

Dreamweaver 8 – Introduction to Website Development

(3 days)

Background

This popular Macromedia authorised course is the introductory course for new users of Dreamweaver who wish to build professional static websites.

If you wish to build database-driven websites using Dreamweaver, you should attend this course followed by the Macromedia Dreamweaver MX: Dynamic Application Development course.

Macromedia Dreamweaver is a benchmark tool for those who need to build and manage professional websites. This course has been specifically designed to enable you to master the essentials of Dreamweaver quickly and easily. You will cover creating, editing, publishing and updating a website as well as adding elements to existing sites and important site management issues.

This three-day course includes understanding the development process, adding content to an existing site, understanding the power of style sheets, working with buttons and rollovers, creating jump menus and publishing and testing and maintaining your site. This course will provide you with the expertise to produce and maintain innovative, professional websites using Dreamweaver.

Course Outline

INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCING DREAMWEAVER

Course objectives
Static page architecture

GETTING STARTED

Introduction to Dreamweaver
Dreamweaver interface basics
Creating a local site
Creating a new HTML page
Using development views
Previewing pages
Setting document properties

ADDING CONTENT TO A SITE

Adding content
Importing text files
Importing Word and Excel content
Controlling document structure
Adding special characters
Creating lists
Horizontal rules
Adding special characters

FORMATTING TEXT WITH CSS

Formatting text
Cascading Style Sheets
Creating styles
Exporting CSS rule definitions
Creating class styles
Creating advanced styles

EXTERNAL STYLES

Attaching external style sheets
Creating new external style sheets
Displaying styles
Cascading order and inheritance of styles
Creating internal styles with the Property Inspector

WORKING WITH GRAPHICS

Placing graphics on the page
Accessibility settings
Modifying image properties
Image editing
Optimising an image
Adding Flash movies



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NAVIGATING YOUR SITE

- Linking files to your site
- Adding anchors
- Adding e-mail links
- Linking from images
- Linking from an image map
- Creating a navigation bar
- Creating a jump menu

DESIGNING PAGES WITH CSS

- Inserting DIV tags
- Using the rules and guides
- Drawing layers to design your pages
- Adding CSS to a layer
- Using visual aids for DIV tags
- Attaching external style sheets
- Adding tables
- Importing tabular data

USING LIBRARIES AND TEMPLATES

- Creating library items
- Placing and editing library items
- Detaching library items
- Creating templates
- Applying a template to an existing image
- Defining editable regions
- Modifying templates

CREATING FORMS

- Creating a form
- Form processing
- Setting focus on a form
- Adding Javascript

TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND UPLOADING

- Checking accessibility, links and browser compatibility
- Maintaining files
- Using the integrated File Browser
- Connecting to a remote site
- Cloaking folders and files
- Uploading files
- Synchronising files

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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