

Agenda

- What Is the Internet?
- What Is the Web?
- What Is a Website?
- What Is WordPress?
- How to Get Started with WordPress

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What Is the Internet?

But first ...

What Is a *Network*?

What Is a **Computer Network**?

- A Connection between:2 or more computers
- Usually uses Ethernet cable
- But can be a wireless

What Is the **Internet**?

A Network ...of ...

Networks

- Many small networks interconnected
- Spans the whole world

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Key Points on the 'Net

- A network connects computers together
- The **Internet** connects networks together
- The Worldwide Web is one of many features available on the Internet

An Analogy

The Internet

The Highway System

The Web

Stores, restaurants, gas stations, hotels

The Browser

Your car

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What's the "Web"?

World Wide Web, made up of
Web servers (on large computers)
Web sites (or Web domains)

Web pages

HTML code

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And This Is Hypertext:

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Hyperlink

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Hypertext Markup Language

Consists of tags and text:

<html>

<head>

<title>Simple Web Page Example</title>

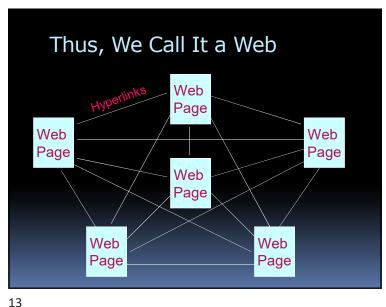
</head>

<body>

<h1>Simple Web Page</h1>

This is an example of a simple Web page.

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Programs to Read Web Pages

Web Browsers:

- Google Chrome
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Microsoft Edge
- Apple Safari
- Mozilla Firefox

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Different Views

- Each browser shows a web page slightly differently
- Each type of device can show a web page differently
 - PC
 - Tablet
 - Phone

World Wide Web Addresses

- www.cnn.com/showbiz/movies.htm
- Uniform Resource Locator (URL)
- No spaces
- Sometimes case sensitive
- Uses HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

http://www.cnn.com/showbiz/movies.htm

Web Address Components

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What Does It Mean?

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http://www.cnn.com/showbiz/movies.htm

Domain Name

The main name for your website

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Web Protocol

Protocol:

How your computer will interact with other computers

E.g., Hypertext Transfer Protocol

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Top-Level Domain

TLD: The type of domain

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Folder

A folder on the web server computer containing several files

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Name That **Top-Level Domain**

.com Commercial

.edu Educational

.gov Government

.org Non-profit organization

.us United States

.ca Canada

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Web Page Filename

The name of the web page you want to look at

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New Top-Level Domains

.accountants

.actor

.adult

.agency

.apartments

.attorney

.auction

.audio

.autos

.bar

... and 1,000 others

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How Does a Browser Work?

- Browser sends message to a web server computer
- Web server sends page back to browser
- Browser displays graphical version of page

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A Website

- A collection of files ...
- On a PC ...
- Running a web server program

WHAT IS A WEBSITE?

Types of Files on a Website

- Web pages
- Pictures
- Style sheets
- Scripts

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WHAT IS WORDPRESS? 29

WordPress

- A website (wordpress.com)
- Which runs a program
- Which hosts your website
- Which enables easy changes

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About WordPress

- Started by Matt Mullenweg, 2003
- "Open Source" software
- Originally for blogs
- Managed by Automattic



WordPress: Pros & Cons

Pro

Con

- Easy to use
- Low cost
- Designed for Blogs Limited features
- Very popular
- "Training wheels"

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What Is a Blog?

- Short for: Web Log
- Series of changing stories
- Like a magazine or journal

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Who Is Using WordPress?

- The New York Times
- People Magazine
- National Geographic
- Forbes
- CNN
- NFL

Small Companies Prefer Static Sites

- Unlike a blog, few changes
- Less maintenance, updates
- WordPress does well with static sites

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Room to Grow: WordPress.org

- Very flexible and powerful
 - Many *plugins* available
- You supply the host
- Still low cost
- You are responsible for security

WordPress Alternatives

- Google Sites
- Blogger
- Wix
- Weebly
- SquareSpace
- Shopify

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Create Your First Site

- 1. Organize your PC
- 2. Download files
- 3. Create a WordPress account
- 4. Create a site
- 5. Customize the site ID
- 6. Add a Banner Image

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH WORDPRESS

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Go to:

bit.ly/myfirstwpsite

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