

Database Systems

06 APIs (ODBC, JDBC, ORM Tools)

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Announcements/Org

▪ #1 Video Recording

- Since lecture 03, video/audio recording
- Link in [TeachCenter](#) & [TUbe](#) (but not public yet)
- **Issues lectures 04 and 05**



▪ #2 Statistics Exercise 1

- Submissions so far: **261+19/400** (DB), **63+6/96** (DB1)
→ double check draft status! at least, try!
- Additional email submissions: **12**
- **Last chance tomorrow EOD** (including 7 late days)

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▪ #3 Exercise 2

- Task details introduced today
- Submission [opens Apr 22](#), Deadline: **Apr 30 11.59pm**

What's an API and again, why should I care?

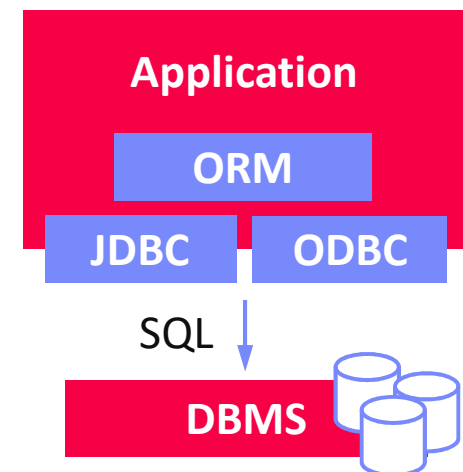
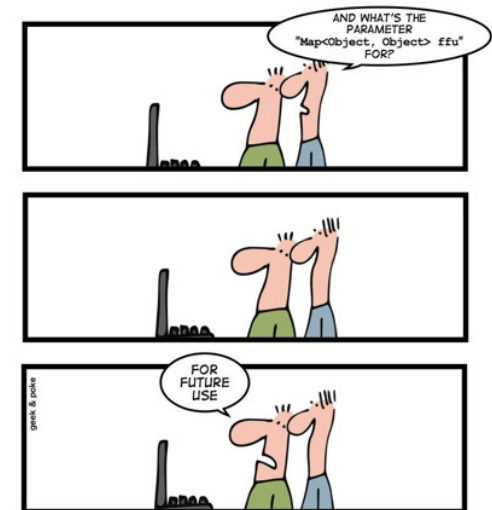
- Application Programming Interface (API)

- Defined **set of functions or protocols** for system or component communication
- Interface independent of concrete implementation → **decoupling of applications** from underlying libraries / systems
- API stability of utmost importance

- Examples

- Linux:** kernel-user space API → system calls, POSIX (Portable Operating System Interface)
- Cloud Services:** often dedicated REST (Representational State Transfer) APIs
- DB Access:** **ODBC/JDBC and ORM frameworks**

HOW TO CREATE A STABLE API



Agenda

- **Exercise 2: Query Languages and APIs**
- **Call-level Interfaces (ODBC/JDBC) and Embedded SQL**
- **Object-Relational Mapping Frameworks**

Exercise 2: Query Languages and APIs

Recap: Soccer World Cup 1954-2014

■ Dataset

- Public-domain, derived (parsed, cleaned) from **Openfootball Worldcup Dataset**
- Clone or download your copy from <https://github.com/tugraz-isds/datasets.git>
- ➔ **Updated Apr 07 (improved data quality)**

■ Exercises

- 01 Data modeling (relational schema)
- 02 Data ingestion and SQL query processing**
- 03 Tuning, query processing, and transaction processing
- 04 Large-scale data analysis (distributed data ingestions and query processing)

1954_2014_Squads.csv: The Squads file contains the structure and examples look as follows.

```
#Year, Host_Country, Country, Jersey_Number,
1998,France,Austria,14,FW,Hannes Reinmayr,Stu
2014,Brazil,Germany,1,GK,Manuel Neuer,Bayern
2014,Brazil,Germany,11,FW,Miroslav Klose,Lazi
```

1954_2014_Matches.csv: The Matches file contains and examples look as follows.

```
#Year, Host_Country, Match_ID, Type, Date, Lo
2006,Germany,572,Group A,Wed Jun/14,Signal Id
2010,South Africa,684,Round of 16,Sun Jun/27
2014,Brazil,761,Final,Sun Jul/13 16:00,Estádi
```

1954_2014_Goals.csv: The Goals file contains the time of the game. It's detailed structure and exam

```
#Year, Host_Country, Match_ID, Team, Player,
2014,Brazil,760,Netherlands,Daley Blind,17
2014,Brazil,760,Netherlands,Georginio Wijnald
2014,Brazil,761,Germany,Mario Götze,113
```

Task 2.1: Schema Creation via SQL (3/25 points)

- **Schema creation via SQL**

- Relies on lectures [04 Relational Algebra](#) and [05 Query Languages \(SQL\)](#)
- #1 Setup DBMS PostgreSQL
- #2 Create database db<studentID> and **setup relational schema**

- **Recommended Schema**

- **TODO (after Apr 9, 11.59pm)**

Task 2.2 Data Ingestion via CLI (9/25 points)

■ Data Ingestion via ODBC/JDBC

- Relies on lectures [05 Query Languages \(SQL\)](#) and [06 APIs \(ODBC, JDBC\)](#)
- #3 Write a program that performs **stateful data ingestion**

■ Two-Phase Ingestion

- Find data at <https://github.com/tugraz-isds/datasets/tree/master/soccerworldcup19542014/subsets>

```
IngestData ./1954_2010_Squads.csv \  
./1954_2010_Matches.csv \  
./1954_2010_Goals.csv <host>:<port>/<database>
```

```
IngestData ./2014_Squads.csv ./2014_Matches.csv \  
./2014_Goals.csv <host>:<port>/<database>
```


Task 2.3: SQL Query Processing (10/25 points)

- **SQL Query Processing**

- Relies on lecture [05 Query Languages \(SQL\)](#)
- #4 Write SQL script for the **10 given queries**

- **Example Queries**

- **Q01:** In which tournaments did Austria participate between 1954 and 2014 (inclusive)?
- **Q05:** With how many distinct clubs were players of Germany affiliated between 2002 and 2014?
- **Q06:** How many players from Sturm Graz ever participated in a world cup tournament.
- **Q07:** Which player(s) shot more than two goals in a single game in 2014?
- **Q10:** Construct the final group table for Group G of the 2014 tournament (matches, wins, draws, losses, goal difference, points), ranked by points and goal differences.

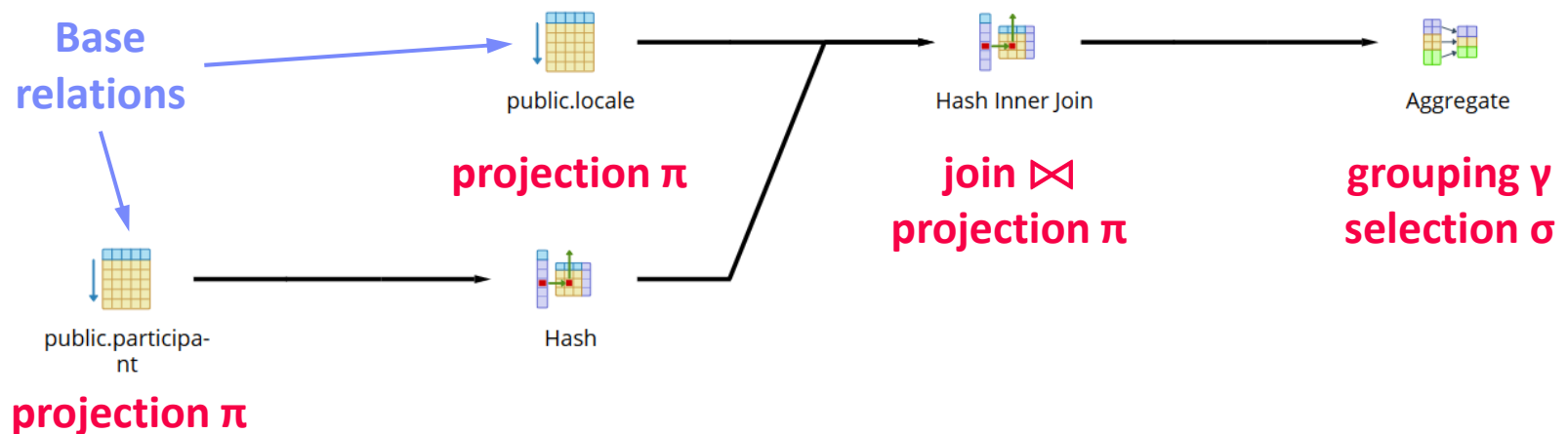
Task 2.4: Query Plans (3/25 points)

■ Explain Query Plans

- Relies on lecture [04 Relational Algebra](#)
- #5 Obtain and **analyze execution plans** of at least two queries

■ Example

- Recap: Participants and Locations of Database Research Self Assessment 2018
- Text **EXPLAIN VERBOSE SELECT L.location, count(*)**
 Explain **FROM Participant P, Locale L WHERE P.lid = L.lid**
GROUP BY L.location HAVING count(*)>1



Call-level Interfaces (ODBC/JDBC) and Embedded SQL

Call-level Interfaces vs Embedded SQL

▪ Embedded SQL

- Standardized in ISO/IEC SQL – Part 2: Foundation / Part 10 OLB
- **Embedded (typically static) SQL in host language**
- **Preprocessor** to compile CLI protocol handling
 - **SQL syntax and type checking, but static** (SQL queries, DBMS)
- **Examples:** ESQL for C/C++, SQLJ

▪ Call-level Interfaces

- Standardized in ISO/IEC SQL – Part 3: CLI
- **API of defined functions for dynamic SQL**
- **Examples:** ODBC, JDBC, Python DB-API

Embedded SQL

Overview

- **Mix host language constructs and SQL** in data access program → **simplicity?**
- **Precompiler translates program** into valid host language program
- Primitives for creating cursors, queries and updates, etc

→ **In practice,
limited relevance**

Example SQLJ

- Cursors with and without explicit variable binding

```
#sql iterator StudIter
    (int sid, String name);
```

```
StudIter iter;
```

```
#sql iter = {SELECT * FROM Students};
```

```
while( iter.next() )
    print(iter.sid, iter.name);
```

```
iter.close();
```

```
int id = 7;
String name;
```

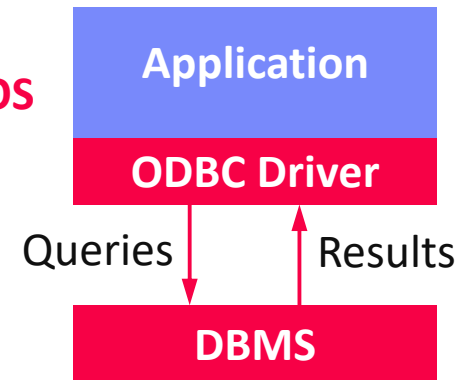
```
#sql {SELECT LName INTO :name
      FROM Students WHERE SID=:id};
```

```
print(id, name);
```

CLI: ODBC and JDBC Overview

Open Database Connectivity (ODBC)

- **API for accessing databases independent of DBMS and OS**
- Developed in the **early 1990s → 1992** by Microsoft (superset of ISO/IEC SQL/CLI and Open Group CLI)
- **All relational DBMS have ODBC implementations**, good programming language support

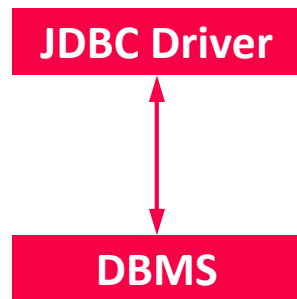


Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)

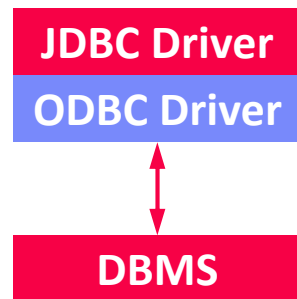
- **API for accessing databases independent of DBMS from Java**
- Developed and released by Sun in **1997**, JDBC 4.0 (2006), JDBC 4.3 in Java 9
- Most relational DBMS have JDBC implementations

Types of Drivers

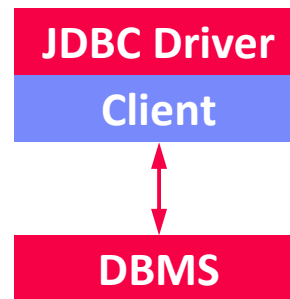
#4 Pure Java JDBC Driver



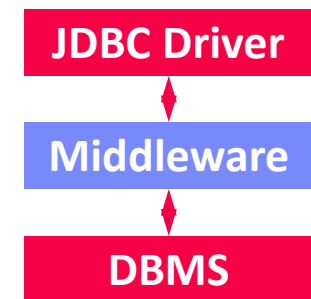
#1 JDBC/ODBC Bridge



#2 Native Client Library

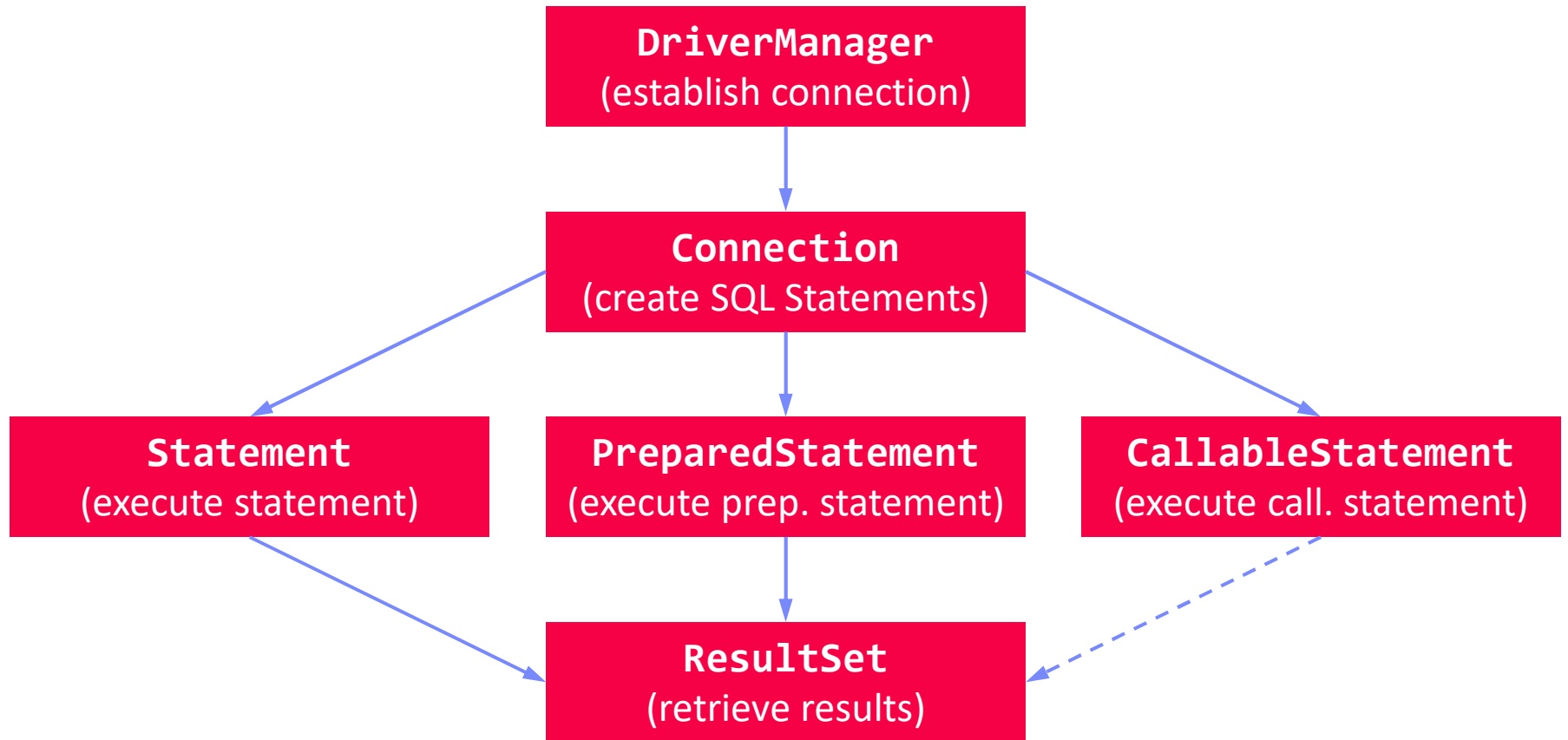


#3 Middleware



Note: Reuse of drivers from open source DBMS

JDBC Components and Flow



JDBC Connection Handling

Establishing a Connection

- **DBMS-specific URL strings**

including host, port, and database name

- Stateful handles representing user-specific DB sessions

- JDBC driver is usually a jar on the class path

- **Connection and statement pooling** for performance

```
Connection conn = DriverManager
    .getConnection("jdbc:postgresql:"+
        "//localhost:5432/db1234567",
        username, password);
```

```
META-INF/services/
    java.sql.Driver
```

JDBC 4.0

- **Explicit driver class loading and registration no longer required**

- Improved connection management (e.g., status of DB connections)

- Other: XML, Java classes, row ID, better exception handling

```
Class.forName(
    "org.postgresql.Driver");
```


JDBC Statements

Execute Statement

- Use for simple SQL statements w/o parameters
- Beware of SQL injection**
- API allows fine-grained control over fetch size, fetch direction, batching, and multiple result sets

```
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(sql1);
...
int rows = stmt.executeUpdate(sql2);
stmt.close();
```

Note: PostgreSQL does not support fetch size but sends entire result

Process ResultSet

- Iterator-like cursor (app-level) w/ on-demand fetching
- Scrollable / updatable result sets possible
- Attribute access via column names or positions

```
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(
    "SELECT SID, LName FROM Students");

List<Student> ret = new ArrayList<>();
while( rs.next() ) {
    int id = rs.getInt("SID");
    String name = rs.getString("LName");
    ret.add(new Student(id, name));
}
```

JDBC Prepared Statements

Execute PreparedStatement

- Use for precompiling SQL statements w/ input params
- Inherited from Statement
- **Precompile SQL once**, and execute many times w/ different parameters

→ Performance

→ No danger of SQL injection

```
PreparedStatement pstmt =  
conn.prepareStatement(  
    "INSERT INTO Students VALUES(?,?)");
```

```
for( Student s : students ) {  
    pstmt.setInt(1, s.getID());  
    pstmt.setString(2, s.getName());  
    pstmt.executeUpdate();  
}
```

```
pstmt.close();
```

Queries and Updates

- Queries → `executeQuery()`
- Insert, delete, update → `executeUpdate()`

JDBC Callable Statements

- **Recap: (Stored Procedures, see 05 Query Languages (SQL))**
 - Can be **called standalone via CALL** <proc_name>(<args>);
 - Procedures return no outputs, but might have **output parameters**
- **Execute CallableStatement**
 - Create prepared statement for call of a procedure
 - Explicit registration of output parameters
 - Example

```
CallableStatement cstmt = conn.prepareCall(
    "{CALL prepStudents(?, ?)}");

cstmt.setInt(1, 2019);
cstmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.INTEGER);
cstmt.executeQuery();

int rows = cstmt.getInt(2);
```

Preview Transactions

Database Transaction

- A transaction (TX) is a **series of steps** that brings a database from a **consistent state** into another (not necessarily different) **consistent state**
- **ACID properties** (atomicity, consistency, isolation, durability)
- See lecture **08 Transaction Processing and Concurrency**

Example

- Transfer 100 Euros from Account 107 to 999

```

START TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;
  UPDATE Account SET Balance=Balance-100
    WHERE AID = 107;
  UPDATE Account SET Balance=Balance+100
    WHERE AID = 999;
COMMIT TRANSACTION;

```

Transaction Isolation Level

- **Tradeoff:** isolation (and related guarantees) vs performance
- READ UNCOMMITTED (~~lost update~~, ~~dirty read~~, ~~unrepeatable read~~, ~~phantom R~~)
- READ COMMITTED (~~lost update~~, ~~dirty read~~, ~~unrepeatable read~~, ~~phantom R~~)
- REPEATABLE READ (~~lost update~~, ~~dirty read~~, ~~unrepeatable read~~, ~~phantom R~~)
- SERIALIZABLE (~~lost update~~, ~~dirty read~~, ~~unrepeatable read~~, ~~phantom R~~)

JDBC Transaction Handling

■ JDBC Transaction Handling

- **Isolation levels** (incl NONE) and (auto) **commit** option
- **Savepoint** and **rollback** (undo till begin or savepoint)
- **Note:** TX handling on connection not statements

■ Beware of Defaults

- DBMS-specific default isolation levels

(SQL Standard: **SERIALIZABLE**, PostgreSQL: **READ COMMITTED**)

```
conn.setTransactionIsolation(
    TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE);
conn.setAutoCommit(false);
```

```
PreparedStatement pstmt = conn
    .prepareStatement("UPDATE Account
    SET Balance=Balance+? WHERE AID = ?");
```

```
Savepoint save1 = conn.setSavepoint();
```

```
pstmt.setInt(1,-100); pstmt.setInt(107);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

```
if( rand() $<$ 0.1 )
    conn.rollback(save1);
```

```
pstmt.setInt(1,100); pstmt.setInt(999);
pstmt.executeUpdate();
```

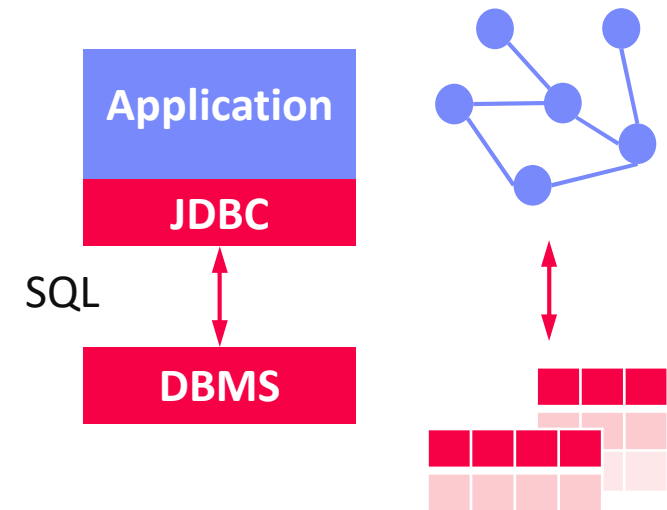
```
conn.commit();
```

Object-Relational Mapping Frameworks

The “Impedance Mismatch” Argument

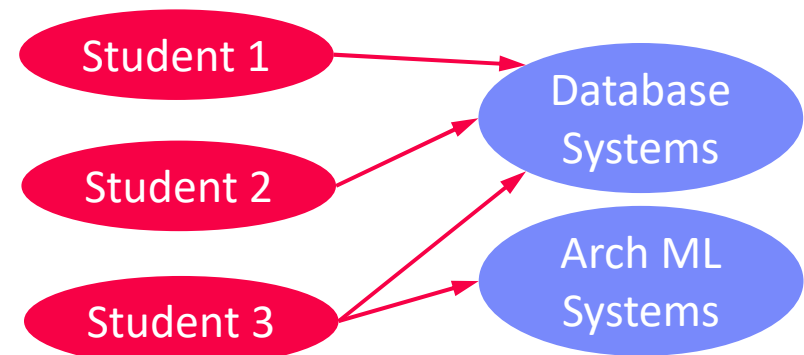
■ Problem Description

- Applications rely on **object-oriented programming languages** with hierarchies or graphs of objects
- Data resides in **normalized “flat” tables** (note: ~~OODBMS~~, object-relational)
- Application is responsible for **bridging this structural/behavioral gap**



■ Example

- **SELECT * FROM Students**
- **SELECT C.Name, C.ECTS FROM Courses C, Attendance A WHERE C.CID = A.CID AND A.SID = 7;**
- ... **A.SID = 8;**



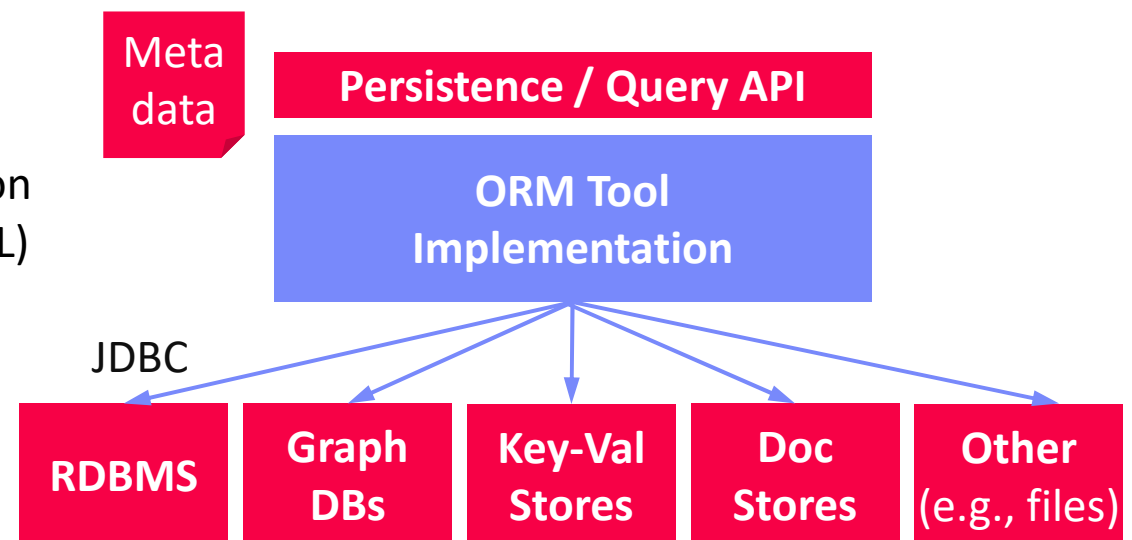
Overview Object-Relational Mapping

Goals of ORM Tools

- Automatic **handling of object persistence lifecycle** and querying of the underlying data stores (e.g., RDBMS)
- Reduced development effort → **developer productivity**
- Improved testing and independence of DBMS

Common High-Level Architecture

- **#1** Persistence definition (meta data → e.g., XML)
- **#2** Persistence API
- **#3** Query language / query API



History and Landscape

- **History of ORM Tools** (aka persistence frameworks)
 - Since 2000 J2EE EJB **Entity Beans** (automatic persistence and TX handling)
 - Since 2001 **Hibernate** framework (close to ODMG specification)
 - Since 2002 **JDO** (Java Data Objects) via class enhancement
 - 2006 **JPA** (Java Persistence API), reference implementation **TopLink**
 - 2013 JPA 2, reference implementation **EclipseLink**
 - Late 2000s/early 2010s: **explosion of ORM alternatives, but criticism**
 - **2012 - today**: ORM tools just part of a much more diverse eco system

- **Example Frameworks**

- <http://java-source.net/open-source/persistence>
- Similar lists for .NET, Python, etc



JPA – Class Definition and Meta Data

Entity Classes

- **Define persistent classes** via annotations
- Add details for IDs, relationship types, and specific behavior on updates
- Some JPA implementations require enhancement process as post compilation step

@Entity

```
public class Student {
    @Id
    private int SID = -1;
    private String Fname;
    private String Lname;
    @ManyToMany
    private List<Course> ...
}
```

Persistence Definition

- **Separate XML meta data**
META-INF/persistence.xml
- Includes connection details

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<persistence
  xmlns="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/persistence"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/persistence
    http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/persistence/persistence.xml"
  <persistence-unit name="UniversityDB">
    <class>org.tugraz.Student</class>
    <class>org.tugraz.Course</class>
    <exclude-unlisted-classes/>
    <properties> ... </properties>
  </persistence-unit>
</persistence>
```

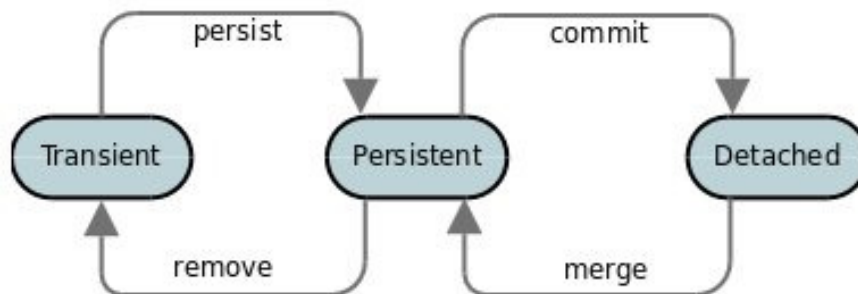
JPA – Object Modification

■ CRUD Operations

- Insert by making objects persistent
- Update and delete objects according to object lifecycle states

■ Lifecycle States

- Lifecycle state transitions via specific persistence contexts
- Explicit and implicit transitions



[Credit: Data Nucleus, JPA Persistence Guide (v5.2),

<http://www.datanucleus.org/products/accessplatform/jpa/persistence.html#lifecycle>]

```
EntityManager em = factory  
    .createEntityManager();
```

```
tx.begin();
```

```
Student s = new  
    Student(7,"Jane","Smith");  
s.addCourse(new Course(...));  
s.addCourse(new Course(...));
```

```
em.persist(s);
```

```
tx.commit();  
em.close
```

JPA – Query Languages

■ JPQL: Java Persistence Query Language

- SQL-like object-oriented query language
- Parameter binding similar to embedded SQL

■ JPQL Criteria API

- JPQL syntax and semantics with a programmatic API
- `CriteriaQuery<Student> q = bld.createQuery(Student.class);`
`Root<Student> c = q.from(Student.class);`
`q.select(c).where(bld.gt(c.get("age"), bld.parameter(...)));`

■ Native SQL Queries

- Run native SQL queries if necessary

```
EntityManager em = factory
    .createEntityManager();
Query q = pm.createQuery(
    "SELECT s FROM Student s
    WHERE s.age > :age");
q.setParameter("age", 35);
```

```
Iterator iter = q
    .getResultList().iterator();
while( iter.hasNext() )
    print((Student)iter.next());
```

```
em.createNativeQuery("SELECT *
    FROM Students WHERE Age > ?1");
```

A Critical View on ORM

■ Advantages

- **Simple CRUD operations** (insert/delete/update) and simple queries
- **Application-centric development** (see boundary crossing)

■ Disadvantages

- **Unnecessary indirections** and complexity (meta data, mapping)
- **Performance problems** (hard problem and missing context knowledge)
- **Application-centric development** (schema ownership, existing data)
- **Dependence** on evolving framework APIs

■ Sentiments (additional perspectives)

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- Vedra Bilopavlović: Can we talk about ORM Crisis?, 2018
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- Martin Fowler: ORM Hate, 2012 [martinfowler.com/bliki/**OrmHate**.html](http://martinfowler.com/bliki/OrmHate.html)

➔ **Awareness of strength and weaknesses / hybrid designs**

Conclusions and Q&A

■ Summary

- **Call-level Interfaces (ODBC/JDBC)** as fundamental access technology
- **Object-Relational Mapping (ORM)** frameworks existing (**pros and cons**)

■ Exercise Reminder

- Exercise 1: **Last chance tomorrow EOD** (including 7 late days)
- Exercise 2: Submission opens Apr 22, deadline: **Apr 30 11.59pm**

■ Next Lectures

- Apr 29: **07 Physical Design and Tuning**
- May 6: **08 Query Processing**
- May 13: **09 Transaction Processing and Concurrency**