

Dreamweaver Lessons

Lesson 4 : Previewing Your Web Page and Fine-Tuning the Page

In this lesson you will view your page in the web browser (Firefox) and fine-tune the formatting and look of your page. You will be expected to attempt each of the items below, and the grade you receive will be based upon your experimentation with the various properties of the objects that make up your web page(s). Your page must have a background color; use a proper font (verdana or arial or Helvetica, or Georgia); the page heading must be formatted (larger, different color perhaps); your should have the page text broken up into paragraphs, using small headers when appropriate; you should have margins set on all sides (top, bottom, left, right); your image must be resized in Photoshop to fit on page, (no bigger than 400 pixels in either direction); you must use the align properties and spacing properties so that your image is contained within the content. If possible you should use a blockquote and a list.

Modifying Page Properties

Formatting and Styling Text

*Virtually all the text formatting and styling you wish to apply to your document can be done within the **Design** view in conjunction with the fields and buttons on the **Properties** panel.*

Creating Paragraphs <p>

To create a new paragraph in Dreamweaver place your cursor in the **Design** view document and press the **Enter** key (PC) or **Return** key (Macintosh). This will create a new pair of paragraph tags with a blank space, represented as `<p> </p>`. Since there is no easy way to indent the first line of a paragraph on a Web page, individual paragraphs are separated by a double space.

**Creating Line Breaks
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Line breaks `
` are created by holding down the **SHIFT** key and pressing **Enter** or **Return**.

Creating Headings <h1>, <h2>, <h3>, etc.

To create a heading, click and drag to select the text, and then use the **Format** drop-down menu on the **Properties** panel to select the desired heading value. Any text selected to be used as a heading must reside within its own paragraph.

Indenting Paragraphs and Creating Lists

Indenting a Paragraph <blockquote>

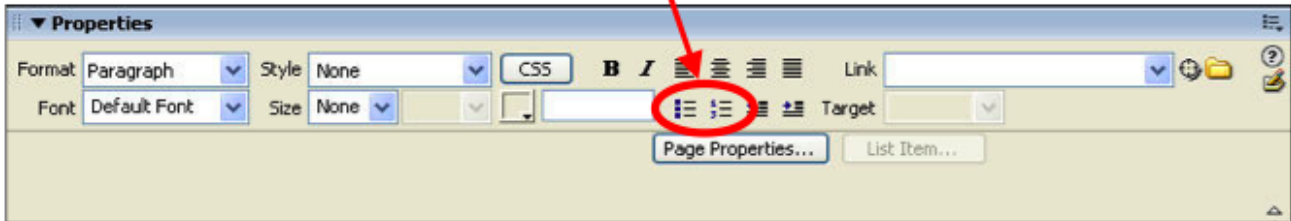
You can use the increase/decrease indent buttons on the **Properties** panel to insert or remove blockquote tags. The blockquote tag, `<blockquote>`, will indent a given paragraph from both the left and right margins, thereby creating a visual separation similar to those used in research papers when more than two lines from a source are being cited.

**Creating Lists , **

You can add a new list by choosing **Insert > HTML > Text Objects** and then selecting the desired option, **Unordered List**, **Ordered List** or **List Item**. You can also change existing text using the **Properties** panel to create unordered `` and ordered `` lists.

You can modify an existing list by clicking within any item in the list, then clicking the **List Item** button on the **Properties** panel. In the **List Properties** window you can customize the appearance of your bullets or the numbering of each list item. (see other side)

Unordered and Ordered Lists



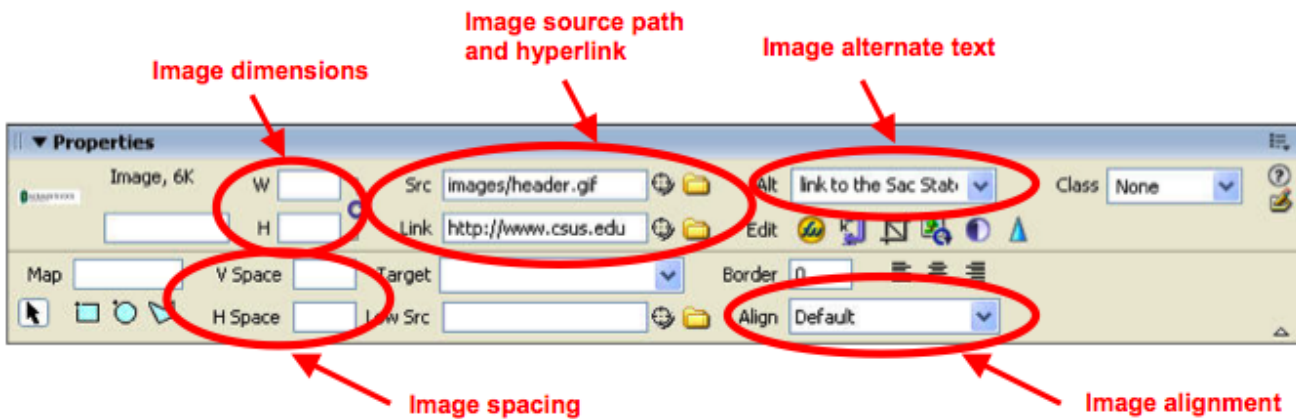
Working with Images

It is important that you prepare your images before inserting them into your Web pages. Use a graphics editor, like **Adobe Photoshop** or the Dreamweaver built-in image editing tools below, to optimize and resize your images for use on the Web. Be sure to save your files as either GIF or JPG files in the images folder within the site folder.

Inserting an Image

After inserting an image you can set the image alignment, spacing and hyperlink attributes from within the **Properties** panel.

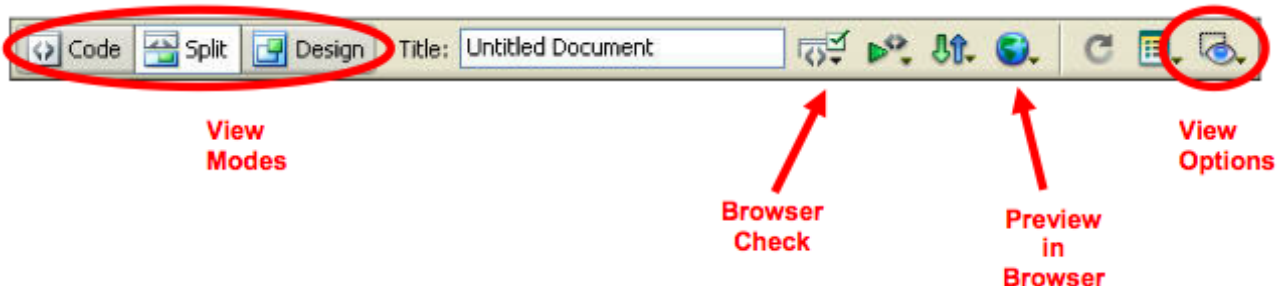
Note: After inserting your image remember to add text into the **alt** tag for user accessibility.



VOCABULARY WORDS

Objects (Insert) Panel: Allows you to add images, tables, and multimedia to your web pages.

Toolbar: Shortcuts to many of the Document window commands, and a text field where you can specify a page title.



Properties Panel (Property Inspector): Allows you to view and modify properties of an object that is selected in the Document window.