

First Steps for Setting Up a Content Management System (CMS)



1. Determine what CMS you are going to use.

Research Pros/Cons, decide what is best for your situation.

<http://www.cmscritic.com/> might be a good place to look.

Test them out at <http://php.opensourcecms.com>

2. Determine if you will need separate hosting. If so, where will it be?

If the CMS is free, you likely will need hosting.

Some hosts offer easy automatic installation of major CMS's.

3. Look for a good template to use.

Many CMSs have sites offering free or paid designs.

Ex: <http://www.joomla-templates.com/>

4. Decide what additional features you will need

Your CMS should have modules you can add.

Look for directories of available modules.

Ex: <http://drupal.org/project/modules>

5. Find someone to help you set it up, or be prepared to spend time learning how to do it yourself!

Search for '<Insert CMS Here> developers' in Google.

The CMS should have extensive documentation if you want to take the DIY approach.