## Southborough LibGuide: Website Development

Website development is a useful skill and websites can do a lot in fun or professional settings.

Now, websites need two things: a domain name (like a house has an address) and a web host (like the house itself).

## **Platforms for Web Hosting**

The websites below offer a free version.

Weebly - This guided onboarding system makes ot a good option for those starting out. The layout is a little more difficult to figure out, but offers more features like slideshow and google map.

<u>Wix</u> - Wix offers a huge array of options for formatting and design present in a format that is pretty easy to access.

Wordpress - Wordpress also has a free version. Though a little harder to navigate, Wordpress has some cool options like a dashboard to keep track of recent activity and a group email to followers.

\*This website offers only paid versions\*

<u>Constant Contact</u> - Constant Contact is a great platform for beginners willing to pay for use. It takes users in a step by step process to get set up. Options for changing format or content of the website is easy to follow.

## From Scratch

Some programs let you design more of the website from the ground up such as <u>Atom</u> and <u>Aptana Studio</u>. With programs like these every detail on the site is decided by your HTTP...which is both intimidating and exciting!

Coding entered on these programs still needs a platform. To avoid using an existing web host, you need to you buy your own. Raspberry Pi, a mini computer, is one way of doing that. Learn more about web hosting on Raspberry Pi here and the other necessary steps of forwarding ports on your router here.



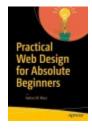
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**CW/MARS** Resources

<u>from todays best web design</u> <u>trends, themes and styles</u>



WordPress to go: how to build a
WordPress website on your own
domain, from scratch, even if you
are a complete beginner



<u>Practical web design for absolute</u> <u>beginners</u>



Create your own website the easy way



Confident web design: master the fundamentals of website creation and supercharge your career



Web coding & development all-in-one



T<u>he web designer's idea</u> book. Volume 4 Inspiration

