Overview of Hosting Options

An overview of web hosting options is available through central IT support on the Hosting site. The services that at most used by CIS/Engineering/Cornell Tech are described here.

Note that there are standard solutions for specific functionality like course management (Blackboard), wikis (Confluence), surveys (Qualtrics), etc. The following information describes general purpose web hosting options for faculty, student, research, project, and course websites.

Please submit a helpdesk ticket if you would like more information about web hosting.

For most users, we recommend a public WordPress site. If Wordpress will not meet your needs, please review the options below.

Department Web Servers

Some departments run their own web servers for affiliated faculty, staff, and students. If you are part of one of the following departments, please check the following information first.

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering (CBE)

CBE uses the central academic web hosting service. For information, see the CBE Web Hosting instructions.

Computer Science (CS)

Computer Science provides several extra web servers for research, course, and personal websites. For more info, please read the CS Web Pages guide.

Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE)

ECE has a separate web server for research, course, and personal websites. See the ECE Web Server details.

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE)

MAE uses the central academic web hosting service. See below for more info.

Operations Research & Information Engineering (ORIE)

ORIE uses the central academic web hosting service. For information, see the ORIE Web Hosting instructions.
Engineering Web Services

The College of Engineering's Marketing & Communications group can help with Engineering faculty research websites. They offer support and hosting for WordPress or Drupal sites, so if you would like to migrate your faculty research site to one of these web solutions, please contact them directly.

Hosting Options Open to Everyone

Course Websites

Academic Technologies is the central IT group that supports instructional websites. If you need a website for a Cornell course, please contact Academic Technologies by email: atc_support@cornell.edu.

For more information about this service, please see the following:

- https://it.cornell.edu/academic-web-dynamic

Here are a few examples of sites already using AT hosting:

- Course websites:
  - https://courses.cit.cornell.edu/info2040_2014fa/

- Student project team websites:
  - https://ewh.engineering.cornell.edu/
  - http://baja.mae.cornell.edu/
  - http://marsrover.engineering.cornell.edu/

WordPress Hosting

Wordpress hosting is offered through a separate service called CampusPress. Wordpress makes it easy and intuitive to update your website, so it is recommended for users who don't want to code HTML or PHP directly. For more information, see the Wordpress service site. This is a free service for anyone associated with Engineering, CIS, or Cornell Tech.

Here are some examples of faculty, research, and administrative websites using Wordpress:

- https://www.csi.cornell.edu/
- http://leshed.infosci.cornell.edu/
- http://monticone.ece.cornell.edu/
- http://security.tech.cornell.edu/
- https://daziano.cee.cornell.edu/

Static Hosting

If you have a static HTML website, CIT will provide free hosting. For more information about this service, please visit the following:

- https://it.cornell.edu/static-hosting

You can request a new static HTML website by filling out this online web form:


Here are some example faculty websites using static HTML:

- https://rist.tech.cornell.edu
- https://people.jacobs.cornell.edu/mor/
- https://daniel.cbe.cornell.edu/

Custom LAMP Hosting
If none of the previous options work for your website, you can request a LAMP stack as your personal web server. This option is not free and can be expensive for large websites. The benefit is that you get your own server and customize it to exactly meet your needs. For more information, see the Media3 documentation.