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Introduction to DBMS

- DBMS stands for Database Management System
- DBMS = Database + Management System
- Database is a collection of data.
- Management System is a set of programs to store and retrieve those data.
- Database is a collection of inter-related data.
- Helps in efficient retrieval, insertion and deletion of data from database.
- organizes the data in the form of tables, views, schemas, reports.
- DBMS is a collection of inter-related data and set of programs to store & access those data in an easy and effective manner.

Why do we need DBMS?

- Database systems are basically developed for large amount of data.
- Two things that require optimization: Storage of data and retrieval of data.

Less Storage

The data is stored in such a way that it acquires lot less space as the redundant data (duplicate data) has been removed before storage.

Fast Retrieval of data

Database systems ensure that the data is retrieved as quickly as possible.

Characteristics of database approach

Real-world entity

It uses the behaviour and attributes.

Relation-based tables

Allows entities and relations among them to form tables.

Isolation of data and application

A database is an active entity, whereas data is said to be passive, on which the database works and organizes. DBMS also stores metadata.

Less redundancy

Normalization is a mathematically rich and scientific process that reduces data redundancy

Consistency

Consistency is a state where every relation in a database remains consistent.

• Query Language

DBMS is equipped with query language, which makes it more efficient to retrieve and manipulate data.

Characteristics of database approach contd.

ACID Properties

DBMS follows the concepts of Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, and Durability

Multiuser and Concurrent Access

DBMS supports multi-user environment and allows them to access and manipulate data in parallel.

Multiple views

DBMS offers multiple views for different users.

• Security

Users are unable to access data of other users and departments

Users of DBMS

Administrators

Maintain the DBMS

Responsible for administrating the database

Responsible to look after its usage

By whom it should be used.

Create access profiles for users

Apply limitations to maintain isolation and force security

Look after DBMS resources like system license, required tools, and other software and hardware related maintenance

Designers

Work on the designing part of the database

What data should be kept and in what format

Identify and design the whole set of entities, relations, constraints, and views.

Users of DBMS contd.

End users

Who actually reap the benefits of having a DBMS

End users can range from simple viewers who pay attention to the logs or market rates to sophisticated users such as business analysts.

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