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# Tutorial 4 IT1090 – Information Systems and Data Modeling

- 1. What is a database? Explain briefly
  - Database is a collection of data or information which are organized and structured and stored electronically in a computer system
- 2. Give example situations in which databases are used
  - In student management systems
  - In inventory management system
  - In payroll management system
  - In employee management systems
- 3. What is a database management system (DBMS)?
  - Database management system is a software which use to read, write, update, delete data.
  - It organizes and give access to manipulate data.
- 4. Give example DBMS available
  - MYSQL
  - MariaDb
  - Microsoft Server management studio
- 5. Compare and contrast different Data storage mechanisms.
- 6. a) What is known as the ANSI/SPARC model? Give another name for the ANSI/SPARC model.
  - Commonly known as 3 schema architecture
  - Conceptual framework that uses to develop DBMS
  - There are 3 levels of this: External level, conceptual level, internal level.
  - **External level** user's view of data, which means how they are presented through applications and interfaces.
  - **Conceptual level** Abstract view of entire database, which describes relationships between data and rules that govern them.
  - Internal level/Physical Level/schema physical storage of data on the computer system, including file structure and access methods.

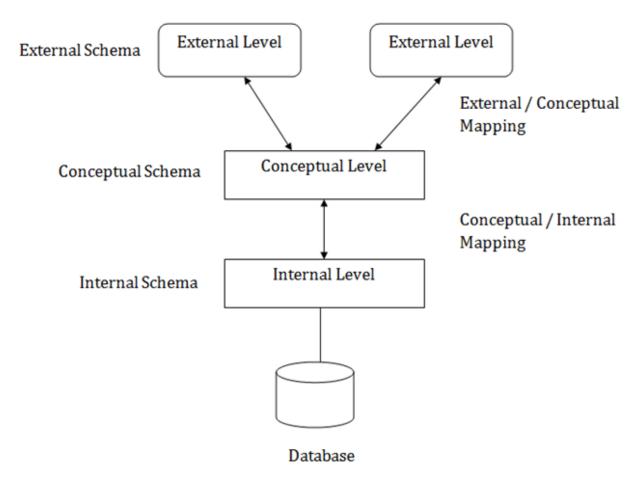


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b) Draw the Three Schema Architecture. Name the three schemas.



- c) Briefly explain the 3 schemas.
  - Explained them above.
- d) What is the advantage of having the three-schema architecture?
  - Can achieve data independence which means can do modifications in some layers without affecting others.
- e) What do you mean by logical data independence and physical data independence?
  - Logical Data Independence can modify conceptual level without affecting external level
  - **Physical Data Independence** Can modify internal level without affecting conceptual.



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- 7. 'Sri Lankan Airline is the national carrier'.
  - a) What is possible data required by an airline system?
    - Arrival time of flights
    - Departure time of flights
    - Pilots Assign to flights
    - Flight staff assign to flights
  - b) Is it necessary for them to use a DBMS?
    - yes
- 8. Think of a DB of a bank.
  - a) What type of data would they store in their database?
    - Employee details
    - Customer account details
    - Foreign bank details
    - Current foreign currency value datils
  - b) In the three schema architecture where would you put details about above data?
    - Employee details external
    - Customer account details internal
    - Foreign bank details internal
    - Current foreign currency value datils internal
  - c) In the three schema architecture which schema describes details about the type of file organization used to store the above data?
    - conceptual
  - d) What is the advantage of using a DBMS for a bank?
    - Easy to manage user details by reducing data redundancy
    - Easy to manage employee details and their salary
    - Able to get any currency value quickly with related to Sri Lankan rupee price

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