

# Getting Started with Dreamweaver CS6

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## Introduction

Adobe Dreamweaver CS6 is the industry leading web development tool for building web sites and applications. It provides a combination of visual layout tools, application development features, and code editing support, enabling developers and designers at every skill level to create visually appealing, standards-based sites and applications quickly and easily. From leading support for Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) design to hand-coding features, Dreamweaver provides the tools professionals need to get the job done. In addition, developers can use Dreamweaver with the server technology of their choice to build powerful Internet applications that connect users to databases, live data feeds, and legacy systems.

Dreamweaver is an application that's rooted in the real world. In the real world, new or updated browsers come into the marketplace every year, and this creates problems in compatibility. Dreamweaver solves this problem by giving you powerful error-checking tools, and even gives you the ability to use Live Data View, and see exactly how your pages will perform on virtually any browser.

In the real world, server technologies change quickly. Dreamweaver's extensible architecture makes server compatibility a snap by giving you the tools to customize for third-party server models. In the real world, computer operating systems change. Dreamweaver's CS6 supports use on Windows and Macintosh systems.

Web designers come at all levels of experience. Dreamweaver's user-friendly interface helps you out. If you're relatively new to the application, you can jump right in and begin designing simple web pages. If you are an experienced designer, you will be able to access the power and control that this application offers, and take your web designs where no one has gone before.

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# Understanding System Requirements

## System Requirements

Before you can install Dreamweaver, you will need to make sure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements.

Dreamweaver CS6 is supported on both Windows and Macintosh computers.

While many designers bemoan the fact that their older computer systems will not support the newer applications, in the long run it's all for the best. The original versions of Dreamweaver (many years ago) were simply non-visual HTML editing applications. Dreamweaver CS6 is not only doing things that were not even dreamed of in years past; it's also faster. As a web designer, time is an important part of getting the job done, and getting it done quickly.

If I can accomplish more work in less time, it gives me more time to be creative, and able to meet my deadlines. And that's a good thing. So think of system requirements as the power behind the applications, that's going to help you do more, better work, and all in less time.

## For Windows Computers

You need to have a computer with the following minimum configuration:

- ◆ Intel Pentium 4, AMD Athlon 64 (or compatible) processor.
- ◆ Microsoft Windows 7, Windows Vista with Service Pack 1, or Windows XP with Service Pack 3 or higher.
- ◆ 512 MB of RAM.
- ◆ 1 GB of available hard-disk space (additional free space required during installation).

- ◆ 1280 x 800 monitor resolution with 16-bit video card.
- ◆ Java Runtime Environment 1.6 (included).
- ◆ DVD-ROM drive.
- ◆ QuickTime 7.6.6 software required for HTML5 media playback.
- ◆ Internet connection required for activation, registration, and some online services.

## For Macintosh Computers

You need to have a computer with the following minimum configuration:

- ◆ Multicore Intel processor.
- ◆ Mac OS X 10.6 or 10.7 or higher.
- ◆ 512 MB of RAM.
- ◆ 1.8 GB of available hard-disk space (additional free space required during installation).
- ◆ 1280 x 800 monitor resolution with 16-bit video card.
- ◆ Java Runtime Environment 1.6.
- ◆ DVD-ROM drive.
- ◆ QuickTime 7.6.6 software required for HTML5 media playback.
- ◆ Internet connection required for activation, registration, and some online services.

# Installing Dreamweaver

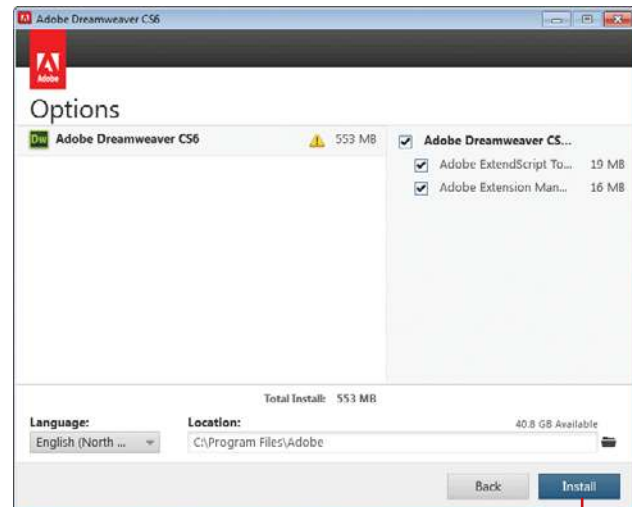
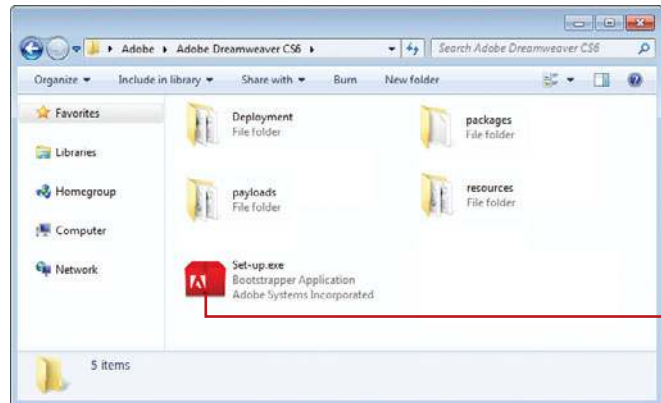
## Install Dreamweaver CS6

- 1 Insert the Dreamweaver CS6 DVD into your DVD ROM drive, or download the software online to your hard disk.
- 2 If necessary, double-click the DVD icon or open the folder with the downloaded software, and then double-click the setup icon.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions to install the product; the installer asks you to read and accept a licensing agreement, enter a serial number, indicate the language you want, enter or create an Adobe ID or skip the step, and specify where you want to install the software.

### Did You Know?

**Most Adobe applications can be downloaded.** It's all very simple, you go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com), click the Products menu item, and then select the application you want to purchase. You will need a credit card (of course), and a lot of bandwidth.

The process of installing the Dreamweaver application is fairly straightforward; you insert the Dreamweaver CS6 install disc into your DVD drive or download the software online to your computer, double-click the setup program and simply follow the on-screen instructions. The first thing that will happen is that the installer will check to see if you have the minimum system requirements. If you meet the minimums, the installer will guide you through the steps to complete the installation. The whole process takes about ten minutes, and at the end of the process you can launch Dreamweaver for the first time. Remember to have your serial number handy, because you will have to type it in during the installation process. It's a good idea to have that serial number in a safe place, just in case you would need to reinstall Dreamweaver.



# Getting Started

## Start Dreamweaver CS6 in Windows

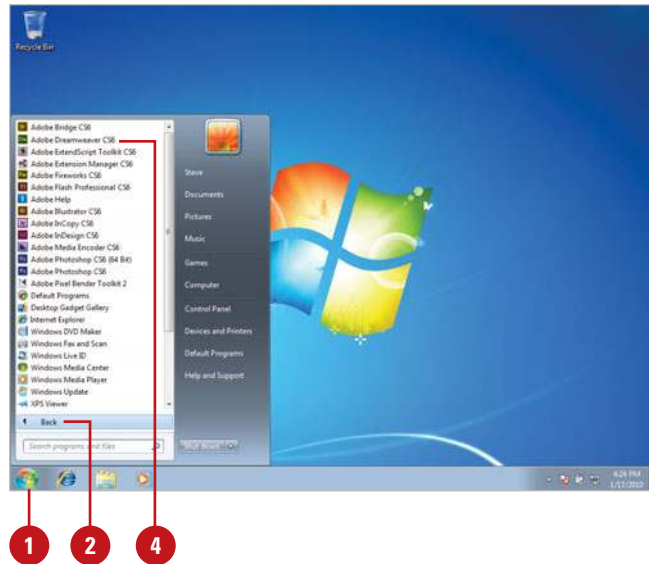
- 1 Click **Start** on the taskbar.
- 2 Point to **All Programs** (which changes to **Back**).
- 3 Point to an Adobe Collection CS6 menu, if needed.
- 4 Click **Adobe Dreamweaver CS6**.
- 5 If you're starting Dreamweaver CS6 for the first time, you might be prompted to specify the following:
  - ◆ Enter or create an Adobe ID to register the product, click **Submit**, and then click **Done**.

The Dreamweaver window opens, displaying the Welcome screen.

### Did You Know?

*You can create and use a shortcut icon on your desktop to start Dreamweaver (Win).* Click Start on the taskbar, point to All Programs, right-click Adobe Dreamweaver CS6, point to Send To, and then click Desktop (Create Shortcut). Double-click the shortcut icon on your desktop to start Dreamweaver.

You can start Dreamweaver in several ways, depending on the platform you are using. When you start Dreamweaver, the software displays a Welcome screen and then the Dreamweaver window. When you start a new Dreamweaver session or close all documents, a Welcome screen appears in the Dreamweaver window, providing easy access links to open a file, open a recent file, create a new file, and create a new file from a template. You can also use links to access videos, and help information, including Getting Started, New Features, and online Community resources, such as the Dreamweaver Exchange web site, where you can download additional applications and information.



Welcome screen



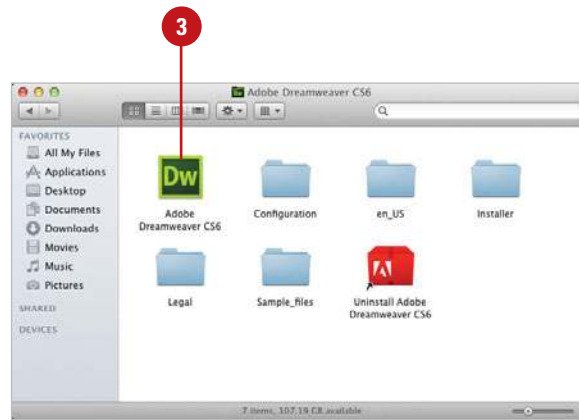
## Start Dreamweaver CS6 in Macintosh

- 1 Open the **Applications** folder (located on the main hard drive).
  - ◆ For Lion, you can also click the **Launchpad** icon on the Dock, and then click the **Adobe Dreamweaver CS6** icon.
- 2 Double-click the **Adobe Dreamweaver CS6** folder or an **Adobe Collection CS6** folder, if installed.
- 3 Double-click the **Adobe Dreamweaver CS6** program icon.
- 4 If you're starting Dreamweaver CS6 for the first time, you might be prompted to specify the following:
  - ◆ Enter or create an Adobe ID to register the product, click **Submit**, and then click **Done**.

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### Did You Know?

*You can create a shortcut on the Macintosh.* Drag and drop the Dreamweaver application icon to the bottom of the screen, and then add it to the shortcuts panel.



Shortcut for Adobe Dreamweaver CS6



Launchpad icon in Mac OS X Lion

## For Your Information

### Activating Dreamweaver

In order to curb theft of their products, Adobe requires you to activate the Dreamweaver application. The first time you open it, you will be prompted to enter your serial number, and then activate Dreamweaver. You will be able to delay the activation process for up to 30 days; however, on day 31 the application will cease to run until activated. Activation can be accomplished by the Internet, or by phone.

You can launch Dreamweaver and open a document at the same time. Simply double-click on the document icon (i.e. index.html). If the document was originally created within Dreamweaver, the file automatically opens in the Dreamweaver application.

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