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# Assignment - I

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Q1) As a DBA in a financial enterprise, compare role-based access control with user-based privilege assignment. Which scales better and why?

Ans) ⇒ User-Based:- The privileges are granted directly to individual users.

Characteristics:-

- Every user has custom privileges
- Easy to understand for very small teams

Problems:-

- Does not scale with large no of users
- Role changes means manually revoking & granting

Eg:- If an employee moves from Analyst to Manager, privileges has to be changed manually.

⇒ Role based:- The privileges are grouped into various roles, and roles are assigned to users

Advantages:-

- Easy to scale
- Centralized privilege management
- Minimal operational risk

⇒ Difference

User based

- Can manage small no of users
- Auditing is complex
- Huge operational efforts
- Have ~~high~~ compliance risk

Role-based

- Can manage large no of users
- Auditing is easy.
- Less operational effort
- No compliance risk

⇒ User  
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From the above table we can see it clearly that Role-based Access control is better in scale.

Q2 Design a 3-tier architecture for a Wealth Management System. Explain security enforcement at each tier.

Ans) The three layers are as follows:-

- Client (Presentation)
- Server (Application)
- Database

⇒ Client layer:-

It will consist of web portal, Mobile apps and Admin dashboard.

It will allow user-Interaction, input validation and Authentication.

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⇒ Security :-

- HTTP
- Multifactor Authentication (MFA)
- secure session handling
- Client-side input validation
- No direct Access to database

⇒ Application layer

It consists of APIs, risk analysis models, transaction orchestration.

It allows to enforce business rules, Authorization decision, data transformation and logging.

⇒ Security :-

- Role Based Access control
- Network segmentation
- Secure secrets management
- DDoS protection.
- API Authentication

⇒ Data tier

It consists of core banking database, portfolio data, transaction history, Audit logs

It handles persistent storage, data integrity, ACID

⇒ Security :-

- Encryption & database Auditing
- Network isolation.

- > Row-level security
- > Least privilege principle

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Presentation layer

web portal / Mobile App / Admin console



Application layer

APIs / Portfolio engine / Risk engine



Database layer

Portfolio DB / Transaction DB / Audit DB

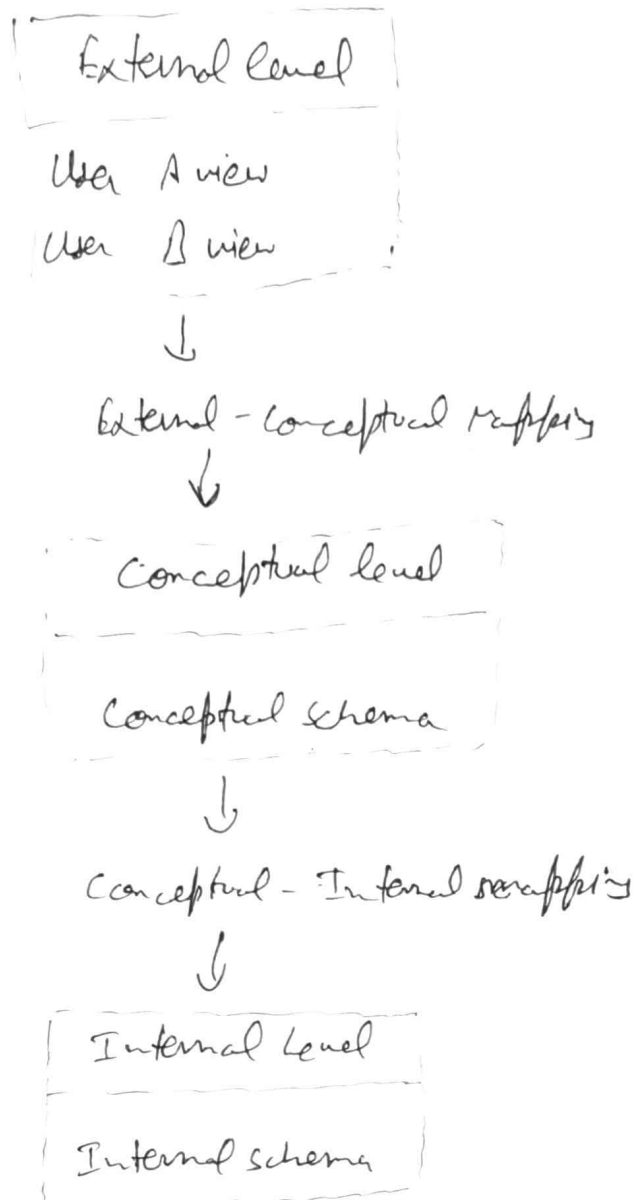
Q3 Explain the ANSI-SPARC three-level architecture with a neat diagram. How does it help in achieving logical and physical data independence.

Ans) The ANSI-SPARC model separates a database system into three levels (schema) to isolate users from database implementation details and enable data independence.

These 3 levels are:-

- > External level
- > Conceptual level
- > Internal level

Diagram:



## 2) Logical Data independence

Ability to change conceptual schema without affecting external schemas.

- > Teller & Auditor views remain unchanged
- > Application continues to work

⇒ Physical Data Independence

Ability to change internal schema without affecting conceptual & external schemas

→ Logical structure unchanged

→ No impact on user views or applications