

Setting Up Your WWW Home Page

Library and Information Services

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Background

All Middlebury student, faculty, staff, organizations, departments and programs are encouraged to establish World Wide Web home pages. Segue (<http://segue.middlebury.edu>) and the College's Wordpress blog site (<http://blogs.middlebury.edu>) allow you to easily setup a personal site. In addition, Middlebury has a Unix cluster (**Midd-Unix**) which provides WWW service for personal sites. However, midd-unix accounts for students, faculty and staff **are not automatically created**, but are available upon request. Organizations, departments and programs must create their web sites on Middlebury's Microsoft Content Management system. You can set a password for your personal Midd-Unix account by typing **go/password** in the **Address** field of your browser and pressing



How It Works

World Wide Web pages are created using the Hyper Text Markup Language (HTML). You are encouraged to use an HTML editor such as Macromedia's Dreamweaver to create your web page. Any HTML editor can open and modify HTML files created by any other HTML editor, so HTML files can be maintained by the editor of your choice.

Your **Midd-Unix** account has a folder (subdirectory) named **public_html** for web page storage. A file named **index.html** is your default home page and already exists in the **public_html** folder. To create your home page, edit or replace the **index.html** file. The web server searches for a file named **index.html** in your **public_html** folder when a web page with the address in the format of **http://community.middlebury.edu/~username** is requested. You can create additional subfolders within your **public_html** folder and add any number of additional files within **public_html** as part of your web presentation.

Your URL



A **URL** (Uniform Resource Locator) is the address which tells the web server where to find a web page. Your URL for your personal web page is **http://community.middlebury.edu/~username**, where **username** is your username.

Web Page Standards

Middlebury College considers World Wide Web pages to be publications. As the editor and chief of your web home pages, you are expected to follow the guidelines set forth in the Middlebury College Handbook regarding publications. In particular, you must follow copyright laws and avoid libel, indecency, undocumented allegations, attacks on personal integrity, and harassment. Middlebury College accepts no responsibility for personal web pages. To underscore this, we ask that you include your name at the bottom of each of your pages.

Registering Your Home Page

You can register your home page along with other relevant information about yourself by updating the URL field of your Electronic Directory entry with your new home page address.

1. Type **go/dir** in the **Address** field of your browser and then press .
2. At the bottom of the web page click **Log On**.
 - a. In the **Username** field, type your username.
 - b. In the **Password** field, type your password.
 - c. Click .
3. Click [Change Information](#).
4. Scroll down to the **Edit Information** section and type your URL in the **Web Page** field.
5. Click **Log Off** at the bottom of the web page.

A Note For Macintosh Users

You can access your Midd-Unix account using the **Connect to Server** command under the **Go** menu on Macintosh computers running OS X.

DreamWeaver is available in academic computer labs for those wishing to create personal web sites.

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A Note For Windows Users

You can access your Midd-Unix account using a mapped network drive when your Windows computer is on Middlebury's network. You are encouraged to mount your home directory as a mounted volume and manipulate your web page files directly. You can map a drive to Midd-Unix using `\\midd--unix\username` where *username* is your username.

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For more information on using Dream Weaver, refer to this list of resources:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/lis/help/helpdesk/documentation/web/resources/dreamweaver/>.