

# The microCHIP

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## Online Invoices are here!

*Inland I.T. Solutions launches online invoicing and billing system for all customers!*



In an effort to provide the highest level of services and solutions to our customers, we have installed an online invoice and billing manager.

This system will allow our customers to view and pay for their outstanding invoices 24 hours a day with a credit card or electronic check. We have partnered with PayPal, Inc. to allow us to accept safe and secured payments. Don't worry, we still will continue to accept cash and paper checks.

To access our new online invoice and billing system, visit our website at <http://www.inlanditsolutions.com> and click on **Billing** at the top of the page.

## Preventing Identity Theft

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Identity Theft ran rampant in the year of 2009. We saw a record number of exposures of personal data, rounding out the top of the list with The Department of Veterans Affairs exposing more than 28 million records.

Also in 2009, a milestone of 100 million victims had been exposed to some type of data breach.

Were you one of those 100 million people? That amount of exposure tells us that our personal information is accessible in a various number of ways. There were exposures all through out the United States. No one knows the true amount of exposures since not all the states have a disclosure law like California.

Here are some tips on preventing your personal information from being obtained, ways that you have con-



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## The microCHIP Tech Tip:

*Simple Accounting and Invoicing for the rest of us!*

Are you looking for a accounting and invoicing package that just works? Well, look no further then FreshBooks.



You no longer have to waste paid labor rummaging through file cabinets for a time sheet that dates back to Reaganomics. Searching through backlogs has been reduced to a quick query in a search engine - something any virtual assistant or business will appreciate.

FreshBooks also offers a Client Portal where your clients can make payments, access current and previous invoices, view statements, check on the status of projects and access downloads they have purchased. You can also link FreshBooks with PayPal or Authorize.net for easy online payments with a credit card.

We utilize FreshBooks with many of its add-ons here at Inland I.T. Solutions, LLC.

If you would like to try it out, please visit:

<https://inlanditsolutions.freshbooks.com/signup/>

## Inland I.T. Solutions, LLC

We are a small professional technical consulting firm dedicated to providing top quality solutions to your home office or small business.

We offer very competitive rates, knowledgeable support, and great customer service.

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trol over the access to your data.

Concerning mail, when throwing away mail that contains any personal information, you may want to invest in a cross-shredder, so that the documents are unreadable. Look into getting a locking mailbox. Notify the Postmaster if you notice any mail missing, such as bills or bank statements that you are expecting.

Opt-out of unsolicited phone calls or mail by visiting [www.dmaconsumers.org](http://www.dmaconsumers.org). There you can opt-out and add you information to not receive mail, phone and email solicitations.

Make a copy of all your credit cards and ATM cards so that if your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, you have the 800 numbers and card number to report it stolen. If you are traveling in a foreign country, carry your identification in a secured bag that is attached to your body to prevent purse snatching or pick-pocketing.

Keep your computer up to date with antivirus software and critical patches and updates from the Operating System's vendor. Have some type of spyware/adware scanner installed as well. Perform regular scans on your computer, with the most recent definitions provided by the software maker. Have some type of firewall, whether its hardware or software, to prevent intrusions into your personal information. Also for additional security, make use of a username and difficult password on your computer to prevent unauthorized access. Do not open any emails with attachments from someone you don't know, and always be careful opening emails with attachments from someone you do know. It may be a good idea to verify that they did send the email to you, as they may have gotten infected and not known about it. Banking institutions will not ask you for your personal information through an email, and in fact, most if not all major businesses will not ask you for personal information through email.

Founder of <http://www.whoelseisme.com>, the site was created in order to help people not only recover from Identity Theft, but to prevent Identity Theft from happening to them.

## Why choose Inland I.T. Solutions?

*10 Reasons I think you should choose my company*

1. I am a locally owned and operated company.
2. My business is operated on Christian Principles.
3. I strive in providing the best services and solutions to your home office or small business while saving you money.
4. I offer a 100% money back guarantee. (Some restrictions do apply to this policy.)
5. Unlike larger retail chain stores, I offer personalized customer service which is often not seen in business today.
6. I offer an online solution to view your invoices and make payments with your Visa, MasterCard, or PayPal account. I also accept Checks, Money Orders, and Cash.
7. I offer payment 15 and 30 day payment terms to qualified small businesses.
8. I offer **extremely competitive** rates.
9. I am tired of seeing others ripped off by "fly-by-night" operations and "less-then-stellar" larger retail chain stores.
10. Best of all, I love what I do!

**So, what do you say? Give me a call right now at (509) 931-0230. Mention this newsletter and receive 10% off our hourly rate.**

## Calendar of Events:

**May 3, 2009 - All Day** 33rd Annual Bloomsday Run  
The worlds largest road race takes place in Downtown Spokane.

**May 16, 2009 - All Day** NexGen Overclock Fest (OCFest)  
The greatest PC overclockers of the US are invited to participate in a competition for the fastest computer in the world!

**June 27 & 28 - All Day** HOOPFEST  
The world's largest 3-on-3 street basketball tournament.

If you have an event you would like listed on the event calendar, please send an email to: [newsletter@inlanditsolutions.com](mailto:newsletter@inlanditsolutions.com)

# Website Creation -

## 8 Advantages of Owning Your Own Website

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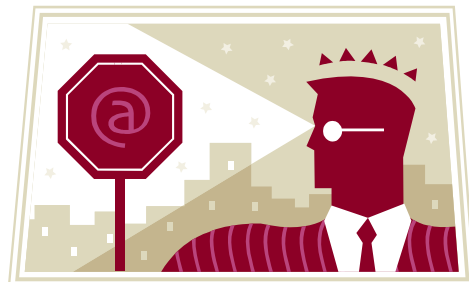
Do you have something that you like to do as a hobby or even as a business? If so, you could benefit from having your own website. In today's fast paced world, it seems that everyone is using the internet on an almost constant basis. Everywhere you look, you see web addresses for this topic and that product. Why not jump head first into the internet age and start developing a website about a hobby, general topic or business idea that you have knowledge in. By starting your own website, you can accomplish at least 8 positive steps toward enhancing your hobby or business.



1. **Websites Are Operational 24/7** When you have a website up and running, it is operating around the clock. You don't have to be restricted by normal business hours. You can have a topic or product on your website and it accessible on your potential viewers schedule, not your own.
2. **Very Large Potential Audience** If you are a part of a group that shares a common interest, you are visible to only the members of that group. If you advertise in a local newspaper, you are only reaching the small number of readers that subscribe to that particular newspaper. By having your own website, your content is visible to everyone that had a connection to the internet. Just imagine that size of your audience by having worldwide accessibility as compared to just a small local concentration.
3. **No Restrictions To A Single Geographic Location** Just like mentioned above, you are not restricted to a single geographic location when you have a website. Your interests and content are potentially seen worldwide, not just in a particular city, state or country. You are able to interact with others that share your same interest, or have a need for your products, even if they live on another continent.
4. **Only Limitation Is Your Own Imagination** If you can think of it, I'm sure that there is something about it on the internet, and if not, here is your opportunity to put it there. If you find something of interest to you and there is limited to no information about it

on the internet, then you have found a potential gold mine. Think about things that you enjoy doing and know something about, now that list that you just made if a great place to start when planning your own website.

5. **Opportunities For Extra Income** With your own website, you have taken the first step towards making extra income. By placing products on your website for sale, you are offering those products to everyone around the world with access to the internet. The products could be your own, or from someone else that allows you to sell their products and you earn a commission. You also can use your website to advertise for others that share your common interests.
6. **Provides Extra Knowledge And Learning** By starting your own website, you will gain new knowledge and experience about web design, programming for the web and even how the internet works. When coupled with your hobby or business, you can share these new experiences with others to help them enhance their knowledge and interest in that hobby or business.
7. **Way To Highlight Expertise** A website is great way to highlight your expertise in an area that your enjoy. If you enjoy writing, you can use your website to publish your writing or teach others how to be a better writer.
8. **Central Point Of Contact With Others** You can use your website as a point of contact with friends and family. Most websites provide for your own email address and you can use it to build knowledge of your site. You can also post a blog on your website to describe your progresses and failures in your chosen topic. Others can then see what you are up to and learn from your successes and mistakes. There are all kinds of reasons to have your own website and these are just a few. Take some time to do research on topics that interest you. You may learn a lot from what others have on their websites about your chosen topic. You may also, see things that you know that will add to their content. If so, start a website and post that content so that someone else that is new to your topic, will have a better understanding of what it is that interests you.



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