**Fat Client**

A fat or thick client is a client in client-server architecture that provides rich functionality independent of the central server. It has most of it resources installed locally, most pc’s are fat clients as they have their own hard drives, disk drives, installed software etc. A fat client still requires at least periodic connection to the server, though many functions can be carried out without that connection. Most of the processing is done at the client side and involves less communication with the server in comparison to a thin client. They enable more sophisticated graphical user interfaces and reduced server load. Fat clients are preferred by users as they are very customisable and configurable. On the other hand thin clients are more easily managed, secure and offer lower maintenance costs.

**System Architecture Diagram**

