

# CSE 344: Intro to Data Management

## Introduction

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# Outline

1. Administrivia
2. Databases, DBMS
3. The Relational Data Model

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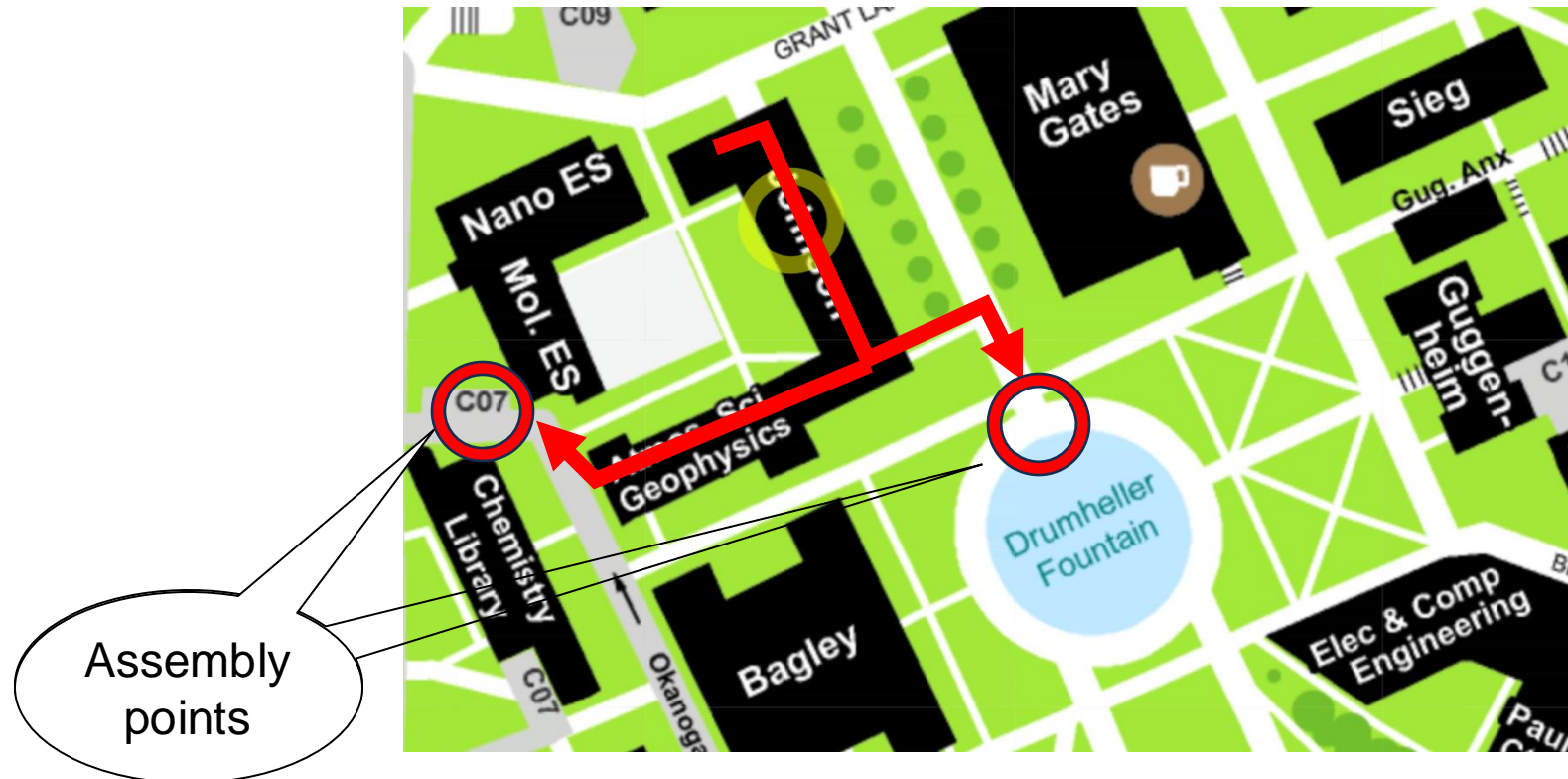
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# Emergency Procedures

Before we start:

- Quick, mandatory review of emergency procedure



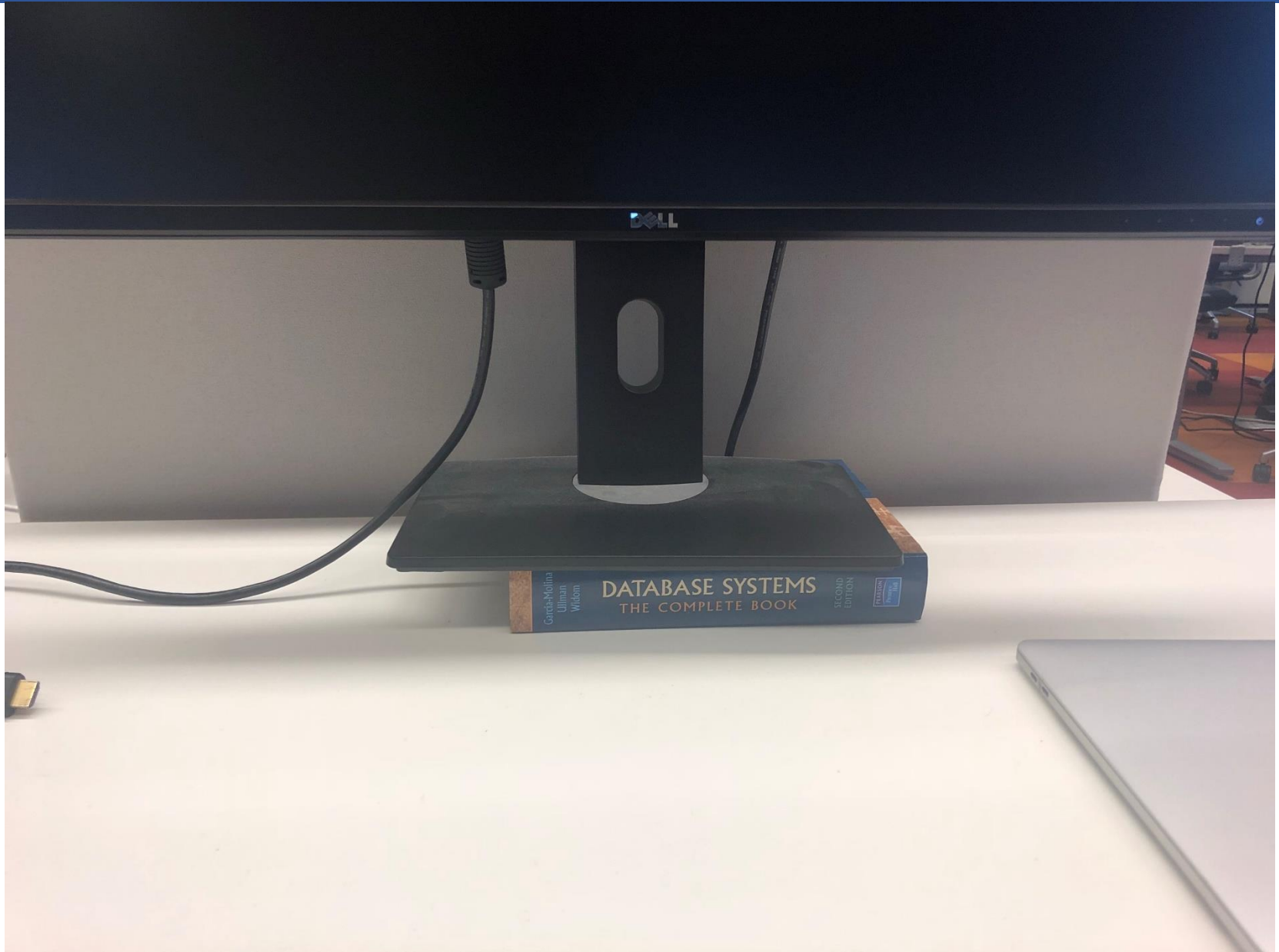
# Course Format

- Lectures: in person, in this room
  - Attend. Arrive on time. Pay attention.
- Sections: in person, see locations at [my.uw.edu](https://my.uw.edu)
  - **Bring your laptop!**
- Several homework assignments
  - First assignment published on gradescope, due 10/2
- Two exams:
  - Midterm: Friday, Oct 25, 9:30-10:20 this room
  - Final: Wednesday, Dec 11, 8:30-10:20 this room

# Communication

- Website:
  - [www.cs.uw.edu/344](http://www.cs.uw.edu/344) same as:
  - <https://sites.google.com/cs.washington.edu/cse344-24au/home>
  - Start here: it contains LOTs of information
- Canvas: zoom link+recordings
- Gradescope: homework submissions
- Ed message board: ask your question here
- Class mailing list: very low traffic

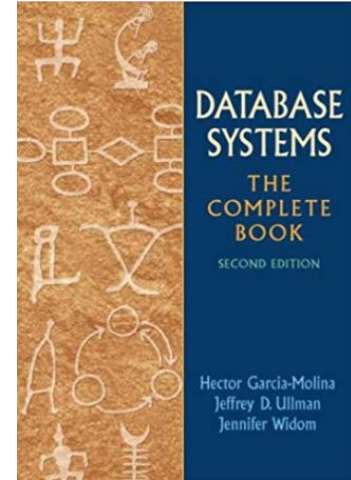
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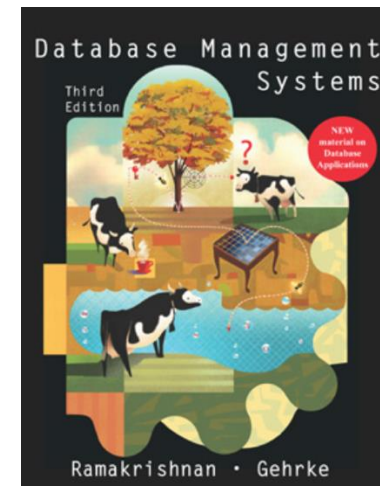
Main textbook, available at the bookstore or pdf:

- Database Systems: The Complete Book, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition



Also useful:

- Database Management Systems 3<sup>rd</sup> edition





# Grading

- Grading:
  - Homeworks 50%, Exams 20%+30%
- Late days:
  - 6 in total, max 2/assignment in 24 hours chunks
  - **No late submissions accepted after that**
- Collaboration:
  - Do complete homeworks individually
  - Do discuss concepts, but see previous item
  - Don't show your work
  - Don't post it on the Web
  - Don't look at other peoples' work
  - Don't use AI tools to produce your work

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## Let's get started!

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- Payroll database
- UW's student database
- Amazon's products database
- Airline reservation database

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A DBMS needs a Data Model

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Information Retrieval

P. BAXENDALE, Editor

## A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

E. F. CODD

*IBM Research Laboratory, San Jose, California*

Future users of large data banks must be protected from having to know how the data is organized in the machine (the internal representation). A prompting service which supplies such information is not a satisfactory solution. Activities of users at terminals and most application programs should remain

systems has been to deductive question-answering systems. Levein and Maron [2] provide numerous references to work in this area.

In contrast, the problems treated here are those of *data independence*—the independence of application programs and terminal activities from growth in data types and changes in data representation—and certain kinds of *data inconsistency* which are expected to become troublesome even in nondeductive systems.

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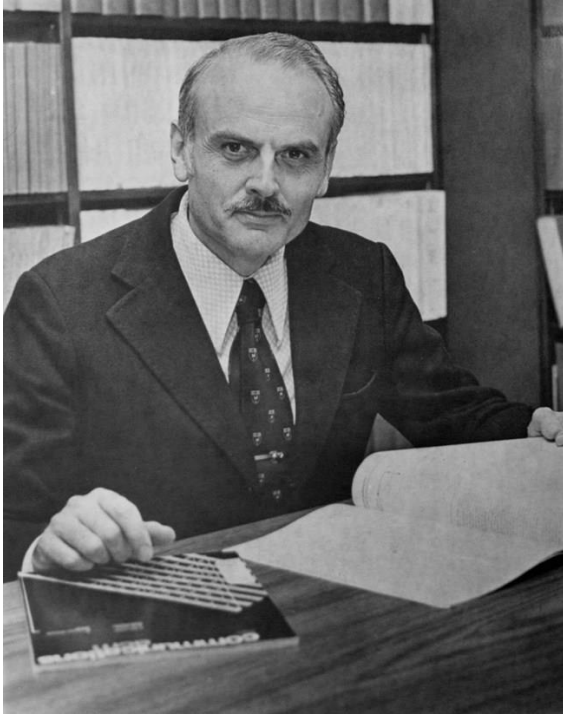
The relational view (or model) of data described in Section 1 appears to be superior in several respects to the graph or network model [3, 4] presently in vogue for non-inferential systems. It provides a means of describing data with its natural structure only—that is, without superimposing any additional structure for machine representation purposes. Accordingly, it provides a basis for a high level data language which will yield maximal independence between programs on the one hand and machine representation and organization of data on the other.

A further advantage of the relational view is that it forms a sound basis for treating derivability, redundancy, and consistency of relations—these are discussed in Section 2. The network model, on the other hand, has spawned a

element to participate in several orderings. Let us consider those existing systems which either require or permit data elements to be stored in at least one total ordering which is closely associated with the hardware-determined ordering of addresses. For example, the records of a file concerning parts might be stored in ascending order by part serial number. Such systems normally permit application programs to assume that the order of presentation of records from such a file is identical to (or is a subordering of) the

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Ted Codd



Turing Award 1981

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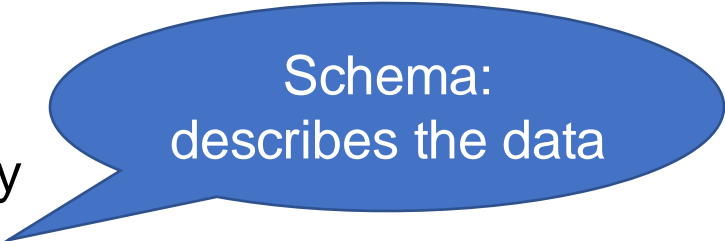
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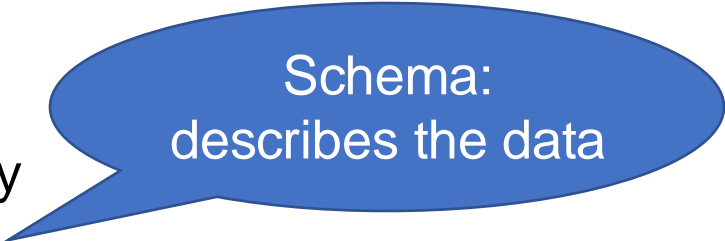


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Instance:  
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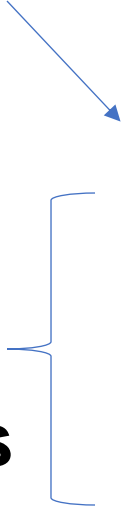
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```
SELECT Name
FROM Payroll
WHERE Salary > 70000;
```

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Allowed by  
systems,  
but bad idea

...then we call this collection a **bag** instead of a **set**



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Violates  
attribute type  
assuming INT

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- Tables are **flat**

No sub-tables allowed!

UserID	Name	Job		Salary
123	Jack	JobName	DaysPerWeek	50000
		TA	3	
		Lecturer	2	
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Next Lectures: SQL



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