# 1. What is a Website?

A website is a collection of web pages that users can access through the internet using a web browser. Websites are categorized into:

- **Static Websites:** Simple pages with fixed content (e.g., portfolio websites).
- Dynamic Websites: Websites that update content dynamically (e.g., social media platforms, e-commerce sites).

A website consists of three core parts:

## A. Frontend (Client-Side)

- HTML (HyperText Markup Language): The structure of a webpage.
- CSS (Cascading Style Sheets): Styling and layout.
- JavaScript: Adds interactivity and dynamic behavior.

## B. Backend (Server-Side)

- The logic and database management behind the website.
- Backend languages: Node.js, Python, PHP, etc.

#### C. Database

- Stores user data, transactions, and other content.
- Examples: MongoDB, MySQL, PostgreSQL.

# 2. How a Website Loads: Step-by-Step Process

### Step 1: User Requests a Web Page

- The user enters a URL (e.g., www.example.com) in their browser.
- The browser contacts the **DNS (Domain Name System)** to get the website's IP address.
- An HTTP/HTTPS request is sent to the web server.

### **Step 2: Server Processes the Request**

- If it's a **static website**, the server sends back an HTML file.
- If it's a **dynamic website**, the server runs backend code, fetches data from the database, and then generates an HTML response.

### **Step 3: Browser Receives and Renders the Page**

- The browser downloads the HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files.
- It processes them in the following order:
  - 1. Parses HTML and builds the DOM (Document Object Model).

- 2. Processes CSS and creates the CSSOM (CSS Object Model).
- 3. Combines DOM and CSSOM to form the Render Tree.
- 4. **Executes JavaScript** to modify the page dynamically.
- 5. **Paints the final webpage** on the screen.