



HostGator expanding to Austin, bringing 300 jobs

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HostGator.com, a Houston-based Web hosting company, is expanding into Austin in a move that will eventually create about 300 jobs here, the company said in a posting on its website.

A news conference was scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce to officially announce the expansion.

HostGator, which is privately held, runs data centers that provide Web hosting and a range of computing services. The company plans to open its Austin operations in July with about 200 employees. Plans call for that to grow to at least 300 employees over the next three years,.

HostGator is n accepting applications for systems administrators and chat/phone agents, according to HostGator's blog post. Information is available at www.hostgator.com/jobs, according to the company.

The Austin facility will be at 8100 Cameron Road, where HostGator will occupy about 40,000 square feet of a 100,000-square-foot office building, according to the company.

For current HostGator customers, the expansion to Austin will mean "quicker chat times, phones answered quicker and ticket response times lowered," according to HostGator's blog post.

HostGator is one of the world's largest Web hosting companies. It has about 225,000 customers and more than 8,000 servers under management, and it hosts more than 3 million domains, accounting for 2 percent of the world's Internet traffic, according to the company.

Company chairman Brent Oxley Host founded created HostGator.com in 2002 in his dorm room at Florida Atlantic University, according to the company. The company moved its headquarters from Boca Raton, Fla., to Houston in 2007. HostGator is the fastest-growing private company in Texas and the No. 21 fastest growing private company in the country, according to Inc. Magazine.

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