

WebAuthor 1.0

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With all the interest in the Internet, the WebAuthor software from Quarterdeck¹ comes at an opportune time. WebAuthor is a Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) generator that works with Microsoft Word for Windows, version 6.

Installation on my PC was simple and straightforward and took just a few minutes. The program is added to the Microsoft Word for Windows, version 6 software. Only the English language version of Word 6 is supported at present; however, Quarterdeck expects a French and German version to be available in early 1996. The program requires about 1 Mb of disk storage.

WebAuthor allows you to write the text you want for your Internet home pages, and then allows you to add the necessary HTML commands and codes, without having to learn the HTML language. WebAuthor includes the ability to easily add in graphics, to add special characters, to add hypertext links to other Internet web sites, and to create forms. These features are done using menus, toolbars, and dialog boxes.

While there are HTML features that the program does not yet handle (such as tables, background, centering, image maps), it is a very inexpensive and simple tool to use. These additional features are to be included in version 2.0 of WebAuthor, which should be available by the time this review is published.

It took me about 1 hour to create, edit, and test a simple HTML document. I was able to have my home page up and running by lunch time.

Overall, I think this is a very useful and easy to use package and would recommend it to anyone who wants to quickly and easily learn how create Internet HTML documents.

REFERENCES AND NOTES

- (1) WebAuthor is available from Quarterdeck Corporation, 13160 Mindanao Way, 3rd Floor, Marina del Rey, CA 90292-9959. Telephone: 1-800-524-3388; fax: 1-310-309-3700; e-mail address: info@qdeck.com. WWW url: <http://www.qdeck.com>. The list price of WebAuthor is \$99.95.

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