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From a compliance standpoint, mixing medical information with financial data in the same database can create ethical dilemmas and legal complications. Regulations such as HIPAA in the United States mandate strict controls over health information, which might not be necessary for other types of data. Ethically, the potential for misuse or accidental disclosure is higher when sensitive data is not segregated. Thus, maintaining separate databases is a best practice that respects the sensitivity of personal health information and adheres to ethical standards of data stewardship.