

## Re: includes, design view, preview view

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<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
news:<6bce01c40172\$8aa53980\$a101280a@phx.gbl>...

> *Are you telling me you don't really have a solution, and*  
> *that I should just get drunk on vodka?*

No. That was a joke.

The world is slowly moving away from "flat" Web pages, and toward programmed content. Instead of creating 1000 Web pages, you create one Web page and a thousand database records. But no editor can display programmed content in 100% WYSIWYG fashion, as your client is demanding. The reason is that the programming doesn't run inside the editor, and even if it did, the programming presumably produces different output under different conditions. So what should the editor display?

If your client isn't on to this, then your choices are:

- o Explain things to them, and talk them into it.
- o Provide some other way of editing the content.
- o Offer to return their money and destroy the Web site.  
(This is lose-lose, but maybe they won't like it either.)
- o Make sure the check's cleared and then split.  
(Not really my choice but it happens.)

Personally, I like the second choice, because I don't like exposing the ASP code where the client can do bad things to it. I like systems that end users can't destroy. But I realize it may be late in the game for that.

And please, enjoy your favorite, refreshing soft drink.

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|| Microsoft Office FrontPage 2003 Inside Out  
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|| Microsoft FrontPage Version 2002 Inside Out  
|| Faster Smarter Beginning Programming  
|| (All from Microsoft Press)  
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> >-----Original Message-----  
> >Move the variable content into a database or content  
> >management system, and let the client update that data  
> >source.  
> >  
> >Be sure to quote a nice price for this work.  
> >  
> >If that doesn't solve the problem, try the product  
> >described at http://www.stoli.com.  
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> >>-----Original Message-----  
> >>I have developed a web site using asp, includes, html  
> >>and  
> >>a sql database and when the website is published, the  
> >>layout looks the way it should and the site functions  
> >>the  
> >>way it should. I have handed the completed site off to  
> >>the client. The person whose responsibility it now is  
> >>to  
> >>maintain the site on the client end has no web  
> >>development experience and is freaked out by the fact  
> >>that the pages that have vb code and the asp includes
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> do  
>>>not show up in the design view or preview the way they  
> do  
>>>in the browser. That is to say the layout looks as  
> though  
>>>it is broken in design view (content area shrinks, and  
>>>includes aren't visible) or preview, which is fine for  
> me.  
>>>  
>>>However, the person who is now maintaining the site  
> seems  
>>>to be of the opinion that he can't trustfully add more  
>>>content without seeing in design view the site the way  
> it  
>>>appears in the browsers. Has anyone else experienced  
> this  
>>>issue and if so, how did you correct it or get around  
> it?  
>>>  
>>>Thank you in advance,  
>>>Rocky T.  
>>>Limelight Technologies  
>>>.  
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