

F.A.Q.'s for installing SSP on iWeb

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

A: That's okay. Upload the slideshow file to the root directory...just like the index.html file and the sitefolder. If you have slideshow files in a folder called "slideshowpro", then that folder would be uploaded and accessible using <http://www.domainname.com/slideshowpro/> ... 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 slideshow 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 slideshow in homepage. Once you learn iframes, you can put just about anything on your site that you want.

3. Q: *Can I see my slideshow 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 slideshow folder. This will open Safari and bring up a "file" address. If this works, you know that you have created a valid slideshow through Flash. (b) once you have put the slideshow folder in iDisk>Sites, open Safari and go to the homepage address. It will look something like this:
<http://homepage.mac.com/yourusername/slideshowpro/> If this works then you know that your valid slideshow 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 slideshow in the above described (#3a) method.*

A: This means you have not created a viable slideshow or you placed the files incorrectly. Follow the steps in #10 below.

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

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

6. Q: *I can see my slideshow 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** (slideshowpro) that you dropped in iDisk>sites is the same as the last word in the URL: <http://homepage.mac.com/yourusername/slideshowpro/> 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: *How do I add audio to my slideshow?*

A: The latest versions of SSP allow audio. Before putting the slideshow folder in iDisk>sites, open the slideshow folder and then open the folder for a gallery such as Travel or Homepics (or whatever you call it). You will see two folders. One is called thumbnails and the other is called images. Create another folder and call it (mp3). Put your audio file inside the mp3 folder. Make sure it is mp3 format. Call the audio file (audio.mp3). So now you have 3 folders in the gallery folder (thumbnails, images, and mp3). Now you need to alter the xml. Open the images.xml file. You can use TextEdit or TextMate. Find the gallery that you want to add the music. The first string of code looks like this:
`<album id="Homepics" title="Homepics" description="pictures of goofy people in my family" lgPath="Homepics/images/"`

You need to add this (the purple text...make it whatever song you want):

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<album id="Homepics" title="Homepics" description="pictures of goofy people in my family" lgPath="Homepics/images/" audio="Homepics/mp3/audio.mp3" audioCaption="Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road-John Denver"
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note: the audio may take a while to update and see results online. Be patient. Empty browser cache.

10. Q: *Can you describe the initial setup for SSP?*

A: Sure. I am assuming you have downloaded SSP (and installed it) and the iPhoto plugin. Refer to the SSP help file. And that you have Flash.

Create a folder on your desktop called slideshowpro. Open Flash and create a new file. Then save the file using "Save As" slideshow. When the dialogue box opens, send this to the slideshowpro folder. In the slideshowpro folder it will look like: slideshow fla.

In iPhoto select the album(s) that you want to have in ssp. Choose iPhoto>File>Export. In Export, setup "slideshowpro export" option and fill in areas as shown. Press Export. A dialogue box will appear. Send the export to the slideshowpro folder you created on your desktop. The export will create a file called images.xml and folders of whatever albums (called galleries in ssp) you chose in iPhoto. Go to the slideshowpro>slideshow fla and open. Once Flash is open, click on the ssp components and the Flash "stage" will show the slideshow. You can make changes here. Close Flash. Now you have several items in the slideshowpro folder. You should have an "images.xml" and "slideshow fla" and whatever albums you sent (e.g., "homepics").

Open the slideshow fla. Make changes and set variables to your needs. Then pull down from the menu File>Publish. This automatically send two more files (slideshow.html and slideshow.swf) to your slideshowpro folder. Change the slideshow.html to index.html. Now you are ready to install SSP.

11. 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."

12. 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.

13. Q: *I can see the slideshow online but it doesn't fit the correctly.*

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

14. Q: *I had my slideshow perfect. Then I added some items to my site and published and the slideshow 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).