

Second Site 2

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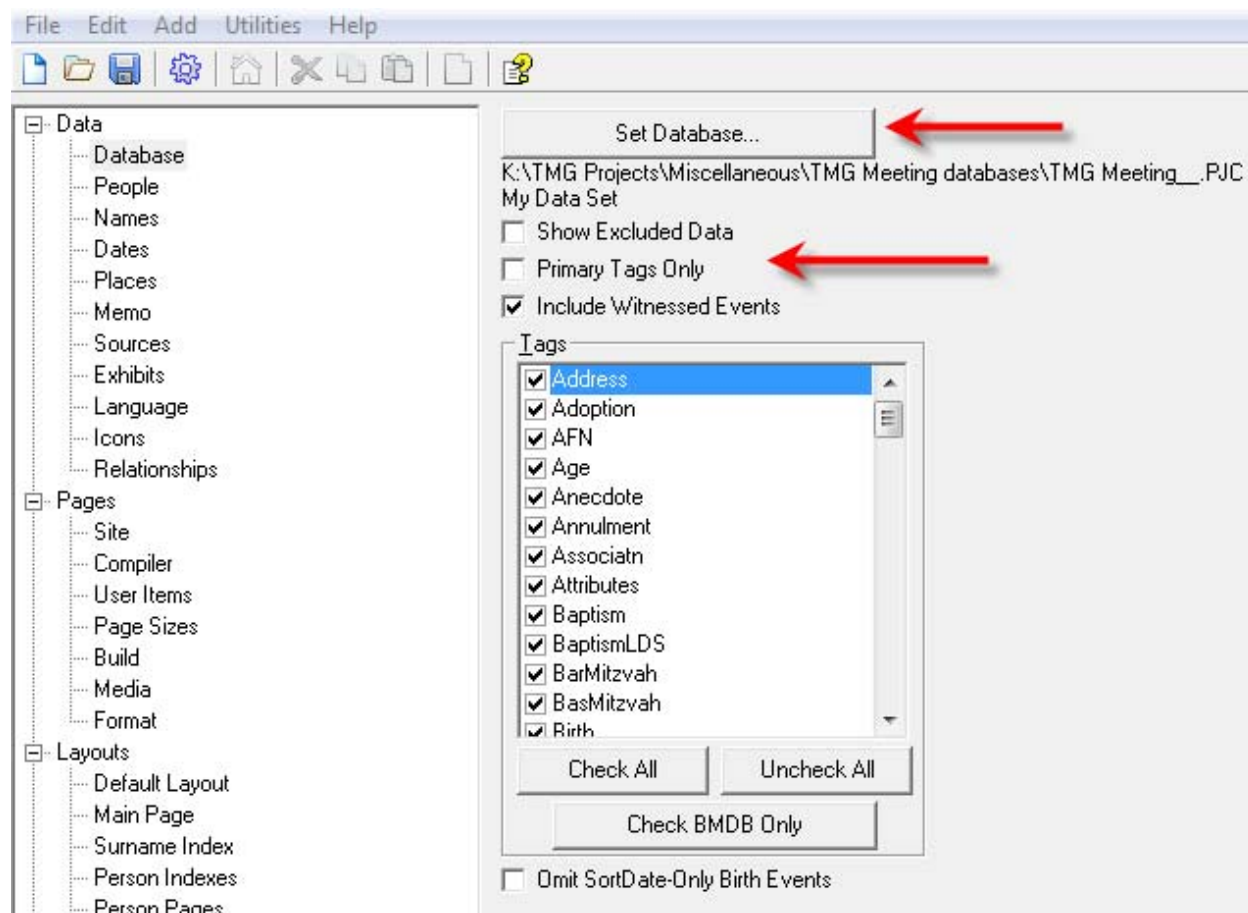
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Let me preface this month's presentation by stating that Second Site 2 is NOT an upgrade-John would even back me on it, as it was pounded into our heads too. It is a completely new program, written from the ground up. So, what does this mean for you and I? It is pretty simple, if you didn't use version 1 and are worried that you won't catch on-don't worry. Even those with version 1 probably will have to find their way too.

The first thing you will notice even before you open Second Site is that the icon is different (ok, admittedly perhaps you won't notice it), which is a pretty good hint that this baby is different than before. It installs and opens in the same manner as all programs.

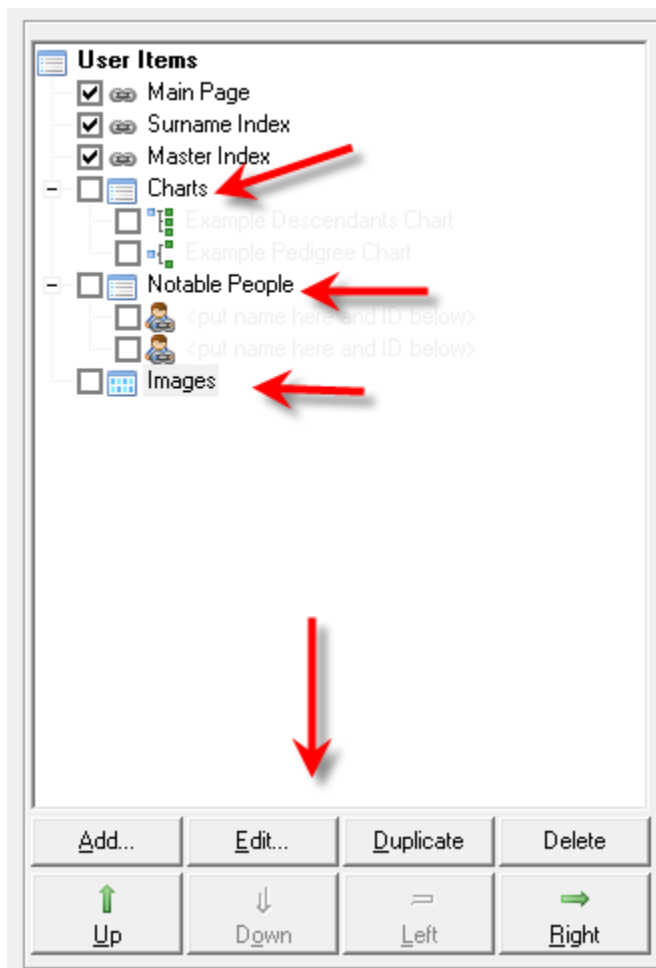
Now the changes-you absolutely, positively, CANNOT open a Second Site 1 file with Second Site 2. So, you have to create all new parameters.

First you need to create an SDF file and locate the database that you want to use, what tags you want to include (or if you want the primary ones only), and if you want to include the excluded data. All these options remain the same as they did in version 1.



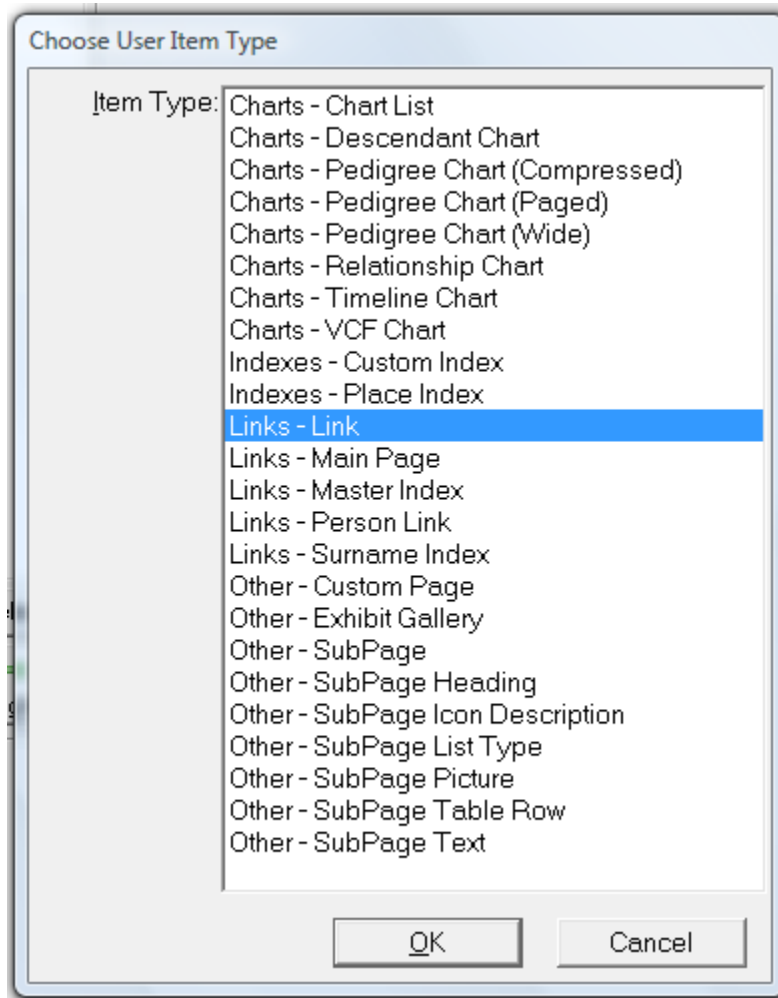
In fact, until you work your way down to the “Pages” section, all is pretty much as before.

The pages section has a few new goodies such as the User Items section. This is my own personal favorite, and one which deserves a good amount of your time. When you open this the first time, the default view looks like this:

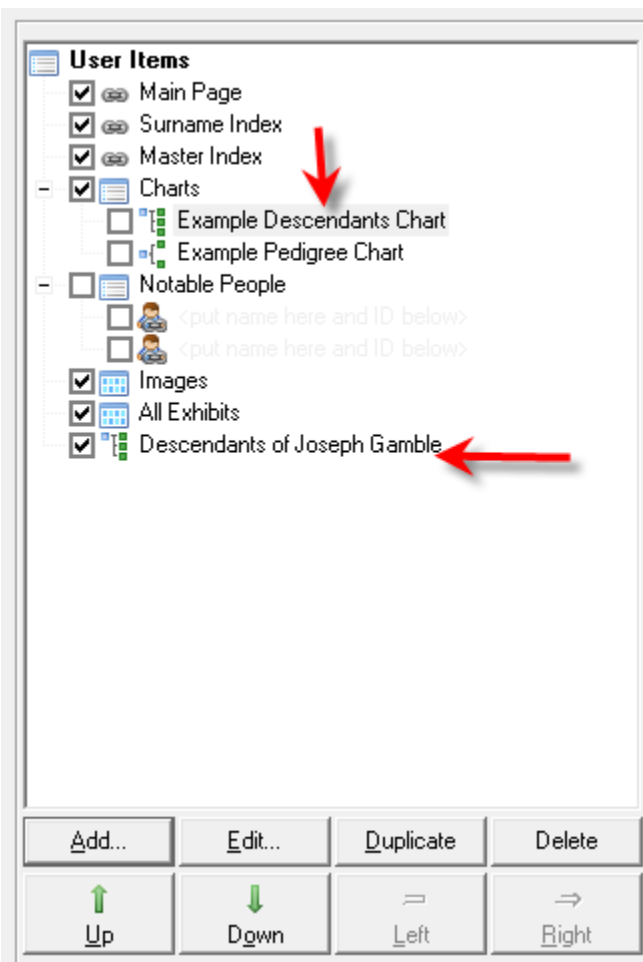


Although the entire section is new, some of the features that are shown need explanation. From this section, you control a majority of the look and feel of the website. By simply checking or un-checking the boxes above you are on your way. Start your exploration by clicking the “Add” button. This brings up a sub

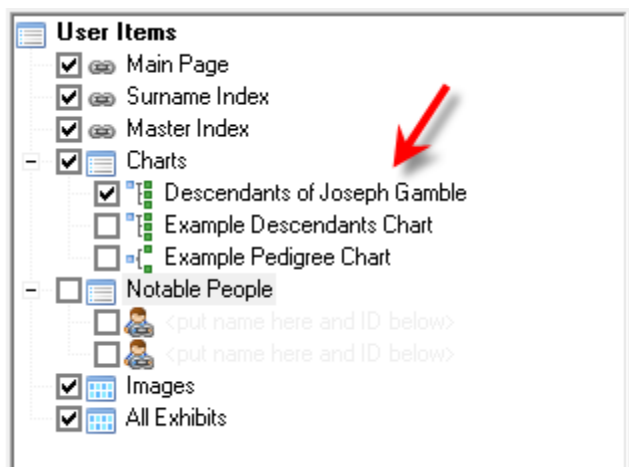
menu of items that you can either add or not to your website.



These can be moved around and made as sub parts to other items once you have included them. I'll demonstrate-below is another screen shot of the User Items. I have added a descendant chart for Joseph Gamble. However, I want it to appear under the menu heading of Charts, not where it is. All I do is drag it to where I want it. If you are not sure about dragging it, you can simply use the up and down, left and right keys to place it where you want it. Think of this screen much like an outline for a speech...



Like this:



In the User Items, you can even add features that you want to build into, but not include right now, all you have to do is leave them un-checked and they won't be

included in the final website. One of the indexes that is not immediately visible is the place index. To include one of these on your site, go to the Add screen we saw above, and choose the Indexes – Place Index option for your site. You will have to give it a title. I chose simply, “Place Index”. Where you place it in the list will determine where the button for it appears in your website.

Edit Place Index

Link

Title:

Filename:

Menu:

Button Image:

☒ Enabled

Place Levels

☐ L1 - Addressee ☒ L6 - Country

☐ L2 - Detail ☐ L7 - Zip

☒ L3 - City ☐ L8 - Phone

☐ L4 - County ☐ L9 - LatLong

☒ L5 - State ☐ L10 - Temple

Master Place Index

Description:

Index Options

Master Place Format:

☒ Static Indentation

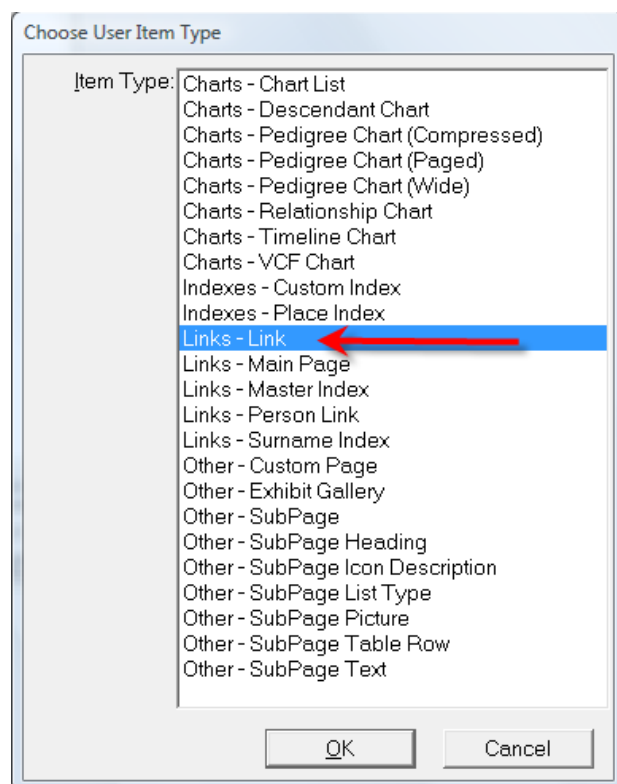
☒ Show Place Information

☐ Only Places with Information

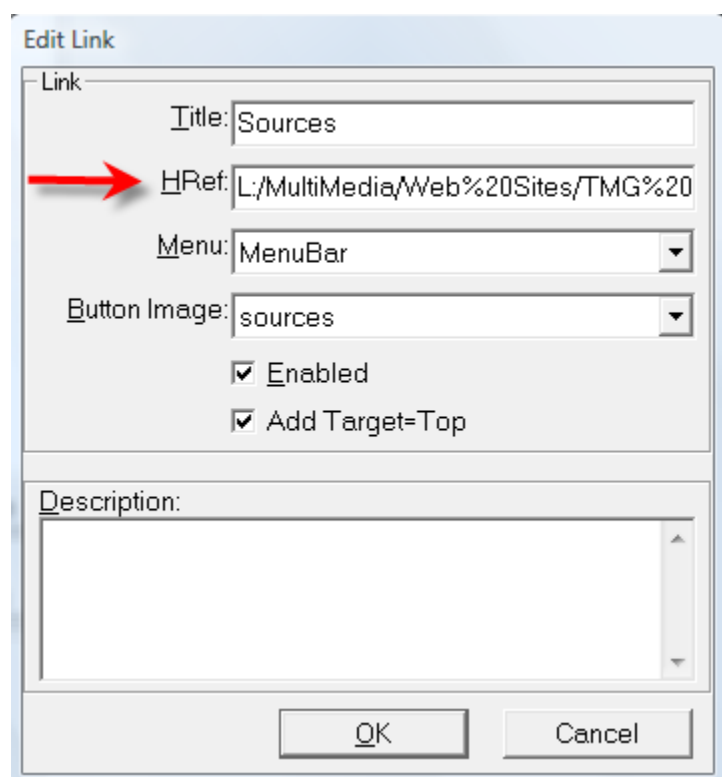
☐ Show Excluded Place Data

☒ Use Place Style on Place Information Page

I also like to have a button on my menu so that people can see my sources. This is a little more in-depth to do. First, you go back to the “Add” button on the User Items page, then click on **Links-Link**.



Then you will fill in the options.



Locating the HRef takes some finagling. You actually should build your site first, go to someone who has a source reference, and go to the top menu bar on your pc.



This needs to be cleaned up so that Second Site recognizes the reference. Any information in the line preceding the drive letter needs to be disregarded. In my example above, all information before the uppercase “L” needs to be deleted. At the end of the line, you will need to change the last digit to a “1” (as I have done above) in order to force the source pages to start at page 1.

I’ll let you guys continue to play with this area on your own.

Now we’ll move forward to the Layouts section. First, I will warn you that there are many possible layout combinations, so I will not cover those per se, but I will let you explore. However, the new abbreviations do need some explanation. Verbatim from the help files:

- **Layout Naming Rules**

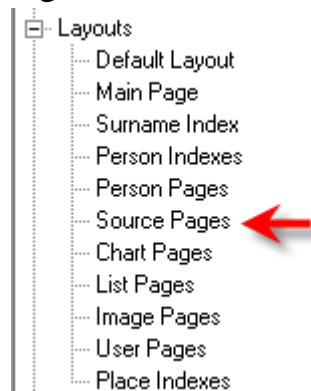
The structure of the names are as follows:

<i>Field</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Columns	1 Col	<i>One column</i>
	2 Col	<i>Two columns</i>
	3 Col	<i>Three columns</i>
Type	P	<i>Percentage</i> —Each of the columns is assigned a percentage width relative to the width of the browser window.
	LC	<i>Liquid Content</i> —The Content column expands or contracts to fit the browser window; the other columns are fixed.

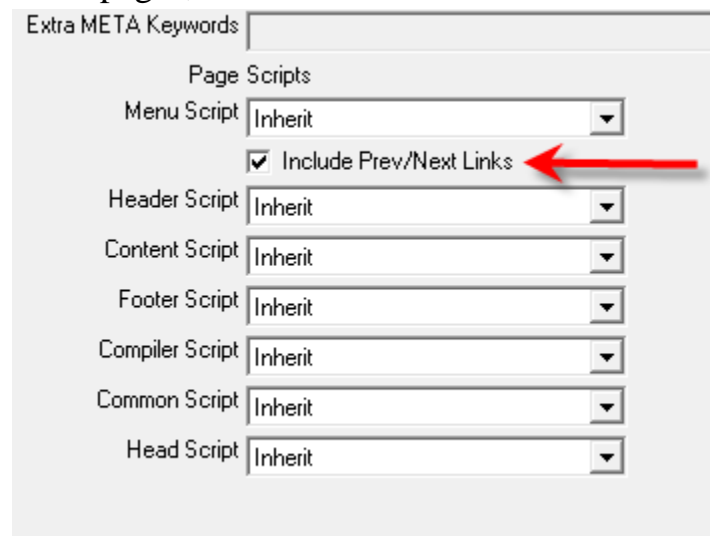
<i>Field</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
	F	<i>Fixed</i> —Each of the columns has a fixed width. Fixed-width layouts are centered in the browser window.
	FS	<i>Fixed SideBar</i> —The SideBar section is in its own column, and its width is fixed. The remaining columns expand or contract based on the width of the browser window.
	FX	<i>Fixed Extra</i> —The Extra section is in its own column, and its width is fixed. The remaining columns expand or contract based on the width of the browser window.
Column Codes	Con Side Xtra Ftr	<p><i>Column sequence</i>—The column sequence is described using short codes in the sequence of the columns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Con for the main Content section ○ Side for the SideBar section ○ Xtra for the Extra section ○ Ftr for the Footer section <p>For one column layouts, a minus sign (-) between two codes means that the two sections share a column. For example, in "1 Col F Con Side-Xtra", the Content section gets a column of it's own and the SideBar section is above the Extra section in the same column.</p> <p>For two column layouts, a plus sign (+) between two codes means that the first section is above the second. For example, in "2 Col F Side+Xtra Con", the SideBar section is above the Extra section in the same column, and the Content section gets a column of it's own.</p> <p>If the Footer section is not included in the sequence, as is the usual case, the Footer is below all the columns. The notation Con+Ftr means the Footer is positioned directly below the Content.</p>
Bottom Extra	BE	The code "BE" at the end of the name indicates that the Extra section is a wide section stacked below the other two columns.

Speaking of the help files, this brings up an excellent point-if at any time you are feeling lost or overwhelmed, please go to the **HELP>CURRENT SECTION** area under the help menu. It will bring up the help pages for the precise area you are in.

Obviously, your format is going to be very personal, and as I stated before, there are hundreds (possibly thousands-I honestly don't know) of combinations that can be created. The only section within this that I will point out is the **Layouts>Source Pages** section.



This section has, somewhat hidden, the link for the previous and next buttons within the source pages **ONLY**. You will more than likely want to have that checked. In going through more thoroughly, it is also un-checked by default in the **Person Pages**, so if you want the Previous/Next links showing on those pages, check the box there too.



In creating this particular database for this meeting, if I have not mentioned a section specifically, then I have left all the defaults in place.

The final section is the Styles section. Again, this has many, many combinations available. Here is the combination I used for this presentation:



This is a very brief overview of the options that are available in the new version of Second Site. For more reading and information, I highly suggest the following:

The help files. They are a great resource, and can be accessed from any location in Second Site. The main page is located here (if you installed into the default directory).

C:\Program Files\Second Site 2\Help\index.htm

Terry Reigel's website, which he has updated for the new version.

<http://tmg.reigelridge.com/SecondSite-basics.htm>

For a view of the many ways that Second Site 2 can be varied please look at this site:

<http://winters-online.net/ss2websites/index.html>