

# Guide to hosting your Personal Web Page

<http://mycanes.miami.edu>

## Overview

You can host your own personal web pages on MyCanes. Feel free to share your backgrounds, interests, and opinions with the world within the guidelines of the University of Miami World Wide Web Policies. Your pages can be easily viewed and updated from any computer with a web browser.

Students are provided with 4GB of online storage space to use for hosting their web page and storing data like documents, images, or videos. To access these features you must first activate your account by logging into the MyCanes system at <http://mycanes.miami.edu>.

## Activating your Personal Web Page

If you have never hosted a web page on MyCanes, you must go to your *Options* menu. Under *Options*, you will see a menu. Click on the link *Personal Web Pages*.

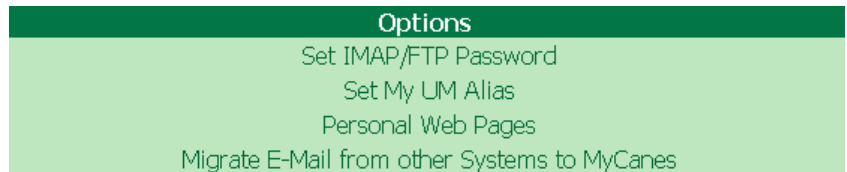


Figure 1 - Options

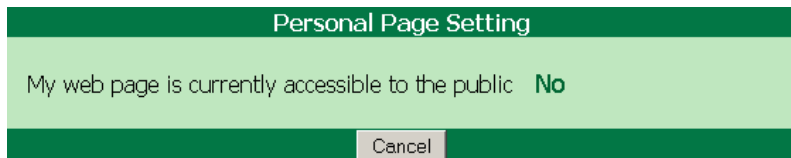


Figure 2 - Viewable (No)

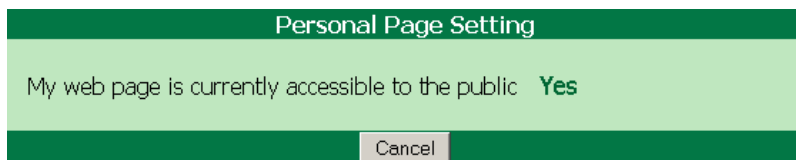


Figure 3 - Viewable (Yes)

A new page will load showing you that your page is currently not viewable to the public (see Figure 2). If you click on the **No**, it will toggle to a **Yes** (see Figure 3), and your web permissions will be enabled and a web directory named *www* will be created in your home directory (see Figure 4).

All the content that you would like published on the web will reside in your *www* directory.





















Name	Size	Date	Actions
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misc	1.09 MB	Jan 2 2008 13:51	   
school	237.56 KB	Nov 29 2007 16:51	   
test	8.19 KB	Jan 2 2008 13:35	   
www	4.09 KB	Jan 2 2008 15:50	   

Figure 4 - *www* Directory

## Uploading Files

Once your Personal Web Page has been activated you are ready to start uploading files. Your web pages must be edited on your own computer. When you are ready to put your web site up, you must transfer your files to the *www* directory using either WebStorage or an FTP client. For further instructions on using WebStorage and FTP, see the *Guide to using WebStorage* and the *Guide to using FTP* at <http://mycanes.miami.edu/help/>.

## Making your Pages Viewable

After uploading files into your *www* directory, they must be made viewable before they can be seen over the Internet. Choose **WebStorage** from the Main Menu and enter your *www* directory by clicking on its name in the file list. An extra column named *Web* appears when you enter the *www* directory (see Figure 5). This column's value will be **Yes** if the file or folder can be accessed for web viewing and **No** if it cannot. This will allow you to control the web permission on each file or folder individually. To toggle the permissions for a file or folder, click on the value in the *Web* column.

By default, files uploaded within the *www* directory or (any of its subdirectories) will be given the permission of **Yes**. Whereas, folders uploaded or created within the *www* directory (or its subdirectories) will be given the default permission of **No** (see Figure 5).

















Create Directory	Upload File	Change Web Permissions		
/j.doe /www		Your quota usage is 41.47 MB out of 4 GB		
Name	Web	Size	Date	Actions
 <b>images</b>	Yes	4.09 KB	Jan 2 2008 16:18	   
 <b>old_website</b>	No	4.09 KB	Jan 2 2008 17:36	   
 <b>index.html</b>	Yes	17.95 KB	Jan 2 2008 16:19	    

Figure 5 - Web Permissions

You can change all the files and folders in your *www* directory to have a permission of **Yes** under the *Web* column. If you are currently inside your *www* directory, on the top right of the page there is a link that reads **Change Web Permissions** (see Figure 5). A new page will load, and clicking the **Change** button on the bottom will make the change to all the files and folders in your *www* directory to be accessible on the web (see Figure 6).

**Web Permissions**

Your web page can be accessed at: <http://mycanes.miami.edu/~j.doe>

Selecting the Change button below will change all the files in your *www* directory to have a permission of Yes under the Web column. This will make all your files accessible on the web.

Figure 6 - Web Permissions

## Viewing your Web Page

The address of your website is `http://mycanes.miami.edu/~username`. For example, the e-mail alias, `j.doe@umiami.edu` would have the web address of `http://mycanes.miami.edu/~j.doe`. This is the address you would give to people to visit your web page.

If you cannot determine the address of your web page you can retrieve it by clicking on the top link that reads **Change Web Permissions** (next to **Upload File** on the top). Note that this link is only available inside your `www` directory and its subdirectories (see Figure 5 and Figure 6).