

Class 1: CMS and Web Applications

Content Management Systems

Definitions

Web applications

LAMP

Where to get them

Make your own

Hotscripts

Commercial and open source applications

Finding a good fit for your purposes

One-click installs

Manual installs – 5 steps to WordPress

Skinning and themes

Is open source really free?

Test drive

Class 1 Homework

Browse through Hotscripts.com and see what's available.

The “takeaway” from this week's session is that there are thousands of web applications out there and one of them may be perfect for your needs, but you need to do plenty of research and testing before you find the perfect fit for your site. Don't just settle for the best known solutions or those that are cheapest or free. In the long-term, “free” could end up costing you more.

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