

# Information Communication Technologies

Lecture 8. Application Software

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Application Software

# Agenda



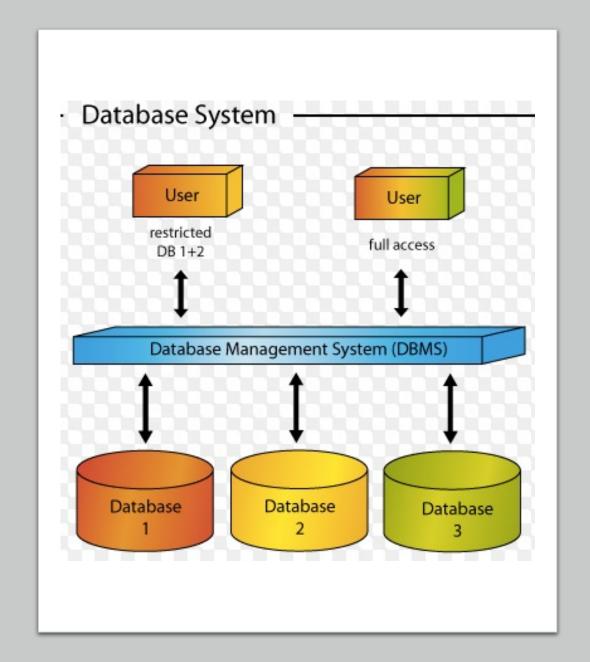
**Software Basics** 



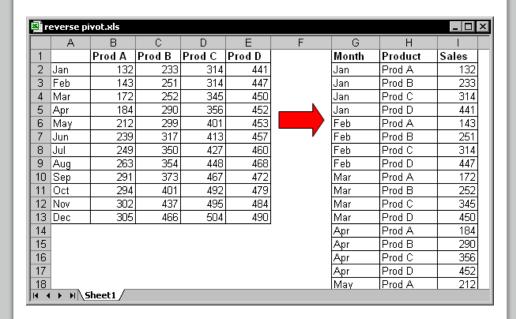
**Databases** 

#### **Databases**

- A database is an organized collection of data.
- Data files are files where data is organized in a uniform format.



# Databases (continued)



# File and Database Concepts

A file contains records that are made up of fields



**Data management** refers to the tasks associated with maintaining and accessing the data stored in a data file.



Each data file has a *file* structure that describes the way in which the data is stored in that file.

```
LastName:
        FirstName: Susan
    LastName: McIntyre
    FirstName: John
    Address:
    ZipCode:
LastName:
FirstName: Margaret
Address:
ZipCode:
Phone:
Gender:
          3 8 8 - 7 0 - 6 7 5 4
SocNum:
JobCode:
DeptCode:
HourlyWage: 14.80
Exemptions: 1
BirthDate: 0 2 / 1 4 /
```

# Databases (continued)



<u>Fields:</u> Smallest unit of meaningful data and forms the basic building block of data file.



**Data types:** the way the data is represented.



**Entity:** it is a person, place, thing or event about which data is stored.

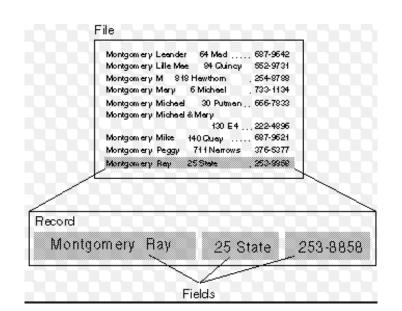


Records: Collection of fields of data about on entity.

# Database Record field field field Record field field field Record field field field

#### **Fields**

- A *field* contains the smallest unit of meaningful data and can be thought of as the basic building block for a data file.
- Each field has a *field name* that describes its contents.
- A *variable-length field* expands to fit the data you enter.
- A fixed-length field contains a predetermined number of bytes.
- John Smith is 10 characters long, <u>Thomas Horatio Jefferson</u> is 24 <u>characters long</u>.

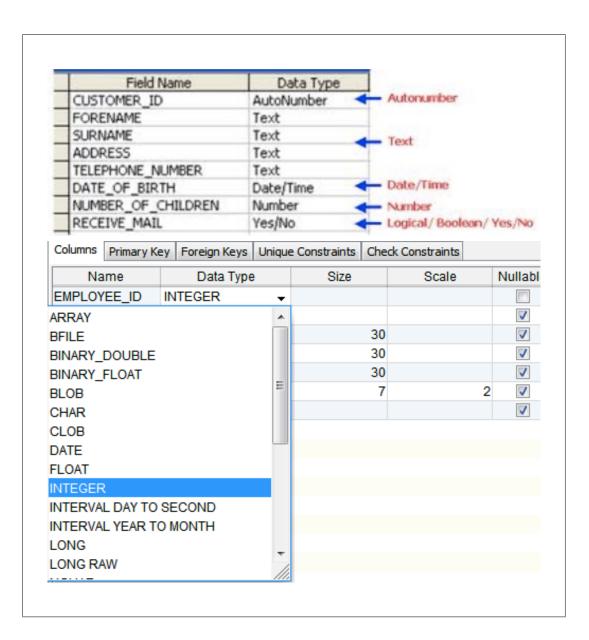


# Data Types

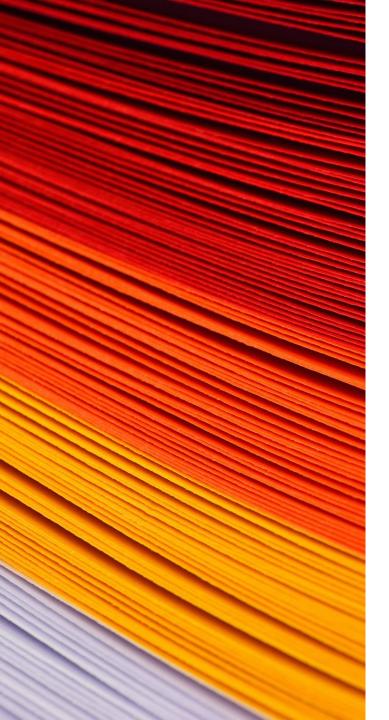
- Determines the way a data is represented and manipulated.
- Common data types are <u>numeric</u> and character.
- Numeric data type: to fields that contains numbers for mathematical calculation, averaging
  - Real Numbers: contains fractional numbers that is number with decimal points.
  - Integers: contains whole numbers

# Data Types (continued)

- Character (string) data type: assigned to fields that is not used in mathematical calculations.
- Date data type: assigned to fields for manipulating dates.
- Logical data type: accepts two values such as yes/no or true/false.
- **Memo data type**: provides a variable length field in which you can store comments.



# Data Types



#### Records

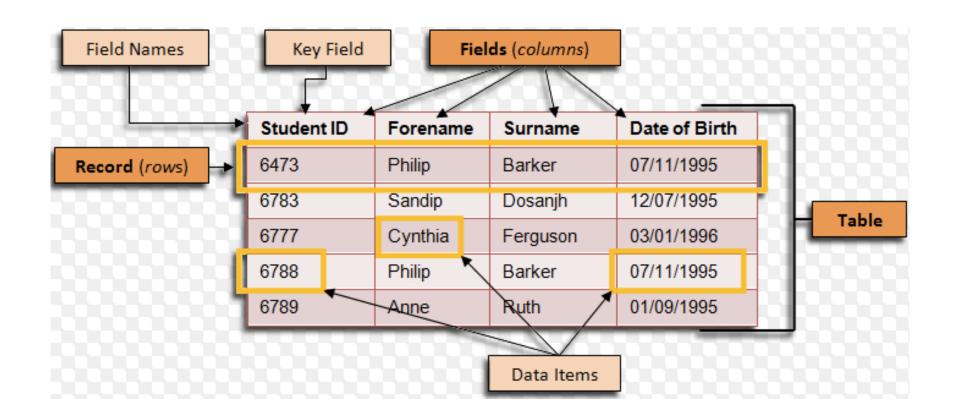
- Records are collection of fields of data
- **Record length** is a measure of maximum number of bytes a field can hold.
- **Record type:** structure of record.
- **Record occurrence:** entering data is referred as record occurrence.

# Records

First Name	Last Name	Address	City	Age	
Mickey	Mouse	123 Fantasy Way	Anaheim	73	
Bat	Man	321 Cavern Ave	Gotham	54	_
Wonder	Woman	987 Truth Way	Paradise	39	
Donald	Duck	555 Quack Street	Mallard	65	
Bugs	Bunny	567 Carrot Street	Rascal	58 🤜	Basanda
Wiley	Coyote	999 Acme Way	Canyon	61 🚄	Records
Cat	Woman	234 Purrfect Street	Hairball	32	/
Tweety	Bird	543	Itotltaw	28	•

# Records

STUDENTID	HAME	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	ADDRESS	SUBJECTS	_
9721001	Desy	23/67/95	M	Bintaro	Biology	Item
9721002	Ray	12/06/95	м	Pondok Indah	Mathematics	
9732012	Andy	03/01/95	F	ESD	п	
9724004	Rian	23/11/94	м	Menteng	PE	Record
9715023	Vita	07/09/94	M	Senayan	Chemistry	



# Flat Files and Database

#### Flat files

- refers to data file which has same field names, field length and data types.
- A list of names, addresses, and phone numbers written on a sheet of paper is a flat file database.

#### Flat File Model

	Route No.	Miles	Activity	
Record 1	I-95	12	Overlay	
Record 2	I-495	05	Patching	
Record 3	SR-301	33	Crack seal	

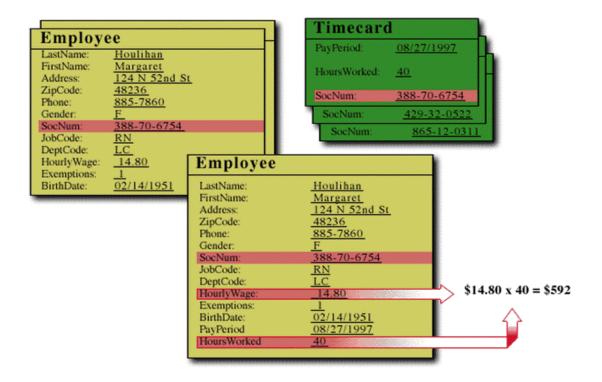
# Flat Files and Database (continued)

#### Database:

- Variety of different record types related or consolidated into single unit.
- Two flat files can be combined or joined to perform calculations.
- Highly suitable complex data management tasks.
- Maintained by database administrator.

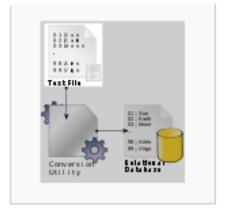
## Databases

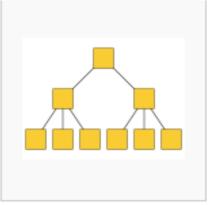
• When a computer uses related record types from a database to calculate pay, it can combine two records to create a record that contains the data from both files.

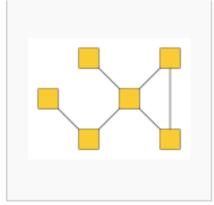


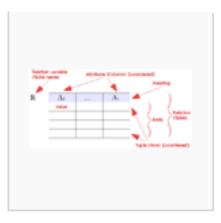
# Databases (continued)

- A database has more flexibility than a flat file but is more difficult to design and maintain.
- A database administrator supervises database design, development, testing, and maintenance.
  - Data redundancy (избыточность данных)
  - Primary key
  - Relationships
  - Data integrity (целостность данных)









Flat model

Hierarchical model

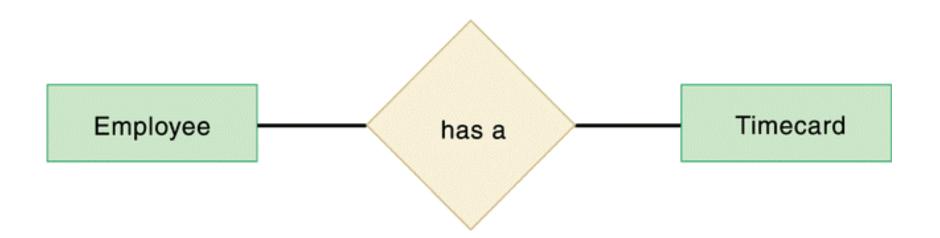
Network model

Relational model

#### Data Models

- A *data model* is a description of the way that data is stored in a database.
  - helps you understand the relationships between entities
  - helps you create efficient structure to hold your data





Entity Relationships

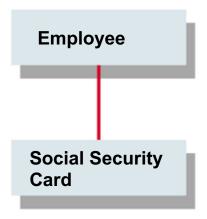
- A *relationship* is an association between entities.
- Database designers graphically depict data models using diagramming techniques.

# Entity Relationships (continued)

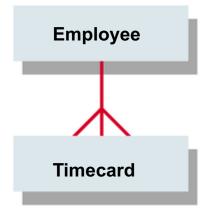
- A data diagram can also show *cardinality* the number of occurrences that can exist between two record types.
- Three possible types of cardinality are:
  - one-to-one
  - one-to-many
  - many-to-many

# Entity Relationships (continued)

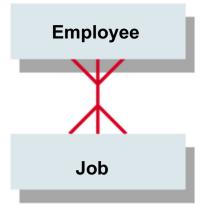
#### Diagramming cardinality



A one-to-one relationship is shown by using a single line to connect the boxes that represent record types.



A one-to-many relationship is shown by adding a "crow's foot" to the end of the line next to the record type with many occurrences.



A many-to-many relationship is shown by adding a "crow's foot" to both ends of the connecting line.

# Entity Relationships (continued)

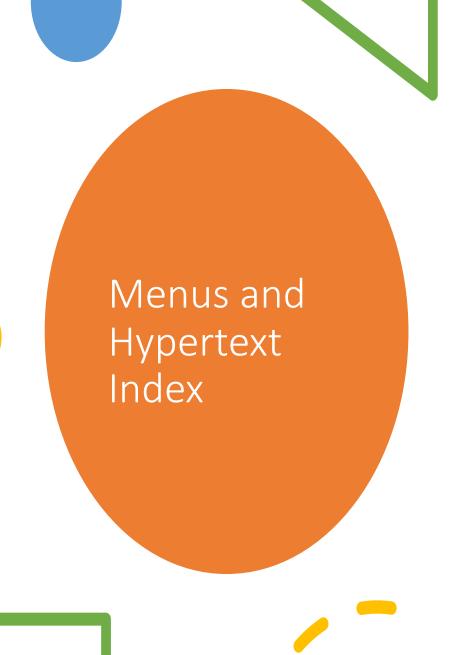
- One-to-one relationship = one record of a record type is related to only one record of another record type
- One-to-many relationship = one record in a record type may be related to more than one record of another record type
- Many-to-many relationship = one record in a particular record type can be related to many records in another record type and vice versa

Searching the Database/Information

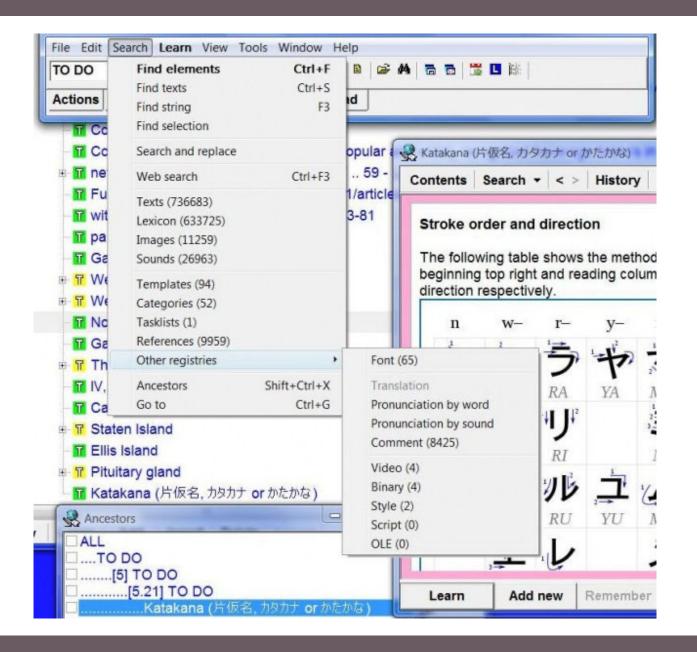
- Databases classified as <u>Structured and Free</u> form databases.
- Structured forms are arranged in an uniform format of records and fields.
- Free-forms are arranged loosely in the form of documents rather than as records

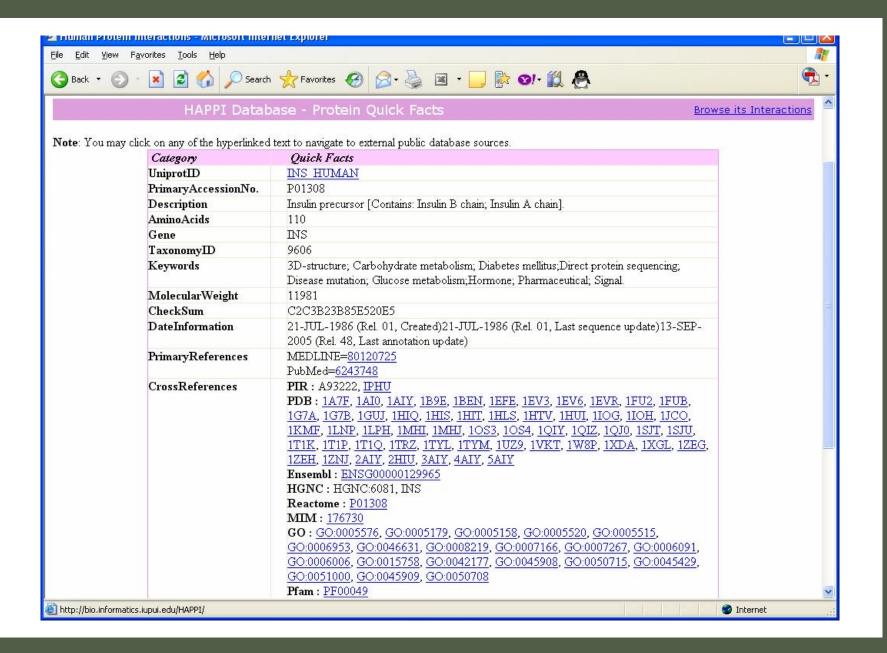
Searching the Database/Information (continued)

- **Data access software** is the interface used to search for information on a Database
- Different databases have different data access software
- Depending on data access software searching specifications using a menu, hypertext index, keyword search, query by example or query language



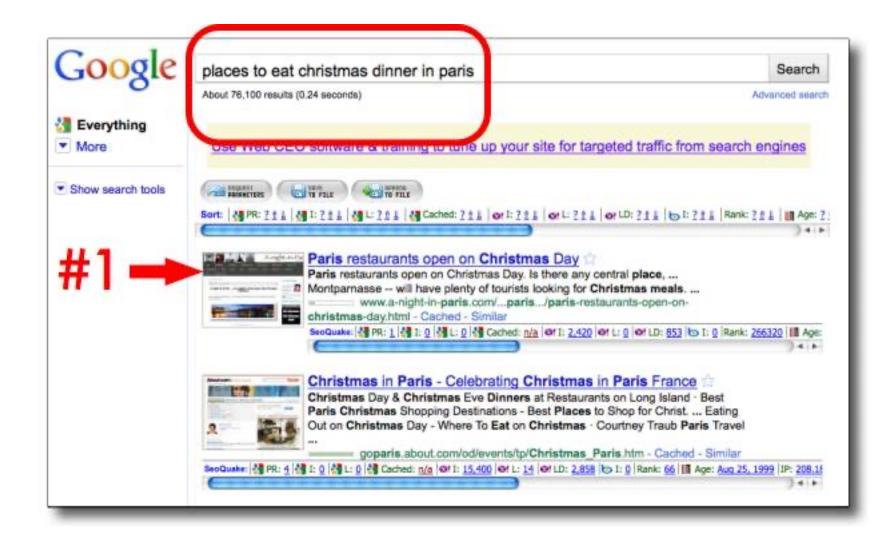
- Menus are similar to the ones used in most software
- Menus are being replaced by <u>Hypertext index</u>.
- Hypertext database: any object (text, picture, film) can be linked to any other object.
- Hypertext database useful for organizing large amounts of disparate information,
- Not designed for numerical analysis.





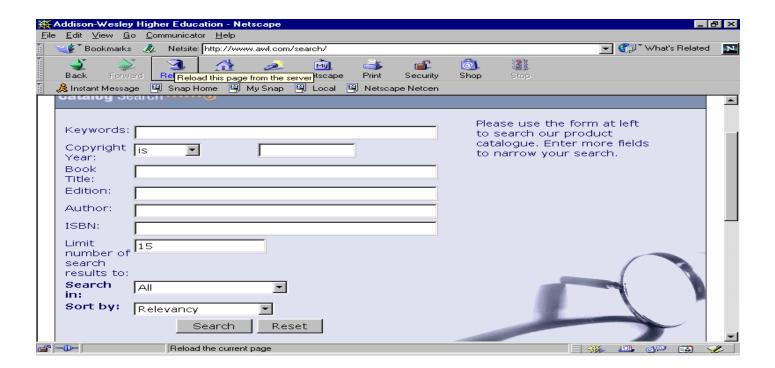
# Keyword Search Engine

- A program that searches documents for specified keywords and returns a list of the documents where the keywords were found
- Boolean operators OR, AND & NOT operators are allowed in keyword searches.
- Search engines
  - www.yahoo.com
  - www.google.com
  - www.lycos.com
  - www.altavista.com
  - www.askjeeves.com



# Query by Example

- Query By Example (QBE) refers to method of forming queries
- Database program displays a blank record with a space for each field.
- Eg:- for searching books through a catalogue

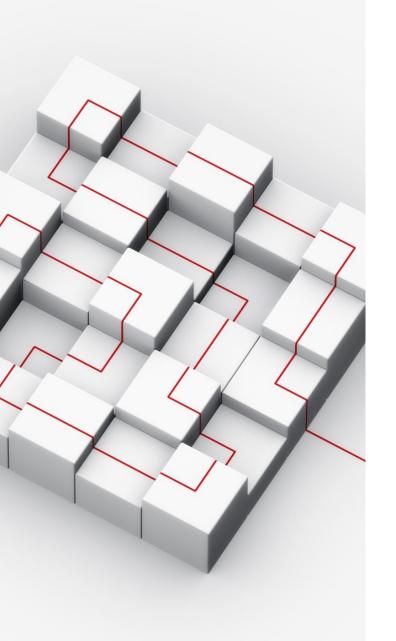


# Query Language

 A specialized language consisting of a set of commands that directs the computer to create databases, locate information, sort records and change the data in those records.



SQL pronounced as SEQUEL



# Data Management Software

- Data management software create <u>relational</u>, <u>hierarchical</u>, <u>object oriented</u>, <u>web enabled</u> <u>collection of data</u>.
- Helps enter and manipulate data.
- Different types of data management software depends on
  - the data model
  - flexibility you require to manipulate data
  - the resources allocated for data.



# Data Management Software (continued)

- Different types of data management software:
  - Custom software:
  - File management software
  - Database management software
  - Object oriented software
  - Web enabled database

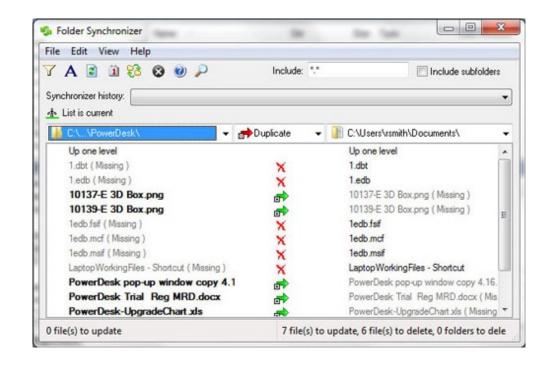
#### **Custom Software**

- Developed using programming languages.
- Data files are manipulated using custom programs.
- For exact needs of the organizations
- Created for manipulating all network, relational, object oriented, web enabled data files.



## File Management Software

- Allows specify field names, lengths, data types for the data files created.
- Provides method to manage, organize, locate, sort and prints the manipulated data in a data file.
- Data independence



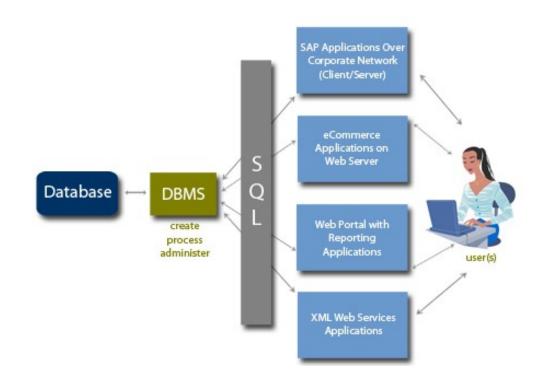
# File Management Software (continued)

#### • Limitations:

- Manipulate only one file at a time.
- Manipulate only flat files.
- Does not specify relationships between the data files.

### Database Management Software

- Manipulates with more than one file at a time.
- Defines relationships between different record types.
- DBMS software is loaded into server which processes the requests for data from the DBMS software in client machine.



# Object Oriented Tools

- To construct database it needs object oriented DBMS or object oriented language like
   Small Talk.
- Only the programs defining the object and classes are external to the DBMS.

#### Web-Enabled Database Tools

- Provides a way to access the database through internet by using a standard web browser.
- To interact with the web based database, pass requests from browser to the database and then send results back to browser.
- CGI programming provides this capability.

## Web-Enabled Database Tools (continued)

- Programming languages: Perl, C and Visual Basic.NET
- ASP(Active Server Pages). NET
- Cold Fusion a web database development tool to interact with the HTML pages without programming.

