



Thinking of Databases

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

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Big Picture

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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 key wherever it is needed

When users want the data, get it using its key!



Physical Database

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

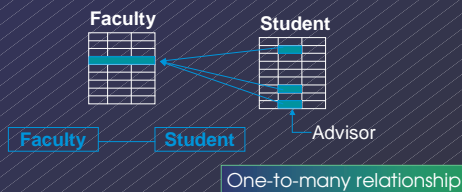
- Expect many tables of "simple" entities
- "Physical" means that the data is actually stored on the disk -- contrast with logical DBs that are "virtual tables"
- Physical databases are designed "for the computer" not for the user
- The "physical schema" gives table definitions and the relationships



Relationships

The table data entries are not just text & numbers, but they have meaning

- Relationships spell out that meaning



Kinds of Relationships

One-to-One



One-to-Many



Many-to-Many



Name relationships by their meaning



Logical Databases

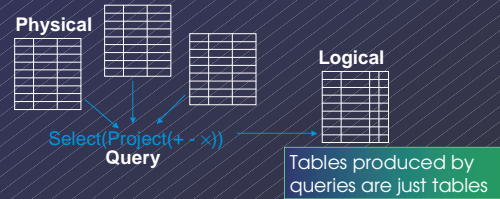
Users want & need different information

- 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



Queries

Queries are commands (using the 5 table operations) that create logical database (views) from physical



SQL

The structured query language is the industry standard query language

"Structured" means the queries have a standard form

Common clauses --

```
SELECT <fields desired>
FROM <list of tables>
INNER JOIN <table> ON <conditions>
WHERE <critierion>
```

Like Project!

SQL is not case sensitive



Sample Database

Define a university DB schema

- ER Diagram
- Specifying a 1-to-many relationship



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

These guidelines are not an algorithm,
but 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



What Happens???

When someone is arrested for drunk driving, what happens?

For Monday, find out ...

<http://dui.findlaw.com/index3.html>



Defining Tables

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

tblSuspect : Table	Field Name	Data Type	
	suspect_id	AutoNumber	unique identification number for suspects
	first	Text	suspect's first name
	middle	Text	suspect's middle name(s)
	last	Text	suspect's last name
	sex	Text	single character field M or F for male or female
	birth	Date/Time	birthdate
	street	Text	street address up to city
	city	Text	city
	state	Text	two letter state/province code; xxx=not north
	zip	Text	postal code



Filling Tables

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

tblOfficer : Table	badge	rank	first	middle	last	street	city	state	zip	ssn
	101	Sergeant	Thomas	Edward	Richner	2222 Wilshire R	Bremerton	WA	98201	681-22-3363
	223	Patrolman	Brenda	Lisa	Harrison	4 Wheel Dr	Bremerton	WA	98201	255-14-5441
	234	Patrolman	Brendon	Leigh	Harris	2 Sans Road	Bremerton	WA	98202	033-13-1100

tblSuspect : Table	suspect_id	first	middle	last	sex	birth	street	city	state	zip
	1	George	Herbert	Walker	M	2/6/1920	6 Yale Drive	New Haven	CT	06510
	2	William	Clinton	Jefferson	M	6/20/1946	1220 E 13th Str	Seattle	WA	98102
	3	Barbara	Ann	Chance	F	9/18/1955	13 Surf Drive	Malibu	CA	90122
	4	Albert	James	Austin	M	10/2/1961	32 Binary Street	Bremerton	WA	98201

tblArrest : Table	arr_id	suspect_id	badge	arr_date	charge1	miranda	mNotes	inventory	invenSign	breath	talph	twalk
	2	3	233	2/27/2003	DUI	Y		ring, brown leath	Y	Fail	Fail	Wobbled
	3	1	234	2/27/2003	Rowdy	Y		Laptop compute	Y			



Defining Queries

The logical database (views) remove data from tables for users

```

qryBooking : Select Query
SELECT [tblArrest].[arr_ID], [tblOfficer].[first] AS tblOfficer_first, [tblOfficer].[last] AS tblOfficer_last, [tblSuspect].[first] AS tblSuspect_first, [tblSuspect].[last] AS tblSuspect_last, [tblArrest].[arr_date], [tblArrest].[charge1], [tblArrest].[tbreath], [tblArrest].[talpha], [tblArrest].[twalk], [tblArrest].[tstand], [tblArrest].[tothers], [tblArrest].[talcohol], [tblArrest].[tdrug], [tblArrest].[tlnotes], [tblArrest].[tracking] FROM tblSuspect INNER JOIN [tblOfficer INNER JOIN tblArrest ON [tblOfficer].[badge]=[tblArrest].[badge]] ON [tblSuspect].[suspect_ID]=[tblArrest].[suspectno];

```

We can write SQL directly, or
we can use Query By Example



GUIs For The Views

The GUIs (forms) for users must be neat and attractive, with a slogan

frmOfficer

Badge Number	233	Date Hired	6/1/2000
Rank	Patrolman	Birthdate	4/25/1971
First Name	Brenda	SSN	255-14-5441
Middle	Lee		
Last Name	Harrison		
Street	Wheel Dr.		
City	Bremerton	State	WA
		ZIP	98201

Records: 1 of 3



Tracking Number

To protect privacy, lab samples are not coded with suspect's name

frmBooking

Interfiling Office	Brenda	Date	2/27/2003
			Harrison
SLAMA "No place to hide"			
Suspect	Barbara	Chance	
Initial Charge	DUI	Note	Suspect was almost nonresponsive
Breath	fail		
Alcohol	fail	Urine Test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Walk List	Jobbed	Blood Test	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stand On Feet	fail	Track	SLAMABE1 C2
Others			

Records: 1 of 2



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