

eCommerce Seminar @ 3rd Ward

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To sell items online, you need

1. a **payment gateway** (like paypal) to process payments.
2. a **shopping cart** solution if you are selling many items.

Below is a "short" list of payment gateways and shopping cart solutions.

PAYMENT GATEWAYS

A payment gateway processes the payment for you. Paypal is by far the most popular payment gateways. Here is a list of other payment gateways.

1. **Paypal** The current leader in processing sales online.
2. **Google Checkout** Take a look at their [merchant center](#) – it's chock full of resources
3. **ejunkie** A fantastic solution, starts at \$5/month. take a look at their [pricing](#))
4. **Authorize.net** If you want to process credit cards with your own bank, authorize.net is the way to go. Fees usually start at ~ \$20/month. You will need to [purchase an SSL seal](#) to use Authorize.net.

MERCHANT SERVICES

For help on setting up a new payment gateway and merchant solution, contact Dharma Merchant Services : <http://www.dharmamerchantservices.com/>

FOR INVOICING



[Try Freshbooks for free](#) - seriously - [give it a go](#).

[Harvest](#) is also a nice invoicing system.

SHOPPING CARTS

My top recommendations for setting up an ecommerce site are :

- WordPress + a plugin like WP-eCommerce, Cart66, or WooCommerce

- Drupal + Ubercart
- Shopify
- MagentoGo
- BigCartel

NOTE: If you're running your website with **Wordpress**, use [**WP-ecommerce**](#). If you're running your website with **Drupal**, use [**Ubercart**](#).



[**Shopify**](#) - it's one of the best out there.

There are other solid solutions out there, but as I mentioned, my top choices are listed above...

[**FatFree Cart**](#) (run by the ejunkie folks)

FatFreeCart is a **free shopping cart** developed by the team behind [E-junkie shopping cart](#). It works **inside** your website, your blog and will even work from your MySpace page. It is simply a **copy-paste cart** and does not require you to register with us or install anything. It works with [PayPal](#) and [Google Checkout](#). It supports product variations, shipping, handling and sales tax.

[**FastCommerce**](#)

This is a fully supported e-commerce solution. It's a great way to get up and running if you have lots of products and little time. From their site: "*Fastcommerce.com provides business management software to small businesses, delivered on demand as a service via the web on a free or paid monthly subscription basis. We provide small businesses with a complete fully integrated package that run their entire operations, from inventory control, sales, marketing, support, online catalog, e-commerce, backend order processing and built-in UPS and Fedex shipping tools.*"

Site Ground Web Hosting has a nice list of [open source shopping carts](#)

[**osCommerce**](#) is a free, open source online shop software. The default installation includes a large number of features that you can easily enable and configure. You can easily install osCommerce on your website with the help of the Fantastico auto-installer. With osCommerce shopping cart you can add multiple products on your site, organize them in categories, set discounts and special promotions. osCommerce allows you to set your prices in different currencies and accept all popular payment methods: PayPal, credit cards, cheques. osCommerce has a built-in shipping and tax functionalities.

[**CREloaded**](#) project is built on the source code of osCommerce but it has extra contributions

installed. It offers powerful shopping cart solutions in Standard, Pro and Pro B2B editions. With CREloaded you have the ability to distribute coupon codes, the template system is better, and you have an affiliate manager.

Zen cart is being developed by a group of like-minded shop owners, programmers, designers, and consultants who have first-hand experience in e-commerce. Zen Cart is the outcome of their continuous mutual work. It is a free and user-friendly shopping cart, and is distributed as an open source software.

CS-Cart is paid shopping cart software written in PHP & MySQL (The license is a one-time fee of \$265 and includes 1 month of free technical assistance at CS-Cart). The CS Shopping Cart is easy to install, has an intuitive template management system (compared to osCommerce) and user-friendly admin area. By default, CS-Cart is integrated with more than 35 popular payment systems such as PayPal, 2CheckOut, GoogleCheckOut, WorldPay, etc. It includes 5 professional templates and their 20 color schemes in all. CS-Cart is a fully multilingual software with multicurrency feature. It has also an advanced Order management tool, Affiliate add-on, Product configurator, Feature comparison and Gift Registry modules.

CubeCart is an eCommerce script written in PHP & MySQL. With CubeCart you can setup a powerful online store as long as you have hosting supporting PHP and one MySQL database. CubeCart is very powerful and easy to connect to various payment gateways.

Magento is the latest open source eCommerce platform on the web. It offers professional features, flexibility and control over the look, content, and functionality of the online shop. With Magento you can establish an e-business with convenient product and catalog browser options, extended customer management, advanced analytics, reporting and marketing promotions tools, and much more. Magento has an intuitive administration interface, it is completely scalable and backed by an extensive support network.

ONLINE MARKETPLACES

If you don't want to bother with setting up your own site, or want to extend the reach of your products, consider looking for online marketplaces. There are different marketplaces for different kinds of products. Here is a shortlist of some of the more popular ones.

[Etsy.com](#) (a place to buy and sell handmade items)

[CD Baby](#) (sell your music + CD's online)

[ebay](#) (sell anything online)

[Amazon](#) (one of the largest ready-made marketplaces)

[Craigslist](#) (If you want to deal locally, craigslist works well)

[EggDrop](#) - A nice iPhone app to help you get rid of stuff

[MagentoGo](#) - a robust e-commerce system (SaaS)

OTHER RESOURCES

The Etsy for Fashion

<http://www.senseoffashion.com/home.php>

Blurb

<http://www.blurb.com/>

Big Cartel
<http://bigcartel.com/>

Wix - website + ecommerce solution
<http://www.wix.com/create/website>

iWeb to PayPal
<http://web.mac.com/catucker/InsideOutside/PayPal.html>

Another Shopping Cart Solution
<http://www.1shoppingcart.com/>

- TERMS & CONDITIONS Template
<http://www.docstoc.com/packages/14440/E-Commerce-Starter-Kit>

CreateSpace for DVD's
https://www.createspace.com/pub/l/general_amazon.do?rewrite=true&ref=115576&utm_id=4458

Step by Step for wordpress + wp-ecommerce

for those that will be setting this up, please contact me via email and I will guide you through - these are the basic steps

- setup hosting ([Bluehost](#))
- install wordpress (call bluehost or your own hosting company for support)
- install wp-ecommerce (this is a plugin installation)

Other Notes from class worth looking at

<http://www.dharmamercantile.com/>

To Purchase and setup SSL on your host / site

- Pay for the SSL via a service like GoDaddy or register.com
- Generate CSR (through who you bought the SSL from - they don't have to be your host)
- Get the CSR Keys / Codes from the same place you purchased the SSL from
- Install CSR on your host (usually through a cPanel or admin system)

Here is an example on MediaTemple on how to generate a CSR Request and install it
<http://kb.mediatemple.net/questions/725/HOWTO:+Installing+a+new+3rd+Party+SSL>

Wp - Ecommerce - Wordpress Plugin :
<http://www.instinct.co.nz/e-commerce/>

Wp - Ecommerce Upgrades :
Gold Cart (for authorize.net) <http://getshopped.org/extend/premium-upgrades/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some nice services to take a look at -

ShipWire - handles fulfillment :
<http://www.shipwire.com/pricing>

Woo Commerce - New WordPress Ecommerce System :
<http://www.woothemes.com/woocommerce/>

And - SOME SAMPLE E-COMMERCE SITES I SHOWED DURING CLASS :

Julia Haltigan - musician :
<http://www.juliahaltigan.com/>
(WordPress + WP-eCommerce)

Elastic-City - walking tours of NYC :
<http://elastic-city.com/>
(Drupal + Ubercart)

Synchro Movie - DVD's of a really fun Documentary :
<http://shop.synchromovie.com/>
(WordPress + WP-eCommerce)

Agrodolce for Fast Foodies - edible products by a private chef :
<http://www.agrodolcefefastfoodies.com/>
(WordPress + Cart66)

City Winery Store - selling wine online :
<http://www.citywinerystore.com/>
(MagentoGo)