**1. What is Scalability?**

**Definition:**

Scalability refers to a system's ability to handle increased workload or expand its capacity without compromising performance, reliability, or efficiency.

**Key Characteristics:**

* **Horizontal Scaling:** Adding more nodes/devices (e.g., cloud servers).
* **Vertical Scaling:** Upgrading existing hardware (e.g., CPU/RAM).
* **Elasticity:** Dynamic scaling based on demand (common in cloud computing).

**Authoritative Sources:**

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**2. Scalability in Computing and IoT**

**In Computing:**

* **Cloud Computing:** AWS/Azure auto-scaling for variable workloads.
* **Databases:** Sharding (MongoDB) or replication (PostgreSQL).

**In IoT:**

* **Device Scalability:** Supporting thousands of sensors (e.g., smart cities).
* **Network Scalability:** Protocols like MQTT, CoAP for low-overhead communication.
* **Data Scalability:** Edge computing to reduce cloud dependency.

**Why It Matters for IoT:**

1. **Massive Device Growth:** 50B+ IoT devices by 2030 (Statista).
2. **Real-Time Processing:** Latency-critical apps (e.g., autonomous vehicles).
3. **Resource Constraints:** Limited power/budget in edge devices.

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Picture 1 – A mindmap show the relation of information related to Scalability in IoT.

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