An introduction to database management system

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533504	Sara	Allen	F	1
533710	Jennifer	Allswang	F	1
534915	Suzy	Amis	F	1
535586	Jo (I)	Anderson	F	1
535754	Sharon	Anderson	F	1

Entities and attributes

- entities: actors
- ▶ attributes: first name, last name, gender, etc.

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Important aspects

- persistent: stored on a permanent support (e.g. hard drive)
- structured: not a data dump
- related: unrelated data should be in different databases

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Example

Remarks

multiple entities

- actors
- movies
- roles
- attributes can be specific to some entities (first name, title, etc.)
- relation between entities
 - ids with naming conventions
 - is role an entity or a relationship?

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A database in CSV files

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actors.csv	directors. csv	directors_ genres.csv	movies.csv	movies directors. csv	movies_ genres.csv	
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Some limitations of file storage

Size

- almost all programs must load the data in the RAM
- strong limit on data size

Shared data

- shared physical storage
- crude access control

Consistency/Integrity

- no support for rules in storage
- data can become inconsistent

Atomicity

- no support for atomic operation
- transient inconsistent states

Integrity

List integrity constraints that must be fulfilled by the movie database.

Atomic operations

Describe a natural modification of the movie database that needs atomicity.

Definition

A DBMS is a software system used to manage databases providing

- access to the data while maintaining integrity, security and efficiency
- a high level api to build applications on the databases

Architecture

- DBMS follow the client-server model
- the DBMS itself the server
- clients connect concurrently to the server to access the databases

Abstraction

- DBMS provide data abstraction
- different levels
 - physical level (how): the way data are stored on the hard drives
 - logical level (what): what data are stored and what relationship they have, independently from the physical level
 - view level: what is shown to some specific users

Schemas

- DBMS store metadata: data (schemas) about the data (instances)
- schemas describe the structure of a given database
- levels are specified by schemas (physical schema, logical schema, external schema)

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Example

Logical level

- an actor is described by
 - a unique id (integer)
 - a first name and a last name (strings)
 - a gender (M or F)
 - a film count (integer)
- a movie is described by
 - a unique id (integer)
 - a title (name, string)
 - a release year (valid year)
 - a grade (rank, decimal number)
- actors play roles in movies

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535754	Sharon	Anderson	Morning Show Hostess	Fargo
536750	Jennifer	Aniston	Joanna	Office Space
537264	Tracey	Antosiweicz	Hooker	Garden State
539150	Rosanna	Arquette	Jody	Pulp Fiction
540103	Jennifer	Aspen	Nina	Vanilla Sky
540321	Nao	Asuka	Premium Fantasy Woman	Lost in Translation
541008	Agnes	Aurelio	District Attorney staff membe	JFK
541111	Julie (I)	Austin	Mrs. Morrison	Braveheart

Two languages

- data definition language (DDL)
 - used to specify the schemas
 - data type and relationships
 - additional constraints such as positivity of an attribute
 - database access authorizations
 - data storage
- data manipulation language (DML)
 - used to query a database
 - specifies computation on a database, including modifications of the data

DBMS architecture

- storage manager
 - handles saving data and meta data on the storage system
 - manages part of the concurrency aspects
- query processor
 - core part of the DBMS
 - handles computation on the database (e.g. search, insertion, deletion, modification, aggregation)
 - optimize queries for efficiency
- high level tools
 - meta data management
 - connection and security manager

Data model categorization

- old approaches: hierarchical DBMS and network DBMS
- current standard: relational DBMS
 - based on a relational data model
 - typical based on SQL (Structured Query Language, sequel)
- niche approach: object-oriented DBMS
- large scale or unstructured data: NoSQL
 - not-only SQL (or more specifically not relational)
 - document stores
 - graph oriented databases
 - column oriented databases

An introduction to Relational DBMS

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What's missing?

A lot!

DBMS are a very rich and complex subject

- numerous theoretical aspects
- getting under the hood is yet another subject
- practical aspects are also very complex

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