Individual Task 2 - Module 2

Data Essentials, Big Data, Processing, And Ethics

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Big Data refers to extremely large and complex datasets that cannot be processed using traditional data processing techniques. A common real-world example of Big Data is live traffic updates provided by navigation applications. This system uses the 3V model of Big Data—Volume, Velocity, and Variety—to deliver real-time traffic information.

1. Volume: Huge Amount of Data

- Volume refers to the massive quantity of data generated and stored.
- Millions of users use navigation apps simultaneously.
- Each user's smartphone sends GPS data every few seconds.
- Vehicles on roads generate continuous movement data.
- Traffic cameras collect images and video data 24/7.
- Road sensors generate speed and density information.
- Data is collected from cities, highways, flyovers, and rural roads.
- Historical traffic data is stored for long-term analysis.
- Data volume increases during peak hours and festivals.
- Weather data is also combined with traffic data.
- Cloud storage systems are required to store such massive data.
- Example: In a metropolitan city, millions of GPS signals per hour generate terabytes or petabytes of traffic data daily.

2. Velocity: High Speed of Data Processing

- Velocity refers to the speed at which data is generated, transmitted, and processed.
- GPS data updates every second.
- Traffic conditions change minute by minute.
- Accidents must be detected instantly.
- Congestion information must be updated in real time.
- Alternate routes are calculated within seconds.
- Live alerts are pushed immediately to users.
- Streaming data technologies are used.
- Sudden events cause data spikes.
- Peak hours demand extremely fast processing.
- Delayed data can lead to wrong navigation decisions.
- Example: If a road is suddenly blocked due to construction, the navigation app updates traffic conditions and suggests a new route within seconds.

3. Variety: Different Types of Data

- Variety refers to the multiple formats and sources of data.
- Structured data: GPS coordinates, speed values.
- Semi-structured data: XML logs.
- Unstructured data: Images and videos.
- Text data from user traffic reports.
- CCTV camera footage.
- Weather data such as rain, fog, or storms.
- Map and road network information.
- Voice inputs from users.
- Historical traffic patterns.
- Social media updates related to traffic.
- Example: Traffic congestion is detected using GPS speed data + CCTV images + weather data + user text reports