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About Against The Clock

Against The Clock, long recognized as one of the nation’s leaders in courseware development, has been publishing high-quality educational materials for the graphic and computer arts industries since 1990. The company has developed a solid and widely-respected approach to teaching people how to effectively use graphics applications, while maintaining a disciplined approach to real-world problems.

Having developed the Against The Clock and the Essentials for Design series with Prentice Hall/Pearson Education, ATC drew from years of professional experience and instructor feedback to develop The Professional Portfolio Series, focusing on the Adobe Creative Suite. These books feature step-by-step explanations, detailed foundational information, and advice and tips from industry professionals that offer practical solutions to technical issues.

Against The Clock works closely with all major software developers to create learning solutions that fulfill both the requirements of instructors and the needs of students. Thousands of graphic arts professionals — designers, illustrators, imaging specialists, prepress experts, and production managers — began their educations with Against The Clock training books. These professionals studied at Baker College, Nossi College of Art, Virginia Tech, Appalachian State University, Keiser College, University of South Carolina, Gress Graphic Arts Institute, Kean University, Southern Polytechnic State University, Brenau University, and many other educational institutions.

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Project Goals
Each project begins with a clear description of the overall concepts that are explained in the project; these goals closely match the different “stages” of the project workflow.

The Project Meeting
Each project includes the client’s initial comments, which provide valuable information about the job. The Project Art Director, a vital part of any design workflow, also provides fundamental advice and production requirements.

Project Objectives
Each Project Meeting includes a summary of the specific skills required to complete the project.

Real-World Workflow
Projects are broken into logical lessons or “stages” of the workflow. Brief introductions at the beginning of each stage provide vital foundational material required to complete the task.

Step-By-Step Exercises
Every stage of the workflow is broken into multiple hands-on, step-by-step exercises.

Visual Explanations
Wherever possible, screen shots are annotated so that you can quickly identify important information.
Dreamweaver Foundations
Additional functionality, related tools, and underlying graphic design concepts are included throughout the book.

Advice and Warnings
Where appropriate, sidebars provide shortcuts, warnings, or tips about the topic at hand.

Visual Summary
Using an annotated version of the finished project, you can quickly identify the skills used to complete different aspects of the job.

Project Review
After completing each project, you can complete these fill-in-the-blank and short-answer questions to test your understanding of the concepts in the project.

Portfolio Builder Projects
Each step-by-step project is accompanied by a freeform project, allowing you to practice skills and creativity, resulting in an extensive and diverse portfolio of work.
The Against The Clock Portfolio Series teaches graphic design software tools and techniques entirely within the framework of real-world projects; we introduce and explain skills where they would naturally fall into a real project workflow. For example, rather than including an entire chapter about site management, we teach site management where you naturally need to do so — when you begin building a new site in each project.

The project-based approach in the Portfolio Series allows you to get in depth with the software beginning in Project 1 — you don’t have to read several chapters of introductory material before you can start creating finished artwork.

The Portfolio Series project-based approach also prevents “topic tedium” — in other words, we don’t require you to read pages and pages of information about marking up text (for example); instead, we explain text-related mark-up as part of a larger project (in this case, as part of a digital book chapter).

Clear, easy-to-read, step-by-step instructions walk you through every phase of each job, from creating a new file to saving the finished piece. Wherever logical, we also offer practical advice and tips about underlying concepts and graphic design practices that will be important as you enter the job market.

The projects in this book reflect a range of different types of Dreamweaver jobs, from organizing a client’s site and links to developing a functional site template to building a dynamic site. When you finish the eight projects in this book (and the accompanying Portfolio Builder exercises), you will have a substantial body of work that should impress any potential employer.

The eight Dreamweaver projects are described briefly here; more detail is provided in the full table of contents (beginning on Page viii).
Our goal in this book is to familiarize you with the Dreamweaver tool set, so you can be more productive and more marketable in your career as a graphic designer.

It is important to keep in mind that Dreamweaver is an extremely versatile and powerful application. The sheer volume of available panels, options, and features can seem intimidating when you first look at the software interface. Most of these tools, however, are fairly simple to use with a bit of background information and a little practice.

Wherever necessary, we explain the underlying concepts and terms that are required for understanding the software. We're confident that these projects provide the practice you need to be able to create sophisticated artwork by the end of the very first project.
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**Prerequisites**

*The Professional Portfolio Series* is based on the assumption that you have a basic understanding of how to use your computer. You should know how to use your mouse to point and click, as well as how to drag items around the screen. You should be able to resize and arrange windows on your desktop to maximize your available space. You should know how to access drop-down menus, and understand how check boxes and radio buttons work. It also doesn’t hurt to have a good understanding of how your operating system organizes files and folders, and how to navigate your way around them. If you’re familiar with these fundamental skills, then you know all that’s necessary to use the Portfolio Series.

**Resource Files**

All of the files you need to complete the projects in this book — except, of course, the Dreamweaver application files — are on the Student Files Web page at againsttheclock.com. See the inside back cover of this book for access information.

Each archive (ZIP) file is named according to the related project (e.g., *Cars_DWCC17_RF.zip*). At the beginning of each project, you must download the archive file for that project and expand that archive to access the resource files that you need to complete the exercises. Detailed instructions for this process are included in the Interface chapter.

Files required for the related Portfolio Builder exercises at the end of each project are also available on the Student Files page; these archives are also named by project (e.g., *Flowers_DWCC17_PB.zip*).

**Software Versions**

This book was written and tested using the 2017 release of Adobe Dreamweaver CC software (Build 9315). You can find the version and build number in the Splash Screen that appears while your application is launching, or by choosing About Dreamweaver in the Dreamweaver CC/Help menu.

Because Adobe has announced periodic upgrades rather than releasing new full versions, some features and functionality might have changed since publication. Please check the Errata section of the Against The Clock Web site for any significant issues that might have arisen from these periodic upgrades.

**System Requirements**

*The Professional Portfolio Series* was designed to work on both Macintosh or Windows computers; where differences exist from one platform to another, we include specific instructions relative to each platform. One issue that remains different from Macintosh to Windows is the use of different modifier keys (Control, Shift, etc.) to accomplish a task. When we present key commands, we always follow the same Macintosh/Windows format — Macintosh keys are listed first, then a slash, followed by the Windows keys.
Your client has opened a new restaurant in a fast-growing community in Southern California. He has already designed the pages for his site, but has hired you to make sure everything works properly and then make the site available to the browsing public.

This project incorporates the following skills:

- Creating, exporting, and removing site definitions in Dreamweaver
- Moving files around in a site root folder
- Creating relative links between pages in a site
- Defining absolute links to external sites and email addresses
- Improving search engine optimization (SEO) with file names and titles
- Cloaking site files from a Web server
- Uploading files to a Web server
I already created the pages for our site, but I don’t know what links to use, and I’m not sure how to create them. I’ve also heard that there are certain things you should do to improve a site’s search engine rating — which is obviously important for a small business like mine.

The more pages you add to a site, the more complex it becomes, until it’s almost impossible to make sense of what you have and where it is located. Web sites — even those with only a few pages — should be designed with a good organizational plan, making it easier to modify pages later.

Once you have a handle on the organization, make sure the pages link to each other properly. Visitors get frustrated very quickly when they’re forced to return to the home page every time they want to jump to a different set of pages.

The last thing you should do is add page titles and change file names to give a better indication of what’s on each page. Doing so will make the site more accessible to people with screen-reader software, and it will also improve the site’s ratings on search engines.

To complete this project, you will:
- Create a Dreamweaver site definition
- Create new folders within the site root folder
- Use various methods to move files from one place to another within the site
- Create links between pages using several techniques available in Dreamweaver
- Differentiate between relative and absolute links
- Copy and paste links from one page to another
- Improve searchability and usability using page names and titles
- Cloak site files to hide them from the Web server
- Upload the site files to a server so they can be viewed online
Stage 1  Exploring Site Structure

When you start a new project that involves updating an existing site, your first task is to assess the file and folder structure. Doing so gives you a good idea of what the site contains.

A small site with only a few pages requires very little organization; in fact, you can place all of the files — Web pages and image files — in one folder (although even a small site benefits from a dedicated folder for images). Larger sites, however, require careful organization of file names, pages, and image files. A good site design with excellent organization speeds development now, and makes it much easier to update the site later.

CREATE A NEW SITE DEFINITION

Web sites are designed so all of the Web pages, image files, style sheets, and other resources are stored on your local drive in a base folder called the root folder. Other folders can be placed inside (below) the root folder to make it easier to manage and organize files.

1. Download Kinetic_DWCC17_RF.zip from the Student Files Web page.

2. Expand the ZIP archive in your WIP folder (Macintosh) or copy the archive contents into your WIP folder (Windows).

   This results in a folder named Kinetic, which contains all the files you need to complete this project.

   If necessary, refer to Page 13 of the Interface chapter for specific instructions on expanding or accessing the required resource files.

3. In Dreamweaver, set up your workspace so the Files, Insert, and Properties panels are visible.

   It doesn’t matter which saved workspace you start with. The primary tools you need for this project are the Files, Insert, and Properties panels. We have closed all other panels to maximize the available space in our screen shots.

4. In the Files panel, click the Manage Sites link or open the Directory menu and choose Manage Sites from the bottom of the list.

   This option performs the same function as clicking the blue Manage Sites link.

   If available, clicking Manage Sites opens the Manage Sites dialog box.

5. Click the New Site button in the Manage Sites dialog box.

   Ellipses in a menu or button name indicate that clicking will open a dialog box. We do not include the ellipses in our instructions.

   Note:

   When a site is defined in Dreamweaver, the Manage Sites link at the top of the Files panel is replaced by a menu that defaults to Local view.

   Note:
6. In the Site Setup dialog box, make sure Site is selected in the category list.

7. Type **Kinetic** in the Site Name field.
   
The site name can be anything that will allow you to easily recognize the project; it is only for identification within Dreamweaver. For example, you could use “Eve’s site” as the site name within Dreamweaver to describe the Web site (www.evelynsmith.biz) that you are creating for your friend.

8. Click the **Browse for Folder** button to the right of the Local Site Folder field.
   
   Navigate to the WIP>Kinetic folder and click Choose/Select Folder to return to the Site Setup dialog box.
   
   Part of the process of defining a site within Dreamweaver is to specify a particular folder as the site root folder of the Web site. Clicking the Local Site Folder button opens a navigation dialog box where you can find the folder you want to use.

9. Click **Save** to close the Site Setup dialog box.

10. In the Manage Sites dialog box, make sure the Kinetic site appears in the list of sites, and then click **Done**.

11. **Note:** You will learn about other options in the Site Setup dialog box later in this book.

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EXAMINE THE SITE FILES

There are many files in the Kinetic site folder. The first step in organizing the files is to examine the Web page files and understand what they contain.

1. With Kinetic showing in the Directory menu of the Files panel, expand the site folder (if necessary) and examine the files in the site.

![Directory menu]

- Click this button to expand the folder.
- Click here and drag left to make the panel wider.

This is the root folder of the current site.

2. Double-click index.html in the Files panel to open the file in Dreamweaver.

Using the options in Document toolbar, close the Code pane (if necessary) and make the regular Design view active; the Live view should be turned off.

All of the pages in this site use the same basic design. The links at the top of each page need to navigate between the pages. The copyright information at the bottom (in the footer area) needs to navigate to the copyright owner's Web site, which is external to your client's site.

![Design view]

- Click this button to show only the Design view.
- Choose Design in this menu to show the regular Design view.

These words will be links, which will appear on every page in the site.

This should be a link to the copyright holder's Web site.

Note:
If more than one site is defined, you can switch between sites using the Directory menu of the Files panel.
3. Close index.html, then open contact.html.
As you can see, this page uses the same basic design as the index page. The specific page content also includes an email link, which you need to define so that users can click the link to send your client an email message.

4. Close contact.html, then open menu1.html.
Again, the page uses the same basic layout as the other pages in the site. The top area of this page’s primary content indicates that there are actually two menus — Dinner and Lunch. As you can see in the Files panel, two separate menu files exist. You will use the two headings at the top of the page to create links to each menu.

5. Close menu1.html, then continue to the next exercise.

Note:
The layout for this site is based on the free “Creation” template from www.templatemo.com. Photos are by Charlie Essers.
Plan Folder Organization

When all files are dumped into the main site folder, it can be challenging to manage your work. A well-organized site is an easy-to-manage site. Ideally, organization occurs before the site is constructed, but Dreamweaver makes it easy to reorganize files and folders at any point in the process.

There are no absolute rules to follow for organizing files and folders — other than the general principle of keeping related components together, so you know where to find certain files when you need them.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, scroll to the top of the Files panel (if necessary). Control/right-click the site name and choose New Folder from the contextual menu.**

   The basic pages (home, about, contact, etc.) form the root of the site, and they should therefore appear within the root folder of the site. Other pages are better kept in folders that are named based on what they contain.

2. **Type resources and press Return/Enter to apply the new folder name.**

   If the folder name remains untitled after pressing Return/Enter, Control/right-click the untitled folder, choose Edit>rename in the contextual menu (or press the F2 key), and retypo the new folder name.

3. **Click the Refresh button in the Files panel.**

   When the Files panel is sorted by name, folders on Macintosh are alphabetized along with all other files and folders after refreshing the file list; on Windows, folders are moved to and alphabetized at the top of the list, above individual files.

4. **Control/right-click the main site folder again and choose New Folder from the contextual menu.**

   You want another folder at the same level as the resources folder — in the main level of the site root — so you first have to use the contextual menu for the site root folder.

5. **Type images and press Return/Enter to apply the new folder name.**

   Web design convention dictates image files be placed in a folder named “images” for easier organization. If you have many photos in various categories, you might want to create additional nested folders inside the main images folder.

6. **Repeat Steps 4–5 to create another new folder named menus in the site root folder.**
7. Refresh the list in the Files panel.

8. Continue to the next exercise.

**Sort and Move Image Files**

When you define a site in Dreamweaver, the application reads all of the pages in the site (a process that can take a few minutes in a large site), notes the links between pages, and identifies which images are used in which pages. These associations between files are stored in a cache that Dreamweaver creates when a new site is defined.

When files are moved or renamed within the site, Dreamweaver recognizes that other files are related to the moved or renamed files and prompts you to update the links in all of the affected files.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, Control/right-click the Local Files heading and choose Type in the contextual menu.**

   In addition to the file names and icons, you can show a variety of options in Files panel, including any notes about the files, the file size, type (format), modification date, and whether the file has been checked out by another user.

2. **In the Files panel, click and drag burger.jpg into the images folder.**

   Make sure you drag the file directly over the name of the folder or folder icon; if you drag the file too far to the left or right, Dreamweaver will not move the file.

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**Note:**

You can create a new folder inside an existing folder (called nesting) by Control/right-clicking the existing folder — instead of the root folder — and choosing New Folder from the contextual menu.
3. When prompted, click Update to update the affected pages with the new location for the burger.jpg image file.

When a browser downloads a Web page, it reads the page code, requests the image files from the defined locations, and displays the images within the page. You should understand that images in Web pages are not embedded into Web pages; they are merged into the page by the browser.

Files being updated do not need to be open for Dreamweaver to change the required link information. If pages are open, links in those pages are updated, but the changes are not automatically saved; you have to manually save each open file to make the updates permanent.

If you choose Don’t Update in the Update Links dialog box, the image will not appear in the page that calls for that file. If you had moved the image file using Windows Explorer or the Macintosh Finder, Dreamweaver would not have been aware of the movement, and you would not have had the opportunity to adjust the path to the image file in pages that link to that image.

The burger.jpg file is now stored in the main images folder. When you move files into a folder, that folder automatically expands in the Files panel.

4. In the Files panel, click the Type column heading to sort the site files by type.

By default, site files are sorted by name. You can sort by another criteria by clicking the column headings in the Files panel. Sorting by type allows you to easily find all of the images that are used in this site.

5. Click the first JPG file in the list (onion-rings.jpg) to select that file. Press Shift and click kinetic.png to select all consecutive files between the first and the last ones you selected.

Press Shift to select multiple consecutive files in the panel. Press Command/Control and click to select multiple, nonconsecutive files.

You can also Command/Control-click to deselect a selected file. For example, if you select a file by accident, you can deselect it by Command/Control-clicking the file name.

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**Note:**

To avoid potential problems if you accidentally close a file without saving, you might want to close open files before moving or renaming files in the Files panel.

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Images in Web sites typically have a GIF, JPG, or PNG extension.
5. Click the icon of any of the selected files and drag the selected files into the images folder. When asked, click Update to update all links to all of the moved files.

6. Click the down-facing arrow to the left of the images folder name to collapse the folder.

7. Click the Local Files column header to re-sort the files by name.

8. Select menu1.html and menu2.html, and move them into the menus folder. Update the links when asked.

   This is a relatively small site, so nesting files into subfolders isn’t strictly necessary. However, when you work with larger files, clearly organized subfolders can be extremely helpful in maintaining a site that is easy to update as often as necessary.

9. Collapse the menus folder.

10. Select and move the file tables.psd into the resources folder.

    In this case, you are not asked to update links. This is a layered Photoshop file that was used to create the background image behind the page content. It is not part of the actual Web site, but it’s a good idea to keep this type of file in the site folder in case you need to make changes later. Later in this project, you will learn how to prevent this file from being uploaded as part of the site.

11. Collapse the resources folder.

    From the folder structure alone, the Web site appears to be better organized. You now know what to expect when you open each folder.

12. Continue to the next stage of the project.
Hyperlinks (the official term for links) can be created to link pages on a site to other pages within the same site, or to pages on other sites. A well-designed site includes links that make it easy to get to any part of a site from any other part of a site. You should carefully plan the flow of links and connections between pages — always keeping the reader’s usability in mind.

Organizing links is a simple application of a science called information architecture, which is the organization of a Web site to support both usability and “findability.” As you organize site links, remember that your goal is to enable visitors to see a pattern in your links, which will assist them in navigating through your site. Keep the following points in mind when you plan a site’s link structure:

- You can’t know how visitors will enter your site. The primary site pages (home, about us, etc.) should be accessible from every page on the site.
- When linking secondary pages such as different menus for different mealtimes, don’t make users constantly click the browser’s Back button. Links should allow users to navigate all sibling pages (at the same level) as easily as navigating the primary structure. For example, users should be able to access the dinner menu or lunch menu in the restaurant’s site without first going back to a main “Menu” page.

Using the terms “parent,” “child,” and “sibling” is simply a way of describing relationships between pages. A large Web site cannot provide links to all of the pages from its home page. By grouping pages, grouping groups of pages, and so on, you create relationships of equality between pages that are grouped together, as well as between groups that are grouped together.

When you plan a new site, you should create this type of flowchart to make sure you create all the necessary links that make the site as user-friendly as possible. A flowchart of the required Kinetic site link structure is shown to the right.

In this stage of the project, you will learn various techniques to create the necessary links on the Kinetic site pages.
**Create Hyperlinks within the Site**

Dreamweaver offers a number of options for creating the necessary links for any Web site structure.

- **Hyperlink Button in the HTML Insert Panel.** Clicking the Hyperlink button in the HTML Insert panel opens the Hyperlink dialog box, where you define the specific parameters of the link.

- **Insert-Hyperlink menu.** This menu command opens the same dialog box that you see when you click the Hyperlink button in the Insert panel.

- **Properties Panel Fields.** You can also simply define the specifics of a hyperlink in the Properties panel. This method offers the same options as those in the Hyperlink dialog box but does not require the dialog box interface.

- **Point to File button in the Properties panel.** To create a link using this method, simply click the Point to File button, hold down the mouse button, and drag to a file in the Files panel; Dreamweaver automatically creates a link.

- **Browse for File button in the Properties panel.** The Browse for File button opens a navigation dialog box where you can select the file that will open when a user clicks on the link.

- **Shift-Drag Method.** You can create a link directly from the document window by pressing Shift and then clicking and dragging from the link source to the destination page in the Files panel. (This method only works for text; you can’t Shift-drag to create a link for an image.)

- **Quick Property Inspector in Live View.** When the Live view is active, you can use the Link button in the Quick Property Inspector, which appears attached to the selected item in the document window, to create a hyperlink.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, open index.html.** Make sure the Live view is not active.

2. **At the top of the page, double-click the word “HOME” to select it.**

3. **If your Insert panel is docked above the document window, click the HTML tab at the top of the panel.**

   If your Insert panel is docked on the right side of the screen, or if it is floating as a separate panel, choose HTML in the menu at the top of the panel.

**Note:**

Dreamweaver often includes several different ways to achieve the same result. You should use the method that is most efficient at the time.
4. Click the Hyperlink button in the HTML Insert panel.

The HTML Insert panel contains many of the common functions you use to create Web pages. If a different Insert panel is showing, you can return to the HTML Insert panel by choosing HTML in the panel menu.

5. In the Hyperlink dialog box, click the Browse button to the right of the Link field.

The text selected in the document appears in the Text field by default. (If an image is selected, this field defaults to be blank.)

6. Navigate to your WIP->Kinetic folder, select index.html, and click Open/OK to return to the Hyperlink dialog box.

In the Link field, you can either type the URL of a location outside the site you’re building, or you can click the Browse button to select a file within the current site.

Note:
From this point on, we will leave our Insert panel docked on the right side of the workspace, immediately below the Files panel. Feel free to organize your workspace however you prefer.

Note:
Remember, when commands are different for different operating systems, we list them as Macintosh/Windows.
The HTML Insert Panel in Depth

The HTML insert panel contains buttons for frequently used items. For example, to insert a hyperlink, simply click the corresponding button. (Some of the terms and functions in the following descriptions will make more sense as you use those tools to complete later projects.)

- **Div** inserts sections (divisions) in a page, which are useful for inserting blocks of content that you want to format independently from other blocks. You will work extensively with div tags in later projects.
- **Image** opens a dialog box where you can define the source for the image you want to insert.
- **Paragraph** surrounds each selected paragraph with `<p></p>` tags, which is the proper HTML structure for a paragraph of text.
- **Heading** is used to assign predefined HTML heading levels (h1 through h6) to selected text.
- **Table** inserts an HTML table into the page.
- **Figure** inserts a properly structured HTML figure, including the appropriate tags for the figure and the figure caption.
- **Unordered List** creates a bulleted list from the selected paragraphs; each selected paragraph is automatically tagged as a list item.
- **Ordered List** creates a numbered list from the selected paragraphs; each selected paragraph is automatically tagged as a list item.
- **List Item** creates a new list item at the location of the cursor. No ordered or unordered list is created to surround the list item.
- **Hyperlink** opens a dialog box where you can create text or image links to another file, either in the same Web site or in an external Web site.
- **Header, Navigation, Main, Aside, Article, Section, and Footer** add the related HTML5 tags to the page. You have the option to determine exactly how the tags are applied in relation to selected text, as well as defining an ID or class attribute for the resulting tag.
- **Meta** opens a dialog box where you can define a variety of page head information. When you type specific values in the name and content fields, the appropriate information is added to the page head using the following structure:

  `<meta name="test" content="123">`

- **Keywords** opens a dialog box where you can define keywords in the page head. The keywords are added using the following structure:

  `<meta name="keywords" content="words">`

- **Description** opens a dialog box where you can define a text-based description to the page head. The description is added using the following structure:

  `<meta name="description" content="Text">`

- **Viewport** offers a way to better control the appearance of a page on mobile devices. It sets the width of the visible area of a web page on a user’s device to match the width of the device screen.
- **The Script** button can be used to add code from an external file, which will be used by the browser to perform an action when the page is accessed.
- **The Email Link** button opens a dialog box where you can create links to email addresses.
- **HTML5 Video** inserts a video element, which allows a video file to be played directly in an HTML5 page without the need for external browser plugins.
- **Canvas** inserts a canvas element, which is a container for graphics that are created directly in the page using scripts.
- **Animate Composition** places a defined Animate composition (OAM file) into the HTML page at the location of the cursor.
- **HTML5 Audio** inserts a audio element, which allows an audio file to be played directly in an HTML5 page without the need for external browser plugins.
- **Flash SWF** allows you to place a SWF file (created from a Flash animation). Keep in mind that SWF files require the Flash Player browser plugin to function properly.
- **Flash Video** allows you to place an FLV file, which is a video format created from Flash professional. Again, this format requires the Flash Player browser plugin to function properly.
- **Plugin** embeds a specific user-defined plugin file into the page.
- **Rollover Image** opens a dialog box where you can define the default image, as well as a different image that will appear when a user's mouse cursor enters into the image area.
- **iFrame** inserts an iFrame element, which allows you to embed one document into another.
- **Horizontal Rule** inserts a solid line across the width of the page. This can be useful for visually separating sections of text.
- **The Date** button inserts the current date and time. In the resulting dialog box, you can choose the date format, as well as an option to update the date and time whenever the file is saved.
- **Non-Breaking Space** adds a special character that prevents a line break from appearing between specific words in a paragraph.
- **Character** is used to insert special characters, such as copyright symbols and foreign currency characters.
7. **Open the Target menu and choose _self.**

This option determines where the linked file will open:

- **_blank** opens every linked file in a new, unnamed browser window.
- **new** creates a new browser window with the name “_new”. Every link assigned the _new target will open in that same _new browser window.
- **_parent** is relevant if a page includes nested frames; this option opens the link in the frame or window that contains the frame with the link.
- **_self** opens the link in the same frame or browser window as the link. This is the default behavior if you do not choose an option in the Target menu.
- **_top** opens the link in the same browser window, regardless of frames.

8. **In the Title field, type **Kinetic Bistro home page.****

The Title field defines text that appears when the cursor is placed over the link text. Defining a descriptive title for links can help a page achieve better search engine results.

9. **Click OK in the Hyperlink dialog box to create the link.**

10. **Click the Split button in the Document toolbar to review both the design and code views at one time.**

A Web page is basically a page full of code. A browser reads the code to determine how to treat various elements of the page. HTML code largely revolves around tags, which tell a browser how to interpret specific objects on the page.

A hyperlink is identified by the `a` element, which starts with the opening `<a>` tag; the link destination and target are defined as attributes of that tag (`href="index.html" target="self"`). After the link text, the closing tag (`</a>`) identifies the end of the link.

| Note: | You can use the Access Key field to define a keyboard shortcut for the link and use the Tab Index field to specify the number of times a user needs to press the Tab key to select the link. |
11. Select the word “ABOUT” at the top of the page.

12. Click the Browse for File button to the right of the Link field in the Properties panel.
   If you don’t see the Properties panel, choose Window>Properties. The Properties panel’s primary purpose is to review and change the properties of the selected HTML element (such as a heading, paragraph, or table cell).

13. In the resulting dialog box, select about.html, and then click Open/OK.

14. Select the word “MENUS” at the top of the page.

15. Expand the menus folder in the Files panel.
   You should expand and collapse Files panel folders as necessary, depending on your available screen space. We will not repeat instructions to collapse or expand folders unless it is necessary to perform a specific function.

16. Click the Point to File button in the Properties panel, hold down the mouse button, and drag to menus/menu1.html in the Files panel.
17. Select the word “EVENTS” at the top of the page.

18. Macintosh: Press the Shift key, then click the selected text and drag to `events.html` in the Files panel.

You have to press the Shift key, and then click and drag to the link destination. If you try to click and drag before pressing the Shift key, this technique will fail.

Windows: Use any method you already learned to link the word “EVENTS” to the `events.html` file in the site root folder.

The Shift-drag method does not work on the Windows operating system.

19. Use any method you just learned to create a link from the word “CONTACT” to the `contact.html` file.

20. In the Document toolbar, click the arrow to the right turn of the Design button and choose Live from the menu to turn on the Live view.

   ![Illustration of Document toolbar with Live view option highlighted]

   In the Live view, you can accurately see how the CSS will be rendered by Web browsers.

   ![Image of Live view with text and CSS rendering]

   **Note:**
   
   You can remove a link by selecting the linked text or object by simply deleting the text from the Link field in the Properties panel.
21. In the Design window with the Live view active, click once to select the footer paragraph at the bottom of the page.
When the Live view is active, clicking an object in the document window shows the Element Display, which shows the active HTML element. (If an element has a defined ID or class attribute, those also appear in the Element Display. You will learn about IDs and classes in later projects.) In this case, you can see that the selected element is a p element — in other words, it is a paragraph.

22. Double-click the text in the selected paragraph to place the insertion point.
You can now place the insertion point and edit text directly in the Live view. (You might have to look closely to see the insertion point in this case.)

23. Double-click and drag to select the words “Against The Clock, Inc.” within the active paragraph.
In the Live view, the Quick Property Inspector shows options related to the selected text. You can use the B and I buttons to apply the <strong> and <em> tags (respectively). You can also click the Hyperlink button to define a link destination for the selected text.

Note:
The strong and em tags are explained in Project 2: Digital Book Chapter.
24. In the Quick Property Inspector, click the Hyperlink button. In the resulting Link field, type http://www.againsttheclock.com as the link destination.

Dreamweaver can’t help you create an external URL link because it’s outside the site definition. You have to simply type or paste the address into the Link field.

An external URL link must begin with the “http://” protocol, followed by the domain name and, if relevant, the folder path and file name of the page to which you are linking.

25. Click anywhere else in the workspace to finalize the hyperlink you defined in Step 24.

26. In the Document toolbar, click the arrow to the right of the Live button and choose Design from the menu to turn off the Live view.

You should become familiar with the process of turning the Live view on or off. We will not continue to repeat these specific instructions as you move throughout the projects in this book.

27. Choose File>Save to save your changes, then continue to the next exercise.

**Copy and Paste Links**

Rather than manually creating the same links on every page, you can now simply copy and paste them from one page to another.

1. With index.html open (from the Kinetic site), click in any of the text links to place the insertion point.

   The insertion point is the location where text will appear if you type.

2. Review the Tag Selector below the document window.

   The Tag Selector, located in the status bar of the document window, shows the nesting order of HTML tags (the “path of tags”) based on the current selection or the current location of the insertion point.

   **Note:**

   You will work more extensively with tags beginning in Project 2: Digital Book Chapter.
3. Click the `<ul>` tag in the Tag Selector.

   The `<ul>` tag identifies an unordered list, which is how this navigation structure was created; each link is a separate list item (using the `<li>` tag).

   Clicking a tag in the Tag Selector selects that HTML element and all of its content. In the document window, the associated content is highlighted.

   ![Selected tag]

   The entire unordered list (all of the links) is selected.

4. Choose Edit>Copy (or press Command/Control-C) to copy the selected content to the Clipboard.

5. Close index.html and open about.html.

6. Click to place the insertion point anywhere in the list of links at the top of the page, and then click the `<ul>` tag in the Tag Selector to select the entire unlinked list.

   ![The selected list does not yet include links.]

7. Choose Edit>Paste (or press Command/Control-V) to paste the copied content from the Clipboard.

8. Place the insertion point in any of the links and review the Tag Selector.

   The Tag Selector now shows the `<a>` tag for the current insertion point (in our example, the EVENTS link). The Properties panel also shows the destination of the active link.

   ![The pasted content includes the links.]

9. Save the changes to about.html and close the file.

10. Repeat Steps 6–9 to paste the copied content (the links) into all HTML pages in the site root level, as well as the two HTML pages in the menus folder.

11. Save and close any open file, and then continue to the next exercise.
ADJUST RELATIVE LINK PATHS

A path is the route taken through the folder structure to link one page to another. By default, Dreamweaver uses relative paths when creating links (the application refers to this as “relative to the document”). The alternative is to create absolute paths (“relative to the site”); but unless your site is running on a Web server, you can’t test links that use absolute paths.

As an example, consider creating a link from index.html to about.html, both of which reside in the root folder (as shown in the figure to the right). In this case, the source and destination pages are in the same folder; the relative-path link simply states the file name of the destination page:

```
<a href="menu2.html">Link Text</a>
```

When you drill down into nested levels of folders, the source folder is not identified in the path; the link automatically works starting from the location of the link. To link from index.html to menu1.html, for example, you have to include the nested menus folder in the path:

```
<a href="menus/menu1.html">Link Text</a>
```

When the link is in an upward direction, the ../ notation says “go up one folder.” To link from menu1.html to index.html in the site root folder means that the link needs to take the visitor up one folder level:

```
<a href="../index.html">Link Text</a>
```

Each step up in the folder structure requires another command to “go one step up” in the folder structure. If you had another level of nesting inside the menus folder, for example, a link would have to take the visitor up two folder levels to return to the main index page:

```
<a href="../../index.html">Link Text</a>
```

1. With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, open menu1.html.
   In this exercise, you are going to adjust the various links so they work properly on all pages in the site.

2. Double-click the word HOME at the top of the page to select that element.

3. In the Link field of the Properties panel, type ../ before the existing link.
   Press Return/Enter to finalize the change.
4. Repeat Steps 2–3 for the ABOUT, EVENTS, and CONTACT links.

5. Select the word MENUS at the top of the page.
   In this case, the link is still a problem because it directs the browser to look for a folder named “menus” inside the same folder as the active page. You need to remove the folder part of the path to prevent an error if a user clicks this link from the menu1.html page.

6. In the Link field of the Properties Inspector, delete menus/ (including the forward slash) from the existing link.

7. Using any method you have learned, link “Lunch Menu” (in the main content area) to menu2.html and link “Dinner Menu” to menu1.html.
   See “Accessing Page Content in the Menu Pages” (Page 47) for specific information about selecting the text in the main content area.

8. Repeat the process from Steps 1–7 to adjust the top links and add the necessary secondary links in the menu2.html file.

9. Save and close any open files, then continue to the next exercise.
   You can save each file individually, or choose File>Save All to save all open files at once.
The files for this project were created using divs (using the opening and closing <div> tags), which are simply a way to identify and format parts or sections of a page.

(You will work with divs in Project 4: Museum CSS Layout.) Although you don’t need to worry about the underlying page structure for now, you might see some unusual behavior when you try to select content in the main section the menu pages when the Live view is not active.

The area that holds the actual menu content has a fixed height, but both menus have more content than will fit into the defined size. When the page is viewed in a browser, the area includes a scroll bar for users to access the content that doesn’t fit.

In Dreamweaver’s regular Design view, however, this scrollbar doesn’t appear. Instead, the first time you click, the entire div is selected and all of the contained text is highlighted.

Double-clicking inside the area again causes the page to jump down, showing the overflow content.

If you click a third time, you can place the insertion point inside the actual text, scroll up as necessary, and then select the link text at the top of the area.
**CREATE AN EMAIL LINK**

Most Web sites include one or more external links (including email links), which require the appropriate protocol to tell the browser what type of link is present.

An **email link** requires the “mailto:” protocol, followed by the appropriate email address. This instructs the browser to open a new mail message with the defined address already in the To line.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, open contact.html.** Make sure the Live view is not active.

2. **Select the words “info@kineticbistro.atc” in the main content area.**

3. **In the HTML Insert panel, click the Email Link button.**

4. **Review the resulting dialog box.**
   
   If you select text before clicking the Email Link icon, the Text field is completed for you. Dreamweaver also recognizes that the selected text is an email address, so the Email field is filled in for you.
   
   If the selected text is not recognized as an email address, the Email field defaults to the last address that was defined in the field.

5. **Click OK to create the email link.**

6. **Review the link field in the Properties panel.**

   An email link must begin with “mailto:” followed by the address. When you use the Email Link dialog box, Dreamweaver automatically inserts the mailto: protocol.

   In many cases throughout this book, we use “[company].atc” as the domain of a site. Although at the time of writing, none of the domain names we use are real, new domains are registered every day. We use the fictitious “.atc” domain to avoid inadvertently using the domain name of a real company.

   When you upload files to a server, you should use the accurate domain (.com, .gov, .edu, etc.) for the site you are building.

7. **Save the file and close it, then continue to the next stage of the project.**

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**Note:**

You can access the same Email Link dialog box by choosing Insert>HTML>Email Link.
Stage 3 Naming and Titling Documents

When a **Web server** (a computer that stores and delivers Web pages) receives a request for a folder but not a specific page, the Web server delivers the default page for that folder — usually named index.html or index.htm. There is no practical difference between the two extensions; most Web servers can serve files with either extension. (If you do not have an index file in that folder, the link will result in an error.)

To create links to the default page in a specific folder, you do not need to include the file name if you use the index naming convention. Both www.kineticbistro.com/ and www.kineticbistro.com/index.html refer to the same page.

### Rename Pages for Search Engine Optimization

Search engine optimization (SEO) is the process of improving the ranking of a Web page on search engine results pages (SERPs). Search engines certainly use the content of a page for ranking purposes, but the names of folders and files also affect rankings.

Descriptive folder and file names improve usability; you can use m/menu1.html for the path to the dinner menu page, for example, but /menus/dinner-menu.html is much easier for visitors to understand — and will improve your search engine ranking.

In this exercise, you rename the menu pages to more accurately describe what is contained in the files. As with moving files, the application recognizes when a file name has been changed and knows that links to the page must be adjusted.

1. **With the Kinetic site open, click menus/menu1.html in the Files panel to select that file.**
2. **Click the selected filename again to highlight it.**
   
   This highlights the existing filename, excluding the extension.

   ![Highlighted filename](image)

3. **Type dinner-menu, then press Return/Enter. In the resulting dialog box, click Update to update all pages that link to this page.**

   Typing when the filename is highlighted replaces the previous file name. Pressing Return/Enter finalizes the change.

   As with moving files, Dreamweaver recognizes that all links to the renamed page need to point to the new file name.
4. Repeat Steps 1–3 to rename menu2.html as lunch-menu.html.

5. Continue to the next exercise.

**Understanding Web File Naming Conventions**

Because different servers run on different operating systems, the safest way to name pages is to use only characters that are guaranteed to work perfectly:

- a through z (use only lowercase letters)
- 0 through 9
- Hyphen (great-site.html)
- Underscore (great_site.html)

Consider everything else to be “illegal,” including:

- Spaces
- Brackets of all kinds, including ( ), [ ], { }, and < >
- Symbols, including #, @, %, –, –, *, and &
- Quotation marks, both double (“ “) and single (“’”)
- Slashes, both back slashes (/) and forward slashes (/)
- Commas, periods, question marks, and exclamation points
- Uppercase characters

Some designers use CamelCase — uppercase letters at the beginning of each word within a file name, such as UniversalStudios.html. The problem with mixing the lettercase is that some Web server software is case-sensitive and some is not. Most Windows-based Web server software is not case-sensitive, but UNIX- and Linux-based Web server software is case-sensitive. Considering that many Web servers run on UNIX- or Linux-based computers, it’s best to use only lowercase file and folder names.

**Create Document Titles for Individual Pages**

Appropriate document titles are an important concern for both search engines and site visitors. While the document title does not appear within the body of a Web page, it does appear in the title bar of the browser, as the default name of the page in the Bookmarks or Favorites list, and as the page name in search-engine results pages.

Page titles should be relatively short, around 70 characters or so to avoid their being truncated in various locations (such as a user’s Bookmarks/Favorites list). You should separate the components of the title with some type of divider, such as a colon (:) or pipe (|) character.

In this exercise, you add document titles to the new pages to increase the pages’ search engine rankings and improve usability for visitors who find the pages in search engines and bookmarks. You also learn to use the Find and Replace function, which can greatly reduce the amount of effort required to create all of the document titles.

1. With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, open index.html.

2. Click the Split button in the Document toolbar to show both the Code and Design views at one time.
3. **Examine the Document Title field in the Properties panel.**

When you create a new page in Dreamweaver, the default title is “Untitled Document”. That text appears in the Document Title field by default, and in the title element in the Code pane (wrapped in the opening and closing `<title>` tags).

4. **Choose Find→Find and Replace.**

The Find and Replace options appear at the top of the active document window.

5. **In the Find field, type Untitled Document.**

As soon as you enter text in the Find field, all instances of that text are highlighted in the Code pane; the first highlighted instance is the active one. The number of instances appears to the right of the Find field. If more than one instance is found, you can use the left- and right-arrow buttons to navigate through the various instances.

6. **Open the Find In menu and choose Current Site.**

This option allows you to affect all files in the active site. You can also search only selected text; the current (active) document; all open documents; a specific folder; or only selected files in the active site.

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**Note:**

When you use the Split view, feel free to arrange the pane however you prefer. We arrange them as necessary to best suit what we are trying to show in our screen captures.

**Note:**

At least one file must be open to use the Find and Replace functionality.
7. In the Replace field, type **Kinetic Bistro | Lancaster, California |**  
(Include a space after the final pipe character.)

All pages in the site will include this block of text at the beginning of the document title. Further detail about individual pages will be added to the right of this information.

Unlike file names, document titles can use mixed lettercase and include spaces and other characters. However, you should avoid both single and double quotation marks.

8. Click Replace All. When prompted to confirm whether you want to proceed with this function, click Yes.

Like most applications, Dreamweaver has an Undo function that allows you to undo the most recently completed actions; however, this function only works if the document is open. Since you are using the Find and Replace function on the entire folder and not only on an open page, you are making changes in closed documents— which means you cannot use the Undo command.

After completing the Find and Replace function, Dreamweaver displays the results in the Search panel.

9. Examine the title in the Properties panel and the Code pane again for the open file (index.html).

As a result of the Find and Replace function, the document title has been changed. The same change has been made in all pages in the site. (Because the title tag of the open page is active in the Code pane, the Properties panel now shows only options for that active element.)

10. Control/right-click the Search panel tab and choose Close Tab Group.

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**Note:**

Some experts disagree whether the company name should come before or after the specific page information in a title. However, putting the company name at the beginning of the page title can help with search engine results because the company name is an important keyword.
Options in the Find and Replace pane allow you to conduct very specific and targeted searches.

A The **Find Previous** and **Find Next** buttons navigate to sequential instances of the text you enter in the Find field.

B The **Find In** menu determines where you are searching for a particular string of text. You can search the current document or all open documents, only files in a defined folder, only files that are selected in the Files panel, the entire current site, or only text that is currently selected in the active document.

C **Match Case** limits the search to text that exactly matches the case of the text you want to find. For example, a search for untitled document will not find instances of Untitled Document.

D **Use Regular Expressions** causes certain characters to function as operators, so that you can search for non-specific text.

   For example, when this option is not active, a search for the period character will identify actual period in the document.

   When Use Regular Expressions is checked, the period character is considered a wildcard that identifies any single character. A search for "p.p" would identify any instance where two ps are separated by one other character (pop, pap, puppy, etc.).

   Possible wildcard characters include:
   
   - \. Any character (except a newline character)
   - \d Any digit (0-9)
   - \D Any non-digit character
   - \w Any alphanumeric character or the underscore
   - \W Any character except an alphanumeric character or the underscore
   - \s Any white-space character (space, tab, etc.)
   - \S Any character except a white-space character
   - \t Tab character

E **Match Whole Word** restricts the search to text that matches one or more complete words.

F **Ignore White Spaces** treats consecutive white space as a single space for the purposes of matching.

   For example, with this option selected, a search for My Portfolio would return instances of My Portfolio and My Portfolio but not MyPortfolio.

G **Search Text Only** can be toggled on to search only text, ignoring any code within the text. When toggled off, your search will include the source code in the document as well.

H **Show More** expands the Find/Replace pane to include larger fields for the Find and replace text.

I **Close** closes the Find/Replace pane.

You can use the Replace button to change the active instance of text in the Find field, or use the Replace All button to change all instances.

If you check the Exceptions option, clicking the Replace All button opens the Search panel with a list of each identified instance. You can use the checkboxes on the left to determine which instances will be changed, then click the Replace button in the panel to replace only certain instances.
11. Click the Close button in the Find/Replace function to close it.

12. Click in the Code pane to make it active.

Making a specific pane active is called “bringing it into focus”.

13. Click at the end of the existing page title to place the insertion point immediately before the closing </title> tag, then type **Gourmet Casual Dining**.

You can edit the page title in the Document toolbar or in the Code pane. Changes in either place are automatically applied to the other.

14. Save index.html and close it.

15. Open about.html. Using either the Code pane or the Document Title field in the Properties panel, add **Hours of Operation** to the end of the existing page title.

16. Save about.html and close it.

17. Repeat this process (Steps 12–16) to change the page titles of the remaining pages as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>contact.html</td>
<td>Address and Contact Information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>events.html</td>
<td>Special Event Facilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>menus/dinner-menu.html</td>
<td>Dinner Menu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>menus/lunch-menu.html</td>
<td>Lunch Menu</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

18. Continue to the next exercise.
As you saw when you created the folders for the new site, not all of the new files are meant to be uploaded to the Web server — specifically, the Photoshop file in the resources folder. (You should, however, store such files locally as source files or documentation for the work you completed.) Dreamweaver provides a very useful function — called **cloaking** — that allows you to prevent certain files from uploading. You can cloak an individual file; cloak all files with the same extension (for example, all native Photoshop files with the PSD extension); or cloak a folder, which also cloaks all files in that folder.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, open the Directory menu and click the Kinetic site name in the menu.**

   This opens the Site Setup dialog box for the selected site. You do not need to go through the Manage Sites dialog box to edit the settings for the active site.

2. **In the Site Setup dialog box, expand the Advanced Settings menu on the left side and click Cloaking to show the related options.**

3. **Make sure the Enable Cloaking check box is active.**

   When Enable Cloaking is checked, you can hide selected files and folders from a Web server. You can also use the Cloak Files Ending With option to hide all files with the extensions that are listed in the field.

4. **Click Save to close the Site Setup dialog box.**

5. **In the Files panel, collapse all open folders and expand only the resources folder.**
6. Control/right-click the resources folder and choose Cloaking>Cloak.
   Notice the red slash through the resources folder icon and the icon for the file in the resources folder. The red slash refers to the cloaking function only; it does not prevent you from working with the files, adding more files, or deleting any of the existing files.

   ![Cloaking function](image)

   **Note:**
   You can also cloak a specific file by Control/right clicking that file in the Files panel and choosing Cloaking>Cloak.

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7. Continue to the next exercise.

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**Export and Remove the Site Definition**

To reduce the potential for confusion, it’s a good idea to remove the defined sites of completed projects, leaving only the defined sites of current projects.

As stated in the Interface chapter, removing a site from Dreamweaver does not delete the actual files and folders from your computer; it simply removes them from Dreamweaver. Rather than removing a site, however, you can export a site definition file — which you can later import to restore the same settings and options you already defined (as you did in the Interface chapter when you imported the sf-arts site).

As you work through the projects in this book, you will export and remove site definitions for completed projects, so your site list remains manageable. You should get into this habit so you can quickly reinstate site definitions if necessary.

1. **With the Kinetic site open in the Files panel, choose Manage Sites at the bottom of the Directory menu.**

   You can access this menu even when the Files panel is in expanded mode.

   ![Manage Sites](image)
2. In the Manage Sites dialog box, choose the Kinetic site name, and then click the Export button.
   This function creates a ".ste" file that stores the Dreamweaver site definition settings.

3. Navigate to WIP>Kinetic and click Save.
   The Export Site dialog box defaults to the current site's root folder. You can restore the site settings by importing the site definition file from this location.

4. In the Manage Sites dialog box, make sure Kinetic site is selected and click the “−” button to remove the site from the list.

5. Click Yes to the warning to confirm the removal of the Kinetic site definition.
   Remember, you are not deleting the files from the site; you are simply removing the site definition from Dreamweaver.

6. At the bottom of the Manage Sites dialog box, click Done.
To make files available to other users, you must upload them to a server. When a user types your URL into a browser, the browser software retrieves the required files from a server and displays them for the user.

As a Web designer, you should seriously consider signing up for a Web hosting service, both for testing your work in progress, but also for displaying your completed work to potential employers. Many online companies offer hosting for a very low monthly fee, and some even offer a limited-time free trial for students.

Because we can’t be sure what type of server you are using, the following discussion explains the process using a hosting company that provides Web hosting services for a small monthly fee — a common use case.

Until you define a server for a specific site, the Files panel includes a Define Server button, which automatically opens the Servers pane of the Site Setup dialog box.

Server Name simply identifies the host in Dreamweaver. Connect Using determines the type of connection protocol. For most online hosting companies, you will choose FTP in this menu. If you are using a local server, consult your network administrator for the settings to use.

FTP Address is the hostname for your server. In many cases, the FTP host is the same as the server name. Check your hosting account documentation for your FTP hostname and account information.

Username and Password are the settings for your specific hosting account; consult your server documentation for the correct information to use. (If you are working on a shared computer, you might want to uncheck the Save option. However, you will have to retype your username and password every time you upload files.)

Root Directory is the location of the folder where you want the files to be placed. Some hosting providers require you to place public files inside a specific folder, such as public_html or www. When users navigate to your URL, they see the index page located in the designated folder.

Web URL is the actual URL with which users will access the site. This should generally not include any of the extra “public_html” or other folders that are included in the Root Directory field.

You can click the Test button to make sure you have the correct information. You must receive a message stating that Dreamweaver successfully connected to the Web server. If a connection with the Web server cannot be established, check your entries to make sure your Internet connection is active, and then try again.

Our example, shown below, uses the information required by the specific hosting company we are using. You should consult your host’s documentation to learn exactly what information you should enter in most of these fields.
After you define a remote or testing server for a site, the Files panel includes a number of additional options.

**A Connect to Remote Server** establishes a connection with the defined remote server.

**B Get Files from Remote Server** copies the selected files from a remote server to the local folder.

**C Put Files to Remote Server** copies the selected files from the local folder to the remote server.

**D Synchronize with Remote Server** synchronizes files between the local folder and remote server so the same version appears in both places.

In the Synchronize menu you can choose to synchronize the entire site, or only selected local files.

In the Direction menu, you can choose how files will be synchronized:
- **Put Newer Files to Remote** uploads local files only if they are newer than same-named files on the remote site.
- **Get Newer Files from Remote** downloads remote files only if they are newer than same-named files on the remote site.
- **Get and Put Newer Files** moves files in whichever direction is necessary so that the latest version of each file is on both the remote and local site.

**E Expand/Collapse** shows both local files and the remote site (if one has been defined). The expanded Files panel has two panes; one displays the files on the remote or test server and one displays the local site files.

To collapse the panel back to its normal state, simply click the Collapse button.

When you click the Preview button in the Synchronize with Remote Server dialog box, Dreamweaver shows a list of all files that will be affected by the process.

When you upload files to the remote server, Dreamweaver keeps a log of affected files. The Background File Activity dialog box shows a list of each file, including any potential problems encountered during the transfer process. Clicking the Details button expands the dialog box and shows the progression of the synchronization.

When the synchronization process is complete, the local site files appear in the left side of the expanded Files panel (the remote site). Those files are now visible to any browser connected to the Internet.
1. Briefly explain why it is important to define a Dreamweaver site file.

2. Briefly explain the importance of creating a site flowchart.

3. Explain three different methods for creating a link to a page in the current site.
Romana Place Town Homes is adding a photo tour to its Web site. The owner is fairly competent at building Web pages, but is having trouble finalizing the new site. Your job is to finish what he started in a professional, organized manner.

To complete this project, you should:

- Import the site files into Dreamweaver (from the **Rentals_DWCC17_PB.zip** archive on the Student Files Web page).
- Analyze the content of the different pages. Create a flowchart to map the direction of links from one page to another in the site.
- Organize the site folder into a clear, understandable structure.
- Create the links from one page to another throughout the entire site.

When I started working with our site files I noticed that none of the links exist anymore. I might have worked from an earlier version of the site files, but I'm not sure. Can you fix this for me? Other than the navigation in the middle of the pages, there are a number of other places where links are necessary:

- Users should be able to navigate between the different property pages without going back to the main Properties page.
- There should be a link to our main information email address (info@romanaplace.atc) on every page.
- The original design company's name in the footer should link to its Web site.
This project focused on two of the foundational elements of Web site design — organizing files and creating links. A well-organized site structure includes links that make it easy for users to navigate throughout the entire site. Dreamweaver makes it easy to manage the files in a site — renaming and moving them while maintaining the links between pages within the site. You also learned a number of ways to create links, whether to other pages in the site, to an external URL, or to an email address. The skills you used in this project will be required to complete virtually any site you create in Dreamweaver.