

# FORM 4

## UNIT 4 NETWORK APPLICATIONS

### Lesson 1

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A **web browser**, often shortened to browser, is an application for accessing websites

A **hypertext document** is a digital text that contains links (hyperlinks) to other texts or multi media elements, allowing users to navigate between different pieces of information easily.

<b>Search engine</b>	:	A special type website that help users easily look for information from other webistes
<b>Webserver</b>	:	A computer on the internet or intranet that delivers web pages and other files in response to browser requests.
<b>Web page</b>	:	A web page is a single document page on website.
<b>Home page</b>	:	The first page that is loaded from which you can navigate to other pages on the same or another website

A **Universal Resource Locator (URL)** : is a unique sequence of characters that identifies an abstract or physical resource

#### **PARTS OF URL**

A basic URL has four main parts. Namely, protocol, subdomain, domain name and top level domain.

Now let us look at these parts in details.

- 1. Protocol used** : The http ( the type of protocol used)
- 2. The sub domain** : *The subdomain is used to separate different sections of the website as it specifies the type of resource to be delivered to the client*
- 3. Domain name** : *Domain name specifies the organization or entity that the URL belongs to*
- 4. Top level domain** : *Top level domain specifies the type of organisation the website is registered to ( In this case, com means commercial)*

Consider the following example.

<https://www.zombacatholic.com>

**The above URL can be described as follows:**

**https://** *This is the protocol used*

**www** *This is the subdomain.*

**zombacatholic** *Domain name.*

**.com** *Top level domain*

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## **EXERCISE**

Here are some of the questions for you to practice. No need for you to send responses, its for your own practices.

1. Define the following terms:

a. Web browser

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b. Hypertext document

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c. Universal Resource Locator

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d. Search engine

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e. Webserver

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f. Home page

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2. Describe the following url

*<https://www.form4s.com>*

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