

# MuchoSoft Thumbs

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As you have read, I have tried at least a dozen web page creation applications. I am talking about apps which create an index page with thumbnails of images. When clicked, each thumbnail takes you to a full size image.

That is what these kinds of apps are designed to do -- nothing more, nothing less. The problem is that each application has some weakness which makes it less than perfect, at least in my view.

Lately I have settled on Stone Design's PhotoToWeb. I still recommend it. However I have recently discovered MuchoThumbs Pro, a carbon application which runs in OS X or Classic. After a couple of emails to their tech support, I think this will be my application of choice for creating travel and family web sites. By the way, the fact that their tech support answers rapidly is a BIG plus for MuchoThumbs.

There are more features than I will ever use. But the important ones are in place. For example, I can name the images without .jpg or .html appearing in the title by using descriptions, Fig. 1.

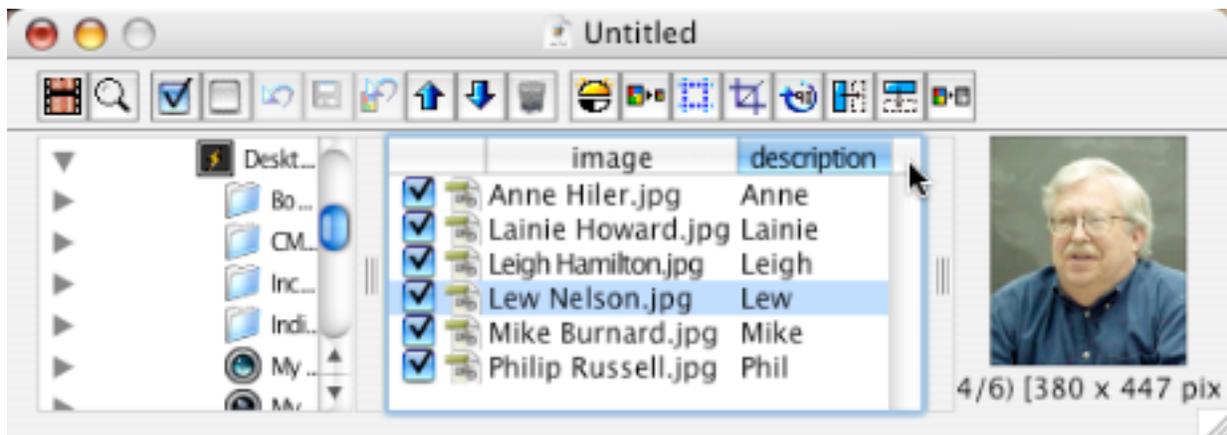


Fig. 1. MuchoThumbs Pro main screen

I can select a main title for the page and choose whether to have it appear on full size image pages or just on the main index page, Fig. 2.

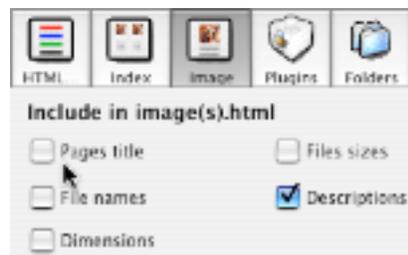
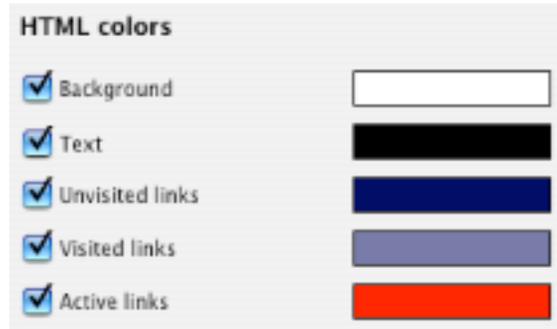


Fig. 2. Omitting page title from full size image pages

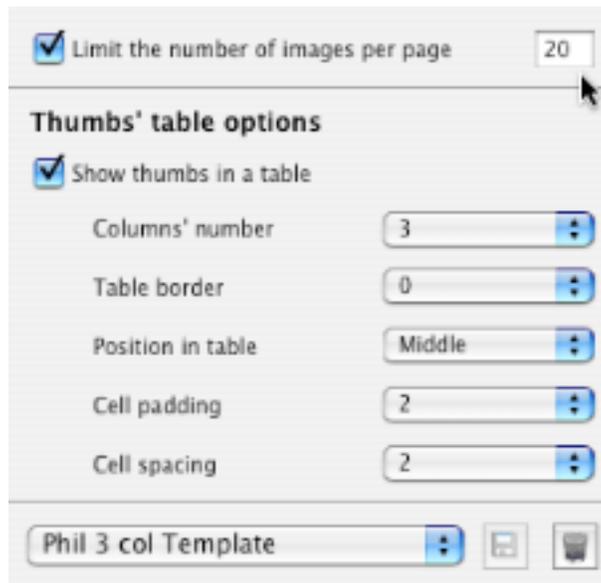
I can change the color of page background, text, and links in all three conditions, Fig. 3.



**Fig. 3. Color selection**

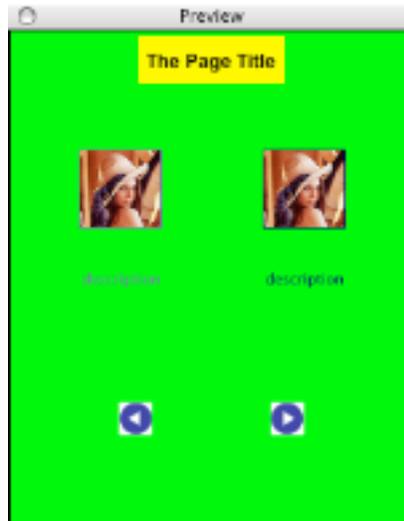
There is a provision to play a slide show of all full size images. Best of all, since here are so many features, once you have set those you use for a certain type of page, you can save the settings, and they will then appear in a dropdown settings menu from then on. You can save as many settings files as you wish.

You have a choice of how many columns, and the maximum number of thumbnails per page, Fig. 4.



**Fig. 4. Table options**

A Preview pane shows you which colors, image names, banner colors and font and navigation buttons will appear on your web page, Fig. 5.



**Fig. 5. Preview pane**

I just realized I do not want to go on for three or four pages of various features you can select. Here is a sample page before registration, Fig. 6.



**Fig. 6. Finished index page**

You can try MuchoThumbs Pro free as long as you wish, but each image will bear a watermark until you pay the \$30 shareware fee. This gives you plenty of

time to play around and make sure it does what you want it to.  
Find MuchoThumbs Pro at <http://www.muchosoft.com/thumbs.htm>.