



Lecture 1: Course Introduction



Importance of Database Systems

Banking

Healthcare

Airlines

E-Commerce

Why take this course?

Curiosity

Scalability

Efficiency

Versatility

Why take this course?

Storage Management

Query Optimization

Index Structures

SIMD Instructions





Course Overview



Course Objectives

- Learn about building a database system from scratch.
- Become proficient in systems programming.
- Understand the impact of hardware trends on software design.

Course Topics

- This course focuses on the internals of a database system.
 - Relational Databases
 - Storage Management
 - Index Structures
 - Query Execution

Next Course

- Course on advanced database implementation
 - Logging and Recovery
 - Concurrency Control
 - Query Optimization
 - Potpourri of advanced topics
- This course is a pre-requisite for that course

Expected Background

- Should have taken an introductory course on computer systems.
- All programming assignments will be in C++.
 - Programming assignment #1 will help get you caught up with C++.
 - If you have not encountered C++ before, need to put in extra effort.
 - Use a large language model like ChatGPT for assistance.
 - Relevant parts of C++ will be briefly covered in this course.

Course Logistics

- Course Website (link on Canvas)
- Discussion Tool: Piazza (link on Canvas)
- Grading Tool: Gradescope (link on Canvas)
- In-Class Quiz Tool: Point Solutions (link on Canvas)

Course Rubric

- Exams (50%)
- Programming Assignments (20%)
- Exercise Sheets (15%)
- In-Class Quizzes (15%)

Course Policies

- Programming assignments & exercise sheets must be own work.
 - Not group assignments.
 - You may not copy source code from other people or the web.
 - Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
 - We will follow the late submission policy listed on Canvas.
- Academic Honesty
 - Refer to Georgia Tech Academic Honor Code.
 - If you are not sure, ask me.



Textbooks for Reference

- Silberschatz, Korth, & Sudarshan:
 - Database System Concepts. McGraw Hill, 2020.
- Hector Garcia-Molina, Jeff Ullman, and Jennifer Widom:
 - Database Systems: The Complete Book. Prentice-Hall, 2008.

Intro Sheet

- Upload a one-page PDF with your details on Gradescope.
 - Picture (ideally 2x2 inches of face).
 - Name, interests, and other details mentioned on Gradescope.
- Purpose of this sheet
 - Help me know more about your background for tailoring the course.
 - Recognize you in class.



In-Person Office Hours

- Sign up for a ten-minute slot in the sign-up sheet (link on Canvas)
- Teaching assistants will guide you with assignments & sheets.



Motivating Application



Social Media Analytics Application

Social
Media
Analytics

Social Trends

Sentiments

Interactions

Flat-File Database System

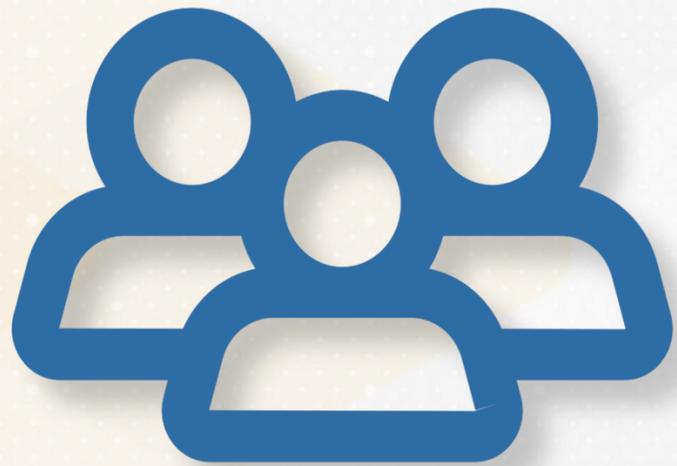
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Users.txt

Posts.txt

Interactions.txt

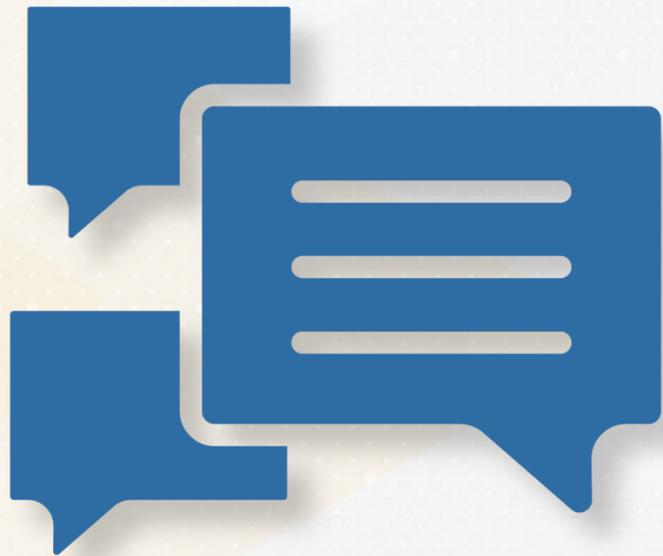
Users Text File



Users.txt

UserName,	Location
Timothée Chalamet,	Paris
Lana Condor,	Los Angeles
Liu Yifei,	Beijing
Burna Boy,	Lagos
Kriti Sanon,	Mumbai

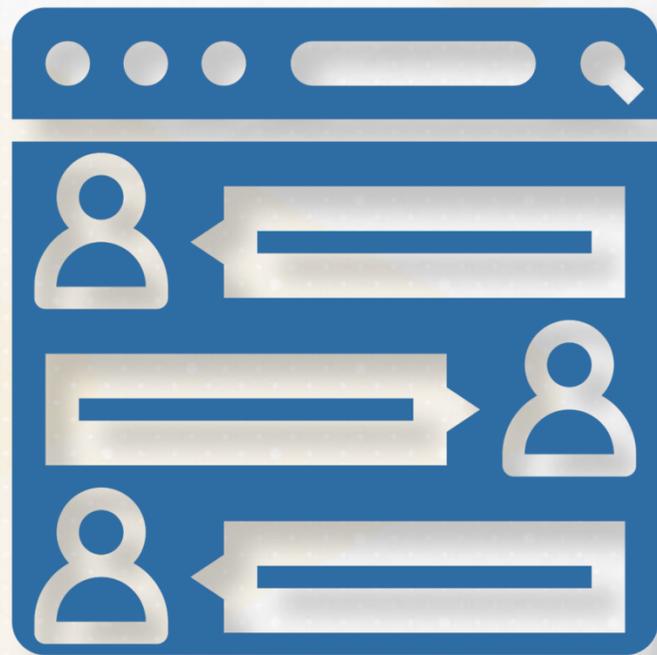
Posts Text File



Posts.txt

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Interactions Text File



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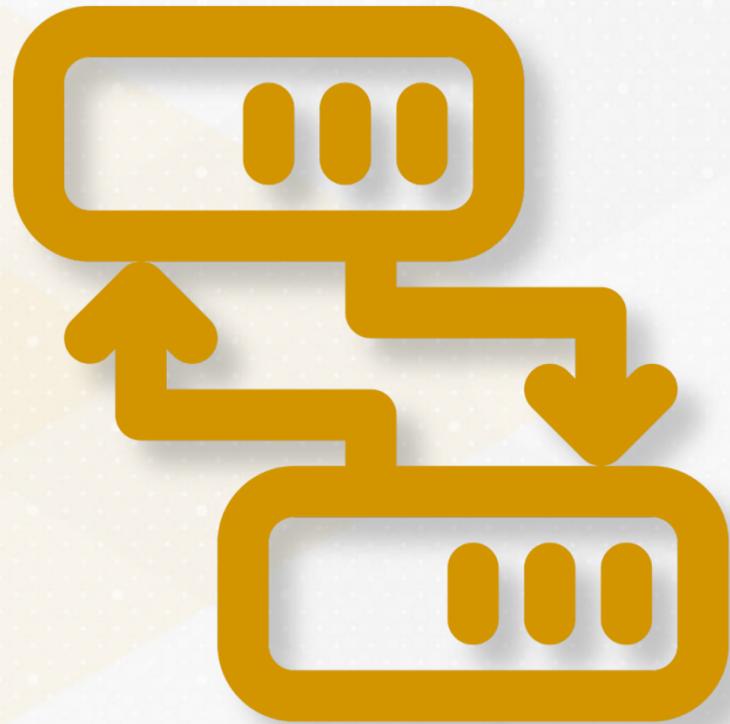
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Limitations of Flat-File Database



Limitation #1: Data Redundancy



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1006,	Timothée Chalamet,	Exploring the streets of Paris! 🇫🇷
1007,	Timothée Lamet,	Just wrapped up a day of filming 🎬
1008,	Timothée Chalamet,	Any book recommendations?

Limitation #2: Slow Operations

UserName	Location
Timothée Chalamet,	Paris
Lana Condor,	Los Angeles
Liu Yifei,	Beijing
Burna Boy,	Lagos
Kriti Sanon,	Mumbai



Limitation #3: Slow Queries

UserName	Location
Timothée Chalamet,	Paris
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Burna Boy,	Lagos
Kriti Sanon,	Mumbai

Limitation #4: Concurrent Updates

USER 1



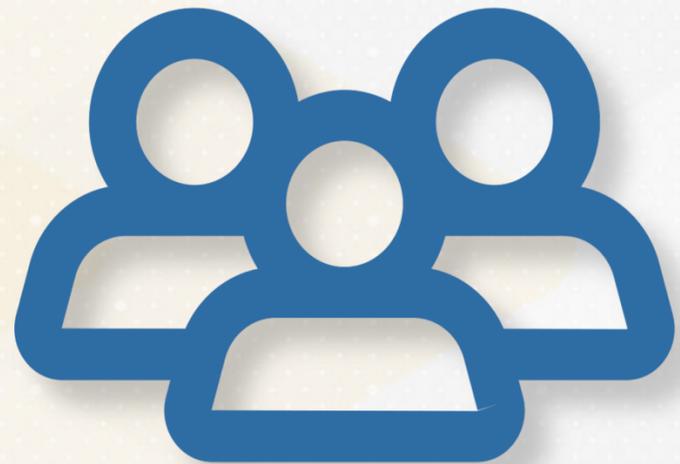
Xavier Laurent,
Paris

USER 2



Xavier Laurent,
New York

Limitation #5: Handling Disk Failure



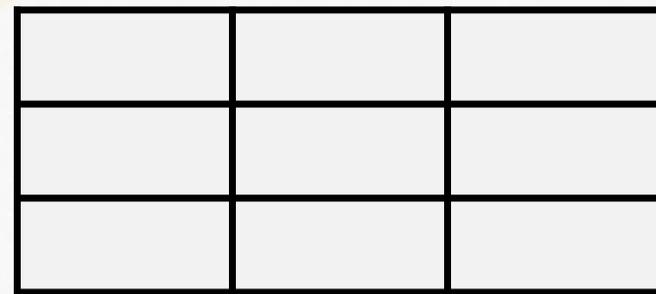
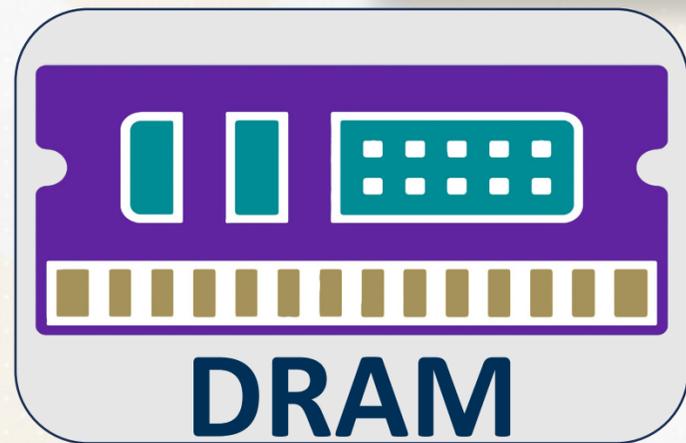
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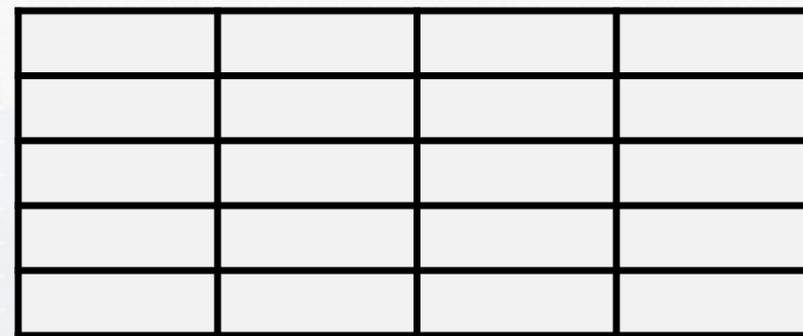


Limitation #6: Memory Management

Faster access - not durable



Cached Pages



Database

Slower access - but durable

Limitation #7: Usability

Custom Code

Comments Query Code

```
def get_comments_by_user(file_path, user_name):  
    comments = []  
    with open(file_path, 'r') as file:  
        for line in file:  
            post_id, user, reaction_type, comment_text =  
line.strip().split(', ')  
            if user == user_name and reaction_type == "Comment":  
                comments.append((post_id, comment_text))  
    return comments
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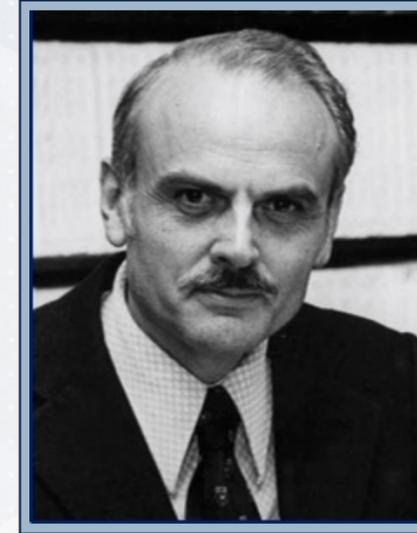


Relational Database



Relational Database

Ted Codd (1970)



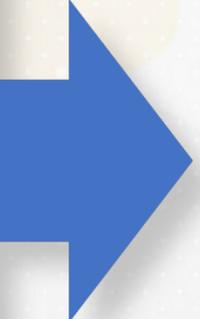
- ❖ Scientist at IBM
- ❖ Simplify Data Management
- ❖ Organize Data as Tables

Relational Database

Column / Attribute



**Row/
Tuple**



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Liu Yifei,	Beijing
Burna Boy,	Lagos
Kriti Sanon,	Mumbai

Relational Database

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Relational Database

Mathematic
Set Theory

Data Sets
Relationship

Efficient Data
Set Links

Students	Grades
Alice	B
Bob	A
Charlie	C

$R = \{(Alice, B), (Bob, A), (Charlie, C)\}$

Relational Database

Physical

Storage Formats

*Indexing
Data Structures*

List of Tables

Logical



Relational Database

**LOGICAL
DATABASE DESIGN**

*Simple Query Language
for Complex Data Manipulation*

**PHYSICAL
DATABASE DESIGN**

*Optimize Indexing
or Storage Hardware*

Logical Database Design: Primary Key

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Logical Database Design: Foreign Key

PostID, UserName, Location
1001, Louis Garrel, Paris
1002, Lana Condor, Los Angeles
1003, Liu Yifei, Beijing
1004, Burna Boy, Lagos
1005, Kriti Sanon, Mumbai
1005, Kriti Sanon, Loving the vibrant energy of Mumbai! 🇮🇳

Referential Data Integrity





Benefits of Relational Database



#1: No Data Redundancy

UserName,	Location
Louis Garrel,	Paris

PostID	UserID	Post
1001	1	Excited to start filming my new movie!
1006	1	Exploring the streets of Paris! FR
1007	1	Just wrapped up a day of filming 🎬
1008	1	Any book recommendations?

#2: Fast Operations



❖ Efficient Data Deletion

❖ User (Tuple) Removal

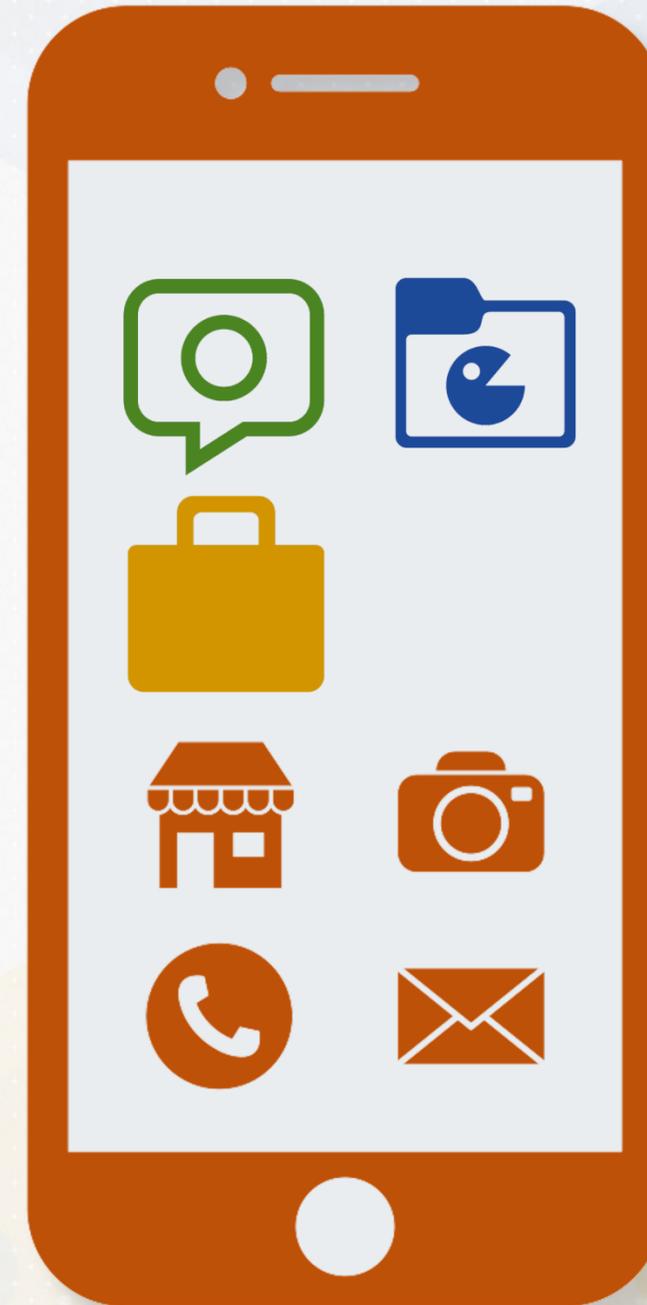
❖ Fast Deletion

#3: Fast Queries

Index Database

Apps in labeled
folders

Location-based
index



#3: Fast Queries

```
SELECT *  
FROM Users  
WHERE LOCATION = 'Mumbai';
```

UserName,	Location
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#4: Concurrent Updates

Transaction 1

Transaction 3



#4: Concurrent Updates

USER 1



Louis Garrel,
Paris

USER 2



Pierre Niney,
New York

USER 2



Louis Garrel,
Paris

#5: Handling Disk Failure

Atomic Transactions

"All or Nothing"

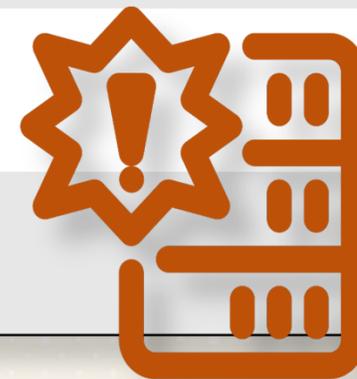
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Reversion



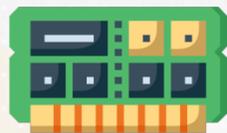
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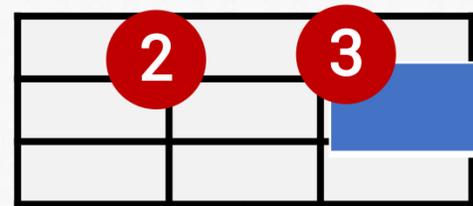


#6: Memory Management

*Faster access,
But not durable*



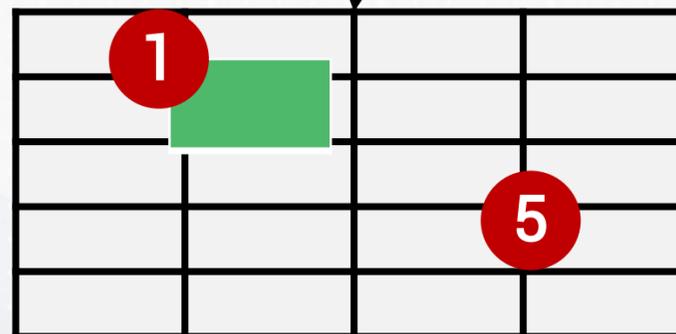
MEMORY



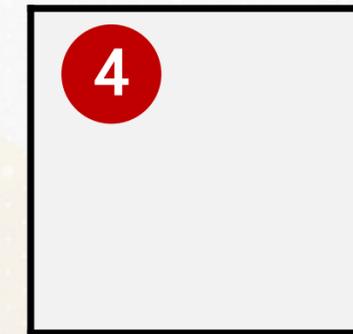
Cached Pages



DISK



Database



Transaction Log

*Slower access,
But durable*

#7: Usability

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SQL = Declarative

Python, C++ = Imperative

Conclusion

- Illustrative Social Media Analytics
- Limitations of a Flat-file Database System
- Benefits of a Relational Database System