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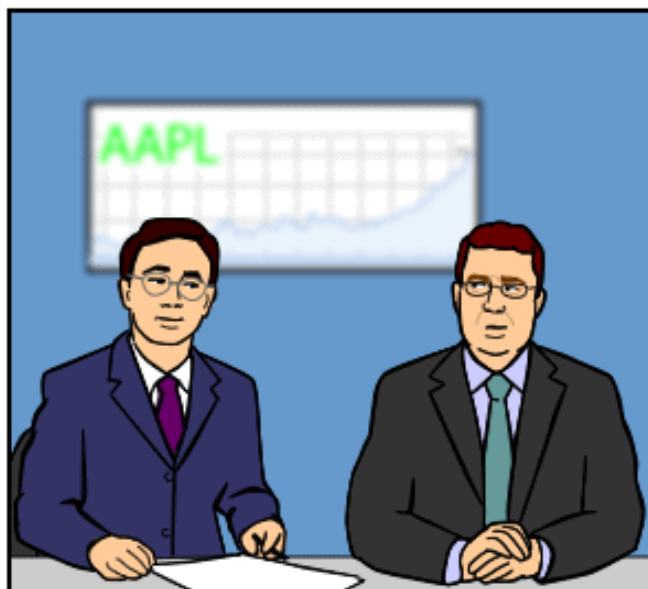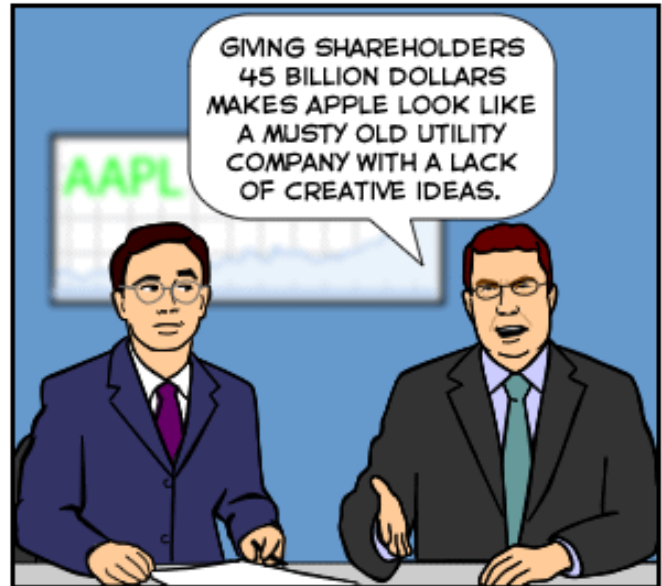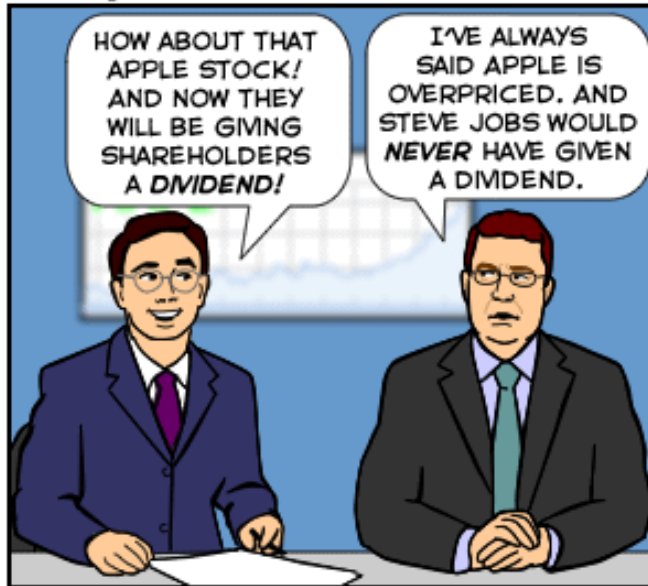
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Can "Drag and Drop" on the Mac be improved?

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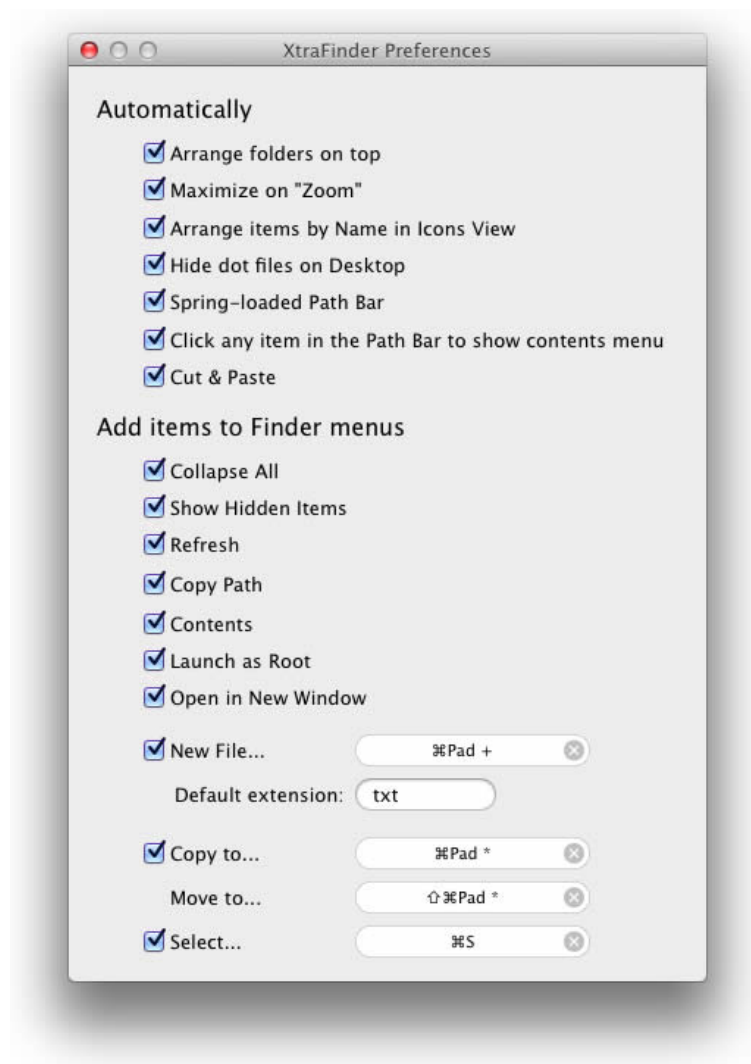
By Tera Thomas O'Brien on Friday, April 20, 2012

The Mac's Finder and me are not friends. It's actually a love hate relationship. The Finder loves to infuriate me and I hate that.

If you get headaches using the Finder, you could try Path Finder. Think of it as the Finder from the planet Krypton. It's that powerful. And comes with a price tag.

For the rest of us, there's XtraFinder. It's an elegant Mac app that adds nearly a dozen functions the Finder doesn't have but you'll love once you try them. And it's free.

Open XtraFinder's Preferences and it almost explains itself.

XtraFinder Preferences

Automatically
- ☑ Arrange folders on top
- ☑ Maximize on "Zoom"
- ☑ Arrange items by Name in Icons View
- ☑ Hide dot files on Desktop
- ☑ Spring-loaded Path Bar
- ☑ Click any item in the Path Bar to show contents menu
- ☑ Cut & Paste

Add items to Finder menus
- ☑ Collapse All
- ☑ Show Hidden Items
- ☑ Refresh
- ☑ Copy Path
- ☑ Contents
- ☑ Launch as Root
- ☑ Open in New Window
- ☑ New File...　　　⌘Pad +
  - Default extension: txt
- ☑ Copy to...　　　⌘Pad *
  - Move to...　　⇧⌘Pad *
- ☑ Select...　　　⌘S

Settings in Preferences let you arrange folders in the Finder to be on top, and much more. XtraFinder also adds items to Finder Menus. Here's what some of those menu items look like in the Finder.
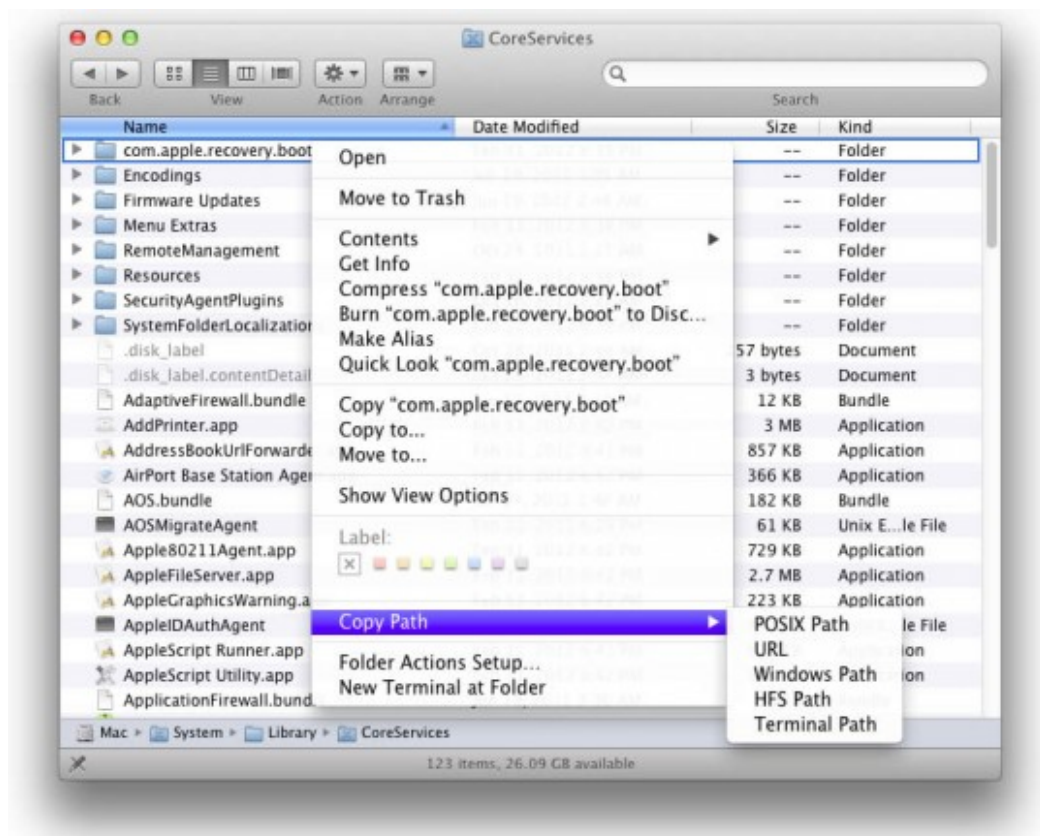
XtraFinder shows hidden items, adds Copy To... and Move To... functions, displays the contents of a folder from the Menu, and does something else the Finder won't do– it arranges items by name in Icons view.

How to transition your website away from MobileMe and iWeb

With MobileMe's imminent demise and iWeb's eventual dissolution, it's time to strategize on how to replace Apple's Web products

by Adam Berenstain, Macworld.com   Apr 30, 2012 6:00 am

It's sad. But it's a fact. With the demise of Apple's MobileMe online service, it's time to think not only of moving to a different Web host, but eventually of replacing Apple's iWeb website builder. All indications point to iWeb's future demise as the Mac OS advances and iWeb is neither supported or upgraded.

During this transition period, remember that switching design tools is not urgent. You don't have to make a radical design change right away. All you have to do at MobileMe's passing is save your website to a folder and move it to another web host. For now.

However, even if you host your site without MobileMe, someday you'll have to leave iWeb behind. Now is the time—if you have not already done so—to check out other options. There are many Mac website building tools for you to choose from, both as Mac software and as online services. Eventually, you will have to choose one.

The tool you pick will answer the question of whether you're in love with and married to your current site design...or whether you're willing to shake things up a bit. We suggest shaking things up because Websites should not, by their nature, be stagnant. Just like all good publications, websites should be redesigned every so often to leverage new technologies and to enhance visual and contextual interest.

Here are some steps you can take to get started with this task.

Choose a new design tool

Your new design tool will either be a native Mac application like iWeb, or Web-based software. Most Mac-native apps offer benefits like the familiar look and feel of OS X, local Time Machine backups, and the ability to edit sites offline. However, you'll have to pay for both the app itself and for site hosting, much like you did with MobileMe, and you will be able to apply at least some of the money you had paid for MobileMe to a new Web host.

Web-based site builders are typically free, and they let you construct and edit sites with the service's Flash-based design tools in any modern browser. This means you can't edit your pages on an iOS device, but you can view them full-size, or in an optional view that automatically reformats your content for mobile devices, on your iPhone and iPad. However, most Web-based services can't compare to native apps for flexible WYSIWYG editing and iLife media integration.

The most important step in finding an iWeb replacement is assessing your old site's purpose and appearance. Do your pages contain text-heavy blog posts, or are they mostly photo and video galleries? Are the designs from stock Apple templates, or have you tweaked them until they're hardly recognizable? The answers to questions like these will help you choose the right tool for your needs. Generally, the simpler the site, the easier it is to recreate in a different builder.

Among native Mac applications, casual bloggers should consider Realmac's RapidWeaver ($80). Its clean, iLife-inspired interface puts a lot of power in an attractive package. The blogging tools in Karelia's Sandvox ($80) aren't as stylish, but its built-in widgets for Twitter, Skype, IM accounts, and more can

turn your blog into a social media hub.

Free Web-based designers like Jimdo and Weebly also offer robust blogging tools. Although recently acquired by Twitter, Posterous is still available. Its free micro-site creation tools and iPhone app make blogging on the go almost as simple as updating your Facebook status.

For creating media galleries on your Mac, RapidWeaver and Sandvox boast integration with iLife's media libraries, though Sandvox's drag-and-drop gallery creation will be more familiar to iWeb users. Jimdo's Dropbox integration lets you turn a folder full of images in the cloud into a photo gallery, but to add videos to your site you'll have to first upload them to services like YouTube, then add them to your Jimdo pages as HTML widgets.

Designers looking to break away from iWeb's themes and templates will appreciate Tumult's Hype ($50). It's a user-friendly tool for creating code-free interactive HTML 5 animations, and it's powerful enough to build entire Websites from scratch. If customizing templates is a better creative fit for you, Weebly's simple, intuitive interface makes it a snap to quickly change your site's look and features.

Free trials of each of these tools are available as limited downloads from their developers' Websites, or, in the case of Web-based services, as free sign-ups. Try them out to see which one works best for you before taking the plunge.
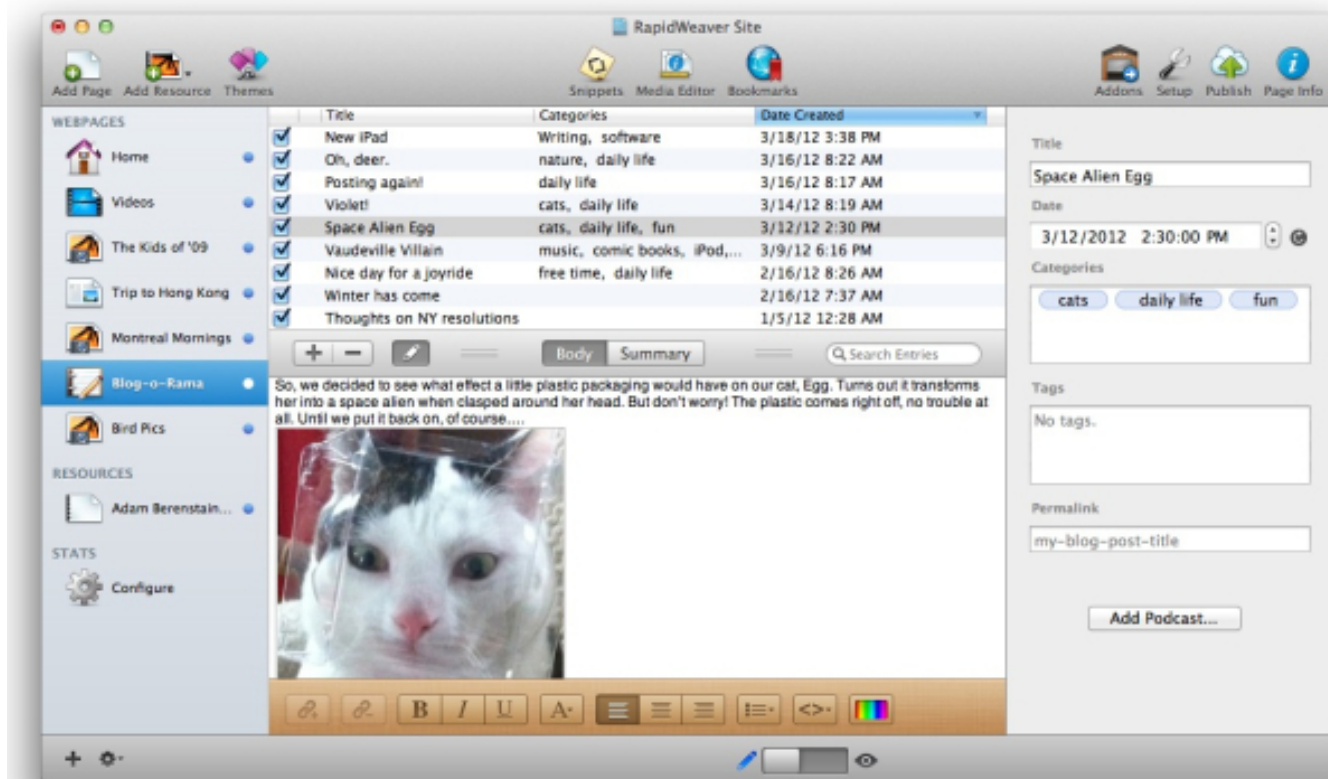
Go native: Mac apps like RapidWeaver deliver familiar features.

Pick a new Web host

Visitors can't find your site online until it's uploaded to a Web host, a service that makes websites available to the Internet from networked servers. If you've used MobileMe to host your iWeb site until now, then in addition to choosing a new design tool, you'll also need to find a new hosting plan with another company. Most plans cost under $100 a year, but the exact figure depends on how much

storage and monthly bandwidth is included.

If you choose a native Mac app to design your new site, consider using a hosting service suggested by the application's developer. That way the people behind your software and hosting service will be familiar with each other's products, which can make uploading your site and resolving tech support issues easier.

For example, Karelia Software recommends A2 Hosting for Sandvox sites. A2's basic plan offers unlimited storage and bandwidth starting at $3.32 a month. Realmac Software recommends Little Oak for hosting RapidWeaver sites. Little Oak annual plans start at $80 for 5GB of storage and bandwidth of up to 50GB per month.

Web-based design tools include hosting as part of their free services, but there are still pricing tiers and features to consider. Weebly's free plan offers unlimited storage and bandwidth, but uploads, such as photos, are limited to 5MB. The Pro plan starts at $27 for six months and increases that limit to 100MB. Jimdo's free plan includes 500MB of storage and unlimited bandwidth. Annual paid plans beginning at $60 offer increased storage that starts at 5GB.

Host different: Using recommended hosts can ease the transition from iWeb.

And if you want to hang on to MobileMe for the time being, MacAce just came out with MacMate, in beta as of this writing, as an alternative to MobileMe Web hosting.

Replace MobileMe-specific features

Moving from iWeb to a new design tool means more than just learning new ways to create and customize websites. Some handy iWeb features you may have relied on—specifically site-wide password protection, blog and photo comments, blog searching, and the humble hit-counter—required MobileMe hosting to work. Fortunately, most of these features can be reproduced, even improved on, with similar features and services from your new design tool and host.

While password protection isn't currently available for Sandvox, Loghound's $10 Lockdown is a RapidWeaver plug-in that keeps specific pages away from public eyes. It requires that your site's host use particular software on its servers, but a free trial lets you try before you buy. Jimdo offers password protection with its free plan, and Weebly requires a paid account to password-protect your site.

Sandvox comes closest to implementing iWeb's blog and photo commenting system by letting you add Facebook, Disqus, or IntenseDebate comments to any page—even to individual photos in an image gallery. RapidWeaver supports Disqus, JS-Kit, and Haloscan commenting, but only on blog pages. Weebly and Jimdo offer similar commenting on their pages. None of these tools offers iWeb's blog search feature, though each can generate RSS feeds that visitors can search with an RSS reader, such as the one built into Safari.

Duplicating iWeb's old-fashioned hit counter is easiest with Sandvox's Page Counter widget. None of the other design tools offers quite the same built-in same feature, though each can use third-party HTML widgets that do the job. Each can also use Google Analytics for much more detailed visitor tracking.
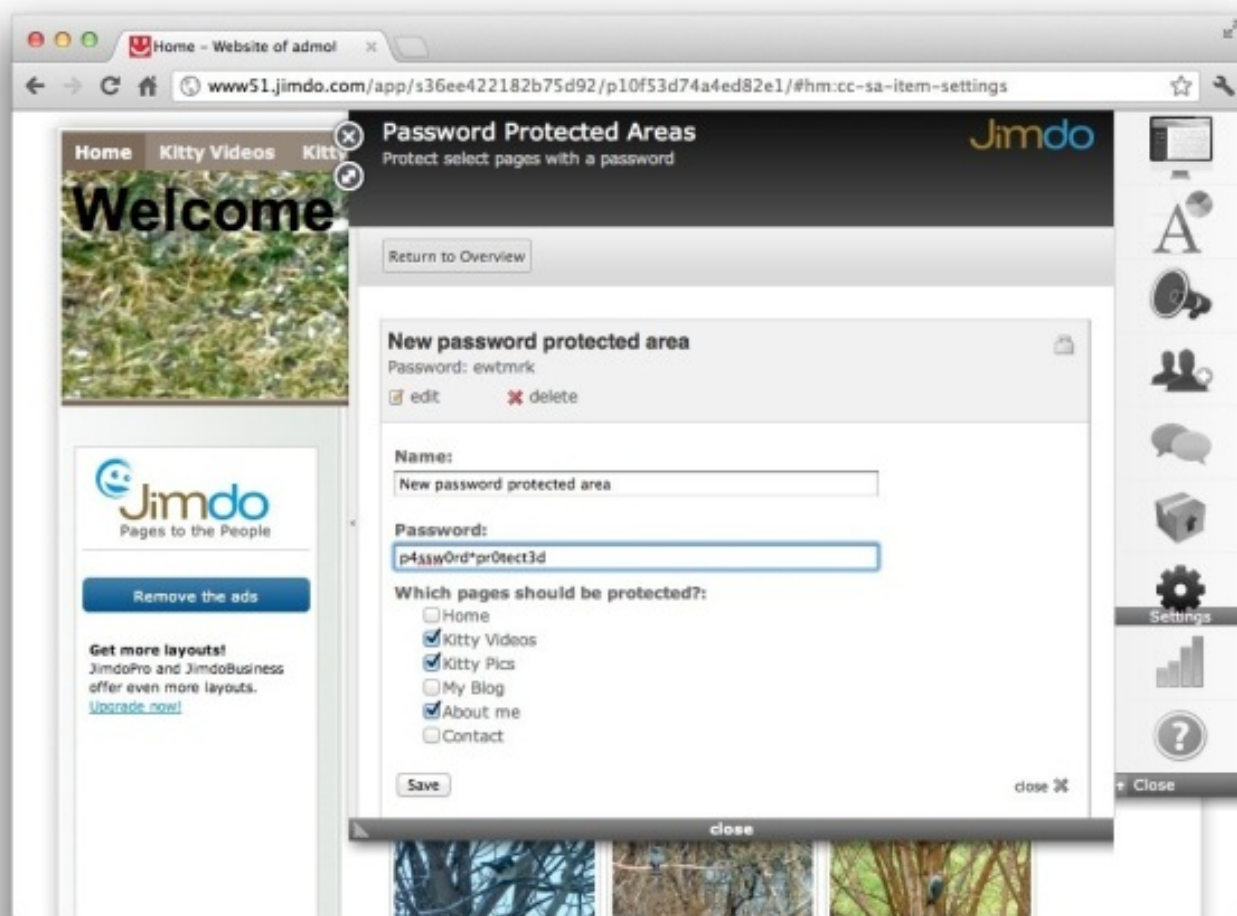
Secure your site: Jimdo can password-protect your pages with a few clicks.

Transfer your iLife media

No matter what kind of site you've created with iWeb, it probably contains photos, movies, and other media you'll want to transfer to your new site. How you do that will depend on your new design tool.

If the media files are still in their respective iLife libraries, using a tool with iLife integration will let you access them quickly, much as you did in iWeb. Without iLife integration, you'll have to first export these files to a Finder folder, then upload them manually to your site. Alternatively, you can upload iLife media to services like YouTube or Flickr, then add those files to your webpages with an HTML widget. The Share option in iPhoto and iMovie's Menu Bar makes this easy.

If you've added media files to your iWeb site from other sources (dragged in from a Finder folder, for example), you may have since moved them from their original locations. They're still available within your iWeb document, however, and you can quickly access them by publishing your site to a folder on your Mac. This has the added benefit of exporting your site's assets in an accessible form in the event that iWeb no longer launches under future versions of OS X.

Select your site in iWeb's sidebar, then choose Local Folder in the Site Publishing Settings' Publish To menu. Choose a destination and click the Publish Site button. In the resulting folder, you'll find folders named for every photo gallery in your site (for example, "MyGallery_files"). In each is a Media folder containing folders for that gallery's pictures. The highest-quality images in them will be named "Web.jpg". Podcast and movie files can be found in your site's Media folder.
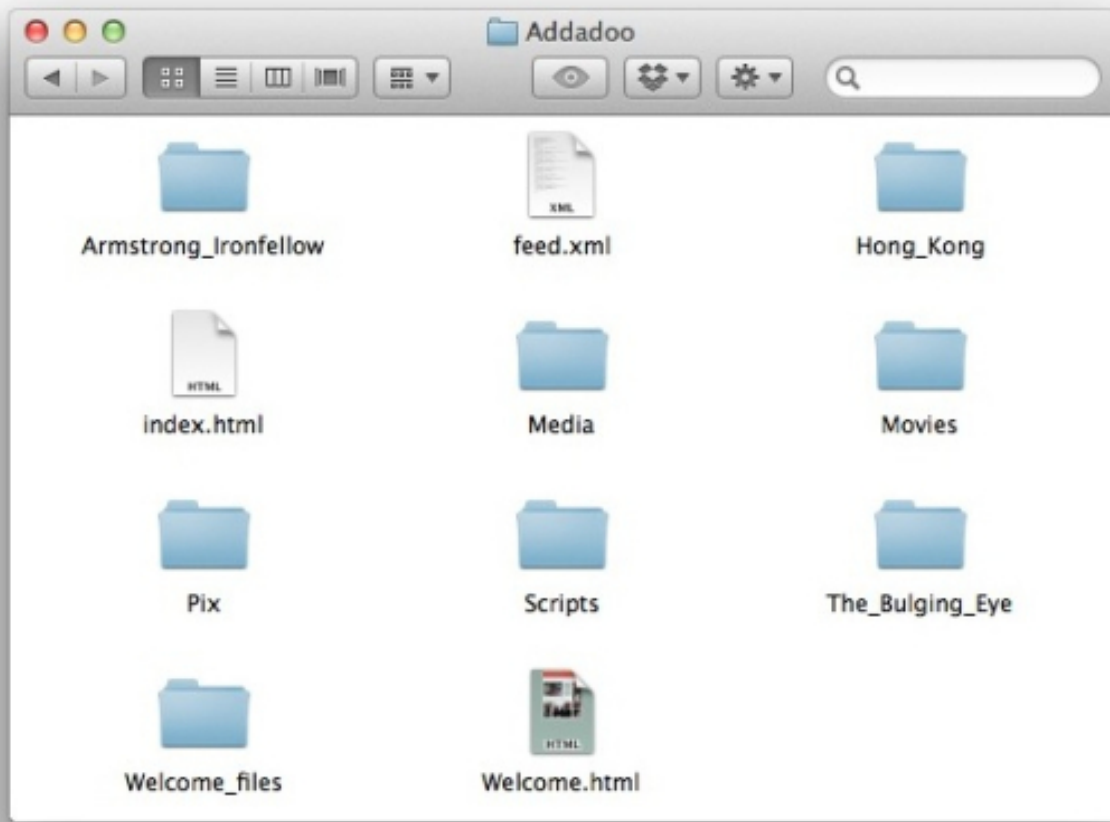
See your site: Publishing to a folder can help preserve your iWeb site's assets.

Recreate your iWeb site

How easy it will be to reproduce your iWeb site ultimately depends on the site and which tool you use. That's a subjective decision you'll have to make for yourself, but some general rules will apply. The most important one is that you'll have to rebuild your entire site.

Unfortunately, there's no way to export a site from iWeb the way you might save a Pages document as a Word file, but if you've stuck to Apple's themes and templates, your job will be easier.

For example, I chose to reproduce my site in Sandvox, which—like most site designers—offers blog, gallery, and basic text pages like those in iWeb. Using them was a relatively straightforward process of matching page styles, then filling the new pages with media. Copying text from my old site and pasting it into the new one took a little more effort, but my new site was nearly complete in less than two hours. Your milage will vary, but the work will be worth it.

Not only will it teach you a new way of creating Websites, it will reconnect you with the great content you wanted to share in the first place.
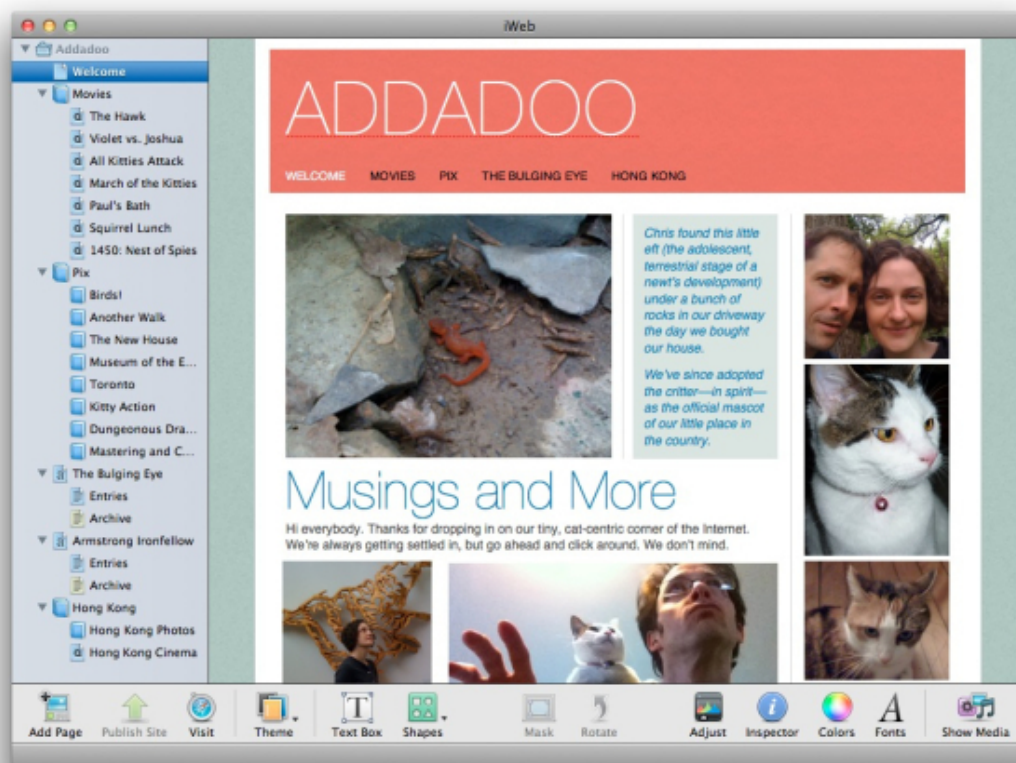
Out with the old: Rebuild your iWeb site with apps like Sandvox.

No one is thrilled with having to change something they worked long and hard on, sometimes over a period of years, to get just right. Fortunately, if you have to re-think your website, there are many convenient and fun ways to do it.

Also see from Apple Directly - http://support.apple.com/kb/HT4686

And -http://support.apple.com/kb/HT4918

Compress & Optimize Images Easily with ImageOptim for Mac OS X - (Free!)
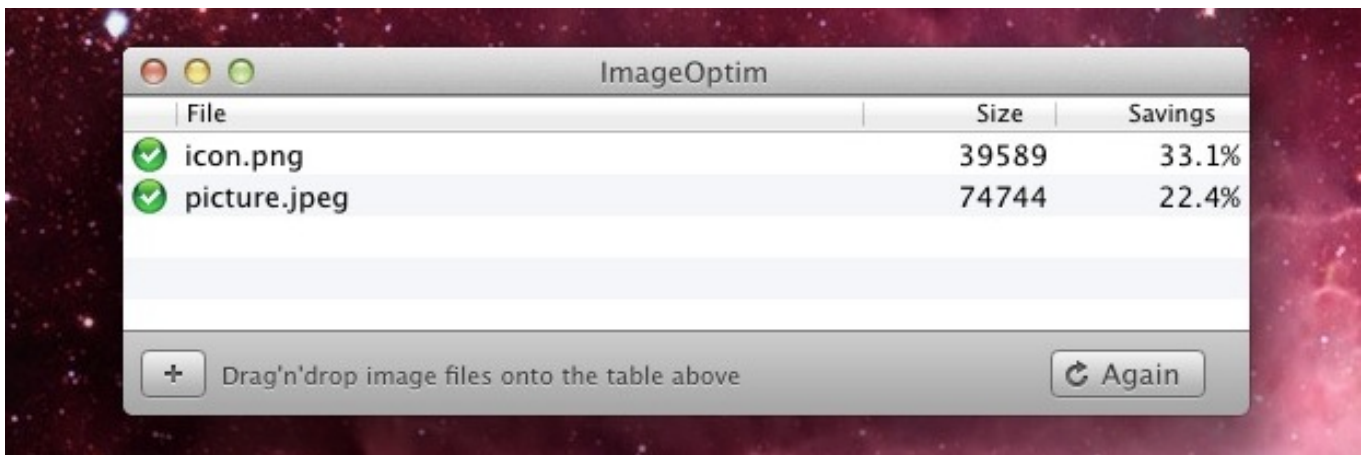
If you're concerned about the file size of images you should grab ImageOptim, a free image compression tool that is drag & drop simple. Store the app in the Dock and toss a single picture or group of images onto the app and they will immediately be compressed without reducing much image quality by finding optimum compression parameters and stripping color profile information and other metadata from the files.

On average the image size savings are about 15-35%, making it a very useful tool for web designers, developers, publishers, bloggers, app developers, or anyone else that wants to reduce image file size and bandwidth requirements. ImageOptim works great for PNG, JPEG, and even GIF animation.

- **Grab ImageOptim from the developer** (free)

For command line users, use the **"open" command** to pass wildcards to ImageOptim for easy scripting and bulk image

compression like so:

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open -a ImageOptim.app ~/Pictures/SaveToWeb/*.jpg
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There is also a separate system service available to download that lets you right-click on images to compress them directly from the OS X Finder.

Weekly Wrap: Mac tips and tricks, cool new accessories, and plenty more

by Lex Friedman, Macworld.com   May 5, 2012 10:00 am

There are only so many hours in the day—at last count, approximately 20 or so. If you didn't find time to read all of *Macworld*'s articles this past week, we can help. As ever, the Weekly Wrap is here to point you towards some of our most interesting stories that you might have missed.

Tips, tricks, and advice

If the power of your mind isn't cutting it, we can offer you some advice on restarting a Mac remotely.

You may be able to free up some significant space on your hard drive by removing Dropbox's cache. You can use your iPad to connect to FTP servers. You can switch your iWebsite to another, Mac-friendly host. You can even transition away from iWeb entirely—just like Apple!

Mac apps

We uncovered secrets of the Archive Utility, which may also be the name of the next Indiana Jones sequel. We also looked at—or, more accurately, listened to—Seamless, which transitions music between your Mac and iOS device without a hitch. Amazon Cloud Drive lets you backup files to Amazon's cloud storage without a Web browser—unless you want to download those files again.

Keyboard aficionados won't want to miss Dan Frakes's video guide to getting more productive with LaunchBar. And folks who need to compare iTunes libraries might want to check out Mashduo. Or they might prefer to come up with something more fun to do on the weekend.

iPad and iPhone

The Macworld Lab compared the original iPad 2 with the new, cheaper one. We looked at a trio of Music app alternatives.

Apple updated GarageBand, iMovie, iPhoto, and Cards for iOS. And Spotify launched an iPad app, so if you've been looking to broaden your ability to rock out with your tablet, you're in luck. Bargain shoppers have a new iPad app to check

out too, thanks to [the launch of Decide](#).

Folks who like to go green will go green with envy when they see the [Logitech Solar Keyboard Folio for iPad](#).

Other iOS apps we looked at included [Gifture](#), [MotionX Sleep](#), [Monster Wars](#), and [TraxItAll](#).

How to Fix Wi-Fi Interference

http://www.maclife.com/article/howtos/how_fix_wifi_interference
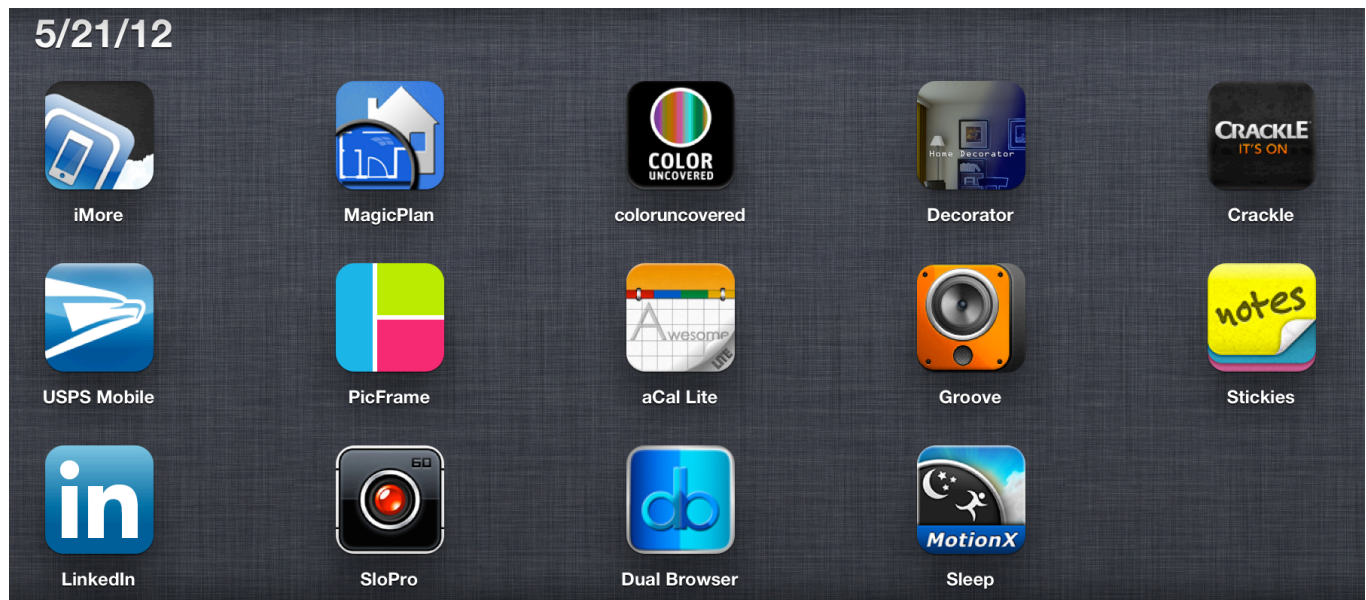
Why Do I Have to Keep Resetting My Router, and How Can I Fix It?

http://lifehacker.com/5910788/why-do-i-have-to-keep-resetting-my-router-and-how-can-i-fix-it

Hands-on with five antivirus apps for the Mac

http://arstechnica.com/apple/2012/05/hands-on-with-five-antivirus-apps-for-the-mac/

iOS

iMore	MagicPlan	coloruncovered	Decorator	Crackle
USPS Mobile	PicFrame	aCal Lite	Groove	Stickies
LinkedIn	SloPro	Dual Browser	Sleep	

iMore - 1 of a Dozen apps that summarize information on Apples latest App offerings (Billy has links to a dozen more such app aggregators!)

MagicPlan - Create Entire Floor Plans for your house with just this app on an iPhone or iPad2/3.

ColorUncovered - Wonderful examples of how we sense Color from the Berkeley Exploratorium People.

Decorator - Preview a new color on your Walls with this app.

PicFrame - Ever wanted to combine photos into a multi-image collage? This app will do it tastefully for you.

USPS - Outstanding app of most of the services the US Post Office offers.

aCalLite - Beautifully done replacement for iCal on your iPad or iPhone.

Groove - Tire of Apples Music player? This app provides more ways to create Playlists of similar music, supports iTunesMatch music in the cloud and seems much faster than apples native app.

Stickies - Doesn't sync with your desktop's Stickies but allows you to create custom Lock Screens!

Linkedin - For professionals who need to connect with others of like mind or in the same field, a great mobile version of their Website.

SloPro - 60fps movies on your iPhone 4s or iPad3. What does that mean.... You can now take "Slo Mo" movies slowing down movement or just capturing those extremely fast motion shots.

DualBrowser - 2 Heads are better than one? Check out this Browser that keeps 2 Panes open side by side, which some people may find to their liking.

MotionX Sleep - Ever wondered what kind of quality sleep you are getting? Uses the iPhone/iPads motion/sound detectors to create a

chart of your sleep patterns during the night. Also, has a wonderful reminder component that gets you up and out of your seat if you work in one for extended periods of time - and even more options to improve your activity and health. See below...