

# Do-It-Yourself, Now and Then

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Beginning 1998, nearly 9 years ago, I created this tool at my former employer's site. It allowed customers to create their own web page, for a small fee, using all the interaction available at the time of Netscape Communicator and Internet Explorer 4. You could type some text here and there, choose some (awful, really) colors, and publish your page in a couple of minutes. A good number of people used it until 2001, when I left the company. Since then they've changed the graphic style of the page, but as far as I've seen, nothing else has changed. They have even left the 1998 Netscape and Internet Explorer logos...

And today I found Google Pages. Basically it does the same, but soooooo much nicer and interactive and fast and coherent and AJAX and Web 2.0... Just go and play with it! You'll love it.