World-Wide-Web Provider Responsibilities
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Topic:
Both OITS and the CWIS Policy Implementation Committee of the Council on Information Technologies and Services get questions on the basic responsibilities which apply to WWW providers at UF. A summary response to such frequently asked questions seemed to be useful.

Examples:
“Does a student’s home page on a UF machine fall under student conduct rules?”
“What are the basic UF policy requirements for Web providers?”

Resources used in formulating the Advisory:
• Review of background, scope, and intent of UFRFC-8. (See UFRFC’s from OITS’ Web Site.)

• Committee discussion and on-line editing of the primary contents of this Advisory by the CWIS Policy Implementation Committee.

Premises:
• UFRFC-8 “Policies and Preferred Practices for UF’s Campus-Wide Information System” is the normative document.

• Federal and State law, SUS Standard Practice, and UF policies are relevant in a variety of ways.

Conclusions:
• UF’s Home Page (and default) URL is http://www.ufl.edu  No other URL should be held out as being equivalent or a substitute. Queries about the UF Home Page should be directed to www@www.ufl.edu.
• Student Organization Web Pages and student individual pages are subject to UFRFC-8 and to the policies in the UF Student Handbook. Authors of student pages in either category (organization, individual) are accountable to the Office of Student Affairs.

• Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, Dept. Chairs, and heads of administrative units are responsible for the accuracy and content of Web pages generated in and on behalf of their respective units. Such Web pages also are subject to the policies in UFRFC-8.

• Individual Web pages authored by faculty are subject to the policies in UFRFC-8, to the provisions of the Faculty Handbook, and to the provisions of the individual’s employment contract.

• Individual Web pages authored by staff (A&P, USPS, OPS) are subject to the policies in UFRFC-8 and to the provisions of the individual’s employment contract.

• UF students, staff, or faculty interested in establishing a Home Page can contact the University Help Desk at 392-HELP (392-4357) or via email to ufhelp@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu for advice.