20MCA12C RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

UNIT V: Database System Architectures

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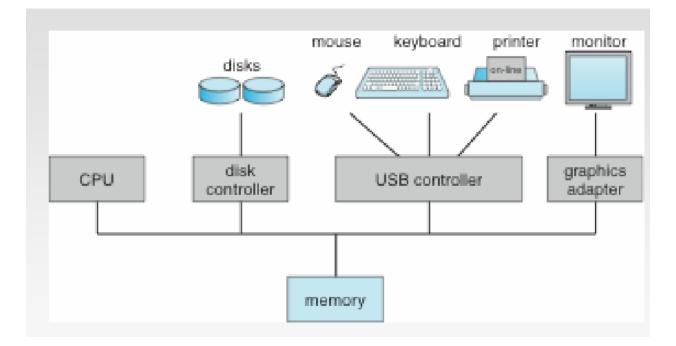
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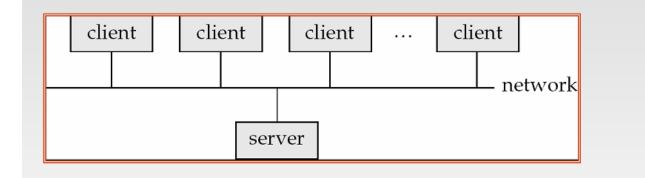
- Run on a single computer system and do not interact with other computer systems. "
- General-purpose computer system: one to a few CPUs and a number of device controllers that are connected through a common bus that provides access to shared memory. "
- Single-user system (e.g., personal computer or workstation): desk-top unit, single user, usually has only one CPU and one or two hard disks; the OS may support only one user. "
- Multi-user system: more disks, more memory, multiple CPUs, and a multi-user OS. Serve a large number of users who are connected to the system vie terminals. Often called server systems





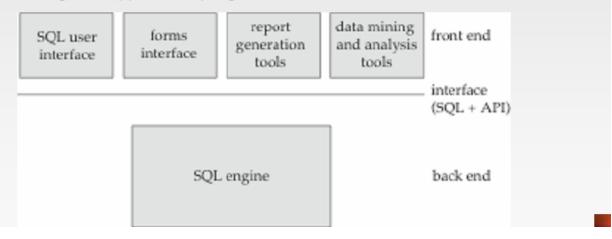
Client-Server Systems

Server systems satisfy requests generated at *m* client systems, whose general structure is shown below:



Database functionality can be divided into:

- Back-end: manages access structures, query evaluation and optimization, concurrency control and recovery.
- Front-end: consists of tools such as *forms*, *report-writers*, and graphical user interface facilities.
- The interface between the front-end and the back-end is through SQL or through an application program interface.



Advantages of replacing mainframes with networks of workstations or personal computers connected to back-end server machines:

- better functionality for the cost
- flexibility in locating resources and expanding facilities
- better user interfaces
- easier maintenance

Server System Architecture

Server systems can be broadly categorized into two kinds:

- transaction servers which are widely used in relational database systems, and
- data servers, used in object-oriented database systems

Parallel Systems

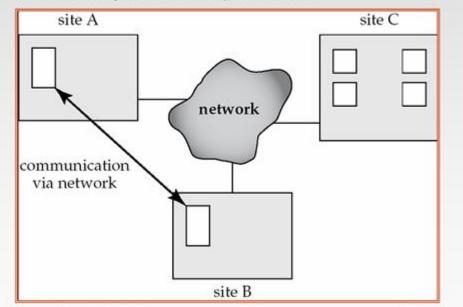
- Parallel database systems consist of multiple processors and multiple disks connected by a fast interconnection network.
- A coarse-grain parallel machine consists of a small number of powerful processors
- A massively parallel or fine grain parallel machine utilizes thousands of smaller processors.
- Two main performance measures:
 - throughput --- the number of tasks that can be completed in a given time interval
 - response time --- the amount of time it takes to complete a single task from the time it is submitted

Parallel Database Architectures

- Shared memory -- processors share a common memory
- Shared disk -- processors share a common disk
- Shared nothing -- processors share neither a common memory nor common disk
- Hierarchical -- hybrid of the above architectures

Distributed Systems

- Data spread over multiple machines (also referred to as sites or nodes).
- Network interconnects the machines
- Data shared by users on multiple machines



Network Types

- Local-area networks (LANs) composed of processors that are distributed over small geographical areas, such as a single building or a few adjacent buildings.
- Wide-area networks (WANs) composed of processors distributed over a large geographical area.

WANs with continuous connection (e.g. the Internet) are needed for implementing distributed database systems

Groupware applications such as Lotus notes can work on WANs with discontinuous connection:

- Data is replicated.
- Updates are propagated to replicas periodically.
- Copies of data may be updated independently.
- Non-serializable executions can thus result. Resolution is application dependent.

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