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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The onset of 2002 is here and I hope we will have an even better membership participation than we've had in the past. I know some of you are dabbling with OSXv1, some of you are even working with it full force!

I know AppleWorks 6.4, iMovie 2, iTunes, Freehand 10, FileMaker Pro 5.5 and Office v X are a few of the applications that work quite well with the new OS.

Perhaps some of our members will come forward and volunteer to do presentations with programs they are knowledgeable about.

You do not have to be a great writer to write articles for the MacBits newsletter. We welcome all contributions!

No matter what OS you're using, I'm sure you can come up with something to contribute. Think about it! Have a Happy New Year!



Hot Tips

Open Sherlock, click on Channels Menu and then People in the drop down. Enter your own name in the search box. I didn't find myself but a number of clones. Locate

old friends and school chums this way. Open General Control Panel to change cursor blink rate, number of times remembered in the Recent Applications over under the Apple Menu and

a few other things too.

I've had a number of questions regarding downloading software. Read what Apple has to say.

<<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=44000>>

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If you are experienced with a piece of software or hardware, and wouldn't mind a few calls for help, volunteer by giving your phone number to Cher Daley.

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www.adobe.com



MORE TIPS

Check out Ambrosia Software's Snapz Pro, a \$30 utility that allows complex screen shots under OS 10.1. The results are quite incredible. For another \$20, you can record screen actions as a QuickTime movie!

<<http://www.AmbrosiaSW.com/utilities/snapzprox/>>

A couple of new books were recently released, The Macintosh Bible and Internet Security for Your Mac - A Guide for the Rest of Us. Find them at

<<http://www.peachpit.com>>

Home control via the web and your Mac.

<<http://www.shed.com/>>

Here's another tip for choosing a digital camera. Look for one that has a viewfinder in addition to the LCD screen. Some Sony models only have the screen, and when I try to take a picture in the bright sunlight, the screen is washed out and not viewable. A viewfinder would allow a person to frame a shot when it's too bright to see anything on the screen.

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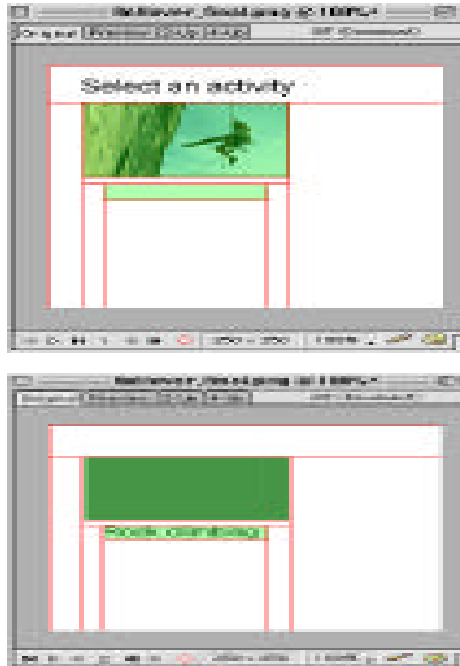
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Macromedia Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4

by Cher Daley

Macromedia Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4 Suite contains two large manuals and they are packed with tutorials and lessons to get you started. The manuals also contain guides that point you to the direction you need. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced Web designer, Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4 are designed to get you up and running with little trouble.



to create rollovers and animations for the Web. You can create bitmap (pixel) images or vector (point to point) images within the application. The ability to use Photoshop filters that redraw automatically as you edit is another great feature. You don't have to rebuild a page, every time you edit an image. Fireworks 4 generates Java scripts within the application and you don't need to know anything about creating the script. This easily allows one to

create rollovers and slices.

Fireworks 4 also has the capability to scan directly from your digital camera or your scanner, dragging and dropping from at least eight applications and cut and paste from several more. In bit map mode one can easily mask, edit, crop, apply filters and modify your image. In vector mode, one is able to color, fill with paint, skew, scale and work with many drawing tools you are probably already familiar with.

You can work with text in any direction or shape and convert text to paths allowing you to work with one letter at a time. Converting text to paths allows one to import text as a graphics file so if the person viewing it doesn't have that font available to them it will appear exactly as you intended.

Assigning URL's to hot spots is easily done in the URL panel. or you can specify a target option which allows your original page to remain open and the target page to pop up in an extra window. Slices are also easily created which allow one to change images when running the mouse over them. Again Fireworks 4 will allow

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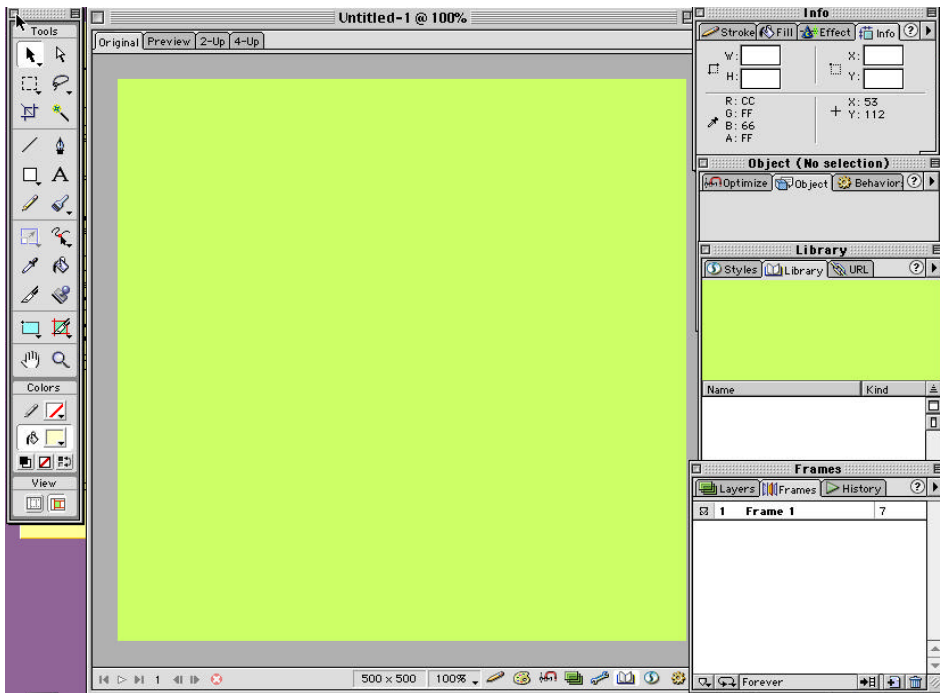
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you to update one image without updating the entire document. Pop-up menus, odd shape rollovers, overlapping slices, are just some of the

many features that would normally be complex made simple. This program allows you to create animations by assigning properties, known as anima-

tion symbols. You can use the symbols properties dialog box to set degree and direction of movement, scaling, opacity, angle and degree of rotation. Frame delay sets the speed and then you can optimize and export as a .gif .

You can set up tables, cells, and frames within Fireworks 4. Fireworks allows you to export your files to HTML, & Dreamweaver, exporting your images into image files or if necessary, you can save spacer images. Using the export wizard, allows you to walk through options step-by-step and make your choices as you go along. From here you are able to optimize your file, you can preview or export your preview. Export frames, layers as multiple files. You can export your files to Adobe Illustrator, Macromedia Freehand, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Adobe

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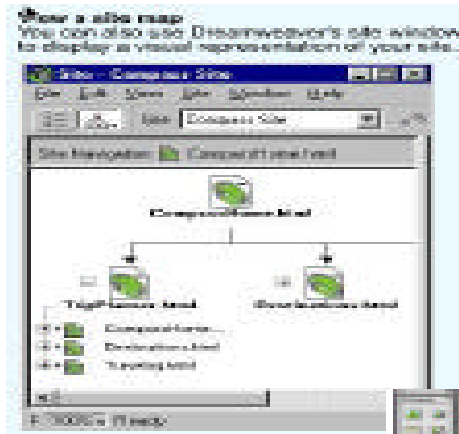
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Photoshop, Macromedia Director, using many methods including WBMP (wireless bitmap), and CSS layers (cascading style sheets). Using Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4, you can create Web galleries easily.

Dreamweaver 4 allows you to hand code HTML or work in visual editing environment or both. It also features HTML, JavaScript debugger, CSS, XML, HTML, and JavaScript reference. Roundtrip HTML imports HTML documents without reformatting the code. You can streamline your documents by dragging and dropping Fireworks objects into Dreamweaver or adding Flash objects or building directly in Dreamweaver 4.

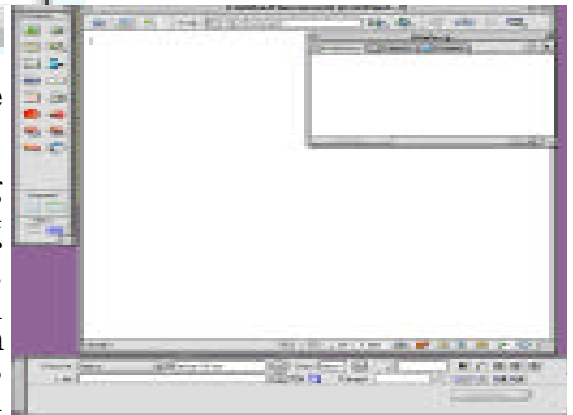
Site planning and designing your navigation by gathering assets images, text, media and



putting it in folders in the first thing you should do with Dreamweaver or Fireworks. Site planning with Dreamweaver 4 allows you to upload your site via FTP and maintain your links. You can start a new site or edit an existing site, remove files from your site list, and edit remote sites with

very little effort. You can customize Dreamweaver 4 by modifying keyboard shortcuts, create own objects and right Javascript commands.

As in Fireworks the learning options are extremely complete. From guided tour movies, tutorials, lessons, printed books, and help optimized for on-line use



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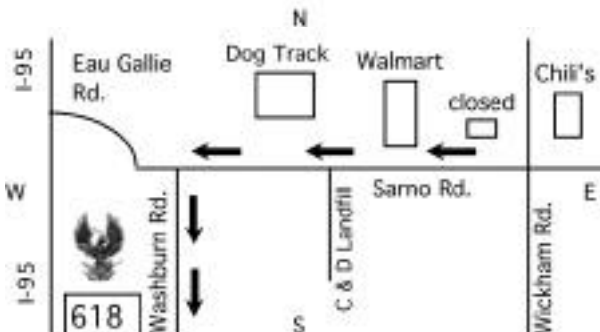
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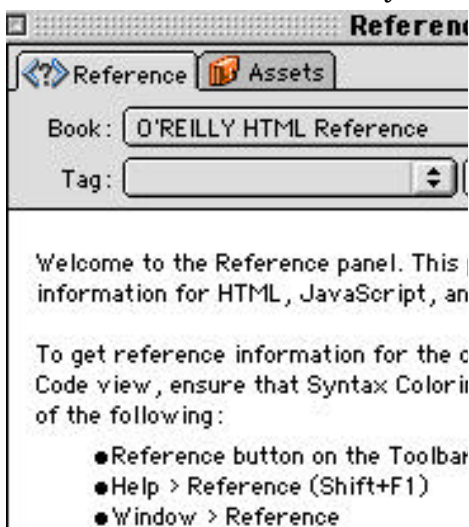
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Dreamweaver 4's support center updates frequently with examples of type, updates info on advanced topics, etc. There is also an area available to discuss problems or discoveries in discussion group area on the Macromedia web site.

You also have an asset panel, which allows you to view all of your sites media. Toolbar (located at the top of a Dreamweaver 4 document window), allows you to change the title of your document and view your document in your favorite web browser (or several browsers), or transfer it to a Web site via FTP. Dreamweaver 4 includes O'Reilly's reference which is packed with ideas for HTML code.

Dreamweaver 4 allows you to



view source code, WYSIWYG or both simultaneously. You can easily switch from layout mode to WYSIWYG versions simply by clicking on the menu bar icons. The reference icon, allows you to highlight any area of your Web page (design or code view) and get from O'Reilly's Code reference.

Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4 enable you to set up design notes that remain unseen but for those who need

to view them. It also features reports which allow you to test your site, display who has checked out a file, using files that have design notes associated with them. The program also features a check in and check out system that allows you to transfer files from local or remote sites.

Dreamweaver 4 allows you to use image editors by setting them up in the preferences. You can launch them from within the application and then assign behaviors to your images such as pre-load, swap, swap restore, create navigation bars or jump menus.

You can place Fireworks files into Dreamweaver by importing Fireworks or copying and pasting them into HTML code. You can directly edit Fireworks files in Dreamweaver including animations. Sound and movies can be dragged and dropped easily into Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4 such as; QuickTime, Flash, Shockwave, MP3, and Flash text objects.

Dreamweaver 4 allows you to set up tables and frames and cells by dragging from the objects panel or pulling down from the insert menu and entering specific parameters. You are also allowed add text and images to table cells. You can also import data, nesting tables, merge and split cells in a table, copy and paste cells and sort tables. Frames which are used to divide a web page into multiple HTML pages (mostly used for easy navigation) are also easy to create in Dreamweaver. You also have the option of allowing no frames HTML for text only browsers.

The only problem I see with this package is it still isn't fully compliant with important web standards such as DOM 1.0, HTML 4, CSS 1, or XHTML.

This package contains so many features that I can not list them all in a review. It cost \$299 for Fireworks 4 (stand alone) but the real bargain is \$449 for both Dreamweaver 4 and Fireworks 4 Suite. It requires a Power PC (G3 or faster recommended), Mac OS 8.6 or later, 100 megs of free hard disk space, color display, and Adobe type Manager 4

ANTI-VIRUS TIPS

PC viruses don't have code that is executable on a Macintosh.

Overall, the threat of viruses on the Macintosh is not very great. There are a handful of viruses for the Mac, not the tens of thousands that exist for the PC.

See: <http://www.faqs.org/faqs/computer-virus/macintosh-faq/>

There are a bunch of Word macro viruses, mostly from the PC world, that will run on the Mac, but few of them have much effect. It is easy to avoid these macro viruses by simply not allowing them to run.

However, if you are worried about viruses, the obvious solution would be to get yourself a good commercial anti-viral software application. My current recommendation is Virex. Here is what is available:

Network Associates/McAfee's Virex \$50

<<http://www.mcafee2b.com/products/virex/default.asp>>

<<http://mcafeestore.beyond.com/>

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VirusBarrier, Intego, Inc.

<<http://www.intego.com/virusbarrier/>>

\$69 from the Intego Web site

\$45 from MacConnection

Symantec's Norton Anti-Virus (NAV)

<<http://www.symantec.com/>>

TechTool Pro also now includes an anti-virus feature. Though it is not as comprehensive as these other products. <http://www.micromat.com/>

Sophos Research has been developing a product called Sophos Anti-Virus for Macintosh. It appears that if you register on their site you can download the final release version that has just been completed.

<<http://research.sophos.com/>>

<<http://www.sophos.com/downloads/products/mac.html>>

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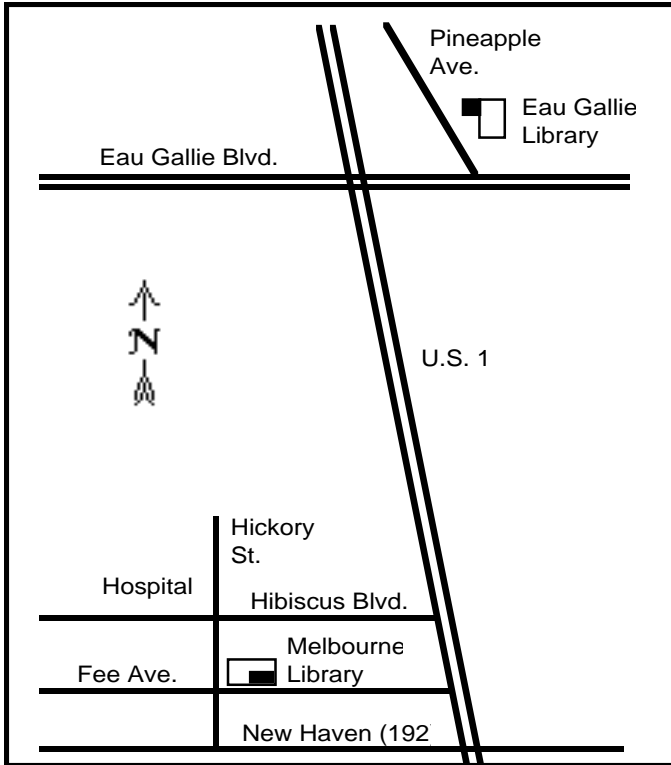
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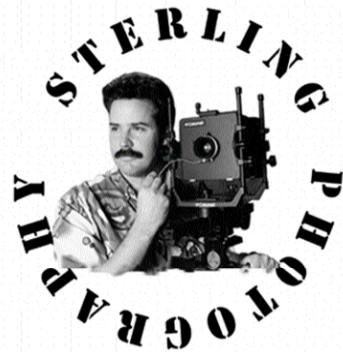
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After each meeting all are welcome at a local restaurant where we indulge in a festive open discussion over pitchers of cokes, beers, and food stuffs galore. Here the true spirit of the world of Mac is exposed, many acquaintances are made and expertise shared openly. Thus our name, MacMAD, which stands for "Macintosh Meeting And Drinking Society."



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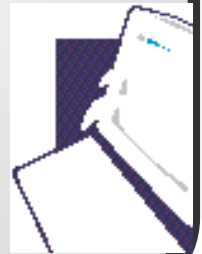
Wednesday, January 2nd

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**Held at the Eau Gallie library 7-8:30 PM
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Next to Conchy Joe's**

Tuesday, January 15th

Cammie Donaldson demonstrates Filemaker Pro v5 **7:00 to 8:30** at the Melbourne Library, Fee Ave. in downtown Melbourne. Check our bbs for info!



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