



INFO20003 Database Systems

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Lecture 01

What are Database Systems?



- Data
 - known facts stored and recorded
 - can include: text, numbers, dates, plus images, sound, video, and other complex objects
- Information
 - Data presented in context (can be summarised data)
 - Data that has been processed increasing the users knowledge
- Data vs Information
 - *Data* is known and available, *Information* is processed and more useful

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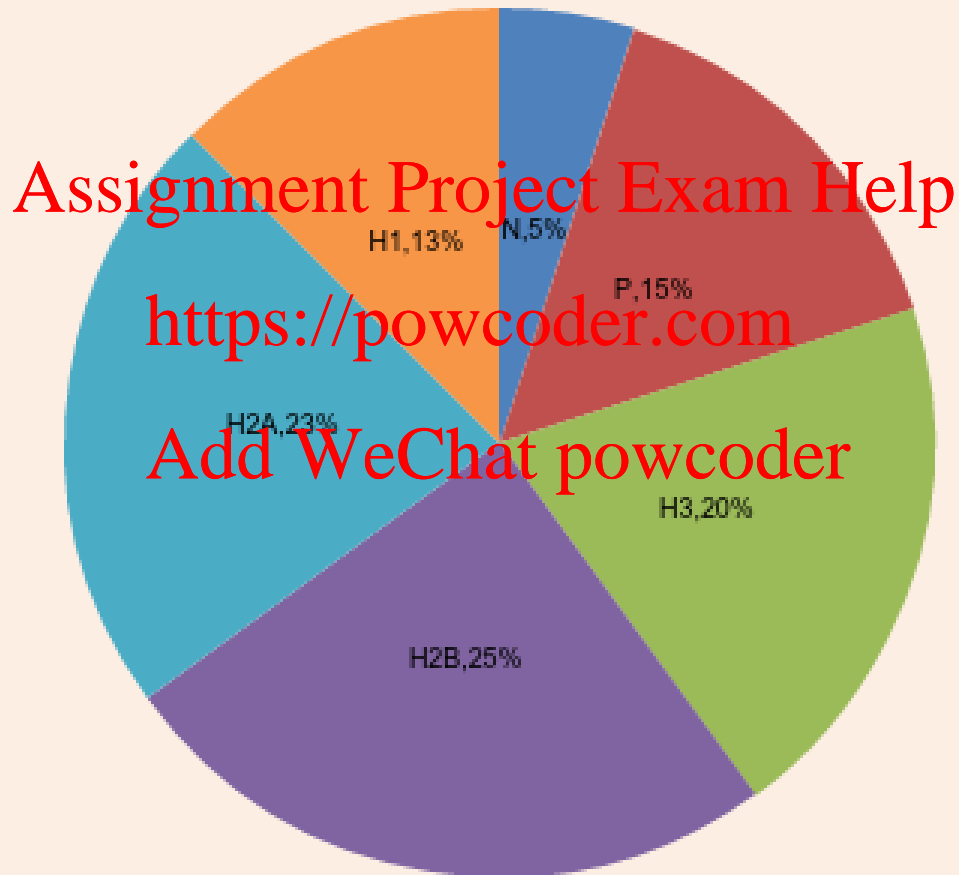
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- Can include: <https://powcoder.com>
 - structure, rules, constraints
- Why do we need Metadata?
 - Consistency
 - Meaning
- We generate a **data dictionary** as part of the analysis of system requirements

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a large, integrated, structured collection of data

- Usually intended to model some real-world enterprise
- **Example:** a university
 - *Entities* ... such as courses, students, professors
 - *Relationships* ... such as enrollment, teaching

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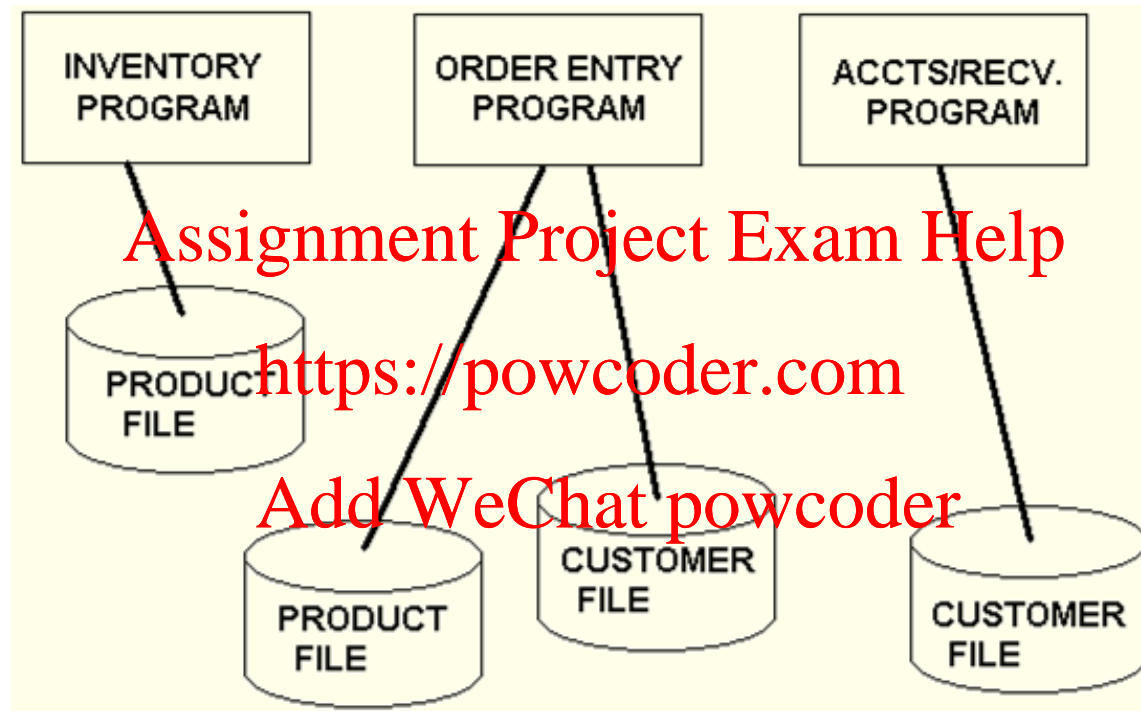
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A Database Management System (DBMS) is a software system designed to store, manage, and facilitate access to databases.

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- What are the problems you can see with this?
- (Diagram adapted from Hoffer p. 42)



- Program-data dependence
 - If the file structure changes, so does the program
 - What if you change data structure for one program
- Duplication of data
 - wasteful, inefficient, loss of data integrity
- Limited data sharing
 - data tied to application, hard/slow to create adhoc reports
- Lengthy development times
 - application has to do low level data management, figure out file format each time
- Excessive program maintenance
 - up to 80% of development time in traditional file based organisations is for maintenance

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- Manage data in a **structured** way
- Many models (hierarchical, network, etc), but **relational** dominant since ~1980
- Relational Model
 - Rows & Columns forming Relations
 - Keys & Foreign Keys to link Relations

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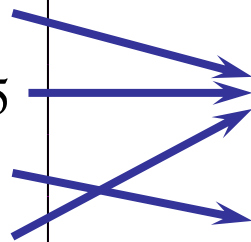
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- Data independence
 - separation of data and program, application logic
 - central data repository, central management
- Minimal data redundancy
 - redundancy can be controlled (normalization)
- Improved data consistency
 - single store: no disagreements, update problems, less storage space
- Improved data sharing
 - data is shared, a corporate resource, not a necessity for an application
 - external users can be allowed access
 - multiple views of data, arbitrary views of data
- Reduced program maintenance
 - data structure can change without application data changing
- Novel ad hoc data access 'without programming'
 - SQL

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- Difference between Data and Information
- Being able to discuss the advantages of Databases vs File Processing Systems

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- The database system lifecycle
 - With a focus on the design stage
 - Conceptual design
 - Logical design
 - Physical design

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