

Building My Website

I don't know much about computers, but I learned enough to use word processors and to build my website and maintain it, which I do by selecting something I've written or sung or said and putting it online, which I do by developing the piece, the letters, the words, the formatting, in Word Perfect 2021.

I use that version of Word Perfect now.

I've used earlier versions of Word Perfect.

I think Word Perfect versions are pretty much the same, but I've updated along the way. Despite my aversion and resistance to advertising, I am somewhat susceptible to advertising's influence, and there have been small changes in Word Perfect in new versions.

Sounds, I record and edit in Audacity. It's free, and it meets my needs.

When I'm working with words, I get the document set up the way I want it in Word Perfect. I save it to Word Perfect and then open it in the latest version of Microsoft Word.

In Word, I give the document a light grey background. I could choose other colors for background, but light grey seems to me to be easiest on eyes. I don't use white, because, on a backlit screen, a white background glares into my eyes too brightly.

Word Perfect doesn't include the function to give the document a background of color.

When I have the document ready in Word, I convert it to PDF. I use PDF because I want to control the formatting of the document. Html sometimes gives me unpredictable results, and PDF is stable. I use the simplest, free version of Adobe Acrobat to make PDFs. I don't save the document in Word, because if I decide to make revisions later, the revisions first will be in Word Perfect. I think Word Perfect is easier to work with than Word.

I save the PDF document to a folder that contains my entire website in my computer and upload, via fileZilla, a copy of the document to my website host, Hostinger.

I use Microsoft Office Sharepoint Designer to build and maintain my website in my computer because that's the software I understand how to use enough to build and maintain my website and because it's free. I've tried to use more modern software, but I haven't found any that I understand. I have a strong resistance to learning anything new in software or about

how to operate my computer, because I find learning new stuff difficult, frustrating, and time consuming. I would rather use the time it would take me to learn new stuff to do creative work. I'm a long way from techno savvy. I have no ambition to change that fact.

I don't use templates in any of my work.

I use Audacity for recording readings and songs. I use two microphones and an interface to record sound to Wave files in my computer I edit those files as needed and save the edited versions to MP3 to use on my website. I can edit my guitar track or voice track separately, because I use two microphones to record stereo sound, then combine the two tracks into one track, duplicate that track so I have stereo again, identical to both ears, and I save the resulting file to MP3 and upload that file to my website.

Though much more editing is possible with Audacity, I use amplification, sometimes bass or treble emphasis, sometimes sound leveling. I avoid using complex editing, because I assume the responsibility falls on me to change my sound, if needed, rather than try to achieve change with editing.

In this instance too, I don't want to spend possibly creative time messing with the computer or program.

Even writing this essay explaining the processes involved in creating and maintaining my website tries my patience, but someone might read it and gain something from it, and it has become an exercise in completing something I've begun.