## OLTP (Online Transaction Processing)

- Purpose: Handles day-to-day transactions.
- Operations: Insert, Update, Delete, Simple Queries.
- **Data Type**: Current and real-time data.
- Database Design: Highly normalized to avoid redundancy.
- Query Complexity: Simple and fast queries.
- **Users**: Clerks, database administrators, and end users.
- **Examples**: Banking systems, ATM transactions, online shopping, flight booking.

## OLAP (Online Analytical Processing)

- **Purpose**: Performs complex analysis and decision-making queries.
- Operations: Complex queries, aggregations, data mining.
- Data Type: Historical and aggregated data.
- **Database Design**: Denormalized (e.g., star or snowflake schema).
- Query Complexity: Complex and time-consuming.
- **Users**: Data analysts, executives, business decision-makers.
- **Examples**: Sales forecasting, business reports, trend analysis.

## Key Differences

Feature OLTP OLAP

Main Use Transaction processing Analytical processing

Data Type Real-time, operational data Historical, analytical data

**Design** Normalized Denormalized

Query Type Simple queries Complex queries with joins &

aggregations

High read performance

Performance

Focus

Fast write and read

performance

**Users** Front-end users, admins Analysts, managers