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## **PART 1: UNDERSTANDING WEB BASICS**

### **1. Research on How the Web Works:**

- **Task:** Write a brief explanation on how the World Wide Web functions.

**Answer:** The World Wide Web (WWW) operates on a client-server model, where web browsers (clients) request and retrieve information from web servers via the internet. Key components include:

- **HTTP/HTTPS Protocols:** HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) and its secure version, HTTPS, facilitate data communication between browsers and web servers.
- **Client-Server Model:** Users interact with websites through web browsers that send requests to servers, which respond with the requested web pages.
- **DNS (Domain Name System):** Translates human-friendly domain names (e.g., www.example.com) into IP addresses to locate web servers.
- **Web Browsers:** Software applications like Chrome, Firefox, and Edge that interpret and display web content.

### **2. Exploring Web Hosting Options:**

- **Task:** Research and compare different web hosting services.

**Answer:** Different web hosting services cater to various needs. Key factors include:

- **Shared Hosting:** Multiple websites share a server; cost-effective but limited performance.
- **VPS (Virtual Private Server) Hosting:** Offers dedicated resources on a shared server; balanced between cost and control.
- **Dedicated Hosting:** The entire server is dedicated to one user; it is expensive but offers full control and high performance.
- **Cloud Hosting:** Utilizes multiple servers; highly scalable and reliable.
- **Factors to Consider:** Cost, uptime reliability, customer support, scalability, and security.

## **PART 2: DEPLOYMENT AND SECURITY**

### **3. Deploying a Website:**

- **Task:** Outline the steps involved in deploying a website to a web server.

- **Answer:**
  - Domain Registration:** Purchase and register a domain name through registrars like GoDaddy or Namecheap.
  - Web Hosting Selection:** Choose a hosting provider that fits your needs.
  - Uploading Files:** Transfer website files via FTP/SFTP (e.g., using FileZilla) to the web server.
  - Database Setup (if needed):** Configure databases using MySQL or PostgreSQL.
  - DNS Configuration:** Point the domain to the hosting provider's nameservers.
  - Testing and Maintenance:** Verify functionality and ensure security updates.

#### 4. Website Security Essentials:

- **Task:** Research common web security threats and preventive measures.
- **Answer: Common Threats:** SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), DDoS attacks, and phishing.  
**Preventive Measures:**
  - **HTTPS & SSL/TLS:** Encrypts communication for secure data transfer.
  - **Secure Coding Practices:** Validating inputs, using prepared statements, and escaping output to prevent attacks.
  - **Web Application Firewalls (WAF):** Protects against malicious traffic.
  - **Regular Updates:** Keeping software and plugins updated to patch vulnerabilities.

## PART 3: RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

#### 5. Emerging Trends in web Development:

- **Task:** write on emerging trend (e.g., progressive web apps, serverless architecture).

**Answer:** PWAs (Progressive Web Apps) are web applications that provide an app-like experience directly in browsers, eliminating the need for app store downloads. Built with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, they offer speed, responsiveness, and offline functionality through service workers and HTTPS security.

##### Key Benefits:

**Offline Access:** Works even with poor or no internet.

**Cross-Platform Compatibility:** Runs smoothly across devices and browsers.

**No Installation Needed:** Saves storage and reduces friction.

Challenges

**Limited Browser Support:** Some browsers lack full PWA compatibility.

**Restricted Device Access:** Limited access to Bluetooth, advanced cameras, and inter-app communications.

**Real-World Examples:**

**Uber:** Lightweight, fast, and accessible even on slow networks.

**Starbucks:** Allows users to browse and customize orders offline before finalizing purchases online.