



# Design a Web Site

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Using Dreamweaver 4.0 (Mac)

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**Dreamweaver** is the tool of choice for professional web designers. With Dreamweaver, you can easily build a web site on your computer and transfer it to a server so others can access it on the Internet. The Dreamweaver workspace is flexible to accommodate different styles either by using the Property Inspector, windows, the menus, or palettes. This guide is an introduction to the basics of Macromedia® Dreamweaver™. In just a short time, you will be able to create a web site that you will be proud to show off.



## Alert!

If a website has been previously made using Dreamweaver on your computer, you will need to create a new site. Go to **Site** menu to **New Site...**



## Reference!

Whatever you name the Root folder will be the permanent name of your folder. All your links will recognize the path that includes that folder name.



## Tip!

Do not put spaces between words in folders or any web page names or titles, or the names will show up on the Internet as \$, %, &, or other characters you may not recognize.

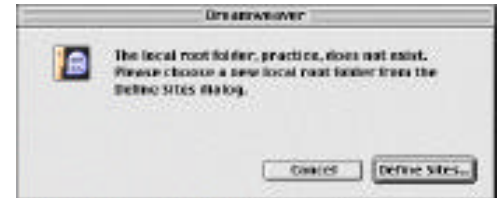


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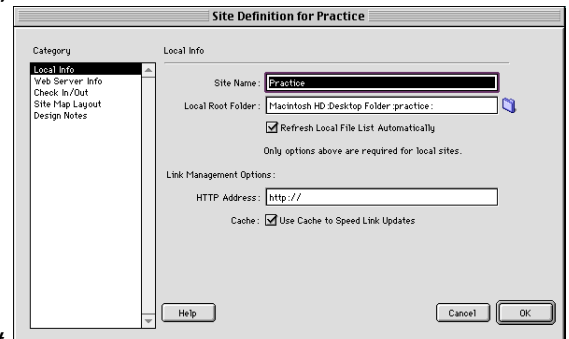
Caching files in the root folder creates a record of existing files so Dreamweaver can quickly update any links.

## Define Your Site

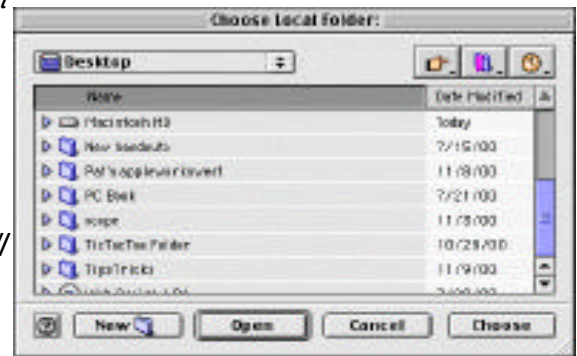
1. Launch Dreamweaver 4.0 and choose a root folder by clicking **Define Sites...**



2. An untitled document opens. To define the site, select the Category "Local Info." Give your site a name. For this Guide, call it "Practice."



3. Choose a Root folder by clicking on the folder to the right of the field.



4. Go to the Desktop and select **New**. Create a New Folder called "Practice."

5. With the new folder selected, click on **Choose**.

6. Click **OK**. Dreamweaver will ask you to create a cache file which helps you keep your links up-to-date. Click **OK**.

7. The Define Sites window will appear. Click **Done**.

8. The Site window displays a list of all the folders and files in the local site "Practice." (There aren't any files yet in your "Practice" folder.) Close the Site window and go onto page 2 to create your Home page.

