

## **Namo Editor 5 Review**

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### **I. Product Information**

- Name - Namu WebEditor 5
- Manufactured by Namu International, Inc. (U.S. support provider - Jasc Software, Inc.)
- Online purchase for \$79.00

### **II. Summary**

- My general impression of the program is that it allows the user to perform all of the functions necessary to create and publish web pages but it is not as user friendly as some of the "free" web page software packages that I have tried. (Although it has many more capabilities). Since web page creation is more or less a specialized operation, if you plan to create and publish your own web page, most of the "free" software (such as FrontPage) that I have used is sufficient. If you plan to create web pages for clients, it would be wise to review other available software prior to purchasing your software. At least discuss the advantages and disadvantages of various web page software with several webmaster's prior to purchasing your own. Most of them are happy to talk with you about the software they are using.

### **III. System Requirements - The minimum specified system requirements for installing and using Namu WebEditor 5:**

- Windows 95, 98, Me, NT 4, 2000, or XP
- 32 MB RAM (Windows 95/98) or 64 MB RAM (Windows NT/2000/XP)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4 or newer (for internal preview)
- Resolution 800 X 600 or higher (Monitor and video card supporting 256 colors or higher recommended)
- Hard disk space:
  - 12 MB (minimal installation)
  - 80 MB (standard installation, excluding Clip Art and European spelling dictionaries)
  - 220 MB (complete installation, including Clip Art)
- CD-ROM drive (for installation)

In addition, previewing documents created using the Database Wizard requires Microsoft Personal Web Server or Microsoft Internet Information Server to be installed on your computer. (Using the Database Wizard is not required but is very useful.)

### **III. Installation**

- Installation started automatically and was accomplished without any problems. The program has an uninstall feature.

### **IV. Features**

- You can easily check and modify the properties of various elements in a web document. You can specify most attributes of various page elements, such as

document properties, table/cell/row properties, and image and layer properties, directly in the Inspector window.

- It has some new features that allow you to use the Resource Manager as a central repository for resources such as document templates, clip art, color sets, Smart Buttons, themes, table styles, etc. You can also add your own, making it easy to reuse your resources in multiple pages and sites if you create web pages for clients.
- Although I did not use this feature, the documentation indicates that you can create and expand zip archives full of resources, making it easy to share your resources with others.

#### **V. Documentation.**

- User's Manual - WebEditor 5 comes with a 341-page user's manual (not including the appendices) that was written by someone who is fluent in English, unlike many users' manuals, which seem to have been written by someone just learning the language. It is easy to understand and explains every aspect of the process necessary to create and publish web pages.

#### **VI. Product Support**

- I did not use the product support but the documentation indicates that you can obtain support from the web page of Jasc Software, Inc.; by e-mail; by fax or by calling a non-toll free number. Namu Interactive, Inc., also lists two (2) available web sites; an e-mail address and a fax number.

#### **VII. Other Comments**

- Two of my nephews create web pages for clients and indicated that they prefer Dreamweaver. Neither had used Namu WebEditor 5 or any of its previous versions.