

F.A.Q.'s for installing 3rd party Flash on iWeb

1. Q: *What if I don't have .Mac?*

A: That's okay. Upload the flash file to the root directory...just like the index.html file and the sitefolder. If you have flash files in a folder called "WackyFlashIntro", then that folder would be uploaded and accessible using <http://www.domainname.com/WackyFlashIntro/> ... and that is also what would go into the iframes code.

2. Q: *What exactly is it I am doing?*

A: You are doing something referred to as iframes. This is basically putting a site within a site. You will be putting your flash show on your homepage address. Then you will "graft" that in to iWeb. Then with a little post-publish editing....you will direct iWeb to see the flash show in homepage. Once you learn iframes, you can put just about anything on your site that you want.

3. Q: *Can I see my Flash show before I put it on the internet?*

A: Yes you can. In fact this is a method of half-stepping to find out what is working and what is not. There are two methods: (a) click the index.html file in your Flash folder. This will open Safari and bring up a "file" address. If this works, you know that you have created a valid Flash show through Flash. (b) once you have put the Flash folder in iDisk>Sites, open Safari and go to the homepage address. It will look something like this: <http://homepage.mac.com/yourusername/WackyFlashIntro/> If this works then you know that your valid Flash show is working in the idisk>sites folder. In other words, you put the file in the correct place.

4. Q: *I can't see my Flash show in the above described (#3a) method.*

A: This means you have not created a viable Flash file or you placed the files incorrectly.

5. Q: *I can't see my Flash show in the above described (#3b) method.*

A: This means that the Flash folder is not in the correct sites folder. Or that the name given the folder ([WackyFlashIntro](#)) does not match the name in the address: <http://homepage.mac.com/yourusername/WackyFlashIntro/>

6. Q: *I can see my Flash show in the above described (#3a & b) method, but I cannot see it online.*

A: This means that iWeb is not being pointed (directed) to the correct place. This can be corrected by carefully reviewing the iframes code that was inserted into the page.html via TextEdit. Make sure that the **name** of your **folder** (WackyFlashIntro) that you dropped in iDisk>sites is the same as the last word in the URL: <http://homepage.mac.com/yourusername/WackyFlashIntro/> This is all case-sensitive. Also, if you have carefully reviewed the above method and find no error....make sure you clear the cache of your browser.

7. Q: *How do I mount the iDisk?*

A: Start with your Finder (desktop). Pull down the "Go" menu. The full path is: Go>iDisk>My iDisk. Then the iDisk will appear on the desktop. You have successfully mounted the iDisk.

8. Q: *When I go to my website I get an orange "error" message.*

A: This can mean several things. It can mean that your page is not showing up and you need to clear your browser's cache. It can also mean that iWeb is not being directed to the correct address. To fix this, see #5 above.

9. Q: *I have viewed the video podcast but your accent is driving me nuts. Can you get someone else to speak?*

A: No. I am on a budget so you are stuck listening to me. I do apologize to those of you who find a southern accent grating. But it could be worse. For example, at least I don't say things like: "Open iWeb and don't ya just luv this...it's better'n shootin' a snake slithrin on it's belly."

10. Q: *Whenever I try to view the html file, all I see is the webpage.*

A: When you open TextEdit make sure you check "Ignore Rich text Commands". This will allow you to view the code as opposed to the graphics.

11. Q: *I can see the Flash Show online but it doesn't fit the correctly.*

A: Check the dimensions (width & height) in the iframe code. Make sure they are not reversed.

12. Q: *I had my Flash show perfect. Then I added some items to my site and published and the Flash is gone. What gives?*

A: Yes this is a common complaint. This is because of the nature of iWeb. IWeb does not generate the html code until the site is published. This means that the iframe code you installed is written over every time you publish. Don't worry, you don't have to do "everything" over again. You just need to add the iframe code again. And this must be done every time you publish. The task can be made easier by using programs such as MassReplacelt. This will search for your placeholder word and replace it with the iframe code (all at the touch of a button).