

# Site Updates, and More Eureka Moments

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Server-side includes have allowed me to finally, finally get some new material up on the site. I've been dreading doing updates because after I added a single article, I always had to upload a minimum of half a dozen pages to reflect the new addition, and because the pages were big, it took forever. Every additional article added at least three more pages, and usually more; with a modem that currently gets me online at about 24-26 kbps most days and big, kilobyte-heavy pages, and lots of them, updates turned into a nightmare. Things on the site fell out of date, links went amiss, and I ended up not adding a lot of new material because just keeping everything connected was too big a headache.

Today, after revising the site, I added three new articles and updated the menus with a total of five files. For all three. Little, fast-loading pages.

And while I was doing it, I figured out how to do the site map so that it will automatically update with new material, too. I'm SO happy. All of a sudden, I'm free of the weight of a huge site – it just became little and fast and fun again.

Oh. The new material? Notecarding: Plotting Under Pressure. How to Get There from Here: The Magic of Goals. And Saving the World Through Typing. Also wrote an article for **Vision** and got most of the outline for **Midnight Rain** done. And laundry. And homeschooling.

It has been a GOOD day.

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