Web Space Hosting, Domain Names and FTP

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There are three basic steps to creating a Web site using Microsoft Word files:

1. **CREATE** your files such **Newsletter.PDF** or **Resume.PDF** or **index.htm** (index would be a home page).
2. **HOSTING:** Get a company to **host** your site - pick from below, follow the directions, and set up your site.
3. **UPLOAD** your file(s) to your Web site by using your hosting company's directions or their **File Manager** or an **FTP** (File Transfer) client. (The free FTP client that I recommend is **FireFTP** which works with Firefox).

A **DOMAIN NAME** is an organization, business or personal name on the Internet, such as BillSmithOnline**.com** or BillSmith**.net** or BillSmith**.org** or BillSmith**.info** or BillSmith**.biz.** You do not need to buy a separate domain name if you use free hosting. However, you can buy your own **.com** domain name for about $12.95 a year or less, or an **.info** or **.biz** domain name for a little as $2.00 a year.

HOSTING is when a company which owns Web servers will **host** or allow individuals to store their Web pages on the company Web servers, often for a fee. You can own your own domain name, a personalized email address, and have dependable banner-free hosting through a number of hosting services such as **www.Godaddy.com**. The domain name (i.e. BillSmithOnline**.com**) may be about $12.00 and the monthly hosting is about $4.50 – for a total of about $60-$80 per year. For a class, you can save money by only purchasing hosting for 4 or 5 months. GoDaddy provides free 24-7 tech support. If you set up a GoDaddy account, **be sure to ask for the Economy Package that includes all three**: **domain name, email address, and hosting**. For a list of other hosting companies – simply do a Web search.

Below are **FREE** hosting services, most are supported by **BANNER** advertising placed on your site.

Google Sites	www.google.com See: Common/GoogleSites.pdf
	Or see: https://**sites.google.com**/site/floydjaywinters/
Google Docs: may not work with IE.	http://docs.google.com
Dot Easy (Cost-**Free**, Banner Free)	http://www.doteasy.com/
Wix.com	http://www.wix.com/
Word Press	http://wordpress.com/
Free 50 Megs.com hosting	http://www.50megs.com/
Dreamsparkhosting.com: JS, ASP, PHP	http://www.dreamsparkhosting.com
GoDaddy.com (buy your domain first)	http://www.godaddy.com and see:
(**you can by a domain for less than $10**)	http://faculty.scf.edu/winterf/0ClassFolders/2820Web/Set_Up_GoDaddy_FTP.pdf or http://faculty.scf.edu/winterf/0ClassFolders/Common/GoDaddy_FileManager.pdf

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https://sites.google.com/site/floydjaywinters/Resume (Click and test this link to see how it works.)
http://yourname.110mb.com/Resume.pdf

Note: Even though you successfully transfer your files to **your site they will not display if you do not spell the file name and file path correctly** when you type it in on your browser. Also on some machines, such as LINUX servers, which are very common, **file names are Case Sensitive.**

Also note: **The Home page is usually called index.htm.**

Creating your own Website is not that hard and is very rewarding once you get it done. Just pick a host and follow the hosting company's directions on how to upload or FTP your files to your site. So hang in there and in a little while you all should have your own Web site.