Databases 101

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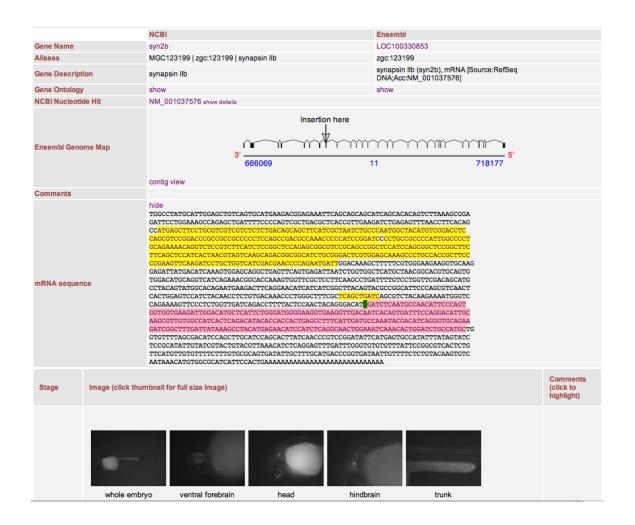
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what is a database?

A structured collection of data residing on a computer system that can be easily accessed, managed and updated

Data is organised according to a database model

A Database Management System (DBMS) is a software package designed to store and manage databases



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_why use a dbms?

data independence

efficient and concurrent access

data integrity, security and safety

uniform data administration

reduced application development time

data analysis tools

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scale of databases

"DBs own the sweet spot of 1GB to 100TB" (Gray & Hey, 2006)

SQLite

MySQL, PostgreSQL

SQLServer, Oracle

*Hive, HadoopDB



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data models

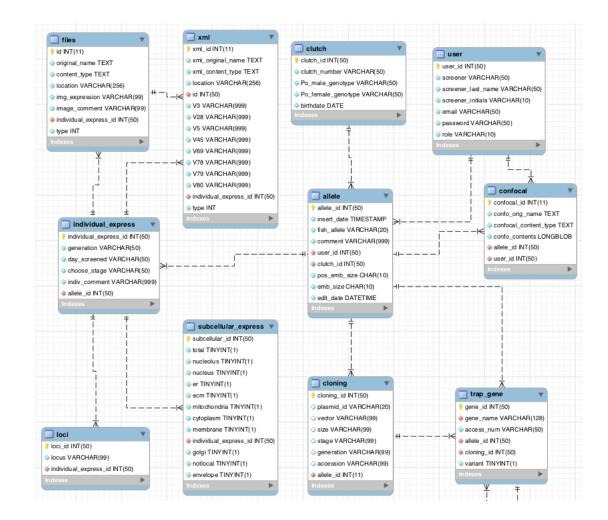
A collection of concepts describing how structured data is represented and accessed

Within a data model, the **schema** is a set of descriptions of a particular collection of data

The schema is stored in a **data dictionary** and can be represented in SQL, XML, RDF, etc.

In semantics a data model is equivalent to an ontology - "a formal, explicit specification of a shared conceptualisation"

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flat (file) model

Data files that contain records with no structural relationships

Additional information is required to interpret these files such as the file format properties

Hollerith 1889 patent "Art of Compiling Statistics" describes how every US resident can be represented by a string of 80 characters and numbers

Examples: delimited-separated data, HTML table

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relational model

Data is organized as relations, attributes and domains

- A relation is a table with columns (attributes) and rows (tuples)
- The domain is the set of values that the attributes are allowed to take
- Within the relation, each row is unique, the column order is immaterial and each row contains a single value for each of its attributes

Proposed by E. F. Codd in 1969/70

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transactions

An atomic sequence of actions (read/write) in the database

- Each transaction has to be executed **completely** and must leave the database in a consistent state
- If the transaction fails or aborts midway, the database is "rolled back" to its initial consistent state

Example:

Authorise Paypal to pay \$100 for my eBay purchase:

- Debit my account \$100
- Credit the seller's account \$100

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By definition, a database transaction must be:

Atomic: all or nothing

Consistent: no integrity constraints violated

Isolated: does not interfere with any other transaction



Durable: committed transaction effects persist

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DBMS ensures that interleaved transactions coming from different clients do not cause inconsistencies in the data

It converts the concurrent transaction set into a new set that can be executed sequentially

Before reading/writing an object, each transaction waits for a **lock** on the object

Each transaction releases all its locks when finished

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locks

DMBS can set and hold multiple locks simultaneously on different levels of the physical data structure

Granularity: at a row level, page (a basic data block), extent (multiple array of pages) or even an entire table

Exclusive vs. shared

Optimistic vs. pessimistic



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_logs

Ensures atomicity of transactions

Recovering after a crash, effects of partially executed transactions are undone using the log

Log record:

- -- Header (transaction ID, timestamp, ...)
- -- Item ID
- -- Туре
- -- Old and new value

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Horizontal: different rows in different tables

Vertical: different columns in different tables (normalisation)

Range: rows where values in a particular column are inside a certain range

List: rows where values in a particular column match a list of values

Hash: rows where a hash function returns a particular value

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structured query language

Appeared in 1974 from IBM

First standard published in 1986; most recent in 2008

SQL92 is taken to be default standard

Different flavours:

Microsoft/Sybase	Transact-SQL
MySQL	MySQL
Oracle	PL/SQL
PostgreSQL	PL/pgSQL

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create

CREATE DATABASE databaseName

CREATE TABLE *tableName* (name1 type1, name2 type2, ...)

CREATE TABLE star (name varchar(20), ra float, dec float, vmag float)

Data types:

- boolean, bit, tinyint, smallint, int, bigint;
- real/float, double, decimal;
- char, varchar, text, binary, blob, longblob;
- date, time, datetime, timestamp

CREATE TABLE star (name varchar(20) not null, ra float default 0, ...)

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_keys

A primary key is a unique identifier for a row and is automatically not null

CREATE TABLE star (name varchar(20), ..., stellarType varchar(8), CONSTRAINT stellarType_fk FOREIGN KEY (stellarType) REFERENCES stellarTypes(id))

A foreign key is a referential constraint between two tables identifying a column in one table that refers to a column in another table.

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insert

INSERT INTO tableName VALUES(val1, val2, ...)
INSERT INTO star VALUES('Sirius', 101.287, -16.716, -1.47)
INSERT INTO star(name, vmag) VALUES('Canopus', -0.72)
INSERT INTO star

INSERT INTO star SELECT ...



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delete

DELETE FROM *tableName* WHERE *condition* TRUNCATE TABLE *tableName* DROP TABLE *tableName*

DELETE FROM star WHERE name = 'Canopus'

DELETE FROM star WHERE name LIKE 'C_n%'

DELETE FROM star WHERE \vee mag > 0 OR dec < 0

DELETE FROM star WHERE vmag BETWEEN 0 and 5

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update

UPDATE *tableName* SET *columnName* = val1 WHERE *condition*

UPDATE star SET vmag = vmag + 0.5

UPDATE star SET vmag = -1.47 WHERE name LIKE 'Sirius'



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select

SELECT selectionList FROM tableList WHERE condition ORDER BY criteria

SELECT name, constellation FROM star WHERE dec > 0
 ORDER by vmag

SELECT * FROM star WHERE ra BETWEEN 0 AND 90

SELECT DISTINCT constellation FROM star

SELECT name FROM star LIMIT 5 ORDER BY vmag

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joins

Inner join: combining related rows

SELECT * FROM star s INNER JOIN stellarTypes t ON s.stellarType = t.id

SELECT * FROM star s, stellarTypes t WHERE s.stellarType = t.id

Outer join: each row does not need a matching row

SELECT * from star s LEFT OUTER JOIN stellarTypes t ON s.stellarType = t.id

SELECT * from star s RIGHT OUTER JOIN stellarTypes t ON s.stellarType = t.id

SELECT * from star s FULL OUTER JOIN stellarTypes t ON s.stellarType = t.id

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aggregate functions

COUNT, AVG, MIN, MAX, SUM

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM star

SELECT AVG(vmag) FROM star

SELECT stellarType, MIN(vmag), MAX(vmag) FROM star GROUP BY stellarType

SELECT stellarType, AVG(vmag), COUNT(id) FROM star GROUP BY stellarType HAVING vmag > 14

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CREATE VIEW viewName AS ...

CREATE VIEW region1View AS SELECT * FROM star WHERE ra BETWEEN 150 AND 170 AND dec BETWEEN -10 AND 10

SELECT id FROM region1View WHERE vmag < 10

CREATE VIEW region2View AS SELECT * FROM star s, stellarTypes t WHERE s.stellarType = t.id AND ra BETWEEN 150 AND 170 AND dec BETWEEN -10 AND 10

SELECT id FROM regionView2 WHERE vmag < 10 and stellarType LIKE 'A%'

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CREATE INDEX *indexName* ON *tableName*(*columns*)

CREATE INDEX vmagIndex ON star(vmag)

A clustered index is one in which the ordering of data entries is the same as the ordering of data records

Only one clustered index per table but multiple unclustered indexes

Typically implemented as B+ trees but alternate types such as bitmap index for high frequency repeated data

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DECLARE cursorName CURSOR FOR SELECT ... OPEN cursorName FETCH cursorName INTO ... CLOSE cursorName

A cursor is a control structure for successive traversal of records in a result set

Slowest way of accessing data



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cursors example

For each row in the result set, update the relevant stellar model

DECLARE @name varchar(20)
DECLARE @mag float
DECLARE starCursor CURSOR FOR
 SELECT name, AVG(vmag) FROM star
 GROUP BY stellarType
OPEN starCursor
 FETCH starCursor INTO @name, @mag
 EXEC updateStellarModel @name, @mag / CALL updateStellarModel(@name, @mag)
CLOSE starCursor

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triggers

CREATE TRIGGER *triggerName* ON *tableName* ...

A trigger is procedural code that is automatically executed in response to certain events on a particular table:

- INSERT
- UPDATE
- DELETE

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CREATE TRIGGER starTrigger ON star FOR UPDATE AS
IF @@ROWCOUNT = 0 RETURN
```

IF UPDATE (vmag) EXEC refreshModels

GO

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stored procedures

CREATE PROCEDURE *procedureName* @param1 type, ... AS ...

CREATE PROCEDURE findNearestNeighbour @starName varchar(20) AS BEGIN

```
DECLARE @ra, @dec float
DECLARE @name varchar(20)
SELECT @ra = ra, @dec = dec FROM star WHERE name LIKE @starName
SELECT name FROM getNearestNeighbour(@ra, @dec)
END
```

EXEC findNearestNeighbour 'Sirius'

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normalisation

First normal form: no repeating elements or groups of elements table has a unique key (and no nullable columns)

Second normal form: no columns dependent on only part of the key

Star Name | Constellation | Area

Third normal form: no columns dependent on other non-key columns

Star Name | Magnitude | Flux

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programming

Java

```
import java.sql.*
...
String dbURL = "jdbc:mysql://127.0.0.1:1234/test";
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(dbUrl, "mjg", "mjg");
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
ResultSet res = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM star");
...
conn.close();
```

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programming

Python:

```
import MySQLdb
Con = MySQLdb.connect(host="127.0.0.1", port=1234, user="mjg",
        passwd="mjg", db="test")
Cursor = Con.cursor()
sql = "SELECT * FROM star"
Cursor.execute(sql)
Results = Cursor.fetchall()
...
Con.close()
```

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