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Free Website Building Tools That Are Good Replacements for Google Page Creator

[Google Page Creator](#) is awesome - anyone can build a good looking website in minutes using the built-in templates or they can write pages externally (say in Dreamweaver) and upload them to Creator.



And everything is free - there are no ads on your pages and Google takes care of all the web hosting bills. But as they say, all good things come to an end, and so is Google Page Creator getting [replaced by Google Sites](#).

Compare Google Sites with Google Page Creator

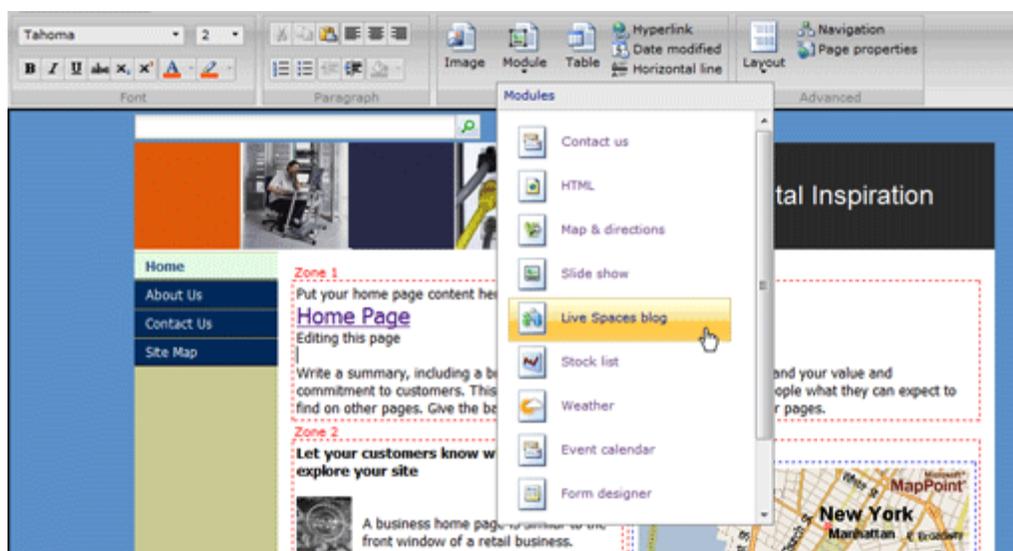
While Google Sites and Google Pages have common feature (like the WYSIWYG AJAX editor), they are still quite different. For instance, you can't upload HTML pages to Google Sites and are therefore limited to using one of the built-in themes for your site design.

The second issue is that if you make a Google Site public, the associated 'site activity log' also becomes public - most website publisher will have reservations sharing this data with unknown visitors. Lastly, all external hyperlinks are 'nofollow' if that means anything to you.

Free Alternatives to Google Page Creator

Here's a roundup of some website building services that are free and non-technical.

1. [Office Live Small Business](#) - While the name may suggest that the service is only for small business owners, just about anyone can create their website here.

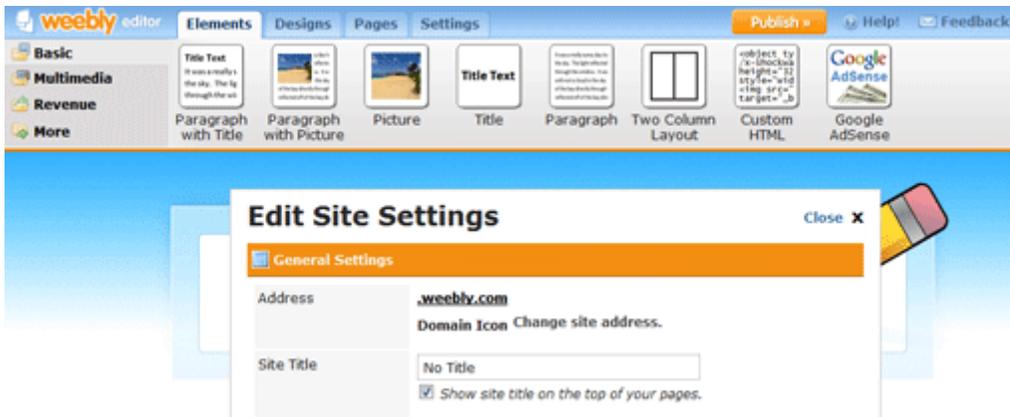


Website Builder inside Office Live Small Business

Office Live is easy and filled with goodies - you have tons of professional web templates and color themes to choose from, there're ready-made modules for common tasks like web forms, photo galleries, live maps, email newsletters, etc. plus you can also upload office documents to the website.

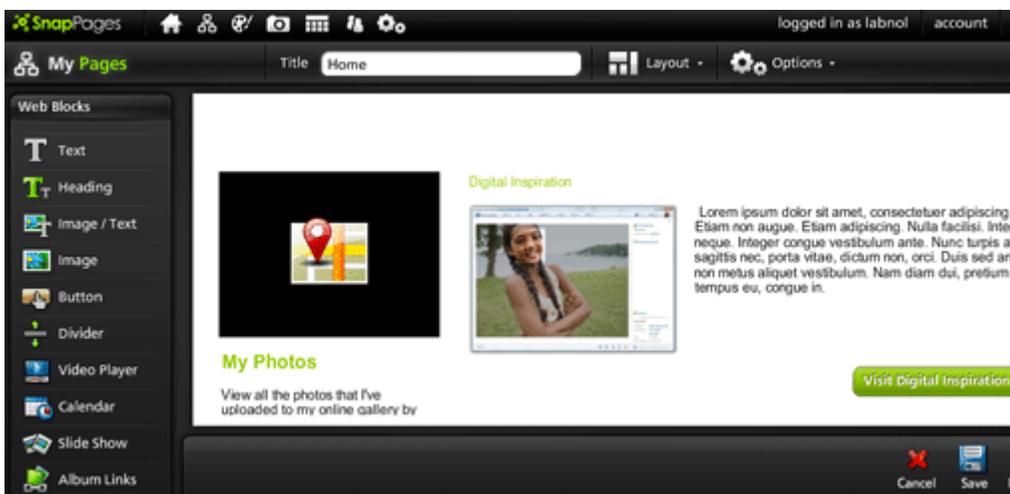
Everything is free including web hosting and server space. See a [sample site](#).

2. **Weebly** - This is powerful but very user friendly and easy web page builder where you start with a blank canvas and build the page by dragging elements that include text, videos, pictures, maps and more.



Geeks can write their own HTML and add them to Weebly pages. There's support for Google ads as well so you can even monetize sites created inside Weebly. Another advantage - site publishers download their full site with pictures and CSS as a zip file. Free users gets 100 MB of free storage space and there're no bandwidth limitations. See [sample site](#).

3. **Snap Pages** - This is Flash based website editor that is very beautiful and may be a perfect place if you looking to create a small website for sharing some photos and your calendar. The options are slightly limited for non-premium users as they can't create new pages. See [sample site](#).

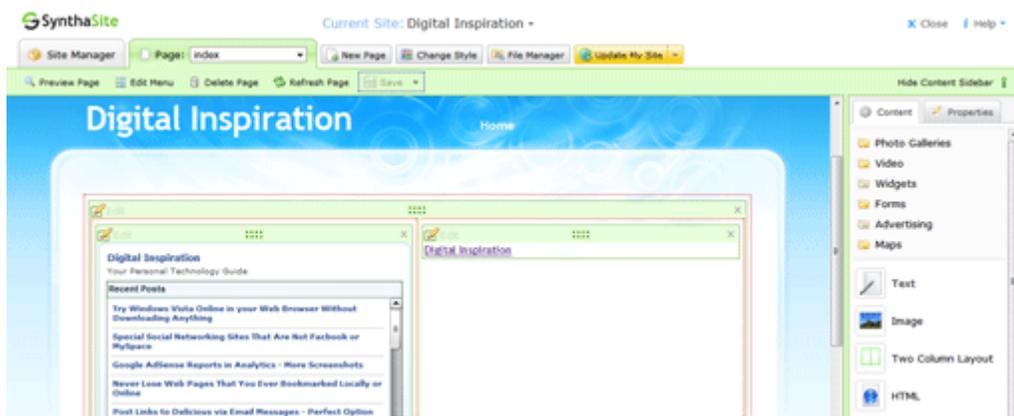


4. **Edicy Pages** - It's a new website creation tool that is just perfect for the techie crowd who wants more control over their site layout.

Start by picking a design from the template gallery and then you may completely change the look and feel of your site by editing the blog template similar to WordPress themes or Blogger template. It also supports JavaScript code and like Google Sites, Edicy tracks all changes made to a site. See [example site](#).



5. [Synthasite](#) - This is again an easy yet very powerful tool for building websites but unlike competition, Synthasite is completely free. Images uploaded to Synthasite can be directly edited in Picnik just like you have in Flickr. The tool also lets you embed Google AdSense ads in web pages much like Weebly. See [example site](#).



Some more site builders worth checking out are [WebOn](#), [WebSketch](#), [Viviti](#), [Wix](#) and [Webs](#).

- [Know Everything about Websites](#)
- [How to Completely Test a Website](#)

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