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INTRODUCTION

Adobe Dreamweaver CS6 is a professional HTML editor that allows you to easily build websites. Visual editing features aid in creating and managing documents for web publication. To begin creating a website, start Dreamweaver CS6 and use the welcome screen as shown below.

WELCOME SCREEN

- **Open a Recent Item** – Most recently opened documents
- **Create New** – Options to create new pages, sites and more
- **Top Features** – Dreamweaver video tutorials
DEFINING A SITE

Defining a site in Dreamweaver assists the developer in capturing and accessing all of the relevant files for a website. The process includes naming the site and specifying where your website files will be stored locally.

- Select **New Site...** from the **Site** menu in the top menu bar.
- Enter a name for your site and where you will store your website files on your computer. Click the **Save** button to finish.

- You can return to the Site Setup dialog at any time by choosing the **Manage Sites** option from the **Site** menu. Select your site from the list and click the pencil button (Edit the currently selected site).
THE WORKSPACE

Dreamweaver provides many ways to customize the workspace. Predefined workspaces position the document window and panels depending on the work being done. Select a workspace layout from the Window > Workspace Layout menu in the top menu bar.

DOCUMENT VIEWS

Starting from the left side of the Document toolbar, you will find three buttons: Code, Split, Design, and Live. These buttons will allow you to view your page’s html code, visual layout, or both at the same time. The Live view allows you to preview your page without having to use a browser.
The Page Properties dialog allows you to specify the font, font size, background color, margins, link styles, and other aspects of the page design for each document created. To change the properties for the page being edited, choose Page Properties from the Modify menu.

The page properties can also be changed using the Properties panel located at the bottom of the Dreamweaver workspace. The Properties panel allows you to view and edit the format, font, style and size of the text in the document.

Show or Hide the Properties Panel
- Select Properties from Window menu.

Expand or Collapse the Properties Panel
- Click on the up/down arrow in the lower right corner of the panel.

Change the Properties for a Page Element
- Highlight the item in the document window that you want to format, and change the values in the Properties panel.
- The change should be immediately applied to the selected item in the document window. If it isn’t, click outside of the property-editing field or press the Enter key.
INSERTING TABLES

- In the Design view of the document window, place the cursor where you would like the table to appear.

- Select **Insert > Table** from the menu toolbar OR click the Table button in the Common category of the Insert toolbar.

- Complete the dialog and click the OK button. The table will appear in the document.
**INSERTING IMAGES**

- Place the cursor where you want the image to appear in the page.
- From the top menu bar, select Insert > Image.
- Browse to select the image you wish to insert into the document and click the OK button.

![Select Image Source]

**WEB ACCESSIBILITY**

The Alternate text and Long description lets you provide more information about your image for screen readers and browsers. The Alternate text field allows you to give a short description of the image. Make sure to supply Alt text for all of your images.

![Properties panel with Alt text highlighted]
Creating Links

Links can be created from an image or text.

- Select the image or text you want to apply the link to by highlighting it.
- From the top menu bar, select Insert > Hyperlink
- The Hyperlink dialog appears:
  - Enter the URL and click the OK button. If your link is to a page outside of your website, you must include the complete address. Example: http://www.wcupa.edu/
  - A link can also be added by selecting the desired text or image and typing the address into the Link field in the Properties panel.

Web Accessibility

The Title, Access key and Tab Index fields allow you to make your pages more usable by people of all abilities and disabilities.

- Title – This text may be spoken by a screen reader or shown as a tool tip.
- Access key – Pressing the assigned access key will activate the link.
- Tab index – Determines the order in which your link will be selected when using the Tab key.
PREVIEWING IN A BROWSER

- Save your document. If you do not, Dreamweaver will prompt you to do so before previewing.

- Click the globe icon at the top of the Document window and select a browser to preview with. The document will display in your browser.

- You may also press the F12 key to preview your document. **Control-F12** will preview your page in a secondary browser. If you do not have a secondary browser selected, Dreamweaver will prompt you to choose one.

**Note:** Be sure to click the links in your page while previewing to make sure they are working properly. Close your browser when you are finished.