

BlogCFC on GoDaddy (or, Why I'm Going Gray at 26)

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I've been wanting to get a blog up and running for some time, and so a couple of weeks ago I downloaded **BlogCFC**, an absolute work of art spearheaded by **Raymond Camden**.

I popped open the zip file, read the documentation, saw how easy it was to set up BlogCFC, and basically got my hopes up. Then I remembered that my site is hosted by GoDaddy, and as many of you already know, this generally means headache and heartache for a Coldfusion developer.

The short version of the story is this: After about a week and a half of trial and error, getting angry, cooling off, and getting angry again, I have a (mostly) functional version of BlogCFC running on my GoDaddy-hosted site.

There was a *lot* of tweaking involved. For instance, there can be absolutely no use of `CreateObject()`, which is sprinkled throughout the source code for BlogCFC. Easy enough where CFCs are concerned; we can simply use a `cfinvoke` or an inline call to an `init()` function.

Not so simple with Java objects. Some pieces of the code had to be entirely rewritten, and the Captcha functionality isn't there at all as of today.

But progress is progress, and so far I am pleased with how it's all shaping up. Sometime in the near future I'll be posting more details about the process of GoDaddifying the code. If you're a CF developer frustrated with your hosting provider, maybe I can help...