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| **Web server** | **Application server** |
| Tasks covered | Web servers deliver responses to simple requests. | An application server delivers more complex content from databases, services, and enterprise systems. |
| Protocols used | Web servers primarily use HTTP. They also support FTP and SMTP. | Application servers support many protocols. |
| Content types | Web servers deliver static content, like HTML pages, images, videos, and files. | Application servers deliver dynamic content, like real-time updates, personalized information, and customer support. |
| Multithreading | Does not typically use multithreading. | Uses multithreading to process requests concurrently. |