“What is a database?”

**Answer:** *A comprehensive collection of related data organized for convenient access, generally in a computer.*

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**In the library …**

a database is a collection of research material, such as articles from newspapers, magazines and journals ("periodicals"), and sometimes from reference books (e.g. encyclopedias). Videos and other A/V items may also be included.

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Databases are on the Web, but they require a user login and password to access...much like when you go to your banking and shopping sites online and they require your member ID to let you in.