

# Database System and Big Data

# Introduction

- Database: an organized collection of data
- A database management system (DBMS) is a group of programs that:
  - Manipulate the database
  - Provide an interface between the database and its users and other application programs

# Data Fundamentals

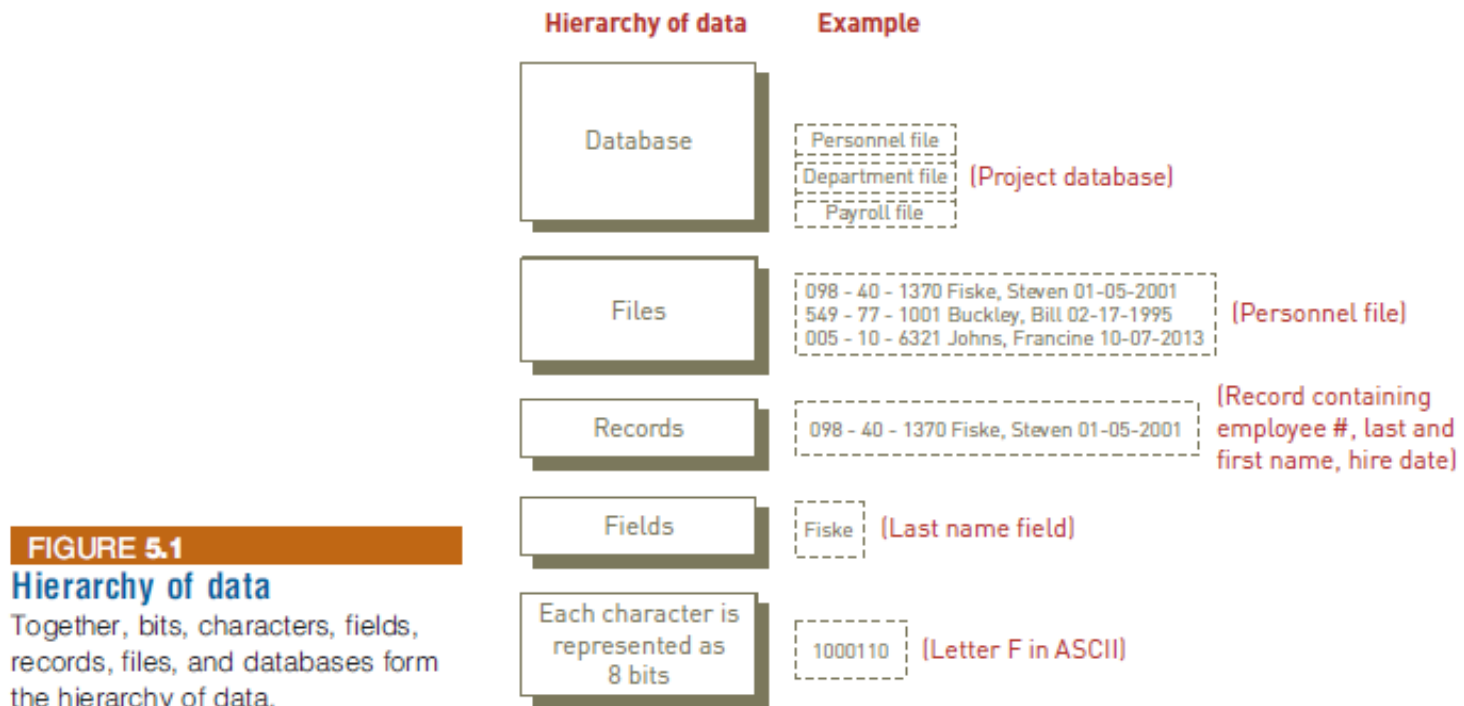
- Without data and the ability to process it:
  - An organization could not successfully complete most business activities
- Data consists of raw facts
- Data must be organized in a meaningful way to transform it into useful information

# Hierarchy of Data

- A bit (binary digit) represents a circuit that is either on or off
- A byte is made up of eight bits
  - Each byte represents a character
- Field: a name, number, or combination of characters that describes an aspect of a business object or activity
- Record: a collection of related data fields
- File: a collection of related records

# Hierarchy of Data

- **Database**: a collection of integrated and related files
- Hierarchy of data: bits, characters, fields, records, files, and databases



# Data Entities, Attributes, and Keys

- Entity: a person, place, or thing for which data is collected, stored, and maintained
- Attribute: a characteristic of an entity
- Data item: the specific value of an attribute
- Primary key: a field or set of fields that uniquely identifies the record

# Data Entities, Attributes, and Keys

**FIGURE 5.2**

## Keys and attributes

The key field is the employee number. The attributes include last name, first name, hire date, and department number.

Employee #	Last name	First name	Hire date	Dept. number
005-10-6321	Johns	Francine	10-07-2013	257
549-77-1001	Buckley	Bill	02-17-1995	632
098-40-1370	Fiske	Steven	01-05-2001	598

KEY FIELD

ATTRIBUTES (fields)

ENTITIES (records)

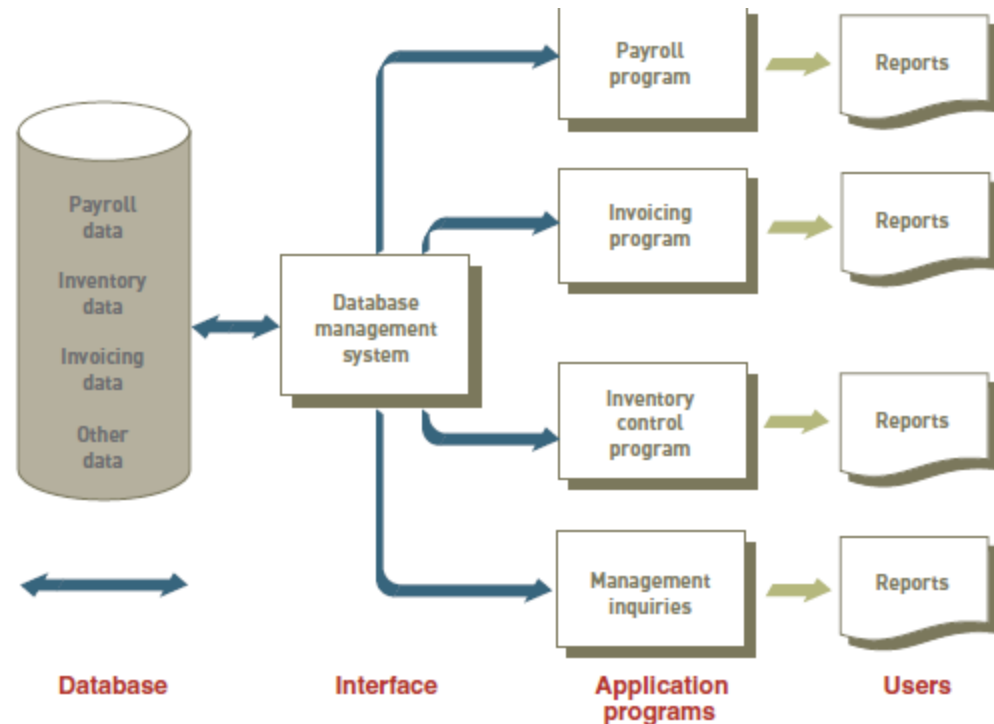
# The Database Approach

- Traditional approach to data management
  - Each distinct operational system used data files dedicated to that system
- Database approach to data management
  - Information systems share a pool of related data
  - Offers the ability to share data and information resources
  - A database management system (DBMS) is required



# The Database Approach

**FIGURE 5.4**  
**Database approach to data management**  
In a database approach to data management, multiple information systems share a pool of related data.



# Data Modeling and Database Characteristics

- Considerations when building a database
  - Content: what data should be collected? cost?
  - Access: what data should be provided to which users and when?
  - Logical structure: how should data be arranged so that it makes sense?
  - Physical organization: where should data be physically located?
  - Archiving: how long to store?
  - Security: how can data be protected?

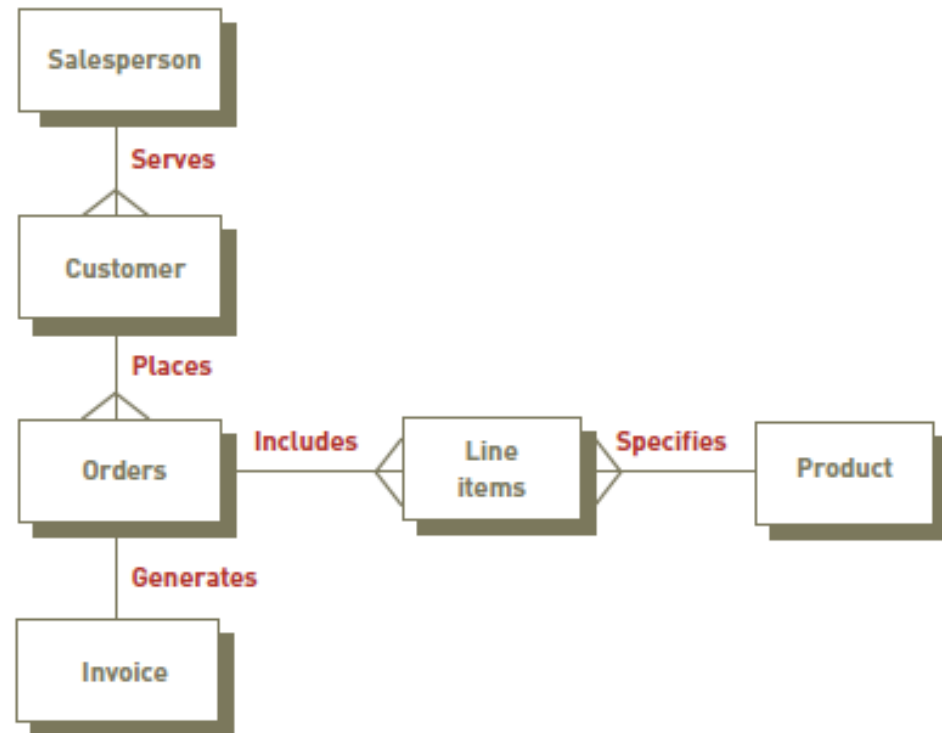
# Data Modeling

- Data model: a diagram of data entities and their relationships
- Enterprise data modeling: data modeling done at the level of the entire enterprise
- Entity-relationship (ER) diagrams: data models that use basic graphical symbols to show the organization of and relationships between data

# Data Modeling

**FIGURE 5.6**  
**Entity-relationship (ER)**  
**diagram for a customer order**  
**database**

Development of ER diagrams helps ensure that the logical structure of application programs is consistent with the data relationships in the database.



# Relational Database Model

- Relational model: a simple but highly useful way to organize data into collections of two-dimensional tables called relations
  - Each row in the table represents an entity
  - Each column represents an attribute of that entity
- Domain: range of allowable values for a data attribute

# Relational Database Model

Data Table 1: Project Table

Project	Description	Dept. number
155	Payroll	257
498	Widgets	632
226	Sales manual	598

Data Table 2: Department Table

Dept.	Dept. name	Manager SSN
257	Accounting	005-10-6321
632	Manufacturing	549-77-1001
598	Marketing	098-40-1370

**FIGURE 5.7**

## Relational database model

In the relational model, data is placed in two-dimensional tables, or relations. As long as they share at least one common attribute, these relations can be linked to provide output useful information. In this example, all three tables include the Dept. number attribute.

Data Table 3: Manager Table

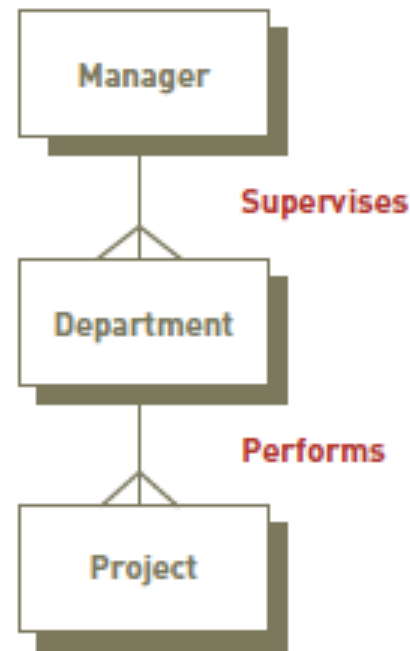
SSN	Last name	First name	Hire date	Dept. number
005-10-6321	Johns	Francine	10-07-2013	257
549-77-1001	Buckley	Bill	02-17-1995	632
098-40-1370	Fiske	Steven	01-05-2001	598

# Manipulating Data

- Selecting: eliminating rows according to certain criteria
- Projecting: eliminating columns in a table
- Joining: combining two or more tables
- Linking: combining two or more tables through common data attributes to form a new table with only the unique data attributes

# Manipulating Data

**FIGURE 5.8**  
**Simplified ER diagram**  
This diagram shows the relationship among the Manager, Department, and Project tables.



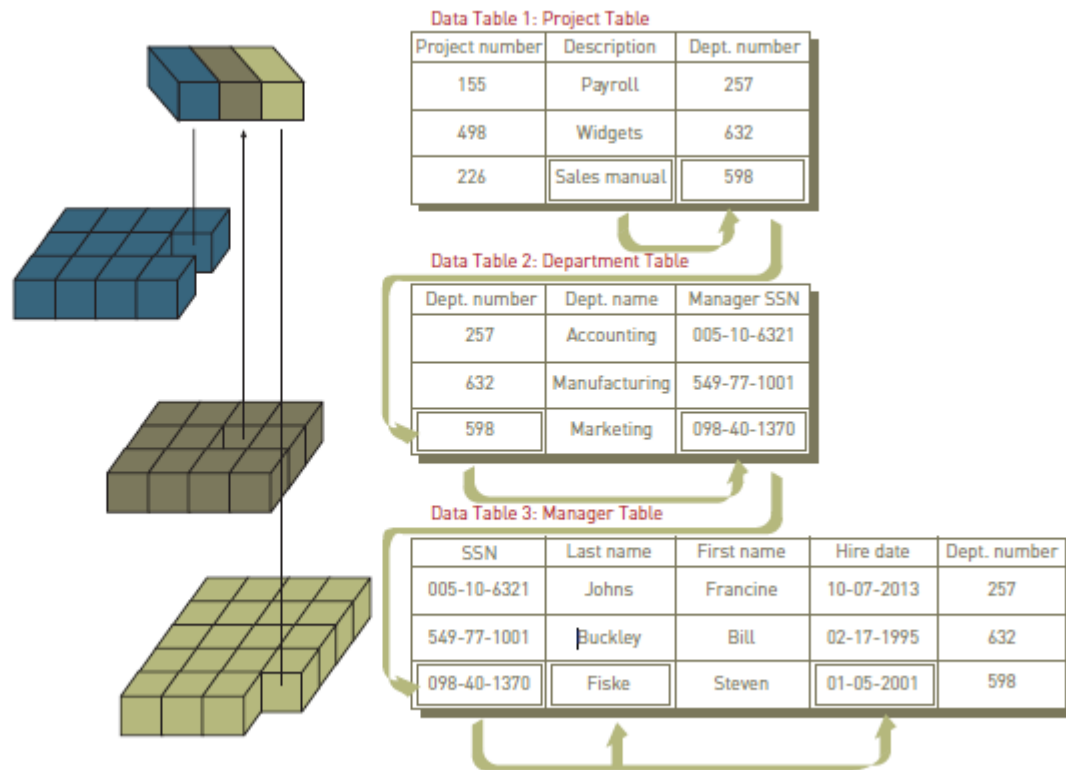


# Manipulating Data

**FIGURE 5.9**

## Linking data tables to answer an inquiry

To find the name and hire date of the manager working on the sales manual project, the president needs three tables: Project, Department, and Manager. The project description (Sales manual) leads to the department number (598) in the Project table, which leads to the manager's Social Security number (098-40-1370) in the Department table, which leads to the manager's last name (Fiske) and hire date (01-05-2001) in the Manager table.



# Data Cleansing

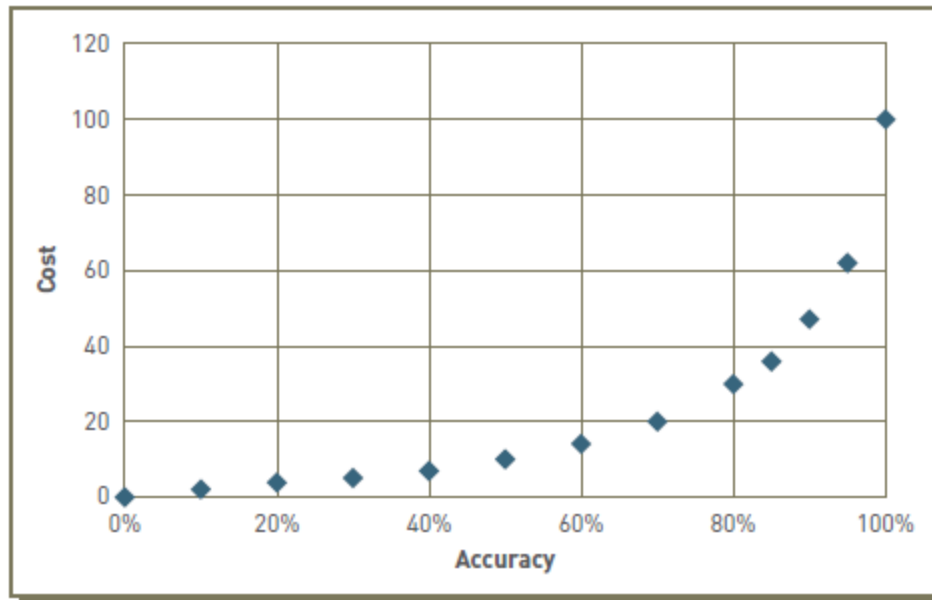
- Also called data cleaning or data scrubbing
- The process of detecting and then correcting or deleting incomplete, incorrect, inaccurate, irrelevant records that reside in a database
- The cost of performing data cleansing can be quite high
- Different from data validation
  - Which involves the identification of “bad data” and its rejection at the time of data entry

# Data Cleansing

**FIGURE 5.11**

## Tradeoff of cost versus accuracy

The cost of performing data cleansing to achieve 100 percent database accuracy can be prohibitively expensive.



# Relational Database Management Systems (DBMSs)

- Creating and implementing the right database system ensures that the database will support both business activities and goals
- Capabilities and types of database systems vary considerably

# SQL Databases

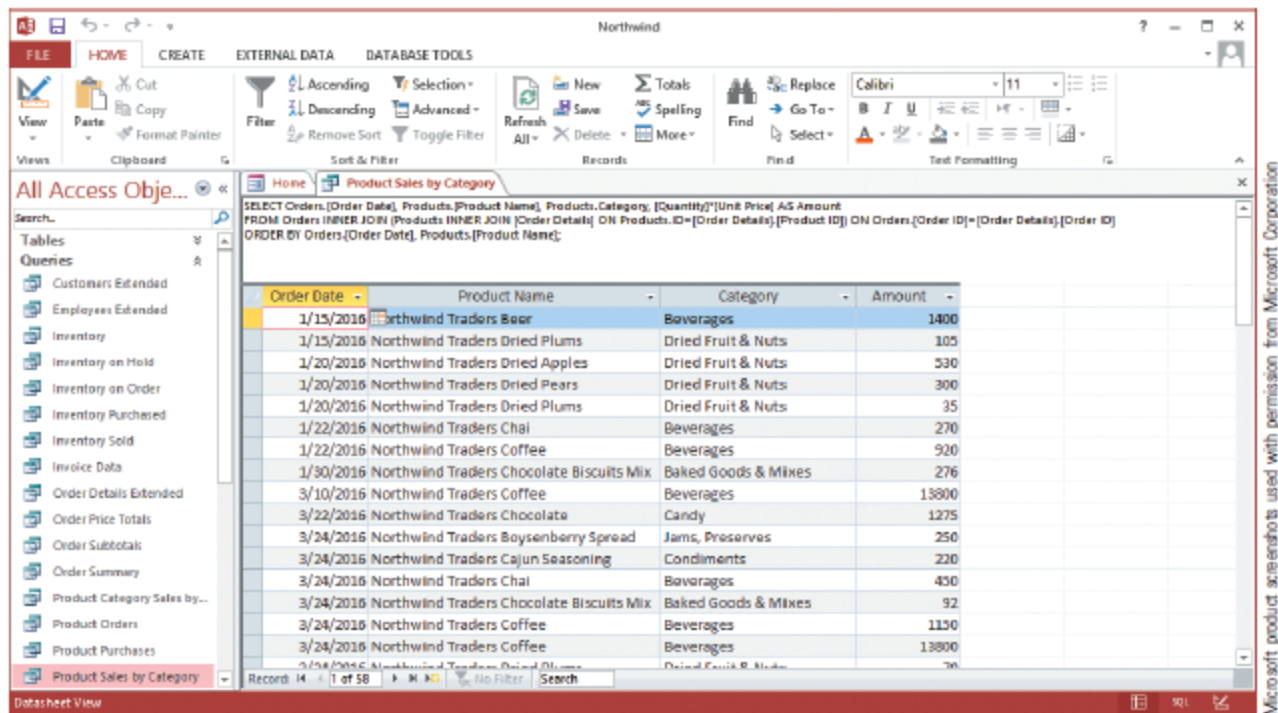
- SQL: a special-purpose programming language for accessing and manipulating data stored in a relational database
- SQL databases conform to ACID properties:
  - Atomicity, consistency, isolation, and durability
- 1986: SQL was adopted by ANSI as the standard query language for relational databases

# SQL Databases

**TABLE 5.1** Examples of SQL commands

SQL Command	Description
SELECT ClientName, Debt FROM Client WHERE Debt > 1000	This query displays clients (ClientName) and the amount they owe the company (Debt) from a database table called Client; the query would only display clients who owe the company more than \$1,000 (WHERE Debt > 1000).
SELECT ClientName, ClientNum, OrderNum FROM Client, Order WHERE Client.Client- Num=Order.ClientNum	<p>This command is an example of a join command that combines data from two tables: the Client table and the Order table (FROM Client, Order). The command creates a new table with the client name, client number, and order number (SELECT ClientName, ClientNum, OrderNum). Both tables include the client number, which allows them to be joined.</p> <p>This ability is indicated in the WHERE clause, which states that the client number in the Client table is the same as (equal to) the client number in the Order table (WHERE Client.ClientNum=Order.ClientNum).</p>
GRANT INSERT ON Client to Guthrie	This command is an example of a security command. It allows Bob Guthrie to insert new values or rows into the Client table.

# SQL Databases



**FIGURE 5.12**  
**Structured Query Language (SQL)**

SQL has become an integral part of most relational databases, as shown by this example from Microsoft Access 2013.

# Database Activities

- Providing a user view of the database
- Adding and modifying data
- Storing and retrieving data
- Manipulating the data and generating reports



# Providing a User View

- Schema: a description of the entire database
- A schema can be part of the database or a separate schema file
- The DBMS can reference a schema to find where to access the requested data in relation to another piece of data

# Creating and Modifying the Database

- Data definition language (DDL)
  - A collection of instructions and commands used to define and describe data and relationships in a specific database
  - Allows the database's creator to describe data and relationships that are to be contained in the schema
- Data dictionary: a detailed description of all the data used in the database
  - Can also include a description of data flows, information about the way records are organized, and the data-processing requirements

# Creating and Modifying the Database

**FIGURE 5.14**

## **Data dictionary entry**

A data dictionary provides a detailed description of all data used in the database.

NORTHWESTERN MANUFACTURING	
PREPARED BY:	D. BORDWELL
DATE:	04 AUGUST 2016
APPROVED BY:	J. EDWARDS
DATE:	13 OCTOBER 2016
VERSION:	3.1
PAGE:	1 OF 1
DATA ELEMENT NAME:	PARTNO
DESCRIPTION:	INVENTORY PART NUMBER
OTHER NAMES:	PTNO
VALUE RANGE:	100 TO 5000
DATA TYPE:	NUMERIC
POSITIONS:	4 POSITIONS OR COLUMNS

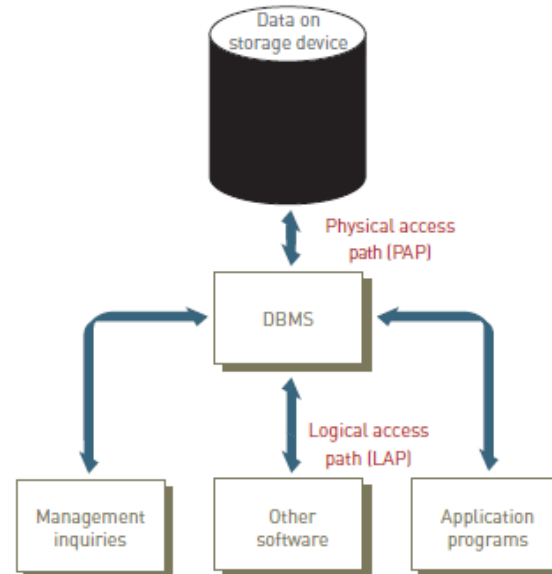
# Storing and Retrieving Data

- When an application program needs data, it requests the data through the DBMS
- Concurrency control deals with the situation in which two or more users or applications need to access the same record at the same time

**FIGURE 5.15**

## Logical and physical access paths

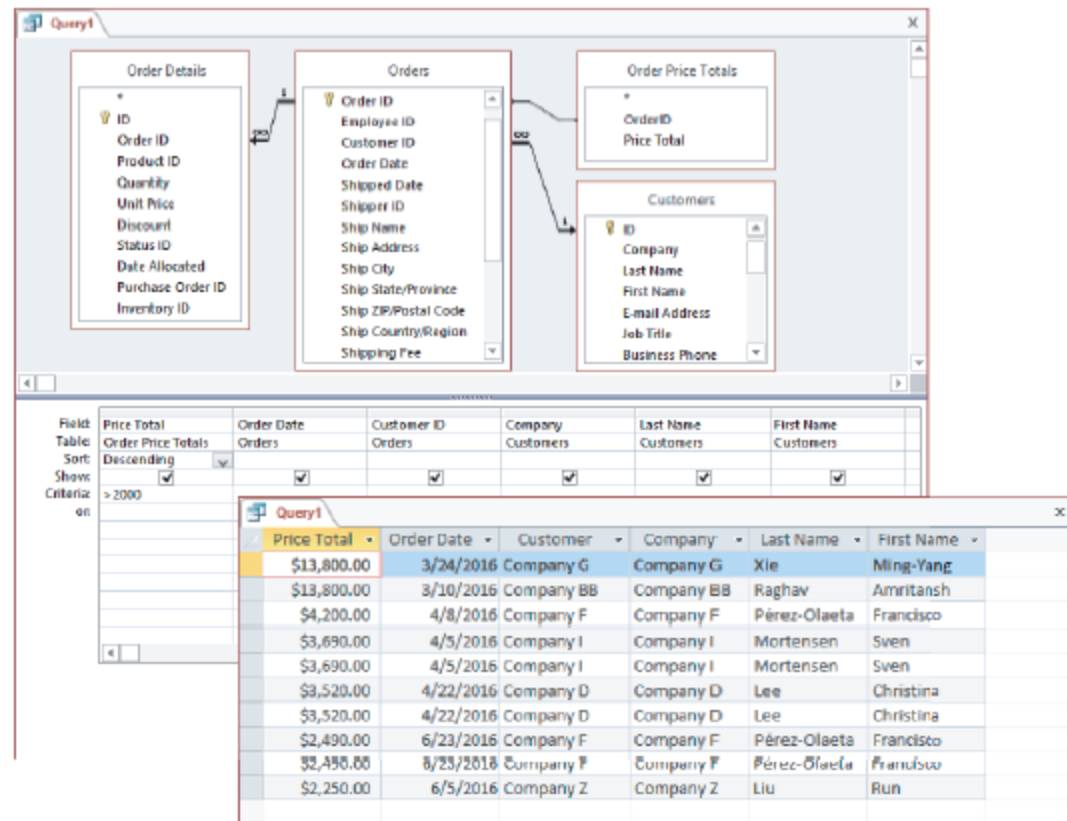
When an application requests data from the DBMS, it follows a logical access path to the data. When the DBMS retrieves the data, it follows a path to the physical access path to the data.



# Manipulating Data and Generating Reports

- Query by Example (QBE) is a visual approach to developing database queries or requests
- Data manipulation language (DML): a specific language, provided with a DBMS
  - Allows users to access and modify the data, to make queries, and to generate reports
- A DBMS can produce a wide variety of documents, reports, and other output that can help organizations achieve their goals

# Manipulating Data and Generating Reports



Microsoft product screenshots used with permission from Microsoft Corporation

**FIGURE 5.16**

## Query by Example

Some databases use Query by Example (QBE) to generate reports and information.

# Database Administration

- Database administrators (DBAs): skilled and trained IS professionals
  - Works with users to define their data needs
  - Applies database programming languages to craft a set of databases to meet those needs
  - Tests and evaluates databases
  - Implements changes to improve their databases' performance
  - Assures that data is secure from unauthorized access

# Database Administration

- Data administrator: a nontechnical position responsible for defining and implementing consistent principles for a variety of data issues
  - Including setting data standards and data definitions that apply across all the databases in an organization
- The data administrator can be a high-level position reporting to top-level managers



# Popular Database Management Systems

**TABLE 5.2** Popular database management systems

Open-Source Relational DBMS	Relational DBMS for Individuals and Workgroups	Relational DBMS for Workgroups and Enterprise
MySQL	Microsoft Access	Oracle
PostgreSQL	IBM Lotus Approach	IBM DB2
MariaDB	Google Base	Sybase Adaptive Server
SQL Lite	OpenOffice Base	Teradata
CouchDB		Microsoft SQL Server
		Progress OpenEdge

# Popular Database Management Systems

- Database as a Service (DaaS)
  - The database is stored on a service provider's servers
  - The database is accessed by the client over a network, typically the Internet
  - Database administration is handled by the service provider
- Example of DaaS: Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS)

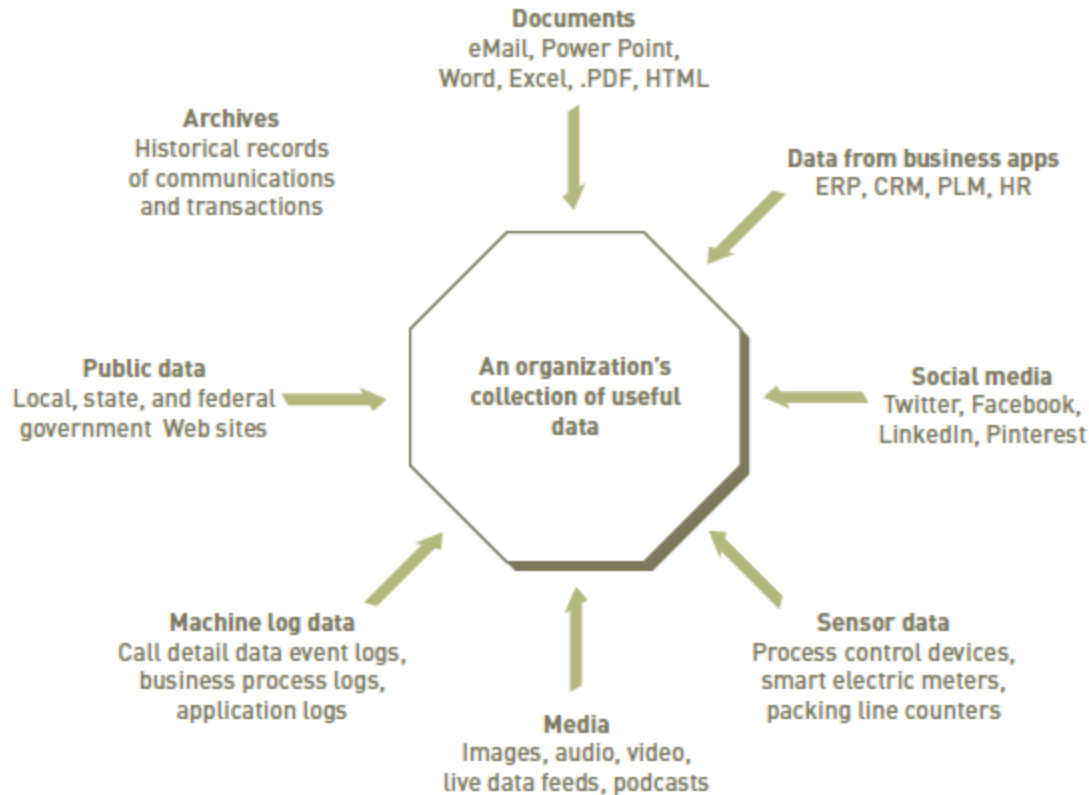
# Using Databases with Other Software

- DBMSs can act as front-end or back-end applications
  - Front-end applications interact directly with people
  - Back-end applications interact with other programs or applications
- Example:
  - The Library of Congress (LOC) provides a back-end application that allows Web access to its databases, which include references to books and digital media in the LOC collection

# Big Data

- Extremely large and complex data collections
  - Traditional data management software, hardware, and analysis processes are incapable of dealing with them
- Three characteristics of big data (3Vs)
  - Volume
  - Velocity
  - Variety

# Sources of Big Data



**FIGURE 5.20**

## Sources of an organization's useful data

An organization has many sources of useful data.

# Big Data Uses

- Examples:
  - Retail organizations monitor social networks to engage brand advocates, identify brand adversaries
  - Advertising and marketing agencies track comments on social media
  - Hospitals analyze medical data and patient records
  - Consumer product companies monitor social networks to gain insight into consumer behavior
  - Financial service organizations use data to identify customers who are likely to be attracted to increasingly targeted and sophisticated offers

# Challenges of Big Data

- How to choose what subset of the data to store
- Where and how to store the data
- How to find the nuggets of data that are relevant to the decision making at hand
- How to derive value from the relevant data
- How to identify which data needs to be protected from unauthorized access

# Data Management

- Data management
  - An integrated set of functions that defines the processes by which data is obtained, certified fit for use, stored, secured, and processed in such a way as to ensure that the accessibility, reliability, and timeliness of the data meet the needs of the data users within an organization
- Data governance
  - Defines the roles, responsibilities, and processes for ensuring that data can be trusted and used by an entire organization



# Data Management

**FIGURE 5.21**

## Data management

The Data Management Association (DAMA) International has identified 10 basic functions associated with data management.

Source: "Body of Knowledge," DAMA International, <https://www.dama.org/content/body-knowledge>. Copyright DAMA International.

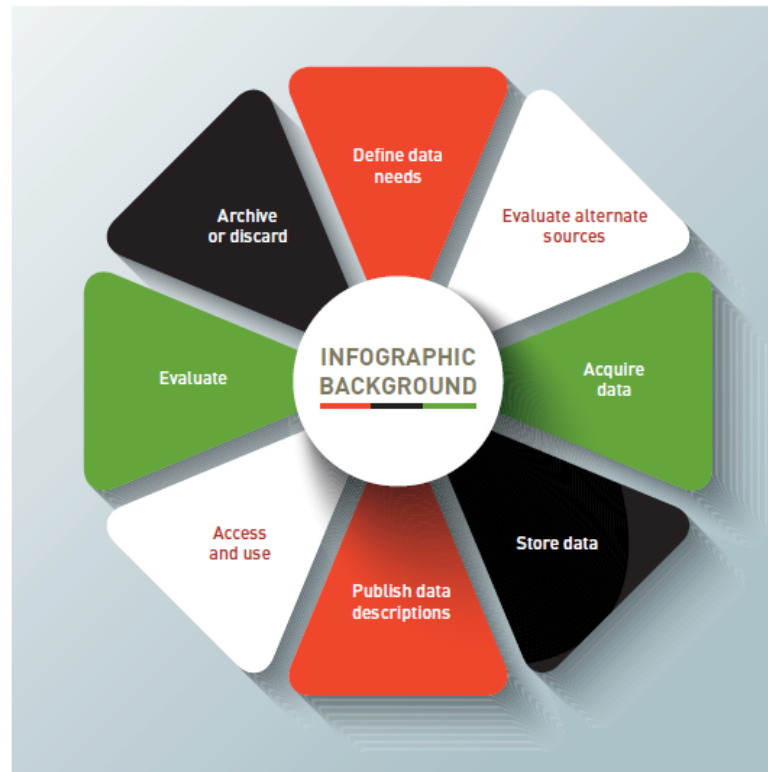


# Data Management

- Data management is driven by a variety of factors:
  - The need to meet external regulations designed to manage risk associated with financial misstatement
  - The need to avoid the inadvertent release of sensitive data
  - The need to ensure that high data quality is available for key decisions
- Data governance requires business leadership and active participation
  - Use of a cross-functional team is recommended
  - Team should consist of executives, project managers, line-of-business managers, and data stewards
  - A data steward is an individual responsible for management of critical data elements

# Data Management

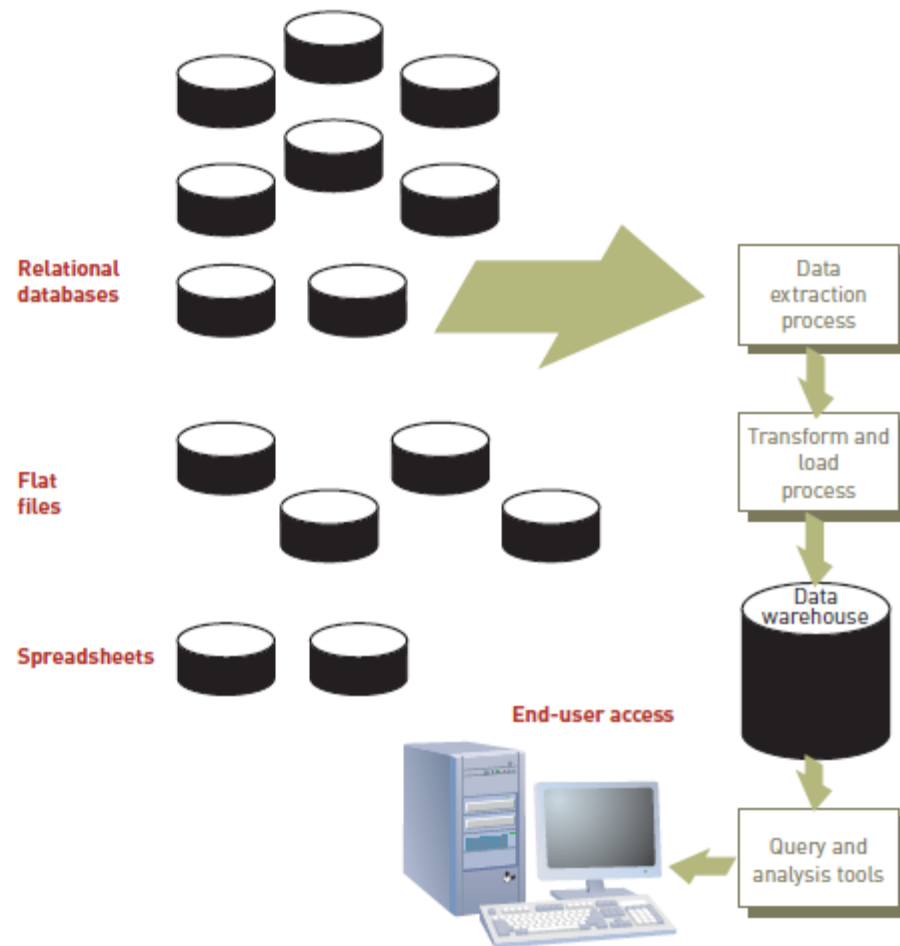
- Data lifecycle management (DLM)
  - A policy-based approach to managing the flow of an enterprise's data



# Data Warehouses, Data Marts, and Data Lakes

- Data warehouse: a large database that collects business information from many sources in the enterprise in support of management decision making
- ETL process
  - Extract
  - Transform
  - Load

# Data Warehouses, Data Marts, and Data Lakes



**FIGURE 5.23**

## Elements of a data warehouse

A data warehouse can help managers and executives relate information in innovative ways to make better decisions.

# Data Warehouses, Data Marts, and Data Lakes

- Data mart: a subset of a data warehouse that is used by small- and medium-sized businesses and departments within large companies to support decision making
- A specific area in the data mart might contain greater detailed data than the data warehouse
- Data lake: takes a “store everything” approach to big data, saving all the data in its raw and unaltered form
  - Also called an enterprise data hub
  - Raw data is available when users decide just how they want to use the data
  - Only when the data is accessed for a specific analysis is it extracted from the data lake

# NoSQL Databases

- NoSQL (Not only SQL) database
  - Provides a means to store and retrieve data that is modeled using some means other than the simple two-dimensional tabular relations used in relational databases
- Advantages:
  - Ability to spread data over multiple servers so that each server contains only a subset of the total data
  - Do not require a predefined schema
  - Data structures are more flexible and can provide improved access speed and redundancy

# NoSQL Databases

**TABLE 5.5** Popular NoSQL database products, by category

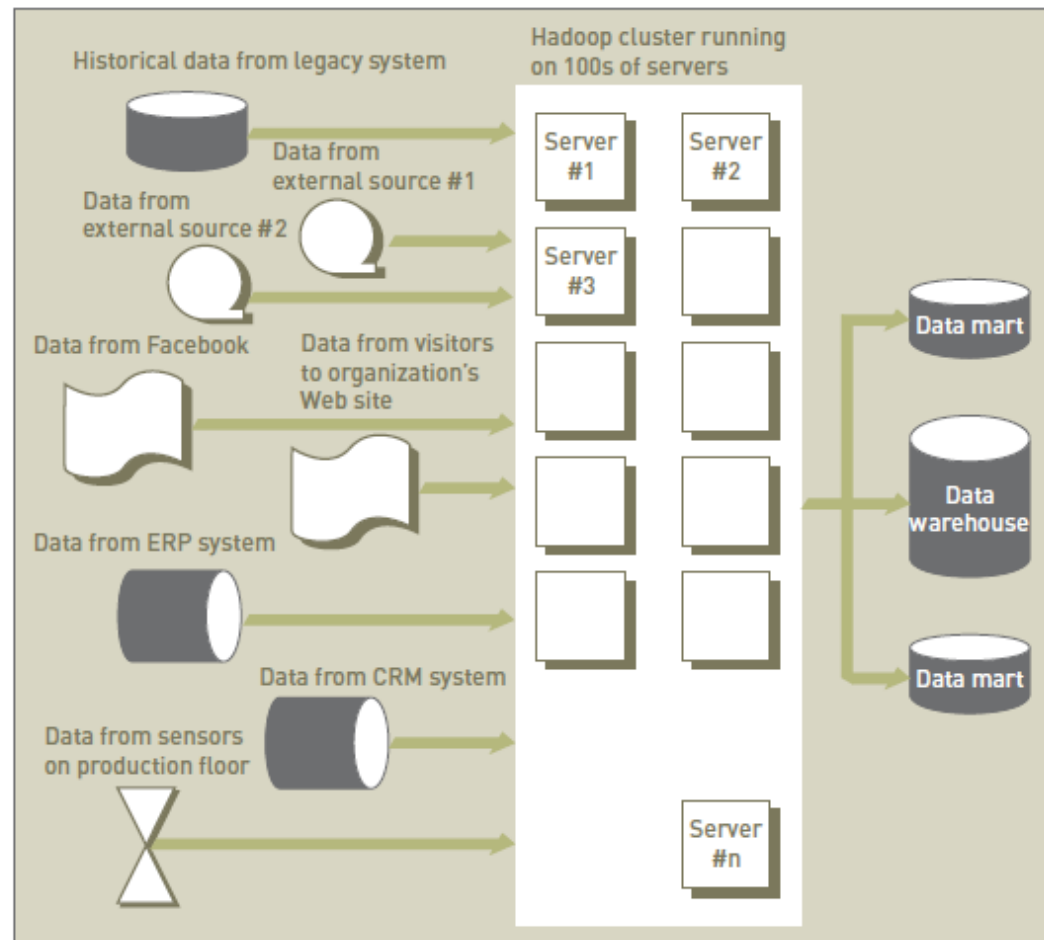
Key-Value	Document	Graph	Column
HyperDEX	Lotus Notes	Allegro	Accumulo
Couchbase Server	Couchbase Server	Neo4J	Cassandra
Oracle NoSQL Database	Oracle NoSQL Database	InfiniteGraph	Druid
OrientDB	OrientDB	OrientDB	Vertica
	MongoDB	Virtuoso	HBase



# Hadoop

- Hadoop
  - An open-source software framework that includes several software modules that provide a means for storing and processing extremely large data sets
- Has two primary components:
  - A data processing component (**MapReduce**)
  - A distributed file system (Hadoop Distributed File System, **HDFS**)

# Hadoop



**FIGURE 5.24**

## Hadoop environment

Hadoop can be used as a staging area for data to be loaded into a data warehouse or data mart.

# In-Memory Databases

- In-memory database (IMDB)
  - A database management system that stores the entire database in random access memory (RAM)
  - Provides access to data at rates **much faster** than storing data on some form of secondary storage
  - Enables the analysis of big data and other challenging data-processing applications
  - Performs best on multiple multicore CPUs

# In-Memory Databases

**TABLE 5.6** IMDB providers

Database Software Manufacturer	Product Name	Major Customers
Altibase	HDB	E*Trade, China Telecom
Oracle	Times Ten	Lockheed Martin, Verizon Wireless
SAP	High-Performance Analytic Appliance (HANA)	eBay, Colgate
Software AG	Terracotta Big Memory	AdJuggler

# Summary

- The database approach to data management has become broadly accepted
- **Data modeling** is a key aspect of organizing data and information
- A well-designed and well-managed database is an extremely valuable tool in supporting decision making
- We have entered an era where organizations are grappling with a tremendous growth in the amount of data available and struggling how to manage and make use of it
- A number of available tools and technologies allow organizations to take advantage of the opportunities offered by big data