

HTML & Dreamweaver Demo: *Customizing The Template*

Setting Up The Workspace

1. In Dreamweaver, Open the profile template located in your personal folder:
lab/name/profile.htm
2. Make sure that your workspace is set to **Split** mode to achieve the *Code/Design* view
3. Make sure to show the Properties window by selecting **Window > Properties**

Name & Info

1. The name, title, school, city & state should all be accurate in the template.
 - Change the font of your name, color, etc. (do not size much)

Profile Image

1. Select the profile image to view its properties.

Src: This is the field that allows you to change the image source file.

W & H: Don't use this field to adjust the size of the image. It may distort the image or prevent it from showing up at all in some browsers.

Link: If you want to link the image to another site, set that URL here.

Border: You can set the size of the image border in pixels here.

Page Properties

1. Appearance

- *Page Font:* Change the page font to whatever you like. It should be something that correlates with the page, but also something legible.
- *Size:* Keep the font size to something between 10 & 14. It should be large enough to be legible. But too large that it crowds the page.
- *Text Color:* Change the text color to whatever you like. Use either the color cubes option or the system color spectrum wheel.

- *Background Color*: Change the BG color to whatever you like
- *Background Image*: Select a BG image if you like, *but it will tile*.
 - You can change more of the specific properties of the Background image if you go to **Window > CSS Styles**. Select the **body** style and then click the little pencil icon to **Edit Style...**
 - When editing the body style, select **Background** and adjust the **Repeat, Attachment, Horizontal Position, and Vertical Position**

2. Links

This field will set the properties for all the links on the page.

- *Link Font*: Most people don't change this field, but if you want your links to appear as a different font or as bold or italicized, set that here.
- *Size*: You can change the size of your links here as well.
- *Link Color*: Set the color of all the links with the swatch or *Hex Value*.
- *Visited Links*: It's usually better to keep the color of the visited links the same as the link color, so that the overall color scheme on the page remains consistent.
- *Rollover Links*: It's good to set this color to a different color than the other two so that people see a "highlight" effect when they roll their mouse over the links. Usually a color brighter than the other colors will work well.
- *Underline Style*: A lot of people identify links by their underlined quality. This often takes away from the overall aesthetic of the page. The most stylish option is to use show underline only on rollover. This will let people see that this is a clickable link.

Tables

The tables are what hold different segments of information – name, profile, assignments, etc. Tables are depicted with the white dotted lines.

1. To select a table, and view its properties, click on the far right edge of the table, with the resize icon. **Table Id** should appear in the properties window.

- *Rows*: Use this field to create more rows in the table. You can also do this by right clicking in the table, and selecting **Table > Split Cell**
- *Cols*: Use this field to create more rows in the table. You can also do this by right clicking in the table, and selecting **Table > Split Cell**
- *W*: This field sets the width of the table. Try not to make it any wider than 850 pixels. The entire page is 900 pixels wide.
- *H*: This field sets the height of the table. Try not to make it any wider than 850 pixels. The entire page is 900 pixels wide.
- *Border*: This field sets the size of the table border in pixels.
- *Bg Color*: Select the swatch or enter a Hex Value to set a background color for the table.
- *Bg Image*: Select a file to serve as the background image for the table. Click on the folder icon to browse for image files. You can use this feature to create more ornate and complex borders or backgrounds for your table. You can plan out graphics ahead of time with this feature in mind.
- *Border Color*: Select the swatch or enter a Hex Value to set a background color for the table.