**What is Data wareHouse**

1. It is a database that is designed for querying and analysis rather than for transaction

Processing.

2. It separates analysis workload from transaction system.

3. This helps in:

i. Maintaining historical records

ii. Analyzing the data to gain a better understanding of the business and to improve the

Business.

4. Data warehouse is a subject-oriented, integrated, time varying, non-volatile collection of

data in support of the management's decision-making process.

i. Subject Oriented: This is used to analyze particular subject area.

ii. Integrated: This shows that integrates data from different sources.

iii. Time variant: Historical data is usually maintained in a Data warehouse, i.e. retrieval can be

for any period. In transactional system only the most recent/current data is maintained. But in

the Data warehouse recent/current and the previous/historical data is maintained.

iv. Non-Volatile: Once the data is placed in the data warehouse, it cannot be changed, which

means we will never be able to change the data.

**What is ETL?**

1. ETL stands for Extract-Transform-Load.

• Extract is the process of reading data from a source database/ transactional system.

• Transform is the process of converting the extracted data to required from.

• Load is the process of writing the data into the target database/ analytical system.

2. It is a process which defines how data is loaded from the source system to the target system

(data warehouse).

**Data Ware House Architecture**

There are four layers in DWH architecture:

 Data Source Layer

 Data Staging Area

 Data Storage Layer

 Reporting Layer

**Source Layer** --First layer is the Data Source layer, which refers to various data stores in

multiple formats like relational database, Flat Files, Excel files, Xml Files etc.

-- These data stores business data like Sales, Customer, Finance, Product etc.

**Staging Layer**--After that the next step is Extract, where the required data from data source

layer is extracted and put into the data staging area.

-- Data Staging area is intermediate layer between Data Source Layer and Data

Storage Layer used for processing data during the ETL process.

-- Basically needs staging area to hold the data and to perform data

transformations, before loading the data into warehouse.

--Actual transformation transactional data into analytical data is done in data

staging area.

**Storage Layer**--And finally, we have the Data Storage layer i.e. data warehouse, the place

where the successfully cleaned, integrated, transformed and ordered data is

stored in a multi-dimensional environment. Now, the data is available for analysis

and query purposes.

**Reporting Layer**-In reporting layer, data in data storage layer is used to create various type of

management reports from where user can take business decisions for planning,

designing, forecasting etc.

**-- Meta data** is nothing but the data about data.

--**Meta data repository** is used to store meta data of data which is actually

present in data warehouse i.e. Data storage layer

--**Data mart** can be defined as the subset of data warehouse.

A data mart is focused on a single functional area e.g. product, customers,

employees, sales etc.

It is a subject-oriented database and is also known as High Performance

Query Structures (HPQS).

**OLTP (Online Transaction Processing System):**

1. OLTP is nothing but a database which actually stores the daily transactions which

are created from one and more applications.

2. Data in OLTP is called as the current data.

3. Mostly normalized data is used in OLTP system.

**OLAP (Online Analytical Processing System) :**

1. OLAP is use to store analytical data

2. It deals with analyzing the data for decision making and planning, designing etc.

3. Data in OLAP is called as the Historical data.

4. Mostly DE normalized data is used in OLAP system.