**Web.config**

A web.config file is a configuration file that contains various information regarding the settings in a website. It is an XML file which defines various properties and behaviors of the components of our application. Some of the major information stored inside a web.config file are:

1. Database connections
2. Caching settings
3. Error Handling
4. Security Information
5. Session States

**Site.Master**

The Site.Master page in ASP.NET development contain is a type of a master page containing a predefined layout that includes various static text, HTML elements and other server controls. The design and layout defined in a master page creates consistency among all the pages in our application. When we create separate content pages, those pages are merged with the master page and the final layout displayed on our screens is a combination of both the master and the content page. Some advantages of the master pages are:

1. The common functionalities are centralized allowing updates made in one file to be displayed all across the application.
2. They create a sense of consistency and coherence among all the pages of the application.
3. They contain placeholder controls, allowing individual content pages to merge with the master file and populate those placeholders with custom content.
4. They introduce an object model to the application allowing customization of the master page even from content pages.

**Global.asax**

The Global.asax file is a file present in the root directory of an ASP.NET application. This file contains code that are executed in response to application-level or session-level events occurring inside the application. This file is normally hidden from external viewers.

Some of the methods present inside the Global.asax file are:

1. Application\_Start()
2. Session\_Start()
3. Application\_BeginRequest()
4. Application\_Error()
5. Application\_AuthorizeRequest()

**References**

The References directory contains a list of the various external components or connected services that our application requires. Inclusion of these references allow the application to locate these components or services. References can be added or removed anytime using the Reference Manager.