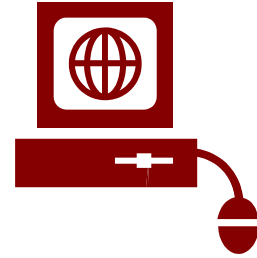


Find an Online Home for your Web Page

Now that you've developed a Web page, you need to store it where the rest of the world can see it. You've saved it to your computer, but the rest of the world can't see it until you put it on another computer that is set up to show Web pages on the Internet. This other computer is called a **Web server**. Web servers store, or **host**, Web pages so people on the Internet can view them.



Companies or organizations that provide this service are called Web hosting providers. You will need the services of a Web hosting provider to make your Web page public.

Where can I find a Web hosting provider?

If your program has Internet access, you may already have a Web hosting provider. Many Internet service providers offer Web hosting plans to their subscribers. Check with them first.

There are several places online where you can post Web pages for free, like GeoCities, but to have your own personalized address, like www.anytownlearning.org, you will need to pay a fee. You will likely have ads on your Web site, too.

Www.NonprofitPages.com provides free and low-cost hosting to nonprofit organizations.

You can find many low cost Web hosting providers online. It doesn't matter if they are located nearby. You just want them to provide reliable service to your Web site, and to be able to help when you need assistance.

What services do I need?

Since you are just getting started, you will need only a very basic hosting plan. If you only have one page, purchase the smallest hosting plan you can – you can always upgrade it if your Web site becomes larger. (In fact, some hosting providers will give you a one-page Web site for a very low annual fee, until you need more pages.)

Many basic hosting plans cost less than \$10 a month, and will store a Web site of many pages. This doesn't need to cost a lot of money.

How do I get my own address, like www.anytownlearning.org?

Most hosting providers will do this for you. You tell them what Web address, or domain name, you want and they will tell you if it is available. You pay them a small fee each year to attach this address to your Web page.

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