



# DATABASES

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# DATABASES ORGANIZATION



## ■ Staff

- Peter Apers (full prof)
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- Djoerd Hiemstra (associate prof; information retrieval)
- Maurice van Keulen (associate prof; data interoperability)
- Maarten Fokkinga (assistant prof; formal semantics)
- Andreas Wombacher (assistant prof; sensor data management)
- Jan Flokstra (scientific programmer)
- Ida den Hamer (secretary)

## ■ 16 temporary (14 PhDs & 2 postdocs)

## ■ Cooperation

- HMI (Nijholt & de Jong); DIES (Hartel), SE (Ferreira-Pires), IS (Van Sinderen), ITC (De By)

# DATABASES TEACHING



## Inf & Create Bachelor

- Databases
- Data-driven Applications

## CS, HMI, & BIT Master

- Advanced Database Systems
- Database transactions and processes
- Datawarehousing & Data Mining
- XML & Databases 1 & 2
- Sensor Data Management 1 & 2
- Distributed Data Processing (MapReduce)
- Secure Data Management
- Information Retrieval
- Knowledge Representation

## General Bachelor

- Design project
- Bachelor paper

## General Master

- Research topics
- Traineeship
- Final project



# DATABASES RESEARCH FOCUS

*Mission: to provide data management to create added value on top of autonomous data sources.*

1. Search on semi-structured data
2. Enriching uncertain data
3. Data security and privacy


# THEME 1: SEARCH SEMI-STRUCTURED DATA

- Web search today:
  - Huge data centers
  - Invades our privacy
  - Not objective
- P2P search challenges:
  - Economic models, Learning from search result pages, Distributed caching
  - Deep web search, free-text to structured queries



# THEME 2:

# ENRICHING UNCERTAIN DATA



- Principle: “Data is uncertain”
  - Sensor data
  - Data interoperability (coupling / integration / annotation / cleaning / heterogeneity / ...)
- App areas: e-Science / web&social netw. / ...
- Approaches
  - Manage data in *Probabilistic* DBs (rel/xml/rdf)
  - Data provenance & annotations for sensor data
  - “Good-is-good-enough” & “Pay-as-you-go”

# THEME 3:

# DATA SECURITY & PRIVACY



## ■ Private data?

- Stored indefinitely / limited retention / encrypted
- ... hackers / abuse of weak privacy policies / negligence / malicious db admins, ...

## ■ Progressive data degradation by DBMS

second → minute → hour → week → month → year

address → street → district → city → country

- Less privacy-sensitive – still usable
- Challenges: storage structures, indexing, transaction management, logging

# FUNDING & COOPERATION



## ■ EU & International

- FP7 Strep PuppyIR: (1 PhD, with HMI: Nijholt & De Jong)
- FP7 IP AXES: Audiovisual Archives (1 postdoc; with HMI: De Jong)
- Tsinghua, prof. Chi Hung-Chi (2 PhDs with IS: v. Sinderen, SE: Pires)

## ■ National

- NWO Vidi: Distributed Search (2 PhD)
- NWO Effort: Focused Retrieval (1 postdoc)
- COMMIT Spatio-temporal DB (2 PhD vacancies, with ITC: De By)
- COMMIT Entity information retrieval (1 PhD vacancy)

## ■ Industry

- Philips: Secure patient data (1 PhD; with DIES: Hartel)

## ■ Local UT

- Neogeography (2 PhDs, with ITC: De By)
- Sensor data management: (1 PhD)
- NICE: PayDB (1 PhD, with HMI: v.d. Vet)
- Protection & security of content (1 PhD; with DIES: Hartel)



# PHD THESES SINCE 2000



2010 Abdel Kader: Optimization of XQueries

2010 Kelkboom: Performance of privacy techniques

2010 Aly: Multimedia Retrieval

2010 van Heerde: Privacy-aware data management

2009 Evers: Sensor Data Management

2009 Serdyukov: IR - Expert search

2008 Rode: IR - Entity Retrieval

2008 Van Bunningen: Context-aware Querying

2008 De Keijzer: Management of Uncertain Data

2007 Brinkman: Searching in encrypted data

2006 Mihajlovic: IR - exploiting structure

2006 Van Ruth: Query Optimization

2006 Smiljanic: XML schema matching

2005 Derks: Concurrency and Recovery in DB Systems

2005 Meratnia: DB Support for Moving Object data

2004 Xinming: Spatial object modeling

2003 Campos dos Santos: Biological INF systems

2003 Petkovic: DB Supported Video Retrieval

2002 Van Rein: Process Validation

2002 Van Zwol: web-based IR

2002 Blok: Database Optimization for IR

2001 Hiddink: Educational Multimedia Databases

2001 Raza: GIS for urban applications

2000 Saadi Mesgari: three dimensional spatial data

On the average 2.5 per year

# LEADERSHIP



- Appointed full professor:
  - Siebes (UU), Grefen (TUE), De Vries (TUD), Feng (Tsinghua), Petkovic (TUE)
- Two NWO Vidi
  - Feng (2004), Hiemstra (2008)
- International Industry
  - Petkovic (Philips), Van Zwol (Yahoo USA), Serdyukov (Yandex Russia), Abdel Kader (ASML), Mihajlovic (Philips)
- NIRICT, D-COMMIT, STW, ICT Labs
  - Apers, Jonker