The text focuses on the origin of databases and their evolution.

A database is a collection of records stored in a computer in a systematic way, so that a computer program can consult it to answer questions. Much attention is given to describe internal representation of databases.

It is given a detailed history of database elaboration from first database management system developed by Charles Bachman in 1960 to modern technologies such as XML databases, the aim of which is to remove the traditional divide between documents and data, allowing all of an organization's information resources to be held in one place.

This text will be useful for beginner specialists in the field of IT.