It's Easier than You Think!: Build a Website to Enhance Learning
CTRE Workshop

5 Reasons to Build a Website

Moodle is a powerful learning management system (LMS) that allows you to create a rich learning spaces, but there are still plenty of reasons to create a personal website, such as:

1. Customization

Many web authoring tools allow for a high level of customization for the look and feel of your website.

2. Voice

Having your own website can provide a greater sense of freedom than your online course.

3. User-Friendliness

Many of the web authoring tools available on the internet are user-friendly and provide a wealth of tutorials and how-to guides. In most cases, you can create an attractive, functional website in just a few hours.

4. Task Designation

Having a website that is used for one particular project/topic/theme can help focus your thinking more effectively.

5. Scholarly Communities

You may wish to have a dedicated web presence to showcase your professional work, such as article links, conference presentations, videos, or other original works.

Word of Caution

If you are creating a website to be used with students, put up only those materials that you would also be comfortable putting on Moodle.

Tips for Getting Started

Create a Durable, Catchy Title

Like with songs, novels, and movies, a good title goes a long way—even among academicians.

Explore

Make it a point to try clicking on some of those mystery buttons every once in a while.

Be Authentic, Be Creative

This is your website, so make it *yours*!

Include Media

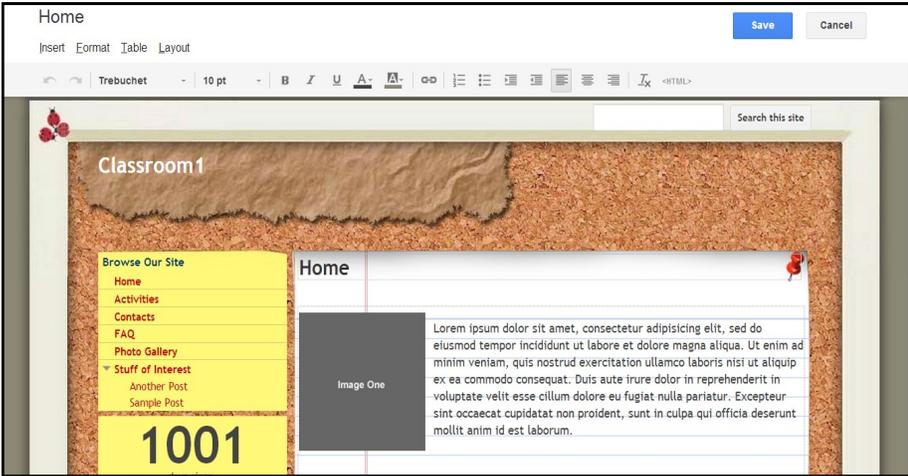Even the best blog writers can enhance their websites by including photos and videos. You can search copyright-friendly resources at:

search.creativecommons.org or

www.flickr.com/creativecommons

Need Help?

Try exploring the Help resources included with your website, or searching Google or YouTube.

Google Sites

CSU is a Google Apps for Education school, which allows for a number of features you won't find elsewhere.
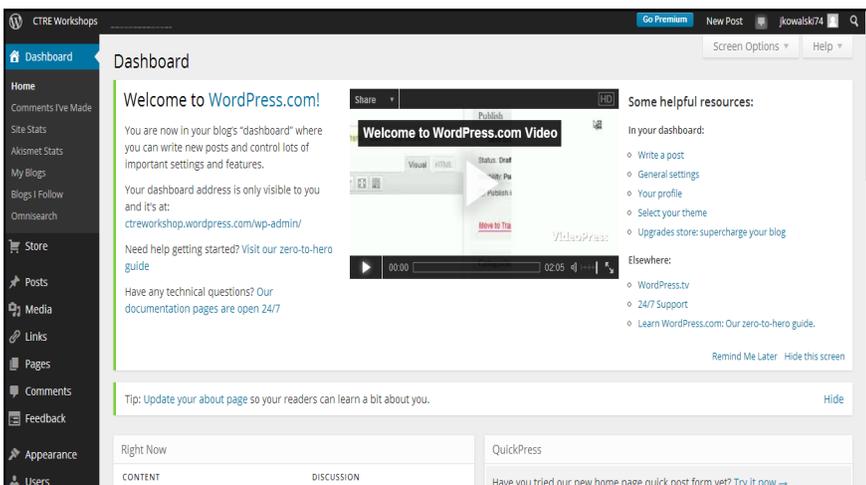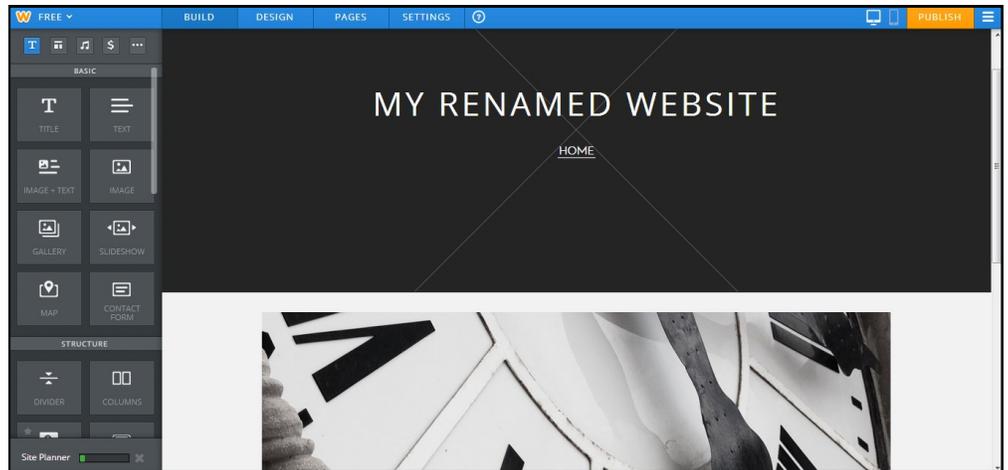
Features: ●●●●

Appeal: ●●●

Ease of Use: ●●●

weebly

Weebly is a slick, popular, easy-to-use site builder to accomplish a number of goals.

Features: ●●●●

Appeal: ●●●●

Ease of Use: ●●●●

WORDPRESS

WordPress is a popular blogging website, but offers the freedom to do much more. Versatile, attractive, and user-friendly.

Features: ●●●●

Appeal: ●●●

Ease of Use: ●●●

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