

Database: collection of related data. Eg ~~na~~ telephone directory. It is a logically coherent collection of data w/ some inherent meaning.

DBMS: a computerized system that enables users to create & maintain a database.

- It is a general purpose software system that facilitates the process of defining, constructing, manipulating & sharing databases among various users & applications
- Data can be retrieved using a query.

Goals:

- Electronic record keeping
- Fast & convenient access of info

Problems w/ file system:

- Data redundancy & inconsistency
- Sharing of data is either not allowed or too complex
- Data concurrency can cause anomalies
- A diff. program has to be written for every search.
- Systems might crash
- Data integrity is not maintained
- Data is not very secure.

All of the above occur ~~due to~~ bec

- file layout description is buried in C prog.
- concurrency not supported.

DBMS handles these problems

Advantages over file system

- Logical & physical data independence
- Concurrent access
- Transaction processing

Disadv over file systems:

- Price
- Require additional expertise
- Overkill for ^{small} single-user data set

ADVANTAGES OF DBMS

- Redundancy problem is solved
- Has high level of security
- Presence of data integrity
- Supports multiple users
- Allows data sharing
- Avoids inconsistency
- Provides backup

DISADV

- Complexity
- Size
- Cost
- Slow performance
- Higher impact of failure

Unit 2

- describe data
 - data relationships
 - data semantics
 - consistency constraints
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Data model: a collection of concepts that can be used to describe the structure of a DB. It provides necessary means to achieve data abstraction.

Data abstraction: suppresses ~~for~~ ^{data} details of organization & storage & highlights essential features for improved understanding.

TYPES OF DATA MODELS

1. Relational Model:

- collection of tables to represent data & relationship b/w data
- Each table has multiple columns
- Each column has a unique name
- Tables are also called relations.

2. Entity-Relationship Model:

- logical representation of data as objects & the relationship among them
- Objects are known as entities, & the relationship is an association among these entities.

Object-Based Data Model:

- Extension of ER w/ notions of functions, encapsulation & object identity.

Semi-structured Data Model:

- combines description of the data w/ data values themselves.

Database Schema: description of a DB

- specified during design
- does not change frequently

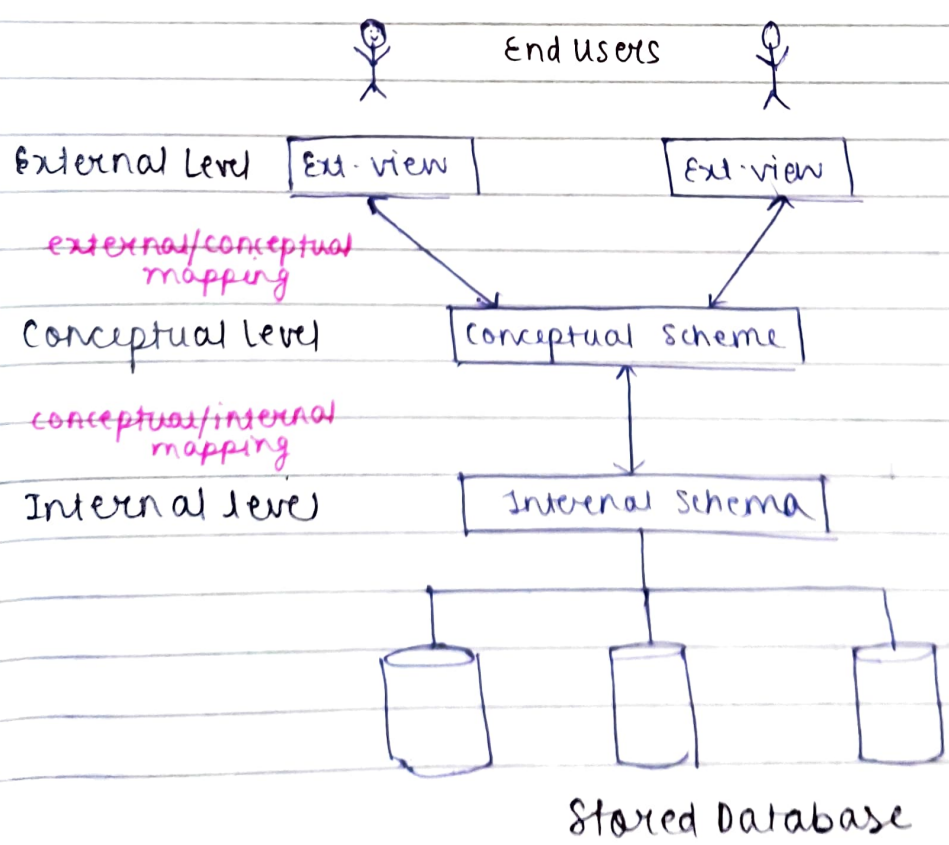
Instance: collection of info stored in DB at a particular moment.

* DB schema corresponds to variable declaration
value in variables at a point of time correspond to an instance.

THREE SCHEMA ARCHITECTURE

Proposed to help achieve & visualize the following characteristics:

- use of a catalog to store the database description (schema) to make it self describing
- insulation of programs & data
- support of multiple user views.



1. Internal level: has an internal schema which describes the physical storage structure of the DB.

- uses a physical data model
- describes complete details & access paths for the DB

2. Conceptual level: has a conceptual schema which describes the structure of a whole DB for a community of users.

- Hides the details of physical storage structure & concentrates on describing entities, data types, relationships etc.

3. External level: includes a number of external schemas

- each external schema describes the part of the DB that a particular user group is interested in & hides the rest of the DB from that user group.
- ~~each external schema is~~

DATA INDEPENDENCE : capacity to change the schema at one level of DB system w/o having to change it at another higher level.

→ Logical Data Independence:

- capacity to change conceptual schema w/o having to change external schemas.
- can add/drop column/table

→ Physical Data Independence

- capacity to change external schema without changing conceptual schema.
- can add index, change record order

DBMS Languages

~~DDL & D~~

DDL

DML

DQL

DCL

TCL

1. DATA DEFINITION LANGUAGE (DDL)

- Define the DB structure or schema.
- CREATE : create obj
- ALTER : alter DB structure
- DROP : delete obj
- TRUNCATE : remove all records from table, ^{including space left by} ~~in~~ deleted records
- RENAME : rename an obj

2. DATA MANIPULATION (DML)

- Manage data within schema
- SELECT : retrieve data
- INSERT : insert data
- UPDATE : update existing data
- DELETE : TRUNCATE but space remains
- LOCK TABLE : controls concurrency

3. DATA QUERY (DQL)

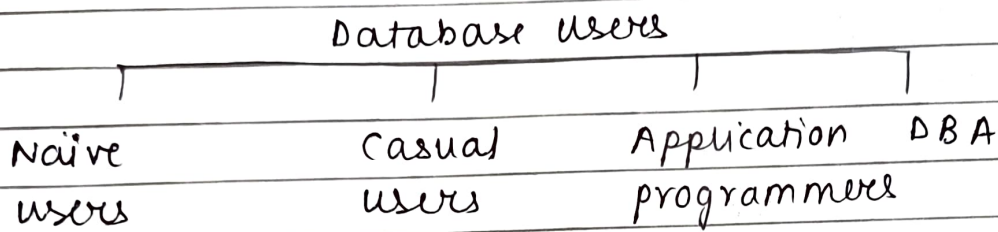
- get some schema relation based on the query passed
- SELECT

4. DATA CONTROL (DCL)

- Controls rights, permissions & other controls of DBS
- GRANT : gives users access privileges to DB
- REVOKE : withdraws

5. TRANSACTION CONTROL (TCL)

- Allows statements to be grouped together into logical transactions.
- COMMIT: save work done
- SAVEPOINT: transaction checkpoint
- ROLLBACK: restore DB to original since last COMMIT
- SET TRANSACTION: change transaction options



DBA (database administrators)

- authorizes access to DB
- coordinates & monitors DB use
- acquires HW & SW resources as needed.
- accountable for security breaches

