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For a comprehensive look at web hosting options, please see What are my options for making a website at MIT?

As far as allocating a `something.mit.edu` hostname goes, your purpose for doing so is important.

- If you have physical hardware that needs an IP address and hostname allocated on campus, see https://ist.mit.edu/network/ip-request
- If you are building a website from scratch, please see the options at: What are my options for making a website at MIT?
- If you have a website built on a self-service platform (DrupalCloud or SIPB Scripts) you should request names through that service, and it follows the rules of that service.
- If you have a website built under another name (such as on a third party hosting platform), and want to direct an MIT hostname to it, this will need to be analyzed based on what the destination, technologies and purpose is.
    - Official DLC academic/administrative projects are allowed
    - Faculty projects are allowed
    - Personal/resume websites named for non-faculty are not allowed
    - Student activity & academic projects will need a staff/faculty sponsor, but are allowed
    - Student living groups may have one hostname each that clearly reflects the name of the living group; they will need a sponsor within DSL
- Please contact the Service Desk servicedesk@mit.edu for these, and provide detailed information - the intended name, who the staff/faculty sponsor will be, and the specifics of the destination.
- If you wish to build a website, but haven't decided on the technologies to use, or where it will be hosted, you can reach the Service Desk servicedesk@mit.edu and request that we reserve the desired top level name for your project.

Requests requiring a `something.mit.edu` hostname being directed to another location or reserved will generally require a responsible staff or faculty member's request, along with an MIT cost object. No charge-back is made for these, but a cost object will be requested for tracking. For a deeper look at the concerns for offsite hosting, please see Hostname Migration - Validation ahead of DNS change.