

ART2030 Dreamweaver Cheat Sheet

Absolutes...

- The opening page of your site should be named "index.html".
- Your website will consist of text files (.html) and image files (.jpg, .png, or .gif).
- File names should be short, but logical, and should NOT contain spaces or arbitrary symbols such as punctuation marks or percent characters. (Underscores are acceptable.)
- Keep ALL characters lowercase.
- Image files should be RGB, 72 ppi, and as close to the preferred physical dimensions as possible.
- Dreamweaver is used to make/open HTML files; NOT image files. (Image files are inserted into your page.)
- All of the files used to display your site should be saved in ONE folder. Dreamweaver should be linked to this folder through the "Manage Sites" function.
- Command + J will take you to Page Properties which allows you to set a variety of attributes for the current page you're working on.
- Command + F12 will preview your site in a browser. SAVE your work before previewing.

Suggestions...

- AFTER you've planned and organized your site on paper, concentrate on developing ONE of your sub-pages to completion (or, at least, near-completion).
- Your site's navigation is critical! Focus on perfecting it on the first sub-page you build, then 'work smarter, not harder' with "Save As..." and/or Copy/Paste.

Remember...

- When you select text or an image, use the Properties Palette at the bottom of the screen to make adjustments and set a variety of attributes for the item.
- After selecting text or an image, you may use the Properties Palette to make the item a link. Links within your site will include the exact file name of the page you wish to link to (ie: gallery.html). Links to sites outside of your site must include the entire URL for the remote page you wish to link to (ie: http://www.cnn.com). Use Copy/Paste to avoid typos!
- You can override any attributes set in Page Properties by simply selecting an individual item and changing its attributes in the Properties Palette.

Developing your start page...

- The opening page of your site should be developed entirely in Photoshop. (Specific instructions will be given for transferring your Photoshop file to Dreamweaver.)
- The sub-pages of your site may be created in Photoshop OR Dreamweaver.
- The size of your document in Photoshop should be no smaller than 1024 x 768 pixels.
- Simply design your start page exactly as you want it to appear, including navigation.
- Whenever possible, use the web-safe color palette when building your start page.