

Basic FTP Know-How

FTP is an abbreviation for "File Transfer Protocol". It is used to upload and download files to an online server.

Even if you're not aware of it, probably you utilize FTP consistently. An additional typical application of FTP is downloading online files. You are probably using FTP when you download large video or music files. Also, people who design web pages will find the FTP capacity to transmit files vital.

An FTP address resembles a Website address with the exception that it usually has an "ftp:" rather than an "http:". A server might be created to be dedicated solely to connect via FTP.

Servers are sometimes dedicated for receipt of FTP hookups. This is called an FTP server or FTP site since it only receives FTP connections; this is similar to a web server which is a computer that's purpose is to host web pages.

An FTP Client (FTP Software)

This is an elaborate title for software that is created to move files back and forth through a network. In reality, the Internet is a very large "wide area" network (WAN).

Extra features of the FTP Client consist of: many simultaneous file transfers, being able to make folders on a another server, being able to use CHMOD (Changing permissions); giving files a different name, removing files and other operations.

Where can I get FTP software from?

1. If you have to send many files, use an excellent Professional FTP system such as WS-FTP Pro.
2. While Windows Explorer is suitable for FTP, it is often difficult for people to use.
3. One effective and complimentary FTP client is Filezilla.
4. If you only want to upload a few files, or if you just want to try the program out, normally it is possible to obtain a free trial version of some FTP clients.

Prior to uploading files with FTP, you will need:

1. The FTP Host (Server), usually ftp.somewebsite.tld, or simply an IP address
2. The FTP Username
3. The FTP Password
4. Use Passive FTP? (Typically "Yes")
5. Apply Secure (SFTP)? (Typically "No")
6. The port for the FTP (Typically 21)
7. The majority of the time you will not upload directly to the first folder you land in, should you be uploading to a website. Typically, online content is contained in a folder labeled /public_html or /www or /httpdocs based on the type of operating system. This is something you must be aware of in order to publish a website. In addition, it is necessary to be familiar with the primary page's title. On most websites, the main page will be called index.htm (or index.html) or home.htm (or home.html).

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