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# **So You Want Your Own Website? Where Do You Start?**

So you want your own website? Where do you start? What follows are the things you will need to consider before making a decision.

What will your domain name be? This is how people will find your website. You will have to register your domain name with a domain registrar as your first step. Will it be a .com, .net, .info, .biz or one of the other domains available? Costs for domain registration varies widely. Some registrars give you bonuses or discounts. Do you research before deciding who to register with.

Who will host your website? There are literally hundreds of web hosting providers, but choosing the right one for you will take some research. The web hosting provider is who stores the files for your site. Just like domain registrars, %keyword1% providers services and discounts vary widely. Do you due diligence before making a decision. One option is to use a website such as web hosting that has literally thousands of articles, posts and reviews on the different hosting providers. Some services you need to think about before choosing a web host. How much disk space do I need?

How much bandwidth do I need?

How many domains will I be hosting?

How much traffic do I expect?

Do I need a database?

These are just a few things to consider. Again, you can use a reference website such as <http://hostingwebsitereviews.com> before making your final choice.

The next thing to think about is how you access your website files and reporting. Since the website itself will be hosted on the hosting company's servers you will need to understand their control panel and how it works. This is commonly referred to as cpanel. Does the hosting company provide documentation on their cpanel or videos that you can view to learn how it works? You also need to think about support at your hosting company. Who do you call and is someone available to help you if you run into problems?

So now you have a domain name and hosting provider. Your next step is to build a website. If you know html and can write your own you are all set. Another option is to outsource the building of your site. If you do this make sure you find someone with a good reputation and references. There are many people out there who think they can code, but their work may not be up to the standards you are looking for. If you decided to build your own website, then the easiest way to go about it is with a software program. What you see if what you get (WYSIWYG) editors are the easiest to use and perfect for first time web builders. Your hosting provider may make web templates available that you can start with.

This article gives you an idea of where to start and what you need to do to get a website online. Follow this article series on hosting provider to learn more each week about building your first website.

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