No Schema for Science

(or Country for Old Men either)

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Agenda

- Physical and Logical Models in Databases
- Case Studies
- Conclusions
- Data in Science project volunteering

Background

- Academic BS EE IITBombay, MS, PhDMath studies USC, LA
- Ingres 1991
- Sybase 1993
- Internet/Database/Web 1994-2005
- More Better Internet/Database/Web 2005
 - o tags, social data, user-table-self-joins
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Detour

- Database
- Logical Layer data model, access lang,...
- Physical Layer indexes, partitions, performance

Detour (cont)

- Databases
- Logical Model shape of the data in the domain of the user
- Physical Model shape of the bits on disk

Current Discourse

Physical Model

Indexes, Performance, etc

This talk ...

aUser Data

Logical model

Case Study 1

- Global 5 Pharma Company
- Research on Cell Lines
- Multiple researchers cutting edge research
- Oracle admin and team too rigid
- Data ends up in excel

Data in spreadsheet

@ excel

Case Study 2

- Leading Web 2.0 job site
- User data in
 - Cookies
 - Relational database
 - Lucene
- No unified view of what a user wants

Other similar

- BibTex citation databases
- Automobile service stations
 - o repair data, manuals
- Student Admission records in K-12 process
 - multiple different formats and forms

Google Contacts

- extending address record
- adding custom types

Overall observation

- Need flexibility in data foundation for anything other than accounting data
- Need adaptive schemas
- Need typeless or loosely typed systems
- Need ability to aggregate-disaggregate = denormalize-normalize at very low cost

Case Study 3

- Pacific Northwest Killer Whales
- Whale Museum
- but first a segue

Circa Mar 2010

- Killer Whale incident
- Trip to Davis
- Research
- Insights
- Data

Field Trip

Biotelemetry Laboratory

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2007: University of California, Davis - M.A. Geography

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2000: Sacramento City College - A.A. Hons. Social Science

Honors and Awards:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Research Contract to study biogeography of Southern Resident killer whale behavior, 2007-2008

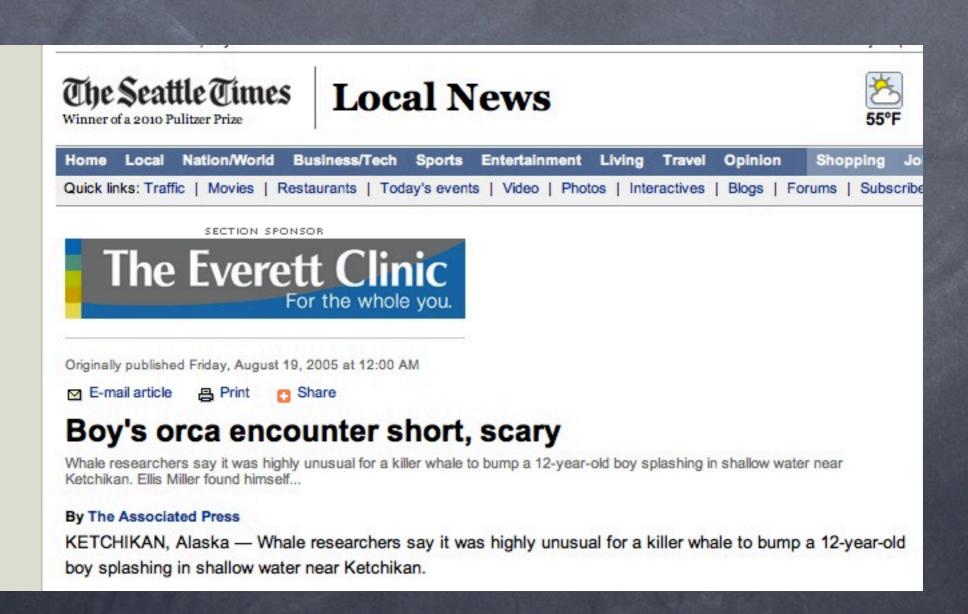
Henry A. Jastro and Peter J. Shields Research Fellowship Award, 2006-2008

UC Davis Geography Graduate Group Research Grant: Student Support Awards, 2008-2005

Office of Graduate Studies, Travel Award, to present research at AAG annual conference, 2007



Encounter



Species of Killer Whales

- Resident vs
- Transient

Data for Science Project

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