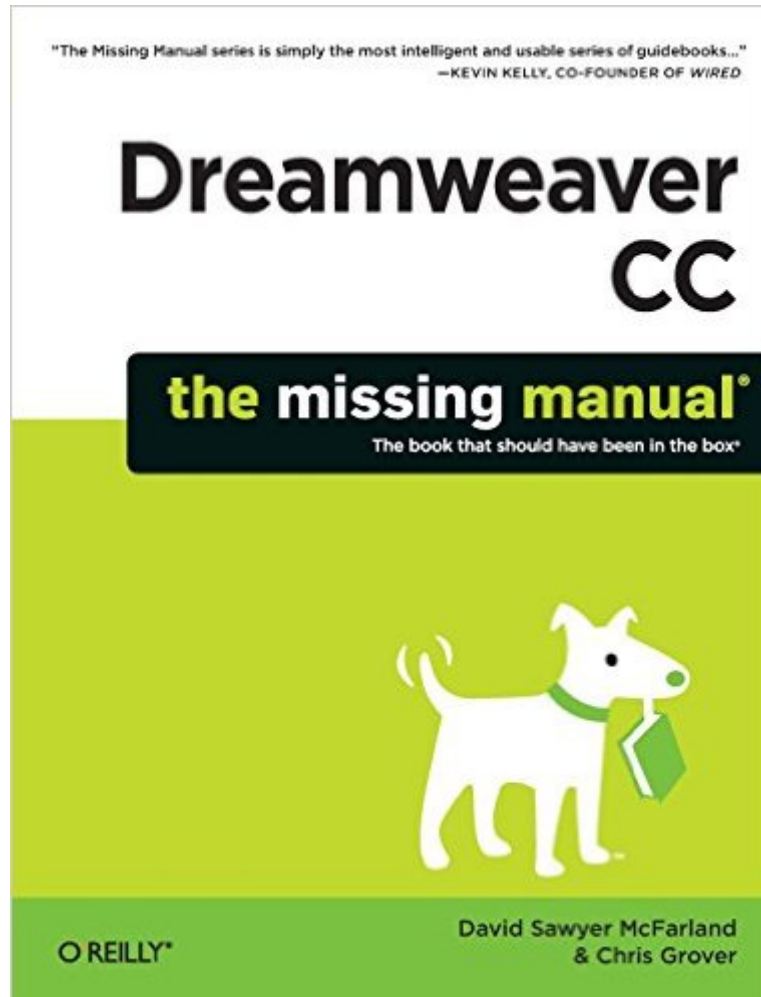


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Dreamweaver CC: The Missing Manual



Synopsis

Dreamweaver CC comes packed with features and a new, online-only home, but it still doesn't include a printed guide to working in the cloud or tapping the program's amazing features. That's where this Missing Manual comes in. With its jargon-free explanations and hands-on tutorials, you'll learn how to create every kind of website, from single-purpose static sites to interactive, multimedia-driven web dynamos. The important stuff you need to know: Soar in the cloud. Get features like dynamic software updates and foolproof file collaboration. Get clicking with HTML5. Insert new audio/video tags and more, using convenient one-click menu options. Improve your form. Quickly add HTML5 form elements like email addresses, web URLs, dates, and search fields. Design in style. Build beautiful pages with ease, using Dreamweaver's revamped CSS creation and editing tools. Enrich your characters. Get scores of new type choices with free Adobe-hosted Edge Web Fonts. Design once, and for all. Use improved fluid-grid layout features to create a responsive design that works across many devices. Build pages that pop. Use the wildly popular jQuery library and its user-interface toolkit, jQuery UI.

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Customer Reviews

I am near the end of a college class on DW, and I bought this book to supplement our textbook. This Missing Manual is very, very well done. Much more informative than the textbook, IMHO. This MM certainly contains the basics for beginners, but also callout Notes and Tips that help an intermediate

user such as myself. Just a couple of chapters into the book, I have already learned enough to become more proficient and efficient with Dreamweaver as I work on my term project and future "real life" web sites. As with all Missing Manuals, you don't get a bare-bones, cook-book approach. Some people might prefer "just the steps, Ma'am," but I like the running commentary and explanations in the MM, as well as the little tips and bug alerts. If you like to understand the whys and wherefores of the software you are working with, and to truly understand what the program can and cannot do, then this is probably the book for you.

Good software shouldn't need manuals. But this ideal is really hard for large complex powerful software. And Dreamweaver is hugely powerful, plus using it fully also requires an understanding of HTML5 and the other underlying protocols of webpage construction. So a manual is really useful. This is the manual most people will want to own. 970 pages. Think phone-book. And while I haven't reviewed most of them; all the ones I've looked at are clear, concise, and written with a human humble almost humorous touch. I couldn't figure out how to do a site-wide spell-check. I quickly found it (page 96). The book clearly lead me through the options and what is possible (and not possible). The same page has a great sidebar on a subject that had taken me a lot of time wasted with Google searches to understand - bold/italics/strong/em. Here is plain English was a few paragraphs that explained the HTML history/philosophy and then gave practical advice. Fantastic. If you are brand-new to HTML this shouldn't be your first book. You need to understand the very basics of web page coding. If you've used Dreamweaver 8 hours a day for the last year and want to just understand what's new in CC, this is not the best book. But for the rest of us, the 99% in-between, this is the best book you can buy. It's fantastic.

Usually books that claim to be the "missing" manual overstate their claim, and never quite deliver on the promise. Not so with this book on Dreamweaver CC. Dreamweaver is one of those programs that can do SO much, that the learning curve tends to be quite high. Having just moved into Dreamweaver CC with my subscription to Adobe's Creative Cloud subscription service, I was hoping to find a good manual that dealt with all of the Dreamweaver basics, as well as the advanced functions in CC. If you own one manual on Dreamweaver, this should be the one. What I like most is that I can quickly find instructions on how to use any feature in Dreamweaver, thanks to a great index, and great writing. If you're JUST now learning Dreamweaver, I would also suggest having some sort of supplementary book on writing HTML5 code. This book mostly assumes that you have more than a scant knowledge of HTML5. About the size of a phone book, it sits on my desk next to

the other manuals I like to keep at my fingertips, and I have found I've already reached for it a dozen times in the last couple of days to find some obscure piece of info, and was able to find it right away. Highly recommended.

My first version of Dreamweaver was MX2004, which I used very regularly, and updated the next year. I've been using that same version, the last of Macromedia, since then. Partly cost, mostly because my profession went different directions and I wasn't doing web design. I recently have cause to get back into web design for education purposes and got the Creative Cloud for the year. On the surface, there's a lot familiar with the old and the new versions. But I suspected there was a huge amount I was missing. This book absolutely confirms that. After spending some time with this, I can say it is very helpful in getting me up to speed. It's very thorough and well-written, approachable in scope without talking down to the reader. I wish the chapters were more uniform in length--my chapter a day goal brings some wildly different time demands. But, overall, the content presented is consistent with the themes, and is good about introducing and reinforcing lessons throughout. There's no DVD, with the lessons downloadable, which allows for a somewhat cheaper cost.

This book provides an excellent introduction to capabilities provided by Dreamweaver CC. New features are covered in a very easy to understand manner. Material is presented in a logical manner and it is very easy to read. Probably one of the best books on the subject out there today. Highly recommended.

My daughter was really having a difficult semester in college on the subject of web design, something in her class was missing and she found out what it was, it was this book, in this book was the missing components that her professor failed to explain. This one book was all that she needed in order to not only pass that class but it actually pulled up her grade for that course. Both of us highly recommend this book if you are having a hard time with dreamweaver!

I learned Dreamweaver using the "Missing Manual" for CS5, which was also written by David Sawyer McFarland. This new edition is just as excellent as that older version. (I also have McFarland's book on CSS, too, and also highly recommend that as well.) If you need just one book on Dreamweaver, this one will fit the bill. It covers everything clearly and is easy to follow. This book has all the info of the Visual QuickStart guides but with the more conversational tone of a "For

Dummies" book. BTW, I have a couple of "Missing Manual" books and all of them are pretty great even though they're written by different authors. I've come to really trust the series.

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