

Enhance an Image and Use Alternate Text

Enhancing an Image

You can use Dreamweaver to enhance certain aspects of how images appear on a page. For example, you can add borders around an image or add horizontal and vertical space.

Borders are frames that surround an image.

Horizontal and vertical space is blank above, below, on the sides of an image that separates the image from text or other elements on the page. Adding horizontal or vertical space is the same as adding white space, and helps the image stand out on the page.

Using Alternate Text

One of the easiest ways to make your web page viewer-friendly and accessible to people of all abilities is to use alternate text. Alternate text is descriptive text that appears in place of an image while the image is downloading or when the mouse pointer is placed over it.

Lesson 5 Activity

Add a border

1. In the Selectors panel, click on the **.flt_left style**.
2. Select the Border icon. Click **border width – medium**. Click **border style – solid**. (If you do not pick a style it will not appear in the browser).
3. Complete the same for **.flt_right style**.
4. You will be able to see a border on each image. If necessary, view in the browser.

Edit alternate text

1. Select the club house image, select existing text in the Alt text box in the Property inspector (if necessary), type **The Striped Umbrella Club House**, then press **Enter**.
2. Save your work, preview your page in your browser, and then point to the **club house image** until the alternate text appears. (view in Internet Explorer)
3. Close your browser.
4. Select the boardwalk image, type **The Boardwalk to the Beach** in the Alt text box, replacing any existing text, then press Enter.
5. Repeat Step 4 to change the alternate text **The Pool Area** to the pool image.
6. Repeat Step 4 to change the alternate text **Lush Sago Palm** to the sago palm image.
7. Repeat Step 4 to change the alternate text **The Sports Club** to the sports club image.
8. Save your work.
9. Preview the page in your browser, view the alternate text for each image, and then close your browser.