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Google sites templates

Google has just added a new feature for Google sites. Drum rolls, please. . . Models! These templates are designed to give users a quick and easy tool to create a high-quality website. Templates have a pre-selected theme, populated pages, and a wide range of pre-placement spaces for text, images, and layouts for your content. If you don't have the time or desire to start from scratch, a template is a way to go. How to find the Google Sites Template Gallery From your waffle (app launcher) Choose sitesElele New Google sitesEler templates shown at the top Of omnibox (Google URL search box) Type sites.google.comSelect New Google siteselect Templates shown on the main sites sure-fire tips.new if you are using the time saving trick to go directly to sites.new, you won't have the option to choose a template, as you'll instantly create a new Google site. The templates gallery will not be visible. Bookmark Be sure to check this url <https: sites.google.com/u/0/new/?authuser=0&tgif=c&ftv=1> and you'll have access and other option to access the templates. Hide the Gallery You have the ability to hide the gallery by clicking on the drop-down menu slick snowman. The Skinny snowman is the three points in your top right corner. Always the Gallery What happens if you hide the models and then want the gallery back? That was the tricky part. Go to the three vertical lines in the upper left corner, Select SettingsView the Box View recent models on home screens Template gallery For the launch of the Site template, Google has released nine templates in 16 languages. Each model has a specific purpose with a professional look and feel. Google will build more models over time. The gallery is divided into three main categories: Education, Personnel and Work. The Class Education, Club and Student Portfolio options are amazing. These templates will give teachers a leap in creating a website and, even better news, a solid framework for students to start a portfolio. Remember that the creator is not limited to the structure of the model; modification and changes are simply made. The template allows the bases to be laid and users can skip and create the content. My first inclination was to jump into each model and see the information that Google had provided. It was a bit time consuming, so I hope that the division of each model and the potential pages and sections within each will be useful for teachers and students. Education Class Home: class name, class overview, about me, Timeline features: calendar, daily scheduleTreats: monthly newsletter and layout includes space for more Club Home: club name, purpose, what space for video/presentationEvents: calendar, upcoming events, past eventsAto: history, a place for general content Student </https:> </https:> Home: about me, achievements, strengths, goals, contact Classes: school year, highlights and layout includes images, videos and presentationsAction: two examples and layout space for activities Personal wallet Home: Hi, I'm ____, selected work, space for presentation, project and video, contact informationOpens: an impactful statement, customers, work experience, educationIdea project: project name with description and images , room for paper, achievement, project result, next home restaurant button: restaurant name, slogan, reservation button, food photo space, welcome, press coverage, contact us: location map, booking button, contact us, opening hours, customer experience in detail, spaceChef image: meet the chef, picture, bio chef, kitchen style , bios of the chef's team and imagesMenu: booking button, divided into sections for appetizer, main course and dessert, buffet information Working models for Google Sites Home Event : event name, rsvp button, descriptions of day 1-3, images, space for speakers includes image, name and about section, location and mapSule: date with 14 slotsSSS: eight sections for speakers with image and bio space Local - name , image, transport Help Center Home: six topics with space for images and topic names, jump to section links with foldable text, live chat buttonDocumentation: help resource library, section Still need help? section and help button, Live chat button Project Home: project name, mission, efforts, questions, take action buttonHistory: brief history, image, where we are today with space for images,Team: goal statement, leadership section, Meet the Team section with images, apply now (to join team) FAQ button: jump to section sections with text sections , Live chat button Home Team : welcome, learn more button, central value with image space and information, section Subscribe to our mailing listProjects: 1-4 images and informationspace Project page: project objective with resources and links, stakeholders and names, impact Contact: team introduction, Meet the Team space with name, job title and email Send me a comment and let me know how you plan to use a new template for your club , class, or campus. The initial release of templates is a great addition to Google Sites. I still think teaching how to create a Google Site is better from scratch, but if you're not focused on how to do it, a template is a great place to start. Photo the site template by 200 Degrees on Pixabay Reply Free high quality templates for the Google Sites builderSiteBrowse our gallery of high quality free site templates for Google Sites. Edit the yourself with the Google Sites website builder or get help from our experienced developers and designers! Additional informationVerto: 1.1Updated: May 14, May, Finch Ave W Toronto M9B 4V8 Canada Last updated on August 5, 2020 Is it surprising that Google has thrown its hat into the ring of website builders? Not at all. Google has proven that it can do just about everything else related to the world's web, from social media to email. So, in all fairness to the reigning champion of the web, it was time for Google to give us a website creation tool. However, it is important to note that Google does not actually have a website builder. It currently has two site builders, one of which has existed for more than a decade. And they don't offer as many features as you might expect from the internet giant, including SEO tools, themes or the ability to customize many pieces. However, they integrate well with other Google products and share the collaborative aspect that can be found in all Google tools. Integration with other Google apps This means that Google Drive features like Maps, YouTube, Calendars, and Docs can be integrated into users' websites. This also means that users can work on a single site at the same time without having to worry about replacing someone else's work. This is real-time collaboration at its best. This video will help you understand where Google Sites fit with other Google apps, such as Maps or Google Docs. It will also show you how easy it is to create a website. There are two versions of Google sites that have said that the fact that there are two building tools introduces some serious problems. To get started, this means that users need to learn and understand the differences between the two before committing to one over the other. Secondly, Classic will be gone very soon. While it's not an easy-to-use tool by any means, and the sites that come out of it aren't attractive, it allows users to do much more than the new Google Sites. Let's take a look at the pros and cons of both site building platforms and save you time in having to poke and poke each of them to see which one is the best. The original version of Google's tool is called Google Classic Sites and still exists today, although it appears that Google has plans to eliminate it from 2018. Once depreciation is announced, there will be a year in which operations remain unchanged, followed by 3 months of read-only operation. A screenshot of the new Google Sites promotional video. Visit the new Google sites What is Google Classic Sites? Classic sites have existed since 2006, when Google bought a corporate software called JotSpot. Its previous site building tool (Google Page Creator) was then transferred to the new platform and renamed Classic Sites. The purpose of this is to allow people to build collaborative (social) websites or company intranets on their own. So things like project wikis, project trackers, training documentation, and customer portals are what Sites do better. Timewarp: Old Google sites (called Classics) are still available. The company promises that the migration to the new Google Sites will be available sometime in 2018. From the press, some sites were able to migrate, but not all. The new Google sites: easier to use In 2016, Google decided to renew its site builder to align it with 1) the rest of Google's design and functionality, and 2) the features of other site builders. The new Google sites definitely look a lot cooler than classic sites and it's much easier to use. However, it is severely restricting in terms of what users can actually build with it. New sites are being worked on as Google engineers hope to re-integrate the features and functionality that have been lost between Classic and New. And to help those who created a website using the Classic version, Google has created a website conversion tool. This allows users to create a new draft of their site on new sites, with all of their content being downloaded. Users can then post this to a new URL or replace their original URL with this new site. Previously, you weren't able to do this, which led to a time-consuming process of copying and pasting everything from one site to another. So this is where we are currently with Google Sites. Two tools. There is no clear choice as to which is better, since both have deficiencies within them. However, for users who want to use a free build tool and would love easy integration with Google Drive, Google Sites (about other site building tools) may still be the right choice. A review of classic Google sites thinking about using the classic version of Google's website builder to build a website for your small business? Here's what you need to know about classic Google sites: Domain and hosting Your site's Hosting with Google is no different from hosting your files in Google Drive. When you set up a site with Classic Sites, you can select the name of your site, and then the URL will be automatically generated based on that name. It will look like this: sites.google.com/site/[sitename] However, if you want to buy your own domain, you can do it through Google Domains. Google's pricing sites are free to use, up to a point. You will not be charged for additional resources or support like other site builders, but there is a charge once you reach a designated storage limit. And you'll have to pay for your domain if you decide not to use the one assigned to you by Google Sites. How to sign up If you already have a Google account, there's no need to sign up. Just go to the Google Sites website and start building Site. An outdated interface It is obvious that this site builder was built in 2006 because the interface is extremely outdated. There's a part of the tool that resembles an older version of Google —very minimal, but still not all of it to look. And there are other parts of the tool (especially WYSIWYG) that look like you're working on an older version of Microsoft Word. Themes On classic Google sites, there are two types of design options that users can make. The first is the theme or design that they want to apply on their website. Currently, there are dozens of themes available to choose from, most of which seem old and unattractive. There are some newer ones available, but they are super simple and nothing more than a lot of solid color banners (basically the way Google designs its own websites). Templates templates are the other type of design option that users can choose from. A template is not a design, but a layout for a specific type of site. Thus, users are presented with options such as classroom sites, football team, travel magazine, wiki project, intranet site, contractor site, project tracking, and so on. A fully pre-built website with design, content and pages is then populated on the site. It also seems that other people can create and publish their own templates for anyone to use. But, as with the themes, these models are not very beautiful to look at. Ease of use Now, the aesthetics of themes and models is obviously a problem. No one wants to create a website that seems to have come from the 2000s. However, if you are not publishing the site to the web and it is for internal purposes only, it may not matter. Classic sites are not easy to use if you plan to redesign or customize content. It's really like using an old version of Microsoft Word. There's also no drag and drop, so this will require a lot of trial and error errors on your part to figure out how to create and edit your web pages. Features This is one of the areas where the Classic outperforms the New, and I think Google is aware of this and is one of the reasons why they are keeping the Classic alive for now at least. While classic features aren't really suitable for any business site that people want to be published on the web, there's a lot more that can be done with this site builder than the latest version. For example: Add Custom text boxes using header formats, stylization, fonts, etc. Add Google images, a link, or upload Insert a content table Update the number of columns in the Connect/Turn Off layout Add a sidebar and place it to the left or right of content update colors Integrate additional Google tools like Google+, Groups, and Hangouts There are also Gadgets that should perform similar results as plugins and extensions in other building tools. However, gadgets don't really work well or serve a purpose for the types of that you can create with it. Limited integration with Google apps Because of its simplicity, the classic website builder doesn't really integrate much with other Google Apps, Google, although you access it from your Google dashboard. You can integrate with Google tools like Google+, Groups, and Hangouts. As you can see in the screenshot below, the interface is extremely simple, and is not really suitable for building a complete business website. The Classic version of Google Sites works, but has a dated interface and limited features. Settings Settings for Classic Sites are more comprehensive than you'll find in New Sites; however, there are so many different settings that it is easy to miss the ones you want. User permissions, ease of mobile identification, theme updates and more can be done here, but they're not easy to find. Mobile sites designed with Classic are not automatically responsive. There is a random setting that you have to call to allow the site to be viewed on mobile devices. According to Google, only a few Classic users will be able to transfer their old sites to new sites. Alternatively, you can choose to move the content yourself. Classic users tired of the outdated interface who want to catch up with new Google sites can rejoice. Be careful... SEO features There are no SEO features built into classic Google sites. For example, you can't edit halves or meta tags. Even if there were built-in features, they would probably be outdated, as best practices have changed dramatically since the builder was released. A review of new Google sites So google's classic sites are clearly outdated. What about the new version? Here's what you need to know about new Google sites: domain and hosting This is the same deal as classic websites. Also, remember to select the option to not work in search engines to show your site when you hit the Publish button. Google Sites is a quick way to create business presentations, especially because it integrates with Google Sheets and Google Docs. Prices: Free Even if Classic: It's free unless you pass Google's free storage limit. How do I sign up? Again, the inscription is the same as the classic. If you're already in Gmail or Google, then there's no sign-up process. Just get started. The interface is Intuitive and Minimalist For those who like google's latest design (known as Material Design), so you'll love new Google sites. Besides being just a more beautiful building tool, it is highly intuitive. So if you know the way around other Google interfaces, this will be a breeze. It still uses many of the same icons to perform similar tasks, so consistency there is a bonus. Themes: Designed to offer limited options from writing this, New Sites has only a small handful of themes available. Although they seem much more enjoyable and modern than the options available in Classic, the themes don't do much except put a header and title image on your site. You can select your own accent color and and (from a very limited amount of options). But actually, that's all you've got. It's easy to add Google Drive items, such as graphics, to new Google Sites. Templates: DIY Currently there are no templates available on this builder site. Everything needs to be constructed from scratch, with the exception of the above-mentioned homepage header image. The drag and drop tool is easy to use in addition to redesigning this new builder tool to match the rest of Google's new simplified interface, there is now a drag-and-drop available. This makes the process of creating new content and pages much easier than in the classic iteration. It also brings this tool more aligned with how other site builders work (which are probably Google's intention in the first place). There are some problems Although the only note I want to mention about this is that although drag and drop is convenient, the results are not great. For example, let's say you add a YouTube video to the page. It is automatically imported as a left-aligned video and is very small in size. If you expand the size of the video player, the blurring of the original (and, yes, it was blurry) only gets worse. Alignment is not something you can easily switch between left, middle, and right for certain elements, either. Instead, New Sites uses grid lines so you can drag your element to position, which will likely lead to problems, since there's nothing to tell you when you hit a grid or how even something sits between them. It's not the ideal way to help users build a site piece by piece. Features Although there are few features that can be customized in New Sites, they are much easier to apply than in Classic, which is a good thing because there are no templates to trust here. Here are some of the features included in New Sites: The Pages menu is where you can create new pages, duplicate them, and create sublevels in your menu. The Insert menu contains all the features where you can add text, images, content from a URL, a dividing line, Google documents, YouTube videos, a whole Google calendar, and more. A logo can be added to the top of the site. Navigation can sit in the upper right corner as a horizontal bar or as a hamburger menu in the upper left corner. The background image can be customized in the header, and a readability layer

can be added so that the title text is easier to read. A favicon can be added (this is the little icon you see in your browser tab of certain websites. For Digital.com, it's a Teal D). In addition, each new section added to the site can have a unique background style applied to it. Choices include a background Image, solid white and two different backgrounds emphasis with different colors to make them burst. Learn more about integrating Google sites with Google apps Even though Google New Sites aren't yet a professional tool, it does with other apps, including Google Analytics. You can easily import data and content from YouTube, Google Maps, or Google Drive. This makes it an ideal choice for quick business reports and presentations. See the right sidebar of the screenshot below. The vertical panel on the right lists integrations with other Google apps. Settings There's not much you can do with Settings on New Sites. One feature you can use is to limit who can see your site by selecting a specific audience. So all this control that users had in Classic - regardless of how hard it was to find - is no longer available. Part of this could be because Google found that users didn't need these settings. Part of this may be because these settings are automated. Mobile-friendly responsive sites There is no longer a choice to make your New Mobile Site friendly. Instead, when viewing your site in Preview mode, you can view it from a smartphone, tablet, or desktop view, which indicates that these sites are all automatically responsive now. One thing to note about new sites is that it only works if you have the latest Chrome or Firefox browsers. If you're working out anything else, you'll have to stay with Classic until you're ready to change browsers. SEO Features: A Bit Mysterious There Doesn't Seo Seo Seo Seem to Be Any Features in The New Google Sites. Any optimization would need to be done manually, and without access to coding it could be difficult. There are, however, some conversations that Google ranks sites built with its website builder well regardless of the content. However, there is no way to predict whether this is true or will continue. Again, this is not really a good site builder for external sites. Google New Sites vs. Google Sites Classicfeature Google New Sites Google Sites Classic Domain and Hosting Free Domain of Google Sites Domain or paid custom domain of the Google Domain Free Domain Google Sites domain or paid custom domain of Google Domains Free Prices (unless you buy a domain or exceed the storage limit) Free (unless you purchase a domain or exceed the storage limit) Sign up Only one Google account is required Only one Google account is required Highly intuitive interface outdated and restrictive themes Minimum selection, but much more modern Tens (but simple or outdated) Templates No prebuilt sites available Easy to use drag and drop feature (but some teething problems) Without dragging and dropping Hard to customize automatically responsive content Yes Without SEO No Integration with Google Apps Yes ie Google+ and Hangouts, available Perfect for...? Basic sites and documents Building internal sites that don't need to stand out from the crowd Is Google Sites Site Builder (New or Classic) a good choice for my small business? This builder tool is definitely not ideal for a public website. I really wouldn't even recommend for a one site too, since it will not be the best reflection of your company as a whole. Classic designs are horrible and you're basically stuck having to use your models built in the 2000s to serve as a layout. And the new designs and features of Google Sites are very basic to actually build a fully functioning site. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS About Google sites Here are some common questions about Google sites with answers. What can I use Google sites for? For now, if you want to stay inside Google and like the fact that the site builder is free, then use it for collaborative interfaces. Use it to schedule school sports activities. Or to publish information about an event with directions to it. Or to create a Google Docs repository that you want a lot of people to have access to from a centralized and marked location. Google sites vs. Google My Business - Which is better? If you want to avoid all this coming and going, quality commitment and want a website builder who will do much more through your company's website, then take a look at Google My Business instead. You can get a free website automatically generated from your Google listing, which will offer you some online presence without any work. But if your goal is to publish a usable website to the web and generate revenue and business from it, you may want to search for other site builder options. Should you use new Google sites or classic Google sites? Google is asking new users to start using new sites to build their sites, with the promise that more features are coming soon. But Google is also telling users that they can stay in Classic for now (at least from 2018). When the feature build-out is complete and Classic is gone forever, we'll have to revisit Google Sites to see if it's become a real competitor in the site building space; it's not at that point now. How do you get new Google sites? Go to the new Google Sites page Click the + button in the bottom right Start adding content to your site, adjust the layout, and so on To save your changes, click Publish (but don't forget to change the settings if you don't want your site to air in the world yet) To change the name of your site , click Untitled Site on the top left side Enter the name of your new site Press enter to save it You can rename your site at any time just by clicking on the text again To change the URL of your site, click on the three dots next to Publish and select custom URLS Finally, if you want to duplicate your site, go to the three points again and click Duplicate Site Visit sites of the