

Website Project: *Details & Process*

We're well into the Website Project, but only have about five weeks now to wrap it up. At this point you should each have:

- determined your **Topic**: what the site is for (company or industry)
- turned in a **Moodboard**: layered Photoshop file
- turned in your **Site Map**: digital or on paper, site with 6-10 pages
- turned in **2 Wireframes**: one for the Homepage and one for a Secondary page
- turned in **2 Design Comps**: layered Photoshop files; one each for your Homepage and a Secondary page

After covering Graphic Rollovers today we've covered all of the main topics needed to build your webpages.

Here is a quick overview of the steps you should be following to build out your site:

1. Open your Homepage Design Comp in Fireworks and slice it, preparing it to export to HTML/graphic images. This includes adding Rollovers and the necessary frames (*DW, Fireworks & Photoshop.pdf* and *Fireworks Slicing of Design Comps.pdf*).
2. Open your Secondary Page Design Comp in Fireworks and repeat the process. Prepare this one to be used as a template for all secondary pages.
3. Export HTML from both Fireworks PNG files (mentioned in 1 & 2 above) to create your working files. Dreamweaver will now become your primary tool.
4. Create a New Site in Dreamweaver for your working HTML files (*DW Site Control.pdf*).
5. For your homepage, enter all of your text or additional graphical content (*DW Document Info-Adding Content.pdf*). Also type in your text navigation and setup both text and graphical links (*DW Linking.pdf*).
6. Make other layout adjustments as necessary (centering your layout, formatting text, etc.) utilizing CSS Rules as you can (*Cascading Style Sheets-1.pdf & Cascading Style Sheets-2.pdf*).
7. Add META tags to your page (*DW Document Info-Adding Content.pdf*).
8. Open the HTML file for your secondary page and repeat steps 5 & 6 for this file (leaving out any content that would be specific to a page). Save this file as *template.htm*.
9. In the Finder, make a copy of *template.htm* for each additional page that will be in your site (i.e. *products.htm*, *contactus.htm*, *sitemap.htm*, etc.). Duplicate these in the same folder that *template.htm* already exists in (using the Finder's Duplicate command (**⌘-D**)). Do not move these around in the Finder, instead go back into Dreamweaver and organize them as you would like (putting them in subfolders, etc.). This will maintain their links.
10. Now open each page file and enter any specific type or graphical content. Remember that you can preview these files in a browser any time you like. Don't forget to check your links.
11. When you get to your Contact Us page you will likely want to use a contact form. We've not covered that yet, but I will give you a handout in the next couple of classes on that and can review it with you.
12. Once your site is complete and you have previewed all pages (including links) you can upload it to a server. Again, we have not covered that yet, but will before the end of class.