

Dynamic Learning

Dreamweaver CS3

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*Dynamic Learning, Dreamweaver CS3* is set up with lessons that are geared to walk even beginners through what is needed to successfully use Adobe's powerful web authoring software. Included with the book is a DVD with great video tutorials for each lesson plus the files needed to complete them. Updates to the book and work files were easy to find by searching Errata on O'Reilly's web site. The book is structured to lay flat when open which makes it easy to use. Good job O'Reilly!!

It begins with a review of Dreamweaver's user interface and then continues by showing off some of Dreamweaver's powerful Spry library effects such as drop down menus and mouse triggered behaviors. Gerantabee then settles down and follows a well organized review of web site design. Although the lessons show how to build a website without ever having to write any script, there are intermittent peeks behind the scene at the code so one ends up with a basic knowledge of how pages are written. Both HTML and CSS are covered.

In addition to the videos, the clear color illustrations that are included throughout the book make it simple to follow each step in the lessons. The ease and speed I worked through this book were amazing considering the wealth of information Fred Gerantabee has packed in it.

From building a site to search engine optimization and uploading to the web, this book covers all the basic information needed for success. Page layouts, tables, forms, graphics, inserting video and audio, flash buttons, library items and snippets are just a few of the things covered.

Although not geared for seasoned designers it is loaded with information and if that isn't enough there are links that will take the reader to additional resources. I would highly recommend *Dynamic Learning Dreamweaver CS3* as an excellent choice for both beginners and anyone wanting to fine tune their web authoring skills.