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Announcements

- Project 2B due tonight at 10pm
 - I will join the1:30 drop-in lab in MGH 430 right after lecture
 - CLUE Tutoring tonight at 7pm in MGH 058

FIT 100- Fluency with Information Technology



A Table with a View

Data Storage and Transfer with XML and Databases

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Differences Between Tables and Databases

- When we think of databases, we often think of tables of information
- Comparing Tables
 - Database tables
 - Metadata tag identifying each of the data fields
 - Spreadsheet tables
 - Rely on position to keep the integrity of their data
 - HTML tables
 - Data as table entries with no unique identity at all
 - Concerned only with how to display the data, not with its meaning



The Database Advantage

- Metadata is key advantage of databases over other systems recording data as tables
- Two of the most important roles in defining metadata
 - Identify the type of data with a unique tag
 - Define the relationships of the data

XML: A Language for Metadata Tags

- Extensible Markup Language
 - Tagging scheme similar to XHTML
 - No standard tags to learn
 - Self-describing, think up the tags you need
 - Works well with browsers and Web-based applications
 - Use a simple text editor
 - XML tag names cannot contain spaces



Extensible Markup Language

XML



Area in km² for Tahiti & neighboring islands

Figure 16.1 XML file encoding data for the Windward Islands database. The first line states that the file contains XML tags.



An Example from Tahiti (cont'd)

- First line
 - <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
- File should be ASCII text
- File extension should be .xml



First tag

Table 16.1 Rules for writing XML.

Required first line	<pre><?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?> must appear on the first line,</pre>
	starting in the first position.

The first tag encountered is the root element, and it must enclose all of the file's content; it appears on the second or possibly third line.

Closing tags All tags must be closed.

Element naming Observe these rules:

 Names can contain letters, numbers, and underscore characters. Names must not start with a number or punctuation character.

 Names must not start with the letters xml (or XML, or Xml, etc.). Names cannot contain spaces.

Tags and attributes are case sensitive.

All tags must be well-nested.

Proper nesting Attribute quoting

All attribute values must be quoted; paired single quotes (apostrophes) or paired double

quotes are okay; use "dumb" quotes only; choose 'opposite' quotes to enclose quoted values.

XML comments have the form W. Information Space comment. -->.

White space White space is preserved and converted to a single space.

Comments

Case sensitivity

Expanding Use of XML

- Combine encodings of two archipelagos the Windward and the Galapagos Islands
- Root element is the tag that encloses all of the content of the XML file
 - <archipelago> in Fig. 16.1
 - <geo_feature> in Fig. 16.2
- Indenting for readability and structure



Figure 16.2 XML file for the Geographic Features database. XML ignores white space, so the text in the file has been indented for easier reading.

Attributes in XML

- Use attributes for additional metadata, not for additional content
 - Not good, name is content:
 <archipelago name="Galapagos">
 - Better to give alternate form of the data
 <a_name
 accents="Galápagos">Galapagos</a_name>

Effective Design with XML Tags

- Identification Rule: Label Data with Tags Consistently
 - You can choose whatever tag names you with to name data, but once you've decided on a tag for a particular kind of data, you must always surround it with that tag.



Effective Design with XML Tags (cont'd)

- Affinity Rule: Group Related Data
 - Enclose in a pair of tags all tagged data referring to the same entity. Grouping it keeps it all together, but the idea is much more fundamental: Grouping makes an association of the tagged data items as being related to each other, properties of the same thing.
 - Groups together data for a single thing an island
 - Association is among properties of an object



Effective Design with XML Tags (cont'd)

- Collection Rule: Group Related Instances
 - When you have several instances of the same kind of data, enclose them in tags; again, it keeps them together and implies that they are related by being instances of the same type.
 - Groups together data of several instance of the same thing – islands
 - Association is among the objects themselves (entities)

The XML Tree

- XML encodings of information produce hierarchical descriptions that can be thought of as trees
 - Hierarchy a consequence of how tags enclose one another and the data



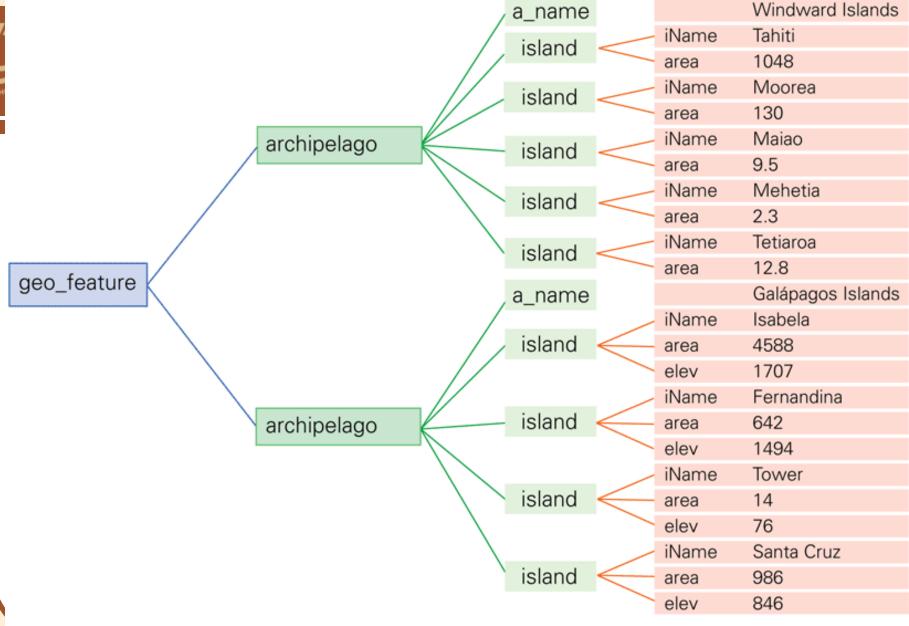


Figure 16.3 The XML displayed as a tree. The encoding from Figure 16.2 is shown with the root element (geo_feature) to the left and the leaves (content) shown to the right.



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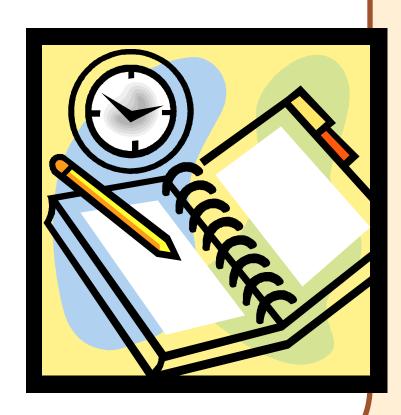
What is a Database

- Any organized collection of data
- A collection of similar data
- Examples of databases:
 - Telephone book white pages
 - T.V. Guide
 - Airline reservation system
 - Motor vehicle registration records



Why do we need a database?

- Keep records of our:
 - Clients
 - Staff
 - Volunteers
- To keep a record of activities and interventions
- Keep sales records
- Develop reports
- Perform research





Database Terminology

Phone book:

Fields (columns)

Records (rows)

Anderson Thomas A 123 Marine View Dr. 237-1234
Benson Karen C 1300 California Ave 237-1098
Casserly Rick W 12492 Rd 19 342-0502
Drummond Lynn M 12059 30th Ave W 931-1105

Table

Field (the columns in a table)	 Smallest unit of information in a table Sometime called "attributes" 	 First name Last name Middle initial Street address Phone number(s)
Record (the rows in a table)	All related fields are collectively called a record	All fields for one person are a record
Table	A collection of records is a data table	Collection of everyone's records
Database Management System (DBMS)	All the related tables, queries, data entry and edit forms, reports, macros and VBA modules constitute a database ments. UW Information School	23

Database Management System (DBMS)

- Software tools for working with data
- Designed to:
 - Store (tables)
 - Organize (sort)
 - Add, modify or delete
 - Ask questions (queries)
 - Produce forms and reports
 - Summarizing
 - Displaying details
- Toolbox is a good analogy



Ultimate Purpose of a Database Management System (DBMS)

To transform



Flat-File vs. Relational Database

Flat-File Database

- All relevant data in a single table, or series of unrelated tables
- Work best for small quantities of data; where viewing and sorting the data in a single list does not create a timeconsuming task
- Typically a person's first databases
- Example: Excel spreadsheet or Word data list file

Relational Database

- Provide a solution to data entry redundancy problems
- Linked through common fields (columns) with exactly the same data
- Tables linked together can be queried as if one table
- Can answer very complex questions

Flat-File Example

Staff Telephone List

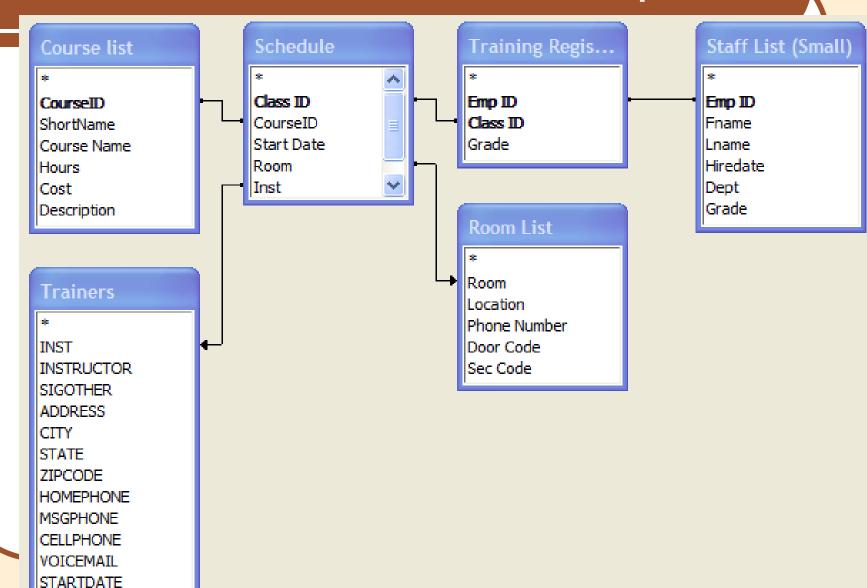
Last Name	First Name	Emp ID	Dept	Location	Work Phone	M/S	Supervisor Name	Supr Phone
Adams	VVes	19589	PROD	Seattle	<mark>(206) 221-1958</mark>	QR-07	Susan Buckle	(206) 221-2241
Alberts	George	21533	PROD	Seattle	(206) 221-2153	QR-35	Marsha Mosley	(206) 221-1975
Allen	Susan	20256	PROD	Renton	(206) 393-2025	PB-18	Frank Sullivan	(206) 393-1000
Allert	Maria	10544	PROD	Seattle	(206) 221-1054	QR-27	Lynn Jarret	(206) 221-1366
Andrews	Mike	22113	PROD	Seattle	(206) 221-2211	QR-12	Harry Hillis	(206) 221-2179
Apperly	Ward	12244	PROD	Renton	(206) 393-1224	PB-14	Molly Goldberg	(206) 393-1513
Arthur	Diane	12370	MKTG	Bellevue	(206) 882-1237	RL-27	Wes Adams	(206) 221-1958
Asher	Jane	11222	ACCT	Seattle	(206) 221-1122	BX-45	√al Johnson	(206) 221-15 <mark>58</mark>
Astor	Lawrence	20286 ^l	PROD	Seattle	(206) 221-2028	QR-10	Peggy Kramer	(206) 221-20 83
Ayres	William	22263	PROD	Seattle	(206) 221-2226	QR-10	P. Kramer	(206) 221-20 <mark>83</mark>
Baker	Gerald	19042 ¹	ACCT	Seattle	(206) 221-1904	BX-45	Valerie Johnson	(206) 221-19 <mark>58</mark>
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- Weaknesses common to flat-file systems
 - Duplicate information in the table
 - Inconsistencies in the way Supervisor Names are entered



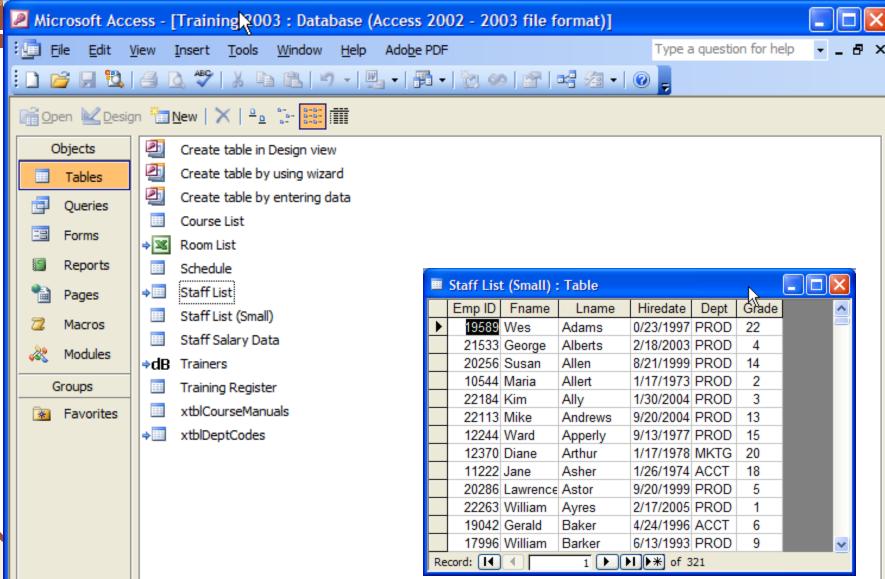
BIRTHDATE

Relational Database Example



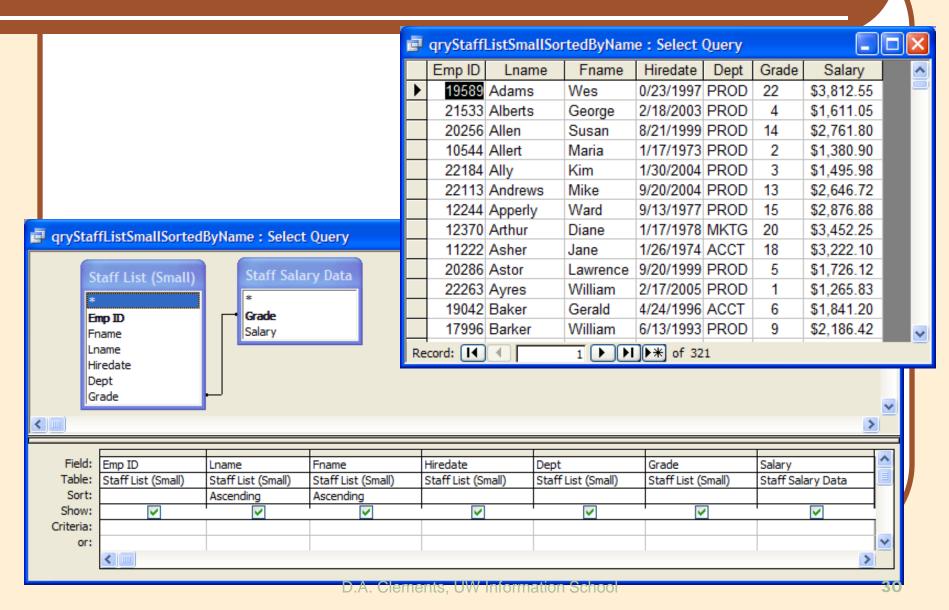


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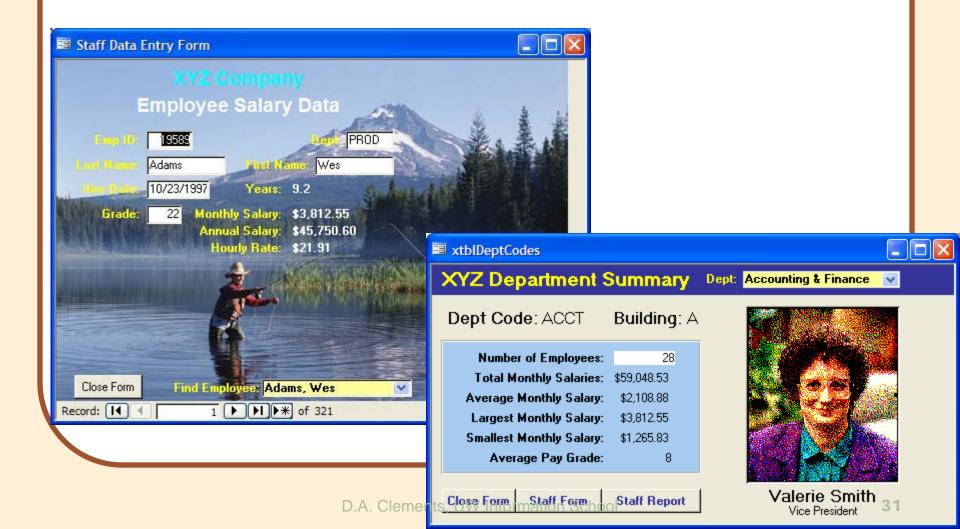




Query from Two Tables



Forms





Training Records by Employee

Emp ID	Last Name	First Name	Course Name	Start Date	Grade	Room	Instructor	Dept	Hours	Cost
19589	Adams	Wes	Microsoft Access, Level 1	2/12/2006	3.4	G218	Terrie Urbas	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 2	2/13/2006	3.4	G218	Terrie Urbas	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 3	2/14/2006	3.4	G218	Terrie Urbas	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 4	4/9/2006	3.6	G218	Terrie Urbas	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 5	4/10/2006	3.6	G218	Terrie Urbas	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Windows 95, Level 1	9/2/2006	3.1	R121	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
21533	Alberts	George	Microsoft Excel, Level 4	4/29/2005	2.7	G218	Andrea Forster	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Introduction to Computers	6/5/2005	3.7	G219	Dan Mclalwain	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 1	7/2/2005	2.6	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 2	7/3/2005	2.6	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 3	7/4/2005	2.6	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 1	6/18/2006	3.4	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 2	6/19/2006	3.4	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 3	6/20/2006	3.4	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 4	8/13/2006	3.6	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Access, Level 5	8/14/2006	3.6	G218	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Windows 95, Level 1	11/2/2006	3.1	R121	Doug Hitchman	PROD	7	\$145.00
20256	Allen	Susan	Microsoft Word, Level 1	6/2/2006	4.0	R123	Sally Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Word, Level 2	6/3/2006	4.0	R123	Sally Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Word, Level 3	6/4/2006	4.0	R123	Sally Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft PowerPoint, Level 1	7/31/2006	3.9	G107	Bob Larson	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 1	3/29/2007				PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 2	3/30/2007				PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Excel, Level 3	3/31/2007				PROD	7	\$145.00
10544	Allert	Maria	Microsoft Windows 95, Level 1	8/26/2005	3.0	R121	Doug Hitchman	PROD	7	\$145.00
			Microsoft Windows 95, Level 2	12/16/2005	3.2	R121	Doug Hitchman	PROD	7	\$145.00

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Employee	Emp ID	Location	Work Phone	Mail Stop	Budget		
Asher, Jane	11222	Seattle	(206) 221-1122	BX-45	A-1834		
Baker, Gerald	19042	Seattle	(206) 221-1904	BX-45	A-1834		
Carrera, Barbara	20002	Renton	(425) 393-2000	BB-27	A-1834		
Ewing, Robert	12872	Seattle	(206) 221-1267	BX-45	A-1834		
Fairchild, Earl	16332	Renton	(425) 393-1633	BB-27	A-1834		
Farmer, Lou	14082	Seattle	(206) 221-1408	BX-45	A-1834		
Giles, Peter	12752	Seattle	(206) 221-1275	BX-45	A-1834		
Graham, Margaret	21902	Seattle	(206) 221-2190	BX-45	A-1834		
Graves, Bert	10702	Seattle	(206) 221-1070	BX-45	A-1834		
Henderson, Peter	18572	Seattle	(206) 221-1857	BX-45	A-1834		
Hickok, Joe	21752	Renton	(425) 393-2175	BB-27	A-1834		
Hoover, Toni	22062	Seattle	(206) 221-2206	BX-45	A-1834		
Isaacs, Rick	18412	Renton	(425) 393-1841	BB-27	A-1834		
Lautenbach, Duane	21932	Seattle	(206) 221-2193	BX-45	A-1834		
McGinnis, Gerald	21592	Renton	(425) 393-2159	BB-27	A-1834		
Murray, Beverly	19932	Renton	(425) 393-1993	BB-27	A-1834		
Perkins, Leslie	15802	Seattle	(206) 221-1560	BX-45	A-1834		
Randall, Maxine	20742	Renton	(425) 393-2074	BB-27	A-1834		
Roberts, Dick	19622	Seattle	(206) 221-1962	BX-45	A-1834		
Robertson, Georgia	11582	Seattle	(206) 221-1158	BX-45	A-1834		
Sample, Roger	21942	Renton	(425) 393-2194	BB-27	A-1834		
Selleck, Shirley	21962	Renton	(425) 393-2196	BB-27	A-1834		
Smith, Steve	12002	Renton	(425) 393-1200	BB-27	A-1834		
Smith, Valerie	15002	Seattle	(206) 221-1500	BX-45	A-1834		
Strassberger, Tom	22503	Seattle	(206) 221-2279	BX-45	A-1834		
Thompson, Tom	15992	Seattle	(206) 221-1599	BX-45	A-1834		
Wentworth, Cathy	11972	Renton	(425) 393-1197	BB-27	A-1834		
Zoom, Zelda	22517	Renton	(425) 393-2326	BB-27	A-1834		

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RELATIONAL DATABASES



Relational databases and tables