Okay….overall, most WEB Sites can simply be thought of as being an interactive story.

And as stories are different, such are WEB Sites.

There are a slew of different WEB Sites out there. Some are simply informational, such as blogs and news portals like msn.com and yahoo.com.

Others are storefronts, such as amazon.com and bestbuy.com. And even others are actual study sites where you will read an article, or study a course, and answer questions afterward.

So we can see that there are different types of web sites, just like there are different types of books.

All of these WEB sites have to be designed and programmed just like any program on your computer at home. They just reside on a different computer, and you access them through the internet.

WEB sites use different languages in the programming to communicate with the server. Thus there are different languages and support software on servers.

One quick, basic way to tell what kind of server a WEB Site is on is by looking at the address in the browser address bar. The end part of address (example: http://www.someweirdsite.com/index.php) will give you an idea. In the case of the example above, the index.php section is generally on a non-windows based server. If the name was default.asp, it generally mean it's residing on a windows-based server.

This is just a basic way to tell. There are many different names on the end of the address bar. So this makes it less than 100% accurate…..and some languages are used in both types of servers, with slight differences.

To sum up the overall picture, a WEB Side is a story made up of a bunch of files all working together to show the story. There is certainly much more to it, but we don't want to confuse you at this point. You haven't had enough coffee.

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