CS 445 Introduction to Database Systems

TTH 1:00 - 2:15

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Office Hours M 1:00-2:00

Tue 11-noon

Thur 3-4

Overview

- Practical introduction to databases
 - theory + hands on projects
- Topics
 - Relational Model
 - Database Design
 - Structured Query Language (SQL)
 - Web accessible databases
- There will be a number of lab days for hands on work
 - approximately 4

Syllabus

• Database Management Systems (3rd), Ramakrishnan & Gehrke

Grades:

Midterm 1	15%
Midterm 2	15%
Final	20%
Homework/Quizzes	15%
Database Projects	35%

- Quizzes: frequent, unannounced, open-note quizzes will be given
- Late Policy: No late assignments accepted
- Grade Complaints: one paragraph summary of why the grade is wrong,
 within one week of receiving the graded material
- All projects are *individual* projects
- http://zeus.cs.pacificu.edu/chadd/cs445f07
- Don't forget about the CS Message boards

Database Projects

- All database projects are to be done using MySQL 5.0 Community Server
 - http://dev.mysql.com/downloads/mysql/5.0.html#downloads
 - http://www.apachefriends.org/en/index.html
- Gradebook Example
 - Learn to use MySQL & SQL
 - Build graphical front end (MS Access/OpenOffice)
- Big Database Project
 - You design, document, and implement a database
 - I have topics ideas but you are free to come up with your own
 - Build a web-based front end
 - We will discuss how to do this using PHP and the Apache webserver
 - 3-5 minute presentation of your design
 - 7-10 minute presentation of your final design and implementation

Introduction to Databases

- Read Chapter 1
 - homework: page 23: 1.2, 1.6 (Due Sept 13)
- What's a database?
 - DBMS?

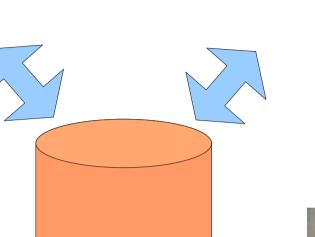
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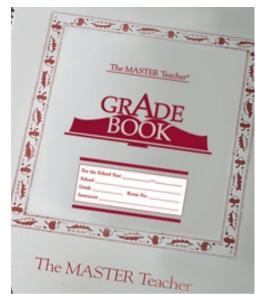
Who uses one?

How do we model the data?

DATA!









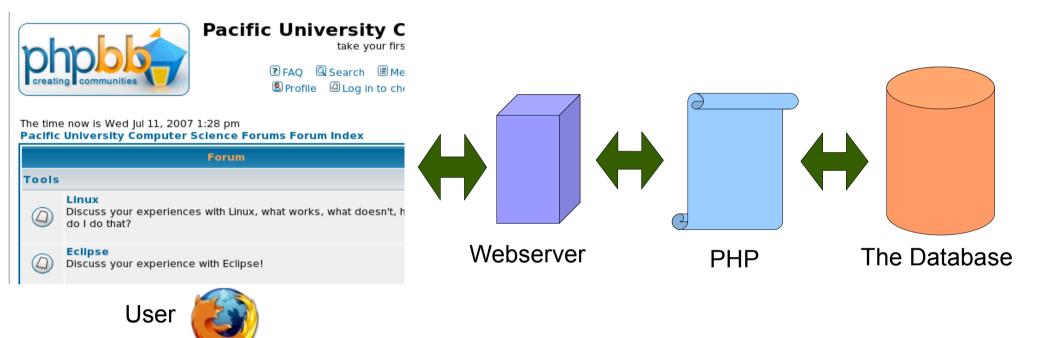


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Where it the data? How do we model it?

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Database Usage Scenario



Why not just use a text file/file system/XML?

- Data Independence
- Efficient Data Access
- Data Integrity and Security
- Data Administration
- Concurrent Access/Crash Recovery
- Reduced Application Development Time

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Storing data in the DB

- Data Models
- Semantic Data Model (high level)
 - Entity-Relationship (ER) Model
 - Entity:
 - Relationship:
- Relational Data Model (low level)

- Schema
- Constraints/Integrity

What's inside a Relational database?

Tables

Indexes/Keys

Data

How do we access the data?

- Query Language
 - Structured Query Language (SQL)
 - What types of queries can we run?

What about multiple users?

Transactions

Concurrency

Dirty Details

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