me to Gerry   10/12/2015

Hey dad.

So, the site is ready for you to work on the content - I'll help you get set up properly whenever you're ready to go, and here I'll outline all the info you'll need to get up and running.

(Long email, but you don't really have to read through it now anyway - it's more so notes for the intro, and for reference later.)

Content

The idea is for this to be a place for you to put any articles (writing, images, etc.) that you want - not necessarily only for garden projects; but also any other work, personal projects, reflections/thoughts/ideas, and anything else you'd like to share.
If you find that you're going towards making a broader set of content, we can develop the categories/organisation side further so that it's easier for people to find their way through different kinds of articles.

Where is it?

You can find your site on gerrygardens.co - at the moment, it's the same placeholder "business card", until you're happy to publish the new site.
The new site is behind a password at new.gerrygardens.co (with dummy content for now), and you can work on it by visiting new.gerrygardens.co/panel. Whenever you've got enough content together that you're happy to make it public, I'll switch it to the main URL and remove the password, and that's it!
(As for the URL gerrygardens.co: if you want to change it to something else, we can sort that out no problem - ideally before sharing that URL very widely.)

How do you get in?

Your login for all parts of the site:

- **username:** gerry
- **password:** Folio**8**Work**9**Life**5**Backflip**4**

What can you do once you're there?

Once you're logged into the panel, You can:

- Edit the contents of the various parts of the site
- Create and delete articles
- Upload any kind of file you'd like to keep or publish
- Write drafts of articles and publish them when you feel they're done
- Tweak the colors/theme
- ...and more

The crux of writing content for the site is to:

- Understand the structure of the site (the site, a main "home" page within that, and as many "project" articles as you want within that)
- Using the text-editing system (Markdown, or an editor that produces it for you).

There are instructions on each page, and you can find your way to this main introduction at the bottom of every page:

Your Content Management System

This is the control panel for your site - your Content Management System (CMS, built with KirbyCMS).
You can always find your way back to this CMS at the URL */panel*.

Creating Content

From here, you can bring content into your site - pages and projects, text, files (images, videos, etc), and so on.
When writing text, you can use KirbyText, a simple markup notation (based on Markdown) to add *decorations*, sections, and functionality.
(This introduction used the same system.)

You can also **use a Markdown tool** to help you write KirbyText/Markdown notation; for example:

- HalloJS (write formatted text with familiar buttons, copy the Markdown text)
- Dillinger (write in Markdown using familiar buttons to help you, see a live preview)
- StackEdit (write in Markdown using familiar buttons to help you, see a live preview)

Guides and Tools

Some of the above useful links will appear at the bottom of these pages, in the "Guides and Tools" section.

I'll show you around all this in person too.

So, that should be everything you need to get started!

What does it cost to run?

The server is a very cheap $5/month, from Digital Ocean - this is the best fixed rate I could find anywhere, and their service is excellent. (The only charge so far was a $0.54 setup fee.)
(We also have the option of a pay-what-you-use flexible rate, from Google/Amazon/similar - but I'm not sure if that can be capped easily, or if it offers any better value in our case; and it's not as simple to set up or control for a site like this.)

The domain (URL) was bought through iwantmyname.com, at $14.73 for 1 year (expiring 29.5.2016).

I've paid for both so far, and we can work out transferring this at some point if you like - and how to keep it running, etc.

The receipts for both are attached.

When will the rest of it be finished?

While you're starting to put the content together, I'll keep doing the last bits, finishing touches, and any responses/changes you want to make - just let me know any comments.
I'll be working on the main visual bit, a plant/organic/liquid effect which I'm aiming to make look like this.

So, that's about it - I'll catch you on the phone/in person and run through all this properly soon.

Catch you then - E

PS: Some more info, to have it all in one place

I've shared a Google Drive folder with you, which contains these instructions and any files you might need to work with your site.

There's also your server from Digital Ocean, which hosts the site.
You almost definitely won't ever need to ever log in to this, but just so you have all the details:

- The server itself is under my Digital Ocean account, so I'll need to transfer that to you somehow if you ever need to work with it there.
- You can log in remotely via SSH
    - Set up the **gerry-okeeffe-id-rsa.pub** and **gerry-okeeffe-id-rsa** keys from the Drive folder on your local machine.
    - Enter **ssh me@gerrygardens.co** into your command line.
    - You'll be prompted for a password, which is the same as above (Folio**8**...flip**4**).

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