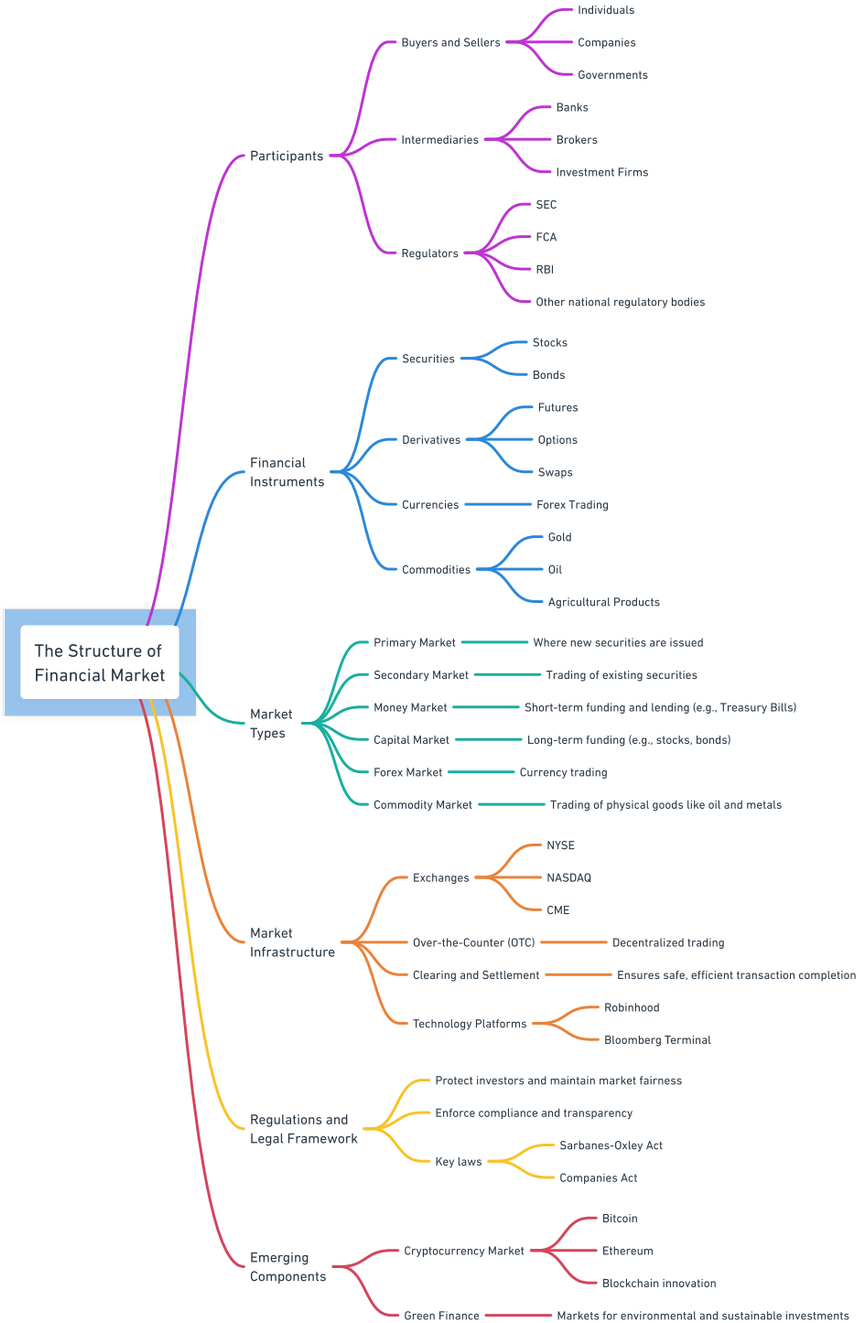
The Structure of Financial Market
Participants
Buyers and Sellers
Individuals
Companies
Governments
Intermediaries
Banks
Brokers
Investment Firms
Regulators
SEC
FCA
RBI
Other national regulatory bodies
Financial Instruments
Securities
Stocks
Bonds
Derivatives
Futures
Options
Swaps
Currencies
Forex Trading
Commodities
Gold
Oil
Agricultural Products
Market Types
Primary Market
Where new securities are issued
Secondary Market
Trading of existing securities
Money Market
Short-term funding and lending (e.g., Treasury Bills)
Capital Market
Long-term funding (e.g., stocks, bonds)
Forex Market
Currency trading
Commodity Market
Trading of physical goods like oil and metals
Market Infrastructure
Exchanges
NYSE
NASDAQ
CME
Over-the-Counter (OTC)
Decentralized trading
Clearing and Settlement
Ensures safe, efficient transaction completion
Technology Platforms
Robinhood
Bloomberg Terminal
Regulations and Legal Framework
Protect investors and maintain market fairness
Enforce compliance and transparency
Key laws
Sarbanes-Oxley Act
Companies Act
Emerging Components
Cryptocurrency Market
Bitcoin
Ethereum
Blockchain innovation
Green Finance
Markets for environmental and sustainable investments