

CSE 414: Intro to Data Management

Introduction

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

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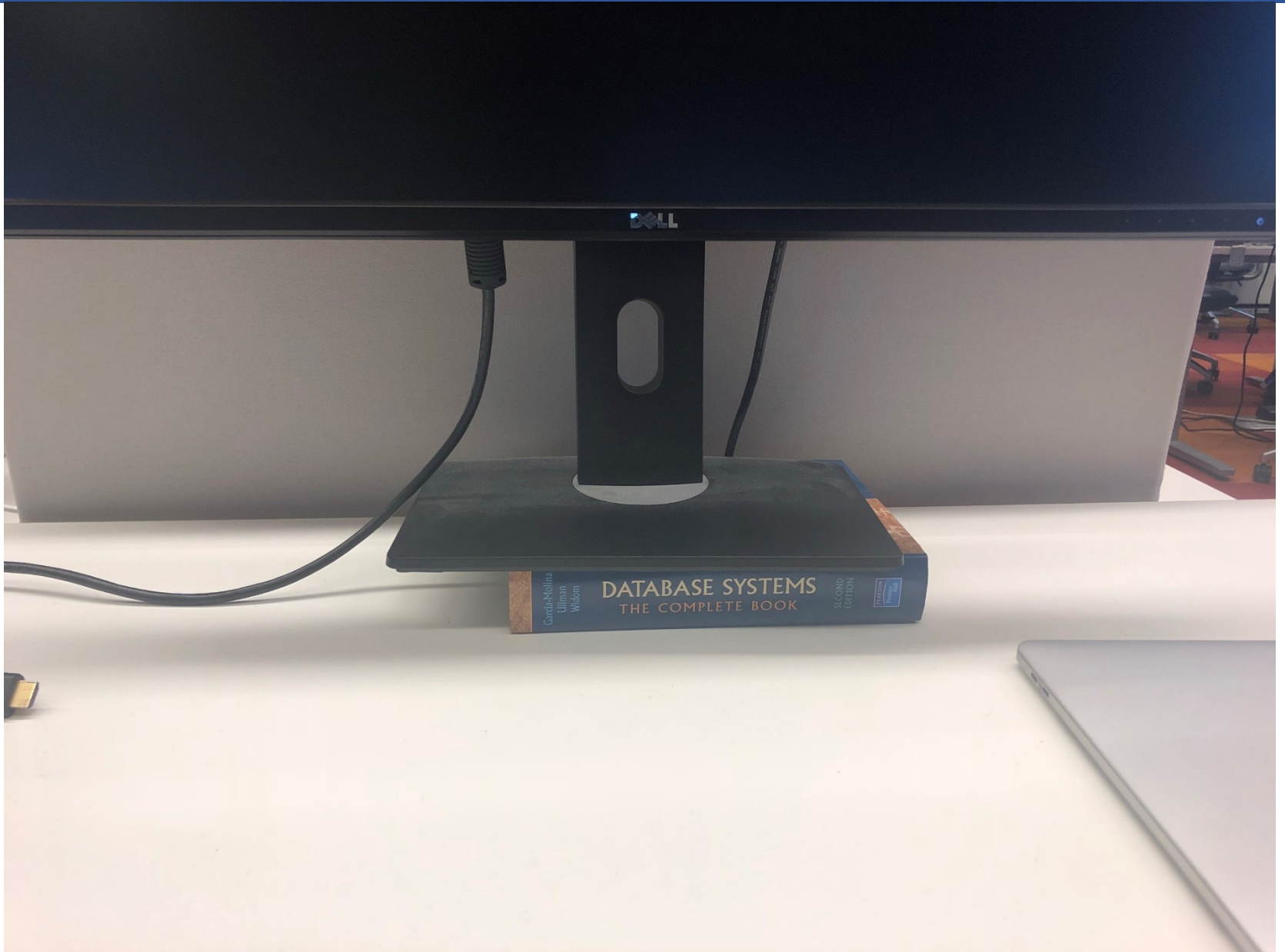
Course Format

- Lectures: in person, in this room
 - Attend. Arrive on time. Pay attention.
- Sections: in person, see locations at my.uw.edu
 - Bring your laptop
- Several homework assignments
 - First assignment published on gradescope
- Two exams:
 - Midterm: Friday, April 26, 10:30-11:20 in class
 - Final: Monday, June 3, 8:30-10:20 same room

Communication

- Website:
 - <https://cs.uw.edu/414> same as
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse414/24sp/>
- Ed message board (link on website)
 - All course-related questions
 - Log in today, enable email notifications
- Class mailing list
 - Very low traffic, only important announcements

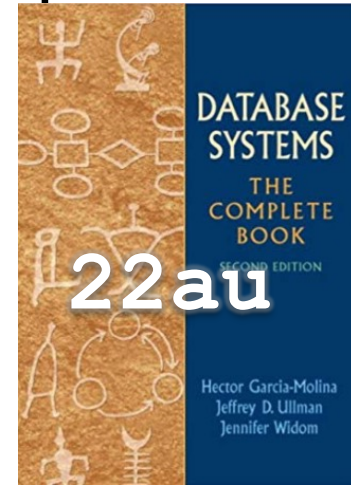
Textbook



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Main textbook, available at the bookstore or pdf:

- *Database Systems: The Complete Book*,
Hector Garcia-Molina,
Jeffrey Ullman,
Jennifer Widom,
second edition.



Also useful:

- *Database Management Systems*
(3rd Edition)



Grading

- Grading:
 - Homeworks 50%, Exams 20%+30%
- Late days:
 - 6 in total, max 2/assignment in 24 hours chunks
- 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!

Database

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

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- **Query Language**
 - How to retrieve and manipulate data

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“Which patients are critical?”

```
SELECT * FROM records  
WHERE status="critical"
```

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Redis +	Key-value, Multi-model ⓘ
Elasticsearch	Search engine, Multi-model ⓘ
IBM Db2	Relational, Multi-model ⓘ
Snowflake +	Relational
SQLite +	Relational

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...	Relational
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SQLite +	Relational

And the winner is:

The Relational Data Model

Relational Data Model

What is the Relational Model?

A Relational Model of Data for Large Shared Data Banks

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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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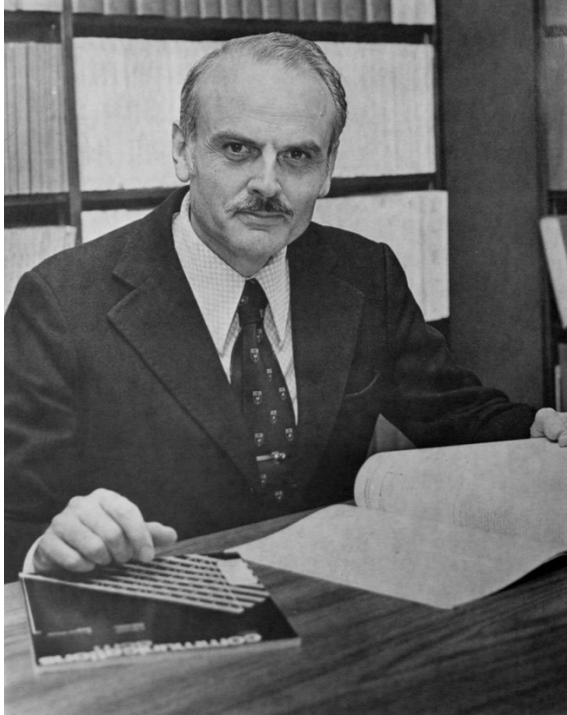
The relational view (or model) of data described in Section 1 appears to be superior in several respects to the graph or network model [3, 4] presently in vogue for non-inferential systems. It provides a means of describing data with its natural structure only—that is, without superimposing any additional 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

The Relational Model

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Instance of actual data

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Table/ Relation

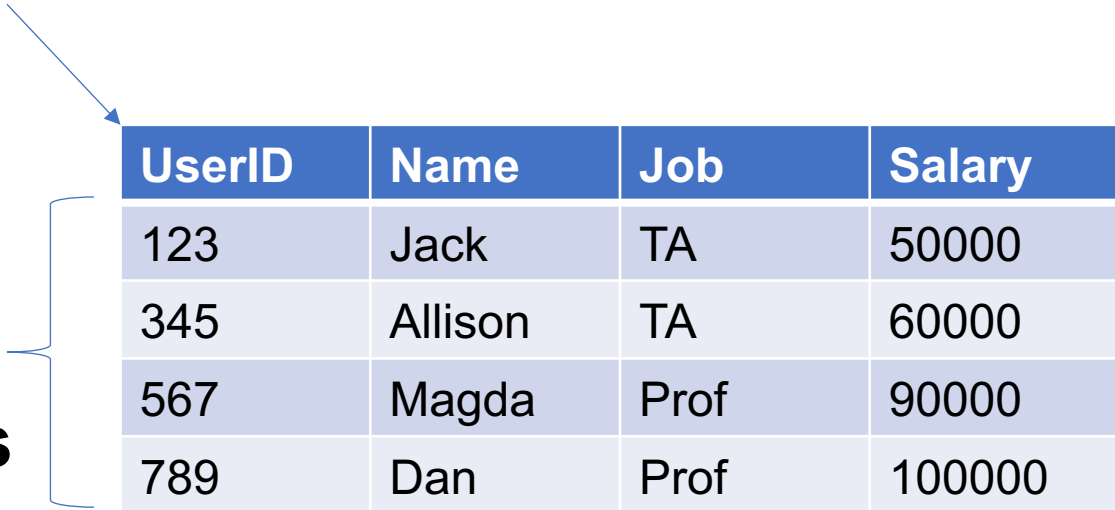


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- ...but systems do allow them

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Allowed by systems, but bad idea

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Violates
attribute type
assuming INT

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- Tables are **flat**

No sub-tables allowed!

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		TA		0
		farmer		1
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Next Lectures: SQL

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