

ASSIGNMENT-I

① Write difference between OLAP and OLTP?

OLAP	OLTP
① It involves historical processing of information.	① It involves day to day process.
② OLAP systems are used by knowledgeable workers such as executives, managers and analysts.	② OLTP Systems are used by clerks, database architecture or database professionals.
③ It is used to analyse the business.	③ It is used to run the business.
④ It focuses on information out.	④ It focuses on data in (or) application orient.
⑤ It is based on star schema, fact consolidation schema.	⑤ It is based on entity-relation ship model.
⑥ It contains historical data.	⑥ It contains current data.
⑦ It provides summarized and consolidated data.	⑦ It provides primitive and highly detailed data.
⑧ It provides summarized and multi-dimensional views of data.	⑧ It provides detailed and flat relational view of data.
⑨ The number of users is in hundreds	⑨ The number of users is in thousands
⑩ The number of records assigned is in millions	⑩ The number of records access/assigned is in tens

DATA WAREHOUSE

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| ⑪ Data warehouse size is from 100GB to 100TB | ⑫ Database size is from 100MB to 100GB. |
| ⑬ These are highly flexible. | ⑭ It provides high performance. |

② Define Data Warehouse. List and explain its characteristics.

Data Warehouse:

* The term "Data Warehouse" was first coined by Bill Inmon in 1990. According to him data warehouse is a subject oriented, integrated, time-variant and non-volatile collection of data.

* A data warehouse provides us generalised and consolidated data in multidimensional view or ways and also provides us online Analytical Processing tools (OLAP).

Characteristics of Data Warehouse:

These are four features in data warehousing.

① Subject Oriented: A data warehouse is a subject oriented because it provides information around a subject rather than the organisation ongoing operations.

A data warehouse does not focus on ongoing operations rather it focuses on moulding and analysis

of data for decision making.

② Integrated: A data warehouse is a constructed by integrating data from heterogeneous source such as relational database, file etc.

This integration enhance the effective analysis of data.

③ Time-Variant: The data collected in a data warehouse is identified with a particular time period. The data providing information from historical point of view.

④ Non-volatile: Non-volatile means the previous data is not erased when new data is added.

Data warehouse is kept separate from the operational data base and therefore frequent change in operational database does not reflected in data warehouse.

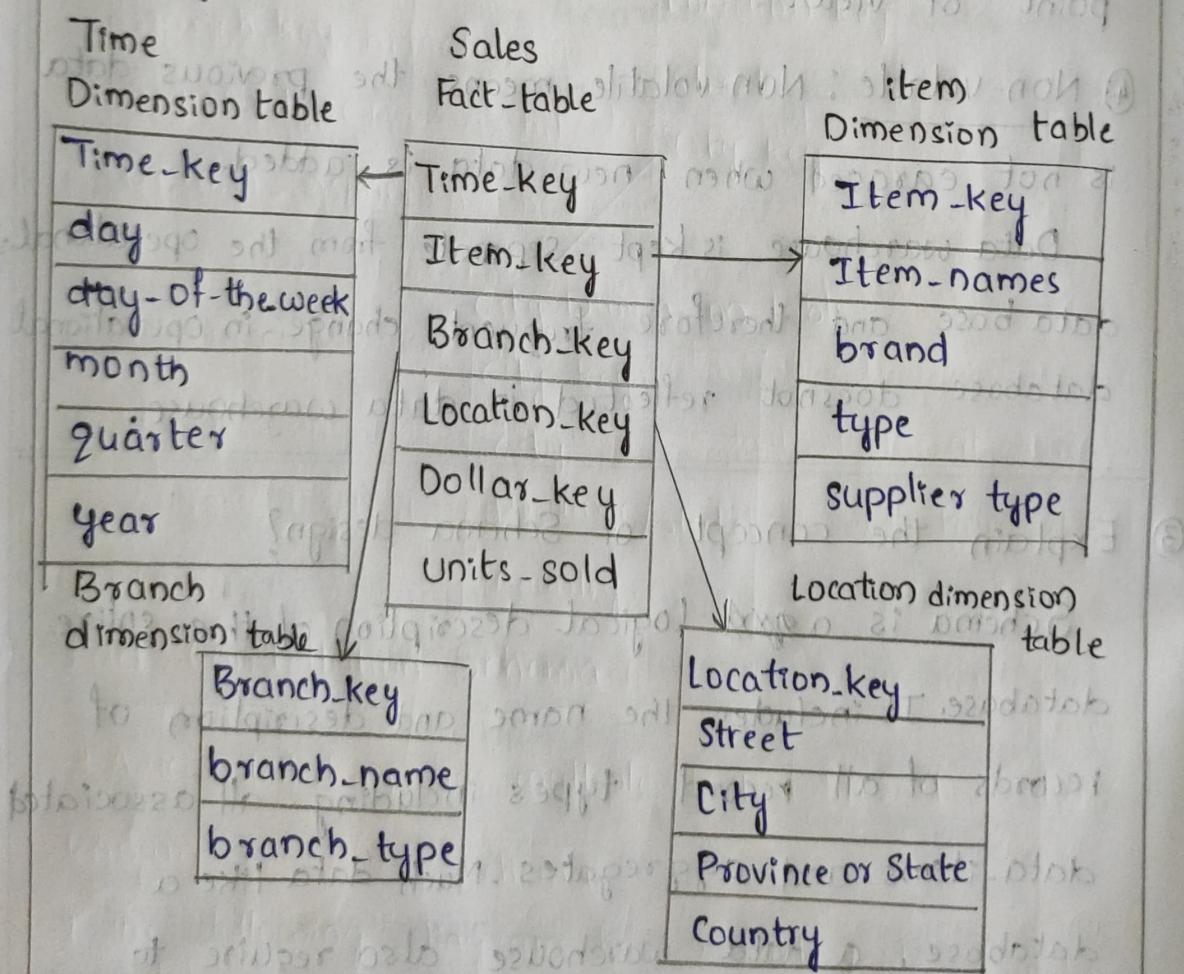
⑤ Explain the concept of Schema design?

Schema is a logical description of the entire database. It includes the name and description of records of all record types including all associated data-items and aggregates. Much data like a database, a data warehouse also require to maintain a Schema. A database uses relational

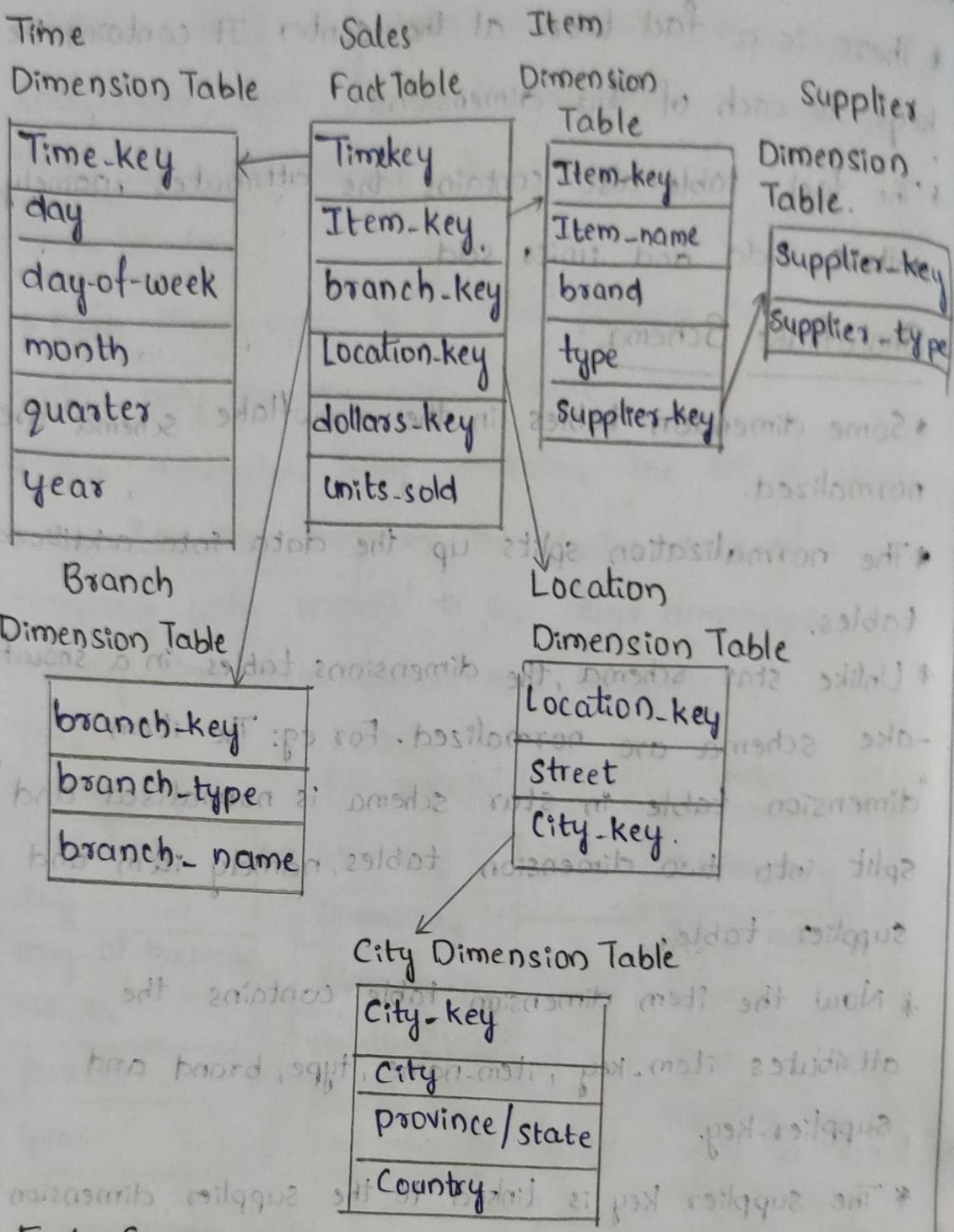
model, which a data warehouse uses star, snowflake and fact constellation schema. In this, we will discuss the schemas.

Star Schema:

- * Each dimension in a star schema is represented with only one-dimension table.
- * This dimension table contains the set of attributes.
- * The following diagram - The sales data of a company with respect to the four dimensions, namely time, item, branch and location.



- * There is a fact table at the center. It contains the keys to each of four dimensions.
 - * The fact table also contains the attributes, namely dollars sold and units sold.
- Snowflake Schema:
- * Some dimension tables in the snowflake schema are normalized.
 - * The normalization splits up the data into additional tables.
 - * Unlike star schema, the dimensions tables in a snowflake schema are normalized. For eg: The item dimension table in star schema is normalized and split into two dimension tables, namely item and supplier table.
 - * Now the item dimension table contains the attributes item-key, item-name, type, brand and supplier-key.
 - * The supplier key is linked to the supplier dimension table. In this the attributes are supplier-key and supplier-type.
 - * Due to normalisation in the snowflake schema, the redundancy is reduced and therefore, it becomes easy to maintain and the save storage space.



- * A constellation has multiple fact tables. It is also known as galaxy schema.
- * The following diagram has 2-fact tables, namely sales and shipping.

Time dimension Table

Time-key
day
day-of-week
month
quarter
year

Sales Fact Table Item dimension-table

Time-key
Item-key
branch-key
location-key
dollar-sold
units-sold

Shipping Fact Table

Item-key
Time-key
shipper-key
from-location
to-location
dollars-cost
units-shipped

Branch Dimension Table

branch-key
branch-name
branch-type

Location Dimension Table

location-key
Street
city
province/state
country

Shipper Dimension Table

shipper-key
shipper-name
location-key
shipper-key

* The sales fact table is same as that in star schema.

* The shipping fact table also contains two measures namely dollars sold and units shipped.

* It is also possible to share dimension tables between

fact tables. For eg: Time, Item, Location, are shared between the sales and shipping fact tables.

④ Explain about different architectures in Data Warehouse.

Data Warehouse Architecture:

There are 3 ways you can construct a data warehouse system. These approaches are classified by the no. of tiers in the architecture. They are.

① Single Tier Architecture

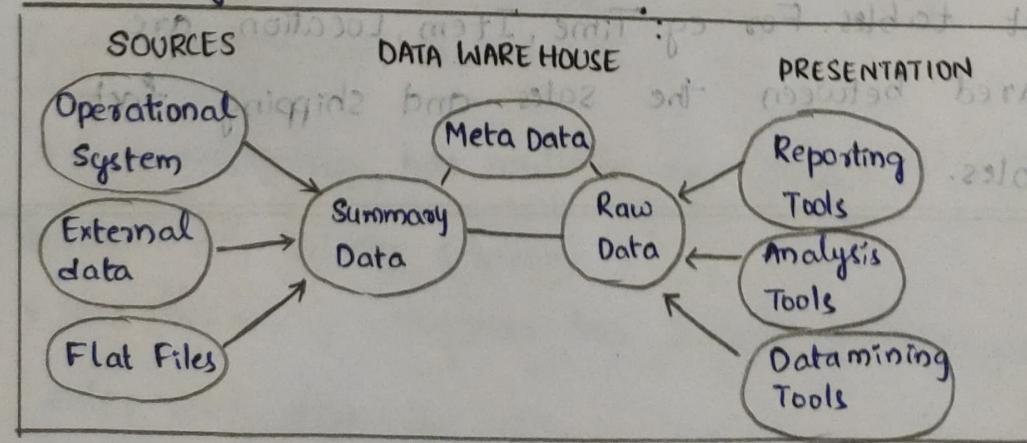
② Two Tier Architecture

③ Three Tier Architecture

Single Tier Architecture:

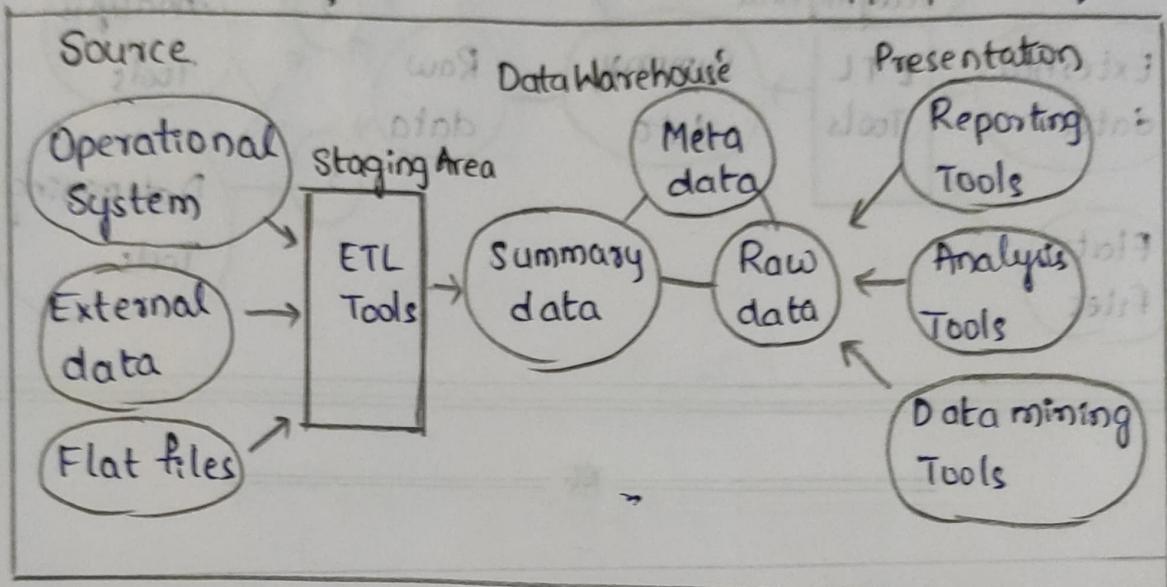
The single-tier architecture is not a frequently practiced approach. The main goal of having such an architecture is to remove redundancy by minimizing the amount of data stored.

It's primary dis-advantage is that it doesn't have a component that separates analytical and transactional processing.



Two-Tier Architecture:

It includes a staging area for all data source before the data warehouse layer. By adding a staging area between the sources and the storage repository, you ensure all data loaded into the warehouse is cleansed and in the appropriate format.



Three Tier Architecture:

It is most widely used architecture for data warehouse systems.

- 1) The bottom tier: The database of the warehouse, where the cleansed and transformed data is loaded.
- 2) The middle tier: The application layers giving an abstracted view of the database. It arranges the data to make it more suitable for analysis. This is done with an OLAP server, implemented using the ROLAP or MOLAP model.
- 3) The top tier: is where the user accesses and interact with the data. It represents the front-end client layer.

You can use reporting tools, Query, Analysis or data mining tools.

