

Basic Definitions:

Database: A collection related data

Data: known facts that can be recorded
and having an implicit meaning

Mini-world: some part of real-world about which
data is stored in a database.

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Database Management System (DBMS)

→ A software package / system to facilitate the creation and maintenance of a computerized database.

Database System:

→ The DBMS software together with its data.
→ applications.

Simplified database system environment

Users/Programmers

Database System

Application Programs/Queries

DBMS Software

Software to Process Queries/Programs

Software to Access Stored Data

Stored Database Definition (Meta-Data)

Stored Database

External level

Conceptual level

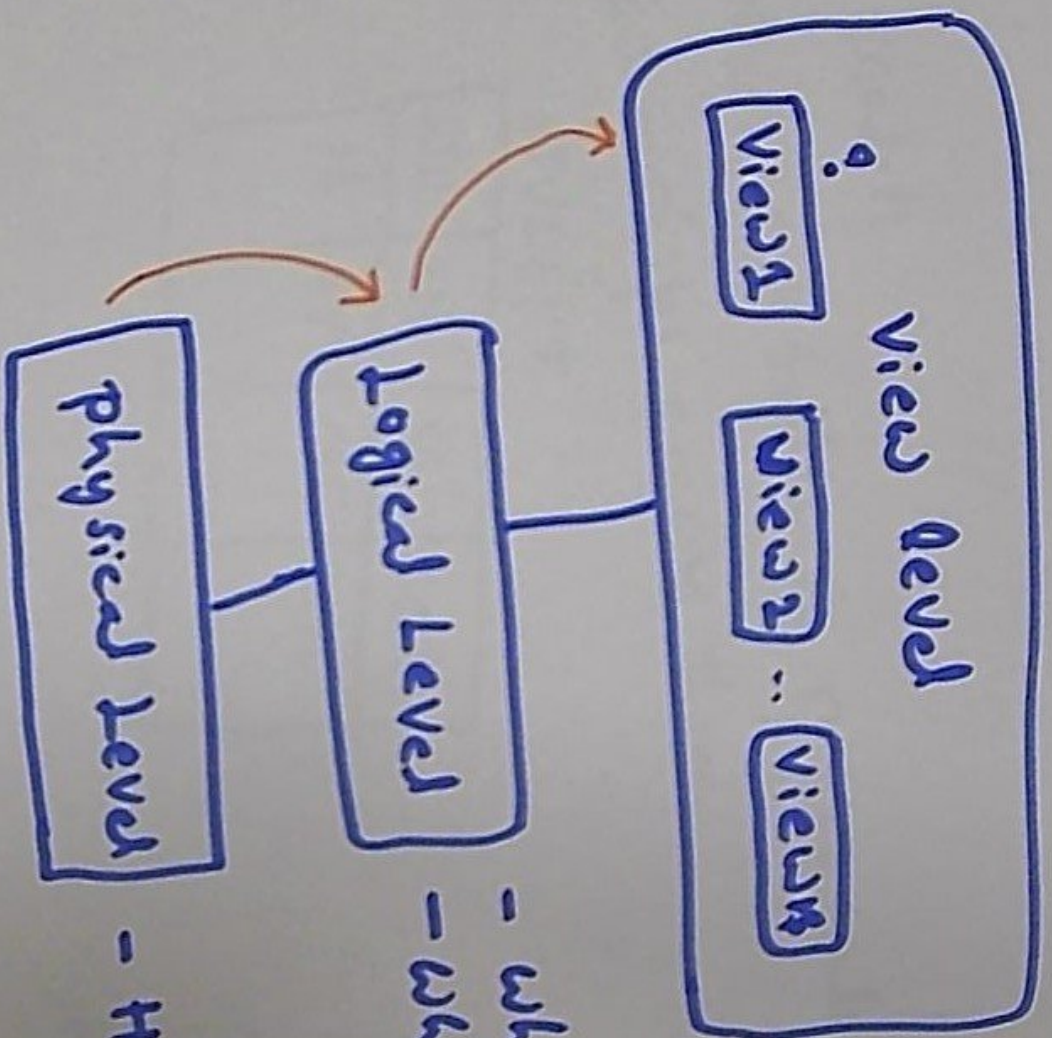
Internal

The database definition or descriptive information is stored by the DBMS in the form of a database catalog or dictionary; it is called meta-data

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Data Abstraction



- what data stored in database
- what relationships exists

- How data stored
in the database

→ Data independence.

- * Physical data independence
- * Logical data independence.

Data models :

* Relational models

→ A collection of tables to represent both data and relationships among them.

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Entity-Relationship model (ER-model).

→ collection of basic objects, called entities, and relations among those objects.

