

Practical Database Preservation

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Wifi: database preservation workshop

Pass: database

http://provided_address

<http://192.168.2.1>

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Why do we archive databases?

Databases hold a lot of **important information**

They support organisations' **internal information systems**

A record of the **interactions** between the public sector and tax payers

May be used to store **scientific data**

They hold the records that **do not exist in any other form**

They keep record day to day business activities

Legal or patrimonial reasons

Legislation in some countries mandates that databases are periodically archived

Financial reasons

Maintenance costs, license fees

Efficient way to preserve a large number of records

Little manual effort is involved when compared to archiving record by record

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SQL Server Enterprise Manager - Database Properties - Adventureworks2008

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sys.xml_index_nodes_162099618_32001 (Production.ProductModel)	IT	650	0.195	0.086	0.109	0.109
sys.xml_index_nodes_270624007_32000 (Sales.Store)	IT	9113	0.570	0.055	0.516	0.516
dbo.AWBuildVersion	U	1	0.016	0.000	0.016	0.008
dbo.DatabaseLog	U	1595	6.595	0.102	6.493	0.047
dbo.ErrorLog	U	0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
HumanResources.Department	U	16	0.031	0.000	0.031	0.023
HumanResources.Employee	U	290	0.195	0.008	0.188	0.133
HumanResources.EmployeeDepartmentHistory	U	296	0.063	0.000	0.063	0.047
HumanResources.EmployeePayHistory	U	316	0.031	0.000	0.031	0.016
HumanResources.JobCandidate	U	13	0.227	0.070	0.156	0.031
HumanResources.Shift	U	3	0.047	0.000	0.047	0.039
Person.Address	U					
Person.AddressType	U					
Person.BusinessEntity	U					
Person.BusinessEntityAddress	U					
Person.BusinessEntityContact	U					
Person.ContactType	U					
Person.CountryRegion	U					
Person.EmailAddress	U					
Person.Password	U					
Person.Person	U					

Customers: Table

CustomerID	CompanyName	ContactName	ContactTitle	Address	City
ALFKI	Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Sales Represent	Obere Str. 57	Berlin
ANATR	Ana Trujillo Emp	Ana Trujillo	Owner	Avda. de la Con	México D.F.
ANTON	Antonio Moreno	Antonio Moreno	Owner	Mataderos 231	México D.F.
AROUT	Around the Hor	Thomas Hardy	Sales Represent	120 Hanover Sq	London
BERGS	Berglunds snab	Christina Bergl	Order Administr	Berguvsvägen 8	Luleå
BLAUS	Blauer See Deli	Hanna Moos	Sales Represent	Forsterstr. 57	Mannheim
BLONP	Blondesddsl pè	Frédérique Cite	Marketing Man	24, place Klébe	Strasbourg
BOLID	Bólido Comidas	Martín Sommer	Owner	C/ Araquil, 67	Madrid
BONAP	Bon app'	Laurence Lebiha	Owner	12, rue des Bou	Marseille
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BSBEV	B's Beverages	Victoria Ashwor	Sales Represent	Fauntleroy Circ	London
CACTU	Cactus Comida	Patricio Simpso	Sales Agent	Cerrito 333	Buenos Aires
CENTC	Centro comercia	Francisco Chan	Marketing Man	Sierras de Gran	México D.F.
CHOPS	Chop-suey Chin	Yang Wang	Owner	Hauptstr. 29	Bern
COMMI	Comércio Minei	Pedro Afonso	Sales Associate	Av. dos Lusíada	Sao Paulo
CONSH	Consolidated Ho	Elizabeth Brow	Sales Represent	Berkeley Garde	London
DRACD	Drachenblut Del	Sven Ottlieb	Order Administr	Walserweg 21	Aachen
DUMON	Du monde entie	Janine Labrune	Owner	67, rue des Cinc	Nantes
EASTC	Eastern Connec	Ann Devon	Sales Agent	35 King George	London
ERNSH	Ernst Handel	Roland Mendel	Sales Manager	Kirchgasse 6	Graz
FAMIA	Familia Arquiba	Aria Cruz	Marketing Assis	Rua Orós, 92	Sao Paulo
FISSA	FISSA Fabrica I	Diego Roel	Accounting Mar	C/ Moralzarzal,	Madrid
FOLIG	Folies gourman	Martine Rancé	Assistant Sales	184, chaussée	Lille
FOLKO	Folkorshus AB	Maria Larsson	Owner	Årstadsgatan 24	Stockholm

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Person.BusinessEntity	U					
Person.BusinessEntityAddress	U					
Person.BusinessEntityContact	U					
Person.ContactType	U					
Person.CountryRegion	U					
Person.EmailAddress	U					
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Record #11

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person			
<u>id</u>	name	birth	city_id
1	Mary	1986-03-28	5
2	Phillip	NULL	6

city			
<u>id</u>	name	mayor	country_id
5	Payne Springs	1	16
6	Rosenhayn	NULL	16

country	
<u>id</u>	name
16	United States

- Tables
- Column data types
- Relations
- Constraints
- Projections (views)
- Behaviour (triggers)
- Other (users, permissions, etc.)

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DATABASE

Microsoft®
SQL Server®

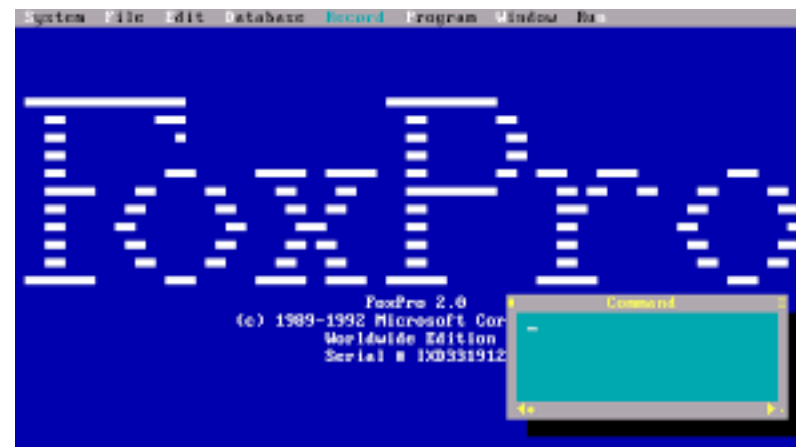
 PostgreSQL

MySQL®

 Microsoft
Access

IBM
DB2

 SQLite



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SIARD 2.0

Specification for archiving relational databases

It's a vendor independent **database archiving format**

Stands for Software Independent Archiving of Relational Databases

Version 2 is a joint effort of the **Swiss Federal Archives**, the **E-ARK** project and the **eCH** (eGovernment standards in Switzerland)

Based on international **standards**

Unicode, SQL:1999, XML, XML Schema, URI

SIARD 2 is E-Government Standard (eCH-0165)

Replaced version 1.0 in 2016

What it does...

Preserves information — not layout or interaction

The **application and the business logic** are not preserved

Preserves data — not code

Stored procedures, functions and other **code-like properties are stored** but not preserved

Preserves tables and relations — not dynamic data

Views are not be preserved in SIARD, but they can be materialised

Some technical details...

Data is stored in a folder-like structure

Optionally, the folder can be **compressed as ZIP** for storage saving purposes

A **header folder** stores database metadata

General information about the archived database and **database structure** stored as XML

A **content folder** stores database content

Tabular data stored as multiple **XML files**

Binary objects are stored in 3 different ways

Inline, **inside**, outside

file.siard

header

- metadata.xml
- metadata.xsd
- metadata.xsl

content

schema0

table0

- table0.xml
- table0.xsd

table1

- table1.xml
- table1.xsd

lob0

- record0.bin
- record1.bin
- ...

table2

...

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file.siar

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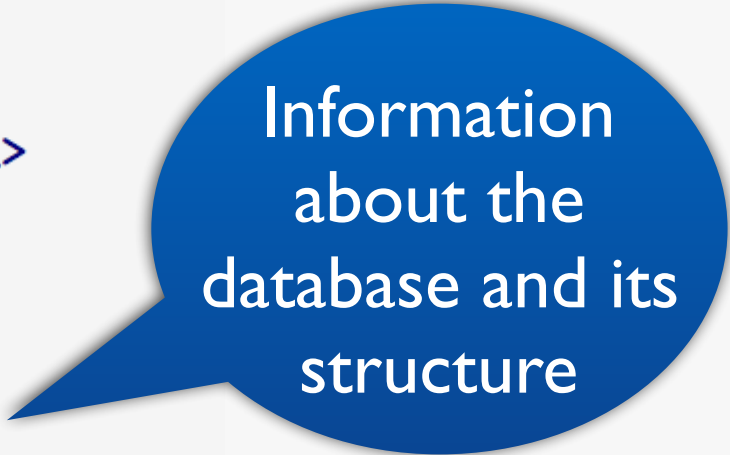
Table content

Binaries
(LOB)


```

<table>
  <name>address</name>
  <folder>table2</folder>
  <description>This table contains addresses</description>
  <columns>
    <column>
      <name>address_id</name>
      <type>SMALLINT</type>
      <typeOriginal>SMALLINT UNSIGNED</typeOriginal>
      <nullable>>false</nullable>
      <description>The address unique id.</description>
    </column>
    <column>
      <name>address</name>
      <type>CHARACTER VARYING(50)</type>
      <typeOriginal>VARCHAR</typeOriginal>
      <nullable>>false</nullable>
      <description>First address line</description>
    </column>
    <column>
      <name>address2</name>
      <type>CHARACTER VARYING(50)</type>
      <typeOriginal>VARCHAR</typeOriginal>
      <nullable>>true</nullable>
      <description>Second address line</description>
    </column>
    <column>
      <name>district</name>
      <type>CHARACTER VARYING(20)</type>
      <typeOriginal>VARCHAR</typeOriginal>
      <nullable>>false</nullable>
      <description>Address district</description>
    </column>
    <column>
      <name>city_id</name>
      <type>SMALLINT</type>
      <typeOriginal>SMALLINT UNSIGNED</typeOriginal>
      <nullable>>false</nullable>
      <description>Address city (id)</description>
    </column>
  </columns>
</table>

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Information
about the
database and its
structure

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<table
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.admin.ch/xmlns/siard/2.0/schema1/table2.xsd table2.xsd"
  xmlns="http://www.admin.ch/xmlns/siard/2.0/schema1/table2.xsd"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" >
  <row>
    <c1>1</c1>
    <c2>47 MySakila Drive</c2>
    <c4>Alberta</c4>
    <c5>300</c5>
    (other columns omitted)
  </row>
  <row>
    <c1>2</c1>
    <c2>28 MySQL Boulevard</c2>
    <c4>QLD</c4>
    <c5>576</c5>
    (other columns omitted)
  </row>
  <row>
    <c1>3</c1>
    <c2>23 Workhaven Lane</c2>
    <c4>Alberta</c4>
    <c5>300</c5>
    (other columns omitted)
  </row>
  (remaining rows omitted)
</table>
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Table content

Toolset





Data extraction





Data extraction



Data archiving





Data extraction



Data archiving



Data visualisation

Use case scenario

An information system has been in use for 15 years

It is about to be decommissioned as it has been replaced by a new, more advanced system

There is an interest in maintaining the data produced by the legacy information system for legal and historical reasons

This means that the system's database has been selected for long-term archival

Let's see how it works...



Database



Database





Database



Archival format





Database



Archival format



Transfer & ingest





Database



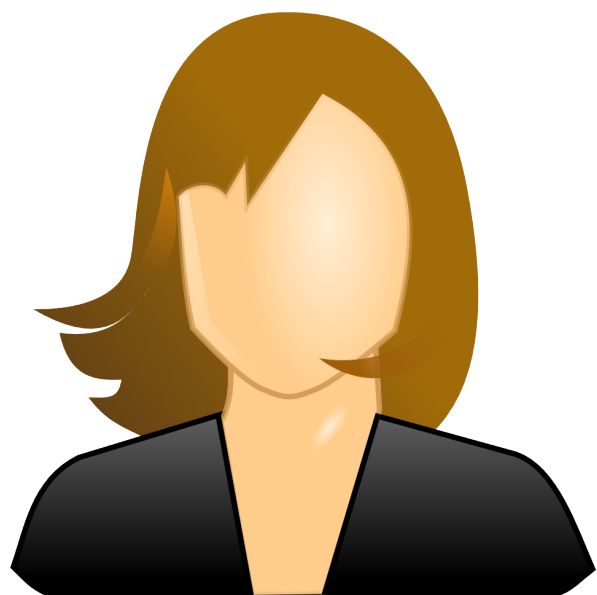
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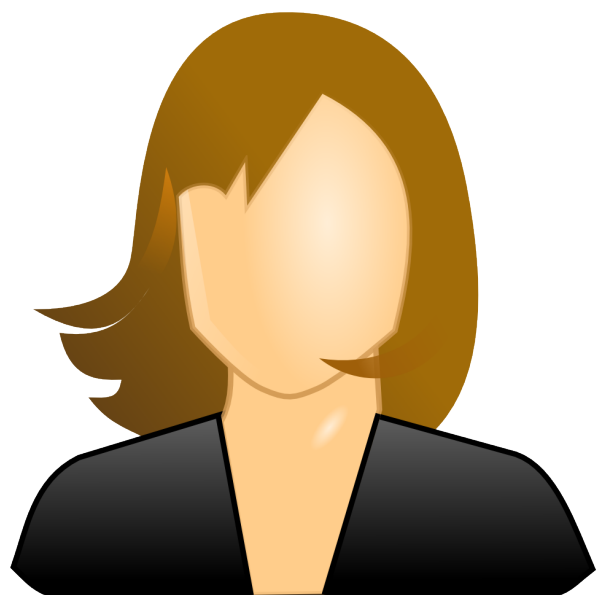


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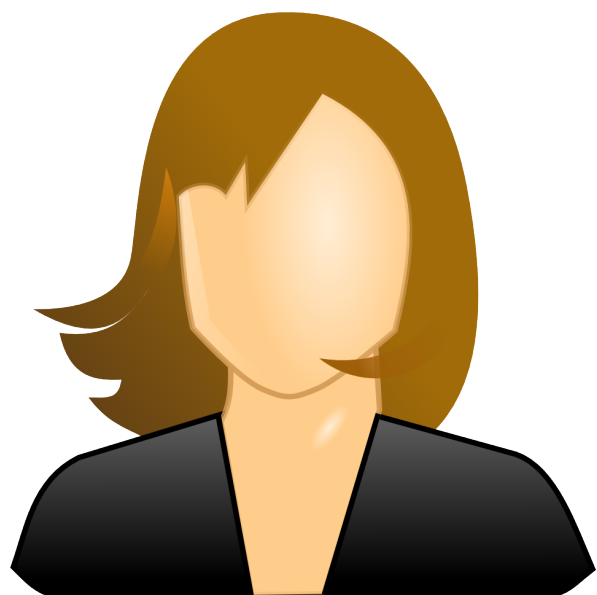
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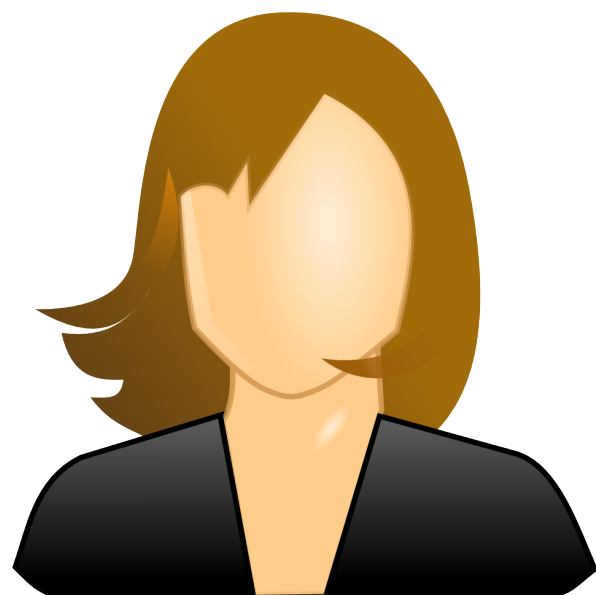
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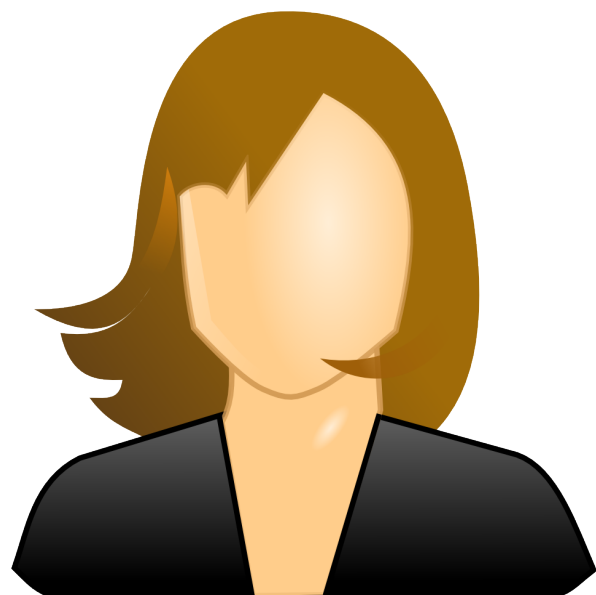


Discovery
services



Web access
to data





Discovery
services



Using the
Database
Preservation
Toolkit

Current live
database
system



In summary...

The Database Preservation Toolkit

Extracts data from the original RDBMS and stores it in a long-term archival format, i.e. SIARD 2

The SIARD 2 archival format

Can be submitted to a long-term preservation repository for continuous preservation, monitoring and access

Or, alternatively, can be written to a storage infrastructure

If years later, a user wants to access the archived data...

Lookup the database

Search the repository catalogue to find the right database

View database on a light-weight viewer

Using the Database Visualization Toolkit

Export parts of the database

For a shallow analysis or simple analytics using, e.g. Microsoft Excel

Load the database into a new RDBMS

Perform more advanced data analysis, e.g. OLAP

IT department is happy!
as it no longer needs to maintain the legacy database system



Management is happy!
because costs have been greatly reduced

Demo

Summary



Extracts/loads data from/to relational databases

Stores data in preservation formats: SIARD 1, SIARD DK, SIARD 2

Command-line tool

Enables using the tool over SSH

Multi-platform

Runs on Windows, Linux, MacOSX, and any Java compatible operating system

Lightweight and highly performant

Tests reveal a throughput of 88.000 records/second on a large text database

MySQL/MariaDB

PostgreSQL

Microsoft SQL Server

Oracle

NEW

Microsoft Access

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Generic JDBC

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Data extraction

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Data load

SIARD 1

SIARD DK

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SIARD 2

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Viewing and navigating on relational data

Lists data, follows relationships, shows structure, users, data, triggers, stored procedures, functions, metadata, etc.

Searching, filtering, column hiding, etc.

AND, OR, NOT and “exact phrase”

Export data

After filtering, the user can export data to CSV

Copes with millions of records

Supported by NoSQL horizontally scalable technologies

In conclusion...

Standards and tools are **available** right now

Documentation and **source code published** on GitHub

Examples, video tutorials are also available

Tools have been **piloted in several institutions**

Pilots report will be available on the E-ARK web site

<http://www.eark-project.com/resources/project-deliverables/97-d25-1/file>

www.database-preservation.com

Questions?