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Sorry for taking so long to respond but your suggestions does make a lot of sense and the links will be easier to manage your way. I see what you are saying about the amount of pages per section so I am now faced with a decision. My site is having a slow start but yes, if that changes, the sections will grow very rapidly and I will have to restructure the site. I think that while my site is currently published, rather do the big work now.

Thanks for your and Mike's help, I will shout if I need anything else.

"DavidF" wrote:

Your current home page:

<http://www.siyayasa.com/index.htm>

Current link to Limpopo page:

http://www.siyayasa.com/index_files/Limpopopage.htm

Link after creating new Pub file, Limpopo.pub, saving home page as limpopo.htm instead of index.htm or limpopopage.htm when you Publish to the web, and uploading to a new folder on your host called "limpopo":

<http://www.siyayasa.com/limpopo/limpopo.htm>

I would suggest that you consider getting away from using uppercase, unless you can be very consistent. I also don't know why you couldn't use limpopo.htm instead of limpopopage.htm??? I just don't see the need to use the "page" part. Unless you have a good reason for that, I think the shorter version is better. Plus one of the reasons to use "limpopo.htm" vs "index.htm" is that in theory it will help with search engine optimization SEO. It seems to me that the search engines might like to see the name of the province, and not provincepage. The main thing is it would be shorter... And keep in mind what Mike said, it can be a good thing to use "index" for the default home page for many reasons.

Then if I understand you correctly, the individual cities and all the links from those cities will be part of the limpopo Pub file. So if you follow the link to Ellisras that link right now is:

http://www.siyayasa.com/index_files/ellisras.htm

Now as a subpage of the limpopo Pub file the link will be:

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http://www.siyayasa.com/limpopo/limpopo_files/ellisras.htm

Don't forget that when you Publish to the Web, and if you choose something other than index as the default file name then the index_files subfolder (that contain your other pages and all the graphics) is changed to reflect the file name. So when you save the home page as limpopo.htm you will get a limpopo_files folder containing the other pages and the graphics.

So now I also assume that the accomodation page for Ellisras is part of the limpopo.pub file, so that link is now:

http://www.siyayasa.com/index_files/ellisrasaccommodation.htm

and would become:

http://www.siyayasa.com/limpopo/limpopo_files/ellisrasaccommodation.htm

Etc, etc...

So you would be working with 12 Publisher files and 11 subfolders on your host. Your home page will be uploaded to exactly where it is now. It will be a single page, but will have both an index.htm file and an index_files folder. One subfolder will be called "aboutus", another "advertisewithus". The other 9 subfolders on your host will be named "limpopo" ...after the province name. All these subfolders will located at the same level in the directory as the index_files folder is for the home page.

Now is that what you are proposing and does the way the links are written make sense to you?

Your organization seems logical and will make it easier to manage. If you think the providence Pub files will end up being more than 30 or so pages, I would suggest that you consider an alternative. Keep all the main sections with the home page in one pub file of 12 pages, and produce eacy cities content with a seperate pub file and their own subfolder on your host. Yeah a lot more initial work, but as you add content to the cities and even more cities, it will be easier to manage...just thinking out loud. Isn't the city content the most dynamic part of your site?

DavidF

"Christiaan" <Christiaan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:1EDAE578-B4FE-46EF-85A3-46C2B36B4828@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hell it's nice to have so much help, thanks guys!!!

I think what I am going to do now:

I am going to make my homepage a single .pub file.

Each of the 9 provinces consists of a provincial "homepage" and about 30 pages of content that relates to each province. For instance: the Limpopo "homepage" will be linked from my site homepage and the content of Limpopo

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will
still be called Limpopo.htm.

I think that I should give the about us and the advertise with us pages their own .pub files because they are going to be static. So in effect the site should look something like this:

index.htm(Site homepage)
Limpopo.htm
Mpumalanga.htm
Gauteng.htm
Northwest.htm
Freestate.htm
Kwazulunatal.htm
Northerncape.htm
Easterncape.htm
Westerncape.htm
aboutus.htm
advertisewithus.htm

I will build the nav bar myself with some text or small images. I am just not sure how the link will look that links index.htm(site homepage) to the provincial "homepages". Am I in the right direction?

"DavidF" wrote:

Now I understand. I actually addressed the issue of relative vs. absolute links in the loooong thread and discussion we had before (which I doubt you read...way too long and wordy). I hope he realizes that the primary challenge he faces is the navigation system. It needs to be such that adding a page does not require going back and changing 200 plus pages. Also he does use custom file names instead of index.htm already, so that shouldn't be a big change.

I am sure you are busy, but if you or anyone else have any ideas of how best to organize his site, it is at <http://www.siyayasa.com/>.

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About the only argument I can think of for breaking it up to one page per Pub file is that if he eventually decided to switch to a server side database, having the individual pages could make the conversion easier.

A bit off topic, but do you know anyway to import a textual navbar, and specifically one that looks like the typical bottom navbar, into a page?

I currently import a javascript menu to each page that only requires changing the javascript in one folder on my host, and the change is reflected in each page. I can tell Christian how to do that, but I haven't figured out how to import a textual navbar at the bottom of each page. And if anybody else has an idea, I would appreciate it.

DavidF

"Mike Koewler" <wordwiz@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:82eac\\$48050953\\$42a1fb54\\$21771@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:82eac$48050953$42a1fb54$21771@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

David,

Unless Christian is anal retentive like me, he has used relative links, so copying and pasting text or object with links will mean they are broke. He will also have to be very careful renaming pages so he doesn't end up with a couple dozen index.htm pages.

I faced this problem at the end of 2006. For week after week, I kept adding pages of news, links to other groups, etc. Suddenly my file was out of control with over 300 pages. So I copied just the main pages to a

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new
file and used absolute links instead of
relative ones. I then deleted
all
of those pages and uploaded the file to
/2006. Then I created a /2007
folder and file and kept the copied pages as
my main file. It gets
updated
to my root directory, which has links to the
2006 and now 2007
archives.

Even now, once a file gets to about 60 pages,
I start a new one with
only
the skeleton pages and rename it something
like 2008April.wpp. I can do
incremental updates without deleting files so
that isn't a problem.

I do something similar with a site I do for
my church. Since I add at
least 12 pages a month, it was becoming way
too large also. Now stuff
goes
into a 2008 folder or a special events folder.
Yeah, I have more native
files, but they stay relatively small in size.
Also, and I don't know
if
Pub allows this or not, I can insert an
"offsite" page and have it
automatically included in the Nav Bar

Mike

DavidF wrote:

Mike,

Thanks for jumping in here.
Would you please elaborate
on why you say
it
would be a disaster? Also,
can you suggest a "best"
way for Christiaan
to
break his site up and
organize it. Single

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pages/single pub files seems
overkill to me too, but I am
curious about why you said
it. Thanks.

DavidF

"Mike Koewler"

<wordwiz@xxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

[news:17733\\$4804126b\\$42a1fb54\\$5706@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:17733$4804126b$42a1fb54$5706@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Christiaan

wrote:

I
am
going
to
make
each
page
an
individual
.pub
file.

You are
looking at a
disaster
waiting to
happen if
you do this.

Mike