

Rapidweaver Notes

• Make a new project

1. File > New Project
2. File > Save & give it a name
3. Click on the "Add" icon or select File > Add Page...
I usually add a Styled Text page first.
4. Give the page a name by double-clicking on the default name. "Welcome" works well.
5. Click on the "Setup" icon and enter your info
General: Info is filled in automatically, but usually needs fixing.
Advanced: I like to check all three boxes. If you want to use Google Analytics, there's a link that'll guide you through the process. I put the link into a snippet.
Template: I leave it at the default.
6. File > Publishing Settings...
If you're publishing via ftp, fill in the details. (Specific for each project)
If you're publishing to dotMac or dotMe, the details are there.
7. Select a theme by clicking on the "Themes" icon. When you've chosen one, click on that icon again to hide the themes.
8. Set your page info by clicking on the icon at the far right.
9. Enter some text if you've used the Styled Text page. Otherwise, do what's needed to make some content.
10. Click on the "Preview" icon to see how your page looks.
11. Add other pages as needed.
Note that you can make one page a sub-page of another page by dropping it on the first page. This is especially convenient if you'll be publishing several slide shows or several similarly themed pages.
12. When you think you've got the pages you want, even if they're not in final format, publish your site. This may take a while, depending on the size of your site and the speed of your connection.
Subsequent updates will take less time because RW only sends what's changed. This is a very big plus!

• Details

1. <http://www.realmacsoftware.com/rapidweaver/>
2. RW 4 will only run under Leopard (10.5.x). Any browser in any OS can access sites built with RW.
3. RW 3.6 will run under either Tiger (10.4) or Leopard
4. Either version is currently \$59 instead of the projected \$79 cost in the future.

• Pros

1. Easy to learn to make simple sites quickly
2. Tremendous expandability, sufficient for making "professional" sites
3. Many add-ons
Some free, others \$10-\$50.
4. Great forums for users helping users, often with help from RealMac personnel.
5. There's a local Rapidweaver user group: D-RUG
6. At \$59, or even \$79, it has tremendous !4\$ (bang for the buck)

• Cons

1. There're some quirks; but they're easy to work around.
2. I've had it lock up several times (endless beachballing).
3. Save, save, save

- **Conclusion:** If iWeb is not versatile enough for you and you don't want to spend the time to learn "real" coding, buy it!

- **Resources**

1. Josh Lockhart
Silk Theme
<http://www.joshlockhart.com/silk/>
Josh Lockhart (Silk) Tutorials
<http://www.joshlockhart.com/help/tutorials/>
Silk Docs
<http://joshlockhart.com/silk/docs/>
2. Blueball Pro Theme Demo
<http://www.blueballdesign.com/procolordemo/index.html>
3. MudbugSoftware—RapidweaverThemes.com
Inspiration Theme
<http://www.rapidweaverthemes.com/InspirationDemo/index.html>
Mudbug Software Home
<http://www.mudbugsoftware.com/index.html>
RWT Home
<http://www.rapidweaverthemes.com/>
4. MacNN First Look at RW
<http://www.macnn.com/articles/08/06/26/f.look.rapidweaver.40/>
5. Macworld Review of RW
<http://www.macworld.com/article/134454/2008/07/rapidweaver4.html>