Abstract:
XML has been recognized as a promising language for data exchange over the Internet. Various approaches to storing and querying XML data have been proposed. Among them, storing XML data in a relational database and using a relational query language, such as SQL, to access the stored data seems a viable and promising approach because of the maturity of relational database technology and high availability of RDBMS in most organizations. In this talk, we will discuss issues related to manipulating XML data/documents using RDBMS, including approaches to storing tree based XML data into relational tables, and techniques for rewriting path expressing queries into efficient SQL statements.

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