

# Google Sites

sites.google.com

*A free and easy way to create and share webpages*

## **what is it?**

Google Sites is a free website creation tool that enables users to create a website with a single click of a mouse. Webpages can be created from dozens of pre-built templates. Their website boasts that “Google Sites is powerful enough for a company intranet, yet simple enough for a family website.” Some of the features of Google Sites include the ability to easily use Google Analytics to track your sites statistics, the ability to control who has access to your site, and finally the ability to easily add other Google resources (e.g., Google Calendar, Google Docs, and so on) and widgets.

## **educational use?**

Google Sites can be used to set up a course website as well as individual student websites or group projects. But faculty could also use Google Sites to setup a personal website to promote their scholarship.

## **pros & cons?**

The greatest thing about Google Sites is how easy it is to create a website. You can also set up your own domain (for a small fee) so that Google Sites essentially becomes the content management system of your personal website. Some drawbacks to Google Sites are that you do not have full control to edit the CSS and HTML on your web pages and there are storage limits.

## **what's it cost?**

It's free to set up and use an individual account. However, there is also Premier Edition that companies can license.

## **alternatives?**

Some alternatives are Weebly (<http://www.weebly.com>) and Webs (<http://www.webs.com>).

## **resources?**

Introduction to Google Sites

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkTGrOcFiz0&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkTGrOcFiz0&feature=player_embedded)