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## Creating Your Own Web Site

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# Process for Creating Genealogy Web Site

- Starts with your Family Genealogy database
- Create html code for World Wide Web (WWW)
  - Current genealogy software does this
  - There a number of programs to take a GEDCOM and create a web site
- Must have a Domain to publish web information
  - e.g., [www.chapman.com](http://www.chapman.com), [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)
  - Use others or pay for your own
- Load (File transfer) your html code to the Web server
  - Home page file normally called “index.htm”
- View your site using a web browser



# Process for Creating Genealogy Web Site



[www.Chapman.com](http://www.Chapman.com)

# Process for Creating Genealogy Web Site Using GEDCOM File



[www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)

# Find Space on a Web Server

- Your commercial online service or Internet service provider
  - May offer a free web page
- Your genealogy software manufacturer
  - Normally generates web pages for you
  - May offer a web site for your information
- Free Web pages
  - There are a number of places

# Free Web Pages

(<http://www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm#Find>)

- **Anglefire** - <http://angelfire.lycos.com/>
- **FortuneCity** - <http://www.fortunecity.com/index.shtml>
- **Rootweb** - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>
- **Freeservers** - <http://www.freeservers.com/>
- **GenCircles** - <http://www.gencircles.com/>
- **USGenealogy.net** - <http://www.usgenealogy.net/>
- **Yahoo Geocities** - <http://geocities.yahoo.com/home/>



# Fee-Based Web Page Hosting

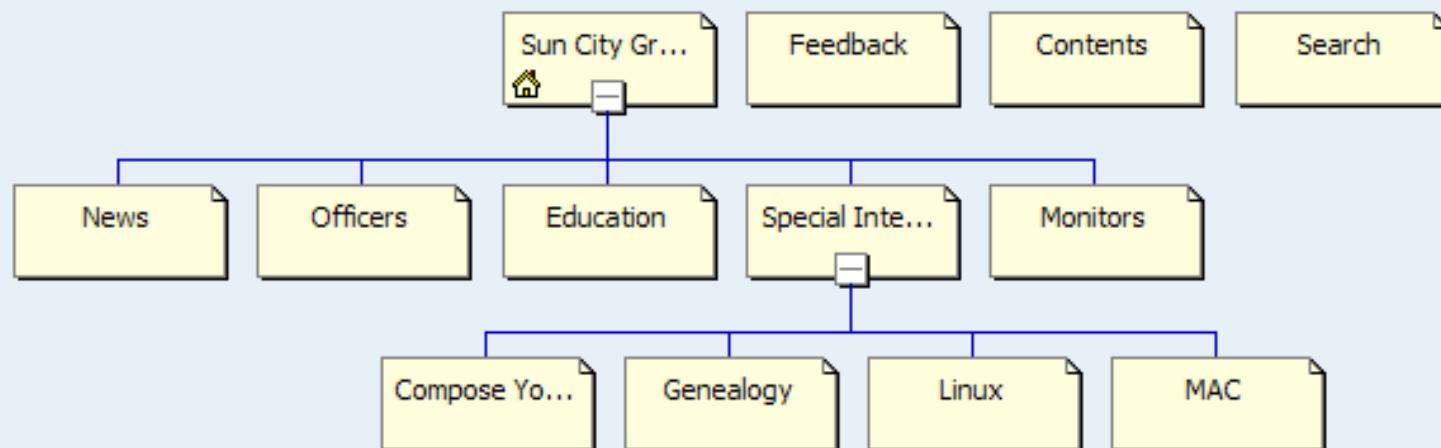
- MyFamily.com - <http://www.myfamily.com/>
- RootsWeb - <http://www.rootsweb.com/>
- GenCircles - <http://www.gencircles.com/>
- There are 1000s of site that offer web hosting



# Plan the Layout, Format, Content (Layout)

- Front page is called the “Home Page”
  - Eye-catching, clear title, description
- Supporting pages – follow a logical path in layout – normally a tree structure
- Split web site into simple separate pages
- Use graphics sparingly

# Example Web Page Layout (Tree Structure)



# Genealogical Standards & Guidelines

*(<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comstandweb.cfm>)*

- **Publishing on the Internet (Web sites)**
  - Similar to publishing a book
  - Well documented sources
  - Copyright information
  - Link to other sites
  - Provide your contact information
  - Use readable font sizes / pictures
  - Update your site periodically
  - Use footers with web title, author contact information

# Plan the Layout, Format, Content (Format)

- May want to avoid latest web technology
  - Frames, animated graphics, Java, etc
- Design web pages for all Browsers
- Consider monitor sizes & fonts
- Use validation tools for HTML code
- Keep graphics to a minimum

# Plan the Layout, Format, Content (Content)

- List of names
- Ancestor report
- Descendant report
- Most genealogy software produces Web pages
- GEDCOM to Web Page conversion
  - GED2HTML (<http://www.starkeffect.com/ged2html/>)
  - Ged2Web (<http://www.wtoram.co.uk/ged2web/ged2web.htm>)
  - GED2WWW (<http://www.lesandchris.com/ged2www/>)
  - GED-GEN (<http://home.hiwaay.net/~mvoisin/gedgen.html>)
  - GedHTree (<http://www.gedhtree.com/gedhtree.htm>)
  - phpGedView (<http://phpgedview.sourceforge.net/>)
  - RootsView (<http://www.natural-software.com/rootsview.htm>)



# Plan the Layout, Format, Content (Content)

- **Privacy Issues**
  - **Never publish living people information**
  - **GED2GO** (<http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/trails/4849/evb/>)
    - **Deletes living people from GEDCOM**
  - **GEDmark** (<http://www.progenysoftware.com/gedmark.html>)
    - **A source is attached to every person in GEDCOM**
      - **you as author**



# Ways to Create Your Web Pages

- Hire someone to create the pages for you
- Use a pre-packaged software program
  - MS Frontpage
  - Dreamweaver & Fireworks
  - Fusion
  - CoffeeCup
- Use an on-line page generator
- Learn to program in HTML – last choice



# Upload the Pages to the Web Server

- CuteFTP
- FTP Explorer
- Ipswitch – WS FTP



# Advertise Your New Site

- **Genealogy mailing lists & newsgroups**
- **Genealogy web indexes & search engines**
- **Genealogy surname/GEDCOM database registration sites**
- **Search engines**



# Summary

- Web sites are not for the light hearted
- Keep it simple
- Use your Genealogy S/W to create your web site
- Use you GEDCOM file to upload to a website
  - [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
  - [GenCircles.com](https://www.gencircles.com)
  - [Rootsweb.com](https://www.rootsweb.com)