Tool Demo
Dreamweaver Basics

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Dreamweaver Hell

When I first got the program, I was excited to dig in and begin. CS3 was expensive but worth it to me so I wouldn’t have to drive to Edwardsville. But little did I know, there were going to be some major hurdles to overcome!

• Installation was super tricky! Firewalls, IM programs, yikes!
• Figuring out how to make page #1 was next to impossible
• Buying books was easy ($100 on Amazon.com) Reading these books was pretty easy too. But interpreting and putting them into action steps was still boggling my brain.
• http://gina1012.blogspot.com/ tells my web design journey
• www.thesitewizard.com saved my sanity!!! It had a terrific step by step site building instructions that got me going. Finally!
Purpose

So… my goal with this tool demo is to:

- Explain one feature of Dreamweaver that I’ve mastered this semester
- Explain some of the options related to that feature
- Explain how to troubleshoot the feature
Links

• Links are one of the most basic functionalities on a web page.

• There are several types
  – Links to pages and places within your site
  – Links to pages and places outside your site
  – Links to email
  – Broken links (links that don’t work)
Create Whole Site First

- If you know you are going to have multiple pages that are linked from the index navigation bar, go ahead and create all of the pages in the beginning stages of the design.

- That way, all of your links on the navigation bar will work from the start and you minimize the chance of broken links!
Basic Linking:
Click and transport the user to another place within your site.

- Click on “Link” Icon
- Enter text for wording of link
- Fill out box with target URL or site location
- Click OK
Anchors: links to places on a long page

1. Put cursor next to the word or image you want to link to
2. Click Anchor Icon
3. Enter a name and click OK
4. Select text to anchor from
5. Click the Link Icon
6. Select the appropriate name for the link
e-Mail Links:
The user’s email program will open with a pre-addressed compose mail screen

- Write desired words then highlight
- At the bottom Properties box see “LINK”
- Enter mailto: then the email address
External Linking:
Click and the user will be transported to a place in a site other than your own

- Highlight picture or words to use as link
- Enter link information in box
Pop-up or Direct:
Do you want the user to navigate away from your site or pop up a new screen?

- At bottom, change target to _blank for redirection or _top for new window.
Broken Links:
What happens when a link doesn’t work?

• First look at the link box for errors
• Dreamweaver can auto-check links
  – Files-site name- check links sitewide
• The report can then be corrected
  – Is it spelled correctly?
  – Is the website valid?
  – Did Dreamweaver suggest a fix?
References:


Dreamweaver CS3 Program