Link vs NavLink in React.js:

- Link is used for basic internal navigation without active styling.
- NavLink is similar to Link but includes active styling for the current route.

useNavigate Hook:

- A hook in React Router v6 for programmatically navigating between routes.
- Replaces the older **useHistory** hook and allows for more flexible navigation actions.

Protected Routes:

- Routes that are accessible only to authenticated or authorized users.
- Usually involves conditional rendering or higher-order components to redirect unauthenticated users to a login page or show access restrictions.