

Introduction to websites

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A website is a collection of [Web pages](#) , images, videos or other digital assets that is hosted on one or more [web servers](#) , usually accessible via the [Internet](#) .

A Web page is a document, typically written in ([X](#)) [HTML](#) , that is almost always accessible via [HTTP](#) , a protocol that transfers information from the [Web server](#) to display in the user's [Web browser](#) .

All publicly accessible websites are seen collectively as constituting the "[World Wide Web](#) ".

The pages of a website can usually be accessed from a common root [URL](#) called the [homepage](#) , and usually reside on the same physical server. The URLs of the pages organize them into a hierarchy, although the [hyperlinks](#) between them control how the reader perceives the [overall structure](#) and how the [traffic](#) flows between the different parts of the site.

Some websites require a [subscription](#) to access some or all of their content. Examples of subscription sites include many business sites, parts of many [news](#) sites, [academic journal](#) sites, gaming sites, [message boards](#) , Web-based [e-mail](#) , services,

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[social networking](#)

websites, and sites providing real-time

[stock market](#)

data. Because they require authentication to view the content they are technically an

[Intranet](#)

site.