

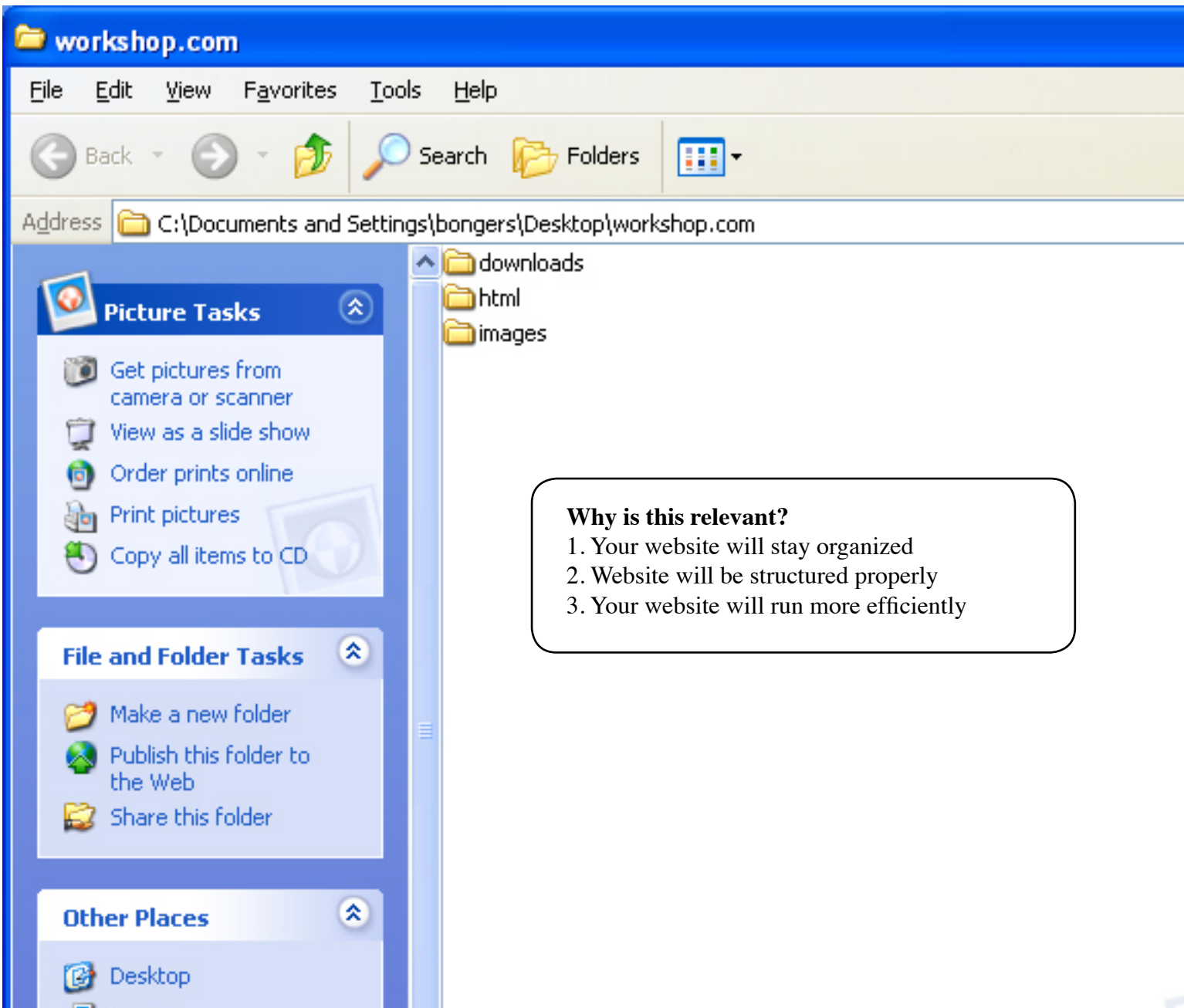
..... DREAMWEAVER: GETTING STARTED

Dreamweaver is a Graphic Designer's tool to create websites as he or she designs. As part of the Adobe Creative Suite, Dreamweaver is able to work in conjunction with Photoshop, Illustrator, and even Flash files to create beautiful functioning webpages.

Despite it's advanced abilities, there are still some simple things you can use it for to make a functioning website. Then, when you get advanced, there are many other facets of the program to explore.

..... WEBSITE STRUCTURE

You need to create separate folders for your site, its pages, and images. When you have images for your website, place them into their appropriate folder before you add them into your webpage. All webpages (.html) will be saved in your webpages folder. In the example below, you can see I have a folder from my desktop open (called workshop.com) with three folders in it: downloads, html, and images.



Why is this relevant?

1. Your website will stay organized
2. Website will be structured properly
3. Your website will run more efficiently

CREATING A HOMEPAGE IN DREAMWEAVER

Your homepage, whatever the content, should be named index.html. This is what websites assume is your homepage. Navigation to the other pages from the homepage is completely up to you and your design. All navigation and links to other pages will need to be done by you. Nothing is made for you automatically. While Google Sites helps you with a lot more things, Dreamweaver gives you more control.

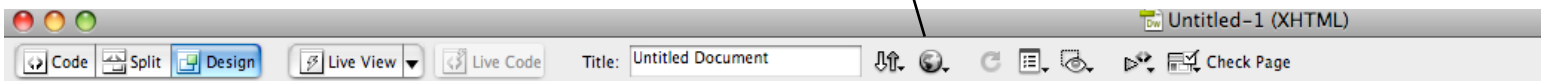
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BASIC DREAMWEAVER TOOLS

The top of the page has three tabs: code, split, and design. Design allows you to design while Dreamweaver writes the code. If you really know your html, you can use the code tab to just view the code. Split view allows you to see both.

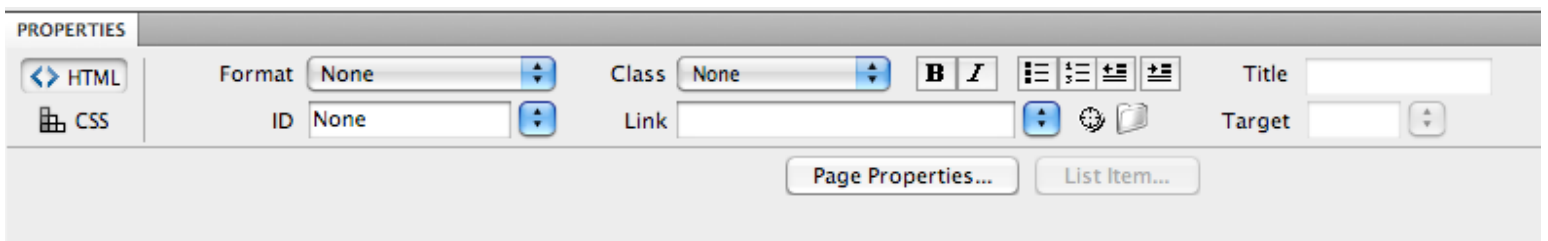
The Title Field is what is at the top of your internet browser (in blue bar at top of screen). You can name this whatever you want.

The globe button allows you to view the page in an internet browser.



The bottom of your screen allows you to format your text on the page. Font style and indentation, etc. are all decided in this section. It can also link text or images to other webpages, other sites, or even link to a larger image. The Target field after Link decides if the hotlink opens into a new window or the same window. Do you want the user to have to close the link or hit the back button to return to the previous page?

The Page properties are very important. Here, you declare valuable things like background, link, and font color, etc.

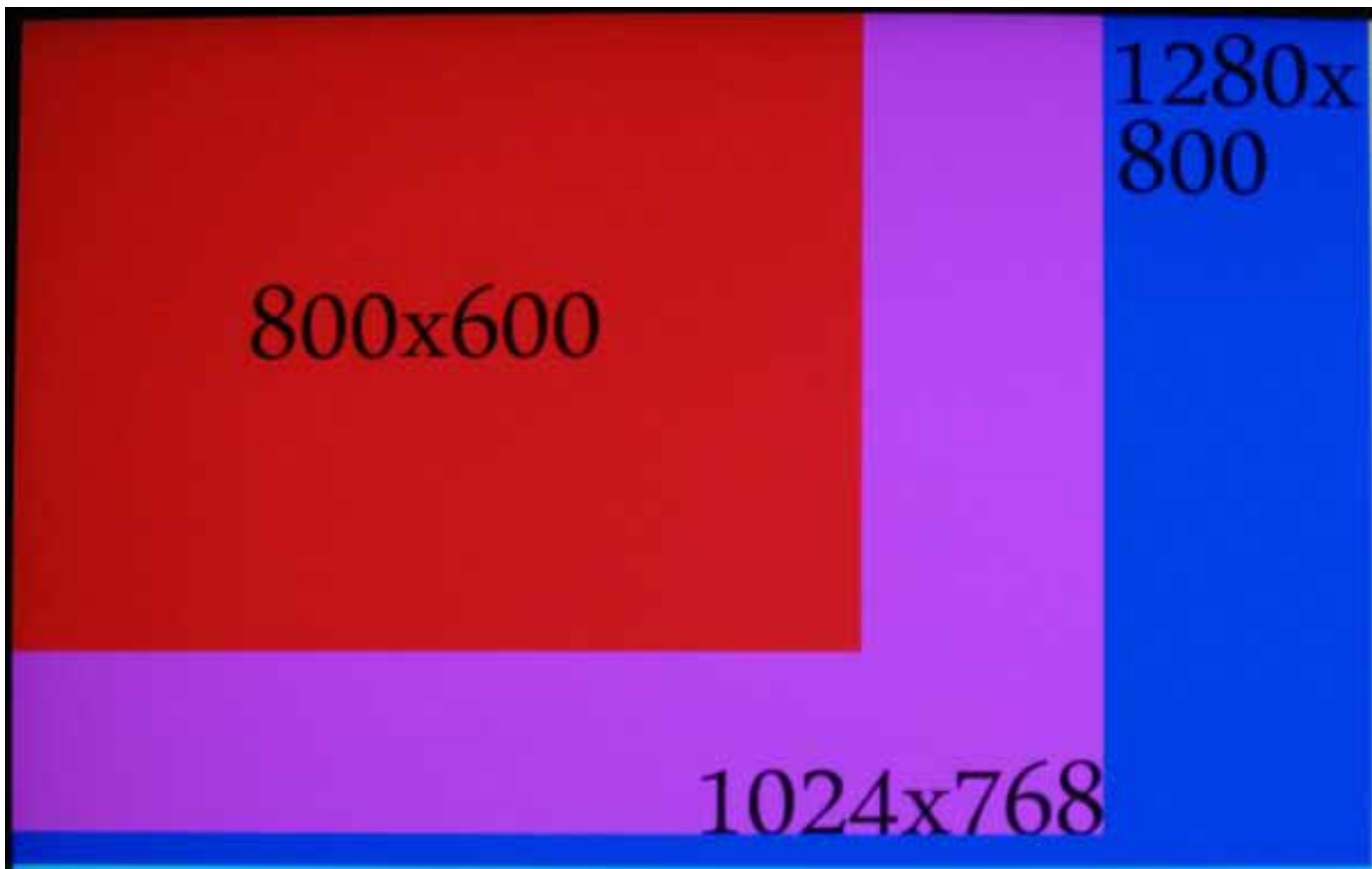


PLACING & LINKING IMAGES

Before placing images, make sure:

1. images are not larger than the size of a normal computer screen (in pixels)
2. the images are saved in the images folder of your site folder on your computer.
3. there are no spaces in your image filename. *The internet does not like spaces in filenames or webpages!*

Below are the sizes of common computer screens. For your site to be friendly towards smaller laptops, I usually do not have images wider than 600 pixels. That allows 100 pixels of free space on each side.



Once you are ready, placing an image can be done in a number of ways:

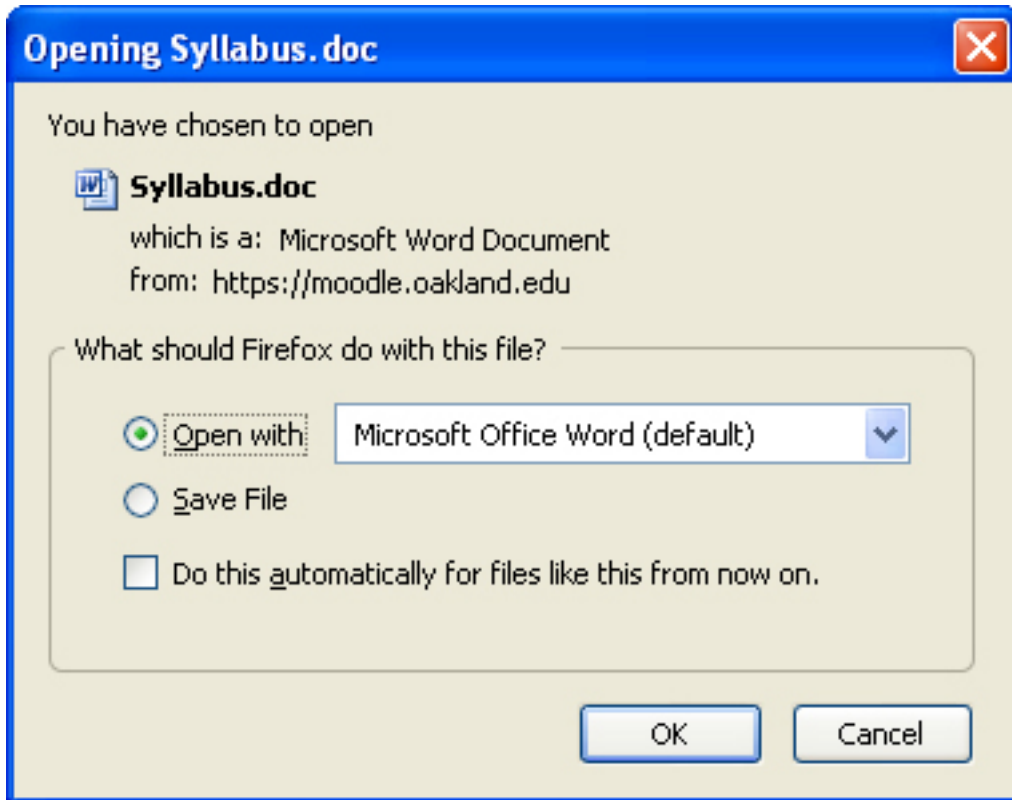
1. From the top menu Insert> Images
or
2. A side palette “Insert” has button “Image”
or
3. Drag and drop

Linking an image to something is as easy as clicking on the image to select it. The bottom of the screen where it has the link field (from before, remember?) is where you decide where the user will go when the image is clicked. For example, it could blow up to the image only bigger, or it can go to another one of your webpages, or even a different website all together.

Since images are “linked” to the webpage, and not embedded, the image to file relationship must not change, hence the importance of good file folder structure as specified earlier in this packet.

LINKING TO FILES

Both text and images can link to files or webpages in the same fashion. If you want people to be able to download files from your website, I usually make a separate folder called “downloads” or “files.” Instead of entering in a website in the link field, or another image etc. you can link it to a file as well. If the file is not automatically downloaded to your desktop, it will prompt whether you want to open the file in a specific program or download it to your desktop.



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CODE QUICKIES AND USES

html code is used in everything from message boards and MySpace to eBay and Craigslist. Knowing some basic html will make things you post on the internet more organized with some hierarchy in terms of text. Below is an example of text you can create in Dreamweaver, and copy/paste into an html friendly field:



PRAGUE, Czech Republic —

From New York to Prague , world leaders criticized North Korea's long-range rocket launch on Sunday, but there appeared to be little appetite for escalating the confrontation with the isolated regime that defied international warnings with its early morning test.

North Korea's launch of its Taepodong-2 missile came on the same day that President Barack Obama , in a speech in the Czech capital, pledged the United States to the long-term goal of ridding itself and the world of nuclear weapons.

But North Korea's testing of a missile that analysts fear could someday be fitted with a nuclear warhead underscored how hard that goal will be to achieve — and the challenge Obama faces from North Korean leader Kim Jong-il.



The body text can be copied from Dreamweaver and pasted into any internet places that accept html coded content.

New line and new paragraph code:

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 inserts a single carriage return.
- <P> indicates the start of a new paragraph.

Text:

- Bold
- <I> Italics </I>
- <S> Strikeout </S>
- <STRIKE> Strikeout </STRIKE>
- <U> Underline </U>
- <TT> Teletype </TT>
- <BIG> </BIG>
- <SMALL> </SMALL>
- _{Subscript}
- ^{Superscript}

All text will be the dedicated style you assign until you add an “end tag”</__> after the text to end the type style change.

More html training at:

- <http://www.htmlcodetutorial.com>
- <http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>