#### Creating and Publishing Your own website

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### **Project Overview**

- Create a basic web page using a "text editor"
- Publish webpage to GW school server
- Edit web page using an open source HTML editor
- Create three links from basic webpage to:
  - Your ECE001, MAE001, APS001 presentation
  - Your resume
  - Your schedule
- Present web site to SEAS 001 classmates

# **Overview of Creating a Website**



**STEP1**: Create webpage on your personal workstation

STEP3: Webpage can now be viewed anywhere on the Internet

## **Creating Main Webpage**

- The main webpage must be called: index.html
- It is a simple text file, we can use any text editor to create
- On a MAC, we use NANO to create this file, DO NOT use an editor like MSWord.

- HTML is the language web browsers like the Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari can read
- It uses opening and closing "TAGS" to identify different sections of a webpage.
- Example, to mark the TITLE of a webpage: Closing TAG

<title>Main Webpage</title>

**Opening TAG** 

 Begin by opening a terminal window. (Select Go->Utilities->Terminal)



- Create a new directory called Website by typing: mkdir ~/Website
- Change your current directory to Website by typing: cd ~/Website
- Open up a text editor to create your index.html file by typing: nano index.html

- Type in what you see below.
- Press <ctrl> + <x> to quit. You will be prompted to save. Press <y> followed by enter to save your new webpage.
- Open a web browser and view the file by typing:



# Writing HTML – Adding a Link

 To add a "Link" to a webpage, we use the following TAG sequence:

<a href="http://www.gwu.edu">GWU Website</a>

This will add "HYPERLINK" to your webpage



- To "publish" our webpage, we transfer the file: index.html to the GWU SEAS webserver
- To do this, we use a "Secure File Transfer Client" or SFTP
- The SEAS's SFTP server is called: **cobweb.seas.gwu.edu**
- Your seas username and password are required to login
- For Mac users, we will use cyberduck
- For Home, free SCP clients are available from:
- PC users:
- <u>http://www.seas.gwu.edu/~seas001/fall07/downloads/winscp405.exe</u>
- <u>http://winscp.net/eng/download.php</u>
- Mac users:
- <u>http://www.seas.gwu.edu/~seas001/fall07/downloads/Cyberduck-2.8.1.dmg</u>
- <u>http://cyberduck.ch/</u>

- From the "Macintosh Harddrive" on the desktop, click on "Applications"
- Open up "Cyberduck" SFTP client (look for the duck icon)



- If you do not see the icon, check with your TA, if it is not installed, you can download cyberduck from:
- <u>http://www.seas.gwu.edu/~seas001/fall07/downloads/Cyberduck-2.8.1.dmg1</u>

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- Your seas username & password

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- Navigate to the "index.html" file you created
- It is under your username\website\index.html

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#### View Your website

- In the browser, navigate to:
- <u>http://www.student.seas.gwu.edu/~tfarmer</u>
  - Change "tfarmer" to your seas username

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#### **HTML Editors**

- Manually typing HTML files is tedious
- To produce more interesting webpages, quickly, an HTML editor is needed
- There are many different commercial HTML editors: Dreamweaver, Microsoft Front Page
- For this class, we will use an "opensource" editor called: N View
- We must download and install this editor on your local workstation

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#### Download Open Source HTML Editor

- Download PC version from:
- <u>http://net2.com/nvu/download/nvu-1.0-win32-full.zip</u>
- Download MAC version from:
- <u>http://bluegriffon.org/freshmeat/1.5.2/bluegriffon-1.5.2.mac.dmg</u>
- Download other versions from: <u>http://net2.com/nvu/download.html</u>
- (It is preferable to use the safari web browser when downloading the DMG archive)

#### Install Open Source Editor on PC

- If it doesn't automatically open, double click on the DMG file.
- Drag the Nvu file to the desktop.
- Double click on the file you just placed on your desktop to start NVU



#### Using the HTML Editor

Open the file: ~/Website/index.html



### Using the HTML Editor

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#### **Creating Schedule Webpage**



#### Linking index.html to schedule



#### Link to schedule.html



### Links

- Links can be to:
  - 1) Another webpage
  - -2) Another website
  - 3) Any type of file
    - Example: a power point presentation, document, excel file, movie file, etc.
- The link we just created is an example of linking index.html to another "file" called: schedule.html

#### **Update Schedule Page**



#### Upload new pages to server

- Using "Cyberduck" upload the new pages you've made
  - Schedule.html
  - Any changes to index.html
  - Resume.html

# To Do During Lab

- Create a page called: resume.html (or resume.doc) - If you already have a resume, download it to the website folder
- Link resume.html (or .doc) to your index.html page
- Create a power point presentation describing your ECE001, MAE001, APS001, etc. project

- Create a link from index.html to your presentation file

- Add your Matlab results in the form of a word document from the SEAS matlab project from week 3
- Customize your index.html (add color!)
- Publish all the above files to your website
- Be prepared to present your website, and power point presentation next week
- NOTE: This is the suggested assignment for your work during the lab. However, please refer to the project presentation and report guidelines for the detailed list of required content for your webpage.