

<http://www.vbulletin.com/> - An elegant forum system, but not free. A single license is \$160 per domain name. It requires a PHP/MySQL server environment, which is classically done in Linux hosting.

<http://sourceforge.net/> - This is the website where most free web applications are located. You can find many products here for free, but most of them required advanced skills to install and configure. Not everything here is related to websites. But when you are looking for an application, a calculator, or some other utilities to install on your website, this is the place to look for your free alternatives.

<http://phpbb.com/> - This is the most popular forum on the Internet and it is free. I like certain things about it and don't like other things about it, but the price is nice. This also requires PHP/MySQL, which is found in Linux hosting environments.

<http://phpnuke.org/> - The product, PHP-Nuke, is a full website portal product. What that means is that the entire website is built using forms and menus built into this product. It can be customized to meet your needs. Some customizations required programming skills. This entire product does require advanced technical skills. The benefit of this product is that it offers you registration features, forums, online FAQs, user submitted news, user submitted web links, user submitted downloads, and so on. I use this product exclusively for community sites such as clubs that could benefit from users being able to communication with each other. Examples of this product can be found on two of my sites built from this product:

- www.MDPCCComputerClub.com - A Computer Users club -- open to the public. Please sign up and use the forums.

- www.AliefInvestmentClub.com - An investment club where we invest together and learn all about buying and selling stocks.

My websites are: www.HobbyGroup.com and www.HobbyGroupHosting.com

Hobby Group offers PC Consulting and Web Design services while HobbyGroupHosting.com is a web hosting environment with individual and reseller account options available. Hosting accounts start at \$12.95 a month and include every conceivable feature.

Sincerely,

Jerry Hobby