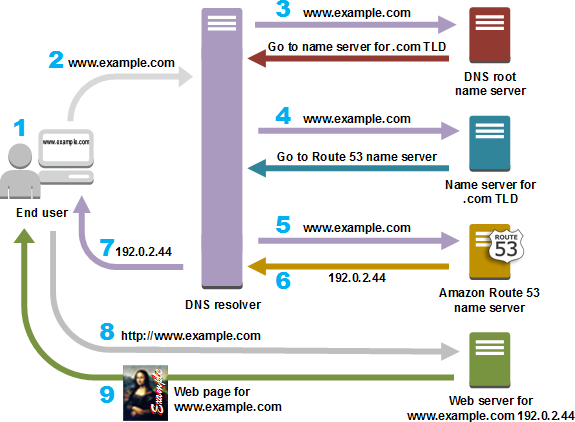
# What is Amazon Route 53?

Amazon Route 53 is a highly available and scalable Domain Name System (DNS) web service. You can use Route 53 to perform three main functions in any combination: domain registration, DNS routing, and health checking.

If you choose to use Route 53 for all three functions, be sure to follow the order below:

##### Register domain names

Your website needs a name, such as example.com. Route 53 lets you register a name for your website or web application, known as a *domain name*.

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