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Information Systems and Databases

Tutorial Week 2 Multimedia and Internet Facilities

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Multimedia

- 1. Describe the two broad kinds of representation used by computers for multimedia objects.
- 2. Why is compression important for multimedia data and distinguish lossy and lossless compression techniques?
- 3. Why are there different character sets used by computers? Describe any that you have used.
- 4. You are designing a magazine to cater for the growing interest in baseball in this country. You plan a two mode delivery for the magazine over the web and as a printed magazine. (You might consult mlb.com for help here.)
 - a) What will you put the magazine in terms of content?
 - b) Which multimedia formats will you use?
 - c) What are the main problems in trying to deliver the same material in these two ways?
 - d) How would you vary the representation of the magazine components for the two delivery mechanisms?

Internet Facilities

- 5. What is meant by a Client Server Architecture?
- 6. What are the problems associated with sending Word documents, images and sound clips by e-mail and how are the problems solved?
- 7. What is meant by FTP and how is it usually used?
- 8. Clearly distinguish the World Wide Web and the Internet.
- 9. What is meant by a mark-up language and what is the relationship between HTML, SGML, XML and XHTML?
- 10. How is XML being used in the Internet?
- 11. Produce an XML representation of the baseball magazine.