# Day 11: GitHub Pages for Free Hosting

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GitHub Pages lets you host websites directly from your GitHub repository — for free.

Whether it's a **portfolio site**, **project documentation**, or a **personal blog**, you can deploy static websites with zero infrastructure setup — using only HTML, CSS, JS, or Markdown.

And yes, it comes with a .github.io domain!

### Why It's Useful

- Free web hosting with custom domain support
- Great for showcasing projects or building a portfolio
- Perfect for documentation, blogs, or course content
- Simple setup, no servers or deployment tools required
- Hosted on GitHub's global CDN = fast + reliable

#### **K** How to Set It Up

- Method 1: From GitHub Web (Easy Way)
  - 1. Create a new public repo (e.g., portfolio)
  - 2. Push your website code (HTML/CSS/JS) to the main branch
  - 3. Go to **Settings** → **Pages**

- 4. Under **Source**, choose the branch and folder (usually main & /root)
- GitHub will generate a live site URL like: https://yourusername.github.io/portfolio/

#### Method 2: Use docs/ Folder in Existing Repo

- If you want to publish documentation, enable Pages using the docs/ folder.
- This is great for project-specific documentation or guides.

#### **GitHub Pages Supports:**

- Static HTML/CSS/JS sites
- Jekyll-powered blogs (no server required)
- Markdown-based documentation
- Custom domains & HTTPS

#### **\*** Example Use Cases

- <u>a</u> Developer portfolio
- Open-source documentation
- Fechnical blog (Jekyll)
- Public resume or CV site
- Live project demos (landing pages, UI kits)

#### Pro Tips

• Use a tool like <u>Jekyll</u> for Markdown-based blogs

- Add a .nojekyll file if you want GitHub to skip Jekyll processing
- Use a **CNAME** file to configure a custom domain
- Pages are automatically deployed on push!

## **Resources to Explore**

- GitHub Pages Docs: <a href="https://pages.github.com">https://pages.github.com</a>
- Step-by-step guide: <a href="https://docs.github.com/en/pages">https://docs.github.com/en/pages</a>

#### **Final Thought**

"Your code deserves a home. Let GitHub Pages turn your repo into a live website — for free."