

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1

Concepts and Applications:

Data:

Data is the raw fact and figures.

Information:

Information is the processed data.

Entity:

Real world object that are represented in database.

Attribute:

Properties used to describe entity.

Attributes (characteristics of entity)

Name on card	Type	Number	ExpMonth	ExpYear
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Ram	VISA	467545822...	05	2019
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Hasi	VISA	...	11	2020
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Shyam	MC	...	04	2018
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Entities

(Individual

credit cards)

Field:

A character or group of characters having specific meaning and used to define and store data.

Record:

A logically connected set of one or more fields that describes a person, place or thing.

File:

A collection of related records

For example:

A telephone book is analogous to file. It contains a list of records, each of which consists of three fields: name, address & telephone numbers.

Database Management System:

Database:

- ↳ A collection of related data
- ↳ can be of any size and varying complexity
- ↳ can be generated and maintained manually or can be computerized.

Database Management System:

- ↳ Collection of program that enables users to create, organize and manage the database.
- ↳ Provides an environment that is convenient and efficient to use.
- ↳ contains the information about the particular enterprise.

Database System Applications:

i. Enterprise Information:

Sales: customers, products, purchases

Accounting: payments, receipts, assets.

Human Resources: Information about employees, salaries, payroll taxes.

ii. Manufacturing.

Management of production, inventory, orders, supply chain.

iii. Banking and Finance.

↳ customer information, accounts, loans, and banking transactions.

↳ credit card transactions

↳ **Finance:** sales and purchases of financial instruments (e.g., stocks and bonds; storing real-time market data)

iv. Universities:

Registration, grades

v. Airlines.

Reservations, schedules.

vi. Telecommunication:

Records of calls, texts, and data usage, generating monthly bills, maintaining balances on prepaid calling cards.

vii. web-based services.

online retailers: orders tracking, customized recommendations.

Online advertisements.

viii. Document databases

ix. Navigation systems.

For maintaining the locations of various places of interest along with the exact routes of roads, train systems, buses etc.

1.2 Objective and Evolution.

In early days, database applications were built directly on top of file systems, which leads to:

i. Data redundancy and inconsistency

Data is stored in multiple files formats resulting in duplication of information in different files.

ii. Difficulty in accessing data.

Need to write a new program to carry out each new task.

iii. Data Isolation

Multiple files and formats.

iv. Integrity problems.

↳ Integrity constraints (e.g., account balance > 0) become "buried" in program code rather than being stated explicitly

↳ Hard to add new constraints or change existing ones

v. Atomicity of Updates.

Failures may leave database in an inconsistent state with partial updates carried out.

Example: Transfer of funds from one account to another should either complete or not happen at all.

vi. Concurrent access by multiple users.

↳ concurrent access needed for performance

↳ Uncontrolled concurrent accesses can lead to inconsistencies

Example: Two people reading a balance (say 100) and updating it by withdrawing money (say 50)

each) at the same time

vii. Security problems:

Hard to provide users access to some, but not all data

Database systems offers solutions to all the above problems.

~~Evolution of Database: (Assignment)~~

Components of Database System.

Data:

↳ Stored information in DBMS

↳ It can be integrated & shared.

i. Integrated data refers to the visualization of database unification of several files with no redundancies.

ii. Shared data can be used by multi-users simultaneously for different purpose.

Software:

DBMS that act as medium to communicate database with users and application programs.

Hardware:

↳ Hardware components of system consists of secondary storage volumes.

↳ Hardware processor and associated main memory to support the execution of database system software.

Users:

People who use or access data.

Type of User:

Application Programmers.

AP implement the specification generated by system analyst in some high level programming language which access the database by issuing appropriate request to the DBMS.

Database Administrator.

↳ Central controller over the system.

↳ Responsible for authorizing access to the database, for co-ordinating and monitoring its use, acquiring software, and hardware resources, controlling its use and monitoring efficiency of operations.

Functions:

Schema definition, storage structure and access method definition, schema & physical organization modification, authorization of data access, routine maintenance.

End User.

Non-programmer end user.

↳ Naive users are typically unaware of the DBMS.

↳ They access the database through typically specially written application programs.

↳ Their main job function revolves around constantly querying and updating the db. They use form based interface where users can fill in appropriate fields of forms.

Sophisticated end users.

↳ Interact with system without writing programs and may use high level query such as SQL to perform any required operations.

↳ Engineers, scientist, business analyst & others who thoroughly familiarize themselves with the facilities of DBMS so as to implement their application to meet their complex requirement.

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Data Abstraction and Data Independence:

Data Abstraction.

↳ A major purpose of a database system is to provide users with an abstract view of the data. That is, the system hides certain details of how data are stored and maintained.

↳ Since many database-system users are not computer trained, developers hide the complexity from users through several levels of abstraction, to simplify user's interactions with the system.

Physical level:

↳ The lowest level of abstraction describes how the data are actually stored.

↳ The physical level describes complex low-level data structures in detail.

↳ Describes the organization of files, access paths etc.

Logical level.

↳ logical level describes what data are stored in the database, and what relationship exist among those data.

type + instructor = record


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ID: string;  
name: string;  
dept_name: string;  
salary: integer  
end;
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View level:

- ↳ Application programs hide details of data types.
- ↳ Views can also hide information (such as employee's salary) for security purposes.

view of data:

An architecture for a database system:

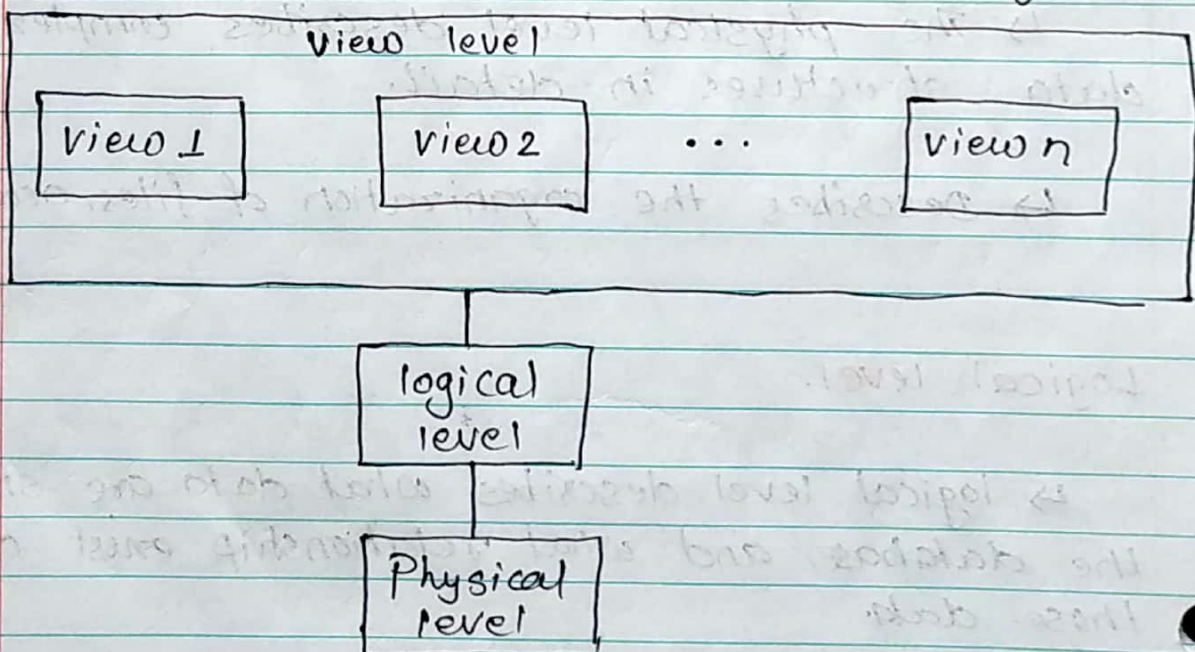


Figure: The three levels of data abstraction.

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Instances and Schemas

Instance.

The collection of information stored in the database at a particular moment is called an instance of the database. (similar to variable declaration.) → ^{schema}

values of variables in a program at a point in time → instance

Schema.

The overall design of the database is called the database schema. Schemas are changed frequently.

Logical Schema.

Logical schema describes the logical database design at the logical level.

Example: The database consists of information about a set of customers and accounts in a bank & the relationship between them.

Analogous to type information of a variable

Physical schema.

The physical schema describes the database design at the physical level.

Physical Data Independence.

The ability to modify the physical schema without changing logical schema.

→ Applications depend on the logical schema

→ In general, the interface between the various

levels and components should be well defined so that changes in some parts do not seriously influence others. Logical पहचानी है।

1.5 Concepts of DDL, DML and DCL

Data Definition Language.

↳ DDL deals with the description of the database schema where it creates and modifies the structure of the database objects on the database.

↳ DDL

Example: create table instructor (
ID char(5),
name varchar(20),
dept-name varchar(20),
salary numeric(8,2))

↳ DDL compiler generates a set of table templates stored in a data dictionary.

↳ Data dictionary contains metadata (i.e., data about data)

i. Database schema

ii. Integrity constraints

Primary key ID (ID uniquely identifies instructors)

iii. Authorization

Who can access what.

Create, Alter, Truncate
comment & Rename

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

↳ A data-manipulation language (DML) is a language that enables users to access or manipulate data as organized by the appropriate data model.

↳ DML is also known as query language.

The types of access are:

- i. Retrieval of information stored in the database.
- ii. Insertion of new information into the database.
- iii. Deletion of information from the database.
- iv. Modification of information stored in the database.

There are basically two types of data-manipulation language.

Procedural DMLs

Require a user to specify what data are needed and how to get those data.

Declarative DMLs

Require a user to specify what data are needed without specifying how to get those data.

↳ Declarative DMLs are usually easier to learn and use than procedural DMLs.

Select instructor.ID, department.dept-name
from instructor, department

where instructor.dept-name = department.dept-name and
department.budget > 95000;

↳ Declarative DMLs are also referred to as
non-procedural DMLs.

↳ The portion of DML that involves information
retrieval is called query language.

Example: Select, Insert, Delete, Update.

DCL (Data Control Language)

DCL deals with permissions, rights and other
controls of the database.

Example: Revoke, Grant

Logical Data independence.

↳ It is the capacity to change the
conceptual schema without having to change
external schemas or application programs.

↳ We may change the conceptual schema
to expand the database (by adding a record
type or data item), or to reduce the database
(by removing a record type or data item).

Assignments:

Why data independence is important in data modeling? Differentiate between physical & logical data independence.