

BT Business Launches Online Starter Kit



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BT Business has launched the Online Starter Kit, a service designed to help small businesses promote themselves online, offering a professionally-built web site and profile in the BT business networking community for £199 including 12 months of web hosting*.

Online Starter

Get a professional hassle-free online presence

- We build your website, email and BT Tradespace
- Includes domain name and logo design
- No website knowledge required

£199.00¹ (ex VAT) [Buy now](#)

Domain name and logo design included!

The advertisement features a light blue background with a computer monitor on the right. The monitor screen displays the text 'Domain name and logo design included!' in white. To the left of the monitor, the text 'Online Starter' is written in a green font. Below this, the headline 'Get a professional hassle-free online presence' is followed by a bulleted list of three features. At the bottom left, the price '£199.00¹ (ex VAT)' is shown next to a pink 'Buy now' button.

For the first time [BT Business](#) has brought together all of the essential ingredients for creating an online presence into one low cost bundle. For businesses looking to combine this with their broadband commitment, the [Online Starter Kit](#) is also available at just £5 per month with BT Business Total Broadband Option 3.

The bundle includes a web site design consultation and professional web site build, logo design, advice around web site copy and keywords, [web hosting](#), domain based webmail and a [BT](#)

[Tradespace](#) profile - all designed to work together to boost a business presence on search engines such as Google.

One in five small businesses don't have their own web site, despite £78 billion - 25% of UK retail spend - in this year projected to come from online sales. According to BT Business research the vast majority that do are also not getting the most out of their websites or using them effectively to attract customers. Just one in over 3,000 web sites use keywords in the content they post on their sites, despite the use of keywords increasing the chances of search engines picking up web pages. 42% have websites with bad pages containing broken or invalid links**.

"Every business needs an effective online presence that works well with search engines, but this can sometimes be a daunting step for start-ups," said Jerry Thompson, Director Business Products and Online. "By bringing everything together in one low-cost bundle BT is helping small businesses take the vital steps to getting online hassle-free. 20% of small businesses now also use social networking sites to win new business, so getting your company web site to work more effectively with [social business networks](#) such as BT Tradespace is becoming more and more important."

BT Tradespace is a dynamic online community for sales and marketing and offers a comprehensive directory of small business products and services. It allows members to use the latest social media tools - podcasts, videos and blogs - to promote themselves, engage with customers, partners and suppliers and sell goods to consumers over a secure and safe trading platform.

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Notes to editors:

* Based on 12mths contract. The Online Starter bundle costs £199 ex VAT. This comprises monthly costs of £5 per month ex VAT for a web hosting service plus a one-off cost of £139.

** Conclusion of an investigation of 70,000 websites released by BT Business in March 09.

About

BTTradespace.com

BTTradespace.com is a 350,000-member online community, which enables businesses to sell products and services and connect effectively with other people - in order to build business and customer

relationships. BT Tradespace provides social networking for businesses and free website set-up.

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