Welcome to TDDD81 Database Technology



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Topics and Intended Learning Outcomes



Course Topics

- 1. Fundamental concepts
- 2. Relational databases
- 3. SQL
- 4. EER modeling
- 5. Mapping of EER diagrams to relations
- 6. Functional dependencies and normalization

- 7. Stored procedures and triggers
- 8. Data structures for DBs
- 9. Introduction to Transaction Processing
- 10. Concurrency Control
- 11. Database Recovery
- 12. Query Processing



After the course you should be able to ...

- Design relational databases for different types of example domains by first creating a conceptual schema using the Enhanced Entity-Relationship (EER) model and then translating this conceptual schema into a corresponding logical schema captured in the relational data model.
- Analyze and improve the quality of given relational database schemas based on the formal measure of *normal forms*.





After the course you should be able to ...

- *Employ the SQL language* to query and to modify several example relational databases, as well as to create such a database with a given relational database schema.
- Compare the cost of finding and updating records in database storage files when using different approaches to organize and to index such files.
- Apply basic techniques that DBMSs can use to identify and to avoid problems that may occur when multiple users access a database concurrently.
- *Apply recovery algorithms* that DBMSs use to guarantee persistence of data even in the case of system failures.



Examination



Final Exam

- During the exam period after the course
- Dates: see pointer on the course Website
- Form of this examination still to be decided





Four Assignments

- 1. SQL
- 2. Database design and EER modeling
- 3. Functional dependencies and normalization
- 4. BrianAir project, *4a*: initial design, *4b*: improved design *4c*: implementation, *4d*: urkund analysis
- Deadlines on the course Website
 - hard deadlines for assignments 4a and 4b (before assignment 3!)
- To be solved in pairs or groups of three
 - register with lab partners in Webreg before the end of this week
- Use MySQL server for assignments 1 and 4c
 - need access to MySQL server provided by LiU IT
 - instructions on the course Website



Organization of the Course



Structure of the Course

- Schedule on the course Website
- 12 lecture sessions (5 of them in VT2!)
 - Some traditional, some in flipped-classroom style
- 9 lab sessions (all in VT1)
 - First two: focus on assignment #1
 - Third one: focus on assignment #2
 - Remaining six: focus on assignment #4c
 (only three of these six lab sessions will be supervised)
- 1 teaching session (in VT1)
 - Discussion of #4a hand-ins (mandatory!)
- Text book: Elmasri and Navathe. *Fundamentals of Database Systems*, Addison Wesley, 7th edition









Earlier Versions of the Course



EvalLiUate Evaluations 2020

	TDDD81	
Overall number of students	53	
Students who answered	12 (22.6%)	
Overall evaluation	3.25	5 - Högst be





EvalLiUate Evaluations 2020 (cont'd)





Quotes from Free-Text Fields

- About one of the lab assistants:
 - "Min labassistent har varit dålig. Det vore bra ifall det fanns handledare i denna kurs som är pedagogiska och vill lära ut/hjälpa studenter" lab assistant has been bad; would have been good to have someone who is pedagogical and wants to help the students
 - "Vår handledare gjorde inga vidare ansträngningar för att hjälpa till med att öka förståelsen för ämnet"

no effort made to help understanding the subject

- "Mer hjälpande än rättande inställning hos handledare hade varit bra."
- "While I am pleased with the laborations themselves, the lab assistants were not very good. They were not very pedagogical and didn't even answer questions half the time."
- This lab assistant is not working in this course anymore!
- Let me know if you have issues



Quotes from Free-Text Fields (cont'd)

- About the schedule:
 - "Borde ligga enbart på VT1, väldigt konstigt med flera månaders paus i föreläsningsserien i och med dess utspriddhet. Vore skönare att klara av kursen VT1 så man sedan kan ha fullt fokus på kandidaten" should only be in VT1; strange with the break in the lecture series
 - "Labbtillfällena mer utspridda, speciellt till labb 4." Iab sessions should be more scattered, in particular for lab 4
- Note that VT1 2020 was still before the pandemic (everything still on campus), whereas VT2 2020 was completely in distance mode
- This time, all lab sessions in VT1 finish all assignments in VT1!



Quotes from Free-Text Fields (cont'd)

- About the educational methods:
 - "Online-föreläsningarna borde spelas in så att studenter kan kolla när de vill"
 the online lectures should be recorded
 - "Kul med labbar" great with the labs
 - "Uppskattade labb-serien"
 - "Laborationerna var bra"
 - "bra med quiz på föreläsningarna" good with the quizzes in the lectures
 - Uppskattade "när föreläsaren gått tillbaka och förklarat svaren på sina quiz"
 appreciated when teacher went back and explained answers to his quizzes
- Recordings of the lecture sessions will be made available this time
- Labs and assignments unchanged
- Let's try the flipped-classroom model this year!



appreciated the lab series

the labs where good

Flipped Classroom-like Model

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- In contrast to trying to replicate traditional lectures
 - more flexibility in terms of when you watch the videos (plus, you can pause, repeat, fast-forward, etc.)
 - role of the lecture sessions: give you ample opportunity to ask questions and to reinforce your learning of the concepts





Database Technology Topic 1: Introduction

Did you watch the video lecture?

- 1) Yes, all of it
- 2) Yes, partially
- 3) No, sorry
- 4) Video lecture??



Please bear with us!

- Not everything is guaranteed to run smoothly
- We are trying our best





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