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Happy December! I hope Santa brings you computing toys for 2009. You supply the toys and allow free and open source software to save you tons of money.

As promised last month, in this issue I'm outlining steps to build an online website for less than \$25 a year. Put your group online or show-off family photos inexpensively. To do this we must to accomplish three tasks:

1. get software to build the website
2. register an online domain
3. purchase a web hosting service



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[KompoZer](#) is the successor to the handy NVU editor. NVU is no longer being updated and the KompoZer folks have added some bells and whistles to the solid Mozilla / NVU HTML editor. Make a new folder on your computer desktop (called website?) and store all your pages there prior to upload (this idea makes a local backup of your online website). I also make an "images" subdirectory inside this folder to keep things neat. KompoZer is easy to navigate but if you have questions check [this helpful site](#) . KompoZer is open source software, its cost is free and versions exist for Windows, Mac and Linux. Be sure your home page is saved as index.html or index.htm



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