❖ Routing in React: -

1. What is React Router? How does it handle routing in single-page applications?

- React Router is a popular library used for implementing routing in React applications.
- It allows developers to create and manage navigation and routing in a single-page application (SPA) without needing a full page reload.

How React Router Handles Routing in SPA:

- In a traditional web application, navigating to a new page involves a request to the server to fetch a new HTML page.
- In a single-page application, React Router handles routing on the client side, so there is no need for full-page reloads
- 1. **Virtual Routes:** React Router maps the URL in the browser to specific React components.
- 2. **Dynamic Component Rendering:** Based on the current URL, it dynamically renders the appropriate component(s) without reloading the entire page.
- Route Matching: React Router matches the URL path to the closest matching <Route> or <Route> component and renders its associated component.
- 4. **Navigation Components:** Components like <Link> and <NavLink> are used to navigate between routes, updating the URL and rendering new components seamlessly.

2. Explain the difference between BrowserRouter, Route, Link, and Switch components in React Router.

1. BrowserRouter

Purpose:

- Acts as the root container for enabling client-side routing.
- Uses the HTML5 History API to handle navigation by keeping the UI in sync with the URL.

How it Works:

- It wraps the entire application or part of the application where routing is required.
- Manages the history stack, listens to URL changes, and renders the appropriate components.

2. Route

Purpose:

 Defines a specific mapping between a URL path and the component to be rendered.

How it Works:

- When the URL matches the path prop of the <Route>, it renders the component specified in the element or component prop.
- In React Router v6+, element is used instead of component.

3. Link

Purpose:

- Provides declarative navigation between routes without causing a page reload.
- Updates the URL and renders the appropriate component.

How it Works:

- Replaces traditional anchor tags (<a>), avoiding a full-page reload.
- Maintains the history stack and ensures smooth navigation.

4.Switch (Replaced by <Routes> in React Router v6)

• Purpose:

- Ensures only one <Route> is rendered at a time, even if multiple routes match the URL.
- Used to wrap multiple <Route> components and render the first match.

How it Works:

- In React Router v5, routes are checked in order, and the first match is rendered.
- Replaced by <Routes> in React Router v6, which automatically handles route matching