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# A personal webpage when you're a grad student

Why, what and how

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# Why should you have a webpage?

## VISIBILITY!

When you want to know about Pierre Jean Jacques, what do you do?

- That's exactly what most people do:
  - Co-workers
  - People you meet in workshops and conferences
  - Possible collaborators
  - Journalists
  - **Possible employers!!!**

## OTHER REASONS

- To give you a motivation to keep your CV updated
- To share content with students and co-workers
- To keep your bookmarks and other documents all together
- To learn how to make a webpage!
- **Because it's fun to make!**

The Google logo is displayed in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red) with a trademark symbol.

"Marie-Eve Naud"

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky



# How to do a website, for dummies

- Webpage are written with normal text and **html markups (balises)**
- To write a webpage, you can:
  1. Do it « old school »

(Text editors with highlight can help!)

To learn more about html

W3Schools:

<http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>

HTML Goodies:

<http://www.htmlgoodies.com/primers/html/>

HTML Code Tutorial:

<http://www.htmlcode-tutorial.com/>



Une page  
index.html de base  
a l'air de ça (voir le  
fichier joint)

```
1 <HTML>
2 <HEAD>
3   <TITLE> Titre de la page qui apparaîtra dans la barre de titre de la fenêtre du navigateur </TITLE>
4 </HEAD>
5
6 <BODY BGCOLOR="Couleur" <!--Début du contenu. Le fond d'écran est de la couleur donnée-->
7   <BASEFONT Face="Police" Size="x" COLOR="Couleur" <!--définit les caractéristiques d'une police par défaut-->
8   <!-- La police peut être: arial, times new roman, comic sans ms, book antiqua etc. -->
9   <!-- La couleur prend la forme #rrggbb, plusieurs tables des couleurs sur le web, par ex: http://www.pajbk.com/clrw.htm-->
10  <!-- La taille x prend la valeur: 1 à 7, 1 est la valeur la plus petite.-->
11  <font Face="Police" color="Couleur" Size="x">Ce texte aura la mise en forme dictée par les balises (écrase la police par défaut
12  </font>
13
14  <I> Texte en italique </I>
15  <U> Texte souligné </U>
16  <B> Texte en caractère gras </B>
17
18  <a href="http://www.adressedusiteweb.com" TARGET="_top">Texte sur lequel tu cliques pour aller sur le site</a>
19  <!-- Le mot clé optionnel TARGET dit si la fenetre s'ouvre dans la meme page ("_top") ou dans un nouvel onglet "_blank" -->
20
21  <a href="document.doc">Texte sur lequel tu cliques pour ouvrir le document</a>
22  <!-- Le document doit être placé dans ton dossier 'home/[ ]/www/'-->
23
24  <A href="mailto:blabla@astro.umontreal.ca">Texte sur lequel tu cliques pour l'adresse email</A>
25
26  <IMG SRC="image.jpg"
27    HEIGHT=hauteur_en_pixels
28    WIDTH=largeur_en_pixels
29    ALIGN="alignement"
30    HSPACE=distance_min_entre_limage_et_le_texte_à_côté_en_pixels
31    VSPACE=distance_min_entre_limage_et_le_texte_au-dessus_et_en-dessous_en_pixels
32  >
33  <!-- L'image de ce nom doit être placée dans ton dossier 'home/[ ]/www/'-->
34  <!-- alignement peut être: left (image alignée à gauche), right (image alignée à droite) , -->
35  <!-- absbottom, absmiddle, baseline, bottom, texttop (permet d'aligner le texte par rapport à l'image)-->
36
37  <A href="www.adresse.com"><IMG SRC="image.gif"></A>
38  <!-- Permet d'utiliser une image comme lien. Ça fonctionne aussi avec les liens vers les doc et les liens mailto: -->
39 </BODY>
40 </HTML>
```

**Note:** Les commentaires (placés entre <!-- et -->) expliquent les balises de bases utilisées



-- » Save as index.html

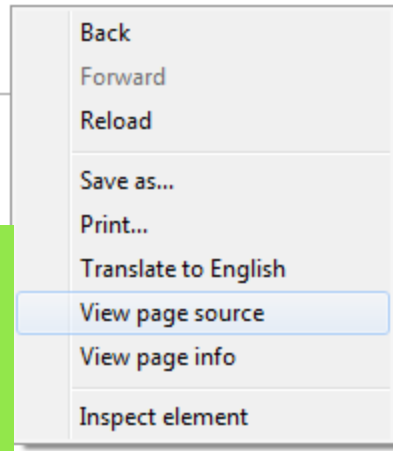
-- » UdeM students: simply put in the  
folder home/yourname/www/

# Examples

of pages probably created in plain html

- [Dimitar Sassellov](#)
- [Laurent Drissen](#)
- [David Hanna](#)
- [Ken Ragan](#)

A little “trick”: on any webpage, use right click and “View page source” to see the code behind it



**But!** All websites are not only plain html like the one shown on last page!

It always help to have some artistic skills\*!

- [Maggie Livingstone](#)
- [Zach Berta](#)

\*A very good comprise is to use “Templates” :  
(available for free on some [websites](#))

Examples:

[Katie Morzinski](#), [Sébastien Guillot](#)



- To write a webpage, you can use easier ways!

## 2. Use WYSIWYG editors

Warning: **WYS** Isn't Always **W**hat everybody will **G**et!

- [Adobe Dreamweaver](#), latest version : CS5 (\$\$)
- [Microsoft Expression Web](#), latest version :4 (\$\$)
- [iWeb](#) (for MAC) (see a [manual](#))
- [Blue Griffon](#) (free): version:1.1.1



## More examples

### iWeb:

- [Lisa Kaltenegger](#)
- [Giovanna Tinetti](#)



- To write a webpage, you can also use easier/quicker ways!

### Google sites

Ex: Ma page web

Groupe de Matt Dobbs

**Blogs** like WordPress or blospot

Ex: Margaret Turnbull

Robert Rutledge

Many other **Website builders** and **Content Management Systems (CMS)**

→ Wait for Dorian Pirot's presentation on one of these, called gpEasy. It was used to do the CRAQ student meeting webpage 2011

# What you can put in your website

- **The very basic webpage**

- Your name
- Position and institution
- Short bio
- Ideally a picture
  
- Research interests
- Current research project
- Link to your research group webpage
  
- Your contact info

Ex.:

- [Zach Berta](#)
- [Maggie Livingstone](#)



## If you have a little more motivation:

- Research: add a short text with visuals (graphs, animations, images) and link to papers, thesis, websites Ex.: [Sean Raymond](#), [Anders Johansen](#), [Diana Valencia](#)
- Your CV
- Publications
  - Theses
  - Talks and posters
- Outreach activities
- Teaching activities
- Links
  - Friends and collaborators page
  - Useful research link
  - Your bookmarks)

**You can add a  
visitor counter:**

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## For your CV:

- **Format** : html and downloadable pdf
- **Content:**
  - Address
  - Research interest
  - Professional experience: membership, chair, committee
  - Education, grants, awards
  - Seminars and colloquia
  - Outreach activities
  - Teaching activities
  - Publications

For academic papers, many put a link to <http://adsabs.harvard.edu>

[SAO/NASA Astrophysics Data System \(ADS\)](#)

Query Results from the ADS Database



**If you have the courage to update it more often:**

- A blog
- Recent news (and News archives)
- Your agenda



*If you want it more **personal**, you can talk about...*

- *Other interests you have outside research*
- *Your family, hometown, pet...*

*And you can link to...*

- *Your more personal pages*  
*A blog, Facebook, Google+, flickr, picassa ,other interests webpage*

*Or you can put pictures...*





# Don't forget!

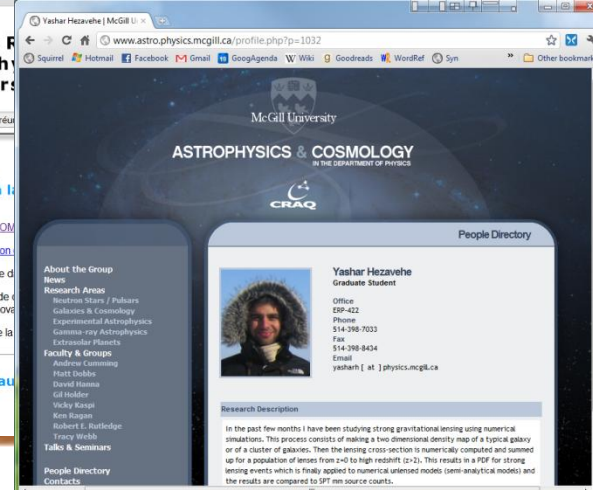
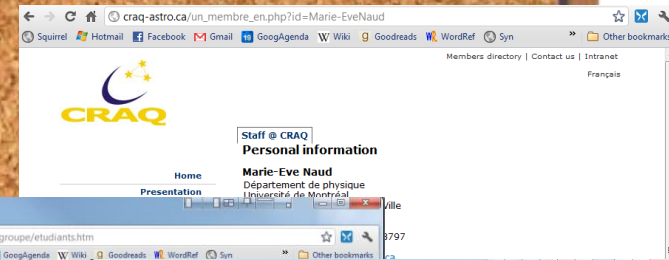
- Keep the site updated

Add a little note: *This page was last modified on 4 October 2010.*

- Link the site to
  - your page on the CRAQ's website ([www.craq-astro.ca](http://www.craq-astro.ca))
  - Your group's webpage

- Move it with you!

I moved to MIT, you will be redirected in a few seconds...



# Discussion points

- **If you have a website:**
  - What way did you choose and why?
  - Your favorite editor
- **If you don't:**
  - Why?
- Other things to add to a website?

## Other things to consider...

- Is it worthful to keep it bilingual?
- Are there things we shouldn't write?



A final thought  
(that I should follow more  
often...)



Perfect is the Enemy of Done