History of Database Systems

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Early Manual System

- o Before-1950s
 - Data was stored as paper records.
 - Lot of man power involved.
 - Lot of time was wasted.e.g. when searching
 - Therefore inefficient.

Revolution began

- o 1950s and early 1960s:
 - Data processing using magnetic tapes for storage
 - Tapes provide only sequential access
 - Punched cards for input
- o Late 1960s and 1970s:
 - Hard disks allow direct access to data
 - Data stored in files
 - Known as File Processing System

File based systems

- Adequate for small applications
- o Drawbacks
 - Separation and isolation of data
 - Each program maintains its own set of data.
 - Users of one program may be unaware of potentially useful data held by other programs.

File based systems (contd.)

- Duplication of data
 - Same data is held by different locations.
 - Wasted space and potentially different values and/or different formats for the same item.
- Data dependence
 - File structure is defined in the program code.

File based systems (contd.)

- Incompatible file formats
 - Programs are written in different languages, and so cannot easily access each other's files.
- Fixed Queries/Proliferation of application programs
 - Programs are written to satisfy particular functions.
 - Any new requirement needs a new program.

Database Approach

o Arose because:

- Definition of data was embedded in application programs, rather than being stored separately and independently.
- No control over access and manipulation of data beyond that imposed by application programs.

o Result:

 The database and Database Management System (DBMS).

Database Management Systems (DBMS)

1960's Hierarchical Network

1970's Relational

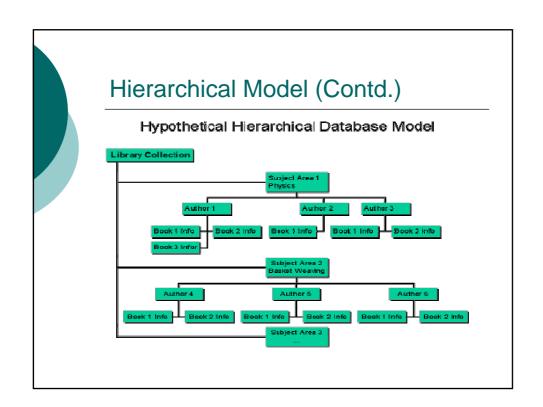
1990's Object-oriented Object-relational

1995+ Java XML CMDB Mobile

IMDB Embedded

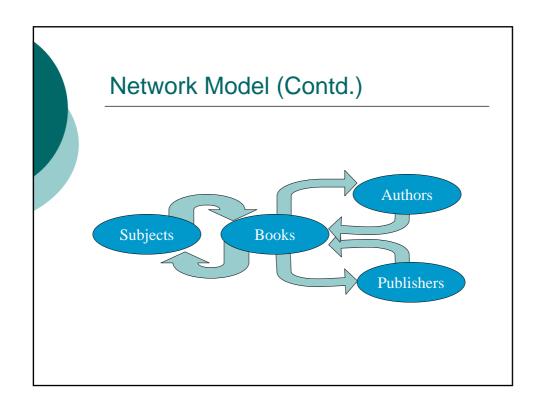
Hierarchical Model

- Well suited for data which are in some way related
- Hierarchically begin with a strictly defined tree of data nodes
- Each node can contain some identifying data, plus a set of subnodes of a specific child type



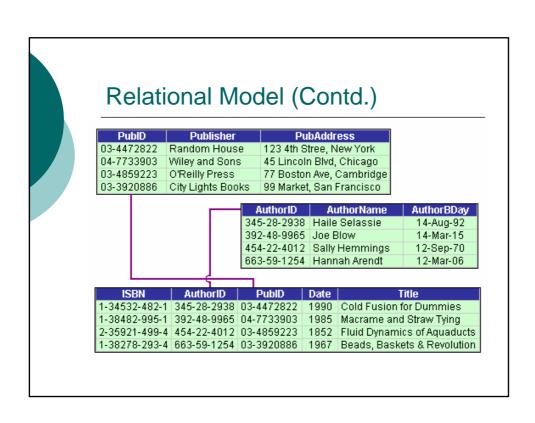
Network Model

- o Supported more complex relations
- Physical file pointers were used to model the relations between files
- Relations had to be decide in advance
- Most suitable for large databases with well defined queries and welldefined applications.



Relational Model (1970's)

- E.F. Codd introduced the relational model in 1970
- Provides a conceptually simple model for data as relations (typically considered "tables") with all data visible.
- DB2 from IBM is the first DBMS product based on the relational model



Relational Model (Contd.)

- Other DBMS based on the relational model were developed in the late 1980s
- Today, DB2, Oracle, and SQL Server are the most prominent commercial DBMS products based on the relational model

Object Oriented Data Model (1990's)

- Goal of OODBMS is to store objectoriented programming objects in a database without having to transform them into relational format.
- Extend the entity-relationship data model by including encapsulation, methods and object identity

Object-relational models

- Extend the relational data model by including object orientation and constructs to deal with added data types.
- Allow attributes of tuples to have complex types, including non-atomic values such as nested relations.
- Preserve relational foundations, in particular the declarative access to data, while extending modeling power.

Modern Database Management Systems

- DBMS are large complex pieces of software designed specifically for the efficient management of data.
- o Examples:
 - Oracle (Oracle Corporation)
 - Ingres (Computer Associates)
 - SQL Server (Microsoft Corporation)
 - Access (Microsoft Corporation)
 - IMS, DB2 (IBM)
 - And many more...