

# The Independent Internet

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# Topics

- Variables
- Process: Chicken-egg Scenario
- Project and activity ideas
- Common skills for students
- Common skills for teachers

# Variables

# Project variables

**Q:** Is it independent **study** and/or independent **topic**?

- Does teacher select the topic(s)?
- Does teacher provide a list of acceptable topics? Or a general range?
- Does teacher offer only the generic rubric\* and let students select topics

Interest and ability levels TEND to increase with the freedom to choose the topic

## Project variables

- Q:** Do students meet with their teacher regularly, once or twice, or not at all?
- Teachers need to create an email tree or better yet a **Web presence**. The less you meet, the bigger your **Web presence!**

# Web Presence!!

# Project variables

## Final Project

- Written report
- PowerPoint
- Online or paper exam
- Web page
- Newsletter
- Spreadsheet
- Photo gallery
- Multimedia
- Speech

## Project Delivery

- Hand or transmission
- Live or online
- Teacher only
- Teacher and class

## Evaluation

- Live or online



What comes first?

A Chicken and Egg I-Search Scenario

# Chicken egg I-Search scenario

## Getting Started:

- Address prerequisite skills
- Set up email, email groups, and a **Web Presence**
- Present AND email or post the assignment parameters — objectives, timelines, project, rubric
- Setup correspondence guidelines
  - Email subjects begin with the same first word
  - Attached file names: Last name & content keyword  
**JohnsonM\_Scrambled\_thoughts.doc**
  - Encourage group-representative email

## Chicken egg I-Search scenario

### **Midway activities:**

- Use Word forms -- checklists, quizzes, fun activities to trigger and track research efforts
- Require longhand rough drafts and use Word's Comments & Track Changes features
  - File swap with peer reviewers
- Send interesting URLs for the Works-Cited page
- Email races and bonuses
- Update teacher **Web Presence**
- Create student **Web Presence**
- Instant Messenger, Discussion Boards

## **Final projects:**

- For in-class sharing – PowerPoint
- For teacher only – Word research paper
- For online sharing – Web site and portal

### **Final projects should...**

1. Require synthesis of the research, not simply a copy/paste of existing content
2. Include more than text
3. Have bibliography
4. Be saved for portfolios

# Independent projects and activities I have done

- Portals, Hotlists, & Filamentality
- Scavenger Hunts
- Search-Engine comparisons
- Writing in the Round using Word comments and Track Changes
- Story or personal experience with illustrations and photographs
- Book reading with a BLOG
- FWD stories
- Online surveys
- Contact other schools in other countries
- Online class
- Converge at an IM meeting
- Create or join a moderated discussion board (not a chat site)
- Build a campus resource Website:
  - adopt a teacher
  - adopt a club
  - Adopt a service
  - FAQ
- 😊 Create a navigable photo tour of the campus with forward-backward-left-right-arrow navigation

# Common Internet Skills for Independent-Study Students

- Search and bookmark
- Portable bookmarks
- [Works-cited portal](#); [Copyright and fair use](#); [bibliography](#)
- Up and download words, pictures, sounds, movies
- Communicate personally (*email, IM, P2P*)
- Post publicly (*Web page design*)
- File-naming conventions
- Email attachments

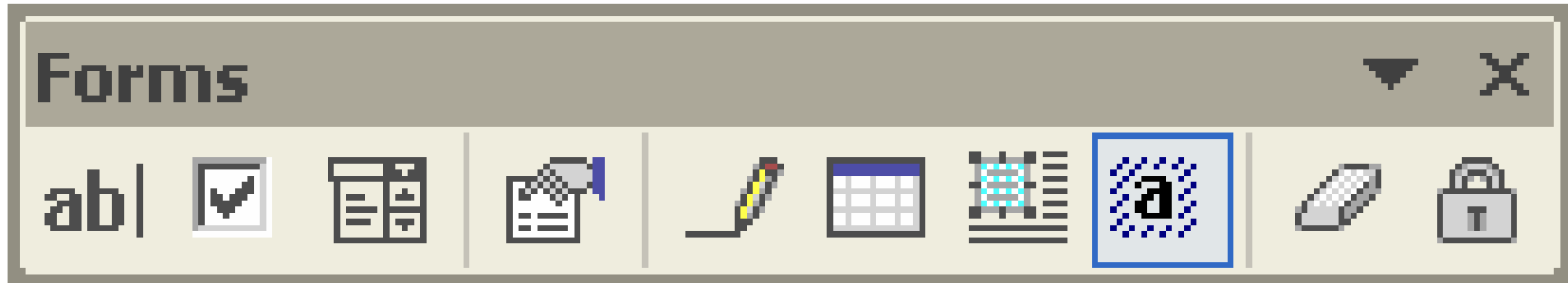
# Common Internet Skills for Independent-Study Teachers

- Word forms
- Word templates
- Word Comments and Track Changes
- Generic file formats .RTF .HTML
- Email trees

- Web-page design & Establishing a...

**Web Presence!!**

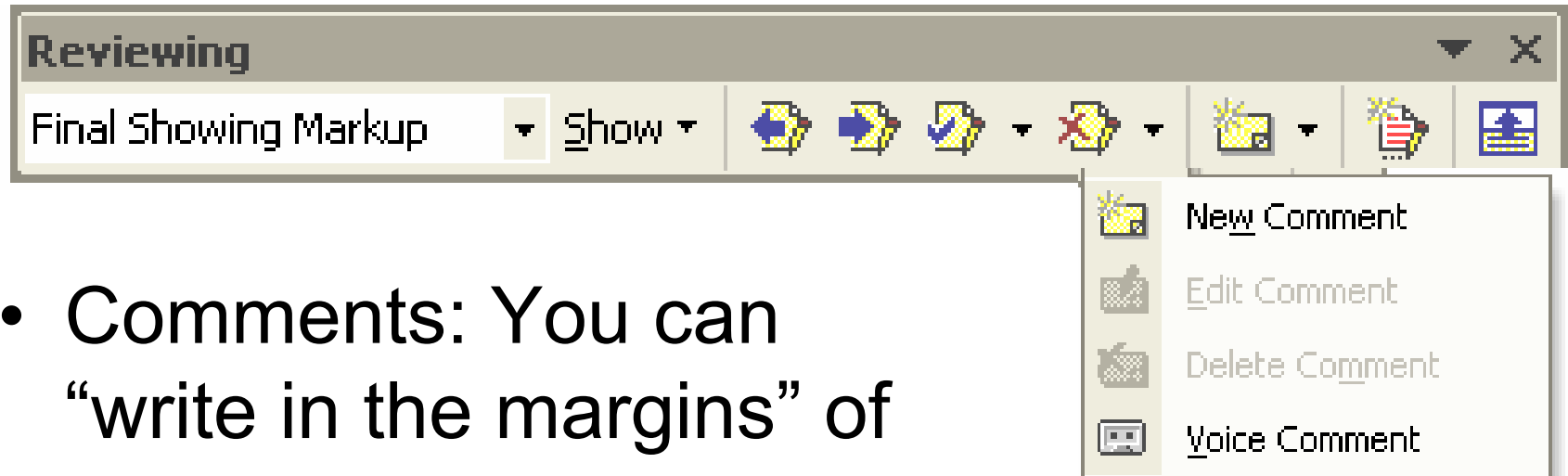
# Word Forms



- Word forms allow you to create editable fields in a locked document.
- Longhand
- Checkbox
- Multiple choice

example

# Comments and Track Changes



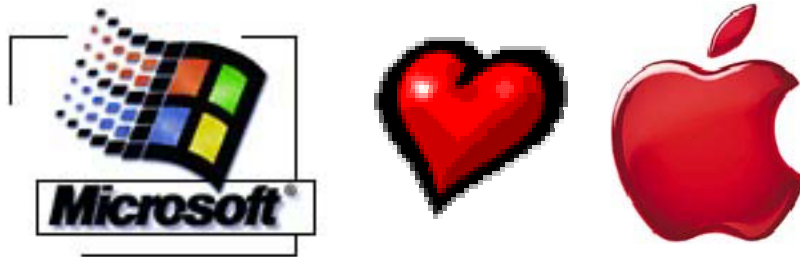
- Comments: You can “write in the margins” of student essays
- Track Changes: You can make tentative corrections in their words

example

# Generic File Formats

Pure text can be saved as .TXT .HTML or .RTF

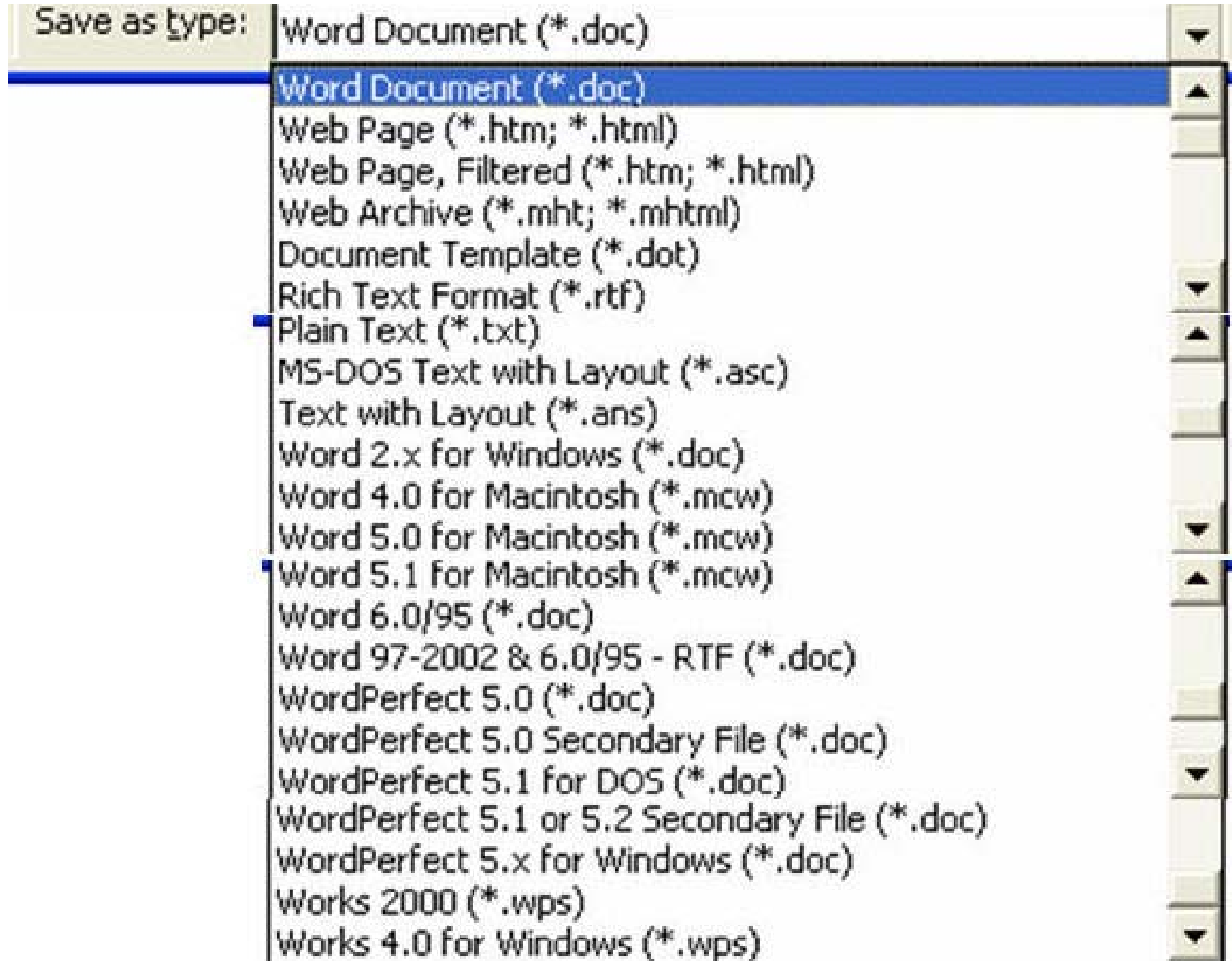
Text with tables, graphics, and special formatting can be saved as .RTF



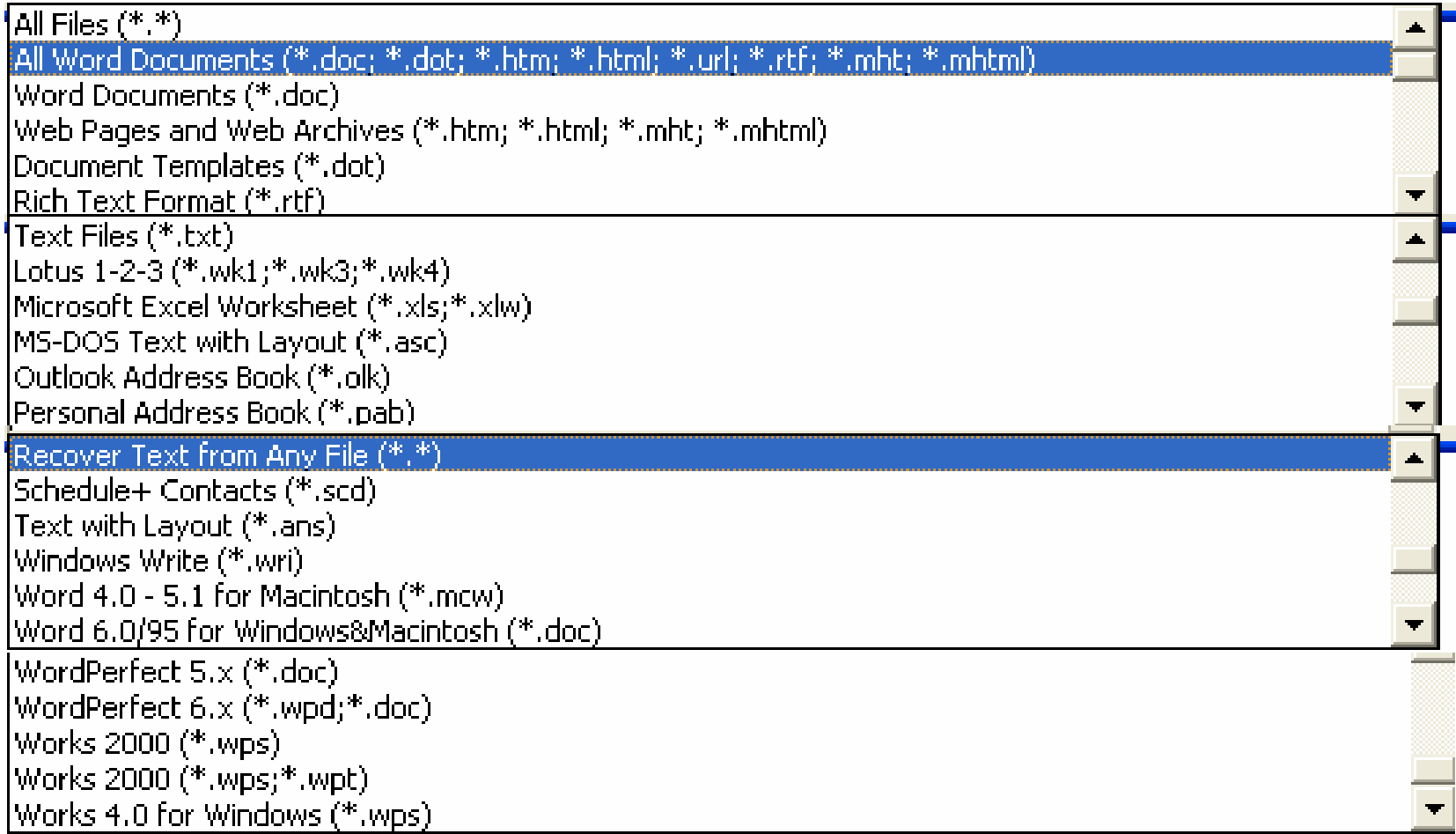
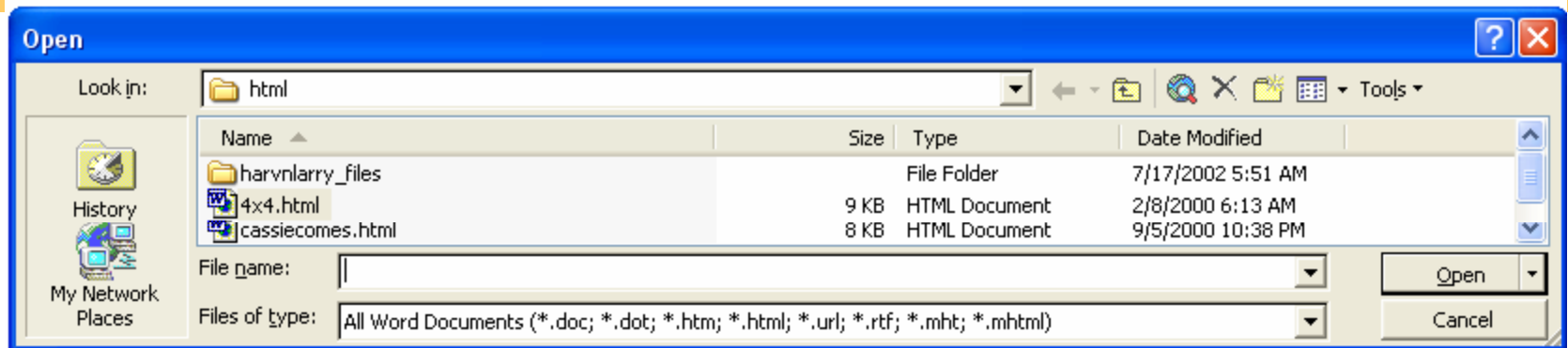
- Virtually anything can be printed to .PDF if you own Acrobat or Mac OS X



# Word's Save-As... Options



# Word's Open-As... Options



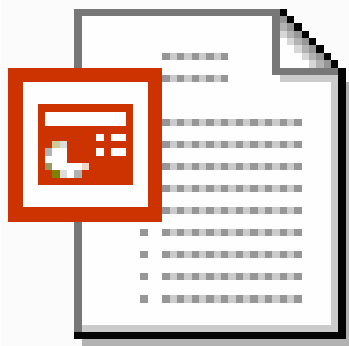
Web-page design &  
Establishing a Web presence

**Web Presence!!**

# HTML files are pure text!!!!!!

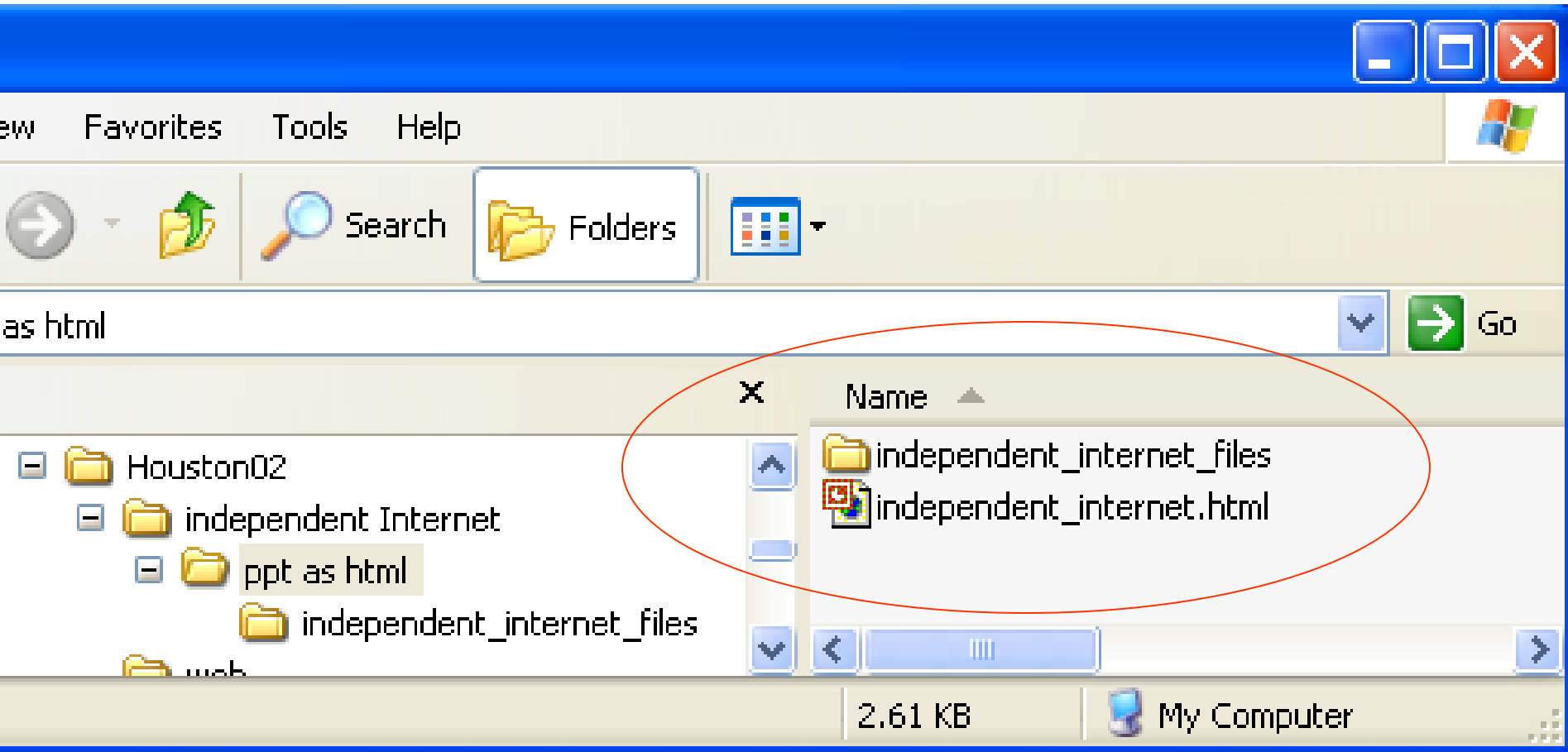
- You **must** know this.
- HTML files don't hold graphics; they point to separate graphics files
- When using graphics, you must upload the whole directory structure and cluster of files.

# PowerPoint as PPT

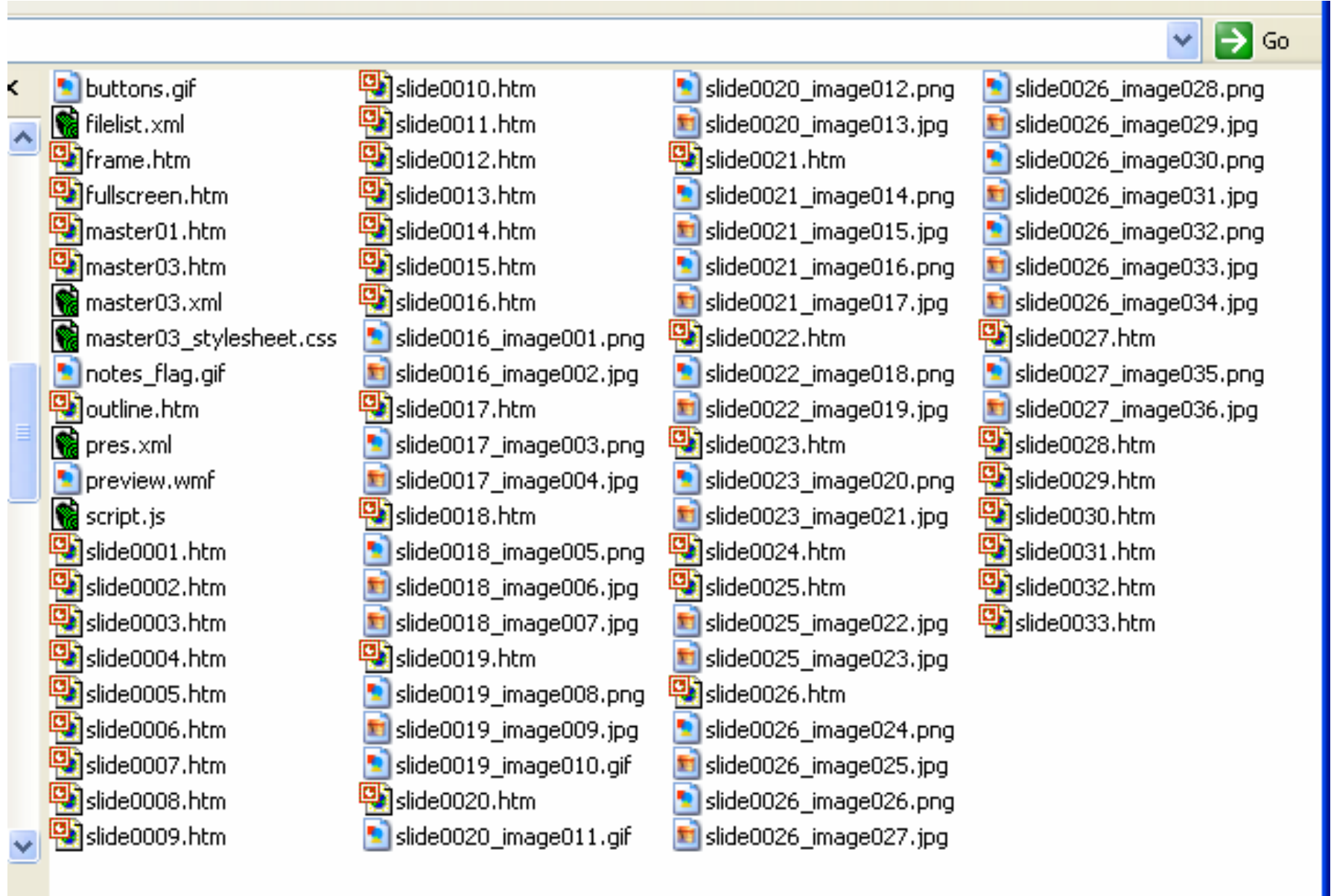


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Microsoft PowerPoint Present...  
1,161 KB

# PPT converted to HTML



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# Web-hosting and service sites

- [www.teacherweb.com](http://www.teacherweb.com)
  - [teacherweb.com/CA/Benicia/MrGibbs/index.html](http://teacherweb.com/CA/Benicia/MrGibbs/index.html)
- [www.geocities.com](http://www.geocities.com)
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