



Adobe Dreamweaver CS6 Tutorial

GETTING STARTED

This tutorial focuses on the basic steps involved in creating an attractive, functional website. In using this tutorial you will learn to design a site layout, insert images and text, create links, and how to upload your site to the Internet. This tutorial offers information for Mac and PC users.

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1. ACTIVATING YOUR WEBSITE

Before you get started, it is important that you have somewhere to upload your Web site when it is completed. To activate your personal Web space, either:

1. Visit the Technology Support Center (TSC), located at 110 Hayes Hall, and apply for personal web space.
2. Ask your instructor (if the project is for class work) about setting up a ClassWorks server space for your class.

Information about applying for a personal web space from the TSC can be found at:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/its/tsc/self-help/page9436.html>

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CREATING YOUR LOCAL ROOT FOLDER

First, you need to decide what you want to put on your website: images, buttons, videos, PDF documents, PowerPoint presentations, etc. To create and maintain an organized website, you need to establish a hierarchy of folders that contain all of the components that make up your site. This folder is called your Local root folder. This folder is important because this is where Dreamweaver looks for all your files.

To create a root folder, follow these steps:

1. Create a new folder on your desktop. On a Mac, click **File > New Folder**. On a PC, right-click and choose **New Folder**.
2. Give the folder a brief, but descriptive name. Do not use capital letters, spaces, or special characters when naming folders and files for your website. All of your pages will be saved within this folder.
3. Open the folder, and create another new folder inside. Name this folder “**images**” (make sure the file name is lower case). Put all of your images, buttons, movie files, etc. inside the images folder.

NOTE: Make sure that all of your pages and images are saved in your root folder, or they will not appear the next your website is opened.

MANAGING YOUR SITES

I. Begin by opening Adobe Dreamweaver CS6.

On a PC, click **Start > Programs > Adobe > Dreamweaver CS6**, or click on the Dreamweaver shortcut on the desktop.

On a Mac, click **Macintosh HD > Applications > Adobe Dreamweaver CS6**, or click the Dreamweaver icon in the Dock. (Figure 3)

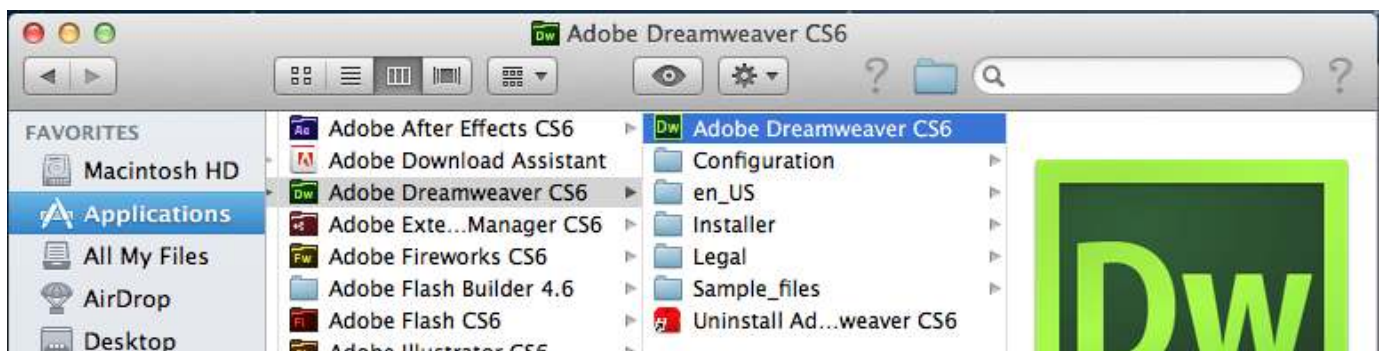


Figure 3. Navigating to the Dreamweaver CS5 application. on a Mac

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The most important step you need to take every time you launch Dreamweaver CS6 is to define your **Local Info**. The **local root folder** is the name for the folder where you are storing all of your website's contents.

To define a site, follow these steps:

1. Click **Site > Manage Sites**.
2. Click **New > Site**.
3. Select the **Site** tab.
4. Enter a name for the site in the **Site Name** text field (This name will be for your use only – it will not be published with your site.)
5. Click the small folder icon next to the **Local Site Folder** text field. Browse to the root folder that you created earlier in the tutorial. Once you've located the folder, click the **Choose** button.
6. Select the **Advanced Settings** tab.
7. Click the small folder icon next to the **Default Images Folder** text field (Figure 4). Browse to the **images** folder that you created earlier in the tutorial. Once you've located the folder, click the **Choose** button.

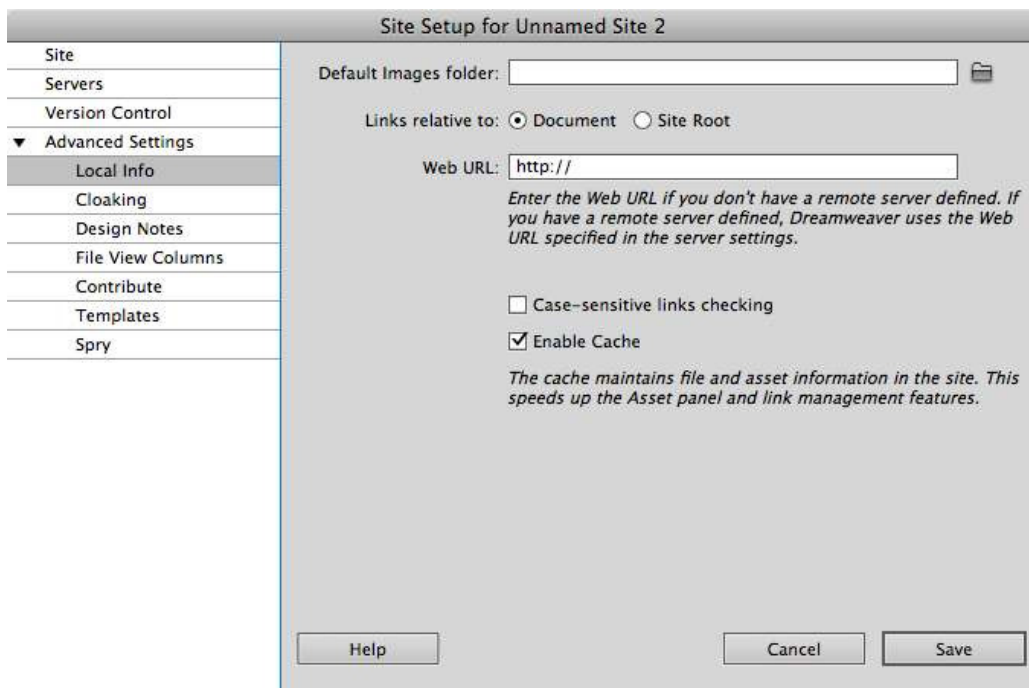


Figure 3. Selecting the Default Images Folder in Dreamweaver CS6 on a Mac.

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