



DESIGN YOUR WEBSITE



Do you need a designer?

The short answer is: no, unless you have the funds. If you use a Content Management System like Wordpress, Drupal or Joomla, or if you go with a free/shared provider, there are free themes & templates you can use if you know how to set things up.



Pro tip: Unless you are very familiar with Drupal or Joomla, go with a Wordpress site.

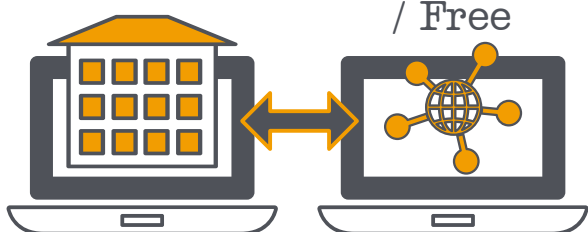
Which is better?

Here is a quick comparison between Wordpress, Joomla and Drupal:

	 WORDPRESS	 JOOMLA	 DRUPAL
Free	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
One-click install	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Easy to set up	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Themes/Add-ons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Localization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Self-hosted

Shared
/ Free



Wordpress, Joomla and Drupal are only available with self-hosted Web hosting offering cPanel or at least Quick Install scripts.

Sites hosted on wordpress.com or other free/shared sites will offer a lot less customization and freedom in terms of what can be added on and/or tweaked.

Not all web hosts are created equal! Pick one that offers a true cPanel so you can install free scripts. Google "web hosting" and "cPanel" and compare prices.

NOTE: "Quick Install" is not the same thing as cPanel.



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