

Announcements

Please Turn in Project 2D
Project 3 will be posted this afternoon



Unannounced Quiz 3

Please stow all papers, books, phones, computers, pdas, etc.

Take out 1 sheet of paper, print your name, student ID and section #



Unannounced Quiz 3

Answer all questions. In databases...

- 1. "Tuple" is the same as (a) row, (b) record, (c) table, (d) attribute; list all that apply
- 2. "Field" is the same as (a) column, (b) row, (c) attribute, (d) table; list all that apply
- 3. Give the five fundamental operations on tables for relational databases



Thinking of Databases

Databases are organized on two levels: 'physical' is how the data is stored, 'logical' is how it's viewed



Avoiding Redundancy

Redundancy is bad because it can lead to inconsistent data ... very bad!

- Keep only one copy of any data ... does that make it right???
- Rather than repeating data, reference it in the places where it is needed
- Keep data in its own table
- Save its kev wherever it is needed

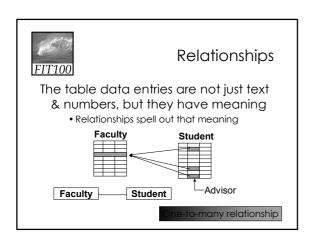
users want the data, get it using its key!

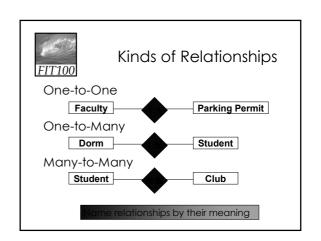


Physical Database

Physical databases store data in the "best" way -- no redundancy, ...

- Expect many tables of "simple" entities
- "Physical" means that the data is actually stored on the disk -- contrast with logical DBs that are "virtual tables"
- Physical databases are designed "for the computer" not for the user
- The "physical schema" gives table definitions and the relationships



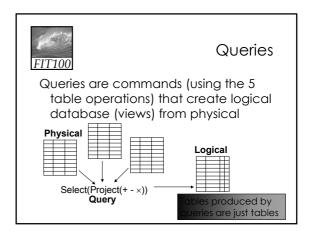


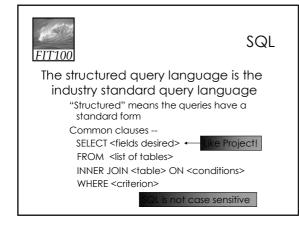


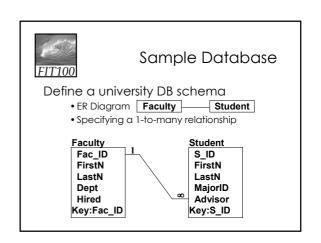
Logical Databases

Users want & need different information

- Different tasks require different information
- Different authority levels, e.g. need to know
- Customizing to users means everyone sees exactly what they need to see
- * A view is a user's customized database
- * Views are virtual, built on-the-fly from the physical database and not kept
 - Data is always current
 - Custom structure can be very adaptable









Sample SQL Queries

Typical: SELECT<attribs>FROM<tables>

SELECT Student.FirstN, Student.LastN, Student.MajorID FROM Student

WHERE Student.S_ID= 0206125;

SELECT Student.FirstN, Student.LastN

FROM Student
WHERE MajorID=14;



Join Example

Find the students of a given professor

SELECT Student.FirstN, Student.LastN, Faculty.LastN

FROM Student INNER JOIN Faculty
ON Student.Advisor = Faculty.Fac_ID

• Notice that selection comes from the combined (by Inner Join) table



DB Design Paradigm

Guidelines for good databases:

- Build physical DB to avoid redundancy, etc.
- Each physical table represents 1 entity
- Expect that no physical table gives any user their exact view
- To build view, build a query that ...
 Joins tables together into a 'super' table
 Trims out only the items the user wants

ese guidelines are not an algorithm, t they usually produce good results



Project 3: SLAMA

Design DB to support a small mythical WA town's police department ...

- "San Lucas Arrest Monitoring Application"
- The DB keeps track of suspects, police, and arrests. It monitors the blood alcohol and drug testing process while protecting the privacy of the citizens
- You will create the DB in MS Access, including tables, queries, forms and reports



Defining Tables

The physical database is a collection of (3-4) tables





Filling Tables

Things are slow in San Lucas, so you will have to generate data



