

Welcome to

CS 460: Introduction to Database Systems

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Today

big data

data-driven world

databases & database systems



when you see this, I want you to
speak up!
[and you can always interrupt me]

Big Data

marketing term ...

but ...

science / government / business / personal data

exponentially growing data collections

So, it is all good!

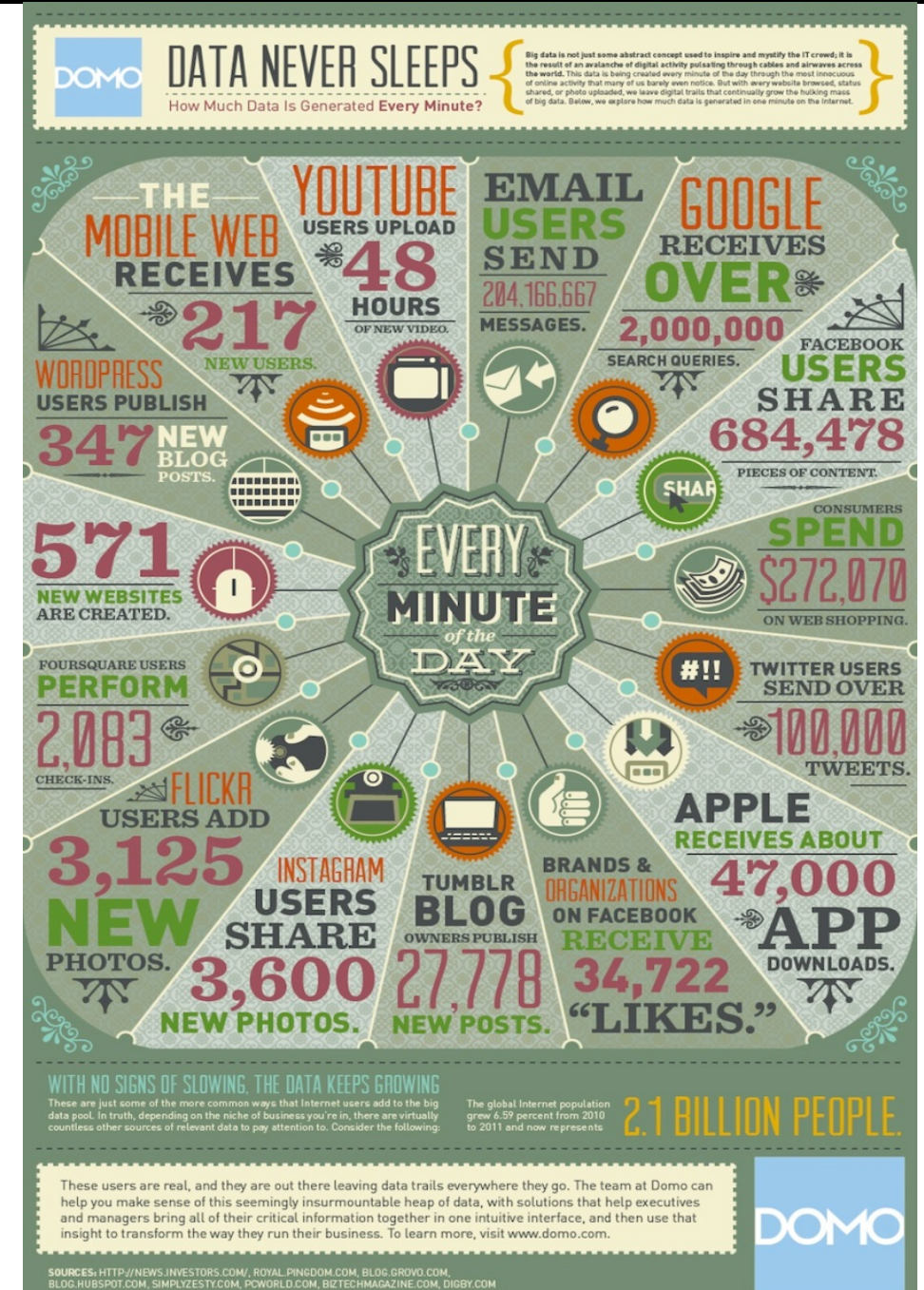
How big is “Big”?



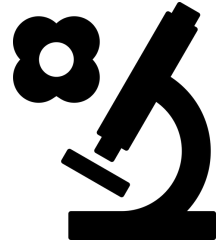
Every day, we create 2.5 exabytes* of data — 90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone.

[Understanding Big Data, IBM]

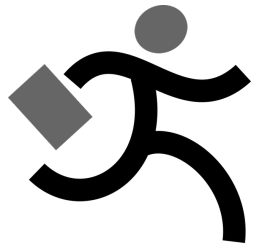
*exabyte = 10^9 GB



Using Big Data



experimental physics (IceCube, CERN)
biology
neuroscience



data mining business datasets
machine learning for corporate and consumer



data analysis for fighting crime

... are only some examples

Data-Driven World



Big Data V's

Volume

Velocity

Variety

Veracity

Information is transforming traditional business.

[“Data, data everywhere”, Economist]

CS460

we live in a ***data-driven*** world

CS460 is about the ***basics*** for
storing, using, and managing data

your lecturer (that's me!)

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BSc and MSc @ University of Athens, Greece

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some awards:

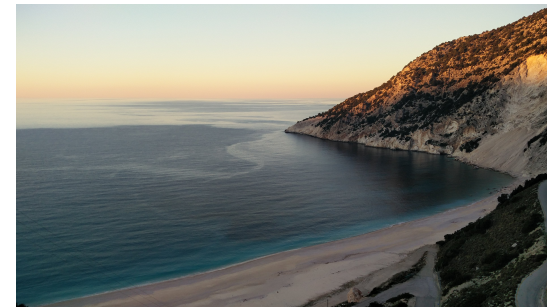
Facebook Faculty Research Award

NSF CRII Research Award

Best of SIGMOD 2017, VLDB 2017



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To enable remote participation we will be using Top Hat

The join code is: **193864.**

Lets' try it out!

Data

to make data usable and manageable

we organize them in collections

Databases

a large, integrated, *structured* collection of data

intended to model some real-world enterprise

Examples: a university, a company, social media

University: students, professors, course

what is missing?

-- how to connect these?

-- enrollment, teaching



What about a company? What about social media?

Database Systems

a.k.a. database management systems (DBMS)

a.k.a. data systems



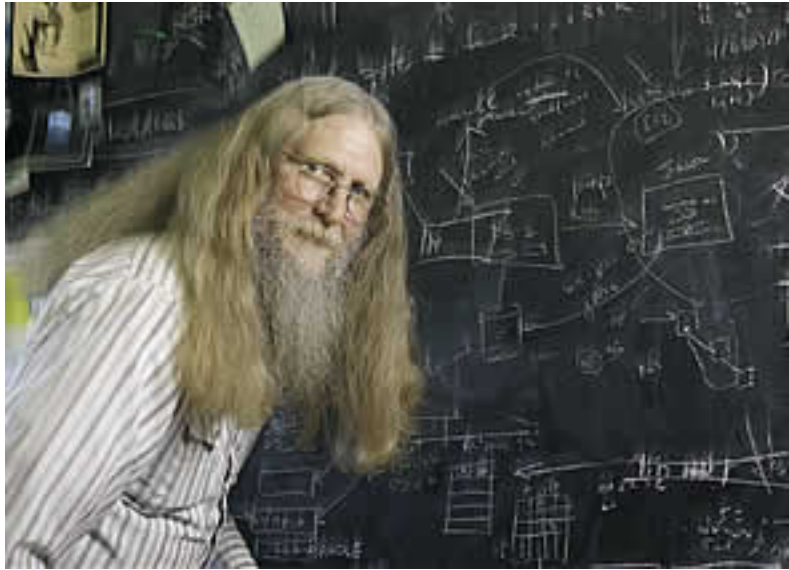
Sophisticated
pieces of software...



... which store, manage,
organize, and facilitate
access to my databases ...



... so I can do things (and ask questions) that are
otherwise hard or impossible



*“relational databases
are the foundation of
western civilization”*

Bruce Lindsay, IBM Research

ACM SIGMOD Edgar F. Codd Innovations award 2012

Ok but what really IS a database system?

Is the WWW a DBMS?



Is a File System a DBMS?



Is Facebook a DBMS?



Is the WWW a DBMS?

Not really!

Fairly sophisticated search available

web crawler *indexes* pages for fast search

.. but

data is unstructured and untyped

not well-defined “correct answer”

cannot update the data

freshness? consistency? fault tolerance?

web sites **use** a *DBMS* to provide these functions

e.g., amazon.com (Oracle), facebook.com (MySQL and others)

“Search” vs. Query

What if you wanted to find out which actors donated to the first Barack Obama’s presidential campaign 12 years ago?

Try “actors donated to obama” in your favorite search engine.

Google - actors donated to obama

Search About 424,000,000 results (0.20 seconds)

Everything
Images
Maps
Videos
News
Shopping
More

All results
Related searches
More search tools

[Dead actor Roy Scheider donates to Barack Obama campaign ...](#)
latimesblogs.latimes.com/washington/2008/04/dead-actor-roy.html
23 Apr 2008 – Dead voters regularly vote in Barack **Obama's** hometown, but dead donors is something new

[Actors Called to Play 'Young People' at Obama Town Hall. - HUMA...](#)
www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=39415
14 Oct 2010 – **Obama** can't afford an unscripted moment at youth town hall, so casting ca goes out to pack the audience.

[Actor Kal Penn joining Obama administration in Valerie Jarrett's ...](#)
blogs.suntimes.com/sweet/.../actor_kal_penn_joining_obama_a.html
7 Apr 2009 – **Actor** Kal Penn worked as a floor whip during the 2008 Democratic National Convention. ... around the country for the **Obama** presidential campaign, is going to leave...
... At first i was furious they **gave** his character the axe.

[Obama's Early Donors: Hollywood Stars Contribute In Droves](#)
www.usa-elections.com/obama/20-obamas-early-donors-hollywood-s...
Obama's Early Donors: Hollywood **Stars** Contribute In Droves ... Small screen stars also **donated** in droves, including talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, "30 ...

[Don't call it a Hollywood fundraiser | Campaign 2012 | Washington ...](#)
campaign2012.washingtonexaminer.com/.../dont-call-it-hollywood-...
26 Oct 2011 – President Barack **Obama** looks out the window of his limousine after ... "not a fundraiser," and attendees "were not asked to **donate** to the **Obama** ... **Actor** Kal Penn (Kalpen Modi) formerly worked for **Obama** in the White House ...

“Search” vs. Query

“Search” can return only what’s been “stored”

E.g., best match at Google:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.usa-elections.com/obama/20-obamas-early-donors-hollywood-stars-contribute-in-droves.html. The page title is "Obama's Early Donors: Hollywood Stars Contribute In Droves", which is circled in purple. The page content includes a large image of Barack Obama waving, a "News video" section with a video thumbnail titled "Obama Lies 7 Times In Under 2 Minutes!", and a text article about Hollywood stars donating to Obama's campaign. The article text includes: "In a sequel to President Obama's celebrity-laden 2008 campaign, many of Hollywood's biggest stars are on his donor rolls again in 2012, according to the latest FEC records. Since April, big-screen stars George Clooney, Will Ferrell and Tom Hanks have all contributed to Obama's re-election campaign, as have Gwyneth Paltrow, Jennifer Garner, Michael Keaton and Eddie Murphy. Small screen stars also donated in droves, including talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, '30 Rock's' Alec Baldwin, 'Glee's' Jane Lynch, 'House' star Jennifer Morrison, 'Lost' creator JJ Abrams, 'Monk' star Tony Shalhoub, Yeadley Smith (aka Lisa Simpson), 'The Big C's' Oliver Platt, 'Frasier' star David Hyde Pierce and former 'ER' star Anthony Edwards. And while it may come as little surprise that Hollywood's elites are backing a Democratic candidate, the sheer number of headlining stars who have donated to a candidate this early on in a presidential campaign is unprecedented. In addition to the actors, movie producers and studio executives also dot the donor list, like Brian Grazer, Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks' Jeffrey Katzenberg, Disney chairman John Pepper and 'Sex and the City' co-creator Michael Patrick King. Grammy-winning musicians James Taylor and Will.I.Am also sent in donations, as did singer-songwriter Lisa Loeb. From the ranks of radio came 'Prairie Home Companion's' Garrison Keillor and Tom Joyner, of the syndicated 'Tom Joyner Morning Show.'"

A “Database Query” Approach

where can we find
data for “all actors”?



where can we find
data for “all donations”?



A “Database Query” Approach

The image shows two browser windows. The left window displays IMDb search results for males, sorted by name ascending. The URL `www.imdb.com/search/name?gender=male&sort=alpha,asc&start=16684` is circled in red. The results list names like Adam Sandler, Adam Sandler, Adam Sandoval, and Adam Sandroni.

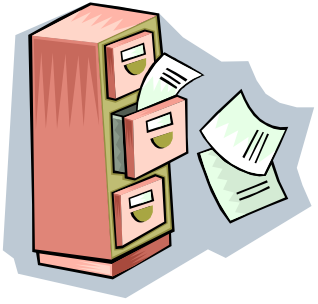
The right window displays OpenSecrets.org Presidential Donor Lookup Results. The search criteria are circled in red: Donor name: (all), Cycle selected: 2008, and Sort by Amount. The results table is as follows:

Candidate	Contributor	Employer	Date	Amount
Obama, Barack	Budinger, William Aspen, CO 81611	Not employed	7/31/08	\$30,800
Obama, Barack	BOSLER, JAMES FORT WORTH, TX 76126	NOT EMPLOYED/RETIRED	8/28/08	\$28,500
Obama, Barack	HIGDON, JOE WASHINGTON, DC 20008	NOT EMPLOYED/RETIRED	8/28/08	\$28,500
Obama, Barack	MYERS, DEBRA RANCHO PALOS VERDE, CA 90275	SELF EMPLOYED/PHYSICIAN	8/31/08	\$28,500
Obama, Barack	MYERS, WOODROW DR JR INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204	MYERS VENTURES LLC/MGR DIRECTOR	8/31/08	\$28,500

“IMDB Actors” JOIN “OpenSecrets”

Contributor	Employer	Date	Amount
ROCK, CHRIS MR NEW YORK,NY 10019	ACTOR	4/20/07	\$9,200
DOUGLAS, MICHAEL UNIVERSAL CITY,CA 91608	ACTOR/ PRODUCER	3/30/07	\$4,600
DOUGLAS, MICHAEL UNIVERSAL CITY,CA 91608	ACTOR/ PRODUCER	3/30/07	\$2,300
ROCK, CHRIS MR NEW YORK,NY 10019	ACTOR	4/20/07	\$2,300
CARIDES, GEORGIA NEW YORK,NY 10017	ACTOR	5/18/07	\$1,000
CARTER COVINGTON, CLAUDIA CHARLOTTE,NC 28207	ACTORS THEATRE PART TIME/ACTOR/NEW	5/20/08	\$1,000
FOX, RICK ENCINO,CA 91316	ACTOR/PRODUCER	6/16/08	\$1,000
HILDRETH, THOMAS W LOS ANGELES,CA 90068	ACTOR	9/29/08	\$1,000
RENNER, CARL BEVERLY HILLS,CA 90210	ACTOR/BESSONE@ROADRUNNER.COM	8/28/08	\$1,000
SIMMONS, HENRY WEST HOLLYWOOD,CA 90046	ACTOR	6/4/07	\$1,000

Is a File System a DBMS?



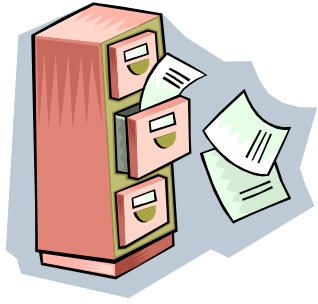
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Thought Experiment 2:

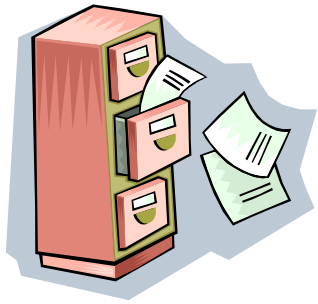
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The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

Is Facebook a DBMS?

Is the data structured & typed?

Does it offer well-defined queries?

Does it offer properties like “durability” and “consistency”?

Facebook is a data-driven company that uses several database systems (>10) for different use-cases (internal or external).



Not really!

Why take this class?

computation to information

corporate, personal (web), science (big data)

database systems everywhere

data-driven world, data companies

DBMS: much of CS as a practical discipline

languages, theory, OS, logic, architecture, HW

CS460 in a nutshell

model

data representation model

query

query languages – ad hoc queries

access (concurrently multiple reads/writes)
ensure *transactional* semantics

store (reliably)

maintain *consistency/semantics* in *failures*

A “free taste” of the class

data modeling

query languages

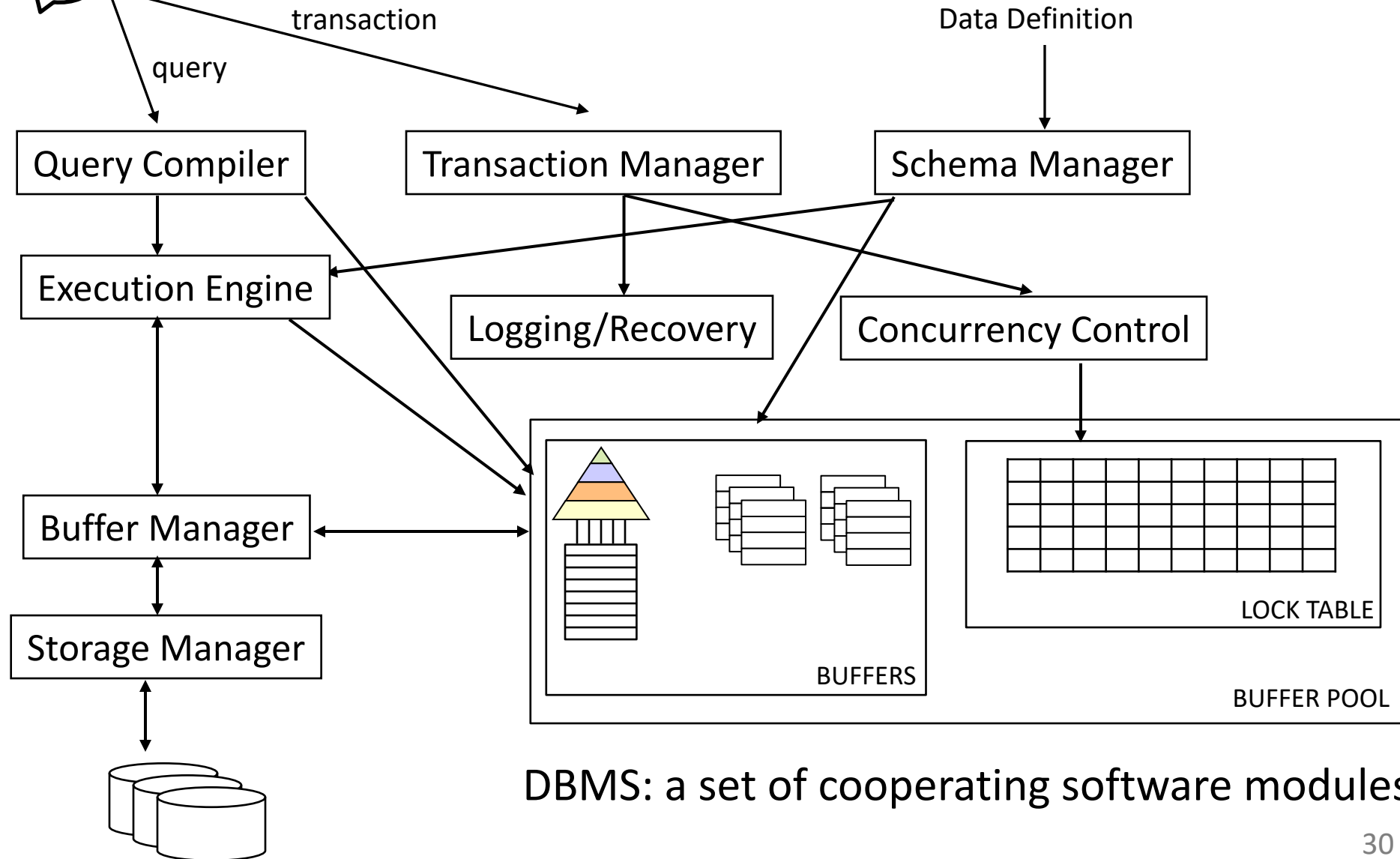
concurrent, fault-tolerant data management

DBMS architecture

Coming in next class

Discussion on *database systems designs*

Components of a "classic" DBMS



DBMS: a set of cooperating software modules

Describing Data: Data Models

data model : a collection of concepts describing data

relational model is the most widely used model today

key concepts

relation : basically a table with rows and columns

schema : describes the columns (or fields) of each table

Schema of “University” Database

Students

sid: string, name: string, login: string, age: integer, gpa: real

Courses

cid: string, cname: string, credits: integer

Enrolled

sid: string, cid: string, grade: string



Levels of Abstraction

what the users *see*

External Schema 1

External Schema 2

what is the *data model*

Conceptual Schema

how the data is *physically* stored
e.g., files, indexes

Physical Schema

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Physical Schema

relations stored in heap files

indexes for sid/cid

Schemas of “University” Database

External Schema

a “view” of data that can be derived from the existing data

example: Course Info

Course_Info (*cid*: string, ***enrollment***:integer)

Data Independence

Abstraction offers “application independence”

Logical data independence

Protection from changes in *logical* structure of data

Physical data independence

Protection from changes in *physical* structure of data

Q: Why is this particularly important for DBMS?

Applications can treat DBMS as
black boxes!



Queries

”Bring me all students with gpa more than 3.0”

“SELECT * FROM Students WHERE gpa>3.0”

SQL – a powerful declarative query language

treats DBMS as a black box

What if we have multiples accesses?

Concurrency Control

multiple users/apps

Challenges



how frequent access to slow medium

how to keep CPU busy

how to avoid *short jobs* waiting behind *long ones*

e.g., ATM withdrawal while summing all *balances*

interleaving actions of *different* programs

Concurrency Control

Problems with *interleaving* actions of diff. programs



Bill



Move 100 from
savings to checking



Alice

Bad interleaving:

Savings -= 100

Print balances

Checking += 100

Printout is missing 100\$!

Concurrency Control

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Bill



Move 100 from savings to checking



Alice

What is a correct interleaving?

Savings -= 100

Checking += 100

Print balances

How to achieve this interleaving?



Scheduling Transactions

Transactions: atomic sequences of **R**eads & **W**rites

$$T_{\text{Bill}} = \{R1_{\text{Savings}}, R1_{\text{Checking}}, W1_{\text{Savings}}, W1_{\text{Checking}}\}$$
$$T_{\text{Alice}} = \{R2_{\text{Savings}}, R2_{\text{Checking}}\}$$

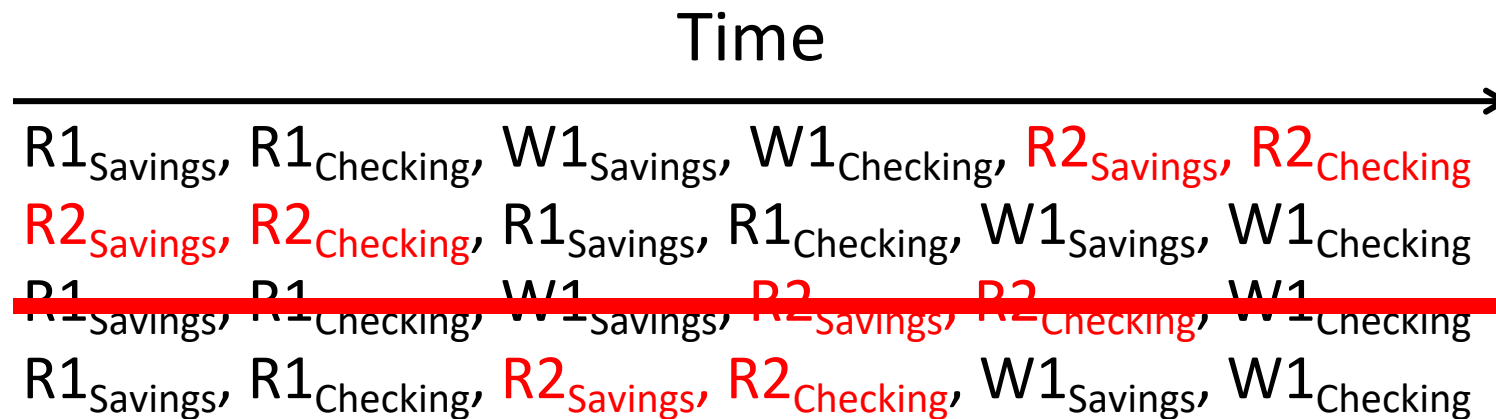
How to avoid previous problems?



Scheduling Transactions

All interleaved executions equivalent to a serial

All actions of a transaction executed as a whole



How to achieve one of these?



Locking



before an object is accessed a lock is requested

Locking



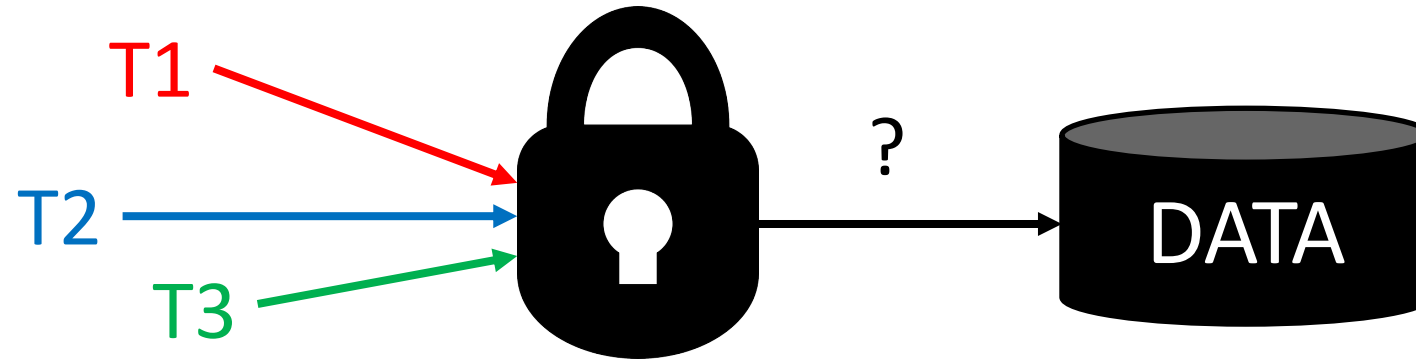
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locks are held until the end of the transaction

*[this is only one way to do this, called
“strict two-phase locking”]*

Locking

$$T_1 = \{R1_{Savings}, R1_{Checking}, W1_{Savings}, W1_{Checking}\}$$
$$T_2 = \{R2_{Savings}, R2_{Checking}\}$$

Both should lock *Savings* and *Checking*

What happens:

if T1 locks Savings & Checking ?

T2 has to wait

if T1 locks Savings & T2 locks Checking ?

we have a deadlock



How to solve deadlocks?

we need a mechanism to undo

also when a transaction is incomplete
e.g., due to a crash



what can be an undo mechanism?



log every action before it is applied!

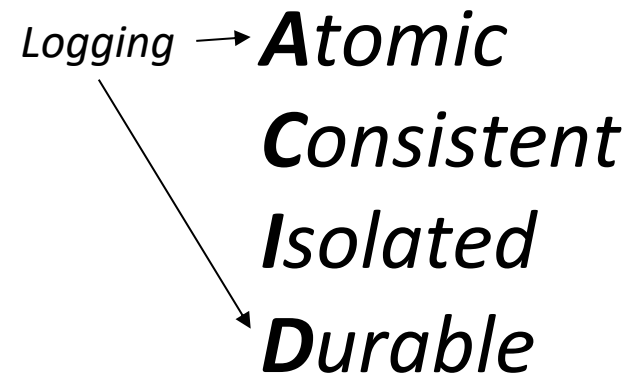
Transactional Semantics

Transaction: one execution of a user program

multiple executions → multiple transactions

Every transaction:

Logging → ***Atomic***
Consistent
Isolated
Durable

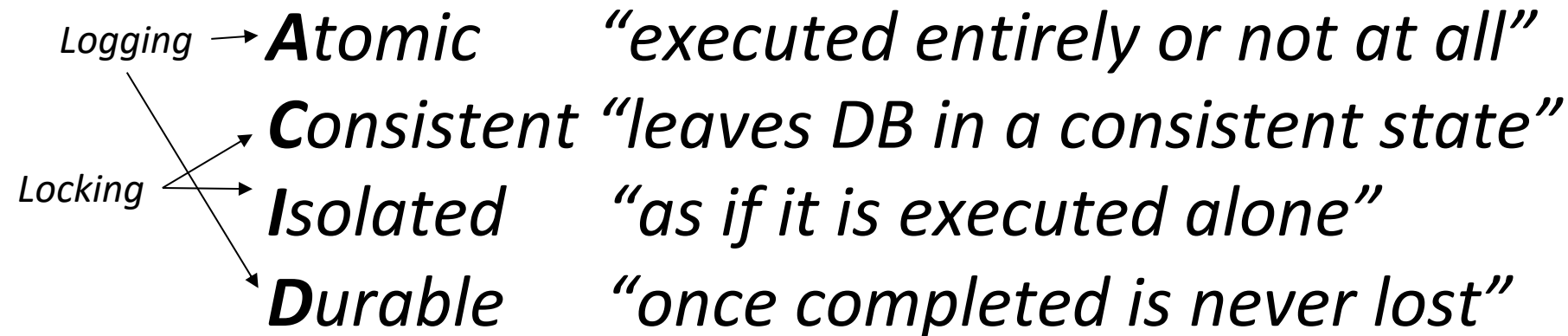
A diagram showing the word "Logging" in italics on the left. Two arrows originate from "Logging": one points horizontally to the word "Atomic" in bold italics, and another points diagonally down and to the right to the word "Durable" in bold italics. The words "Consistent" and "Isolated" are listed in bold italics between "Atomic" and "Durable".

Transactional Semantics

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Every transaction:



Who else needs transactions?



lots of data

lots of users

frequent updates

background game analytics

Scaling games to epic proportions,

by W. White, A. Demers, C. Koch, J. Gehrke and R. Rajagopalan

ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, 2007

Only “classic” DBMS?

No, there is much more!

NoSQL & Key-Value Stores: No transactions, focus on queries

Graph Stores

Querying raw data without loading/integrating costs

Database queries in large datacenters

New hardware and storage devices

... many exciting open problems!

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Next time in ...

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Database Systems Architectures

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