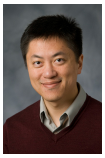
Introduction

Introduction to Databases
CompSci 316 Fall 2015

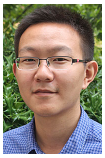
DUKE
COMPUTER SCIENCE

About us: instructor and TA

- Instructor: Jun Yang
  - Been doing (and enjoying) research in databases ever since grad school (1995)
    - Didn't take any database as an undergrad
  - Now working on data-intensive systems and computational journalism



- Graduate TA: Zilong Tan
  - PhD student in Computer Science
  - Working on data-intensive systems and cloud platforms



About us: UTAs

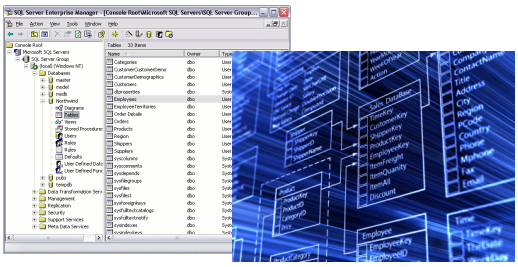
Charles Cody Stephen Yubo

All CompSci 316 veterans!

4

What comes to your mind…

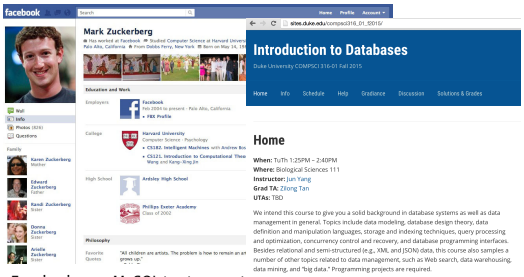
… when you think about "databases"?



http://www.quackit.com/pix/database/tutorial/db_ms_sql_server.gif
http://webstoresltd.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/database-design.jpg

5

But these use databases too…

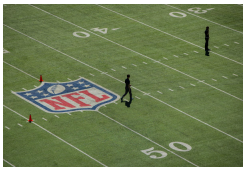


Facebook uses MySQL to store post for example

WordPress uses MySQL to manage components of a website (pages, links, menus, etc.)

6

And these…



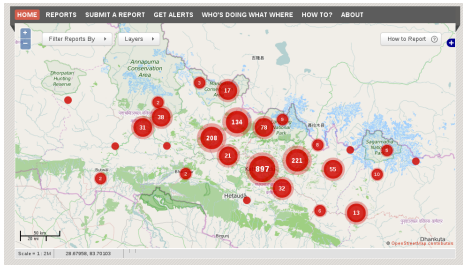
In a data-driven N.F.L., the pings (12 per sec. per player) may soon outstrip the X's and O's

… P.S. To Ashley Madison's Development Team: You should be embarrased [sic] for your train wreck of a database (and obviously security), not sanitizing your phone numbers to your database is completely amateur, it's as if the entire site was made by Comp Sci 1XX students.

— Creators of CheckAshleyMadison.com

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/23/sports/football/in-a-data-driven-nfl-the-pings-may-soon-outstrip-the-xs-and-os.html
http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-intersect/wp/2015/08/19/how-to-see-if-your-spouse-appears-in-the-ashley-madison-leak/

And this…



http://schoolofdata.org/2015/06/15/how-open-map-data-is-helping-save-lives-in-nepal/

Challenges

- Moore's Law:
  Processing power doubles every 18 months
- But amount of data doubles every 9 months
  - Disk sales (# of bits) doubles every 9 months
  - Parkinson's Law:
    Data expands to fill the space available for storage

1 TERABYTE A $200 hard drive that holds 260,000 songs.	**20 TERABYTE** Photos uploaded to Facebook each month.	**120 TERABYTE** All the data and images collected by the Hubble Space Telescope.	**330 TERABYTE** Data that the large Hadron collider will produce each week.
460 TERABYTE All the digital weather datacompiled by the national climate data center.	**530 TERABYTE** All the videos on Youtube.	**600 TERABYTE** ancestry.com's genealogy database (includes all U.S. census records 1790-2000)	**1 PETABYTE** Data processed by Google's servers every 72 minutes.

http://www.microndatamatic.com/big_data

Moore's Law reversed

Time to process all data
_____ ***every 18 months!***

- Does your attention span _____ every 18 months?
  - No, so we need smarter data management techniques

Democratizing data (and anlaysis)

- And it's not just about money and science
- Democratization of data: more data—relevant to you and the society—are being collected
  - "Smart planet": sensors for phones and cars, roads and bridges, buildings and forests, …
  - "Government in the sunshine": spending reports, schod performance, crime reports, corporate filings, campaign contributions, …
- But few people know how to analyze them
- You will learn how to help bridge this divide

Misc. course info

- Website: http://sites.duke.edu/compsci316_01_f2015/
  - Course info; tentative schedule and reference sections in the book; lecture slides, assignments, help docs, …
- Book: *Database Systems: The Complete Book*, by H. Garcia-Molina, J. D. Ullman, and J. Widom. 2nd Ed.
- Programming: VM required; $50 worth of credits for VMs in the cloud, courtesy of Amazon
- Q&A on Piazza; grades, sample solutions on Sakai
- Watch your email for announcements
- Office hours to be posted

Grading

[90%, 100%]	A- / A / A+
[80%, 90%)	B- / B / B+
[70%, 80%)	C- / C / C+
[60%, 70%)	D
[0%, 60%)	F

- No "curves"
- Scale may be adjusted downwards (i.e., grades upwards) if, for example, an exam is too difficult
- Scale will not go upwards—mistake would be mine alone if I made an exam too easy

Duke Community Standard

- See course website for link
- Group discussion for assignments is okay (and encouraged), but
  - Acknowledge any help you receive from others
  - Make sure you "own" your solution
- All suspected cases of violation will be aggressively pursued

Course load

- Four homework assignments (35%)
  - Gradiance: immediately and automatically graded
  - Plus written and programming problems
- Course project (25%)
  - Details to be given in the third week of class
- Midterm and final (20% each)
  - Open book, open notes
  - No communication/Internet whatsoever
  - Final is comprehensive, but emphasizes the second half of the course

Projects from last year

- SMSmart (★★★★☆ on Google play)
  - Alan Ni, Jay Wang, Ben Schwab (UTA)
  - Search, Tweet, Yelp, etc. without a data connection—so long as you have texting on your phone
- FarmShots
  - Ouwen Huang, Arun Karottu, Yu Zhou Lee, Billy Wan
  - Helps you manage farms with analysis of satellite images
- Food Points Master
  - Howard Chung, Wenjun Mao, William Shelburne
  - Automatically tracks your DukeCard balance, and offers budgeting tools and spending analysis to help you manage your food points

16

Projects from earlier years

- Expose.js: natural language querying
  - E.g.: "*find beers served by bar with name Satisfaction*"
  - Ben Schwab, James Hong, Jesse Hu, 2013
- Pickup Coordinator: an iPhone app that lets you coordinate carpool/pickups with others
  - Adam Cue, Kevin Esoda, Kate Yang, 2012
- Mobile Pay: quick way to make a transaction between two people on their phones
  - Michael Deng, Kevin Gao, Derek Zhou, 2012
- FriendsTracker app: where are my friends?
  - Anthony Lin, Jimmy Mu, Austin Benesh, Nic Dinkins, 2011

17

More past examples

- ePrint iPhone app
  - Ben Getson and Lucas Best, 2009
- Making iTunes social
  - Nick Patrick, 2006; Peter Williams and Nikhil Arun, 2009
- Duke Schedulator: ditch ACES—plan visually!
  - Alex Beutel, 2008
- SensorDB: manage/analyze sensor data from forest
  - Ashley DeMass, Jonathan Jou, Jonathan Odom, 2007
- Facebook+
  - Tyler Brock and Beth Trushkowsky, 2005
- Web-based K-ville tenting management
  - Zach Marshall, 2005

18

Your turn to be creative

http://www.mommymummyclub.ca/sites/default/files/styles/large/public/field/image/teaching_kids_creative_skills.jpg

19

So, what is a database system?

From Oxford Dictionary:

- Database: an organized body of related information
- Database system, DataBase Management System (DBMS): a software system that facilitates the creation and maintenance and use of an electronic database

20

What do you want from a DBMS?

- Keep data around (persistent)
- Answer questions (queries) about data
- Update data

- Example: a traditional banking application
  - Data: Each account belongs to a branch, has a number, an owner, a balance, …; each branch has a location, a manager, …
  - Persistency: Balance can't disappear after a power outage
  - Query: What's the balance in Homer Simpson's account? What's the difference in average balance between Springfield and Capitol City accounts?
  - Modification: Homer withdraws $100; charge accounts with lower than $500 balance a $5 fee

21

Sounds simple!

```
1001#Springfield#Mr. Morgan
... ...
00987-00654#Ned Flanders#2500.00
00123-00456#Homer Simpson#400.00
00142-00857#Montgomery Burns#1000000000.00
... ...
```

- Text files
- Accounts/branches separated by newlines
- Fields separated by #'s

22

Query by programming

```
1001#Springfield#Mr. Morgan
... ...
00987-00654#Ned Flanders#2500.00
00123-00456#Homer Simpson#400.00
00142-00857#Montgomery Burns#1000000000.00
... ...
```

- What's the balance in Homer Simpson's account?
- A simple script
  - Scan through the accounts file
  - Look for the line containing "Homer Simpson"
  - Print out the balance

23

Query processing tricks

- Tens of thousands of accounts are not Homer's

☞And the list goes on…

What happens when the query changes to: *What's the balance in account 00142-00857?*

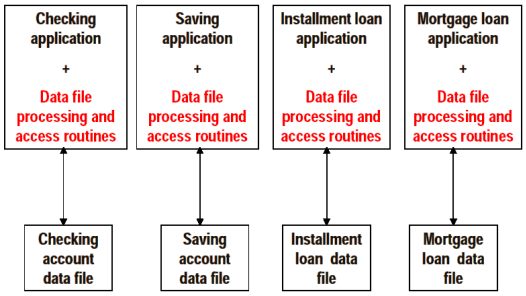
24

Observations

- There are many techniques—not only in storage and query processing, but also in concurrency control, recovery, etc.
- These techniques get used over and over again in different applications
- Different techniques may work better in different usage scenarios

25

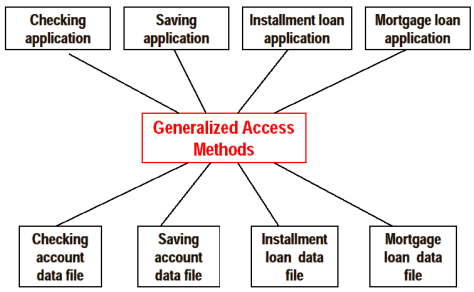
The birth of DBMS – 1



From Hans-J. Schek's *VLDB* 2000 slides

26

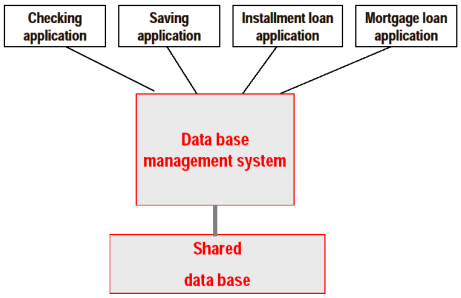
The birth of DBMS – 2



From Hans-J. Schek's *VLDB* 2000 slides

27

The birth of DBMS – 3



From Hans-J. Schek's *VLDB* 2000 slides

28

Early efforts

- "Factoring out" data management functionalities from applications and standardizing these functionalities is an important first step
  - CODASYL standard (circa 1960's)
  - ☞Bachman got a Turing award for this in 1973
- But getting the abstraction right (the API between applications and the DBMS) is still tricky

29

CODASYL

- Query: Who have accounts with 0 balance managed by a branch in Springfield?
- Pseudo-code of a CODASYL application:

```
Use index on account(balance) to get accounts with 0 balance;
For each account record:
  Get the branch id of this account;
  Use index on branch(id) to get the branch record;
  If the branch record's location field reads "Springfield":
    Output the owner field of the account record.
```

- Programmer controls "navigation": accounts → branches
  - How about branches → accounts?

30

What's wrong?

- The best navigation strategy & the best way of organizing the data depend on data/workload characteristics

With the CODASYL approach

- To write correct code, programmers need to know how data is organized physically (e.g., which indexes exist)
- To write efficient code, programmers also need to worry about data/workload characteristics

☞Can't cope with changes in data/workload characteristics

The relational revolution (1970's)

- A simple model: data is stored in relations (tables)
- A declarative query language: SQL

```
SELECT Account.owner
FROM Account, Branch
WHERE Account.balance = 0
AND Branch.location = 'Springfield'
AND Account.branch_id = Branch.branch_id;
```

- Programmer specifies what answers a query should return, but not how the query is executed
- DBMS picks the best execution strategy based on availability of indexes, data/workload characteristics, etc.

☞Provides physical data independence

Physical data independence

- Applications should not need to worry about how data is physically structured and stored
- Applications should work with a logical data model and declarative query language
- Leave the implementation details and optimization to DBMS
- The single most important reason behind the success of DBMS today
  - And a Turing Award for E. F. Codd in 1981

Standard DBMS features

- Persistent storage of data
- Logical data model; declarative queries and updates → physical data independence
  - Relational model is the dominating technology today

☞What else?

34

DBMS is multi-user

- Example

```
get account balance from database;
if balance > amount of withdrawal then
     balance = balance - amount of withdrawal;
     dispense cash;
     store new balance into database;
```

- Homer at ATM1 withdraws $100
- Marge at ATM2 withdraws $50
- Initial balance = $400, final balance = ?
  - Should be $250 no matter who goes first

35

Final balance = $300

Homer withdraws $100:

```
read balance; $400
                                  
if balance > amount then
    balance = balance - amount; $300
    write balance; $300
```

Marge withdraws $50:

```
read balance; $400
if balance > amount then
    balance = balance - amount; $350
    write balance; $350
```

36

Final balance = $350

Homer withdraws $100:

```
read balance; $400
if balance > amount then
    balance = balance - amount;$300
    write balance;$300
```

Marge withdraws $50:

```
read balance;$400
if balance > amount then
    balance = balance - amount;$350
    write balance; $350
```

37

Concurrency control in DBMS

- Similar to concurrent programming problems?
  - But data not main-memory variables
- Similar to file system concurrent access?
  - Lock the whole table before access
    - Approach taken by MySQL in the old days
    - Still used by SQLite (as of Version 3)
  - But want to control at much finer granularity
    - Or else one withdrawal would lock up all accounts!

38

Recovery in DBMS

- Example: balance transfer

```
decrement the balance of account X by $100;
increment the balance of account Y by $100;
```

- Scenario 1: Power goes out after the first instruction
- Scenario 2: DBMS buffers and updates data in memory (for efficiency); before they are written back to disk, power goes out
- How can DBMS deal with these failures?

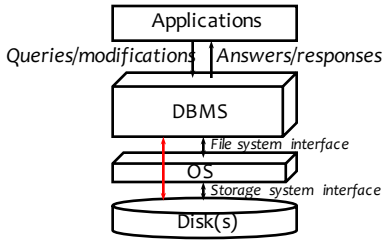
39

Standard DBMS features: summary

- Persistent storage of data
- Logical data model; declarative queries and updates → physical data independence
- Multi-user concurrent access
- Safety from system failures
- Performance, performance, performance
  - Massive amounts of data (terabytes~petabytes)
  - High throughput (thousands~millions transactions/hour)
  - High availability (≥ 99.999% uptime)

40

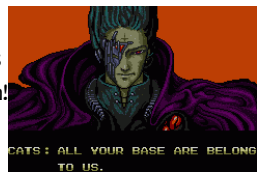
DBMS architecture today



- Much of the OS may be bypassed for performance and safety
- We will be filling in many details of the DBMS box throughout the semester

41

AYBABTU?



"Us" = relational databases

- Most data are not in them!
  - Personal data, web, scientific data, system data, …
- Text and semi-structured data management
  - XML, JSON, …
- "NoSQL" and "NewSQL" movement
  - MongoDB, Cassandra, BigTable, HBase, Spanner, HANA…
- This course will look beyond relational databases

Use of AYBABTU inspired by Garcia-Molina
Image: http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/0/03/Aybabtu.png

42

Course components

- Relational databases
  - Relational algebra, database design, SQL, app programming
- XML
  - Data model and query languages, app programming, interplay between XML and relational databases
- Database internals
  - Storage, indexing, query processing and optimization, concurrency control and recovery
- Advanced topics (TBD)
  - Data warehousing and data mining, Web search and indexing, parallel data processing/MapReduce, etc.

43

Announcements (Tue. Aug. 25)

- Permission numbers will be emailed this Thursday evening based on the wait list
  - Contact me if you cannot get onto the wait list for some reason (e.g., prerequisites)
- Amazon AWS credit codes will be emailed based on the enrollment list by next Monday
- This Thursday: our first language of the semester—relational algebra!