Teaching Tools and Tips: Weebly

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Introduction

Developing web pages doesn't have to be a difficult and time-consuming task. [Weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com) provides a free online web development and hosting service.

Tool Identification

Weebly is a free online web page development tool. They provide a hosting service for up to five different sites under a single account. Although it is free, you are required to setup a new account with a username, email address and password.

Classroom uses for Weebly

Weebly can be used for a variety of purposes such as creating a class website, posting to a blog, displaying course/lesson materials, creating an online portfolio, or creating a webquest. The software provides site templates with options to change color schemes and page elements. Each element on the page is a simple drag and drop process.

Creating sites and pages is quick and simple. To get started, select a theme from the theme selector and then you can name your site. Make sure to pick the option to have a sub domain of weebly (http://yoursitename.weebly.com).
Each site you create will default to three pages named Home, About and Contact. The page titles can be changed as well as the content. When you are ready to start adding elements to the page, just drag them from the menu bar and drop them in place.

If you want to do more with Weebly than just drag and drop templates or modules, you can also program in raw HTML as well as CSS code to create a more personalized look to your pages. Whole sites can also be downloaded as a zip archive to be stored or uploaded to a different server.

If your site is stored on the Weebly server and uses a subdomain of Weebly.com, it will automatically adapt to computer monitors, tablet devices and even phones.

Conclusion

Weebly is a great way to publish professional looking websites that are easy to build. The software is user friendly for beginners and provides higher levels of control for the advanced user.