Database Management Systems

Chapter 1

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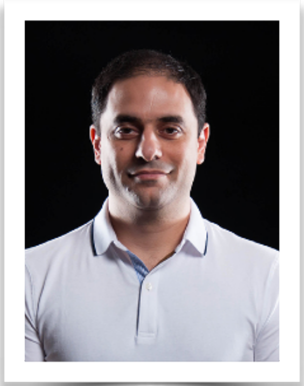

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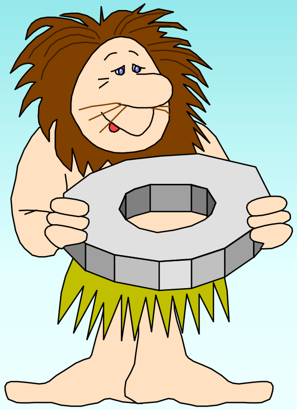
What Is a DBMS?



- A very large, integrated collection of data.
- Models real-world *enterprise.*
  - Entities (e.g., students, courses)
  - Relationships (e.g., Madonna is taking ECS165)
- A *Database Management System (DBMS)* is a software package designed to store and manage databases.

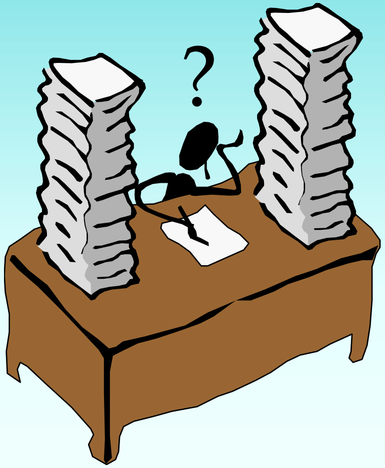
Files vs. DBMS

- Application must stage large datasets between main memory and secondary storage (e.g., buffering, page-oriented access, 64-bit addressing, etc.)
- Special code for different queries
- Must protect data from inconsistency due to multiple concurrent users
- Crash recovery
- Security and access control

Why Use a DBMS?

- Data independence and efficient access.
- Reduced application development time.
- Data integrity and security.
- Uniform data administration.
- Concurrent access, recovery from crashes.

Why Study Databases??



- Shift from *computation* to *information*

- Datasets increasing in diversity and volume.
  - Digital libraries, interactive video, Human Genome project, EOS project
  - ... need for DBMS exploding

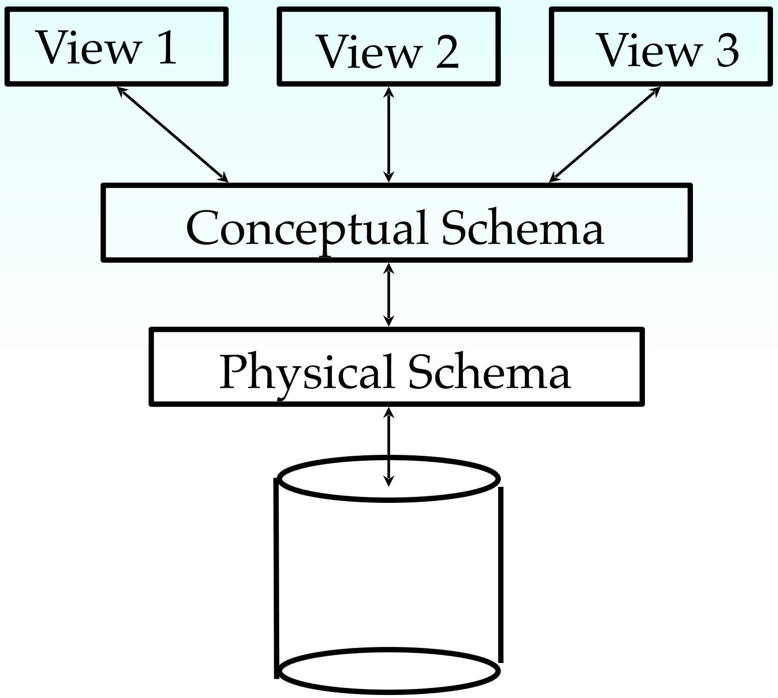
- DBMS encompasses most of CS
  - OS, languages, theory, AI, multimedia, logic

Data Models

- A ***data model*** is a collection of concepts for describing data.
- A ***schema*** is a description of a particular collection of data, using the a given data model.
- The ***relational model of data*** is the most widely used model today.
  - Main concept: *relation*, basically a table with rows and columns.
  - Every relation has a *schema*, which describes the columns, or fields.

Levels of Abstraction

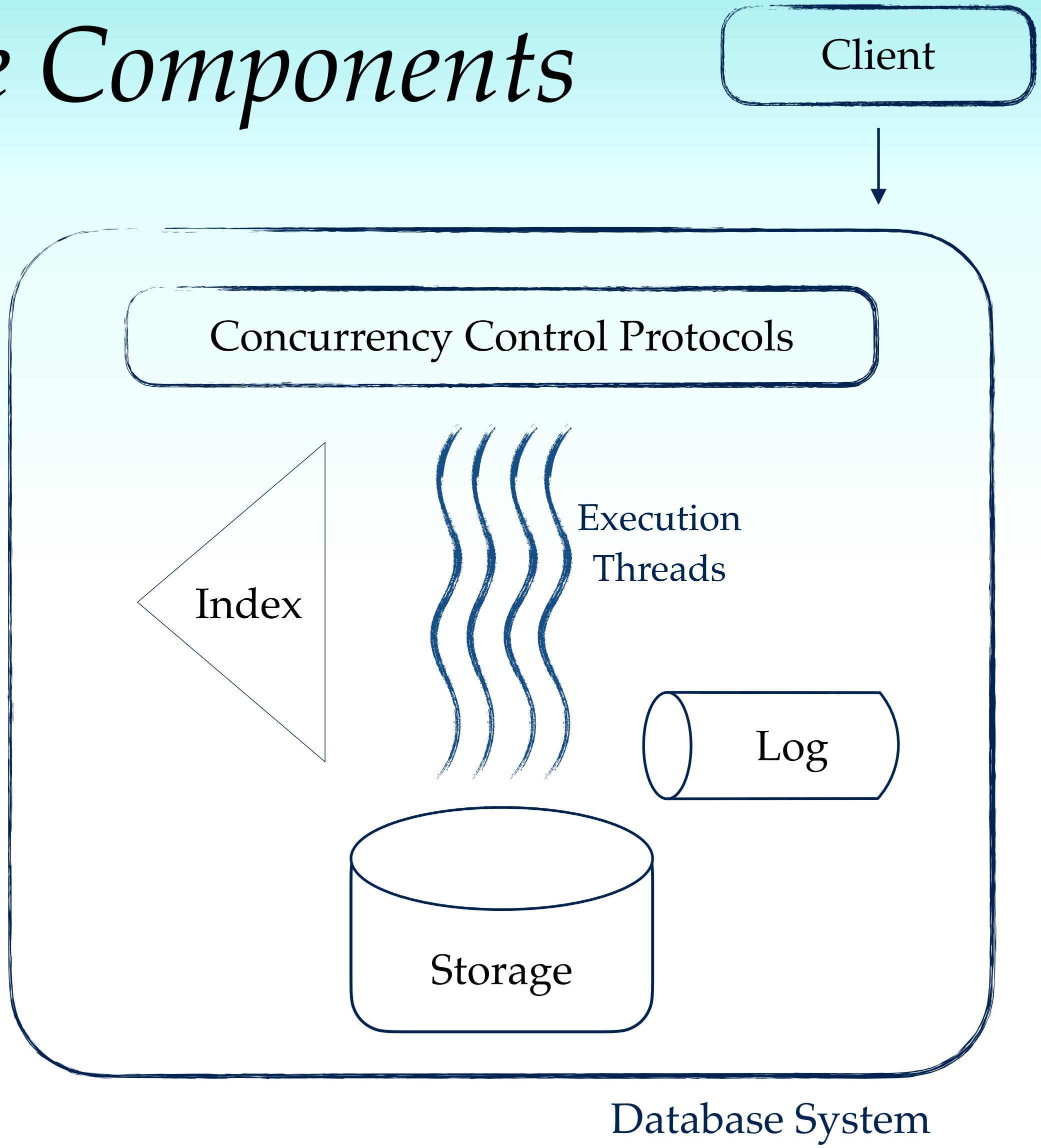
- Many *views*, single *conceptual (logical) schema* and *physical schema*.
  - Physical schema describes the files and indexes used.
  - Conceptual schema defines logical structure
  - Views describe how users see the data.



Example: University Database

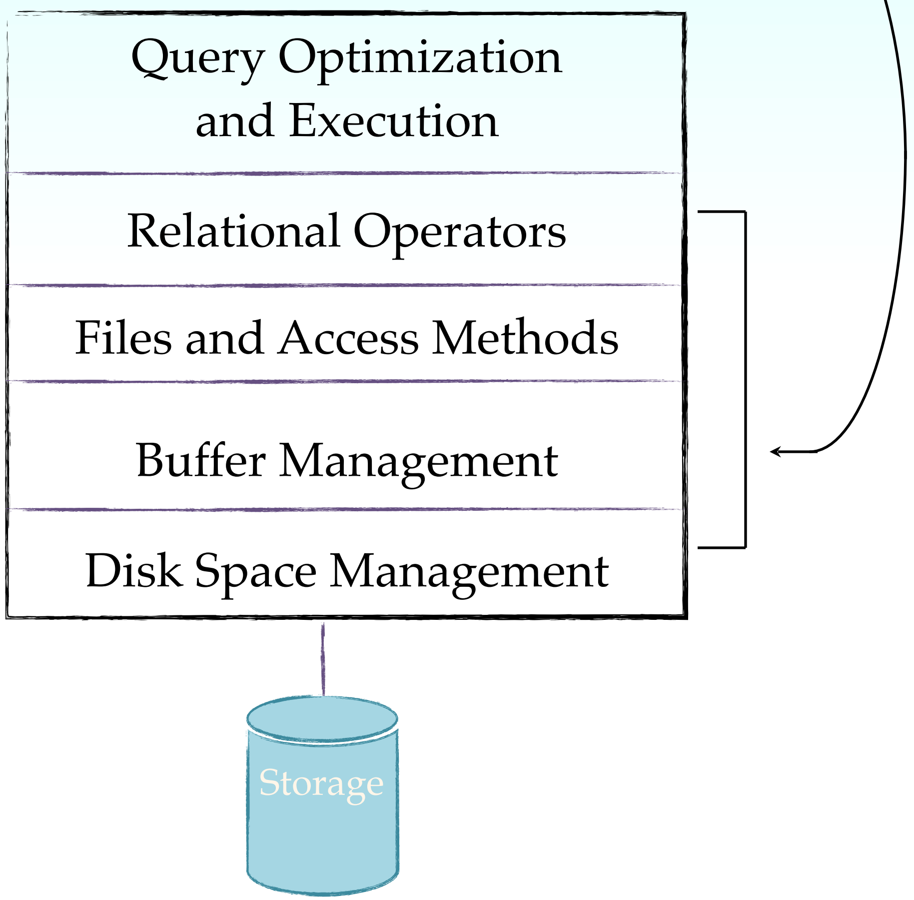
- Conceptual schema:
  - *Students(sid: string, name: string, login: string,*
    age: integer, gpa:real)
  - *Courses(cid: string, cname:string, credits:integer)*
  - *Enrolled(sid:string, cid:string, grade:string)*
- Physical schema:
  - Relations stored as unordered files.
  - Index on first column of Students.
- External Schema (View):
  - *Course_info(cid:string,enrollment:integer)*

Database Components



Structure of a DBMS

These layers must consider concurrency control and recovery



Data Independence

- Applications insulated from how data is structured and stored.

- *Logical data independence*: Protection from changes in *logical* structure of data.

- *Physical data independence*: Protection from changes in *physical* structure of data.

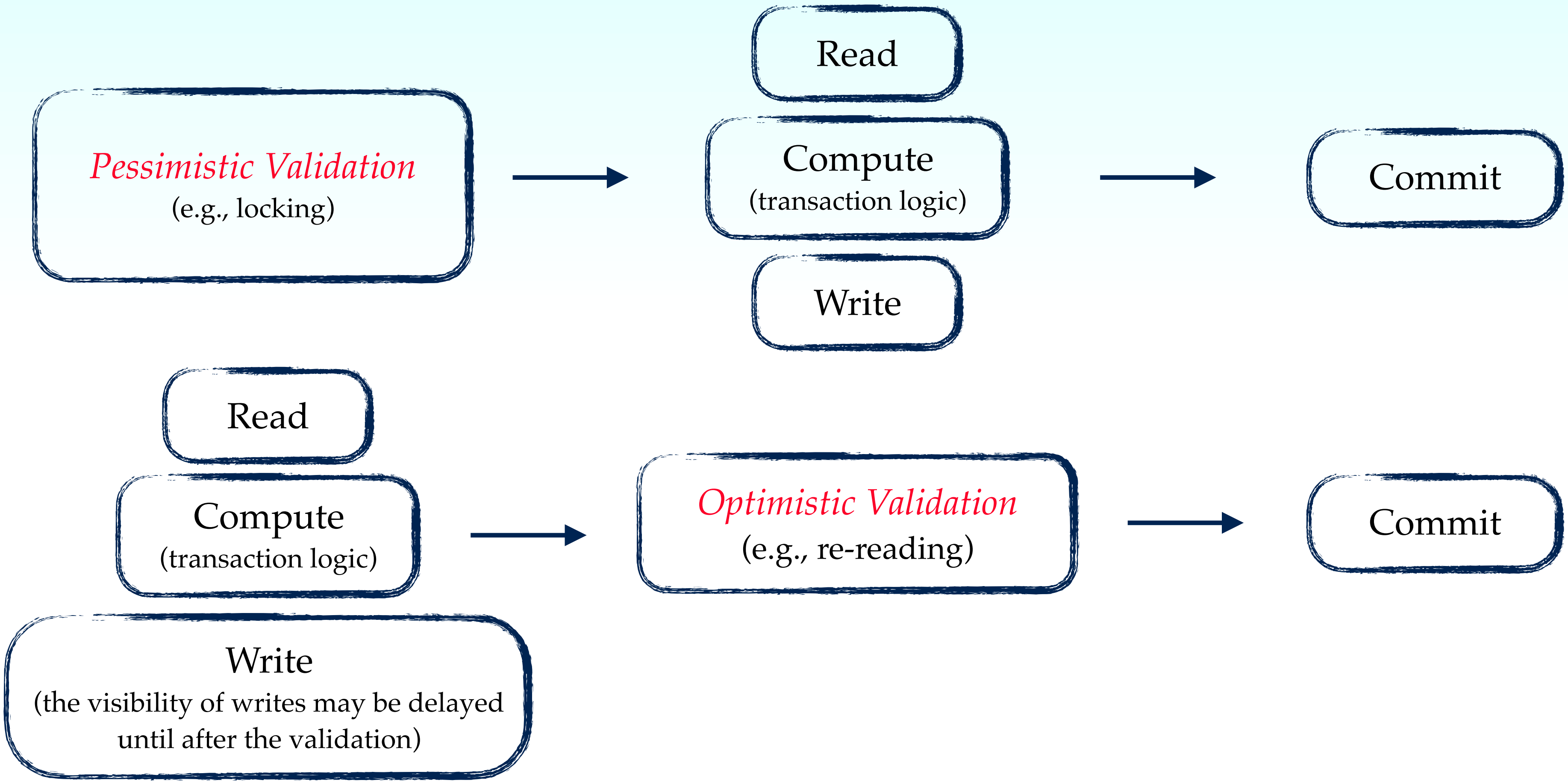
Concurrency Control

- Concurrent execution of user programs is essential for good DBMS performance.
  - Because disk (or even memory?) accesses are frequent, and **relatively** slow, it is important to keep the cpu humming by working on several user programs concurrently.
- Interleaving actions of different user programs can lead to inconsistency: e.g., check is cleared while account balance is being computed.
- DBMS ensures such problems don't arise: users can pretend they are using a single-user system.

Transaction: An Execution of a DB Program

- Key concept is *transaction,* which is an *atomic* sequence of database actions (reads/writes).
- Each transaction, executed completely, must leave the DB in a *consistent state* if DB is consistent when the transaction begins.
  - Users can specify some simple *integrity constraints* on the data, and the DBMS will enforce these constraints.
  - Beyond this, the DBMS does not really understand the semantics of the data. (e.g., it does not understand how the interest on a bank account is computed).
  - Thus, ensuring that a transaction (run alone) preserves consistency is ultimately the user's responsibility!

Pessimistic vs. Optimistic CC Schedule



Scheduling Concurrent Transactions

- DBMS ensures that execution of {T1, ... , Tn} is equivalent to some *serial* execution T1' ... Tn'.
  - Before reading/writing an object, a transaction requests a lock on the object, and waits till the DBMS gives it the lock. All locks are released at the end of the transaction. (e.g., Strict 2PL locking protocol, a *pessimistic protocol*.)
  - Idea: Suppose an action of Ti (say, writing X) affects Tj (which perhaps reads X). Let's say Ti will obtain the lock on X first and Tj is forced to wait until Ti completes; this effectively orders the transactions.
  - What if Tj already has a lock on Y and Ti later requests a lock on Y? (*Deadlock!*) Ti or Tj is *aborted* and restarted!

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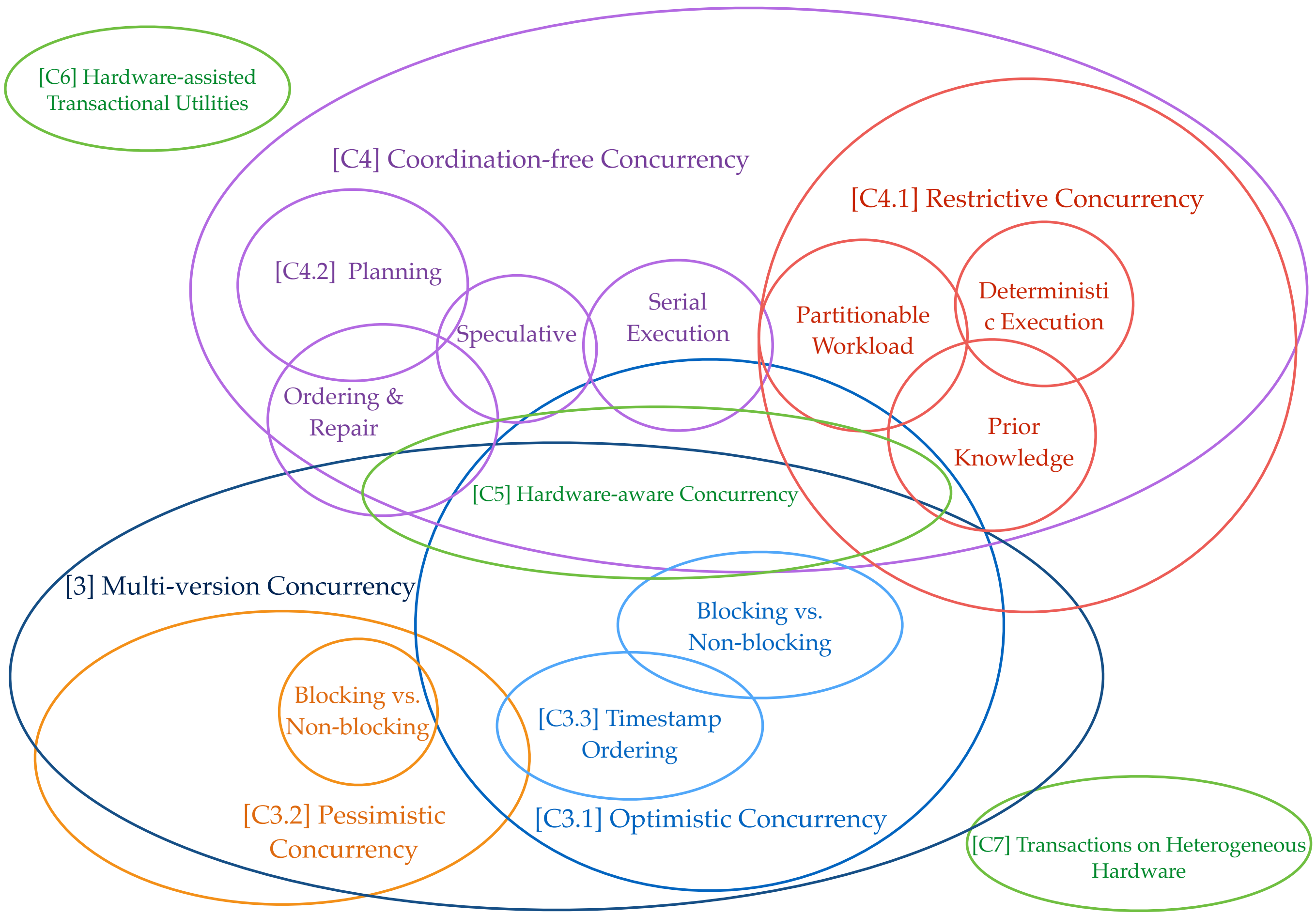
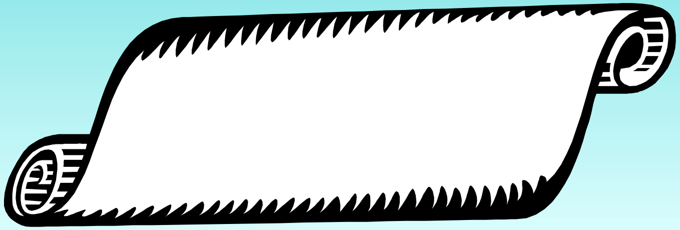


Ensuring Atomicity

- DBMS ensures *atomicity* (all-or-nothing property) even if system crashes in the middle of a Xact.
- Idea: Keep a *log* (history) of all actions carried out by the DBMS while executing a set of Xacts:
  - Before a change is made to the database, the corresponding log entry is forced to a safe location. (*WAL protocol*; OS support for this is often inadequate.)
  - After a crash, the effects of partially executed transactions are *undone* using the log. (Thanks to WAL, if log entry wasn't saved before the crash, corresponding change was not applied to database!)

The Log



- The following actions are recorded in the log:
  - *Ti writes an object*: The old value and the new value.
    - Log record must go to disk *before* the changed page!
  - *Ti commits/aborts*: A log record indicating this action.
- Log records chained together by Xact id, so it's easy to undo a specific Xact (e.g., to resolve a deadlock).
- Log is often *duplexed* and *archived* on "stable" storage.
- All log related activities (and in fact, all CC related activities such as lock/unlock, dealing with deadlocks etc.) are handled transparently by the DBMS.

Databases make these folks happy ...

- End users and DBMS vendors
- DB application programmers
  - E.g., Instagram App
- *Database administrator (DBA)*
  - Designs logical /physical schemas
  - Handles security and authorization
  - Data availability, crash recovery
  - Database tuning as needs evolve

Must understand how a DBMS works!

Summary

- DBMS used to maintain, query large datasets.
- Benefits include recovery from system crashes, concurrent access, quick application development, data integrity and security.
- Levels of abstraction give data independence.
- A DBMS typically has a layered architecture.
- DBAs & Data Scientists are well-paid! ☺
- DBMS R&D is one of the broadest, most exciting areas in CS.