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Good Afternoon %name%!

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Why your education department needs a .AC.UK domain name

AC.UK domains carry a great deal of status for any online educational institution. Some major University departments still do not use their own .AC.UK domain (often hosting on their parent domain, or using an irrelevant .org domain) and this means they are losing out on the independent-online credibility they deserve.

The prestige and importance a .ac.uk domain name brings to an education institution online is unparalleled; no other domain offers more credibility for a UK education establishment.

But what really is a .AC.UK domain name? Not sure, find out:

http://achost.co.uk/what_is_an_ac_uk_domain_name/

Why ac.uk domain names are so trusted and important:

<http://achost.co.uk/ac-uk-trusted-domains/>

Raise the profile and status of your institution today with a new .AC.UK domain name!

If you would like more details on registering a new .ac.uk domain name please contact us:

<https://seiretto.co.uk/contactus/>

We have many years of experience which means we can help with your application for a new domain and attain a positive outcome.

Password length - are yours long enough?

How long are your passwords? 8 Characters or less? Then you might as well not have them!

A post on Stackoverflow raised some interesting debates, especially as part of the post was:

These days, given the state of cloud computing and GPU password hash cracking, any password of 8 characters or less is perilously close to no password at all.

We always endeavor to maintain the highest security here at Seiretto for the protection of your data. However, if your passwords are easily cracked then all your data can be compromised, that includes your websites/email/databases/etc.

Please update your passwords if they are currently too short and simple.

WordPress users: check your plugins

New exploits are been found all the time with WP plugins, like this one:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/03/01/wordpress_nextgen_gallery_sqli/

Ensure you check your WP and plugins are uptodate, read how here:
<http://www.seiretto.co.uk/wordpress/>

PHP version switcher now available for all hosting accounts

Switch your PHP version from 5.x to 7, this is now available on all our hosting platforms.

This enables you to test your website prior to any PHP upgrade. Choose a quiet time and switch your website to run PHP 7 then check for any errors, doing this should mean you will not suffer from any nasty surprises when upgrades are applied.

Eventually PHP will jump from version 5.x to 7.0. There are many changes, and deprecated features:
<http://php.net/manual/en/migration70.deprecated.php>
which will affect PHP websites. Test early and protect yourself from any unwanted surprises.

Thank you for reading, please let us know if you have any queries or questions? Just reply now....

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