

# Quick Tips

for

## Fixing Graphics in Dreamweaver

### Getting Started

Sometimes when you insert a graphic into your web page, you can view it in the HTML editor (such as Dreamweaver), but you can't see it on the page when you publish it on the web. There are a few reasons this could occur. This Quick Tip goes over some of the things that you should check to make sure your graphics will appear.

### Step One: Save your Graphic and HTML files in the same folder

It is most simple if you should save your graphic files (.jpeg or .gif) in the same folder as your . To verify that you have done this, do the following:

- Minimize *Dreamweaver* by clicking on the minimize button in the right hand corner of the window.
- Double click on **My Computer** or open **Windows Explorer**.
- Navigate to the location where you saved your HTML file. (For example, if you saved it in a folder called Web Page inside of My Files click on My Computer, Your H: drive, Data, My Files, Web Page.)
- **Check to make sure that all of your HTML and Graphics files are saved there.** You should have at least one HTML page and any graphics that you've included on that page. If the graphics are not there, go to the location that you saved the graphic. Copy and Paste it into the folder with your HTML page.

### Step Two: Point the Web Page to the Correct Graphic

Graphics that you see on a web page are actually independent graphics that have been inserted into the page. The HTML code has a special tag such as: ``. This code is saying, "Get the graphic named *portfoliobanner.gif* and insert it here." If you cannot see the graphic in the browser, the code may will say something like ``. This code is saying "Get the graphic named "facultysigninbanner.gif," located in *My Files on my H: drive*. This can be a problem because when you publish your web page to the W: drive, people without access to your H: drive will be viewing the page and the picture won't appear. To avoid this, you can make the link a "relative link" (``), which tells the page to get the file that is located in the same folder as the HTML page. To verify that the graphic link is relative, do the following:

- Open your HTML page in *Dreamweaver*.
- Click on the graphic.
- In the properties dialogue box, check to make sure that the file name is listed appropriately (i.e. nameonly.gif).

### Conclusion

Remember, you can test your HTML page in the browser by clicking on F10. Before publishing the page, you may also want to check it on a different computer to verify that everything looks okay. If you find that you are still unable to view the graphic, please feel free to come by the Faculty Technology Center for further assistance.

- *Inserting Graphics Using Dreamweaver*
- *Using Adobe Photoshop*