

# Database Server



# Types of Servers:

## File Server

File servers store and distribute files. Multiple clients or users may share files stored on a server. In addition, centrally storing files offers easier backup or fault tolerance solutions than attempting to provide security and integrity for files on every device in an organization. File server hardware can be designed to maximize read and write speeds to improve performance.

## Database Server

The amount of data used by companies, users, and other services is staggering. Much of that data is stored in databases. Databases need to be accessible to multiple clients at any given time and can require extraordinary amounts of disk space. Both of these needs lend themselves well to locating such databases on servers. Database servers run database applications and respond to numerous requests from clients. Common database server applications include Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, DB2, and Informix.



# Pros of each Server Type:

## File Server

### ◆ Remote Access

When you have access to a dedicated File Server, you can easily access all information remotely. Remote access of information can be critical in many scenarios.

### ◆ Centralized Management of Permissions

When you use a File Server, you can easily access all your files from one central location.

### ◆ Data Recovery Made Easy

There are many awesome data recovery features available within the File Server. You could easily retrieve files without any problems.

### ◆ Increase User Control

The File Server ensures management of all passwords from central location. You would be able to create new users within no time.

## Database Server

### ◆ Reduced data redundancy

### ◆ Reduced updating errors and increased consistency

### ◆ Greater data integrity and independence from applications programs

### ◆ Improved data access to users through use of host and query languages

### ◆ Improved data security

### ◆ Reduced data entry, storage, and retrieval costs

### ◆ Facilitated development of new applications program

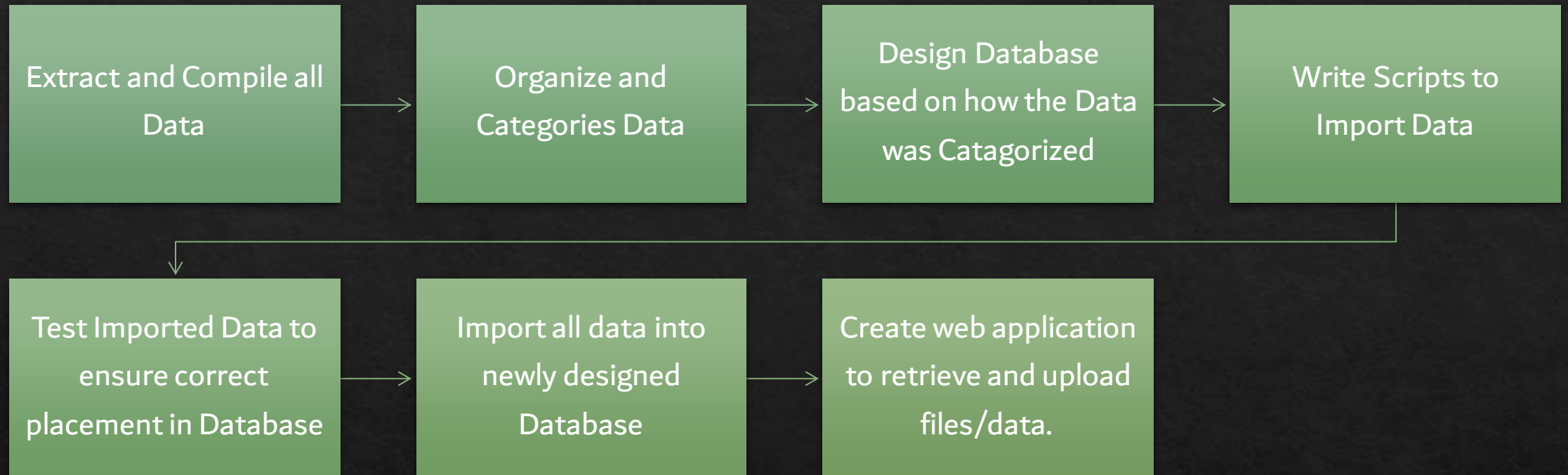
# Cons of each Server Type:

## File Server

- ◆ If the file server does fail or become corrupted then all data is lost or is unavailable until it can be recovered from back up
- ◆ Increased network bandwidth as everyone is reading and writing files to and from the file server
- ◆ They usually need a professional IT person to set up and administer.
- ◆ They are quite expensive, so may not be the best solution for two or three people in a small company.

## Database Server

- ◆ Database systems are complex, difficult, and time-consuming to design
- ◆ Substantial hardware and software start-up costs
- ◆ Damage to database affects virtually all applications programs
- ◆ Extensive conversion costs in moving from a file-based system to a database system
- ◆ Initial training required for all programmers and users



# Migration Process

# Summary

