Web Design & Publishing

Publishing a Web Site with Fetch

Fetch is a Mac-based file transfer program that will allow you to upload files from your computer to the Web. You will use fetch to upload HTML, GIF, JPG and other files that you use on your Web site. If you use a PC, a similar program to Fetch is WS-FTP. Check the course Web site for links to TXST Technology Resources where you can download a free copy of either application)

1. Open Fetch.

2. Type in server address for Host:
   www.domainname.com

3. Type in your user ID and password. Click "OK". Fetch now connects to your server.

4. Make sure you are in the root folder of your site. In most cases, this is the public_html folder. This is the public publishing folder. If items are above public_html, they willl not be available on the Web (private publishing).

5. To publish a file to the Web, just click "Put". A dialog box comes up that allows you to browse your computer to find your HTML, GIF, JPG, or other files to load. Once you select the file(s), click "Open". You should see the files copied to your public_html folder.

6. Type in your URL. Your URL is:
   www.domainname.com

   If there is a file named "index.html" in your public_html directory, that file is what will open. Every site you make will have index.html as the home page.

7. Now you have your own place in cyberspace. Welcome to the Web!

We will use different folders for each project. Make a new folder in Fetch using the New Folder button. Make sure you are in public_html before you make the new folder and make sure you are in the new folder before you put any items.

You may use Fetch to perform file maintenance of your Web space to move or delete files or to make or remove directories. Be sure you have a copy of all your files before saving to the Web or making any moves or deletions.