Insert and Align Graphics

Understanding Graphic File Formats

The three primary graphic file formats used in web pages are GIF, JPEG, and PNG. GIF files download very quickly, making them ideal to use on web page. Though limited in the number of colors they can represent, GIF files have the ability to show transparent areas. JPEG files can display much more color. Files saved with the PNG format can display many colors and use various degrees of transparency. Not all older browsers support the PNG format.

Understanding the Assets Panel

When you add a graphic to a website, it is automatically added to the Assets panel. The Assets panel displays all the assets in a website. The Assets panel contains nine category buttons that you use to view your assets by category. These include: Images, Colors, URL's, SWF, Shockwave, Movies, Scripts, Templates, and Library.

Aligning Images

Positioning an image is referred to as aligning an image. By default, when you insert an image in a paragraph, its bottom edge aligns with the baseline of the first line of text or any other element in the same paragraph. When you select an image, the Align text box in the Property inspector displays the alignment setting for the image.

Lesson 4 Activity

Insert a Graphic

1. Open **dw3_1.html** from where you store your Files, then save it as **about_us.html** in the striped_umbrella root folder.

2. Click **Yes** to overwrite the existing file, click **No** to Update Links, then update the banner so that it shows (if needed- file Tripsmart_banner.jpg).

3. Click the **Attach Existing CSS File** in the CSS Designer panel, attach the su_stules.css style sheet, select the paragraphs of text on the page, click, click the **CSS button** and apply the paragraph_text rule to all the paragraph text on the page.

4. Place the insertion point before "Be Organized" in the first paragraph, click the **Images list arrow** in the Common category in the Insert panel if necessary, then click **Image** to open the Select Image Source dialog box.

5. Open your Dreamweaver folder and open Chapter 3, double-click **clubhouse.jpg.** Save the image to your images folder in Striped Umbrella (it may automatically do this). Type alternate text in the Properties Inspector - **Club House.** Change the **Height and Width to 250 px** (Check Files panel to make sure file is there.)

6. Click to place the insertion point before the word "Carry Important Information" at the beginning of the second paragraph. Using the Common category in the Insert panel, insert the following image with   **Image– Img - boardwalk.jpg**
   Alt Text - Boardwalk to the Beach
   Height and Width to 250 px

7. Repeat these steps by adding images at the beginning of each of the succeeding paragraphs as well as changing the **Height and Width to 250 px** and adding the Alt text.

   *Paragraph 3 - Image: pool.jpg**
   Alt Text - Pool Fun
   *Paragraph 4 - Image: sago_palm.jpg**
   Alt Text – Beautiful Sago Palm
   *Paragraph 5 - Image: sports_club.jpg**
   Alt Text - Great Place to Hangout

8. Save your work.

<u>Align an Image using Float</u>

1. Create a New Style – name the style **.flt_left**.

2. In the Properties panel, click Layout, **float left.**
   Set the Margin to 10 px for left, right, top and bottom.

3. Create a Second Style - name the style **.flt_right** .

4. In the Properties panel, click Layout, **float right.**
   Set the Margin to 10 px for left, right, top and bottom.

5. Select the clubhouse image, click the **Class list arrow** in the Property inspector, select **.ft_left.**

6. Align the boardwalk image, using the **.flt_right** style.

7. Align the pool image, using the **flt._left** style.

8. Align the sago palm image, using the **.flt._right** option.

9. Align the sports club image, using the **.flt._left** option.

10. Save your work.

11. Preview the web page in your browser.