

Remember when we talked about how computers are dumb; and can't do anything without being told what to do?.....I knew you would remember.

Well, a web site is simply a design that uses a group of programs on the server to “serve” up a specific thing to you.

Generally speaking, a WEB Site is informational and interactive, which encompasses a large amount of situations.

In all computers, everything you see is either a program, or a compilation of programs. In both a Windows-based PC or an Apple-based computer, the operating systems (windows or iOS) are actually a group of programs, not just one. There are many different pieces of software that are like that.....and a web site is no different.

There are a group of programs that “sit” on the server to make a WEB Site look and work in all kinds of different ways.

When a WEB Site is programmed, the programmer puts in what's called “code”. This is the language that we humans use to tell a computer what to do.

Then once this WEB Site has been programmed, it's “uploaded” to its new home on the server. This means that the programmer puts it onto the server's hard drive electronically.

The code that the programmer put in has to be “read” by something to show it to you. The programs that reside on the server, in the background, do this.

There are many different types of programs that are used. Each one is used for a specific purpose. There's one that shows the basic layout. There's one that shows videos, another one that processes forms, and on and on.

So you can see how complex a WEB site is, as far as how it works. But think of it this way....when you write a letter in a word processing program, such as Microsoft Word, the letter you write is the “web site”. Then if you send it to somebody via email, they have to “open” it electronically to see it. This is done with one of those “background” programs. In this case, they would use either Word, or any program that can properly read it.

To sum it up, a WEB Site is a “letter” that tells a “story”, and let's you interact with the story. If you don't think about all of the technology behind it, you will actually find it easy to understand.

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