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**Definition of the term database:**

To me a database is any collection of data stored in one place that is easily accessible. Before computers, I think the term database still applied, the storage devise was just in different form. The banker who kept a log of every transaction or every person that borrowed money, or the hotel that kept a log of the people staying in their hotel had a database just in different form than today. The paper register or book that kept that information in essence was their database. It had current and past history that could be looked up and reviewed at any given time. It kept track of any new business coming in and kept financial information all in one place. I think that most people today would say a database is only for computers, but the definition of database would state otherwise.

According to Dictionary.com, a database is a comprehensive collection of related data organized for convenient access, generally in a computer.