

Continue to work on your 4 page website.

Continue to further refine the look of your 4 page website in Dreamweaver and Photoshop.

Use ids to define layout areas

We have discussed using different <div> tags and ids (<div id="container">) to define different areas of your page for content to live. Continue to edit your layouts to arrange the text in your documents in the best possible way.

Style the text in your pages using CSS

We have also explored editing text settings using classes and the CSS styles panel in Dreamweaver. Continue to edit the textual elements of your pages to display the text in an interesting and functional way.

Style your navigational links using CSS classes

We have discussed different methods of styling links in Dreamweaver editing the "Page Properties" from the Properties panel in Dreamweaver. By using classes to define special links we can style the navigation of the documents separate from our styling of normal links in the document. Continue experimenting with styling the text of links to enhance the visual rhythm of your page layouts. We will explore some more graphical methods of editing navigational links as we move forward.

Using Photoshop create different button states (rollover states)

Moving forward we will explore different graphical methods of creating navigation within your pages. Create some navigation buttons with graphic elements in Photoshop and we will explore how to implement these graphical elements as your navigational links instead of styling your navigational links textually. Use separate layers or layer groups in Photoshop to design different looks for the navigation links so they can be interacted with in a dynamic way. Each link should have four states:

- Normal state
- Visited state
- Hover state
- Active state

We have previously discussed these different states as rollover states for text links and styled them using CSS and the a:link,a:visited,a:hover, a:active commands. We will expand our understanding to include image-based rollover states instead of just text-based. Next week we will explore two different methods to implement rollover states of images in Dreamweaver.

- The javascript method
- The pure CSS method

The layered file you create this week will allow you to create the rollover images and insert them into your site via the javascript method in Dreamweaver. We will then take that layered file and edit it to implement the pure CSS method in Dreamweaver.

Tasks for this week:

- Continue editing the styling of your 4 pages
- Create a multilayered file in Adobe Photoshop that uses images to represent the different rollover states of the navigation links in your site.