

Create a Web Site

Web publishing is evolving the same way that word processing evolved. In the early days of word processing, users typed codes when they wanted special formatting. To create bold text, for example, the writer had to provide codes to tell the printer when to start bolding text and when to stop. Then the software became sophisticated enough that writers didn't need to know any special codes to format text—they just needed to know which buttons to click.

Many web publishers use code to create their web pages, but there are sophisticated programs that allow you to write web pages without knowing these codes, or tags. In this lesson, you will use Dreamweaver, a sophisticated web publishing application, to write your pages and learn a little about the behind-the-scenes code, called Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

As you create your site in Dreamweaver, you will preview your work in Internet Explorer to see how your pages will look once you put them on the Web. You'll gain a foundation for building more advanced pages as you learn the basics by creating a web site for the fictional Zoology Department.

Launch Dreamweaver

The first step is to launch Dreamweaver.

- Locate and start Dreamweaver. Dreamweaver should be found under All Programs or the Network Applications folder in the Start Menu. If a windows showing different create options appears, click File, New. Accept the default selection and click Create. An untitled Dreamweaver document window appears with two Dreamweaver panes open: the Properties Bar and the Site Manager.

You won't need the Site Manager (below), so you can minimize it.

- Minimize the Site Manager pane by click the right-pointing arrow in the middle of its border.

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