

TEXT AND GRAPHICS IN  
RELATIONAL DATABASES

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# THE ISSUES

# NON-STANDARD DATA TYPES: THE ISSUES

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## A REVOLUTION?

"The database community is in the midst of a conceptual revolution that will eventually supplant the relational paradigm."

"Virtually all proposals from the database community for the management of non-textual information use object-oriented techniques."

- William Grosky and Rajiv Mehrotra,  
IEEE Computer, December 1989

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## PHYSICAL ISSUES

- STORAGE
  - OPERATING SYSTEM FILES?
  - BLOBs?
  - STRUCTURED?
  
- EFFICIENT ACCESS METHODS AND INDEXING  
(DEFINITION: ACCESS METHODS ARE A SET OF PROCEDURE CALLS THAT RETRIEVE AND UPDATE RECORDS.)
  - B-TREE
  - R-TREE
  - EXTENDIBLE HASHING

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## TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY

- WHAT KIND OF INTERFACE?
- VERSION CONTROL
- LENGTH OF TRANSACTION
- EXTERNALLY VS. INTERNALLY STORED DATA TYPES
- CRASH RECOVERY

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## CONCURRENCY

- LOCK MANAGEMENT
- LOCK GRANULARITY
- INTEGRATION
- SPECIAL DATA SHARING CONCERNS

## SECURITY

- FIELD CONTENT LEVEL?
- VIEWS

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## QUERY OPTIMIZATION AND PROCESSING I

THE GOAL: EFFICIENT QUERY PROCESSING BY CONTENT - THE RETRIEVAL OF NON-STANDARD DATA TYPES VIA OTHER NON-STANDARD DATA TYPES.

- PROCESSING
  - TEXT
  - IMAGE

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## QUERY OPTIMIZATION AND PROCESSING II

- STANDARD AND NON-STANDARD OPERATORS
  - RELATIONAL
  - AGGREGATE
  - OPERATOR PRECEDENCE
- OPTIMIZATION
  - SELECTIVITY
  - JOIN ALGORITHM
- COLLATING SEQUENCES



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## INTEGRITY ISSUES

- ATOMIC VALUES
- DOMAIN INTEGRITY
- ENTITY INTEGRITY
- REFERENTIAL INTEGRITY
- NORMALIZATION

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