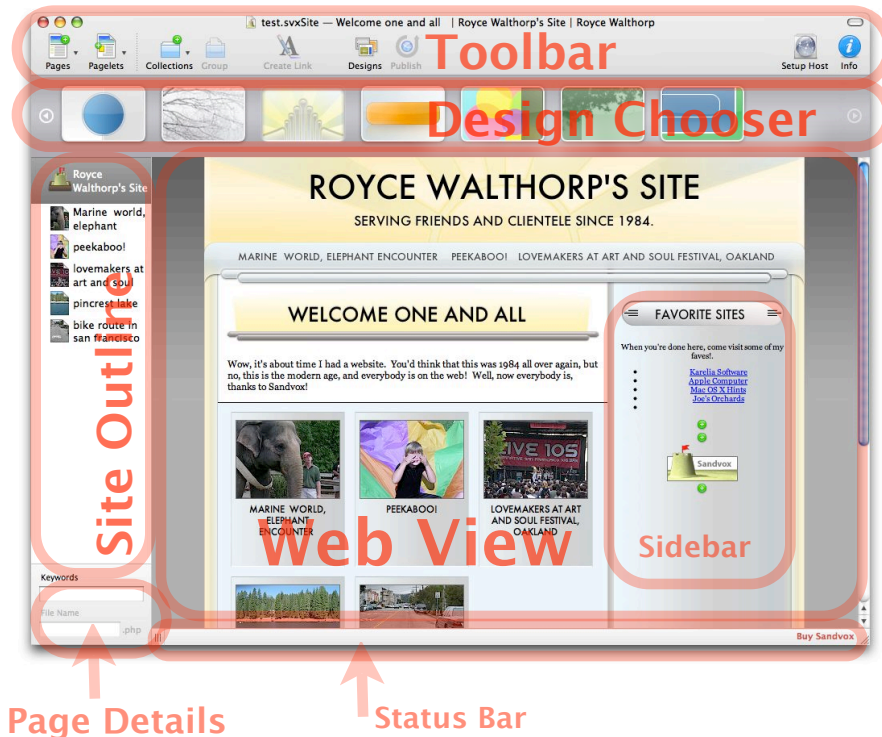


A Quick Introduction to Sandvox

The following is brief introduction to Sandvox. For more in-depth information, please visit our online documentation at <http://wiki.karelia.com>.

Here is a typical Sandvox document window:



The **Toolbar** provides quick access to commonly-used features.

The **Design Chooser** allows you to select one of the many graphic designs available for your site.

The **Site Outline** shows the contents and structure of your website. The “home page” is always listed at the top.

The **Web View** is an editable view of the currently selected page.

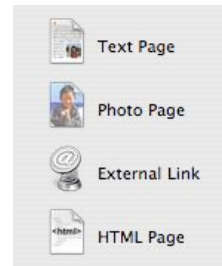
The **Sidebar** is part of a page, holding supplemental material that you choose. It may appear on the right or left, depending on the design.

The **Page Details** area holds controls for setting some properties of the current page. (Additional controls can be found in the Inspector.)

The **Status Bar** shows information about where the mouse is currently hovering.

Pages

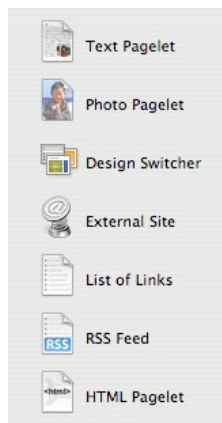
Sandvox comes with a variety of built-in page types, accessible from the “Pages” item in the toolbar. Text Page is the workhorse, holding arbitrarily rich text with embedded graphics. Photo Page is a special page for viewing larger images, often as part of a “slide show.” Other page types are for more specialized information.



Pagelets

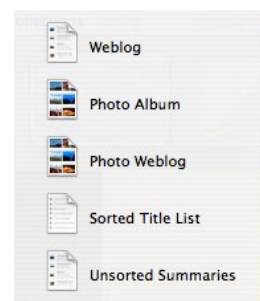
We are all familiar with web *pages*, but Sandvox introduces the concept of *pagelets*TM. A pagelet is a little piece of information—a note, a small image, a list of hyperlinks—that appears on a page alongside the main content. A pagelet can appear in one of two areas: the **sidebar**, an area to one side or another of a text page, or a **callout**, attached to a particular article. (Note that some page types, such as the photo page, do not have room for a sidebar.)

Some pagelets are just miniature versions of their corresponding page types, such as Text and Photo. Other pagelets such as List of Links and RSS Feed are specialized displays of information.



Collections

A collection is like a folder on your hard disk; it’s a page that contains other pages. The initial page created in a new site — the **home page** — is always a collection. You might create other collections to hold, say, a weblog, or a photo album. Sandvox comes with several collection types; you can customize collections further using the Inspector, including how the collection is indexed, whether RSS is generated, and so forth.



Designs

Sandvox comes with a number of site designs ranging from simple to complex, serious to fun. The choice of a design will affect the layout and positioning of elements on the page, but it does not affect the actual page contents. You can change designs by revealing the Design Chooser (from the toolbar) and clicking on the desired thumbnail.



Inspector



A floating inspector panel is available to change specific information about your site, the selected page, and/or the selected object on that page.

Site Inspector

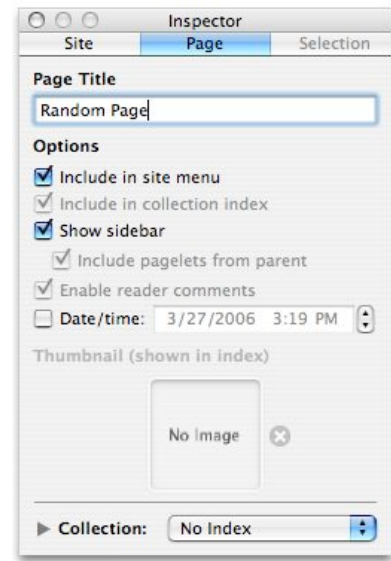
The “Site” tab is divided into two or three further sub-tabs: Properties, Media (and, in Sandvox Pro, Advanced).

Page Inspector

This tab applies to the currently selected page. If the page is a collection, then collection-specific properties appear at the bottom. (Note that you may need to expand the Collection inspector, by clicking the disclosure triangle, to see all options.)

Pagelet/Image Inspector


Depending on what is selected, such as a pagelet or an image, further controls are found under this specialized Selection tab on the right.




Editing Text

With Sandvox, we have tried to make the creation and editing of web pages as easy as possible.

Since text fonts are determined by the website design you have selected, you may notice that there is no font panel as you are used to in other applications. However, you will notice that there is a “Style” menu, where you can set typical text attributes.

Where text can be inserted, a small  button appears. Click on that button to insert placeholder text which you can then edit. Removing all the text from a block will cause that button to appear again. This button will not appear on your published site!

To create a hyperlink, select the text you wish to link and choose **Create Link** from the toolbar. (**Create Link...** is also available via a contextual menu by control-clicking on a selection of text.) Enter an external URL to link to; or, for a local link, drag from the target  icon on the Link panel to the desired page in the site outline.

Document Management

When you create a new document, you are asked where to save the document. Sandvox auto-saves your document from then on.

Sandvox allows you to have more than one document open at the same time. You can easily copy/paste, or drag-and-drop, pages between documents.

Drag, Drop

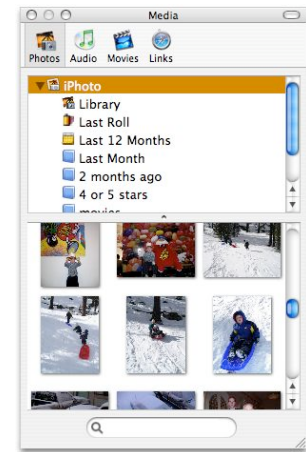
Sandvox uses drag-and-drop extensively, especially as a means of bringing data into the application. You can drag items from Sandvox's built-in Media browser, from the Finder, or from other applications.

To create new pages, simply drag a file, image, music, movie, or a link directly to the site outline. Sandvox automatically creates the right page for that content and adds it to your site.

Similarly, dragging content into the sidebar area of the editable web view will automatically create and add a new pagelet to hold whatever you drag in: e.g., a photo pagelet from an image, a list of links from Safari's bookmarks, an RSS feed from NetNewsWire, and so forth.

Dragging text or an image directly into an active, editable area in the web view will insert that content. If you drag a URL from Safari, Camino, Firefox, or other browsers, a hyperlink will be inserted in your text.

With photo pages and photo pagelets, you can drag an image directly onto an existing image, such as the placeholder, to replace it.



Publishing

Sandvox offers a number of ways to publish your site: hosting it on your own computer, on your .Mac account, or on any other host that your Macintosh can reach via FTP, SFTP, or WebDAV. You can also export your site to a local folder, and upload it manually to your hosting provider in whatever manner you choose.



Host Setup Assistant

Sandvox uses its own host setup assistant to configure the way your site will be published. The assistant will guide you step-by-step through the process.

When you choose **Setup Host** from the toolbar or the **Site** menu, you will be shown a summary of how your site will be published. Click Edit to begin.

You can choose to publish either on your local computer or on a remote host. If you choose a remote host, Sandvox uses its database of hosts to attempt to automatically select your Internet Service Provider (ISP). If you are a .Mac subscriber, that is also an option. Or you can set up another host.

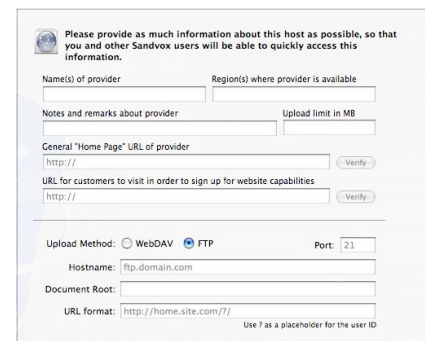
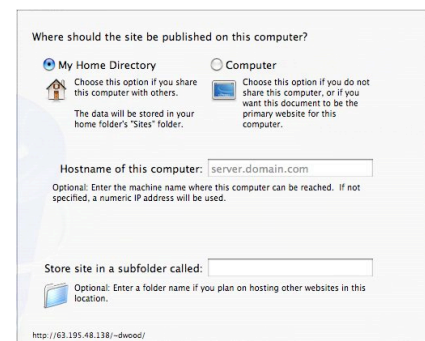
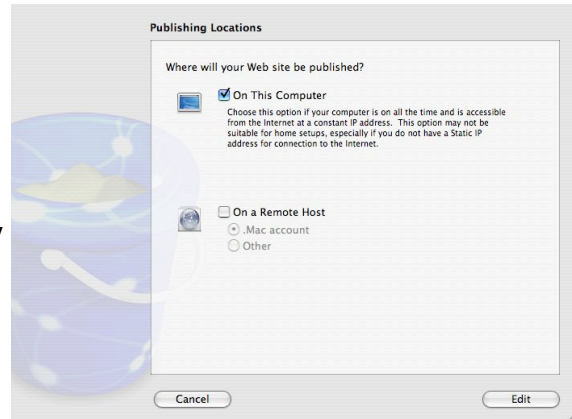
If you choose to publish on your own computer, you will be asked a number of questions about where to put the files, the hostname of your computer (if it has a name), and the name of any subfolder needed to store your files (useful if you host multiple sites).

If you chose to publish to a remote host, and not .Mac, you will first be presented with a list of known hosts. (This list will grow as more people use Sandvox and contribute to our database.)

If your host is not on the list, click “Customize” and enter details about your host. This information is available from your ISP. Please fill out the information carefully, so that in the future, you (and other Sandvox users) will not have to go through this step for your particular ISP.

After you have chosen your ISP or entered the details for a new one, you will be asked for your ID and password. (Your password will be stored securely in your keychain.)

Sandvox will perform some tests to make sure that it can add and delete pages given the information you have specified; it also makes sure that it can access those pages as if it were a web user. If there are problems, you will be asked to correct them. If it succeeds, the ISP information (without your personal information) is transmitted to Karelia so that we can enhance our database of providers.



Performing the Uploads

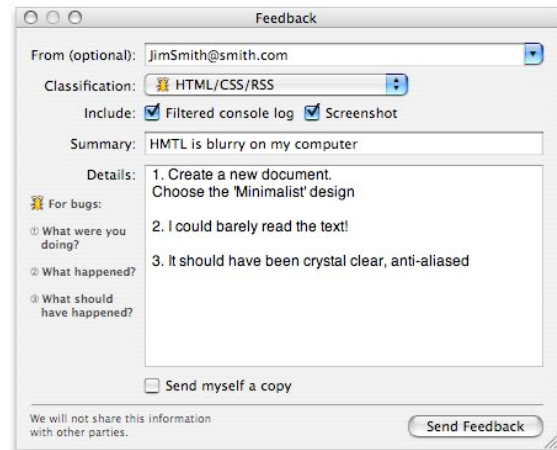
Although Sandvox saves your document to your local disk automatically, you need to upload any changes to your site whenever you are ready to “publish.” Normally, you just choose **Publish Changes** from the **Site** menu, or toolbar, to cause Sandvox to transfer any updated files. You can also choose **Publish Entire Site** to force every file to be uploaded again.

Exporting the Site

If you are unable to upload your site using Sandvox’s publishing facilities, you can also export your site to a local folder by choosing **Export Site...** from the **Site** menu. You may need to enter the URL where your site will be published, in order for RSS feeds to work properly.

Submitting Feedback

When you wish to contact Karelia with an idea or bug report, please choose **Send Feedback...** from the **Help** menu to open our feedback panel. This panel makes it easy to send us a categorized message and attach relevant information that will make it easier for us to solve your problem. Clicking “Send Feedback” sends us your message; we will email you an automatic response acknowledging your message.



The screenshot shows a 'Feedback' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- From (optional):** jimsmith@smith.com
- Classification:** HTML/CSS/RSS
- Include:** Filtered console log, Screenshot
- Summary:** HTML is blurry on my computer
- Details:**
 - 1. Create a new document. Choose the 'Minimalist' design
 - 2. I could barely read the text!
 - 3. It should have been crystal clear, anti-aliased
- For bugs:**
 - ① What were you doing?
 - ② What happened?
 - ③ What should have happened?
- Send myself a copy
- We will not share this information with other parties.
- Send Feedback** button

Thanks for trying out Sandvox!