

Using Image Capture Tools to Build Web Photo Albums

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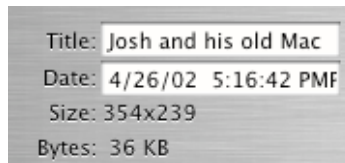
Image Capture, an application that comes on every Mac, has a few powerful tools that are hidden on the hard drive. One of these mini-applications allows you to effortlessly create web photo albums. This document will show you the steps that you should take before creating the album, and then will show you how to configure the look of your web page and create it with virtually no effort.

First you should import your photos into iPhoto. Create a new album by clicking the **+** button at the bottom left side of the iPhoto window; a dialog box will appear and you can give your photo a name. You can then drag the photos from the **Photo Library** to your album:



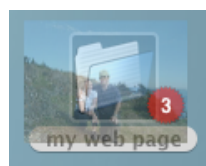
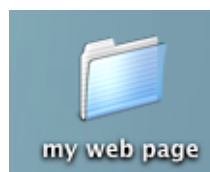
This puts all your photos in one place in iPhoto and makes working on them easier.

Next you should name your photos. Clicking on an individual photo will bring up information on the photo, as well as its **Title**, in the fields in the bottom left of the iPhoto window. You can name the photo here:



Remember that if you are using student photos that you must check that the student is not included on the "no photo" list and that the student's parents or guardians have signed a Student Work Permissions Slip, available from your school's web site coordinator. Additionally, students should be identified by first name only.

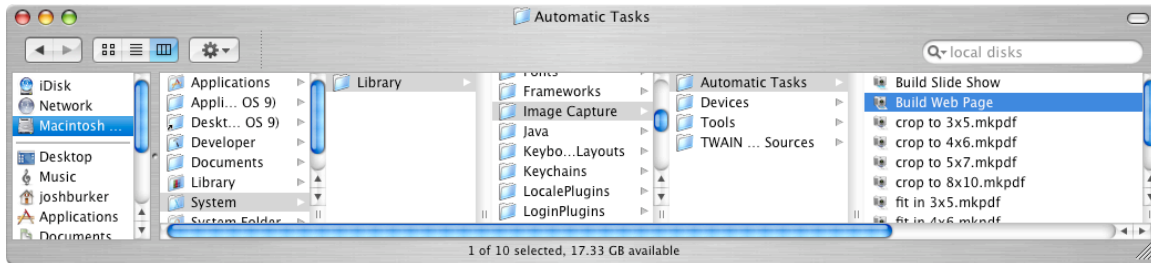
Once you have your photos properly named, you should create a new folder on your Desktop. You are going to copy the named photos from iPhoto to this folder. Click on the Desktop and go to the **File** menu and select **New Folder**. Name the folder something appropriate, like "my web page." In iPhoto, click and drag a box around your photos to select them all, and then drag the selected photos to the folder on your Desktop. The cursor will change to indicate that you are copying items into the folder:



Once you drag your photos from iPhoto into your folder the images will be copied into the folder.

Next, navigate to the following folder, where you will find an application called **Build Web Page**:

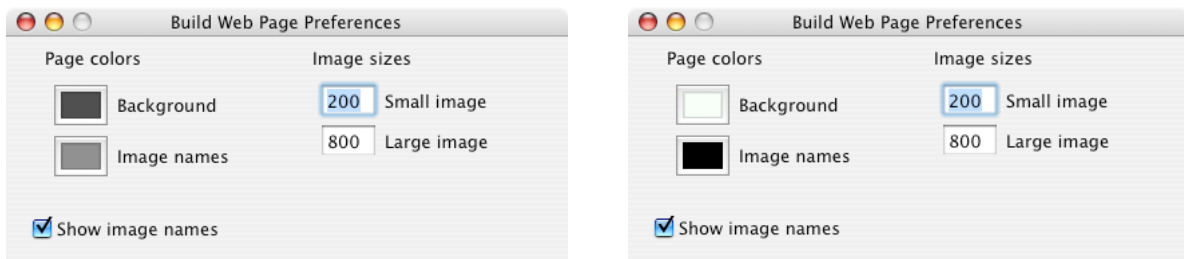
Macintosh HD/System/Library/Image Capture/Automatic Tasks



You should drag the application **Build Web Page** to the Dock on your Mac; this will make it easier to find and use the application:

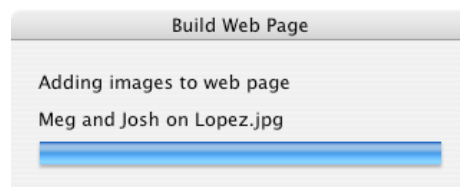


Click on the **Build Web Page** application that you have stored in your Dock to open the program. Under the **Build Web Page** menu at the top of the screen is the **Preferences** menu; select it. This will open a window where you can set the page color and text color for your page. By default the page colors are pretty dark, but you can change that by clicking on the color boxes and selecting a new color:



Additionally, you can edit the size for the **thumbnail** image (called **Small image** here) or for the full-size **Large image**. The default settings are good settings for the image sizes, however. Close the Preferences window to set the colors and image sizes.

Next go back to the **Finder** where your folder holding your images is located. Open the folder and click and drag a box around the photos to select them all. Next, drag the photos and drop them on top of the **Build Web Page** icon that is in your Dock. The **Build Web Page** application will display a dialog box indicating that it is processing the images and building a web page:

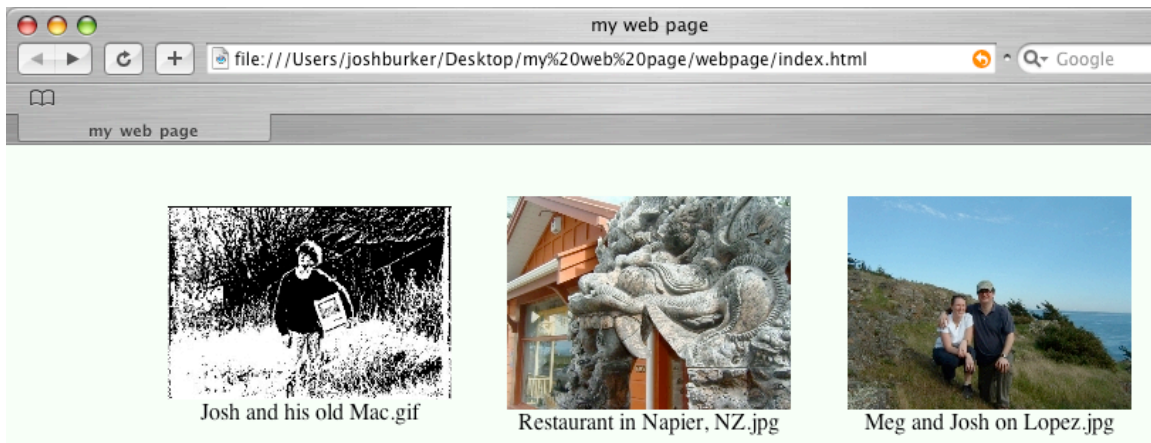


When the program is finished you will have a new folder in your “my web page” folder along with the original images. Inside this folder, called **webpage**, are small and large copies of your images, located in the **webfiles** folder, along with an **index.html** page:



If you already have a web page set up on the Mercer Island School District web server, you should rename the **index.html** page to something else, since the index.html page is the default, main page that visitors first see when they go to your web page. You can then create a link on your main page to the new page with your photos on it.

When you open the page you just created in your web browser you will see the images that you dropped onto the **Build Web Page** application, titled with the names that you gave the photos:



Clicking on a thumbnail image will open the full-size image in the browser. People can then download the photos from your web page.

Using **Build Web Page**, while limited in its options, is the easiest way to produce a web photo album.