

Hosting Options

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1 Hosting and Virtual Domain

1.1 Free Hosting

The directNIC Free Hosting service offers 20 Megs of Web space, with unlimited subdomains and unlimited data transfers. In exchange, directNIC places advertisements on each of the free hosted sites. You can enroll in this service using any or all of your directNIC domain names, and you can also set up unlimited virtual hosts underneath each domain name. A virtual domain is a third level domain name, such as home.mydomain.com or john.mydomain.com. Each file size limit for free hosting is 200k.

1.1.1 Advertising Banner

directNIC free hosting offers three advertising types. You can choose between:

1. Java: The java ad-type features a pop-up window upon entry and exit of a page.
2. Frame: The frame option features a banner in a frame at the top of the site.
3. Spot: The spot ad-type will place a banner at the top and bottom of the page.

For an example of each of the ad styles, go to <http://www.friendlyatoms.com>.

1.1.2 Change Advertisements

To change the directNIC advertisements on your free hosted site, follow these instructions:

1. Log into your directNIC account and click on the "Domain Manager" link. The direct URL is <https://secure.directnic.com/myaccount/manager/>.
2. Click on the "Change Hosting Options" icon to the right of the hosted domain on which you wish to change the advertising.
3. Click on the "Edit" link to the left of your domain name under the "Virtualhosts" bar.
4. You will see a page with the three types of advertising. "Spot" type-advertising places small advertising banners at the top and bottom of each page on your site. "JavaScript" type advertising places a small JavaScript "pop-up" on your site, containing a banner ad. With "Frame" type advertising, your site will appear inside a frameset, including a small top frame containing a banner ad. Select one of them and click on the "Update Virtualhost" button.

After you change the advertising type but if you do not see the changes going through try emptying the cache from your browser. Here are the instructions to empty your cache:

1. Click on Tools and then Internet Options from your browser menu.
2. On the general tab click on the "Delete Files" button under the Temporary Internet Files heading.
3. Refresh your browser.

1.1.3 File Types

directNIC does not allow every file type to be used with its free hosting service. Due to our large number of webmasters, we have to limit file types that are allowed on directNIC free hosting servers. The file types we currently support are:

.pdf | .js | .swf | .gif | .jpeg | .jpg | .jpe | .png | .css | .html | .htm | .shtml | .asc | .txt.

Some of the files that are not acceptable are .exe, .zip, audio files and movie files, or any file over 200k. If an unacceptable file is found, it will be deleted immediately. We have these restrictions because past abuses prevented the free hosting from operating properly. Users would upload huge files and the servers could not sustain the load. Additionally, the bandwidth costs were extremely large. The costs of free hosting are still very high.

1.1.4 Anchor Tags

Any Anchor Name tags within your HTML are deleted immediately after being uploaded to our server. Anchor Name tags allow webpages to scroll down automatically and therefore bypass our advertisement banners. If you would like to use anchor tags within your HTML, you might consider purchasing our bannerless hosting service.

1.1.5 Advertising on Adult Sites

directNIC allows adult hosting as long as it does not violate national or international laws. Advertising on the free hosting accounts that have adult content and are transferring a significant amount of data are now being handled by a third party traffic broker. This was implemented because of the tremendous cost of providing the free hosting service. Accounts that do not contain adult content should not be affected.

1.2 Paid Bannerless Hosting

Under the bannerless hosting option, a directNIC customer can set up a domain for hosting, without having any banners displayed. The cost is US\$15 per year, or 2 gigabytes of data transfer, whichever comes first. When this option is chosen, you will be able to upload files up to five megabytes (Mb) in file size, as well as a broader variety of file types, such as multimedia.

Currently directNIC hosting does not support CGI, PHP, FrontPage extensions, ASP, PERL, ColdFusion, MP3 streaming or MySQL.

Bannerless hosting must be purchased for each domain or virtual domain (a.k.a. subdomain) where the feature is desired.

1.3 Premium Hosting

Based on the plan you select, Premium Hosting gives you up to 6000MB of Disk space and 1000GB of transfer per month for 1, 3, or 12 month periods.

It also includes: POP3 Email Accounts Email Forwarding rules Mailing Lists MySQL databases Email Auto-Responders Email Anti-Spam and Anti-Virus PHP (with GD lib and most standard PHP modules) Perl CGI

For more information, visit: <https://secure.directnic.com/myaccount/paidhosting/?action=signup>

1.4 Setting up Hosting

To set up your site for **free hosting** or **bannerless hosting**, follow these steps:

1. Log into your account and select the "Domain Manager" tab.
2. Click the "Change Hosting" option (House Icon) next to the domain you wish to be hosted.
3. Click on the "Change Hosting Types" link.
4. Select the "Free web site" or "Bannerless Hosting" radial button and then click the "Change Hosting Type" button at the bottom of the page.
5. If you have opted to use the bannerless hosting feature, you will need to enter your payment information.

In order for your domain to work with our **Premium Hosting** system it must be on the directNIC Premium Hosting default nameservers, which are:

ns0.dndchosting.com

ns1.dndchosting.com

If you had other hosting status, you need to deactivate them first, and then change to the new nameservers. You will also need to reupload your site files to the new server.

Please note that your premium hosting FTP login is different than your directNIC account login. You can locate the Premium FTP login by going to your Premium Hosting Overview page.

1.5 Virtual Domains

A virtual domain is an extension of your domain name. Once you have purchased "yourname.com," you can create branches of this name, such as "anything.yourname.com." These are called virtual domains.

The advantages of creating a virtual domain are that you can receive 20 megabytes of space on our server per virtual domain and it is a lot easier to direct people to various parts of your domain without having to hassle with long URLs and file extensions. To create a virtual domain you must have your domain in "Hosting" status. Once that is completed, follow these instructions:

1. Log into your directNIC account at <https://secure.directnic.com/myaccount>.
2. Click on the "Domain Manager" link.
3. Click on the "Change Hosting Information" icon to the right of the domain of which you wish to create the virtual domain.
4. Click on the "Add Virtual Host" link.
5. Enter in the virtual domain you would like to create and then click on the "Add Virtualhost" button.

You can create as many virtual domains as you would like for each domain you have registered with directNIC. However, if you are using the bannerless hosting feature for the primary domain, and you wish to have bannerless hosting for the virtual domains, you will need to pay the US\$15 bannerless hosting fee per virtual domain to remove the banners from those subdomains' sites.

2 Uploading Sites

In order to upload your site, you will need to download an FTP client, such as CuteFTP, or WSFTP, DreamWeaver, etc. Using one of these programs, you then can upload your site under your domain, using the same username and password as you use to log into your directNIC account. Make sure the file containing your default homepage is renamed as "index.html" all in lower case.

For free hosting and bannerless hosting domains, you can use our FTP guide at http://www.directnic.com/help/guides/index.php?guide_id=13, which has step-by-step instructions on the following FTP programs:

1. Cute_FTP
2. WS_FTP
3. DreamWeaver
4. FrongPage 98 & 00
5. Cupertino
6. FTP Voyager
7. Netscape 3.x ? 4.x
8. Internet Explorer

MACINTOSH

1. FETCH
2. ANARCHIE
3. TRANSMIT

We also have an FTP help site with screenshots at <http://upload.reference.directnic.com> for the following FTP programs:

1. Cute_FTP
2. WS_FTP
3. DreamWeaver
4. FrongPage
5. Cupertino
6. FTP Voyager
7. Internet Explorer

MACINTOSH

1. FETCH

Premium Hosting can use the above information as reference but please note that it has a **different FTP login**.

3 Website

3.1 Template

You can buy professional website templates at <http://sitecreator.directnic.com>.

3.1.1 General

General Web design help and tutorials: <http://www.webmaster-resources.com/>

Microsoft Web reference: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/default.asp>

Great Web articles from the Clnet folks: <http://www.builder.com/>

Another great general Web design site: <http://www.projectcool.com/developer/>

Tutorials and more! From simple to advanced: <http://www.htmlgoodies.com/>

The World Wide Web Consortium: <http://www.w3.org/>

Electronic magazine focusing on web site development: <http://webreview.com/>

Nice general Web page design site. Excellent resource for beginners: <http://www.weballey.net/>

3.1.2 CGI

Great CGI script directory: <http://www.cgi-resources.com/>

Another valuable CGI script resource: <http://www.scriptsearch.com/>

3.1.3 Java Script

Huge searchable list of web scripts and applets: <http://developer.earthweb.com/dlink.index-jhtml.72.950.-.0.jhtml>

Index of many popular JavaScripts: <http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/7116/>

Index of many popular JavaScripts: <http://www.marclile.com/javascript/home.html>

More JavaScript for the taking: <http://www.marclile.com/javascript/home.html>

3.1.4 Graphics

Design tips and clip art resource: <http://www.marclile.com/javascript/home.html>

Huge listing of clip art sites: <http://www.clipart.net/>

3.1.5 Software

Popular software index for PC based software: <http://www.winfiles.com/>

Extensive library of downloads: <http://www.tucows.com/>

Freeware program resource: <http://www.nonags.com/>

Software site from C|net: <http://www.download.com/>

3.2 CGI Scripts

Our Premium Hosting support Perl CGI. Free Hosting and Bannerless Hosting do not support it.

4 Technical Support

If you cannot find the answers to your questions, please contact directNIC using our Trouble Ticket System at: <https://secure.directnic.com/myaccount/tts/> or via email at support@directNIC.com.