

## About TNG

### About The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding

The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (TNG) was first released in 2001 by Darrin Lythgoe. Since then it has been purchased by thousands of users and deployed in countless countries throughout the world. Now in version 7.0, TNG continues to expand as more and more features and functions are integrated. Although TNG is very well designed and supported by an active forum and wiki, many users find the many options and features somewhat daunting. The Webmaster's Guide was written so that users can fully understand and appreciate the richness of the application.

If you are not familiar with TNG, I invite you to subscribe to the TNG-Resources newsletter on the Home page. You will then be able to download a couple of articles to help you get started:

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&ldquo;Introducing The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding&rdquo;

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&ldquo;Getting Started with The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding&rdquo;

You will also be able to obtain additional short papers and articles related to TNG and family history Web site development, as well as receive occasional e-mail notices as new articles are released.

In a very short time, you will come to share so many others's conclusion that TNG is the most exciting and significant genealogy application since their very first desktop genealogy program. For me, that was when I first installed &ldquo;Family Roots&rdquo; (Quinsept Software) on my Commodore 64 some 25 years ago. That program cost me about \$225, compared to TNG which currently sells for \$29.99.

Check out some of the remarkable TNG user sites!

About &ldquo;The Webmaster's Guide&rdquo;

This book began as I set about to document the steps that I was taking to create my own TNG family history Web site. Given the vast opportunities for modification and customization, as well as the diverse knowledge available on the TNG forum and wiki, I wanted a record of my efforts. During those times when I hit snags and solicited assistance from the TNG community, I often heard the same comment, &ldquo;we need a book on TNG.&rdquo; I was next contacted by several seasoned TNG users who volunteered to review the content and offer up suggestions.

Thus, the book was born and the support and enthusiasm have snowballed. What was initially intended to be a relatively short &ldquo;Getting Started&rdquo; guide, became a comprehensive Webmaster's Guide. This book will assist many more persons in developing truly fantastic TNG-based family history Web sites and allow existing sites to be expanded with exciting new features and functions.

Prospective users &ndash; who are considering a family history Web site &ndash; will have access to a wealth of information in which to evaluate the suitability of TNG for their family history site project. In most cases, users who are serious about their genealogy are also serious about how it is published to the Web.

New users &ndash; just starting out with TNG, but have good basic computer skills &ndash; will find detailed, step-by-step instructions for installing, configuring and managing TNG that will result in a fully functioning Web site in short order. In general, the book will save new users many tens of hours of research and trial-and-error effort in achieving a working TNG site.

Intermediate users &ndash; possessing a good working knowledge of TNG and able to modify computer code with directions &ndash; will find many additional ideas for tweaking and extending their TNG sites and growing their user experiences.

Advanced users &ndash; adept at TNG and assisting others in understanding how to modify computer code &ndash; will find a handy reference for most of the powerful features and functions of TNG.

&ldquo;The Webmaster's Guide&rdquo; consists of 768 pages, 19 chapters, 10 appendices, and hundreds of illustrations. The book includes a detailed table of contents and comprehensive index. It also contains hundreds of hyperlinked cross-references and links to outside sites.

In this book, you&rsquo;ll learn all about TNG and its many customizable features. You&rsquo;ll venture through the step-by-step processes to get your site up and running, and keep it maintained.

Due to all of the hyperlinks, the book will be delivered in e-book (PDF) format so that you can easily jump to related topics, sample sites, related product knowledge, or forum and wiki topics. Likewise, you are free to print any specific portions that you might need in hard copy, or you can print the entire book if you choose. The book is already formatted for duplex (back-to-back) printing.

Whatever your current interest, the Webmaster's Guide to TNG 7.0 will increase your understanding and application of this cutting-edge technology. Yes, you too can have a dynamic, database-driven family Web site!

Subscribe to the TNG-Resources newsletter to view the entire Table of Contents, as well as a sample chapter from the book.

## Bonuses!

In addition to the Webmaster's Guide, you'll have access to a growing number of articles and technical papers to assist you in developing your family history Web site. These papers provide detailed descriptions and procedures for working with the various Web development tools, including: tweaking (modifying) TNG text files, uploading files to the Web server, working with geographical coordinates, optimizing photos for the Web, protecting online photos, and more. These papers ensure that you have access to some of the best knowledge and resources available as you set about to create and enhance your family history Web site. Further, based on your feedback and requests one or two additional papers are being added each week!

Besides the technical papers, you will also receive periodic e-mail notices from me with additional tips, tricks and tweaks. My objective is to make the entire TNG experience as enjoyable and painless as possible by clarifying and supplementing the vast resources on the TNG forum, Wiki, and mailing lists. My goal is that you will realize the incredible pleasures in having your own family history Web site!

&ldquo;Webmasters Guide to TNG&rdquo;

Price: \$35.00