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DATA MANAGEMENT FOR COMPLEX AND NOVEL APPLICATIONS

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OBJECTIVE

To facilitate the secure, effective, and efficient use and management of voluminous information under a wide variety of

hardware, software, and organizational settings.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. QUERYING STRUCTURALLY COMPLEX DATA

- + GRFs 210510 & 210409 (PI: Dr CHOI Byron)
- To extend the capabilities of database technologies to handle structurally complex data
- To address major components of DBMS with efficient sub-optimal solutions, where the optima are often beyond reach



2. DATA MANAGEMENT ON NOVEL STORAGE MEDIA

- + GRFs 211510 & 210808 (PI: Dr XU Jianliang)
- Novel non-volatile storage media (e.g., flash memory, phase change memory) is emerging as a competitive alternative to magnetic hard disks
- Unique I/O features of flash disks:
 - No mechanical part => fast random access
 - Erase-before-write constraint => out-of-place update
 - Asymmetric read/write performance



Example: Pattern matching in large complex graphs



An impression of complex data: XMark graph (Partial) – a benckmark for XML



Flash-Based DBMS

Re-examination of database components for flash I/O features

 Shadow Paging with new flag-based commit protocols outperforms Write-Ahead Logging



RESEARCH GRANTS & OUTPUT IN RECENT 5 YEARS_

- ♦ 6 GRF grants funded in the capacity of PI, with a total amount over HK\$3M.
- More than 20 papers published in top journals and conferences in information systems and databases, including ACM SIGMOD, ACM TODS, VLDBJ, IEEE TKDE, IEEE TPDS and IEEE ICDE.

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