**Web Portals**

A Web portal or public portal refers to a Web site or service that offers a broad of resources and services, such as email, forums, search engines, and online shopping malls. The first Web portals were online services, such as AOL, that provided access to the Web, but by now most of the traditional search engines have transformed Web portals to attract and keep a larger audience.

An enterprise portal is a Web-based interface for users of enterprise applications and also provides access to enterprise information such as corporate databases, applications (including Web applications), and systems.

<http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/P/portal.html>

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**Web Application**

A **web application** is any Web based application that uses a web browser as a client. The application can be as simple as a message board or messenger or a guest sign-in book social media log-on book on a website, or as complex as a word processor or a spreadsheet.

A Web application (Web app) is an web based application program that is stored on a remote server and delivered over the Internet through a browser interface as a client.

As scripting languages reached the boundaries of performance and scalability, many larger vendors jumped on Sun’s J2EE web development platform. There are many J2EE implementations, including Tomcat from the Apache Foundation, JBoss and Glassfish.