



# Student Association at Binghamton University

## Student Group Web Server Account Packet

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### Introduction

Student Association web hosting services are provided at no charge by New Dream Network, LLC / DreamHost. Your student group will receive hosting access to a private portion of the Student Association's server space. Your student group website will be available to the public at <http://yourgroup.binghamtonsa.org>, unless you purchase your own domain name. Further, we can help you set up Google email @yourgroup.binghamtonsa.org.

**The below terms are intended to protect the Student Association from litigation. Further, they are intended to prevent the Student Association, and all of its student groups, from violating the DreamHost terms of service.**

**You are expected to read and understand these policies. If you do not understand the policies, or any portion thereof, ask us before signing this agreement. Infringement of these guidelines may result in account suspension or termination without notice.**

### Services Offered

The services offered to the Student Association are equivalent to those offered to DreamHost customers under their basic hosting plan. Check [dreamhost.com](http://dreamhost.com) for details.

When your group receives a Student Association hosting account, it will get the following services by default:

- A subdomain at binghamtonsa.org (i.e.: <http://tastebuds.binghamtonsa.org>). Your group may purchase its own domain name. Since you will not be able to purchase services through your Student Association account, you must use a separate account to purchase a domain name.
- An SFTP/SSH username and password to upload your website.
- A username and password to the DreamHost web panel for your site. This will let your webmaster configure site settings.
- A database username and password, with no limit on additional databases.
- Unlimited storage and bandwidth

The following commonly requested services are available through your DreamHost web panel:

- Email lists at your subdomain
- Google mail, Google docs, Google calendar at your subdomain
- One-click website installations for WordPress, phpBB message boards, and more

### Technical Details in Brief (for Webmasters)

DreamHost servers run Debian Linux, PHP5, Perl, Python, Ruby on Rails, CGI, SVN and MySQL 5. You will have full shell and cron access.

## **Terms of Use**

1. Web hosting is reserved solely for the Student Association (“S.A.”) and its subsidiary organizations (“Groups”). Any other use, including personal use, is prohibited.
2. Access to an account may only be granted by the group’s president, and only with the understanding that the president provide direct supervision of such users and accept full responsibility for user actions. Users given access to an account must engage only in activities approved and supervised by the president, and may not engage in activities that are personal in nature or outside the scope of the organization’s activities.
3. Groups must comply fully with the DreamHost Terms of Service, available at <http://www.dreamhost.com/tos.html>, and the DreamHost Anti-Spam policy, available at <http://www.dreamhost.com/spam.html>, and any other DreamHost regulations regarding hosted content. When in conflict, DreamHost policy is superseded by more restrictive Student Association policy.
4. Groups are responsible for the design and implementation of their own websites. The S.A. will provide limited support for server-related issues, but will not assume the responsibility of maintaining a group’s website.
5. Groups may not use any S.A. subdomains other than those explicitly granted to them by the S.A.
6. Groups wishing to purchase their own domain names may do so at their own expense. For insurance purposes, any group registering its own domain name must notify the office of the Vice President for Finance prior to use.
7. Groups may not purchase any additional services from DreamHost on their S.A. account.
8. Any attempts to hack, interfere with, or otherwise exploit the S.A.'s, or any DreamHost web server or the hosting services provided to a group will result in the immediate termination of a group's account.

## **Acceptable Use Policy**

1. Groups may not upload any material that violates or infringes on the copyright, intellectual property rights, service marks, or trademark rights of any individual or organization.
2. Groups will be required to provide proof of ownership of any material to which the group owns rights to any person or organization making a reasonable request for this information.
3. Piracy, hacking, cracking, phreaking, warez, and exploitative software is not allowed.
4. You may not post material that is grossly offensive to the general public, including, but not limited to: exploitation of children, blatant expressions of bigotry, hatred, harassment, defamation, invasion of privacy or excessive profanity. This includes material that defames, abuses, harasses, or threatens any person or group. The Student Association reserves the right to be the final judge as to what is or is not acceptable.
5. Adult content is not allowed. Adult content is considered to be anything that contains nudity, pornography, or sexual material of lewd, lecherous, or obscene nature and intent, or that violates local, state, or national laws and is not for educational use.
6. Spam and any unsolicited mass communication is not allowed and is grounds for immediate account termination.

7. Web accounts are for live web hosting only and may not be used as a storage or backup facility.
8. Mirroring commercial sites is prohibited.
9. Groups may not link to or offer to distribute any material that is not acceptable or allowed by these guidelines.
10. The group's president is solely and fully responsible for the contents of the group's account.
11. The S.A. makes no guarantee of availability of service and reserves the right to change, withdraw, suspend, or discontinue any functionality or feature of the hosting service. In no event will the S.A. be liable for any damages, including, without limitation, direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages arising out of the use of or inability to use our services or any content thereof. This disclaimer applies, without limitation, to any damages or injury, whether for breach of contract, tort, or otherwise, caused by any failure of performance, error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, computer virus, file corruption, communication line failure, network or system outage, or theft, destruction, unauthorized access to, alteration of, or use of any record.
12. The S.A. reserves the right to change or amend these terms at any time and without prior notice. It is a group's responsibility to be familiar with these terms in the event that they change at a future time. By uploading any content to S.A. servers, you signify your agreement to these terms. If you do not agree to these terms, do not obtain an account.
13. The S.A. reserves the right to examine the contents of any account at any time.
14. DreamHost creates periodic backups of hosted content. The S.A. does not guarantee the availability of these backups. Groups are responsible for creating external backups of their own data at regular intervals.

**Agreement to Terms of Use and Acceptable Use Policy**

*In exchange for a web account through the Student Association, on behalf of my group, you agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the use of the server, as they are set forth in this agreement. You also understand that these rules are subject to change at any time, and any violation or breach of these rules, intentional or not, may result in immediate termination or suspension of your group's account.*