

Web Design



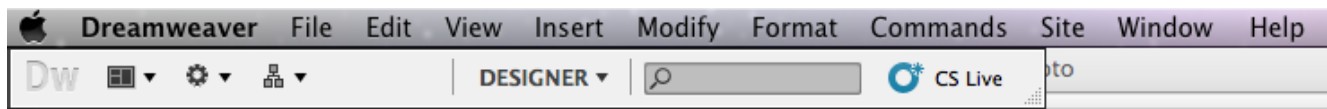
Dreamweaver Basics

For the rest of the semester the main program that we will be using is a program called Dreamweaver. It is a program created sold by Adobe that uses a graphic interface to help you create the HTML code that you need to create your web pages. With a click of a button it generates the code. Does that mean that you don't need to know HTML at all. Yes and No. Yes, it is very possible to create a web page without any knowledge of HTML code, but No, it is very helpful to know code so that you can trouble shoot what Dreamweaver does. At times Dreamweaver will create code that is not workable. This lesson is for you to have an understanding of the parts of the Dreamweaver interface so you will understand future lessons.

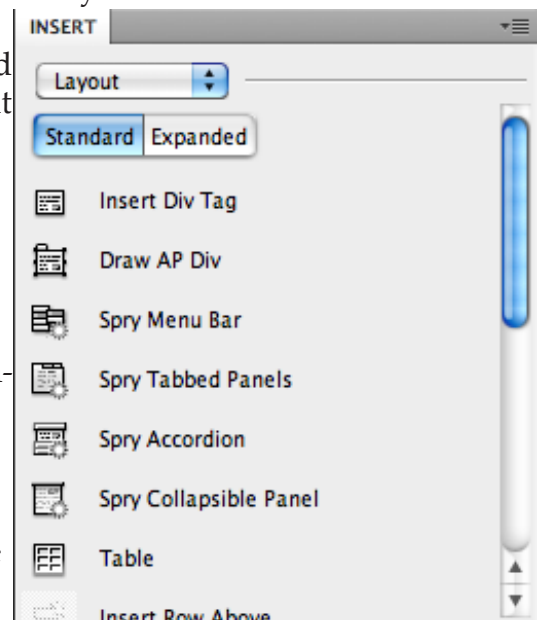
As with any program there are Command Lines, Toolbars, and Icons that you need to know what they mean. Usually programs try to keep things similar to other programs, so the viewer already has a concept of how to use the program. That is not possible with everything, however. Each program has it's own special needs and thus it's own icons and toolbars.

Local Root folder- Your LRF for this lesson will be named "YourName.DWBasics".

Dreamweaver start- If you haven't already done so put the Dreamweaver program into the dock so that you can start up easily each day. Then click on it to start the program.



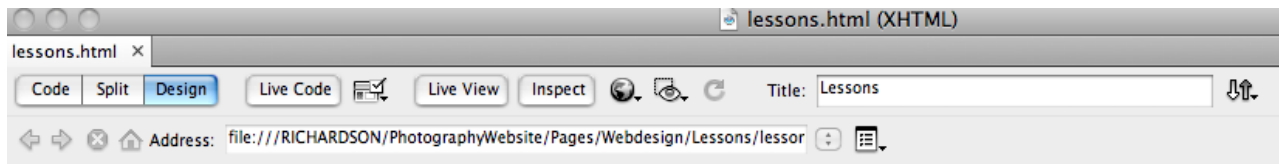
Locate the Command line that is above. Click on "Window" and you will see a list of the windows that are used by Dreamweaver. Many times during the semester you will be coming to the "Window" command to find a type of window that you will need. Locate where it says "Insert". If there is a ✓ by it that means that the window is open and ready for use. To find which one it is click on "Insert". If the "Insert" window was open it will now disappear. Make it reappear by clicking on "Insert" again. Now do you know which window is the "Insert" window? It is shown to the right. If not, try the things we just did over again and see if you can figure it out. The "Insert" window should look like the picture below. The "Insert" window is a specific type of window called a "Toolbar". The reason it is called such is because it contains various "tools" that you can use to do specific functions. At the upper left there is a pull down menu. Currently it shows "Layout". If you click on it you can change it to other settings. "Layout" and "Common" are the ones we will use the most.



Most programs today have a way to identify what the icons that are on a “Toolbar”. If you place your cursor on one of the “tools” and leave it for a couple of seconds, you will notice a little name will appear as seen in this figure. This name is the name of the tool and identifies what it does. When ever you are having trouble finding a particular tool that you are needing, you can find it this way.

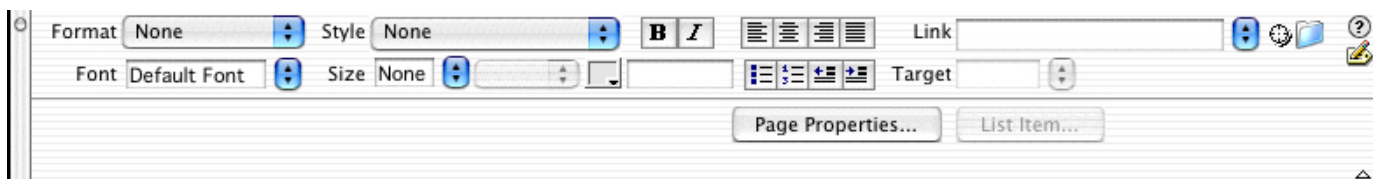


Another toolbar that we will need to know about is the “Document” toolbar. It is located at the top of the window for the html page that you are working on. To see it you will need to have a new document open. If you don’t have one open go to “File” then to “New” and choose HTML. It looks like the below image.



It will also be an important “toolbar” for you to know about.

The next window that you should know is the “Properties” window or sometimes called the “Properties Inspector”. It looks like the below image.



How the “Properties” window looks is dependant on what you have selected in your html “Document” window. The above image is shown with text selected. If you click on the work area on the “Document” window you should have the “text” tool. If you have something else selected such as an image the “Properties” window will be different.

What did you learn?

Now I want you to show me what you learned and explore the interface. Print out the evaluation sheet for this assignment. On the evaluation sheet for this lesson you will identify each of the tools that are on the windows shown. There is a line drawn to each tool that you are to identify. Write in the name for that tool.

Next work on the “Site Management” lesson. It is a part of this lesson and will share the same evaluation sheet. For that lesson you will need to turn in a folder to the “Drop Box”.

There will be 10 pts. total possible for the two lessons.