
Home Page Wizard X-Tras!

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To start out with making a home page, I suggest strongly to start from scratch. Instead of taking a "pre-built" home page that the program has.

Now, let's say the title of my home page is going to be, "Matt's World". You can put whatever you want, of course. Now start out by making a "Headline" on the toolbar. Mine will be "Welcome to Matt's World!". This is the very beginning to your page. Next I would take and make an e-mail link from the toolbar. I would enter something like "Author" in the text line, and then put my internet address on it. This e-mail link I would suggest placing right below the first headline.

Now, I don't really want to spoon feed everything to you... No! This is mostly about getting the best out of the wizard! One of the best and most undiscovered things about HPWiz is that you can make download links!!! To do this make an "External Link" at the desired point. Then make the URL of the link the filename of the file you want to have downloadable. And then when you publish **MAKE SURE YOU UPLOAD THE FILE!!!!** That's all! But yet some SySops will tell you that you CAN'T make these links!

Another undiscovered *great* feature is that you don't have to test your pages to view them! No, that wastes time! To test pages without using any CompuServe time AT ALL, first go to the "Test" selection in the toolbar. Then when it says for all the files to upload, choose "Proceed". Then after you are at the next screen, close PUBWiz. Then it will create a file with an extension of HTM. Now, here's how to view your pages on a REAL browser! Go into your web browser (Mosaic, NetScape, etc.) and on most browsers there is a "Open Local File" selection somewhere. Choose that. Then go into the directory where all of the current files for the page you want are. Then Select the file (most likely called "HOMEPAGE.HTM") that is your default (the page you see when you go onto your site FIRST) and open it. And there you have it! That's how it will look.

This part of HPWiz doesn't even involve HPWiz. It involves a small level of HTML editing, in raw text.

Have you ever wanted to make a good feedback rating system for your page? Here is how: First of all, go into "File Manager" in Windows, and go to the directory where the HTM file of the page you want to upload is. Open it. You will see text that makes no sense at all! That's OK. Just follow these instructions and you'll be fine.

This is what the rating system will look like:

On a scale of 1-5, how do you rate our page? [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#) | [4](#) | [5](#)

Except, of course, it will look better. To begin you must insert the below block of text using the "Copy" and "Paste" commands in windows, to the desired point in your page. I would suggest making a Headline like "Rate our Page" or something, then put this block where the headline is.

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<!--Start Feedback Code (#your name# 1996) -->
<FORM ACTION="mailto: #your user ID#@compuserve.com" METHOD="POST">
<p> #On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate our page and club?#
<INPUT TYPE=HIDDEN NAME="FEEDBACK" VALUE="#Title of your page">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="1" VALUE=" 1 ">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="2" VALUE=" 2 ">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="3" VALUE=" 3 ">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="4" VALUE=" 4 ">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="4" VALUE=" 5 "></p><br>
<!-- End Feedback Code -->
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Everything in #'s you can replace with whatever you want or the correct info. This rating system doesn't have to go up to only 5, it can go up to whatever number you want. Just keep, making `<INPUT TYPE="submit" NAME="#" VALUE="#">` and make sure when all the numbers you want are in, you put at the end of the last one `</P>
` and then: `<!--End Feedback Code-->`. I would also suggest making a TXT file of this code with all of the info in it. Because every time you test the pages, you lose all that info.

Another thing that is fairly good are counters. Which count how many people have been to your page. To make a counter visit:
<http://www.digits.com>

Yet another of these features is a so-called "Graphic Link". In which you can have a picture for people to click on to get to another page or file, instead of just words. To put a "Graphic Link" on you page, open the HTM file how you did to do the feedback code. Then go to the desired point in the file where you want to put the link. And enter the following block of text:

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<br><a href="#page or file name#">#description of link#</a>
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And make sure it is all on one line. Then enter the correct info in the #'s. And also, choose a GIF or JPG file that is appropriate to the link. You may also want to make a TXT file of this for the same reason as the feedback code.

I hope this file is of great use to you. Please pass it around freely, just give the credit deserved. This was your first step to learning HTML along with mastering HPWiz. You will soon find out that learning HTML is MUCH better than HPWiz. But HPWiz is great.

Good luck!,

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