NHD Website Category
Quick Guide for Students & Teachers

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The basics of the website category break down as such:
- Students create website entries no larger than 100MB and in accordance with other category rules and general rules in the [Contest Rule Book](#).
- Students must use the development tools available at **NHDWebCentral**.
- Entries are constructed and published entirely online.
- Entries are evaluated in this online environment.

Getting Started
Students must use **NHDWebCentral** (found at nhdwebcentral.org), to build their websites. To begin, each student must create an account on nhdwebcentral.org. Please refer to our instructional guides at nhd.org/nhdwebcentral on creating an account for a group website. Students should provide an email address when setting up the account, as that is the only way a password can be recovered if forgotten. For students under the age of 13, there will be additional steps to notify a parent or guardian about the creation of an NHDWebCentral account. A unique web address (URL) will be assigned to each entry. This is the URL that judges will use to access a website for judging. Students and teachers must keep this URL noted for reference.

Group Entries: All students working on that particular entry will use their own accounts to access the same website. Please note that when working on the website together, students should work on different areas of the site rather than the same page at the same time. Working on the same page at the same time could result in lost information for one or multiple students.

What if students and teachers have questions?
At **NHDWebCentral**, participants have access to a variety of resources to help them create their entries. These resources are are available either through the NHDWebCentral Help library (https://nhd.org/nhdwebcentral) or the NHDWebCentral Contact Us form (https://website.nhd.org/Contact). If participants still cannot find answers to their questions, they may contact their affiliate NHD Coordinator or NHD staff at it@nhd.org.

NHDWebCentral Tools
The tools or elements within at **NHDWebCentral** are powerful and intuitive. These tools were designed to make website construction easy while also meeting the needs of more advanced users, who will find advanced editing tools and custom HTML features.

Site URL and 8-digit ID
When website entry accounts are set up at **NHDWebCentral** (nhdwebcentral.org), a unique URL is assigned. The URL will be formatted like this: http://site.nhd.org/**12345678**. The bold part of this example is the unique 8-digit ID for the website entry. Students and teachers should be sure to note this 8-digit ID because they will need to fill out this information when registering for the NHD contests.

Contest Registration and Judging
When registering for the NHD contests (regional, state/affiliate, or national), the Site URL and/or the 8-digit ID will be requested. Students should double check that they have entered this information

correctly, as an incorrect URL could mean the judges will not be able to evaluate a website. During judging periods, editing capabilities on the websites will be locked. Once judging periods end, sites will be unlocked and those entries to advance can be modified before the next level of competition.