

Book Review

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Adobe Dreamweaver CS3 How-Tos; 100 Essential Techniques

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This book is designed to illustrate the detailed user interface available in Adobe Dreamweaver provided to accomplish the basic activities that you are most likely to use. The book can be used effectively to help you use DreamWeaver to develop and maintain your basic static website using your existing knowledge of HTML and CSS. (If you are not familiar with HTML and CSS, there are many other resources available to help you - either in book form or in reference websites on the internet.)

The book is divided into 12 chapters, each describing a type of activity you may employ, such as:

- Creating a Web Site,
- Tables & Frames,
- Absolute Placement Objects,
- Page Elements with CSS, and
- Embedding Media

Each chapter is then subdivided into particular explicit tasks, such as:

- Creating Jump Menus,
- Defining a Form in Dreamweaver,
- Placing Text Fields and Text Areas,
- Placing Form Buttons, and
- Defining Form Actions

Each task subject contains step by step instructions on how to use a dialog or feature of Dreamweaver, illustrated by applicable screen images, to accomplish the required result. This is done without any distraction of the source code that may be generated for you by Dreamweaver.

By the way, you do have to provide your own files and images to use when working through the tasks.

If you are starting with Adobe Dreamweaver, I would recommend this as a good initial book, but after a while you will probably grow out of it and wish for a more advanced resource that extends your skills with some use of some other modern web technologies that are commonly used in developing today's web sites.

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