

INTRODUCTION

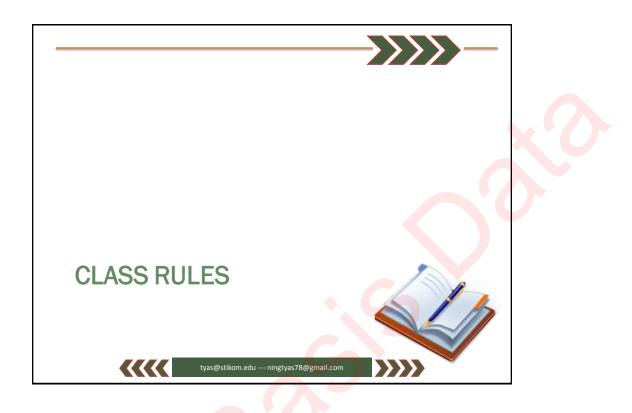
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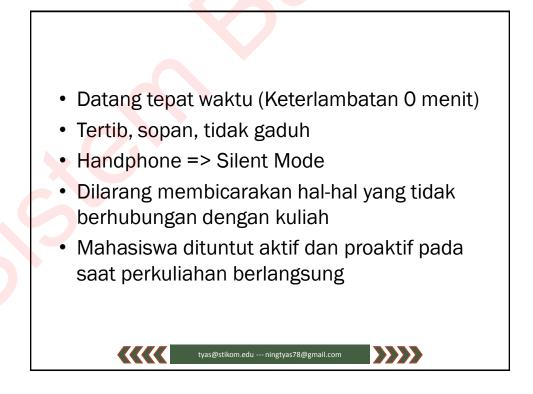
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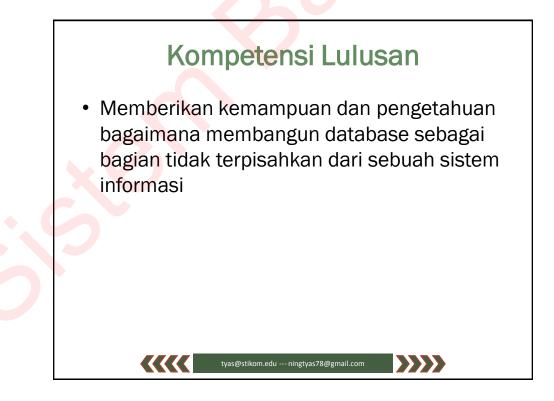
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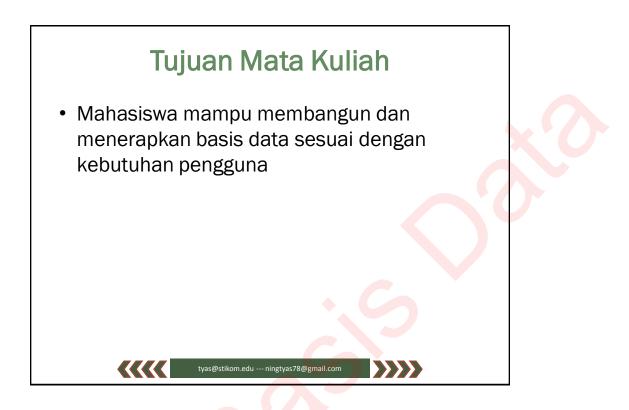
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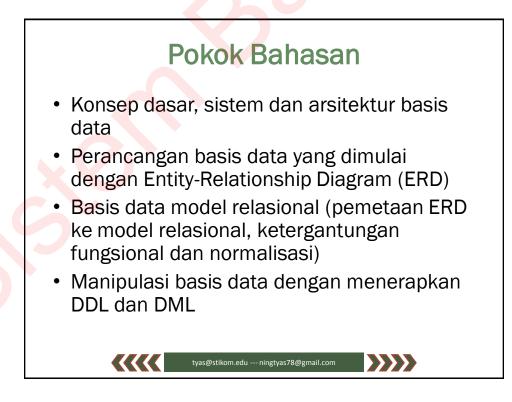


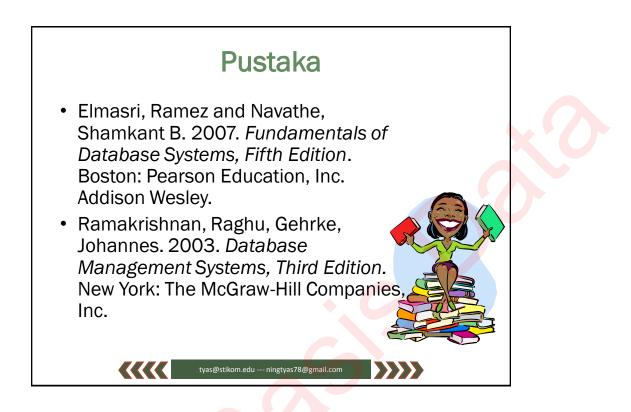




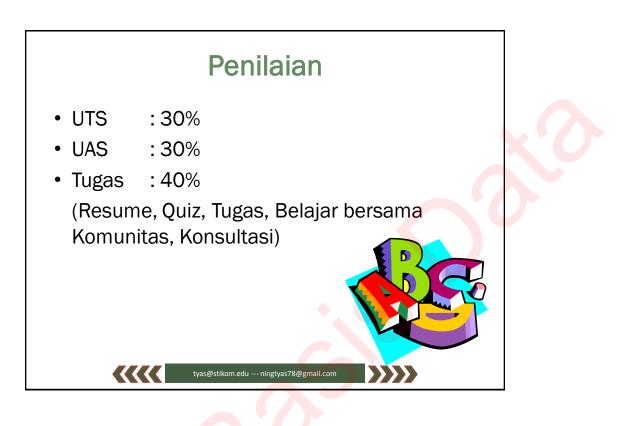




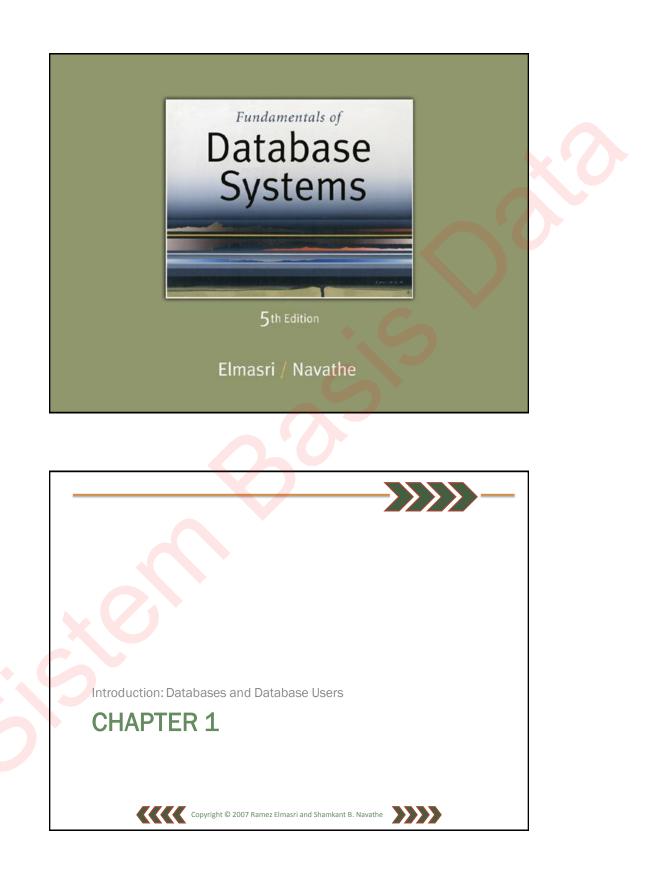












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- Types of Databases and Database Applications
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- Typical DBMS Functionality
- Example of a Database (UNIVERSITY)
- Main Characteristics of the Database Approach
- Database Users
- Advantages of Using the Database Approach
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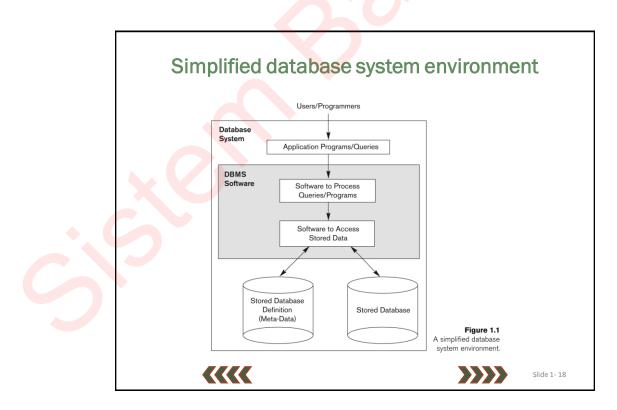
Types of Databases and Database Applications

- Traditional Applications:
 - Numeric and Textual Databases
 - More Recent Applications:
 - Multimedia Databases
 - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
 - Data Warehouses
 - Real-time and Active Databases
 - Many other applications
- · First part of book focuses on traditional applications
- A number of recent applications are described later in the book (for example, Chapters 24,26,28,29,30)





Basic Definitions Database: • - A collection of related data. Data: - Known facts that can be recorded and have an implicit meaning. Mini-world: - Some part of the real world about which data is stored in a database. For example, student grades and transcripts at a university. Database Management System (DBMS): • - A software package/ system to facilitate the creation and maintenance of a computerized database. Database System: ٠ - The DBMS software together with the data itself. Sometimes, the applications are also included. Slide 1-17

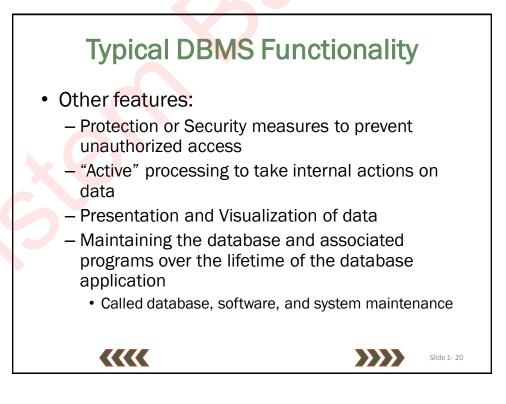


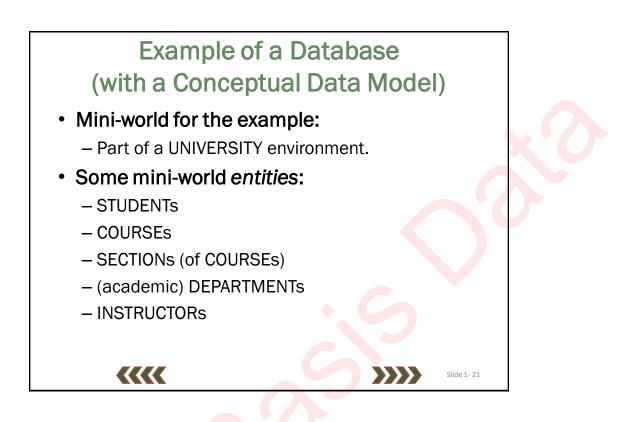
Typical DBMS Functionality

- Define a particular database in terms of its data types, structures, and constraints
- Construct or Load the initial database contents on a secondary storage medium
- Manipulating the database:
 - Retrieval: Querying, generating reports
 - Modification: Insertions, deletions and updates to its content

- Accessing the database through Web applications
- Processing and Sharing by a set of concurrent users and application programs – yet, keeping all data valid and consistent









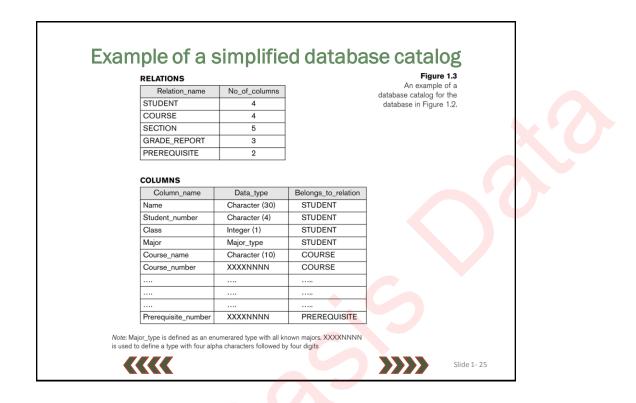
- Some mini-world relationships:
 - SECTIONs are of specific COURSEs
 - STUDENTs take SECTIONs
 - COURSES have prerequisite COURSES
 - INSTRUCTORs teach SECTIONs
 - COURSEs are offered by DEPARTMENTs
 - STUDENTs major in DEPARTMENTs
- Note: The above entities and relationships are typically expressed in a conceptual data model, such as the ENTITY-RELATIONSHIP data model (see Chapters 3, 4)

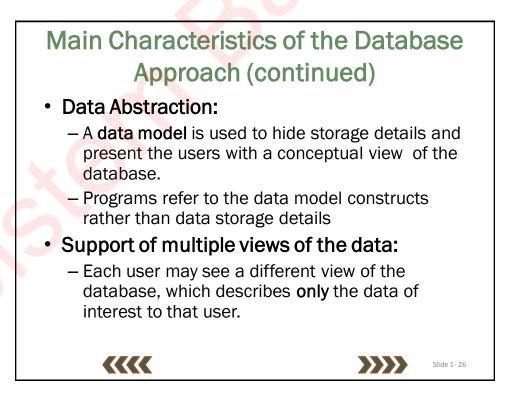


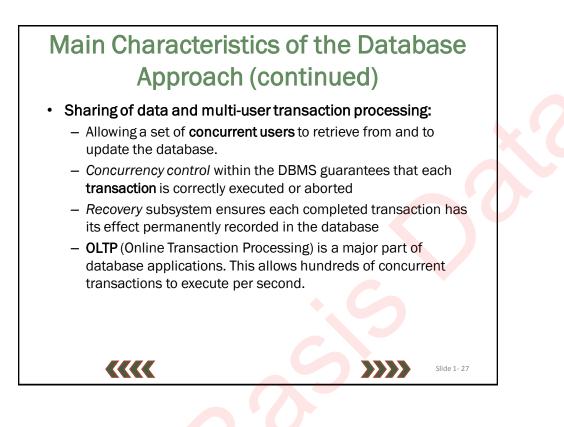


| Example | COURSE | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|--|---|
| | Course_nam | e Course | _number | Credit_hours | Department | | |
| | Intro to Computer S | | | 4 | CS | | |
| | Data Structures | CS3 | 320 | 4 | CS | | |
| | Discrete Mathemati | ics MAT | H2410 | 3 | MATH | | |
| | Database | CS3 | 380 | 3 | CS | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | SECTION | | | | | | |
| | Section_identifier | Course_number | Semeste | | Instructor | | |
| | 85 | MATH2410 | Fall | 04 | King | | |
| | 92 | CS1310 | Fall | 04 | Anderson | | |
| | 102 | CS3320 | Spring | | Knuth | | |
| | 112 | MATH2410 | Fall | 05 | Chang | | |
| | 119 135 | CS1310 CS3380 | Fall | 05 | Anderson Stone | | |
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| | GRADE REPORT | | | | | | |
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| | 17 | 119 | | С | | | |
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| | PREREQUISITE | | | | | | |
| | Course_number | Prerequisite_r | number | | | | |
| Figure 1.2 | CS3380 | CS3320 | | | | | |
| A database that stores student and course | CS3380 | MATH2410 | | | | | |
| information. | CS3320 | CS1310 | | | | | 1 |

Main Characteristics of the Database Approach Self-describing nature of a database system: • - A DBMS catalog stores the description of a particular database (e.g. data structures, types, and constraints) The description is called meta-data. This allows the DBMS software to work with different. database applications. Insulation between programs and data: - Called program-data independence. Allows changing data structures and storage organization without having to change the DBMS access programs. Slide 1-24





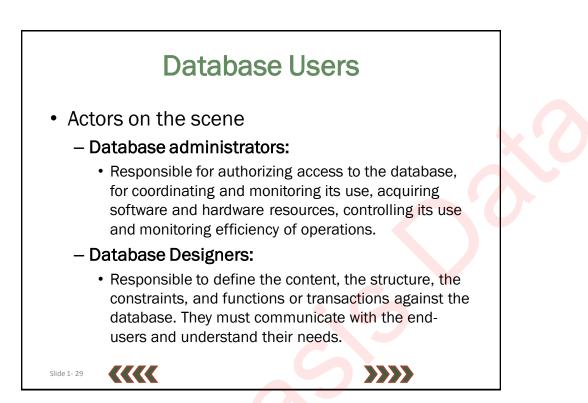


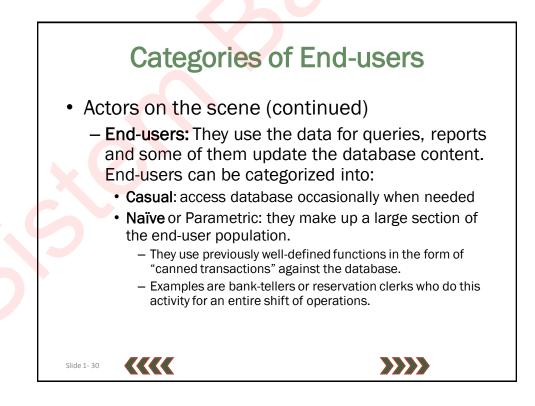


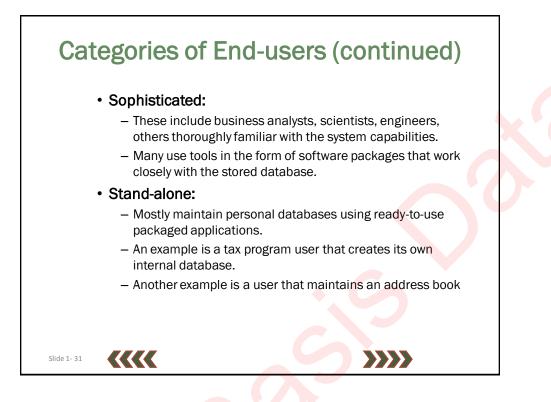
- Users may be divided into
 - Those who actually use and control the database content, and those who design, develop and maintain database applications (called "Actors on the Scene"), and
 - Those who design and develop the DBMS software and related tools, and the computer systems operators (called "Workers Behind the Scene").

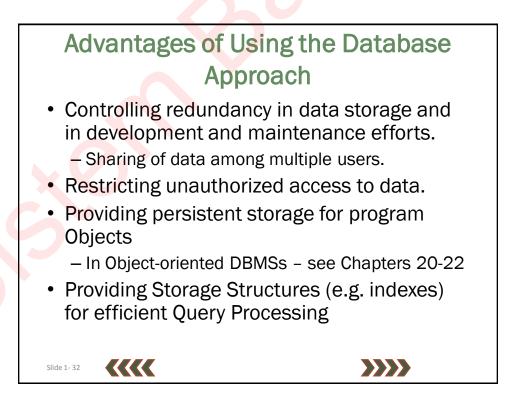


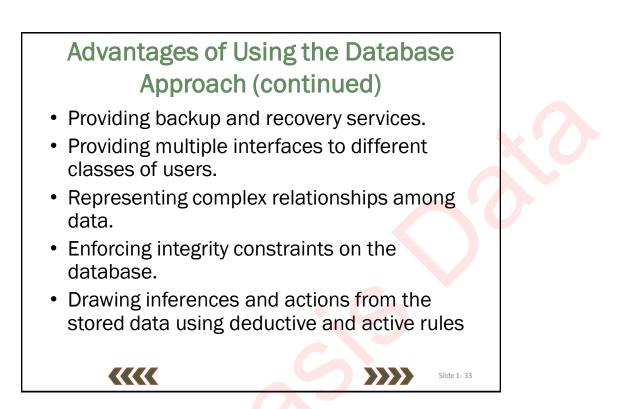










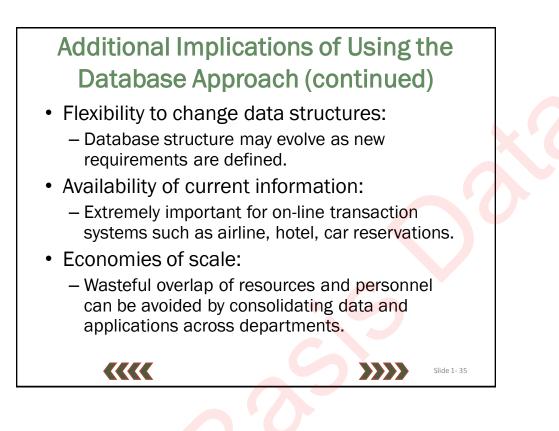


Additional Implications of Using the Database Approach

- Potential for enforcing standards:
 - This is very crucial for the success of database applications in large organizations. Standards refer to data item names, display formats, screens, report structures, meta-data (description of data), Web page layouts, etc.
- Reduced application development time:
 - Incremental time to add each new application is reduced.







Historical Development of Database Technology

- Early Database Applications:
 - The Hierarchical and Network Models were introduced in mid 1960s and dominated during the seventies.
 - A bulk of the worldwide database processing still occurs using these models, particularly, the hierarchical model.
 - Relational Model based Systems:
 - Relational model was originally introduced in 1970, was heavily researched and experimented within IBM Research and several universities.
 - Relational DBMS Products emerged in the early 1980s.

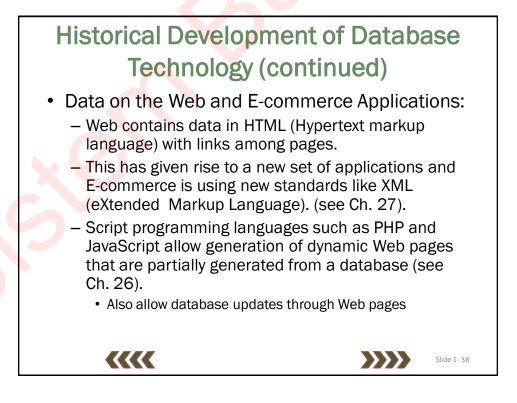




Historical Development of Database Technology (continued)

- · Object-oriented and emerging applications:
 - Object-Oriented Database Management Systems (OODBMSs) were introduced in late 1980s and early 1990s to cater to the need of complex data processing in CAD and other applications.
 - Their use has not taken off much.
 - Many relational DBMSs have incorporated object database concepts, leading to a new category called *object-relational* DBMSs (ORDBMSs)
 - Extended relational systems add further capabilities (e.g. for multimedia data, XML, and other data types)

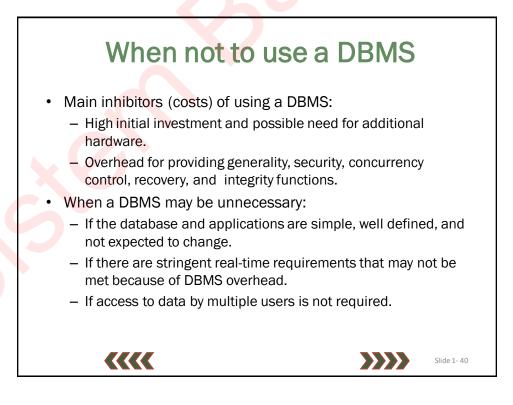


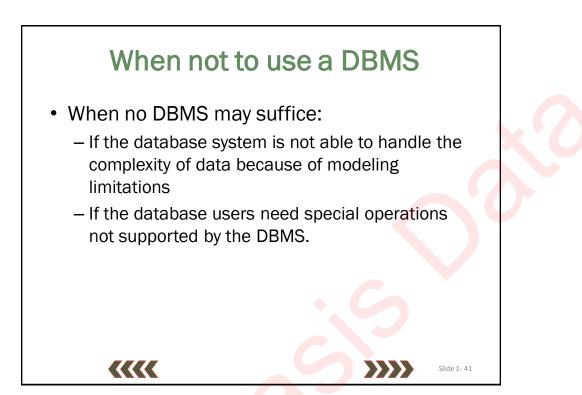


Extending Database Capabilities

- New functionality is being added to DBMSs in the following areas:
 - Scientific Applications
 - XML (eXtensible Markup Language)
 - Image Storage and Management
 - Audio and Video Data Management
 - Data Warehousing and Data Mining
 - Spatial Data Management
 - Time Series and Historical Data Management
- The above gives rise to new research and development in incorporating new data types, complex data structures, new operations and storage and indexing schemes in database systems.







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