1. Click the **System Preferences** icon in the [Dock](https://www.lifewire.com/add-any-app-to-macs-dock-2260343).
2. Click the **Sharing** icon in the **Internet & Network** section of the [System Preferences](https://www.lifewire.com/use-mac-general-preferences-pane-2260718) window.
3. Place a check mark in the **Web Sharing** box to turn on web sharing. (OS X 10.4 Tiger calls this box Personal Web Sharing.)
4. In the Sharing window, click the **Create Personal Sites** folder button. If the Sites folder is already present from earlier use of the web sharing preference pane, the button reads **Open Personal Website Folder**.
5. If you prefer to use the Apache documents folder to serve up a website, click the **Open Computer Website Folder** button.

**Accessing Your Website**

The Apache web server starts up and serves at least two websites, one for the computer and one for each user on the computer. To access any of these websites, open a browser and enter one of the following:

* Use the format **http://your.computer.address/** for the computer's web page. To find your computer's address, bring up the [Sharing window](https://www.lifewire.com/share-windows-7-files-os-x-2260211) and highlight the Web Sharing name in the list. Your computer's address displays to the right.
* Use the format **http://your.computer.address/~yourusername**for a personal web page. To access it, enter the computer's address from the previous step, followed by the ~ (tilde) character and your username with no spaces in the username or between the tilde and your username.