Database Management System 1
Introduction to Database System

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Data & Information

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- ***Data***
  - Raw facts, unprocessed facts
  - Refers to what is actually stored
- ***Information***
  - Result of processing raw data
  - Refers to meaning of the data, understood by the user

Data management focuses on the generation, storage & retrieval of data

Limitations of File-Processing Systems

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- Redundancy problem
  - Repetitive data
- Data-inconsistency problem
  - Incorrectness of data
- Lack of data integration
  - Complex and time consuming

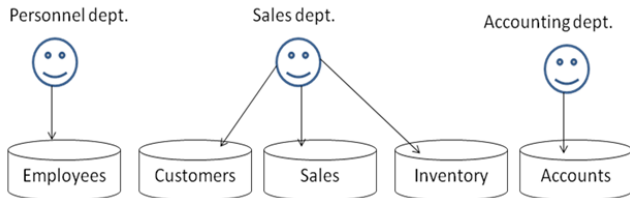Personnel dept.   Sales dept.
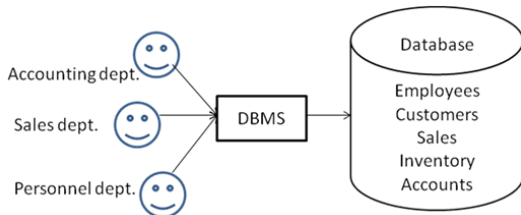
Accounting dept.

Employees   Customers   Sales   Inventory   Accounts

Database

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- Database is a collection of interrelated data
- Database is a shared, integrated computer structure that stores:
  - **End- user data**: raw facts of interest to the end-user
  - **Meta data**: through which the end-user data are integrated & managed. The metadata provides a description of the data characteristics and the set of relationships that link the data found within the database
- Database is an organized collection of data of an organization or enterprise

DBMS

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- DBMS (Database Management System) is a collection of programs that manages structure & controls access to the data stored in the database

- It includes tools to add, modify or delete data from the database, ask questions (or queries) about the data stored in the database and produce reports

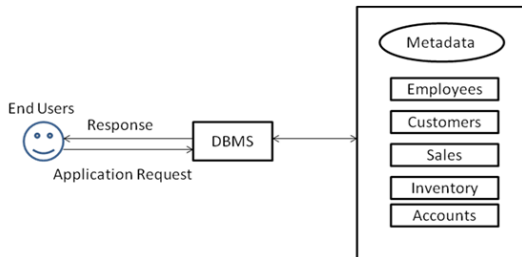- DBMS serves as the intermediary between the user & the database

Database Types

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- Depending on the number of users accessing the database, a database system may be classified as:
  - **Single-user database system**: It supports only one user at a time. When a single-user database runs on a personal computer, it is also called a desktop database system
  - **Multi-user database system**: It supports multiple users at the same time. When multi-user database supports relatively small number of users, it is called as a workgroup database system. If the database is used by many users across globe, it is known as enterprise database system
- Depending on the location of the database, a database system may be classified as:
  - **Centralized database system**: It supports data located at a single site or single place
  - **Distributed database system**: It supports data distributed across several different sites. Here, the same database can be replicated and stored in another computer so that when ever the original server goes down; the data can be available to the user from the replicated data from other servers

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A database system is comprised of a database, DBMS software and appropriate hardware

- *Controlling Redundancy & Inconsistency*: ensures the consistency of data and saves storage space

- *Allows Data Sharing*: allows data to be shared among different users located at different locations

- *Restricting Unauthorized Access*: controls the type of data access

- *Providing Storage Structures for efficient query processing*: provides capabilities for efficiently executing queries and updates. It must provide specialized data structures to speed up disk search for the desired record

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- *Providing Backup & Recovery*: provides facilities for recovery from hardware or software failures

- *Providing multiple user interfaces*: provides a variety of user interfaces

- *Enforcing Integrity Constraints*: provides capabilities for defining and enforcing database constraints

- *Solving data isolation*: each user transaction is isolated from other's transaction on the same critical data

- *Providing economies of scaling*: easily scalable to any number of records/users