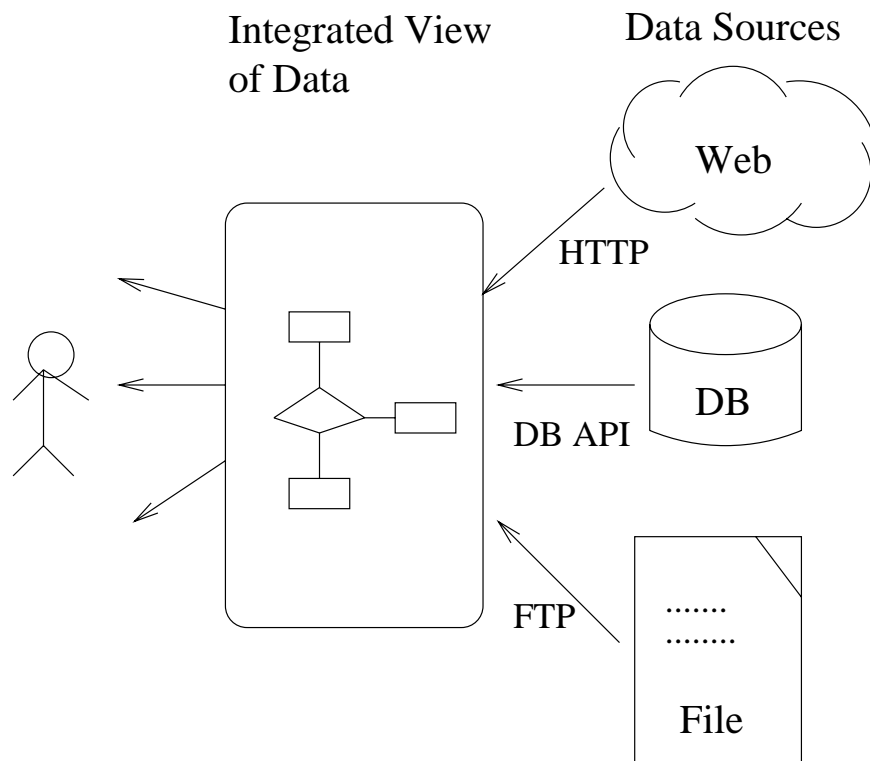


*DATA WAREHOUSES*  
*and*  
**DATA INTEGRATION SERVICES**

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# Data Integration

- harmonizing data from multiple sources into a single, coherent representation



## **Issues and Problems**

- heterogeneity of the data sources
- availability of the data sources
- autonomy the of data sources
- inconsistent or missing data
- freshness of data
- performance

## **Approaches to Data Integration**

- **Federated Databases**

The sources are independent, but one source can call on others to supply information.

- **Warehousing (Materialized Views)**

Copies of data from several sources, possibly in a processed form, are stored in a single database called a data warehouse.

Important applications: OLAP (On-Line Analytic Processing) and Data Mining

- **Mediation**

A software component called the mediator supports a virtual view which can be queried by the user as if the data were stored in a data warehouse.