Part 1

Both web apps and applications are built with the same web technology so there is no hard-and-fast rule to differentiate between the two of them, more commonly and for our purpose we will consider the difference between their intended purpose an relative level of complexity.

Websites

The main purpose of websites is to convey information and the interaction between the server for them is usually minimal. A good example f a website can be a picture gallery or marketing campaign site, the content would mostly be static and constructed in advance. The main technologies would be HTML and CSS for building the content.

Web Apps

Web apps are more akin to desktop application, typically designed to fulfil some data processing function involving a server. The content is mostly dynamic generated in reaction to user input, and there tends to be more java script used to process user input and fetch data from the server. A good example of this would be a social messaging application.

Therefore, websites and Web applications are very different as they serve and functional in a different and more complicated fashion than a website.