

Transcript: Purchasing Dreamhost Hosting

The purpose of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to sign up for hosting at Dreamhost.com. We're going to start here on the syllabus, where you'll notice that there are three different hosting providers and links to their sites provided. Please keep in mind that you do not have to use any of these three, you can use any site you want to as long as it is professional hosting. The purpose of this one, obviously, is to show how to purchase hosting from Dreamhost.

Please note that the link to Dreamhost is here, but besides it there is this note that tells you that if at the time you get to check-out on Dreamhost, you enter the code 'BR1', that it will deduct \$25 from the total hosting fee. So click 'Dreamhost,' that will bring you to their home page, and Dreamhost has two different ways to begin the sign up process-- one is here where it says 'start your free trial,' the other is down here at the bottom where it says 'sign up now.' Either of these two options will get you to the exact same location. So it doesn't matter.

I'm going to go ahead and click on the 'sign up now' link; it brings me to this screen, and again you'll notice that it asks me for the exact same information, the email and the password, both repeated two times. So I'll go ahead and put in my email address and then a password, click 'continue'. Assuming I've filled all of that information in correctly, it brings me to this screen.

Now, please note there are two options: the top one says, 'I don't have any hosting and I don't have a domain name, so I need to find out if a domain name is available that I can use.' The bottom one says, 'Well, I already have a domain name, I just want to add it to Dreamhost.' Most of you are going to choose the top one, and that's why it is the default selection.

Then in this text box at the bottom you're going to actually put in the domain name that you're looking at using. Now please keep in mind that the domain name should reflect you if this is a personal website, or it can reflect the name of your business if it's meant to be a commercial web site, or it could also reflect the products that you're selling on your commercial site, or services that you might be providing.

So in any case, I've typed in the name that I'm interested in here, myfullname.info, just as an example. I'm going to click 'continue' and that then brings me to this second page. Please note that it says myfullname.info can be added, so therefore it is available and it hasn't already been claimed by someone else.

Now this screen has two different parts, please don't let it confuse you. The top one is where you would buy the hosting, and included in that hosting would be the domain name. The second group here at the bottom is if you were buying just the domain name-- that is not the option that you want.

And then down at the bottom, Dreamhost currently offers a two-week free trial membership and it explains that here at the bottom. Now at the options at the top you'll notice that I can buy one month at just under \$11 plus a \$50 set-up fee for a total fee of \$60.95. Keep in mind that I would have to go back and pay this \$11 every month thereafter if I wanted the 4 months of hosting for the class. If I chose the middle option then it's going to reduce the price per month, there is no setup fee, so I'm going to pay the total of \$119.40 for a full year. Now keep in mind if you enter the code 'BR1' it's going to save \$25 off of that.

I'm going to go ahead and click this middle option. It then brings me to the next page where I have to give them all of my personal information. Now I'm not going to do that here, but that's obviously what you're going to be asked. When you click 'continue' then you'll give them your credit card number, you'll have an opportunity to enter the promotion code 'BR1' in a box that will be available there, and that will deduct \$25 off of the total price.

Dreamhost web hosting is actually recommended by the communications department for their students. I'm not sure that this is one that all students would like but nevertheless, if it is something that would be of interest to you, I hope this demonstration helps. Good luck to you and thanks for listening.