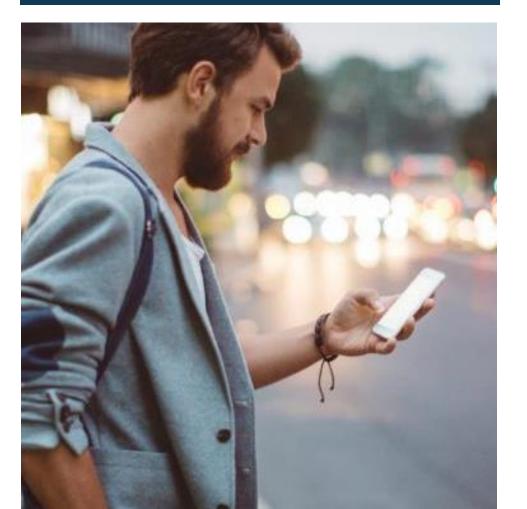


WEBSITE DESIGN

Choosing the Right Platform for Your Business

Agenda



What is web design and what are some key considerations in choosing a platform

DIY website builders such as WIX – a basic walkthrough for setting up a site

SEO and analytics and how to use them to improve your reach

Sites designed for e-commerce such as Shopify – what makes them stand apart from other platforms

Choosing the right platform for your business



Layout: how information is structured and presented on the site.



Content: media which may include videos, images, and text providing information for users of the site.



Navigation and user experience: ensuring users are able to move around the site easily to find relevant information.



Responsive Design: making sure that the site works just as well on smartphones as on a laptop.

What is Website Design?

Quite simply, website design is the process of planning, creating, and arranging content on a website.

It involves both the visual aspects such as colors, fonts and images, and the functional aspects which include navigation and user experience.

The key elements include the following:

Why Is Website Design Important for Business Owners **First Impressions**: A well-designed site can create an incredible first impression on visitors.

Brand Identity: Your website will help to solidify who your company is and what you stand for.

User Engagement: A well-designed site will encourage visitors to explore more and learn about your product or service.

Conversion Rates: A site that is easy to navigate helps to turn visitors into customers.

Competitive Advantage: Your website can help to set you apart from your competitors.





Key Considerations Before Designing Your Website

Business Goals: Clearly define your website's purpose. Is it for selling products, building brand awareness, or sharing information?

Target Audience: Know who your customers are and how your website will meet their needs.

Budget & Time Constraints: Consider the costs associated with design, maintenance, and potential scaling of the website.



DIY Website Builders

DIY website builders are online tools that allow individuals to create and customize their own websites without needing any coding or design skills.

The main pros with these platforms is that they are easy to use, very cost-effective, and you don't need to be a coder. SEO is usually built in.

The main con can be limited customization compared to custom-built websites.



WIX: An Example ofa Popular **Choice for DIY Sites**

Easy to use drag and drop interface with hundreds of templates to choose from

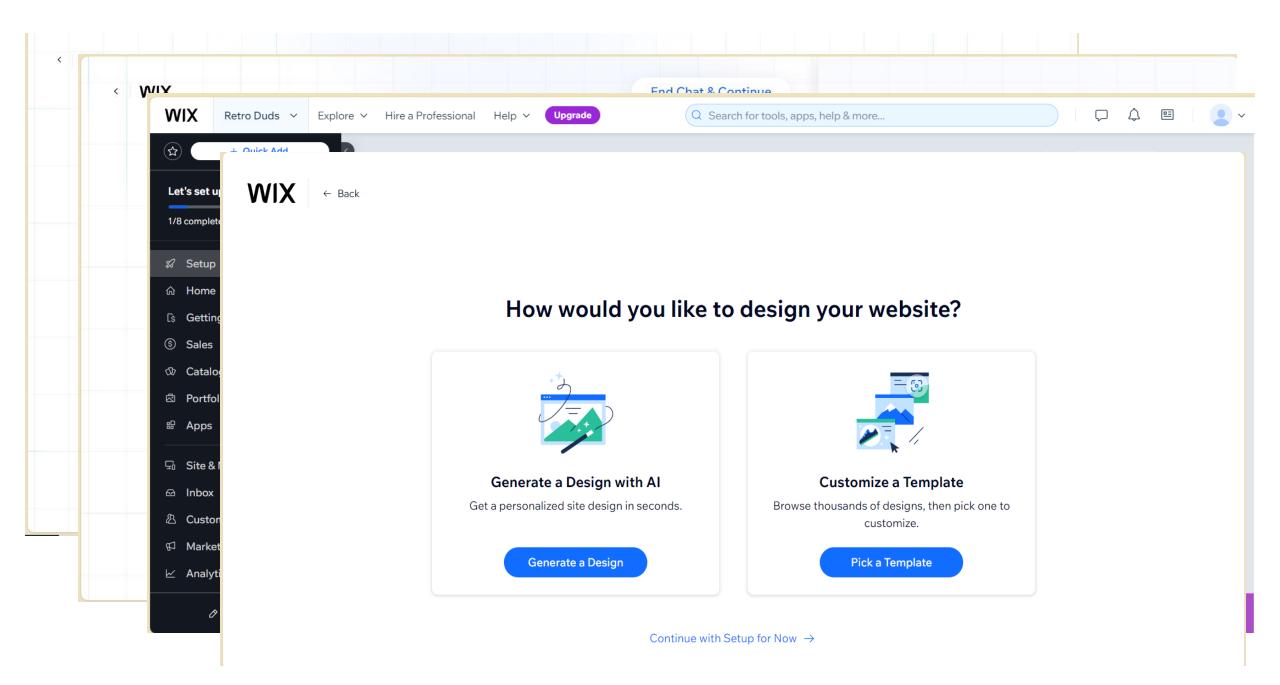
Built in SEO tools to help with your site's ranking – you don't need to know any coding

Ability to make your site into an online store with payments, shipping, invoicing and customized reports

Pricing is very competitive - \$15/mth to \$149/mth with an elite level as well

Ability to link 100's of apps, use email marketing, and also integrates the mobile site





 Your site's ready for you!
 To adjust the content and design, click on what you want to change in the brief.

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Based on your <u>site profile</u>, Retro Duds, your Vintage Clothing Store site has a <u>site structure</u> which includes 1 page. Its content is generated based on your <u>site description</u>.

Your site <u>theme</u> features modern fonts and a vivid, contemporary design in eggshell white and bright blue. Its <u>layout</u> includes one big title and overlapping elements in a complex, advanced design.

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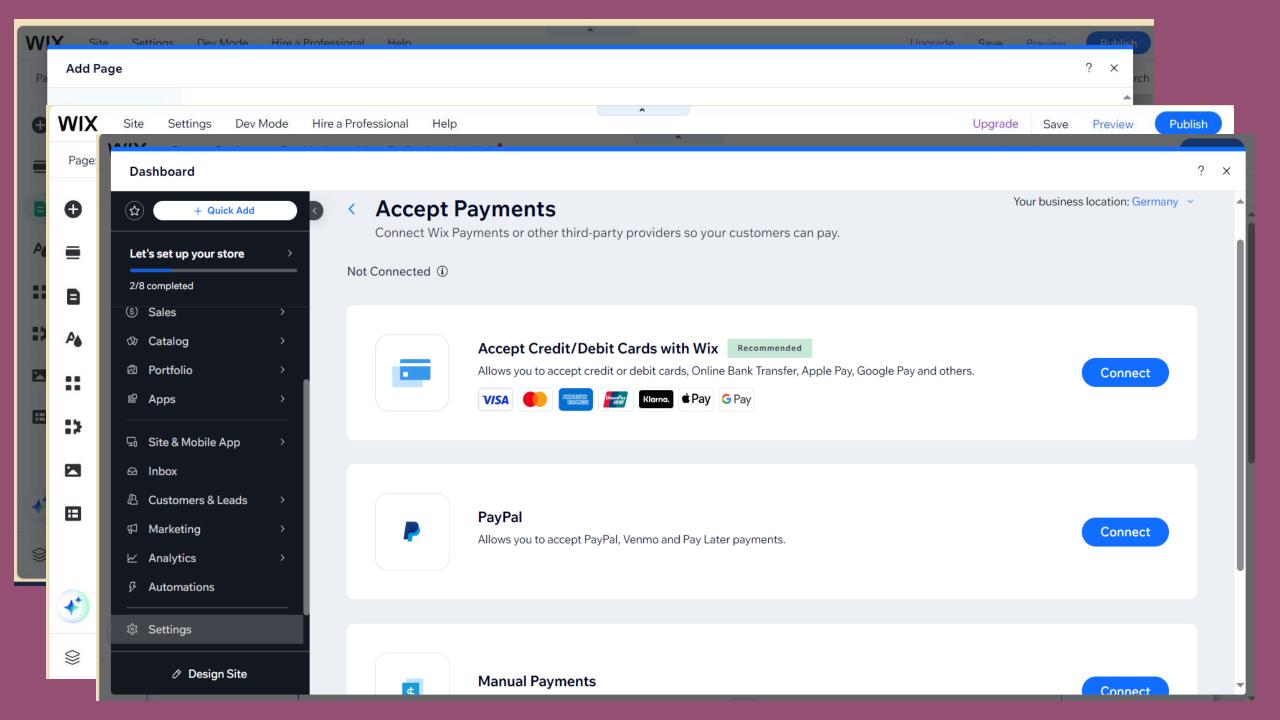




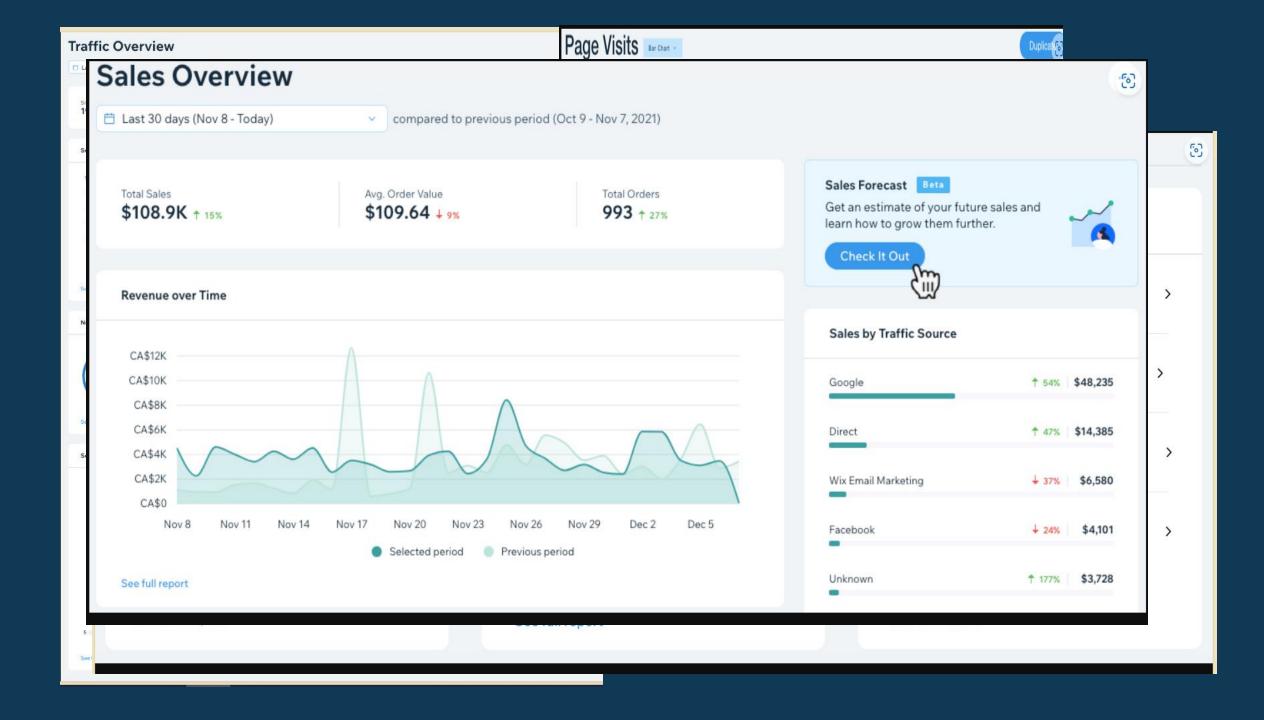




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Shopify: An Example of a Site **Designed for E-commerce** Dedicated to e-commerce with an easyto-use interface, scalability, and strong support for payment gateways.

Shopify is built for business owners, not developers, so you can manage your store without a steep learning curve.

Security Features include SSL certification, PCI compliance, and fraud detection tools.

Pricing ***** Basic, Standard, and Advanced plans; transaction fees apply depending on the plan.

Ability to link 100's of apps, use email marketing, and also integrates the mobile site



Wix vs Shopify: Which is the Best For Your Business?

WIX

- More affordable has a free level next plan up is around \$17/mth and up to \$159
- Websites are more customizable and offer more functionality
- Best for small businesses with a range of offerings
- No transaction fees
- Over 800 free templates
- Better overall for small business
- Choose Wix if you prefer budget friendly platform that allows for creativity and include features such as email marketing

Shopify

- Easier to use best for new users wanting to get started ASAP
- More sales and e-commerce features
- Better for businesses with more online sales and larger inventories
- Charges between 2.4 and 2.9% on all transactions
- Pricing begins at \$29/mth and can go as high as \$2300
- Better for stores with POS purchases
- Choose Shopify if you are a large or growing store requiring shipping, and are looking for bulk imports and invoice generating

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Fundamentals of SEO

Where to begin?

1. Begin with keyword research

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