



# DATA SYSTEMS GROUP



The Data Systems Group conducts research on all areas of database systems and information management.



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The Data Systems Group is located in the Ray and Maria Stata Center at MIT.

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## Research Vision

Our mission is to build new data management systems and investigate existing and emerging compute architectures, apps, and platforms to improve systems performance and help users process and make sense of data.

## Areas of Research

- Database systems
- Networked and distributed systems
- Data science and applied machine learning

## Research Activities

- Instance optimized data structures and systems
- Knowledge graphs
- Information extraction
- Video data querying
- DBOS: data-centric operating systems
- Mapping roads with satellite imagery and GPS data
- Optimizing data intensive systems with machine learning
- Starling: Query optimization for cloud services
- Large-scale data discovery
- Temporal graph processing
- Multi-modal data fusion
- Data debugging

“We build software systems for working with data at scale, focusing on both structured relational (tabular) data and novel emerging data types like text, imagery, and graphs.”

– *Samuel Madden*

## In the News

- Researchers from Data Systems developed [instance-optimized systems](#) that use machine learning to automatically re-organize a dataset's storage layout based on the types of queries that its users make.
- Data Systems researchers founded a [CSAIL spin-off](#) that helps life-science companies turn data into new insights with a new type of computational database management system.



## Industry Applications

- Big data
- Applied machine learning
- Data science
- Internet of things



## Current People in the Data Systems Group

### Principal Investigators

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