Domain of One's Own: Get started

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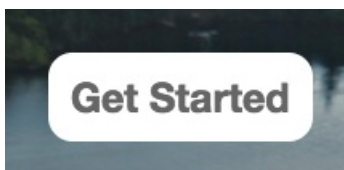
Early in the 20th century, Virginia Woolf used the phrase "a room of one's own", to imagine the literal and figurative space women needed to become writers. The web-hosting platform, Domain of One's Own (DOO), was designed to give faculty, students, and staff the 21st century equivalent: a digital domain where they can host web sites and web apps, develop digital competencies and pursue digital scholarship or creative work.

> **Before you start**, you will need access to the following:
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> - an active Bryn Mawr College username and password
> - Haverford students, faculty, and staff can sign up for a Haverford Sites domain instead
> - Swarthmore students, faculty, and staff can sign up for a Digital Swarthmore domain instead

Sign up for a domain

1. In a web browser, go to digital.brynmawr.edu.
2. Click **Get Started**.

3. **Log in** using your Bryn Mawr username and password.
4. Under **Choose Your Domain,** type a proposed name into the box provided and click**Continue**.

5. Read and **confirm you will abide by the College's Acceptable Use policy**.

Once your domain is created, you will see the **Dashboard** or **CPanel** you will use to manage it.
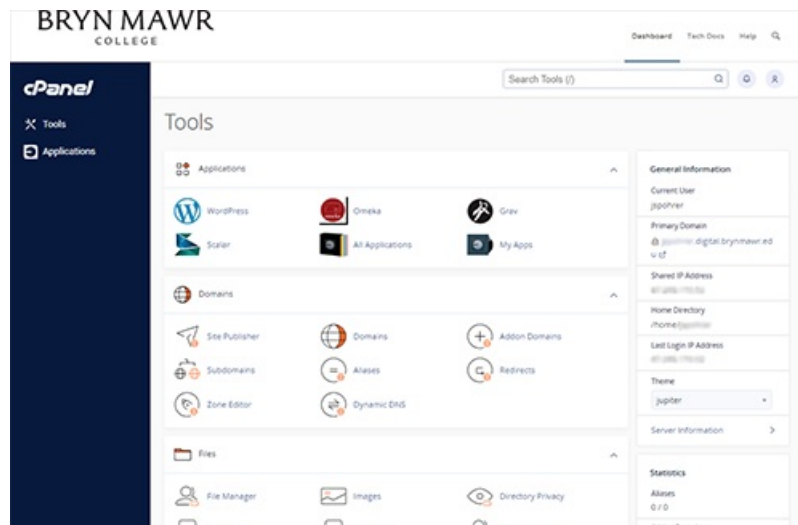
What domain name should I use?

Your domain name is the web address -- e.g., **domainname.digital.brynmawr.edu --** where you will build a digital presence. Here are some things to consider when creating it.

Privacy and acceptable use

You have **complete control over** and **complete responsibility for** your digital.brynmawr.edu domain space. Here's more information about what that entails.

cPanel: Your domain dashboard

Your Domain of One's **Dashboard** or "cPanel" is a central interface for managing your domain and any applications or files you install there.

- To access your Dashboard in the future, go to digital.brynmawr.edu , click **Dashboard**, and log in with your college credentials.
- One of the easiest ways to build a website is to install an application. Commonly used applications include:
  - WordPress for blogs and basic websites.
  - Omeka for digital collections and exhibitions based on library and archival resources.
  - Grav for minimal computing, Markdown-based websites that can integrate with GitHub.
  - Scalar for non-linear digital books and publishing.
  - Click **All Applications** to see additional open-source applications that can be installed through CPanel, including TRU Collector or TRU Writer for crowd-sourced image collecting or writing.

- See [Web Hosting and CPanel documentation]⧉ for detailed information on CPanel functionality and various domain-management tasks.

Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the**Help Desk**!

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