Faculty Research Sites  
Designed by the Marketing & Communications Department

We offer 2 types of (CMS) Content Management System type websites.

- WordPress
- Drupal

CMS sites make updating your content much easier. Without the knowledge of HTML, the author can update, modify or delete content through the management application. By logging into the website itself on any browser.

WordPress

- Hosted on blogs.cornell.edu, free, security updates included
- Several templates to choose from on the blog site
- What you see is what you get, some plugins available but not many
- Easy to work with, easy learning curve, limited design freedom
- Once you find a template, we can add your department logo, and/or sidebar for child pages

Wordpress is a great choice if you are not too web savvy and just want a nice looking site that will display your research, pubs, members and news. It is simple to get going and easy to keep updated. It has video plugins, handles images easily, and you can quickly add members to help with updates.
Drupal

- Hosted on our (VM) virtual machine through CIT
- Security updates performed by us
- Much more dynamic, latest news, latest pubs, anything you want pushed to front page
- Much more backend work to build the functionality - sorting, custom menus, slideshows.
- This type of site is for someone who wants lots of customization that they will be actively updating

Our role is to meet and help choose the best CMS website for your needs. Once you have decided on which type you feel fits your groups needs, then we have you start working with the webmaster when you are ready. It is important that once you start the work, you continue to provide the necessary items to keep things moving.

We will ask for images related to your site to help with the design, and content pertaining to the different sections. For Drupal sites to be created, it is even more important to have the actual content to build functionality. From here our job is to set up a website that you are happy with, while teaching you how to add content. We are not responsible for updating the content of your website once it is created.

The webmaster is always available to train people on managing, adding, and deleting content.