Manager	40

PROJ

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET
P1	Instrumentation	150000
P2	Database Develop.	135000
P3	CAD/CAM	250000
P4	Maintenance	310000

PAY

TITLE	SAL
Elect. Eng.	40000
Syst. Anal.	34000
Mech. Eng.	27000
Programmer	24000

Transparent Access

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SELECT  ENAME,SAL
FROM    EMP,ASG,PAY
WHERE   DUR > 12
AND     EMP.ENO = ASG.ENO
AND     PAY.TITLE = EMP.TITLE
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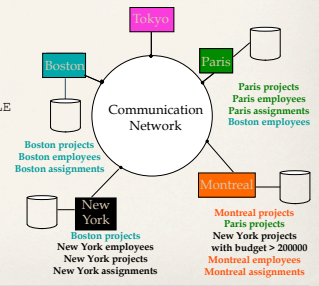
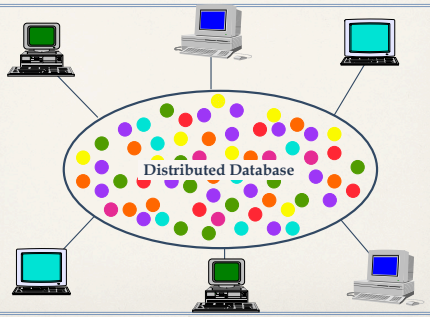
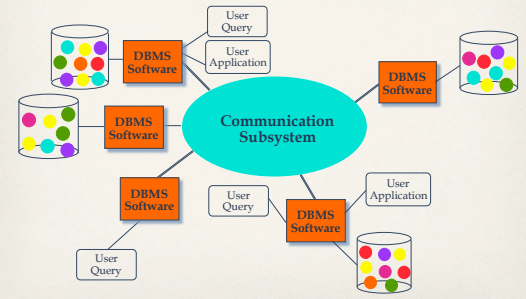


Distributed Database - User View



Distributed DBMS - Reality



Types of Transparency

- Data independence
- Network transparency (or distribution transparency)
  - Location transparency
  - Fragmentation transparency
- Replication transparency
- Fragmentation transparency

Reliability Through Transactions

- Replicated components and data should make distributed DBMS more reliable.
- Distributed transactions provide
  - Concurrency transparency
  - Failure atomicity
- Distributed transaction support requires implementation of
  - Distributed concurrency control protocols
  - Commit protocols
- Data replication
  - Great for read-intensive workloads, problematic for updates
  - Replication protocols

Potentially Improved Performance

- Proximity of data to its points of use
  - Requires some support for fragmentation and replication
- Parallelism in execution
  - Inter-query parallelism
  - Intra-query parallelism

Parallelism Requirements

- Have as much of the data required by *each* application at the site where the application executes
  - Full replication
- How about updates?
  - Mutual consistency
  - Freshness of copies

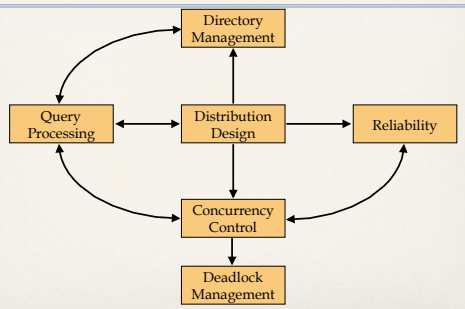
Distributed DBMS Issues

- **Distributed Database Design**
  - How to distribute the database
  - Replicated & non-replicated database distribution
  - A related problem in directory management
- **Query Processing**
  - Convert user transactions to data manipulation instructions
  - Optimization problem
    - min{cost = data transmission + local processing}
  - General formulation is NP-hard

Distributed DBMS Issues

- **Concurrency Control**
  - Synchronization of concurrent accesses
  - Consistency and isolation of transactions' effects
  - Deadlock management
- **Reliability**
  - How to make the system resilient to failures
  - Atomicity and durability

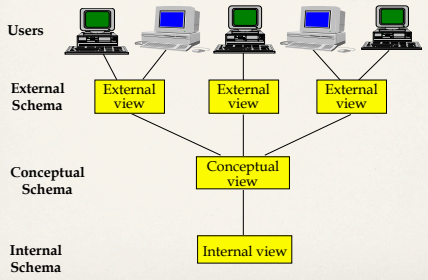
Relationship Between Issues



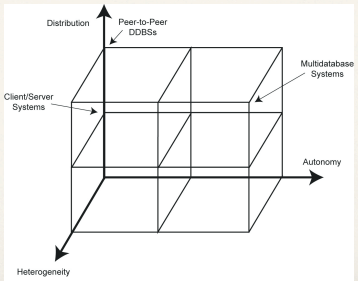
Architecture

- Defines the structure of the system
  - components identified
  - functions of each component defined
  - interrelationships and interactions between components defined

ANSI/SPARC Architecture



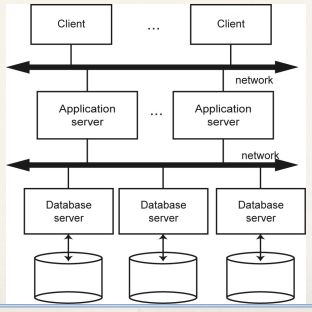
DBMS Implementation Alternatives



Dimensions of the Problem

- Distribution
  - Whether the components of the system are located on the same machine or not
- Heterogeneity
  - Various levels (hardware, communications, operating system)
  - DBMS important one
    - data model, query language,transaction management algorithms
- Autonomy
  - Not well understood and most troublesome
  - Various versions
    - Design autonomy: Ability of a component DBMS to decide on issues related to its own design.
    - Communication autonomy: Ability of a component DBMS to decide whether and how to communicate with other DBMSs.
    - Execution autonomy: Ability of a component DBMS to execute local operations in any manner it wants to.

Distributed Database Servers



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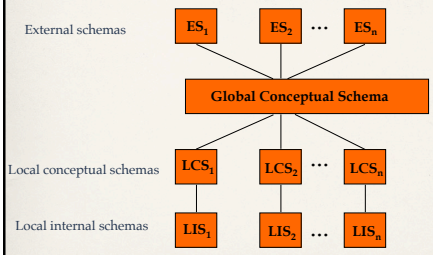
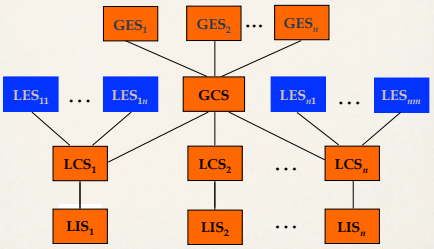
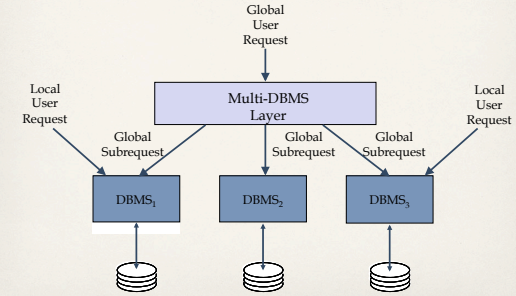


Datalogical Multi-DBMS Architecture



MDBS Components & Execution



Mediator/Wrapper Architecture