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KompoZer: Getting Started

Purpose

KompoZer is a complete Web Authoring System that combines Web file management and easy-to-use WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) Web page editing. KompoZer is designed to be extremely easy to use. This makes it ideal for non-technical computer users who want to create an attractive, professional-looking Web site without needing to know HTML or Web coding. KompoZer allows you to create Web pages as easily as you would type a word processing document, and then publish them to your Web site just by saving the document. This makes it ideal for home use, students, marketing professionals, general business use, and so on.

In this tutorial sheet you will learn how to:

1. Download KompoZer software
2. Install the software
3. Open the program
4. Use the KompoZer interface
5. Set up a site

Software Needed

Windows, Mac, KompoZer

Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills

Before beginning this tutorial please make sure that you have completed the **File Management** and **FTP** tutorials.

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Lesson 1: Downloading and Installing the Software





KompoZer is a free Web editing software. You can download and install the latest version of KompoZer from this Web [site](http://kompozer.net/download.php). (<http://kompozer.net/download.php>) There are versions of KompoZer for Windows, Macintosh and Linux. This tutorial will show you how to get the appropriate one for your system.



Activity 1: Download the Latest Version of KompoZer

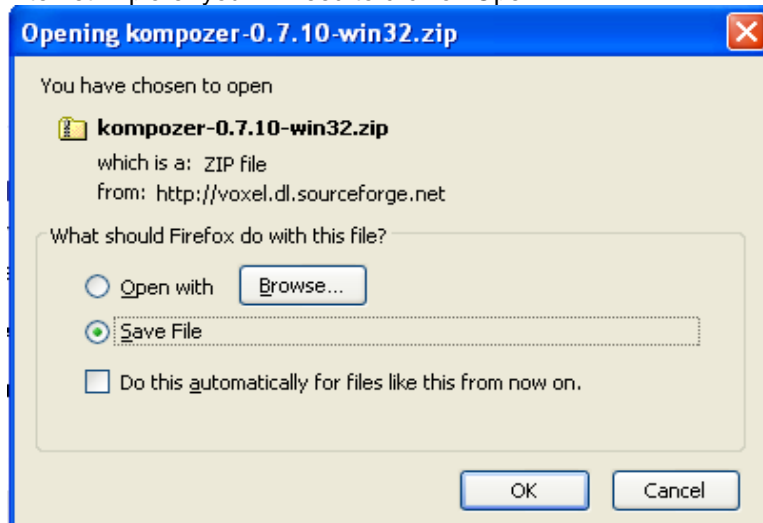
1. Go to <http://kompozer.net/download.php>. You will notice that on this page you have many different options for downloading the program. The version for the Mac will have the Mac OS icon in the left column. The version for Windows will have a Windows icon. In this tutorial we are going to show you how to download and install the software on a PC.

Latest stable version: 0.7.10 (2007-08-30)

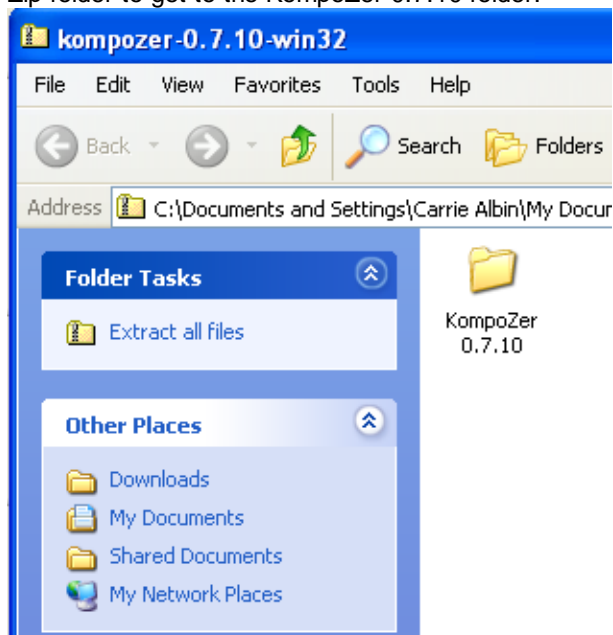
-  Win32 binary
[kompozer-0.7.10-win32.zip](#) (7.6 MB) — built with VC++ 7.0 on XP/Cygwin
-  MacOS X ppc binary
[kompozer-0.7.10-mac.dmg](#) (11.0 MB) — contributed by Sébastien Desvignes (aka [bobo](#))
 successfully tested on both PPC and Intel based Macs
-  Linux i486 binary (GTK 2.12 required, will **NOT** work with GTK ≥ 2.14)
[kompozer-0.7.10-gcc4.0.3-i486.tar.gz](#) (10.3 MB) — built with gcc 4.0 on Linux 2.6.15
[kompozer-0.7.10-i386.deb](#) (8.2 MB) — successfully tested on Debian Etch, Debian Lenn
[kompozer-0.7.10-i386.rpm](#) (8.2 MB) — successfully tested on RHEL5, Fedora Core 4 to :
-  Source code
[kompozer-0.7.10-src.tar.bz2](#) (28.5 MB) — based on Nvu 1.0 source code (Gecko 1.7)

Download!
KompoZer for Windows

2. Go to [kompozer-0.7.10-win32.zip](#) and click on **Save File and OK**. If you are using Internet Explorer you will need to click on Open.

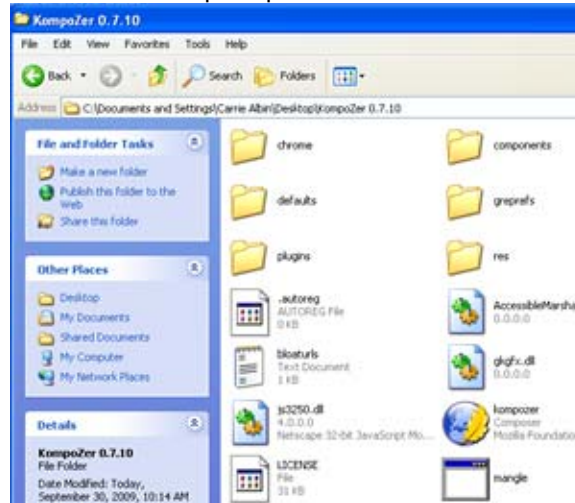


3. If you are using Firefox the Zip file will show up in a download list. Double click on the Zip folder to get to the KompoZer 0.7.10 folder.



4. Click on the Extract All Files link on the left hand side and walk through the Extraction

Wizard. Be sure to extract the files to your Desktop so you know where to find them. Once the files are extracted, navigate to your Desktop and click on the Kompozer 0.7.10 folder to open up it's contents.

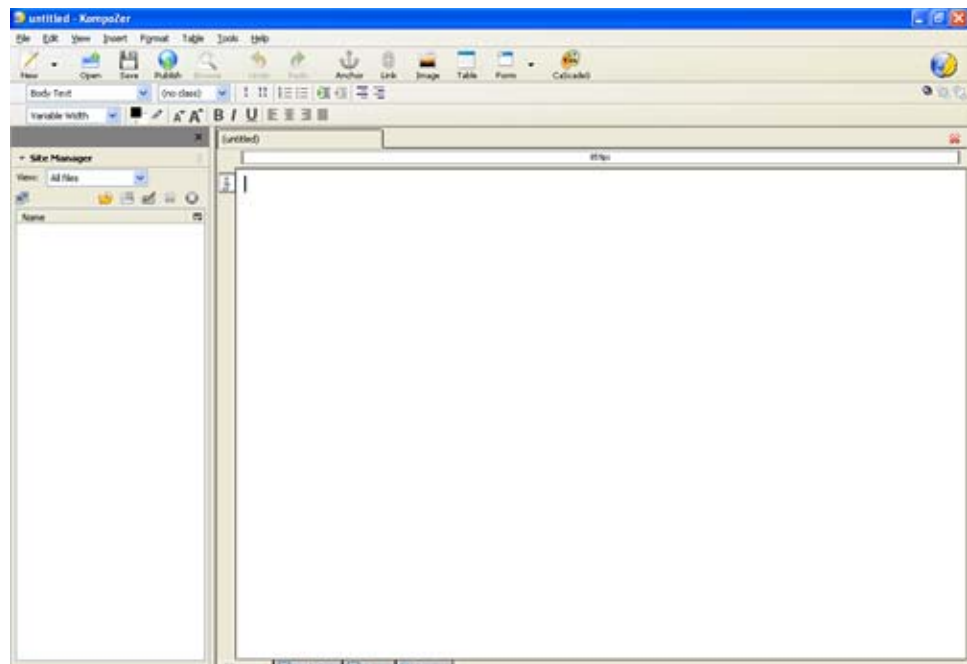


5. Right click on the KompoZer icon in the list of files and choose Send To > Desktop (create shortcut)
6. Navigate back to your Desktop and Double click on the Kompozer shortcut in order to open the program. You will use this same shortcut anytime you want to open the program. You may get a Security Warning dialog box like the one below. If so, click on **Run** and KompoZer should open up.



Activity 2: Open up KompoZer

1. Go to your Desktop and click on the **KompoZer** shortcut.



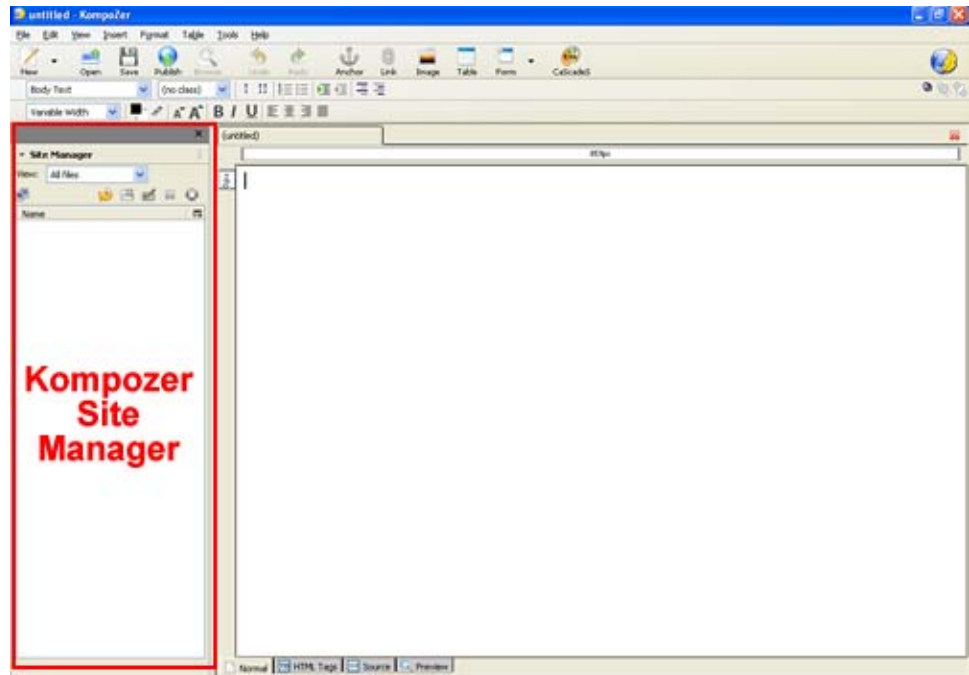
The KompoZer Interface

KompoZer has many elements in common with Microsoft Word. They include:

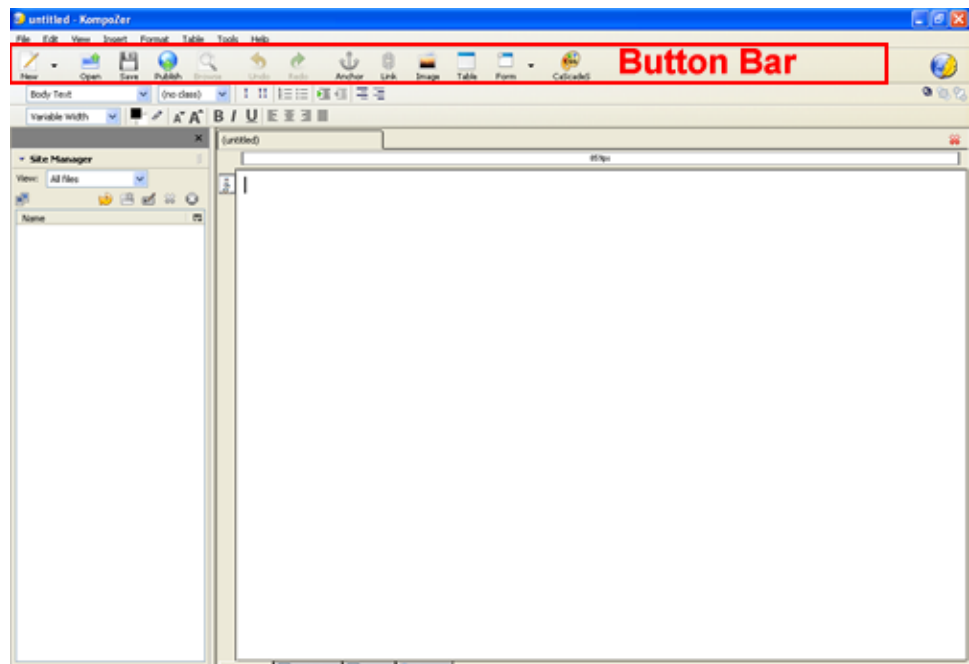
1. Title bar and window control icons (minimize, overlap, and close)
2. Menu bar with similar menus: File, Edit, View, Insert, and so on
3. A toolbar with some familiar and some new icons
4. Document area (which is empty or shows a shortcut window when you first start up)




It also has some new elements not found in Word:








- **KompoZer Site Manager** panel is located on the left. The **View Tabs** area at the bottom of the KompoZer interface allow you to view four different versions of the HTML file on which you are working.
1. **KompoZer Site Manager** enables you to upload and download the Web documents. It uses FTP to transfer the Web documents to and from the Web server.



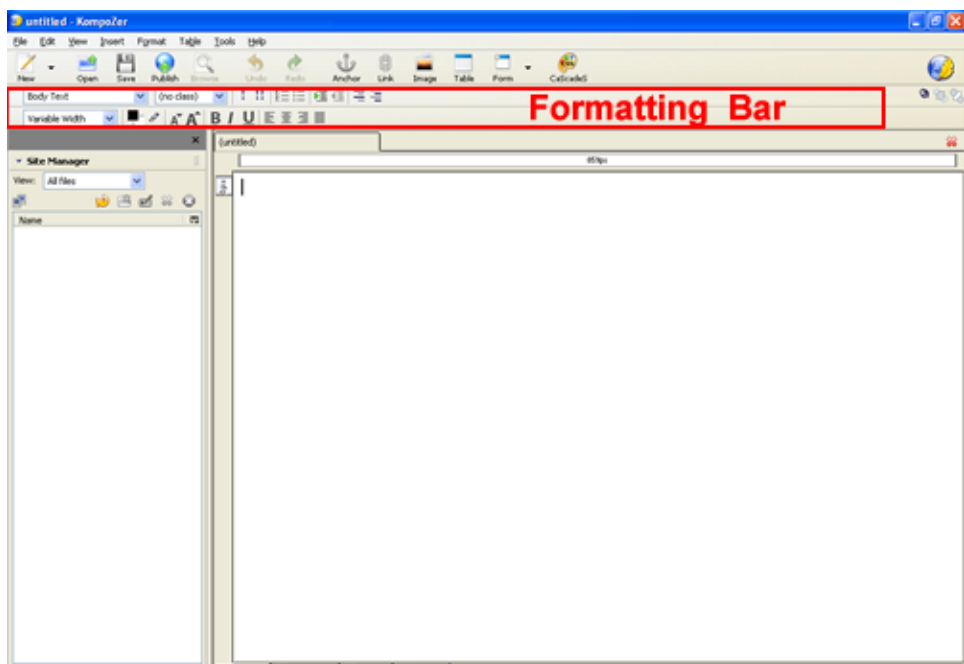
2. The **Button Bar** contains shortcuts to functions such as New, Open, Save, etc which can also be found in the drop-down menus located at the top of the KompoZer interface.



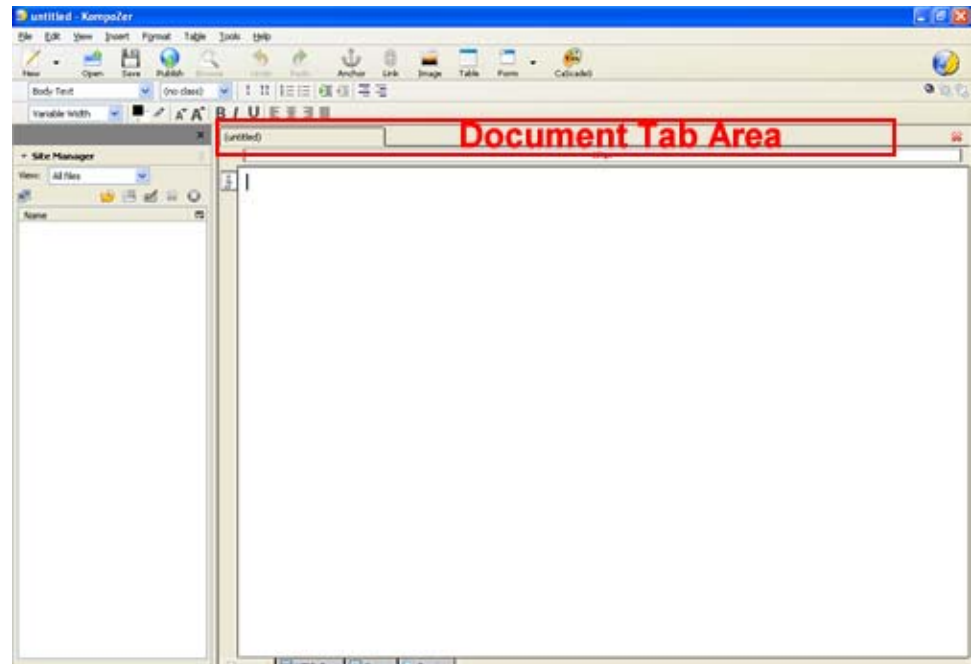
Icon	Function
 New	To create a new page
 Open	To open an existing page
 Save	To save a page

 Publish	To upload file to a remote location
 Browse	To view the current page in your default Web browser
 Anchor	To insert new named anchor or edit selected anchor's properties
 Link	To insert new link or edit selected link's properties
 Image	To insert new image or edit selected image's properties
 Table	To insert new table or edit selected table's properties
 Form	To insert new form or edit selected form's properties

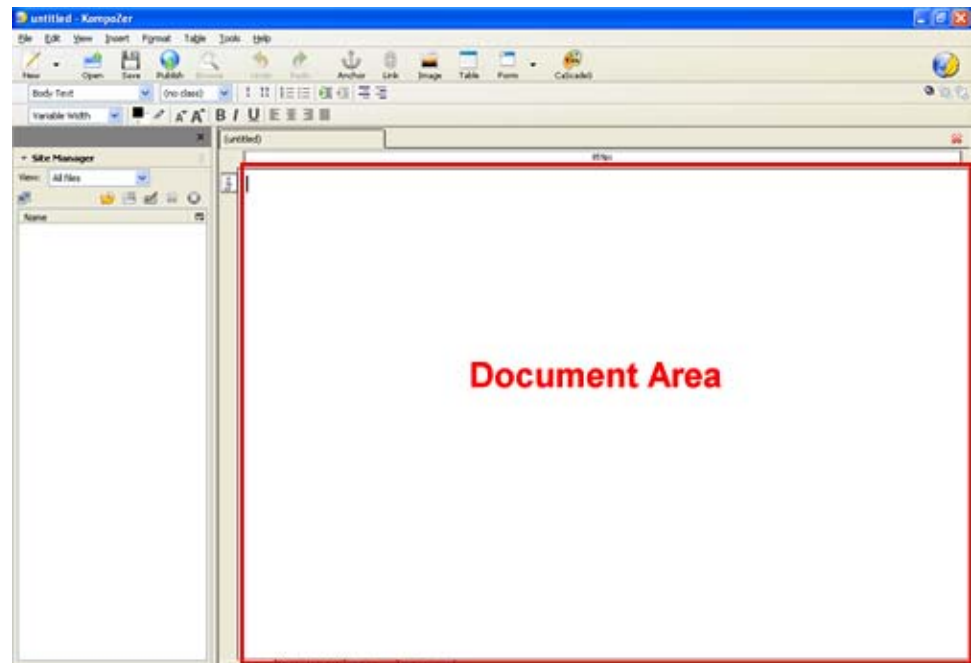
3. The **Formatting Bar** contains icons for editing texts. Most of them are similar to those in Word.



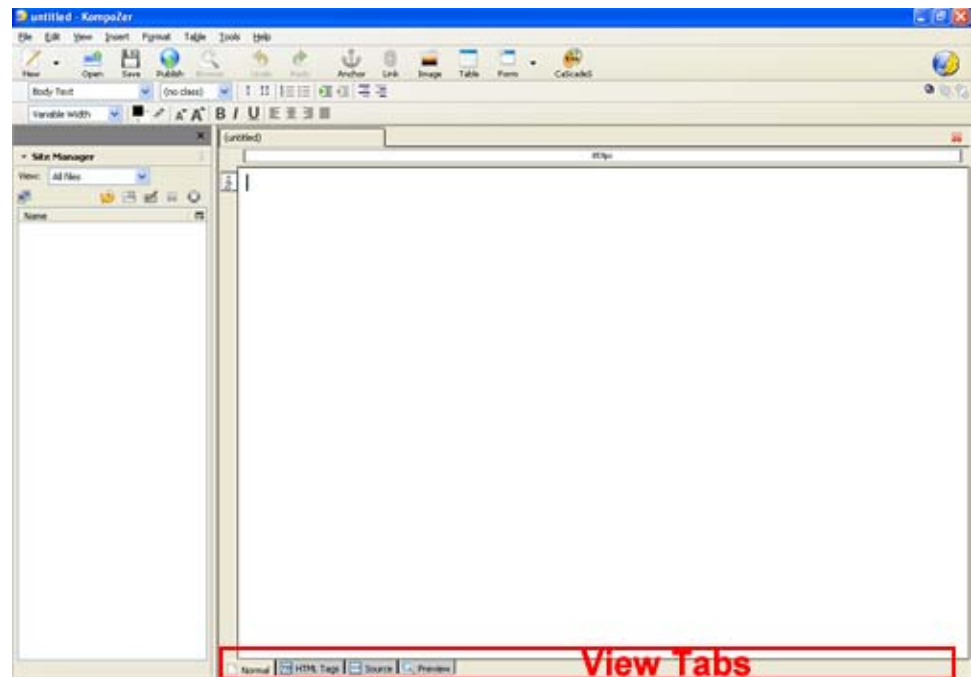
4. The **Document Tab Area** provides you access to any pages that you may have opened. You can also close the active document by clicking on the red X.



5. The **Document Area** is where you insert and edit your contents such as images, text, links, etc.



6. The **View Tabs** allow you to choose from 4 different views of the current page. You will learn more about these different views in the Part 2 tutorial.



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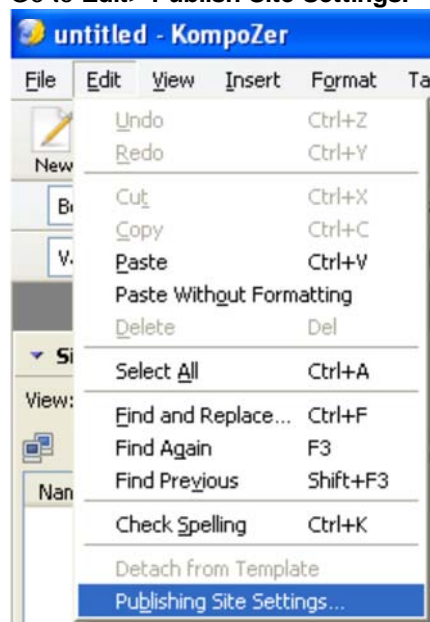
Lesson 2: Setting up a Site

Setting up a site is the first step of Web publishing. It may seem complicated because it involves multiple procedures. Make sure to complete the **File Management** and **FTP** tutorials. Parts of this lesson will not make sense if you have not completed the steps in the FTP tutorial.



Activity 1: Set up a Site

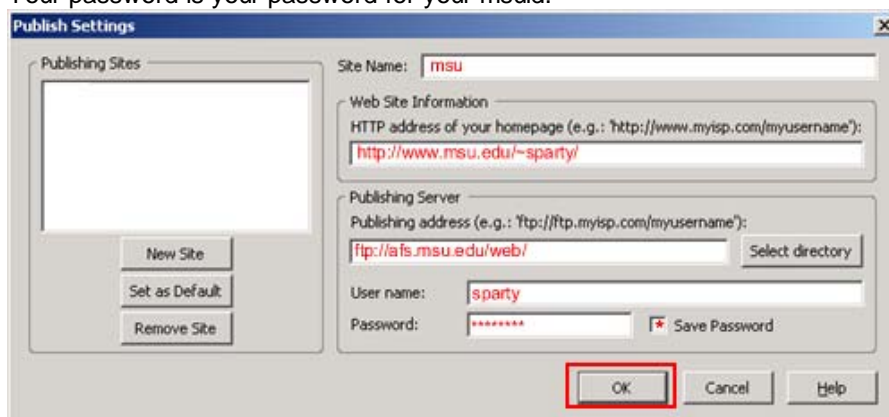
1. Go to **Edit > Publish Site Settings**.



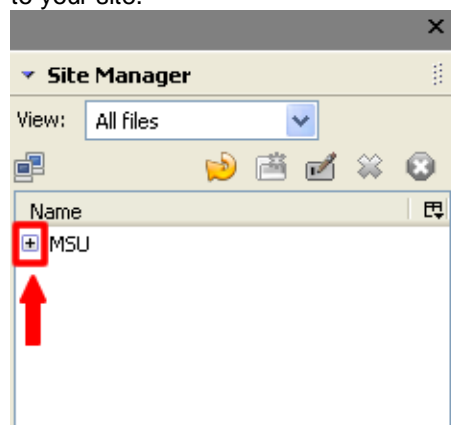
2. In the **Publish Settings** window fill in your site name, http address of your home page,

publishing address and user name and password. Specifically:

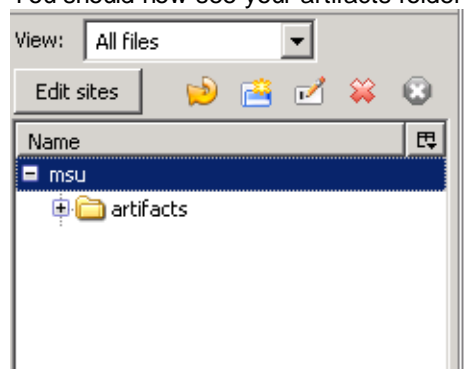
- Give your site a name. Use a unique site name so that you can distinguish it from other sites you might create.
- Enter your http address. Your http address is `http://www.msu.edu/~your MSUNetID` in the example image below we used the msuid **sparty**. (Note that you will generally find the ~ (tilda sign) in the top left corner of your keyboard. You will also have to hold the shift key down and press the key with the ~ sign.)
- Your publishing address for your AFS account is **`ftp://afs.msu.edu/web/`**
- Your password is your password for your msuid.



- Click on **Save Password**. (Note: only do this if you are the only person using your computer).
- Click on **OK**.
- On the left side of your KompoZer window you should see your **Site Manager** pane and it should now display the title of the site you just created. Click on the + sign next to your site.



- You should now see your artifacts folder that you uploaded in the **FTP** tutorial.



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Wrap Up:

In this tutorial you learned how to download and install software. You also learned about how to open KompoZer and the major components of its interface. Most importantly, you have learned how to set up a site. By doing this you have input the settings for connecting to the remote server that will host your site. Next you will learn how to begin creating your site.