

Re: Small business sites?

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news:o7n1p0d7o00miq7uqd3dd0t50urtefud55@4ax.com...
> On 9 Nov 2004 06:18:25 -0800, in *sci.electronics.design* you wrote:
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> > *martin griffith* wrote...
> >>
> >> *For some unknown psychological reason I dread and fear*
> >> *Ebay systems, so any alternatives would be appreciated*
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> > *Sadly the alternates don't have as many customers... eBay*
> > *isn't so bad, but their PayPal subsidiary can be bad news.*
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> > *PayPal is preferred by buyers, in part because of its deep*
> > *integration with eBay, allowing minimum-click payment and*
> > *winner's item-list payment indication. That may be why it*
> > *is used by most sellers, but some *refuse* to accept PayPal.*
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> > *The problem is PayPal has direct access to your bank account*
> > *and credit card. It's their sudden withdrawals and arrogant*
> > *attitude that have led to some rather serious complaints.*
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> > <http://www.paypalsucks.com/> <http://www.paypalwarning.com/>
> > <http://www.paypalwarning.com/WallOfShame/Default.asp>
> > http://www.consumeraffairs.com/online/paypal_01.html
> > <http://paypalsuit.com/> <http://www.ygoodman.com/paypal.asp>
>
> *thanks Win.*
> *Its your last paragraph that worries me,*
> *I'll wait to see who else uses non ebay/paypal services*

It's not that bad, Ebay and Paypal. You could give it a try at least. There's no need to give your creditcard or banking account out of hands – at least not for receiving money.

It's also possible to place simple pieces of html on your own web pages that link to paypal, and create a very simple shopping cart that way.

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Another option is a complete webshop running on your own website. A free open source solution is www.oscommerce.com and not too difficult to install/maintain.

But for starters, I'd put it on Ebay and see what happens.
At least that guarantees that you have an audience ;)

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Thanks, Frank.

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