WordPress.com for Business

(and everything else)

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Two Flavors of WordPress

- ♦ WordPress.com
- ◆ "Self-hosted" WordPress
 (WordPress.org)



WordPress.com Features

- ◆ Unlimited free sites
- **♦** Custom domains
- ◆ Free support
- ◆ Over 200 free & premium themes
- ◆ Customize site without needing code
- ◆ Popular plugin functionality built in



Free support?

- ◆ Staff and volunteer assistance in public support forums
- ◆ Private support for users with upgrades
- ◆ Live chat for new users (beta) and users with the Business upgrade
- ◆ Documentation covers all features and upgrades



Types of Sites on WordPress.com

- ◆ Non-profit organizations
- ◆ Artists, crafters, and musicians
- ◆ Restaurants & other small businesses
- ◆ Academic sites
- ◆ Author and book sites
- ◆ Personal blogs



A New Site in Minutes

◆ Sign up for a new account by going to http://wordpress.com

(note: if you have a Jetpack, Akismet or Gravatar account, you can use that login!)

- ◆ Decide between free, premium and business upgrade levels
- ◆ Register a custom domain



Set Up Your Site

- ◆ Choose a theme and customize your site
- ◆ Decide whether your home page should display news/blog or a standard static home page
- **♦** Create a custom menu:
 - Home
 - About me/us page
 - Contact page
 - News (blog)
- ◆ Set up social media connections with Publicize



Business Upgrades

Premium

- Custom domain
- No ads
- Custom Design (CSS, fonts, customizer)
- VideoPress
- Space Upgrade
- \$8.25/month

+ Business

- Premium plus...
- Live chat during business hours
- Unlimited premium themes
- Unlimited storage
- \$25/month



SEO... Without a Plugin

- ◆ Regular indexing from Google and other search engines
- ◆ WordPress.com Reader displays content based on tags and categories
- ◆ Automatic meta tag creation
- ◆ Post excerpts in editor
- ◆ Reblogging
- ◆ Readers can follow sites on WordPress.com or via email



Advantages of WordPress.com

- ◆ Free hosting
- ◆ Free support
- ◆ No upgrades or maintenance
- ◆ No need to research and install plugins
- ◆ Participate in WordAds
- ◆ No bandwidth caps
- **◆** Excellent SEO



Self-hosted WordPress sites

Pros:

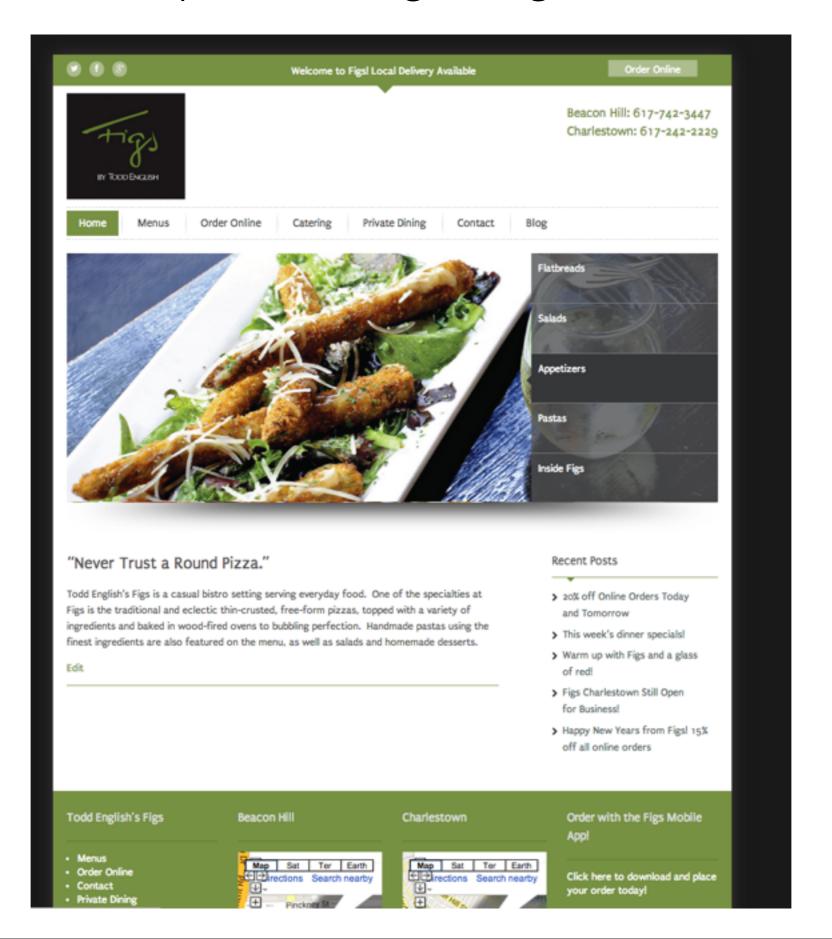
- No limitations on advertising or content
- Can modify theme files
- Can upload own themes and plugins
- No limitations on ecommerce

Cons:

- Cost for domain + hosting
- Bandwidth/space limitations
- Need to research & install plugins
- Need to handle own security, backups
- No support

A Few Sites on WordPress.com

http://toddenglishfigs.com/



http://cultnoise.com/





Fun





Making Friends

With Faith February 12, 2014

Editor's Picks



Subversive Design Exhibition February 15, 2014





Social Media: Private Vs. Public February 14, 2014



Single on Valentine's Day? February 9, 2014



Living with your parents? Oh the shame February 11, 2014



Photography feature: The way I see. February 13, 2014



Brian Viveros: Feminine Warriors



Things that happen when you have a ······· DEE



Are dogs really 'man's best friend'? February 9, 2014



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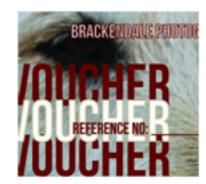
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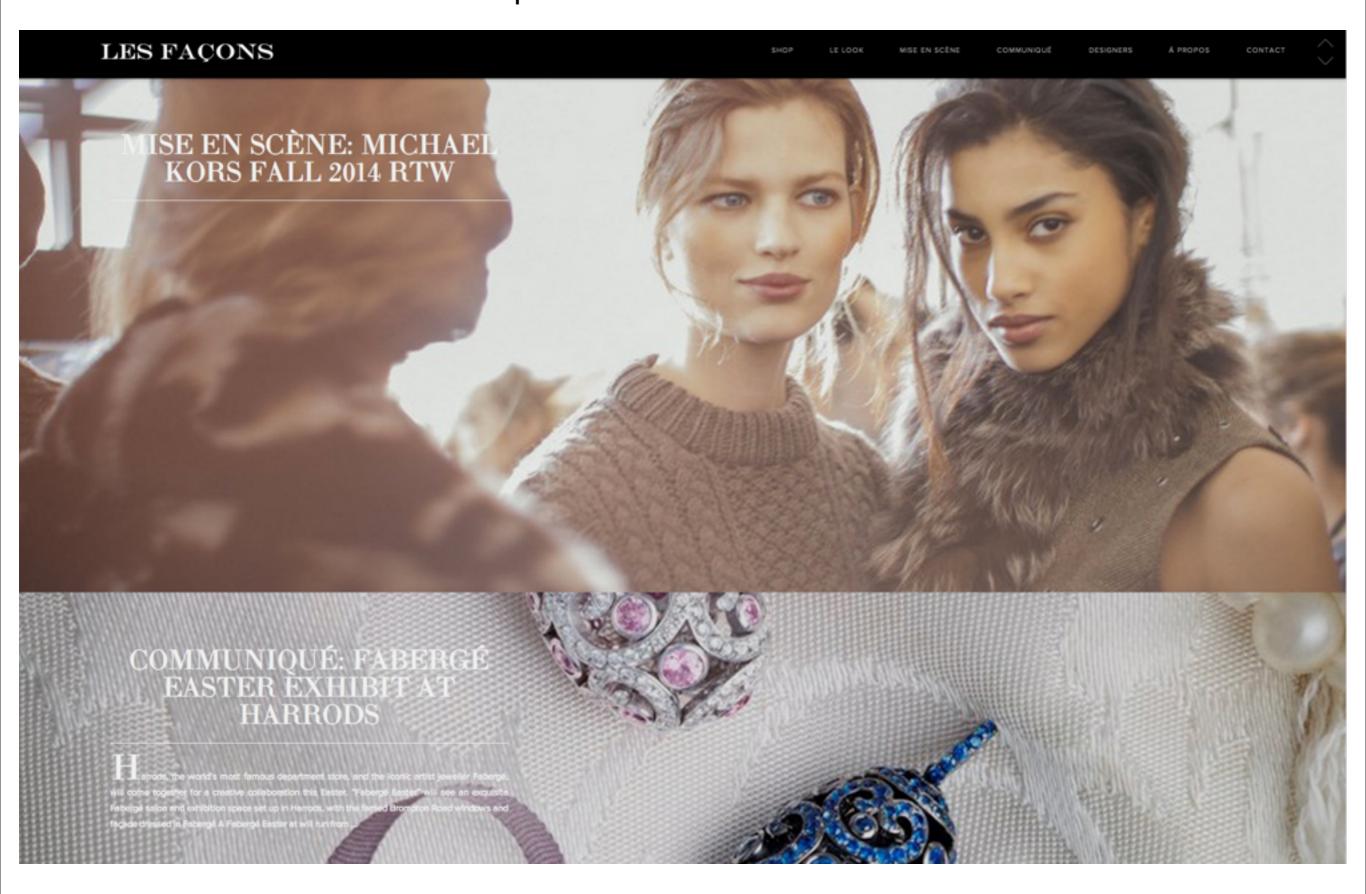


FEATURED PRODUCTS

Here are selection of products that will be great for presents and gifts!

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http://englishteaandcoffee.com/



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