

Quick Tips

for

Using Macromedia Dreamweaver

Getting Started

Dreamweaver is a WYSIWIG (What you see is what you get) editor for creating web pages. It is a powerful tool that allows you to create attractive and interactive Web Pages. The following *Quick Tip* will help you begin the creation of your web page by defining your site in Dreamweaver.

Install Macromedia Dreamweaver

Dreamweaver is networked to all computers on campus. If you have never used *Dreamweaver* at your computer, you may first need to install it. Just follow these steps:

- Click **Start**.
- Drag your mouse up to **ClassApps** and select **WebApps** then **Install Dreamweaver 4**.
- The Install will begin automatically. After the computer installs *Dreamweaver*, you may need to restart your computer.

Open Macromedia Dreamweaver

- Click **Start**.
- Drag your mouse up to **ClassApps**.
- A roll out menu will appear, select **WebApps** then **Dreamweaver 4**.

Define the Site Properties

Although defining your site is not necessary, it is very helpful in managing your site. Defining the site properties allows *Dreamweaver* to better organize and keep track of your various web sites. **NOTE:** Your site files (.html files, graphics, etc.) should be saved on your network account (H:/ or W:/), but the *site structure* is saved on the hard drive of the computer. Therefore, you will need to redefine your site each time you change computers.

- From the Menu Bar, select **Site** and **New**.
- Type in the name of your site. (Be specific. For example, instead of naming it "My Site," call it "ENGL 110 Site.")
- Under Location, choose the local root folder you want to save your site in. We suggest you save it somewhere in your "My Files." You may want to create a new folder with the same name as your site.
- Under Category, on the left hand side of the dialogue box, click select **Remote Info**.
- Click the arrow next to the box labeled **Access**. Select **Local/Network**.
- Under "remote folder," browse for the location in your W:/ wherein you want to save your site. Click **OK**.

With your site created, you are now ready to set your Page Properties and create your first Web Page in the site!

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