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CIS 4365 – Database Management
Course Syllabus, SPRING 2023

Class Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00 - 10:20 AM at CoBA 301
Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00 PM (or by appointment)

Course Description

A practical course covering the concepts of relational database management systems (RDBMS) and Structured Query Language (SQL). Topics include conceptual design, relational systems design, normalization and denormalization processes, SQL, and its components such as data manipulation commands.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Design and implement relational, and non-relational databases.
- Use querying languages (e.g., SQL) to query data from databases.
- Connect databases to external software (e.g., python, Tableau)
- Apply best practices to manage databases.
- Implement policies to maintain the integrity and security of databases.
- Understand the basic principles behind data warehousing.
- Work with databases to create visual reports.
- Use database instances implemented in the cloud.

Required books

Available for free at UTEP library
https://utep.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01UTEP_INST/1q3tr5t/cdi_askewsholts_vlebooks_9781788398442

Required software

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Teaching methods

1. Lectures and in-class assignments (CLASS)
   i. It is important for students to attend and engage in each class session. Students will be awarded participation points for each class session by completing an out-of-class activity (e.g., a short quiz, a survey, small assignment). Class participation activities are only available 24 hours after each class session. Only students that attend in person or present a formal justification for their absence will receive credit for their CLASS submission.

2. Class assignments (CASA)
   i. Before each lecture, students will be assigned a CASA assignment. These assignments have the goal of preparing students for lectures. All CASAs are due one hour before the lecture. Students are expected to provide references for all answers which utilize sources outside the class material. Submissions that miss to include the information used outside of the class material will not receive credit and will be reported to the Honor Code system.

3. Train assignments (TRAIN)
   i. The course has several TRAIN exercises to guide students in applying concepts of database management. Students will mainly use MySQL for completing their training exercises. However, some training exercises will require students to use other software packages, online services, and datasets available on the Internet. Students must disclose the source of all external material for every training exercise. Failure to disclose external use of materials will not receive credit and be reported to the Honor Code System.

4. Exams
   i. Three will be three learning assessments (Exams).
Evaluation

In-class assignments – 10 points for each class session (25 CLASS assignments)
Class assignments – 15 points for each assignment (25 CASA assignments)
Train assignments – 15 points for each discussion (5 TRAIN assignments)
Exams – 100 points (3 Exams)

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Late assignments
Late assignments will be awarded 20% less credit per day late. Make-up assignments, class assignments, discussions, checkpoints, and presentations will not be given.

Extra credit
The course incorporates extra credit opportunities in assignments, in-class activities, and discussions to promote students’ engagement inside and outside the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to complete two optional assignments that can be used for replacing two graded assignments.

Email Procedure
Please include “CIS 4365” in the subject line of all emails to the instructor to ensure that they are properly filtered. It would be helpful if the subject line also included a brief statement of need, for example: “CIS 4365 – Request for Appointment.” Please read the following link about emailing a professor for some helpful suggestions (e.g., please start with a greeting including my name and a signature including your name): http://www.wikihow.com/Email-a-Professor.

Accommodations
If you need special accommodations due to a disability, as recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148 or email at cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located at UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

Academic integrity
Academic integrity is an extremely serious matter. All students are expected to comply with University rules and regulations on academic integrity and honesty. Disciplinary sanctions may be imposed for violations of these rules and regulations. If you have questions or are unclear about what constitutes academic misconduct on an assignment, please speak with me. I take the honor code very seriously in the course.
### Tentative Course Outline

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<td><strong>Week #1</strong></td>
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| **Week #4** | Advanced SQL  
TRAIN 1 – Basics of SQL |
| **Week #5** | Database design and implementation |

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<th>Module 2: Advanced Database Management and Querying</th>
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| **Week #6** | Transaction management and concurrency control  
Exam 1 – Fundamentals of Database Management |
| **Week #7** | Database performance and optimization  
TRAIN 2 – Advanced SQL queries |
| **Week #8** | Distributed database management systems |
| **Week #9** | Database administration |
| **Week #10** | Database security  
TRAIN 3 – Database inconsistencies |
| **Week #11** | Database connectivity and applications |

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<th>Module 3: Big data, business intelligence, and data visualizations</th>
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| **Week #12** | Big data and NoSQL  
Exam 2 – Advanced Database Management |
| **Week #13** | Business Intelligence and data warehousing  
TRAIN 4 – Crime mystery challenge |
| **Week #14** | Visualizing database data using Tableau |
| **Week #15** | Semester review  
TRAIN 5 – Employee layoff problem |
| **Final Exam** | Exam 3 – All Modules |

### Important Notes:

1. In addition to the announced office hours, students may stop by my office at any time (or email me) to ask questions.
2. If you have any trouble with the class, please get help ASAP. Do not let the problems build up.
3. This syllabus is tentative.