

# WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING IPFS PROJECT

## REQUIREMENTS & PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES

### DISCLAIMERS:

1. **READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE MAKING ANY FINAL DECISION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT OR PURCHASE ANY TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT!**
2. **DO NOT WASTE YOUR RESOURCES AND MY TIME BY NOT TAKING THIS PROJECT SERIOUSLY. IF YOU COMMIT TO IT, COMMIT TO IT ALL THE WAY AND DO IT RIGHT!**
3. **Participation in this project is offered to FLUENT ENGLISH speaking people ONLY. I do NOT speak any languages other than English. Therefore, I MUST limit this project to those who speak FLUENT ENGLISH for the purpose of maintaining clear and precise communication on the part of all involved parties. If you do not speak FLUENT ENGLISH, DO NOT attempt to participate in this project!**

### What Is IPFS?

IPFS stands for Inter-Planetary File System. IPFS is a decentralized, distributed internet-based file system, protocol, and software utilized for the purpose of storing, sharing and accessing files from anywhere in the world in a way that makes censorship of those files virtually impossible. Read more about IPFS here: <https://ipfs.io>

### What Is an IPFS Node?

An **IPFS Node** is a computer that is connected to, and sharing a set of files on, the **IPFS** distributed network.

### What Is the WOEIH IPFS Project?

The **WOEIH IPFS Project** is a private offer for those who wish to set up an **IPFS Node** utilizing my own methods and personal assistance. The node you create will act as a server for the material I have put out into the world through **What On Earth Is Happening**. Essentially, you will be donating your own internet bandwidth to host the entire body of my work on the **IPFS** network, and in doing so, you will help to make my work censorship-proof.

Taking part in the **WOEIH IPFS Project** means that you will be hosting this material on the **IPFS** network using my personally-approved methods and specifications. This is the difference between “doing it yourself” in a non-certified capacity, versus hosting a “**Certified**” **WOEIH IPFS Node**. Anyone can host an **IPFS Node** entirely on their own, without my assistance, but that is entirely different from the **WOEIH IPFS Project**.

## What Is A “Certified” WOEIH IPFS Node?

Hosting a “Certified” WOEIH IPFS Node means that the IPFS Node will be set up and run in the way that I personally feel is the BEST WAY and RIGHT WAY to do it. I will be personally helping those who take part in this project to set up a “Certified” WOEIH IPFS Node. Therefore, MY WAY will definitely have strict requirements.

*If you don't agree to set up an IPFS Node MY WAY, you should NOT take part in this project. You are free to set up a node your own way, WITHOUT MY ASSISTANCE. Hosting a “Certified” WOEIH IPFS Node will require that you defer to my technical knowledge and expertise. I DO NOT want suggestions or comments on how any part of this project could or should be done differently. I have specifically set the requirements for this project FOR EXTREMELY VALID TECHNICAL REASONS. I do not wish to discuss or elaborate on my chosen technical methods, but rather simply to implement those methods effectively and efficiently. This should be FULLY UNDERSTOOD before proceeding any further.*

## Requirements To Host An “Official” WOEIH IPFS Node

To participate in the WOEIH IPFS Project, you will be required to own:

- A Home Internet Connection with a minimum speed of 200 mbps in the upstream direction
  - This internet connection must exist in your **own home**.
  - You must be the **sole owner** of the internet connection and pay for the connection yourself; the payment for the connection ***must not be shared*** with other people.
  - ***Certified WOEIH IPFS Nodes may not be set up anywhere except your home location for any reason.***
- A new Mini Desktop PC with approved specifications (listed below) running Windows, macOS or Linux, to be ***dedicated solely to this project***
- A 24-Inch Computer Monitor
- A Keyboard (wired USB preferred)
- A Mouse (wired USB preferred)
- A USB Headset (required for setup and troubleshooting)
- A Category 6 Ethernet cable connected between your Mini Desktop PC and a Gigabit Router or Gigabit Switch on your home LAN
- The IPFS Desktop software for your chosen operating system
- The exact 2 TB External Solid State Drive listed below

## Won't These Requirements Limit How Many People Will Be Able To Do This?

YES! This is perfectly fine, and is VERY DELIBERATE! I want this done the RIGHT WAY. ONLY those who put in the necessary effort to do this project the RIGHT WAY should participate in this project. Those who wish to create an **IPFS Node** their way should NOT be part of this project.

## Procedures To Be Accepted As A WOEIH IPFS Project Participant

1. ***DO NOT PURCHASE ANYTHING until I have spoken with you via Guided (see below) and have confirmed that you meet the requirements for hosting a WOEIH IPFS Node!***
2. Check that you have at least 200 mbps upstream internet bandwidth. If you are unsure of the amount of upstream internet bandwidth you currently have, visit SpeedTest at <https://www.speedtest.net>.

After running SpeedTest, check the result that is labelled "UPLOAD" and make sure the number is at least 200 mbps.

*If you have less than 200 mbps upstream bandwidth, you may NOT participate in this project until you upgrade your internet connection to at least 200 mbps upstream.*

3. Send an email to [IPFS@WhatOnEarthIsHappening.com](mailto:IPFS@WhatOnEarthIsHappening.com) with your full name and cell phone number. You MUST include this requested contact information in your email or you will not be sent a response. Also in the email, confirm that you have read all the preliminary instructions, and that you are definitely ready to start this project now. Be sure the email address above is white-listed from any email spam filters you might be using. I will respond to your email with the information necessary for us to communicate via the Guided communication platform.

## Equipment To Purchase And **SHIP TO YOURSELF AFTER** Being Accepted Into This Project

1. Purchase a new Mini Desktop PC from one of the following links. This computer will be solely dedicated to the WOEIH IPFS Project and **MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANYTHING ELSE.**

If you wish to run Windows or Linux for your WOEIH IPFS Node click this link:

- <https://www.hp.com/us-en/shop/vwa/desktops/proc=Intel-Core-i7,Intel-Core-i5;opsy=Windows-10-Pro;form=Mini>

If you wish to run macOS for your WOEIH IPFS Node click this link:

- <https://www.apple.com/shop/buy-mac/mac-mini>

*You **MUST** use a new, approved Mini Desktop PC. You may **NOT** “bring your own computer” to this project. The computers used for this project must be **BRAND NEW** and may **ONLY** be chosen from the links provided above.*

*The computer used for this project **MUST** be **DEDICATED** to the project, meaning **NO OTHER SOFTWARE** other than IPFS Desktop is to be run on this computer.*

*Do **NOT** SET UP THE COMPUTER YOURSELF!*

*Setup **MUST** be done **TOGETHER WITH ME**, via Guided.*

2. You may use any compatible 24-inch (or larger) **Computer Monitor** for this project. If buying a new monitor, I recommend purchasing one from one of the following sources:
  - Search link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=24+inch+monitor>
  - Search link: <https://www.newegg.com/p/pl?N=100160979%20600030619>
3. You may use any compatible computer **Keyboard** for this project. However, I personally recommend a **Wired USB Keyboard**. If buying a new one, I recommend purchasing one from one of the following sources:
  - Search link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=usb+wired+keyboard>
  - Search link: <https://www.newegg.com/p/pl?d=usb+wired+keyboard>
4. You may use any compatible computer **Mouse** for this project. However, I personally recommend a **Wired USB Mouse**. If buying a new one, I recommend purchasing one from one of the following sources:
  - Search link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=usb+wired+mouse>
  - Search link: <https://www.newegg.com/p/pl?d=usb+wired+mouse>
5. You may use any compatible **USB Headset** for this project. If buying a new one, I recommend purchasing one from one of the following sources:
  - Search link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=usb+headset>
  - Search link: <https://www.newegg.com/p/pl?d=usb+headset>
6. Purchase a **Category 6 Ethernet Cable**, or you may use your own. Choose an appropriate length of cable to run directly from your Gigabit Router or Gigabit Switch on your home LAN to your Mini Desktop PC. If buying a new cable, I recommend purchasing one from one of the following sources:
  - Search link: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=category+6+ethernet+cable>
  - Search link: <https://www.newegg.com/p/pl?d=category+6+ethernet+cable>

*No wireless internet connections may be used for a WOEIH IPFS Node.  
You **MUST** use a **WIRED** Ethernet connection.*

## Equipment To Purchase And **HAVE SHIPPED TO ME** AFTER Being Accepted Into This Project

1. Purchase this exact **2 TB External Solid State Drive** NEW from one of the following sources and have the seller ship it directly to ME. My shipping address will be given to you via **Guided**.

- <https://www.amazon.com/SanDisk-2TB-Extreme-Portable-SDSSDE81-2T00-G25/dp/B08GV4YYV7>
- <https://www.newegg.com/sandisk-extreme-pro-v2-2tb/p/N82E16820173500>

I will use this drive to give you the data for the **WOEIH IPFS Project**. After you ship this drive to me, I will copy the **WOEIH** data to this drive and ship it back to you. (The **WOEIH** data will be served from this external solid state drive to the **IPFS** network.)

## Next Steps

After you have been accepted into the **WOEIH IPFS Project** and have all the necessary equipment, including the external solid state drive complete with **WOEIH** data, we will begin setting up the **WOEIH IPFS Node** together via **Guided**.

Thank you for your interest in the **WOEIH IPFS Project**!