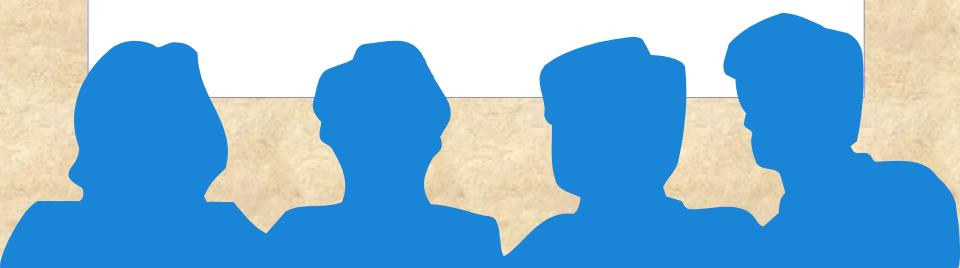
LESSONI6

Database Management Systems and Enterprise Software

This lesson includes the following sections:

- Databases and Management Systems
- Working with a Database
- Enterprise Software



Databases and Database Management Systems

- The Difference between Databases and DBMSes
- Database Basics
- DBMSes Basics

Databases and Database Management Systems The Difference between Databases and DBMSes

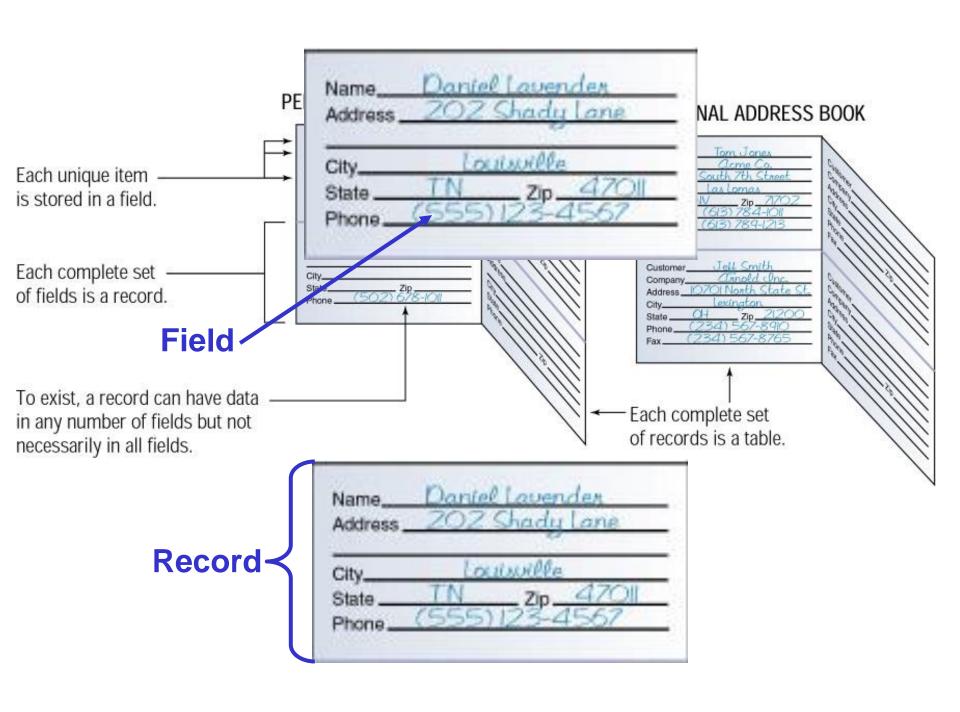
- A database is a repository for collections of related data or facts.
- A database management system (DBMS) is a software tool that lets users add, view, and work with the data in a database.
- Large databases and DBMS' are commonly used by companies, but many productivity applications are built around database concepts.

Databases and DBMSes - Database Basics

Databases use three main structures for organizing data:

- Fields, which store various pieces of data related to a single entity.
- Records, or collections of fields relating to an entity.
- Tables, which are collections of related records.

The two primary types of databases are flat-file databases (with only one table) and relational databases (with multiple, related tables).



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Databases and DBMSes - DBMS Basics

A DBMS allows users to access and manage the data collected in a database.

Data management tasks (all done through the DBMS) can be divided into three categories:

- Entering data into the database.
- Sorting (rearranging) the data in the database.
- Obtaining subsets of the data for use.

Working With a Database

- Creating Database Tables
- Viewing Records
- Sorting Records
- Querying a Database
- Generating Reports

Working With a Database – Creating Database Tables

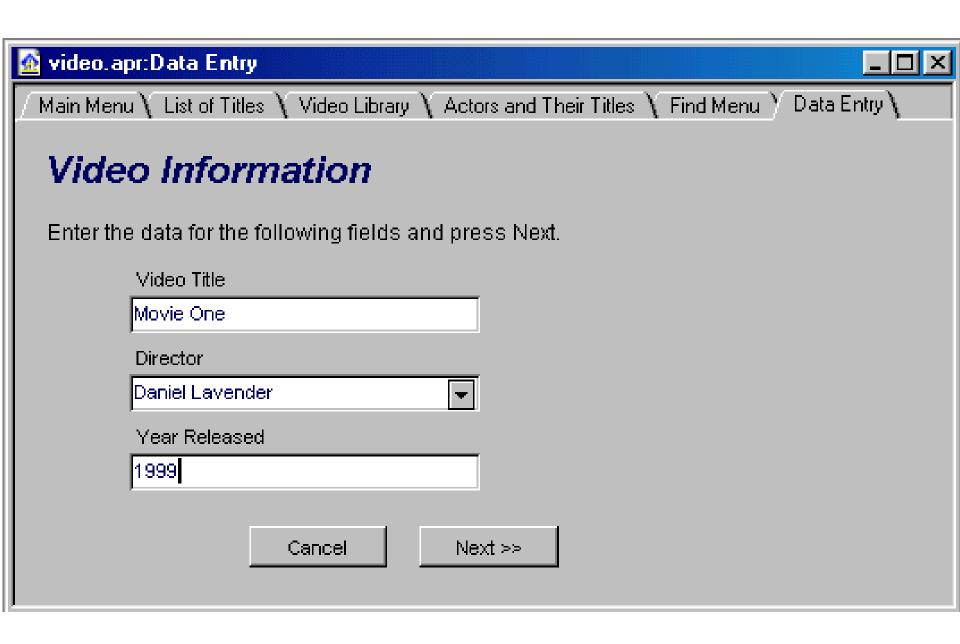
- The first step in building a database is to create its tables. This means identifying, naming, and organizing its fields to receive data.
- Databases can store the following types of fields:

Text Logical Numeric Date/Time

Memo Binary Counter

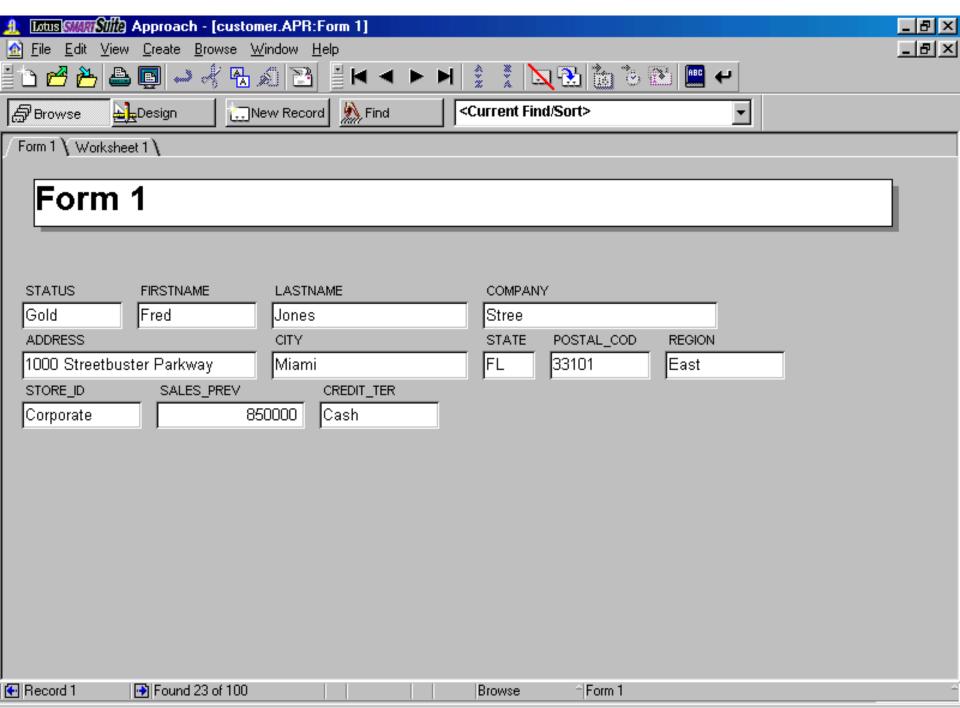
Working With a Database – Creating Database Tables

- You can create forms that let you view and enter data for one record at a time.
- Database tools such as masks can validate data as it is entered and thus ensure the data is in the correct format.



Working With a Database - Viewing Records

- A filter is a tool that lets you view records that match a given criterion.
- Filters are helpful when searching for certain types of information in a large database with many records.
- A form can work with a filter, but enables you to view information about a single record.



Working With a Database - Sorting Records

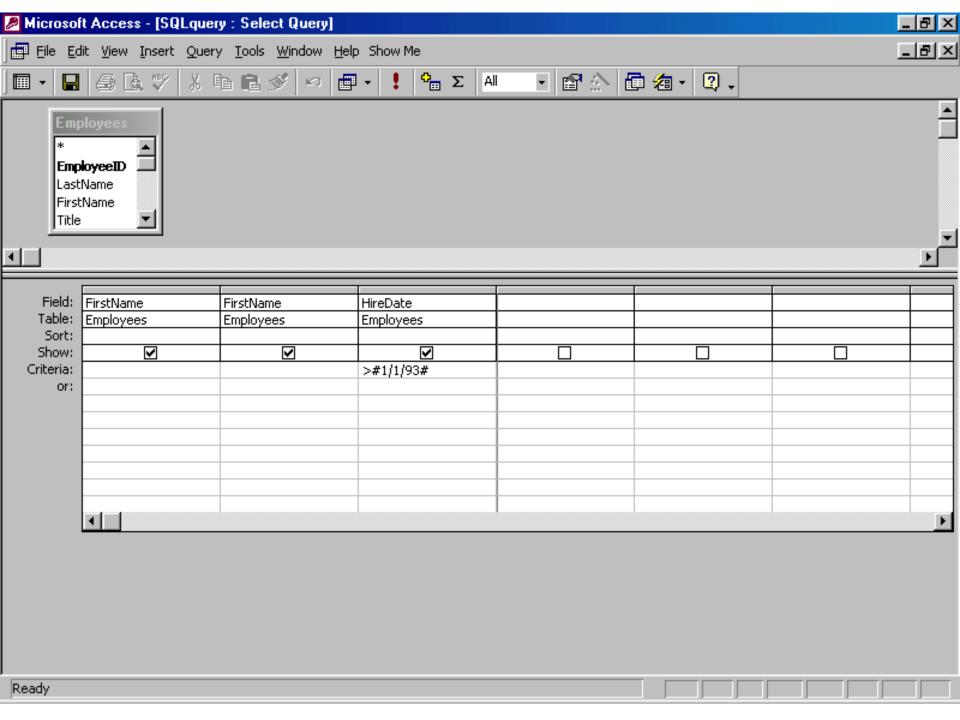
- Sorting means arranging the records in a database.
- A DBMS enables you to sort records alphabetically, numerically, and chronologically.
- You can sort records in ascending (A-Z) order or descending (Z-A) order.

Working With a Database - Querying a Database

A query is a statement you define, which tells the DBMS to find records that match criteria you specify.

Modern DMBS software provides built-in querying tools, based on one or more of the following languages:

- SQL (Structured Query Language)
- Query by Example (QBE)
- Xbase



Working With a Database - Generating Reports

- A report is a subset of information from a database, produced in printed form.
- You can generate the data for a report by using a query, filter, or other tools.
- Reports can be formatted in a wide variety of ways.

Enterprise Software

- Enterprise software is a large-scale application based on a DBMS, used by a large organization.
- Enterprise software can meet the needs of many different users in different locations.
- In an enterprise, different users have different interfaces to the database, so they can work only with the data they need.