Create a Simple Website

Who said that building a website has to be expensive, complicated, and time consuming? Are you a person without a lot of technical know-how but who would like to have a website and an online presence? In this two-part class, we will look into features of easy to use, drag-and-drop website builders you can learn to handle all by yourself. We will help you create your online place.

Although you can find various website-creating tools online, in today's class we will focus on weebly.com and wix.com (if we get a chance).

Other easy to use website hosts/builders include:
- Wix.com
- Yola.com
- DoodleKit.com
- Jimdo.com
- WebNode.com
- eMySpot.com
- spark.adobe.com/make/website-builder
- 000webhost.com/website-builder
- MoonFruit.com
- Webs.com
- squarespace.com
- squarespace.com/students (for discounted pricing)

Some of these are free others are paid. Some offer free basic features while advanced features require paid subscription (such as a web store, custom domain name registration, etc.).

Sample sites I have made using the *Weebly* service:
Travel Blog travelwithmia.weebly.com
Flower Shop mflowershoppe.weebly.com
Restaurant tedandbunnys.weebly.com

If you are a teacher, you can also create a website for your class via education.weebly.com

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Before you get started, think about your WEBSITE PLAN

Basic components:

Who?

When?

What?

Where?

How?
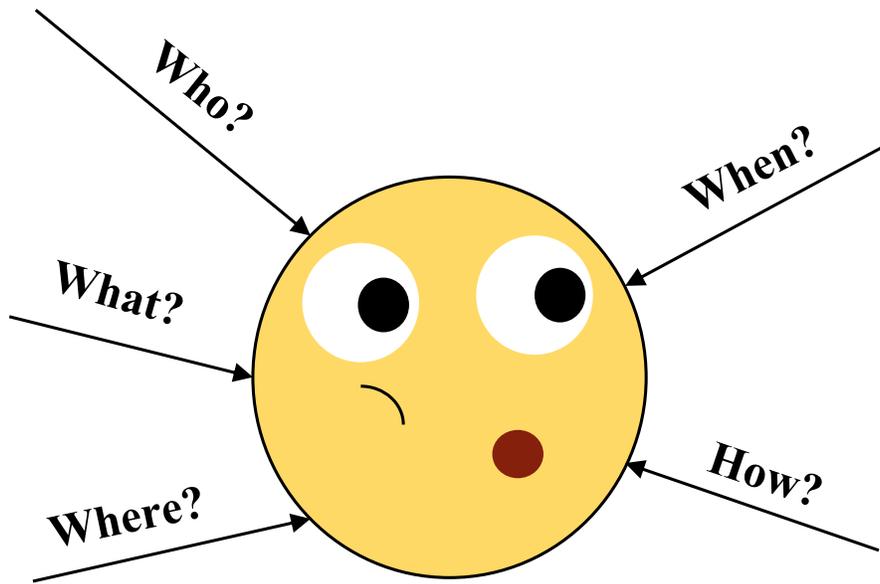
* Figure out what you need first (by answering these questions), and then go ahead and create it.

Sample Flower Shop Business Site Plan:

Flower Shop

About Us

Purchase

Contact Us

Past

Current

Gallery

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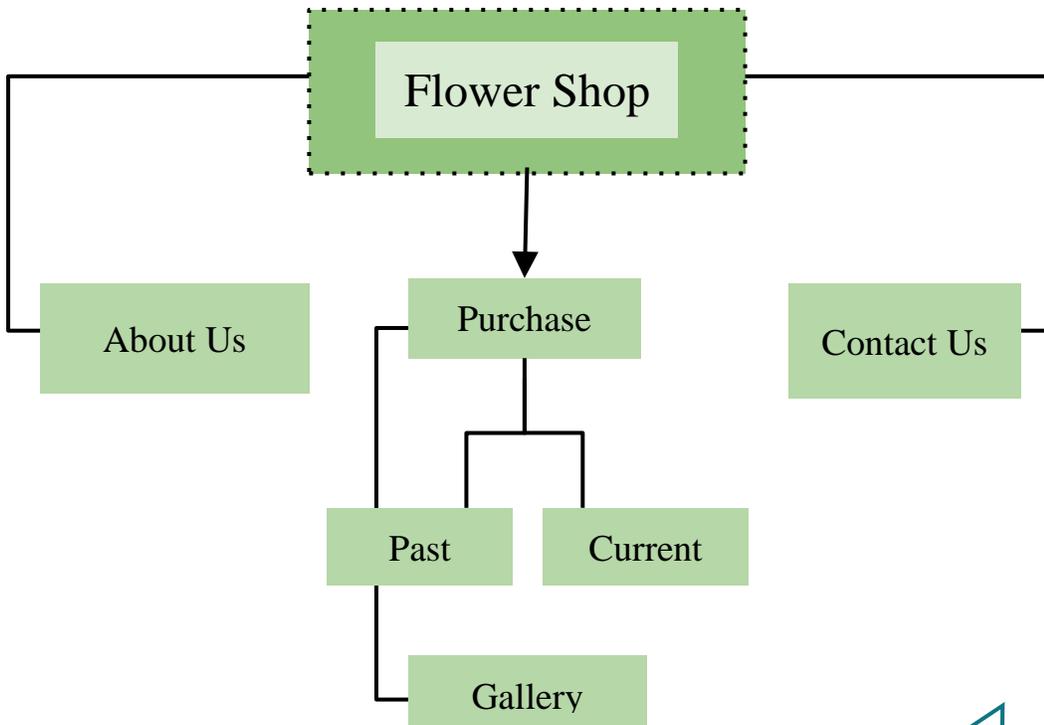
Architecture Business Site Plan:

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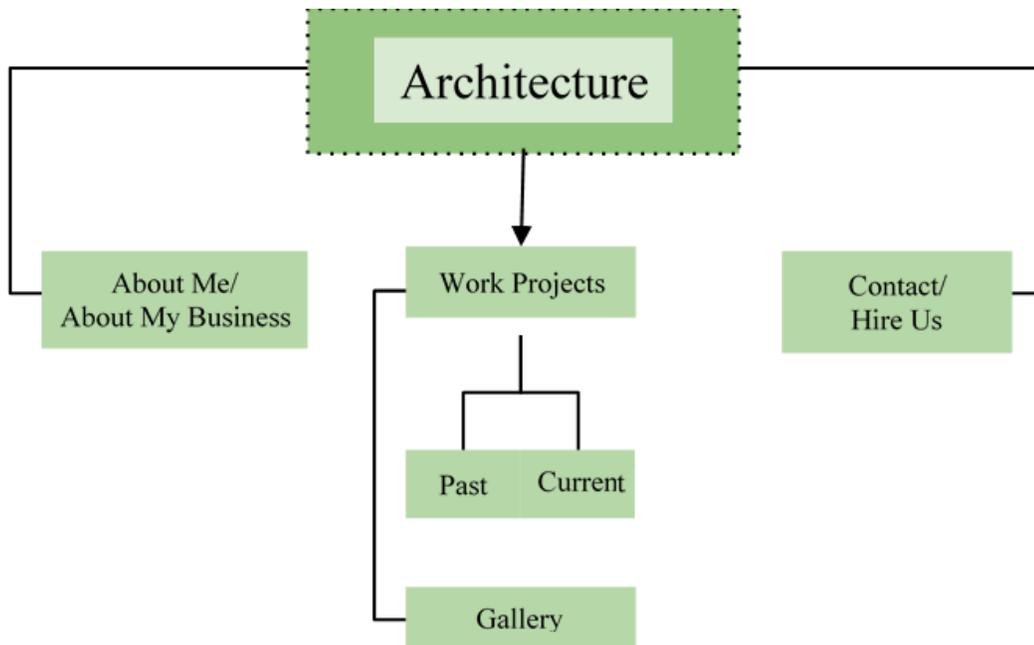
Hair Salon Business Site Plan:

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│ Salon     │ │            │ │Testimonials│ │ Appointment│
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│Hardworking│ │Beautiful   │ │Hairstyles We│ │            │
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Your Site Plan:

Your Shop

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