Getting Started

Before creating your domain, you'll need to choose a domain name. There are a few things to consider:

Choose a Domain You Can Live With: You should choose a domain name that you feel you can live with for quite some time. You should pick something that you won’t find embarrassing in the future. A good rule of thumb is to pick a domain that you would be comfortable putting on a future job application.

You May Wish to Include Your Name in Your Domain: There is no requirement that your domain reflect your specific identity in the form of your first and last name. However, choosing a domain name that includes your name may make it easier for you to achieve higher rankings in search engines when someone queries your real name.

Pick a Domain you Like: At the end of the day, your domain should reflect you. Pick a domain you like and are proud of. It can reflect your interests, sports you play, or your hobby. Or it could just be your name. The “right” domain for you is the one you’re comfortable with.

Signing Up

1. Go to www.PlymouthCreate.net
2. Click Get Started
3. This is the “Gotcha” point. Instead of entering your email and password, click Login with Shibboleth
4. Enter your PSU Username and password
5. Enter the domain name of your choice, and you can only do this once, so choose wisely!
6. On the Review page, ensure your contact information and domain are correct, then click Sign Up
7. You will be brought to the C panel (control panel) and will be on your way to creating your own PlymouthCreate space

Installing Applications

PlymouthCreate.net makes it very simple to install certain Web applications in your Web space. Web applications are just special software that run on a Web server. Usually they allow you to build and manage a Web site. The kind of site you can build depends upon the type of application you install. Examples of applications include Wordpress, ZenPhoto, OwnCloud, Drupal, etc.
Once logged in you’ll be at the homepage of your control panel. You will see a section of the Control Panel labeled “Applications.” Within this section you will see a link to Wordpress, which you can click to install. Or, you can type “Installatron” into the search bar on the top right of the page. When you hit return you will automatically be redirected to the Installatron page. Installatron will assist with the installation of any other application you’d like to use with your domain.

*Note: Installatron offers several e-commerce applications. However, members of the Plymouth State community are not allowed to utilize these applications to actually conduct sales or make money.

After clicking an application icon, a page will appear with information about the application, links to resources, and a link to install it.

Support

Plymouth Create is a new service at PSU, and we are still developing help documentation and workshops. For many applications there are a great deal of online resources available with instructions and tips. For Wordpress, you might find the Lynda.com Wordpress Essential Training course helpful (and you can sign in with the “Organization Portal” with your PSU email and password). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Help Desk and make sure to include the term “Plymouth Create” or “Domain of Own’s Own.”

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