

# SharePoint Site Collection and Sites

## SharePoint Site:

SharePoint Site is a website that contains our actual content like list, libraries, calendars etc.

## SharePoint Site Collection:

SharePoint Site Collection is a collection of sites. Each site collection has a top level site and subsites under it.

## Example: (Site Collection with Sub Sites)

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## Example: (Individual Site Collections)

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## Site Collection or Sites - Points to consider

It is always confusing to decide whether you should create a site collection or a site/subsite for any kind of business requirements like for each department or teams in an organization in SharePoint.

If you are working for an enterprise then there is always a question comes whether we should create a site collection for individual departments or should we create one site collection and within that we will create nested sites for different departments like IT, Finance, HR, etc.

Whether to go for a Site Collection or Site depends on a few factors and business requirements. Factors like permission, size, etc.

One of the **key factors**:

A site collection has its unique site columns, navigation, permissions (security groups), site templates, branding, etc. But Subsites inherits all these properties from the top-level site in a site collection.

Imagine you have set up everything for one site collection and you want to have the same things in site collection

Two, then you have to do these things again. Now What to consider? You should create a site/subsite, so that you can reuse this.

### Other factors you should consider:

- One key point to note is that each site collection has its unique site columns, navigation, permissions (security groups), site templates, branding, etc. But Subsites on another hand, inherit all these properties from the top-level site in a site collection.
- If you want to have a site which will use the same metadata, security or navigation as the existing sites you already have, then go for a site rather than a site collection.
- If you have a small organization and have the requirement of a limited number of SharePoint site for your organization, then go for a site also rather a site collection.
- On the other hand, if you are a very large organization having multiple business units with different business functions and shareholders, you can go for creating various site collection.
- If in your large organization has different navigation and different security groups, then go for site collections.
- If your organization has lots of contents then go for site collections.
- If you want to share your content outside your organization like some content you want to share with external users, then go for a site collection. Like one

site collection will be for your internal users and other one site collection will be used for external users.

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