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Scenario: There have been discrepancies in the database containing data about the students due to which a database forensic investigator has been called to check the database and investigate.

To create this scenario for forensic investigation the following experiments were carried out:

### **Step 1: Create Student database**

```
/*creating database*/
```

```
create database Student;
```

```
/*using database*/
```

```
use Student;
```

```
/*creating tables*/
```

```
create table marks(roll_no char(7) PRIMARY KEY,  
                  first_name varchar(100) NOT NULL,  
                  last_name varchar(100) NOT NULL,  
                  course_number varchar(10),  
                  total_marks Int, status char(4));
```

```
create table student_details(student_roll char(7) unique,  
                             aadhaar_no varchar(12) unique,  
                             student_first_name varchar(100) NOT NULL,  
                             student_last_name varchar(100) NOT NULL,  
                             contact_number Int,  
                             foreign key(student_roll) references marks(roll_no));
```

```
/*altering tables*/
```

```
ALTER TABLE marks
```

```
RENAME COLUMN status TO result_status;
```

```
alter table student_details
```

```
modify column contact_number Long;
```

```
/*inserting values into table*/
```

```
insert into marks(roll_no,first_name,last_name,course_number,total_marks)
```

```
values("2111001","Ekansh","Sharma","RD2021001",60);
```

```
insert into marks(roll_no,first_name,last_name,course_number,total_marks)
```

```
values("2111002","Shivangi","Lal","RD2021001",75),
```

```
    ("2111003","Ekta","Rathore","RD2021001",99),
```

```
    ("2111004","Diya","Singh","RD2021001",80),
```

```
    ("2111005","Ananya","Bansal","RD2021001",36),
```

```
    ("2111006","Rahul","Bose","RD2021001",44),
```

```
    ("2111007","Dimple","Seth","RD2021001",54),
```

```
    ("2111008","Harpreet","Kaur","RD2021001",39),
```

```
    ("2111009","Harichandra","Iyer","RD2021001",90),
```

```
    ("2111010","Raghav","Agrawal","RD2021001",77);
```

```
/*updating marks table*/
```

```
update marks set result_status=if(total_marks>=40,"PASS","FAIL");
```

```
/*inserting values into table*/
```

```
insert into
```

```
student_details(student_roll,aadhaar_no,student_first_name,student_last_name,contact_number)
```

```
values("2111001","444433332222","Ekansh","Sharma",9732421408),
```

```
    ("2111002","000011112222","Shivangi","Lal",9635586571),
```

```
    ("2111003","123412345555","Ekta","Rathore",9474055775),
```

```
    ("2111004","789212349999","Diya","Singh",9232687509),
```

```
    ("2111005","987609843213","Ananya","Bansal",8972193052),
```

```
(
    ("2111006","990723431233","Rahul","Bose",9732157880),
    ("2111007","876556562234","Dimple","Seth",9732119608),
    ("2111008","454477778876","Harpreet","Kaur",9609514553),
    ("2111009","323311355678","Harichandra","Iyer",8145622754),
    ("2111010","989877675422","Raghav","Agrawal",9002622754);

```

Before corrupting database:

marks table

```
mysql> use Student
Database changed
mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Ekansh	Sharma	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Shivangi	Lal	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Ekta	Rathore	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Diya	Singh	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Ananya	Bansal	RD2021001	36	FAIL
2111006	Rahul	Bose	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Dimple	Seth	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Harpreet	Kaur	RD2021001	39	FAIL
2111009	Harichandra	Iyer	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Raghav	Agrawal	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

student\_details table

```
mysql> select * from student_details;
```

student_roll	aadhaar_no	student_first_name	student_last_name	contact_number
2111001	444433332222	Ekansh	Sharma	9732421408
2111002	000011112222	Shivangi	Lal	9635586571
2111003	123412345555	Ekta	Rathore	9474055775
2111004	789212349999	Diya	Singh	9232687509
2111005	987609843213	Ananya	Bansal	8972193052
2111006	990723431233	Rahul	Bose	9732157880
2111007	876556562234	Dimple	Seth	9732119608
2111008	454477778876	Harpreet	Kaur	9609514553
2111009	323311355678	Harichandra	Iyer	8145622754
2111010	989877675422	Raghav	Agrawal	9002622754

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

## STEP 2: MAKING A COPY OF STUDENT DATABASE FOR BACKUP

Create a database Student1 for backup

```
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| hrapp    |
| information_schema |
| mysql    |
| nationalparkdb |
| nationalparksystem |
| performance_schema |
| sakila   |
| student  |
| sys      |
| world    |
+-----+
10 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> create database Student1;
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)

mysql> show databases;
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| hrapp    |
| information_schema |
| mysql    |
| nationalparkdb |
| nationalparksystem |
| performance_schema |
| sakila   |
| student  |
| student1 |
| sys      |
| world    |
+-----+
11 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Currently there are no tables in database Student1 as the database has not been copied

```
mysql> use Student1;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
Empty set (0.00 sec)
```

Using mysqldump copy the database Student into a sql file and then copy that file into Student1 database

```
C:\Users\Isha>cd C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin

C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin>mysqldump -u root -p Student > D:\Database_backup\Studentdb.sql
Enter password: *****

C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin>mysql -u root -p Student1 < D:\Database_backup\Studentdb.sql
Enter password: *****
```

The Student1 database is now a copy of the Student database

```
C:\Program Files\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\bin>mysql -uroot -p
Enter password: *****
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 30
Server version: 8.0.23 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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owners.

Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql> use Student1;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_student1 |
+-----+
| marks               |
| student_details     |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.01 sec)

mysql> use Student;
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_student |
+-----+
| marks               |
| student_details     |
+-----+
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create a scenario for forensic investigation by corrupting the layers of database

### STEP 3: SIMULATED EXPERIMENT ON APPLICATION DATA LAYER

The Application data layer is modified by creating a column in the table marks of Student database

```
mysql> ALTER table marks ADD  
-> temp varchar (20)  
-> AFTER last_name;
```

```
mysql> select * from marks;  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| roll_no | first_name | last_name | temp | course_number | total_marks | result_status |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| 2111001 | Ekansh    | Sharma    | NULL | RD2021001    | 60          | PASS          |  
| 2111002 | Shivangi  | Lal       | NULL | RD2021001    | 75          | PASS          |  
| 2111003 | Ekta      | Rathore   | NULL | RD2021001    | 99          | PASS          |  
| 2111004 | Diya      | Singh     | NULL | RD2021001    | 80          | PASS          |  
| 2111005 | Ananya    | Bansal    | NULL | RD2021001    | 36          | FAIL          |  
| 2111006 | Rahul     | Bose      | NULL | RD2021001    | 44          | PASS          |  
| 2111007 | Dimple    | Seth      | NULL | RD2021001    | 54          | PASS          |  
| 2111008 | Harpreet  | Kaur      | NULL | RD2021001    | 39          | FAIL          |  
| 2111009 | Harichandra | Iyer     | NULL | RD2021001    | 90          | PASS          |  
| 2111010 | Raghav    | Agrawal   | NULL | RD2021001    | 77          | PASS          |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The data from column last\_name is copied into column temp

```
mysql> UPDATE marks SET temp=last_name;  
Query OK, 10 rows affected (0.01 sec)  
Rows matched: 10  Changed: 10  Warnings: 0  
  
mysql> select * from marks;  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| roll_no | first_name | last_name | temp | course_number | total_marks | result_status |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| 2111001 | Ekansh    | Sharma    | Sharma | RD2021001    | 60          | PASS          |  
| 2111002 | Shivangi  | Lal       | Lal    | RD2021001    | 75          | PASS          |  
| 2111003 | Ekta      | Rathore   | Rathore | RD2021001    | 99          | PASS          |  
| 2111004 | Diya      | Singh     | Singh  | RD2021001    | 80          | PASS          |  
| 2111005 | Ananya    | Bansal    | Bansal | RD2021001    | 36          | FAIL          |  
| 2111006 | Rahul     | Bose      | Bose   | RD2021001    | 44          | PASS          |  
| 2111007 | Dimple    | Seth      | Seth   | RD2021001    | 54          | PASS          |  
| 2111008 | Harpreet  | Kaur      | Kaur   | RD2021001    | 39          | FAIL          |  
| 2111009 | Harichandra | Iyer     | Iyer   | RD2021001    | 90          | PASS          |  
| 2111010 | Raghav    | Agrawal   | Agrawal | RD2021001    | 77          | PASS          |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The data from column first\_name is copied into column temp by command

UPDATE marks set last\_name=first\_name

```
mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	temp	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Ekansh	Ekansh	Sharma	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Shivangi	Shivangi	Lal	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Ekta	Ekta	Rathore	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Diya	Diya	Singh	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Ananya	Ananya	Bansal	RD2021001	36	FAIL
2111006	Rahul	Rahul	Bose	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Dimple	Dimple	Seth	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Harpreet	Harpreet	Kaur	RD2021001	39	FAIL
2111009	Harichandra	Harichandra	Iyer	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Raghav	Raghav	Agrawal	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The data from column temp is copied into column first\_name

```
mysql> UPDATE marks SET first_name=temp;
Query OK, 10 rows affected (0.01 sec)
Rows matched: 10  Changed: 10  Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	temp	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Sharma	Ekansh	Sharma	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Lal	Shivangi	Lal	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Rathore	Ekta	Rathore	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Singh	Diya	Singh	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Bansal	Ananya	Bansal	RD2021001	36	FAIL
2111006	Bose	Rahul	Bose	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Seth	Dimple	Seth	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Kaur	Harpreet	Kaur	RD2021001	39	FAIL
2111009	Iyer	Harichandra	Iyer	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Agrawal	Raghav	Agrawal	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The column temp is dropped from marks table

```
mysql> ALTER TABLE marks DROP COLUMN temp;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.13 sec)
Records: 0  Duplicates: 0  Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Sharma	Ekansh	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Lal	Shivangi	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Rathore	Ekta	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Singh	Diya	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Bansal	Ananya	RD2021001	36	FAIL
2111006	Bose	Rahul	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Seth	Dimple	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Kaur	Harpreet	RD2021001	39	FAIL
2111009	Iyer	Harichandra	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Agrawal	Raghav	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

When the columns roll\_number, first\_name, last\_name from marks table and the columns student\_roll, student\_first\_name and student\_last\_name from student\_details table are viewed there are discrepancies in the data.

```
mysql> use Student;
Database changed
mysql> select roll_no,first_name,last_name from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name
2111001	Sharma	Ekansh
2111002	Lal	Shivangi
2111003	Rathore	Ekta
2111004	Singh	Diya
2111005	Bansal	Ananya
2111006	Bose	Rahul
2111007	Seth	Dimple
2111008	Kaur	Harpreet
2111009	Iyer	Harichandra
2111010	Agrawal	Raghav

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> select student_roll,student_first_name,student_last_name from student_details;
```

student_roll	student_first_name	student_last_name
2111001	Ekansh	Sharma
2111002	Shivangi	Lal
2111003	Ekta	Rathore
2111004	Diya	Singh
2111005	Ananya	Bansal
2111006	Rahul	Bose
2111007	Dimple	Seth
2111008	Harpreet	Kaur
2111009	Harichandra	Iyer
2111010	Raghav	Agrawal

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```



When the backup database Student1 is viewed the data from tables marks and student\_details match

```
mysql> use Student1;
Database changed
mysql> select roll_no,first_name,last_name from marks;
+-----+-----+-----+
| roll_no | first_name | last_name |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2111001 | Ekansh    | Sharma    |
| 2111002 | Shivangi  | Lal       |
| 2111003 | Ekta      | Rathore   |
| 2111004 | Diya      | Singh     |
| 2111005 | Ananya    | Bansal    |
| 2111006 | Rahul     | Bose      |
| 2111007 | Dimple    | Seth      |
| 2111008 | Harpreet  | Kaur      |
| 2111009 | Harichandra | Iyer     |
| 2111010 | Raghav    | Agrawal   |
+-----+-----+-----+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)

mysql> select student_roll,student_first_name,student_last_name from student_details;
+-----+-----+-----+
| student_roll | student_first_name | student_last_name |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 2111001      | Ekansh             | Sharma            |
| 2111002      | Shivangi           | Lal               |
| 2111003      | Ekta               | Rathore           |
| 2111004      | Diya               | Singh             |
| 2111005      | Ananya             | Bansal            |
| 2111006      | Rahul              | Bose              |
| 2111007      | Dimple             | Seth              |
| 2111008      | Harpreet           | Kaur              |
| 2111009      | Harichandra        | Iyer              |
| 2111010      | Raghav             | Agrawal           |
+-----+-----+-----+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

The total\_marks column was modified

```
mysql> update marks
-> set total_marks=56
-> where roll_no="2111005";
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Rows matched: 1  Changed: 1  Warnings: 0

mysql> update marks
-> set total_marks=88
-> where roll_no="2111008";
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
Rows matched: 1  Changed: 1  Warnings: 0
```

The result\_status column was modified

```
mysql> update marks set result_status=if(total_marks>=40,"PASS","FAIL");
Query OK, 2 rows affected (0.05 sec)
Rows matched: 10  Changed: 2  Warnings: 0

mysql> select * from marks;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| roll_no | first_name | last_name | course_number | total_marks | result_status |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 2111001 | Sharma    | Ekansh   | RD2021001    | 60          | PASS          |
| 2111002 | Lal       | Shivangi | RD2021001    | 75          | PASS          |
| 2111003 | Rathore   | Ekta     | RD2021001    | 99          | PASS          |
| 2111004 | Singh     | Diya     | RD2021001    | 80          | PASS          |
| 2111005 | Bansal    | Ananya   | RD2021001    | 56          | PASS          |
| 2111006 | Bose      | Rahul    | RD2021001    | 44          | PASS          |
| 2111007 | Seth      | Dimple   | RD2021001    | 54          | PASS          |
| 2111008 | Kaur      | Harpreet | RD2021001    | 88          | PASS          |
| 2111009 | Iyer      | Harichandra | RD2021001    | 90          | PASS          |
| 2111010 | Agrawal   | Raghav   | RD2021001    | 77          | PASS          |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

When the total number of students who have passed is viewed it shows that all students have passed which is suspicious

```
mysql> use Student;
Database changed
mysql> select count(*)
-> from marks
-> where result_status="PASS";
+-----+
| count(*) |
+-----+
|         10 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.01 sec)
```

When the total number of students who have passed is viewed using the backup database Student1, the count is different

```
mysql> use Student1;
Database changed
mysql> select count(*)
-> from marks
-> where result_status="PASS";
+-----+
| count(*) |
+-----+
|         8 |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

When both databases are viewed, there are discrepancies in the databases

```
mysql> use Student;
Database changed
mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Sharma	Ekansh	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Lal	Shivangi	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Rathore	Ekta	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Singh	Diya	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Bansal	Ananya	RD2021001	56	PASS
2111006	Bose	Rahul	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Seth	Dimple	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Kaur	Harpreet	RD2021001	88	PASS
2111009	Iyer	Harichandra	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Agrawal	Raghav	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> use Student1;
Database changed
mysql> select * from marks;
```

roll_no	first_name	last_name	course_number	total_marks	result_status
2111001	Ekansh	Sharma	RD2021001	60	PASS
2111002	Shivangi	Lal	RD2021001	75	PASS
2111003	Ekta	Rathore	RD2021001	99	PASS
2111004	Diya	Singh	RD2021001	80	PASS
2111005	Ananya	Bansal	RD2021001	36	FAIL
2111006	Bose	Rahul	RD2021001	44	PASS
2111007	Dimple	Seth	RD2021001	54	PASS
2111008	Harpreet	Kaur	RD2021001	39	FAIL
2111009	Harichandra	Iyer	RD2021001	90	PASS
2111010	Raghav	Agrawal	RD2021001	77	PASS

```
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

#### STEP 4: SIMULATED EXPERIMENT ON DATA MODEL LAYER

mysql directory is deleted using Windows PowerShell which is run as an administrator

```
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Remove-Item "C:\ProgramData\MySQL\MySQL Server 8.0\Data\mysql"
```

As the mysql directory has been deleted the user is unable to access the database

```
mysql> use Student;
ERROR 1049 (42000): Unknown database 'student'
mysql> use Student1;
ERROR 1049 (42000): Unknown database 'student1'
```

## **STEP 5: FORENSIC REPORT**

- When the marks table and student\_details table of Student database are accessed, there are the following discrepancies:
  - The first names and last names of the students don't match in both the tables
  - All the students enrolled in the course have passed which is suspicious
- The Student database is compared with the backup database Student1 and it is found that it does not match
- Thus, it can be concluded that there are changes made to the Application Data layer
- In the further investigation when the databases Student and Student1 cannot be accessed. Due to this fact it can be concluded that there are changes in the Data Model Layer