

Middleware for Heterogeneous Database Schema

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Abstract—The heterogeneous databases are useful to have access to global information. Due to integration of various applications, heterogeneous databases need to interact with each other. The communication must also satisfy the transactional requirements. Since the vendors of heterogeneous databases are different, it results in different schemas. Such databases never interact with each other without any middleman. This interface must provide all transactions related services. There are few existing solutions but they have limited transactional capabilities. As there is no common interface to communicate with heterogeneous databases, centralization issues arise. Simultaneous operations are not performed on such systems resulting in performance loss and increase in response time. In our proposed solution we are developing database middleware. The Database Middleware is a way to have a common interaction mechanism. This type of middleware allows the heterogeneous database having different schemas to communicate with each other.

Index Terms— Database; Heterogeneous; Middleware; Schemas.

I. INTRODUCTION

The development of Information Systems, network communications and the World Wide Web, has permitted access to autonomous, distributed and heterogeneous data sources[1]. An increasing number of databases, especially those published on the Web, are becoming available to external users. User requests are converted to queries over several sources with different information quality. Integration of schemas on existing databases into a global unified schema is an approach developed over 20 years ago. However information quality cannot be guaranteed after integration, because quality is dependent on the design of the information and its provenance[2]. Even greater levels of inconsistency exist when information is retrieved from different information sources. This calls for an efficient solution which can support this notion of Information System and at the same time maintain information quality.

Multidatabase systems provide integrated global access to autonomous, heterogeneous local databases via a simple global request. A central activity required for processing a global request is to resolve the logical heterogeneity as the result of the local autonomy of multidatabases namely, schema integration and data integration[1]. Schema integration resolves schematic heterogeneity such as differences in attribute name and domain and differences in data format and structure. Data integration on the other hand, has to solve the following problems: entity identification identify object instances in different databases that model the same real world entities[1]. Missing or inconsistent data some data items may be recorded in one database but not in others or several databases record the same data item but give it different values.

Heterogeneous database communication is always been an issue[1]. There is a lot of development in the era of operating system but operating system does not provide a service that will facilitate the communication between heterogeneous applications. The vendors of such databases are different so the schema of such databases is different[3]. So for this purpose database middleware is coming into the reality.

A heterogeneous database system is an automated or semi-automated system for the integration of heterogeneous, disparate database management systems to present a user with a single, unified query interface[3]. Heterogeneous database systems (HDBs) are computational models and software implementations that provide heterogeneous database integration[1]. The integrated, local DBs are autonomous and can also be used as stand-alone systems. A system having heterogeneous bases allows the data to be stored at one center. This data is actually collected from different centers[4]. Heterogeneous systems usually result when individual sites have implemented their own database and integration is considered at a later stage.

Main Objective Of this Project is to develop middleware for Heterogeneous Database Schema with following objectives-

- To develop middleware which will handle the transactions across heterogeneous databases.
- To develop middleware which will handle concurrent access to databases.
- To develop middleware which will hide heterogeneity of the database.

The Middleware for heterogeneous database schemas has been proposed in this paper with its architecture, result, technical discussion and conclusion.

II. ARCHITECTURE

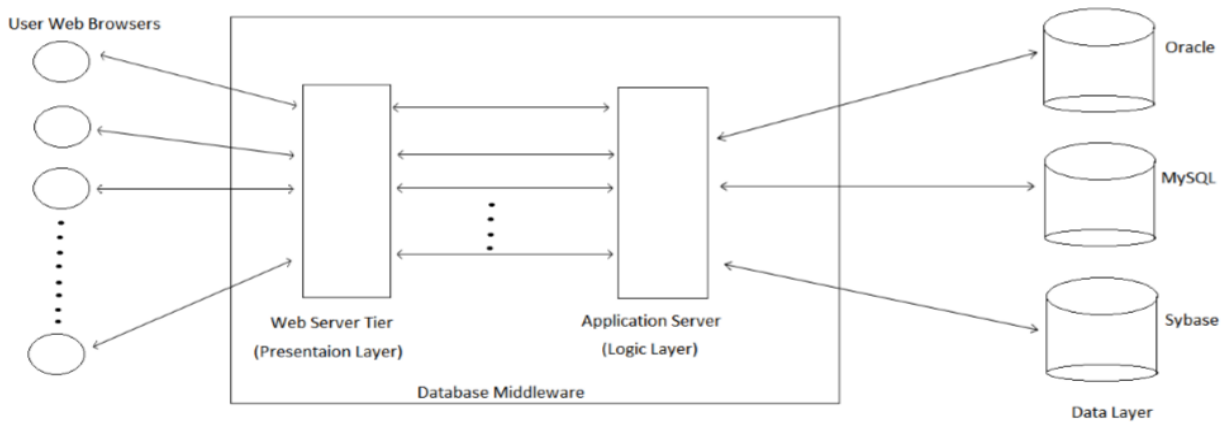


Figure:1 Architecture of Proposed Solution

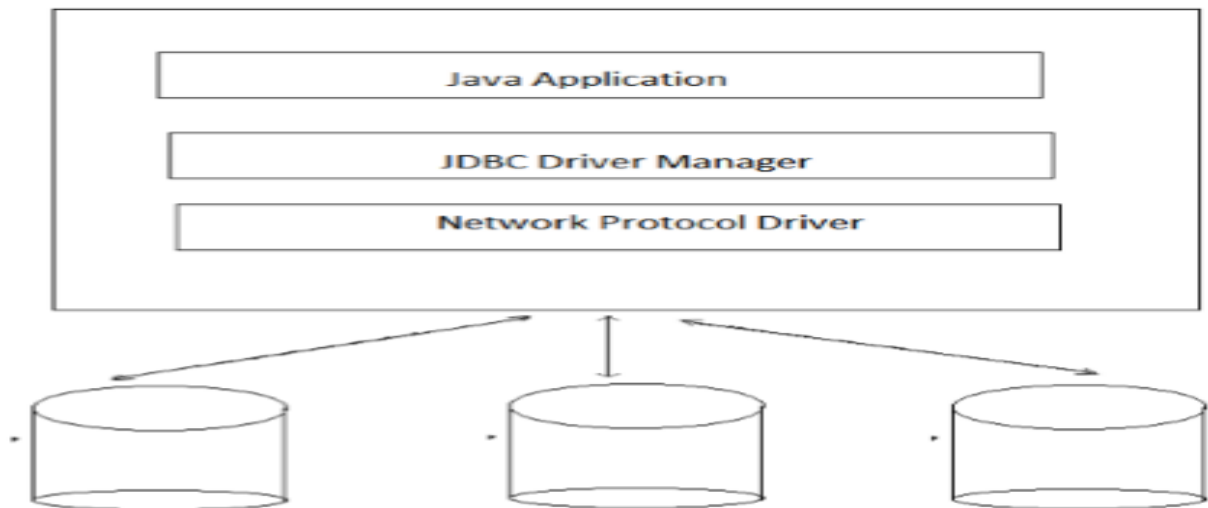


Figure:2 Architecture of Proposed Solution

In our proposed solution Database Middleware is divided into two Layers or Tiers. One is presentation layer and another one is logic layer. When this middleware is a part of the N-tier architecture then we can work on a multiple databases[5].

When multiple clients are trying to access or request a web server at a same time then web server creates a separate thread for each request. Then, these requests are forwarded to logic layer. Logic layer is connected with three or more different databases. In our architecture we are using MySQL, Oracle, Sybase databases. Logic layer performs certain operations like load balancing, Concurrency control, Heterogeneous database connectivity and satisfaction of ACID properties.

In our proposed solution we are using Tomcat as a web server which creates an environment for the development and execution of a java program.

Java application program creates an environment with a Java Database Connectivity Driver Manager with the help of JDBC API (Application Program Interface) to form a Network driver or 3-Type driver. JDBC API needs a driver to connect with a multiple databases. JDBC Driver Manager is a connectivity software which forms the communication between Java Application program and Multiple databases. Network driver or Type-3 driver resides on a application server which converts JDBC calls into driver based calls.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Due to integration of various applications, heterogeneous databases need to interact with each other. The communication must also satisfy all the transactional requirements. Since the vendors of heterogeneous databases are different, it results in different schemas. Such databases never interact with each other without any middleman. This interface must provide all transactions related services.

So, with our proposed architecture applications can easily communicate between heterogeneous databases globally and provide global transaction. So to prove this, consider an example in banking context where we would have to transfer account from one country to another country. So, consider there is one bank customer which lives in India and has an account in India. Customer has to transfer account to UK. In our proposed solution we have maintained information of customers into two databases i.e. Oracle and MySQL. Oracle contains information of customers from USA, Russia, India as shown in figure 3 and MySQL maintained information of customers from UK, Japan as shown in figure 5.

Figure 7 contains authentication information table of users such as account number, password, country name before transfer. Figure 3 shows Oracle database table which contains information about Account Number, Country, Current Balance, Currency. As shown in figure 3 and figure 7, customer with Account Number '123010' and country 'India' has to transfer account to 'UK' i.e. from Oracle database to MySQL database.

'UK' customer information is maintained in MySQL and Account Number '123010' is present in Oracle database. So we have to transfer all the information of customer with Account Number '123010' from Oracle to MySQL.

After transferring account, entry from Oracle database is deleted and new table is obtained as shown in figure 5. Also, new entry is created in MySQL database table with unique account number '321010' and balance is converted from 'RS' into 'Pound'. Also information from login figure 7 is changed such as account number and country name and new table is obtained as shown in figure 8.

As in many cases, when lots of multiple users simultaneously login into system. They fire queries on main databases due to this applications frequently need to interact with databases and large significant amount of time goes waste on doing low priority tasks. But the main task is to provide transaction functionality with high performance speed across globally. So, to solve above problem we proposed an architecture which maintains one local database that contained all the authentication information of particular domain and other databases which contain transactional data. So due to separate and distinct local database authentication related queries spanned with local database and main databases do other high priority transactional tasks. Due to this performance of system significantly increased and therefore system load is balanced in some amount.

| ACCNO | COUNTRY | CURBAL | CURRENCY | OLDCOUNTRY |
|--------|---------|------------|----------|------------|
| 123010 | India | 42486.5294 | RS | UK |
| 456001 | USA | 774.3858 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456002 | USA | 10000.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456003 | USA | 14963.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456004 | USA | 21479.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456005 | USA | 1100.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 789001 | RUSSIA | 1848.3969 | RUBLE | Null |
| 789002 | RUSSIA | 754.0000 | RUBLE | Null |
| 789003 | RUSSIA | 5472.0000 | RUBLE | Null |
| 789004 | RUSSIA | 964.0000 | RUBLE | Null |
| 789005 | RUSSIA | 6314.0000 | RUBLE | Null |
| 123002 | India | 12982.8156 | RS | Null |
| 123003 | India | 3000.0000 | RS | Null |
| 123004 | India | 1278.3000 | RS | Null |
| 123005 | India | 1234.9000 | RS | Null |

Figure 3 Oracle Database Customer Information before Account Transfer

| ACCNO | COUNTRY | CURBAL | CURRENCY | OLDCOUNTRY |
|--------|---------|------------|----------|------------|
| 456001 | USA | 774.3858 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456002 | USA | 10000.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456003 | USA | 14963.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456004 | USA | 21479.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
| 456005 | USA | 1100.0000 | DOLLAR | Null |
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| 789005 | RUSSIA | 6314.0000 | RUBLE | Null |
| 123002 | India | 12982.8156 | RS | Null |
| 123003 | India | 3000.0000 | RS | Null |
| 123004 | India | 1278.3000 | RS | Null |
| 123005 | India | 1234.9000 | RS | Null |

Figure 4 New Oracle Database Customer information after Account Transfer

| ACCNO | COUNTRY | CURBAL | CURRENCY | OLDCOUNTRY |
|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 321001 | UK | 148966.2779 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321002 | UK | 21469.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321003 | UK | 9631.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321004 | UK | 1500.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321005 | UK | 900.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 654001 | Japan | 45978.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654002 | Japan | 124789.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654003 | Japan | 167618.0660 | Yen | Null |
| 654004 | Japan | 455810.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654006 | Japan | 303467.0628 | Yen | India |

Figure 5 MySQL Database Customer Information Table before Account Transfer

| ACCNO | COUNTRY | CURBAL | CURRENCY | OLDCOUNTRY |
|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 321001 | UK | 148966.2779 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321002 | UK | 21469.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321003 | UK | 9631.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321004 | UK | 1500.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321005 | UK | 900.0000 | Pound sterling | Null |
| 321010 | UK | 453.1864 | Pound sterling | India |
| 654001 | Japan | 45978.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654002 | Japan | 124789.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654003 | Japan | 167618.0660 | Yen | Null |
| 654004 | Japan | 455810.0000 | Yen | Null |
| 654006 | Japan | 303467.0628 | Yen | India |

Figure 6 MySQL Database Customer Information Table after Account Transfer

| ACCNO | PASSWORD | COUNTRY |
|--------|-------------|---------|
| 123010 | @@india | India |
| 123002 | adminuser | India |
| 123003 | walkalone | India |
| 123004 | Password | India |
| 123005 | user123 | India |
| 456001 | GeorgeSoman | USA |
| 456002 | amol234 | USA |
| 456003 | Alkatai | USA |
| 456004 | Yogesh | USA |
| 456005 | abhijit | USA |
| 789001 | @chandan | Russia |
| 789002 | gajanan123 | Russia |
| 789003 | @Gaurav | Russia |
| 789004 | Maskov | Russia |
| 789005 | @Dimitri | Russia |
| 321001 | kapil | UK |

Figure 7 User Login Information database table before Account Transfer

| ACCNO | PASSWORD | COUNTRY |
|--------|-------------|---------|
| 321010 | @@india | UK |
| 123002 | adminuser | India |
| 123003 | walkalone | India |
| 123004 | Password | India |
| 123005 | user123 | India |
| 456001 | GeorgeSoman | USA |
| 456002 | amol234 | USA |
| 456003 | Alkatai | USA |
| 456004 | Yogesh | USA |
| 456005 | abhijit | USA |
| 789001 | @chandan | Russia |
| 789002 | gajanan123 | Russia |
| 789003 | @Gaurav | Russia |
| 789004 | Maskov | Russia |
| 789005 | @Dimitri | Russia |
| 321001 | kapil | UK |

Figure 8 User Login Information database table after\ Account Transfer

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed solution resolved conflicts between incompatible data sources. As for different sources there are different vendors. So there is no common interface to communicate with heterogeneous databases, centralization issue arises.

In this paper, we proposed an architecture which resolves centralization issues and also provide load balancing on main data sources which are mainly used for transaction. The solution also provides transaction between heterogeneous databases which are useful to access the global information.

In this paper, we have presented an architecture for database middleware which was formally proved to ensure Transaction guarantees in the general context of systems with multiple autonomous back-end databases. Compared to already existing solutions coping with this scenario, our proposal has the distinguishing feature of this type of middleware allows the heterogeneous database having different schemas to communicate with each other.

The solution have features like handling ACID property in heterogeneous environment, handle Global and Local transactions and resultant consistent data can simplify decision making.

This project can be extended to enable to automatically extract data from RFID tags and sensors which can be use for different purpose such as vehicles for traffic control system. Also, by embedding Artificial Intelligence (AI), it can be used for automatic and dynamic decision making.

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