

# INFORMATION SOURCES- DATABASES

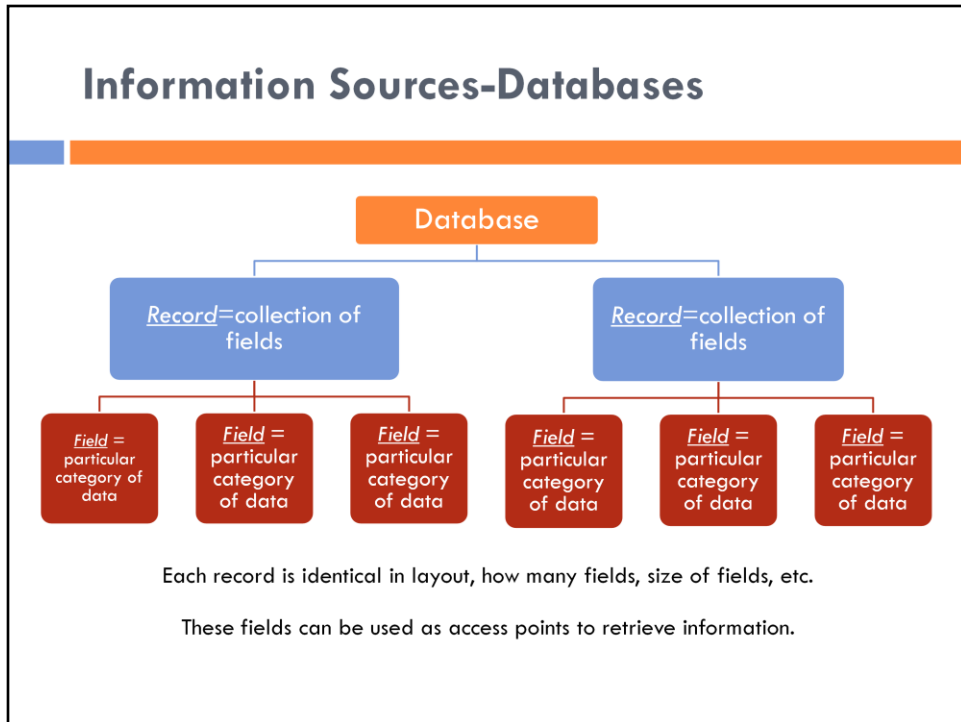
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### What is a database?

- A collection of information (records) organized and presented for specific purposes
  - A phone book is an example

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A record is made up by a collection of fields.

A field is used for a particular category of data.

Examples of fields are AUTHOR, TITLE, SUBJECT, DATE, etc.

There are other ways to organize databases, but this is a nice simple model that will help you understand basic structure

## Information Sources-Databases

### Bibliographic databases

- contains citation information, may include: summary, abstract.

### Full-text databases

- contain the full text of a work.

### Numeric databases

- mostly numeric data (numbers) such as statistics or financial data.

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### Image databases

- art prints, photos, animations, and other types of images.

### Audio/Video databases

- audio clips, music, speeches.

### Mixed databases

- combine two or more of the other database types.