Principles of Database Systems

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Main Contents

In this course, we will learn the basic concepts, principles and applications of database systems, especially the relational database systems. The contents mainly include :

- The data models, SQL language and user interfaces
- Key principles of DBMS (mainly architecture, query optimization, concurrency control, recovery, etc.)
- The security and integrity constrains of database
- Introduction of distributed database systems
- Some new research and application fields of database technology, such as data warehouse, data mining, XML data management, etc.

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1. Introduction

What Is Database?
What Is DBMS?

- A very large, integrated collection of data.
- Models real-world *enterprise.*
  - Entities (e.g., students, courses)
  - Relationships (e.g., electives)
- A *Database Management System (DBMS)* is a software package designed to store and manage databases.

Files vs. Databases

- Application must stage large datasets between main memory and secondary storage (e.g., buffering, page-oriented access, 32-bit addressing, etc.)
- Special code for different queries
- Must protect data from inconsistency due to multiple concurrent users
- Crash recovery
- Security and access control

Why Use a DBMS?

- Data independence and efficient access.
- Reduced application development time.
- Data integrity and security.
- Uniform data administration.
- Concurrent access, recovery from crashes.

Why Study Databases ?

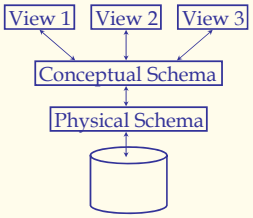
- Shift from *computation* to *information*
  - at the "low end": scramble to webspace (a mess!)
  - at the "high end": scientific applications
- Datasets increasing in diversity and volume.
  - Digital libraries, interactive video, Human Genome project, EOS project
  - ... need for DBMS exploding
- DBMS encompasses most of CS
  - OS, languages, theory, AI, multimedia, logic

Data, Data Model and Data Schema

- *Data* are symbols for describing the things of real world. They are existing form of information.
- A *data model* is a collection of concepts and definitions for describing data.
- A *schema* is a description of a particular collection of data, using a given data model.
- The *relational model of data* is the most widely used model today.
  - Main concept: *relation*, basically a table with rows and columns.
  - Every relation has a *schema*, which describes the columns, or fields.

Levels of Abstraction

- Many *views*, single *conceptual (logical) schema* and *physical schema*.
  - Views describe how users see the data.
  - Conceptual schema defines logical structure
  - Physical schema describes the files and indexes used.



** Schemas are defined using DDL; data is modified/queried using DML.*

Example: University Database

- Conceptual schema:
  - *Students(sid: string, name: string, login: string, age: integer, gpa:real)*
  - *Courses(cid: string, cname:string, credits:integer)*
  - *Enrolled(sid:string, cid:string, grade:integer)*
- Physical schema:
  - Relations stored as unordered files.
  - Index on first column of Students.
- External Schema (View):
  - *Course_info(cid:string,enrollment:integer)*

Data Independence *

- Applications insulated from how data is structured and stored.
- *Logical data independence*: Protection from changes in *logical* structure of data.
- *Physical data independence*: Protection from changes in *physical* structure of data.

* *One of the most important benefits of using a DBMS!*

The History of Database Technology and its Classification

(1) According to the development of data model

- No management(before 1960'): Scientific computing
- File system: Simple data management
- Demand of data management growing continuously, DBMS emerged.
  - 1964, the first DBMS (American): IDS, network
  - 1969, the first commercial DBMS of IBM, hierarchical
  - 1970, E.F.Codd(IBM) bring forward relational data model
  - Other data model: Object Oriented, deductive, ER, ...

(2) According to the development of DBMS architectures

- Centralized database systems
- Parallel database systems
- Distributed database systems (and Federated database systems)
- Mobile database systems

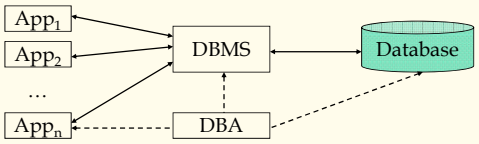
(3) According to the development of architectures of application systems based on databases

- Centralized structure : Host + Terminal
- Distributed structure
- Client/Server structure
- Three tier/multi-tier structure
- Mobile computing
- Grid computing / Cloud computing

(4) According to the expanding of application fields

- OLTP
- Engineering Database
- Deductive Database
- Multimedia Database
- Temporal Database
- Spatial Database
- Data Warehouse, OLAP, Data Mining
- Knowledge Management
- … …

Database System



- Applications + DBMS + Database + DBA
- DBMS is the core of database system
  - High level user interfaces
  - Query processing and optimization
  - Catalog management
  - Concurrency control and Recovery
  - Integrity constraints checking
  - Access control

Life cycle of database systems

- Database system planning
- Database designing
- Database establishing and loading
- Database running, managing and maintaining
- Database extending and restructuring