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MAPPING COMMON ERRORS IN ENTITY RELATIONSHIP DIAGRAM DESIGN OF NOVICE DESIGNERS

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ABSTRACT

Data modeling in the context of database design is a challenging task for any database designer, even more so for novice designers. A proper database schema is a key factor for the success of any information systems, hence conceptual data modeling that yields the database schema is an essential process of the system development. However, novice designers encounter difficulties in understanding and implementing such models. This study aims to identify the difficulties in understanding and implementing data models and explore the origins of these difficulties. This research examines the data model produced by students and maps the errors done by the students. The errors were classified using the SOLO taxonomy. The study also sheds light on the underlying reasons for the errors done during the design of the data model based on interviews conducted with a representative group of the study participants. We also suggest ways to improve novice designer's performances more effectively, so they can draw more accurate models and make use of advanced design constituents such as entity hierarchies, ternary relationships, aggregated entities, and alike. The research findings might enrich the data body research on data model design from the students' perspectives.

KEYWORDS

Database, Conceptual Data Modelling, Novice Designers

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ALGORITHM FOR RELATIONAL DATABASE NORMALIZATION UP TO 3NF

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ABSTRACT

When an attempt is made to modify tables that have not been sufficiently normalized undesirable side effects may follow. This can be further specified as an update, insertion or deletion anomaly depending on whether the action that causes the error is a row update, insertion or deletion respectively. If a relation R has more than one key, each key is referred to as a candidate key of R. Most of the practical recent works on database normalization use a restricted definition of normal forms where only the primary key (an arbitrary chosen key) is taken into account and ignoring the rest of candidate keys.

In this paper, we propose an algorithmic approach for database normalization up to third normal form by taking into account all candidate keys, including the primary key. The effectiveness of the proposed approach is evaluated on many real world examples.

KEYWORDS

Relational database, Normalization, Normal forms, functional dependency, redundancy

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HIGH CAPACITY DATA HIDING USING LSB STEGANOGRAPHY AND ENCRYPTION

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ABSTRACT

The network provides a method of communication to distribute information to the masses. With the growth of data communication over computer network, the security of information has become a major issue. Steganography and cryptography are two different data hiding techniques. Steganography hides messages inside some other digital media. Cryptography, on the other hand obscures the content of the message. We propose a high capacity data embedding approach by the combination of Steganography and cryptography. In the process a message is first encrypted using transposition cipher method and then the encrypted message is embedded inside an image using LSB insertion method. The combination of these two methods will enhance the security of the data embedded. This combinational methodology will satisfy the requirements such as capacity, security and robustness for secure data transmission over an open channel. A comparative analysis is made to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method by computing Mean square error (MSE) and Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR). We analyzed the data hiding technique using the image performance parameters like Entropy, Mean and Standard Deviation. The stego images are tested by transmitting them and the embedded data are successfully extracted by the receiver. The main objective in this paper is to provide resistance against visual and statistical attacks as well as high capacity.

KEYWORDS

Steganography, Cryptography, plain text, encryption, decryption, transposition cipher, Least Significant Bit, Human Visual System, Mean square error and Peak Signal to Noise Ratio.

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DESIGNING A FRAMEWORK TO STANDARDIZE DATA WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR EFFECTIVE DATA WAREHOUSING PRACTICES

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ABSTRACT

Data warehousing solutions work as information base for large organizations to support their decision making tasks. With the proven need of such solutions in current times, it is crucial to effectively design, implement and utilize these solutions. Data warehouse (DW) implementation has been a challenge for the organizations and the success rate of its implementation has been very low. To address these problems, we have proposed a framework for developing effective data warehousing solutions. The framework is primarily based on procedural aspect of data warehouse development and aims to standardize its process. We first identified its components and then worked on them in depth to come up with the framework for effective implementation of data warehousing projects. To verify effectiveness of the designed framework, we worked on National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) project of Indian government and designed data warehousing solution using the proposed framework.

KEYWORDS

Data warehousing, Framework Design, Dimensional modelling, Decision making, Materialized View

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A STUDY ON CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MASTER DATA MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

This paper aims to provide a data definition of one master data for cross application consistency. The concepts related to Master data management in broader spectrum has been discussed. The current challenges companies are facing while implementing the MDM solutions are outlined. We have taken a case study to highlight why Master Data Management is imperative for the enterprises in optimizing their business. Also we have identified some of the long term benefits for the enterprises on implementing MDM..

KEYWORDS

Data quality, Information system, Unstructured, Transactional data

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TOP NEWSQL DATABASES AND FEATURES CLASSIFICATION

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ABSTRACT

Versatility of NewSQL databases is to achieve low latency constraints as well as to reduce cost commodity nodes. Our work emphasizes on how big data is addressed through top NewSQL databases considering their features. This NewSQL databases paper conveys some of the top NewSQL databases [54] features collection considering high demand and usage. First part, around 11 NewSQL databases have been investigated for eliciting, comparing and examining their features so that they might assist to observe high hierarchy of NewSQL databases and to reveal their similarities and their differences. Our taxonomy involves four types categories in terms of how NewSQL databases handle, and process big data considering technologies are offered or supported. Advantages and disadvantages are conveyed in this survey for each of NewSQL databases. At second part, we register our findings based on several categories and aspects: first, by our first taxonomy which sees features characteristics are either functional or non-functional. A second taxonomy moved into another aspect regarding data integrity and data manipulation; we found data features classified based on supervised, semi-supervised, or unsupervised. Third taxonomy was about how diverse each single NewSQL database can deal with different types of databases. Surprisingly, Not only do NewSQL databases process regular (raw) data, but also they are stringent enough to afford diverse type of data such as historical and vertical distributed system, real-time, streaming, and timestamp databases. Thereby we release NewSQL databases are significant enough to survive and associate with other technologies to support other database types such as NoSQL, traditional, distributed system, and semirelationship to be as our fourth taxonomy-based. We strive to visualize our results for the former categories and the latter using chart graph. Eventually, NewSQL databases motivate us to analyze its big data throughput and we could classify them into good data or bad data. We conclude this paper with couple suggestions in how to manage big data using Predictable Analytics and other techniques.

KEYWORDS

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EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION OF NOSQL DATABASES

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Relational databases are a technology used universally that enables storage, management and retrieval of varied data schemas. However, execution of requests can become a lengthy and inefficient process for some large databases. Moreover, storing large amounts of data requires servers with larger capacities and scalability capabilities. Relational databases have limitations to deal with scalability for large volumes of data. On the other hand, non-relational database technologies, also known as NoSQL, were developed to better meet the needs of key-value storage of large amounts of records. But there is a large amount of NoSQL candidates, and most have not been compared thoroughly yet. The purpose of this paper is to compare different NoSQL databases, to evaluate their performance according to the typical use for storing and retrieving data. We tested 10 NoSQL databases with Yahoo! Cloud Serving Benchmark using a mix of operations to better understand the capability of non-relational databases for handling different requests, and to understand how performance is affected by each database type and their internal mechanisms

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A THEORETICAL EXPLORATION OF DATA MANAGEMENT AND INTEGRATION IN ORGANISATION SECTORS

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ABSTRACT

Big data development is a disturbing issue that will affect enterprise across various sectors. The increase of data volume, high speed of data generation and increasing rate of different data from heterogeneous sources have led to difficulties in data management. This paper first reviews different aspects of big data management, including data integration and traditional data warehouse, and their associated challenges. The problems include increase of redundant data, data accessibility, time consumption in data modelling and data movement from heterogeneous sources into a central database, especially in the big data environment. We then propose a logical data management approach using RESTview technology to integrate and analyse data, without fully adopting traditional ETL processes. Data that for governance, corporate, security or other restriction reasons cannot be copied or moved, can easily be accessed, integrated and analysed, without creating a central repository. Data can be kept in its original form and location, eliminating the movement of data, significantly speeding up the process and allowing for live data interrogation. It may not be the practical solution for every situation but, it is a feasible solution that is comparably cost effective.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF DATA WAREHOUSE DESIGN APPROACHES: A SURVEY

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ABSTRACT

The process of developing a data warehouse starts with identifying and gathering requirements, designing the dimensional model followed by testing and maintenance. The design phase is the most important activity in the successful building of a data warehouse. In this paper, we surveyed and evaluated the literature related to the various data warehouse design approaches on the basis of design criteria and propose a generalized object oriented conceptual design framework based on UML that meets all types of user needs.

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A TYPICAL CASE OF RECOMMENDING THE USE OF A HIERARCHICAL DATA FORMAT

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ABSTRACT

Storing large amounts of data in an efficient way from the point of view of very fast retrieval is an important requirement for many industries like KEMA, a company offering consulting, testing and certification in the energy business. Because their relational database could not cope fast enough with the large amounts of data involved, an alternative way for data storage was proposed, called Hierarchical Data Format 5 (HDF5). HDF5 is a data model, a library, and file format for storing and managing data. Four hierarchical designs for storing and retrieving the large amounts of data involved were investigated. A benchmark was carried out in order to know which hierarchical structure would perform best. Eventually, a benchmark between HDF5 and MS SQL Server was carried out. It could be shown that HDF5 performs four (4) times better for inserting and even 200 times better for retrieving data than the MS. SQL Server.

KEYWORDS

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