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Chapter 1: Introduction

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Textbook: Chapter 1

Database Management System (DBMS)

- DBMS contains information about a particular domain
  - Collection of interrelated data
  - Set of programs to access the data
  - An environment that is both *convenient* and *efficient* to use
- Database Applications:
  - Banking: transactions
  - Airlines: reservations, schedules
  - Universities: registration, grades
  - Sales: customers, products, purchases
  - Online retailers: order tracking, customized recommendations
  - Manufacturing: production, inventory, orders, supply chain
  - Human resources: employee records, salaries, tax deductions
- Databases can be very large.
- Databases touch all aspects of our lives

University Database Example

- Application program examples
  - Add new students, instructors, and courses
  - Register students for courses, and generate class rosters
  - Assign grades to students, compute grade point averages (GPA) and generate transcripts
- In the early days, database applications were built directly on top of file systems

Drawbacks of using file systems to store data

- Data redundancy and inconsistency
  - Multiple file formats, duplication of information in different files
- Difficulty in accessing data
  - Need to write a new program to carry out each new task
- Data isolation — multiple files and formats
- 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

Drawbacks of using file systems to store data (Cont.)

- 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
- 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
- Security problems
  - Hard to provide user access to some, but not all, data

Database systems offer solutions to all the above problems!

Levels of Abstraction

- **Physical level:** describes how a record (e.g., customer) is stored.
- **Logical level:** describes data stored in database, and the relationships among the data.

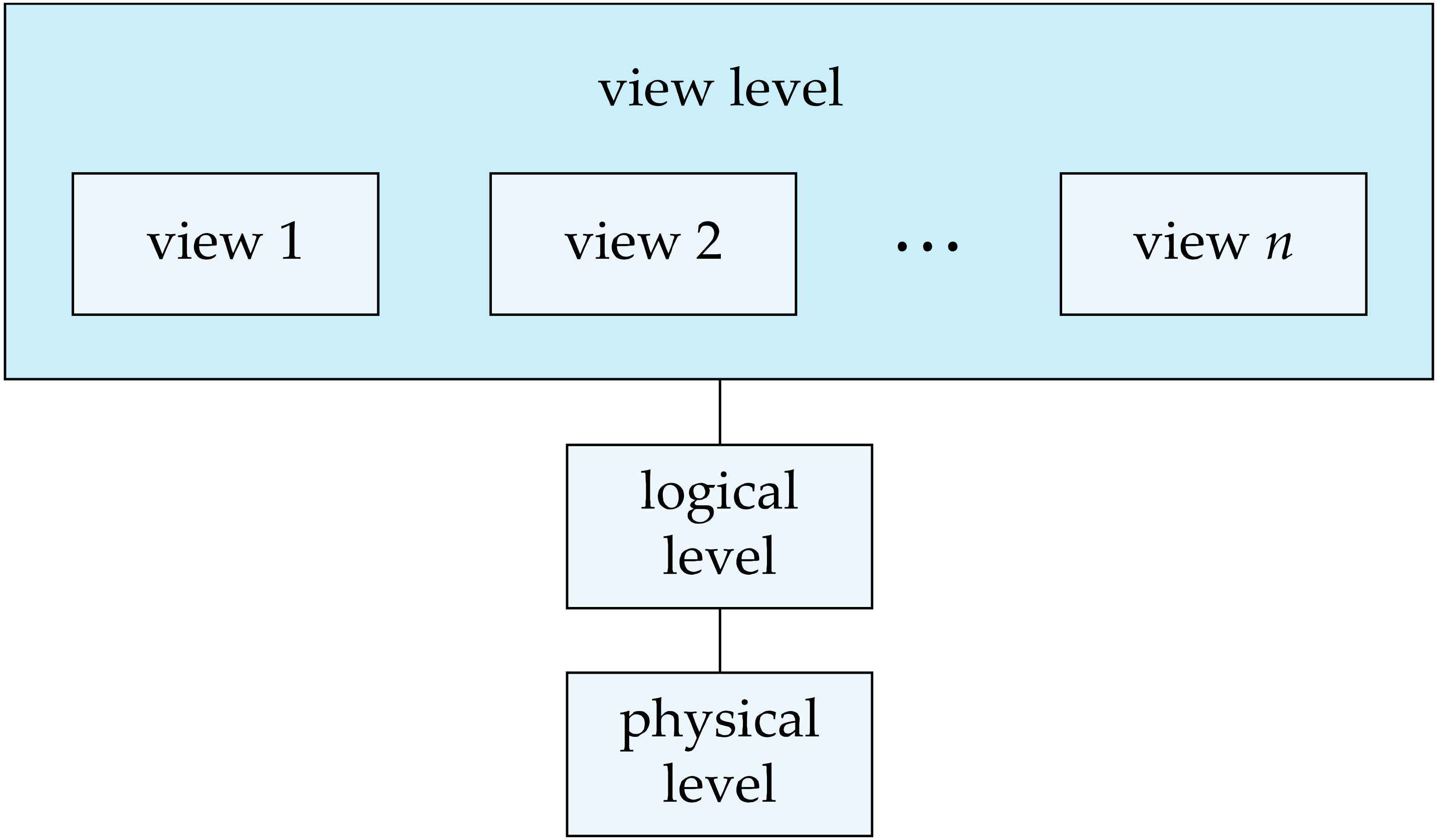
  type *instructor* = **record**

  ID : string;
  name : string;
  dept_name : string;
  salary : integer;

  end;
- **View level:** application programs hide details of data types. Views can also hide information (such as an employee's salary) for security purposes.

View of Data

An architecture for a database system



Instances and Schemas

- Similar to types and variables in programming languages
- **Schema** – the logical structure of the database
  - Example: The database consists of information about a set of customers and accounts and the relationship between them
  - Analogous to type information of a variable in a program
  - **Physical schema**: database design at the physical level
  - **Logical schema**: database design at the logical level
- **Instance** – the actual content of the database at a particular point in time
  - Analogous to the value of a variable
- **Physical Data Independence** – the ability to modify the physical schema without changing the logical schema
  - Applications depend on the logical schema
  - In general, the interfaces between the various levels and components should be well defined so that changes in some parts do not seriously influence others.
- **Logical Data Independence** – the ability to modify the logical schema without changing the applications
  - For example, add new information to each employee

Data Models

- A collection of tools for describing
  - Data
  - Data relationships
  - Data semantics
  - Data constraints
- Relational model
- Entity-Relationship data model (mainly for database design)
- Object-based data models (Object-oriented and Object-relational)
- Semistructured data model (XML)
- Other older models:
  - Network model
  - Hierarchical model
- Other newer (or revived) models:
  - Key-value

Relational Model

- Relational model (Chapter 2)
- Example of tabular data in the relational model

Columns (attributes)

Rows (tuples)

ID	*name*	*dept_name*	*salary*
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
32343	El Said	History	60000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
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A Sample Relational Database

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(a) The *instructor* table

dept_name	*building*	*budget*
Comp. Sci.	Taylor	100000
Biology	Watson	90000
Elec. Eng.	Taylor	85000
Music	Packard	80000
Finance	Painter	120000
History	Painter	50000
Physics	Watson	70000

(b) The *department* table

Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- Language for accessing and manipulating the data organized by the appropriate data model
  - DML also known as query language
- Two classes of languages
  - **Procedural** – user specifies what data is required and how to get those data
  - **Declarative (nonprocedural)** – user specifies what data is required without specifying how to get those data
- **SQL** is the most widely used query language

Data Definition Language (DDL)

- Specification notation for defining the database schema

  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)
  - Database schema
  - **Integrity constraints**
    - Primary key (ID uniquely identifies instructors)
    - Referential integrity (**references** constraint in SQL)
      - e.g. *dept_name* value in any *instructor* tuple must appear in *department* relation
  - Authorization

SQL

- **SQL**: widely used **declarative** (non-procedural) language
  - Example: Find the name of the instructor with ID 22222

```
select   name
from     instructor
where    instructor.ID = '22222'
```

  - Example: Find the ID and building of instructors in the Physics dept.

```
select instructor.ID, department.building
from instructor, department
where instructor.dept_name = department.dept_name and
        department.dept_name = 'Physics'
```

- Application programs generally access databases through one of
  - Language extensions to allow embedded SQL
  - Application program interface (e.g., ODBC/JDBC) which allow SQL queries to be sent to a database
- Chapters 3, 4 and 5

Database Design

The process of designing the general structure of a database:

- Logical Design – Deciding on the database schema. Database design requires that we find a "good" representation of the information from an application domain (e.g., banking) as a collection of relation schemas.
  - Business decision – What information should we record in the database?
  - Computer Science decision – What relation schemas should we have and how should the attributes be distributed among the various relation schemas?
- Physical Design – Deciding on the physical layout of the database

Database Design?

- Is there any problem with this design?

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Database Design?

- **Example:** Changing the budget of the 'Physics' department
  - Updates to many rows!
  - Easy to break **integrity**
    - If we forget to update a row, then we have multiple budget values for the physics department!

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Design Approaches

- Normalization Theory (Chapter 8)
  - Formalize what designs are bad, and test for them
- Entity Relationship Model (Chapter 7)
  - Models an enterprise as a collection of *entities* and *relationships*
    - Entity: a "thing" or "object" in the enterprise that is distinguishable from other objects
      - Described by a set of *attributes*
    - Relationship: an association among several entities
  - Represented diagrammatically by an *entity-relationship diagram:*

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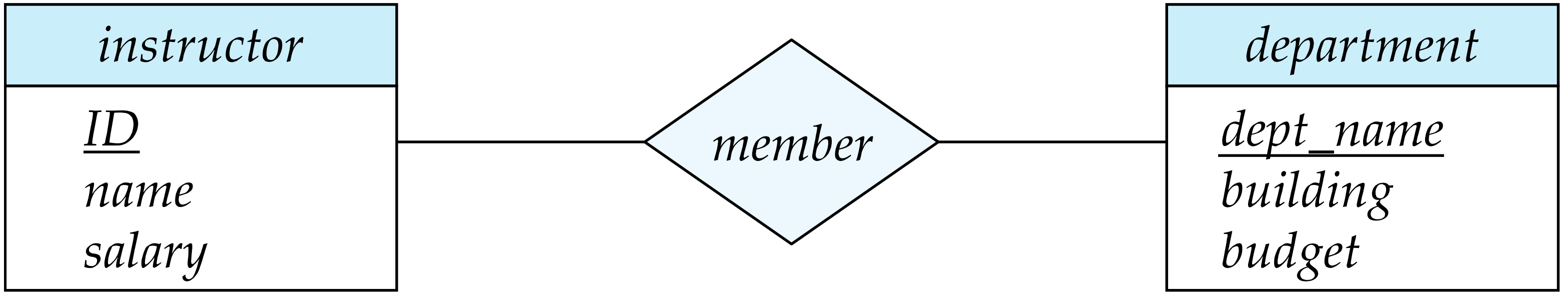
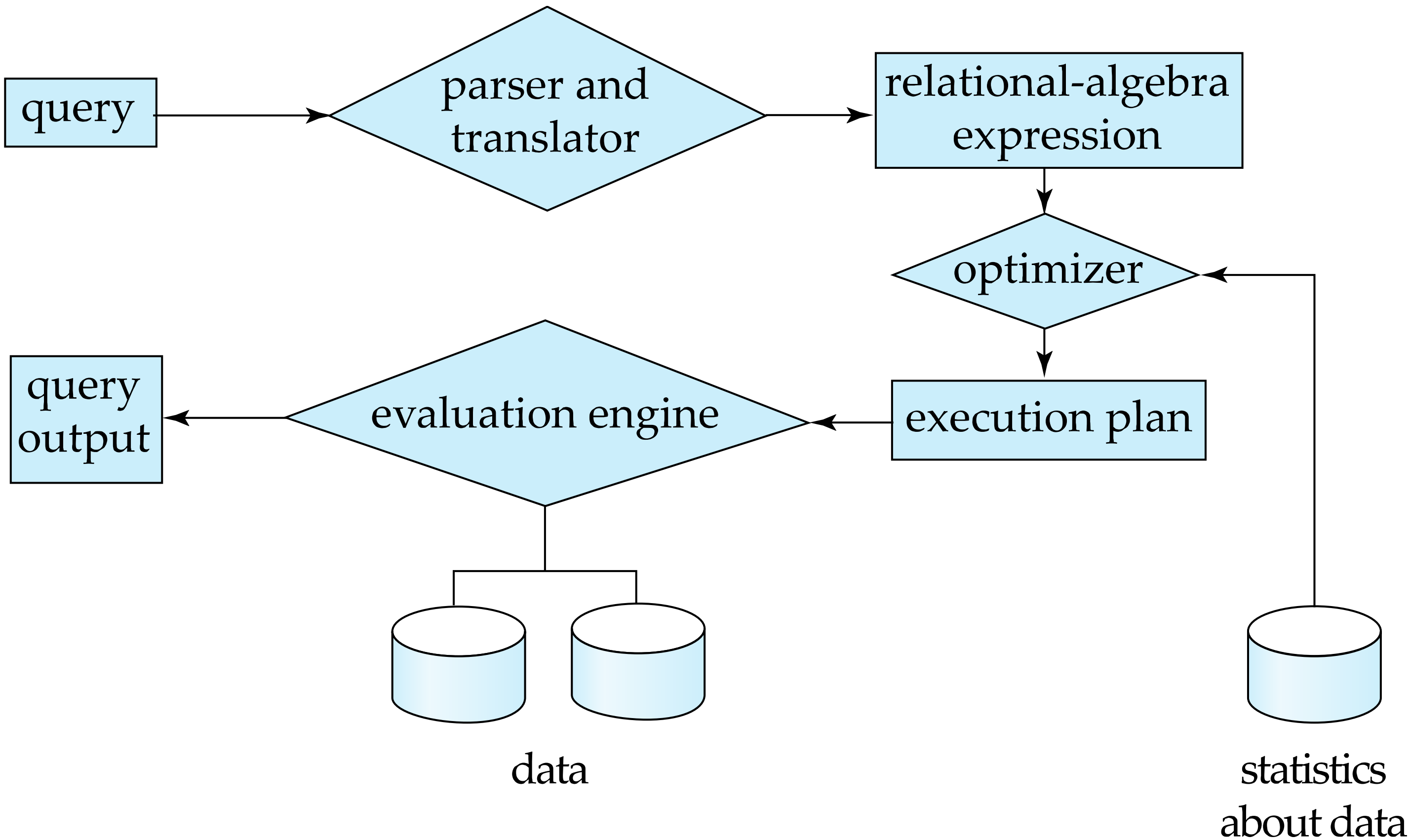


What happened to dept_name of instructor and student?

Query Processing

1. Parsing and translation
2. Optimization
3. Evaluation



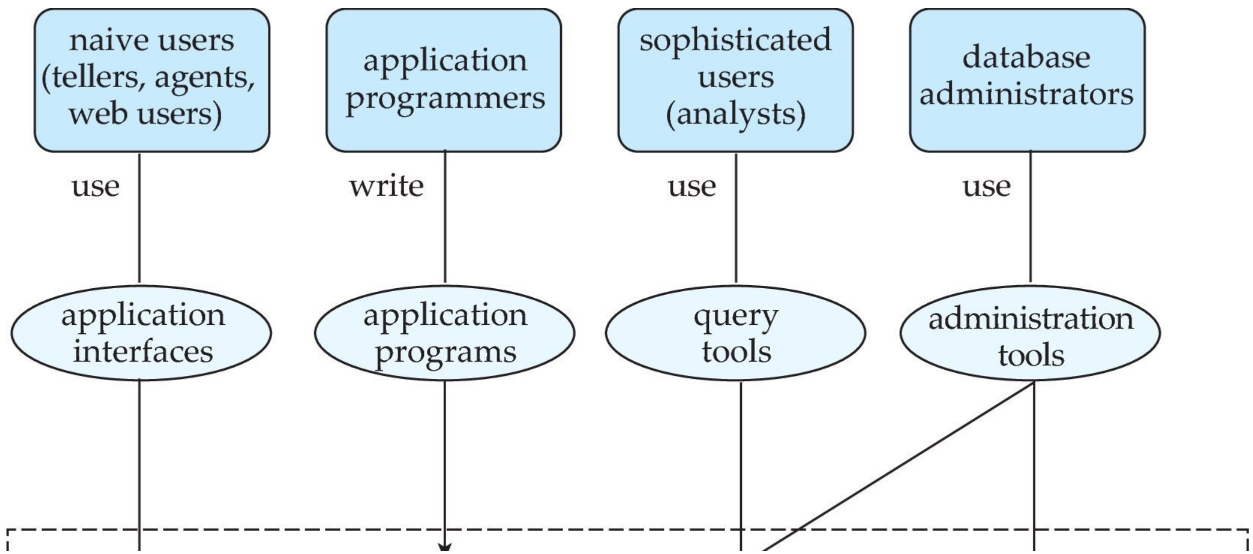
Query Processing (Cont.)

- Alternative ways of evaluating a given query
  - Equivalent expressions
  - Different algorithms for each operation
- Cost difference between a good and a bad way of evaluating a query can be enormous
- Need to estimate the cost of operations
  - Depends critically on statistical information about relations which the database must maintain
  - Need to estimate statistics for intermediate results to compute cost of complex expressions
- Need to search for a good plan (low costs)
  - Traversing the search space of alternative ways (plans) to compute the query result
  - This is called **query optimization**

Transaction Management

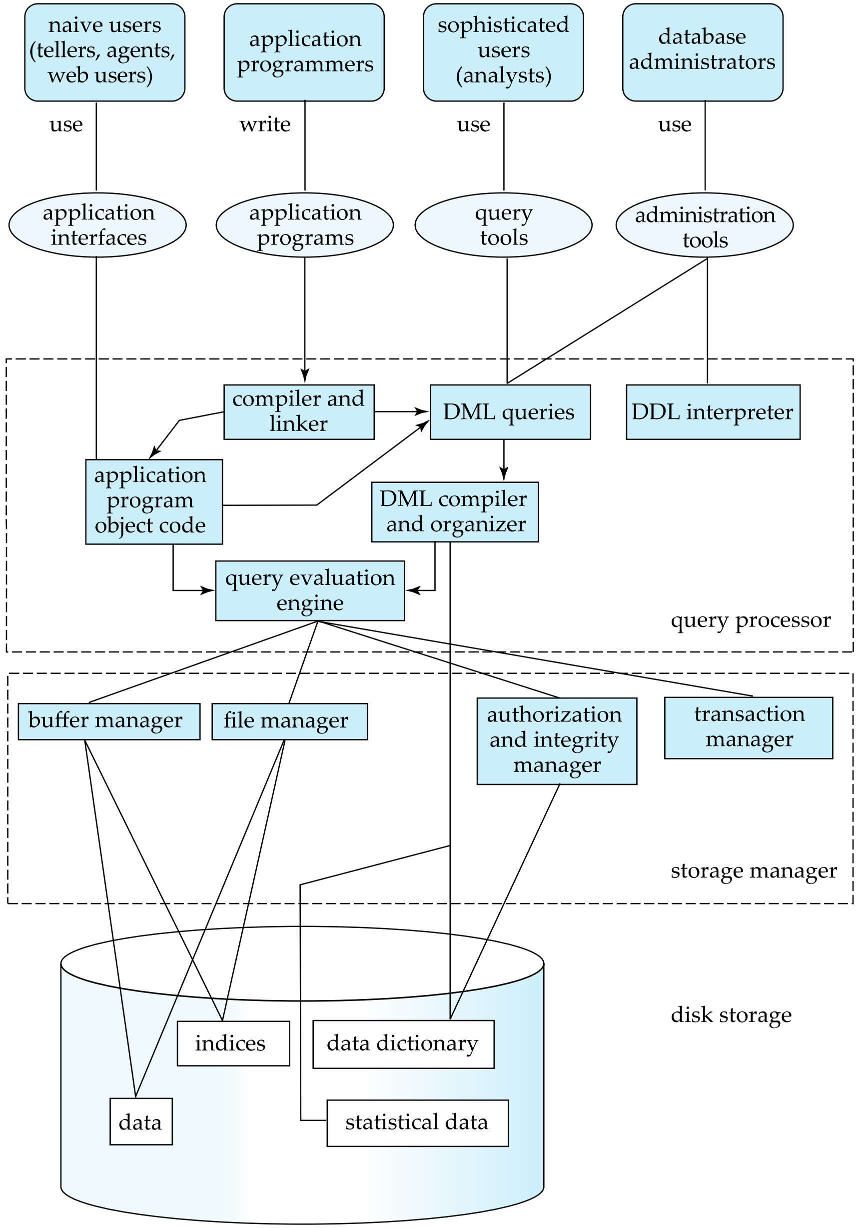
- What if the system fails?
- What if more than one user is concurrently updating the same data?
- A **transaction** is a collection of operations that performs a single logical function in a database application
- **Transaction-management component** ensures that the database remains in a consistent (correct) state despite system failures (e.g., power failures and operating system crashes) and transaction failures.
- **Concurrency-control manager** controls the interaction among the concurrent transactions, to ensure the consistency of the database.

Database Users and Administrators



Database

Database System Internals



Database Architecture

The architecture of a database systems is greatly influenced by
the underlying computer system on which the database is running:

- Centralized
- Client-server
- Parallel (multi-processor)
- Distributed

Build a Complete Database System in your free time?

- How much time do you need?
- To get a rough idea:
  - Postgres (about 800,000 lines of code)
    - Hundreds of man-years of work
  - Oracle (about 8,000,000 lines of code)
    - Probably thousands of man-years of work?
- Hmm, … probably not!
- Maybe a limited research prototype or new feature ;-)

History of Database Systems

- 1950s and early 1960s:
  - Data processing using magnetic tapes for storage
    - Tapes provided only sequential access
  - Punched cards for input
- Late 1960s and 1970s:
  - Hard disks allowed direct access to data
  - Network and hierarchical data models in widespread use
  - Ted Codd defines the relational data model
    - Would win the ACM Turing Award for this work
    - IBM Research begins System R prototype
    - UC Berkeley begins Ingres prototype
  - High-performance (for the era) transaction processing

History (cont.)

- 1980s:
  - Research relational prototypes evolve into commercial systems
    - SQL becomes industrial standard
  - Parallel and distributed database systems
  - Object-oriented database systems
- 1990s:
  - Large decision support and data-mining applications
  - Large multi-terabyte data warehouses
  - Emergence of Web commerce
- Early 2000s:
  - XML and XQuery standards
  - Automated database administration
- Later 2000s:
  - Giant data storage systems
    - Google BigTable, Yahoo PNuts, Amazon, ..

Recap

- Why databases?
- What do databases do?
- Data independence
  - Physical and Logical
- Database design
- Data models
  - Relational, object, XML, network, hierarchical
- Query languages
  - DML
  - DDL
- Architecture and systems aspects of database systems
  - Recovery
  - Concurrency control
  - Query processing (optimization)
  - File organization and indexing
- History of databases

End of Chapter 1