

How to publish web files

After you finish editing your documents, you need to publish them to your web server so the documents can be viewed.

Connecting to a remote site

Many websites let you publish files through FTP (File Transfer Protocol). You connect to a remote site by using the Site Definition dialog box in Adobe Dreamweaver CS5.

To connect to a remote site:

1. Select Site > Manage Sites from the menu bar.

The Manage Sites dialog box opens (**Figure 1**).

2. Select the name of the site you want to connect remotely, and click Edit.

The Site Setup dialog box opens.

3. Click Servers in the left column (**Figure 2**).

The Servers area of the Site Setup dialog box opens.

4. Click the Add Server button (+).

5. Enter the FTP access information as directed by your teacher.

6. Click Test to test the connection.

Dreamweaver confirms the connection.

7. Click Save.

The new server appears in the list of servers in the Site Setup dialog box.

8. Click Save to close the Site Setup dialog box.

9. Click Done to close the Manage Sites dialog box.

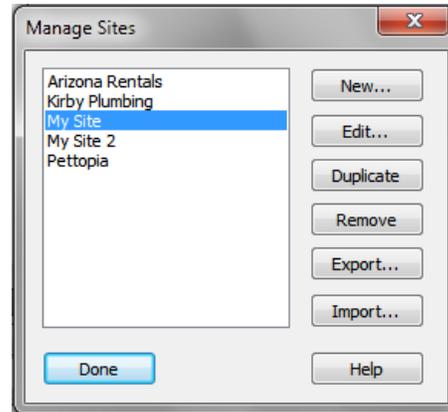


Figure 1 Manage Sites dialog box

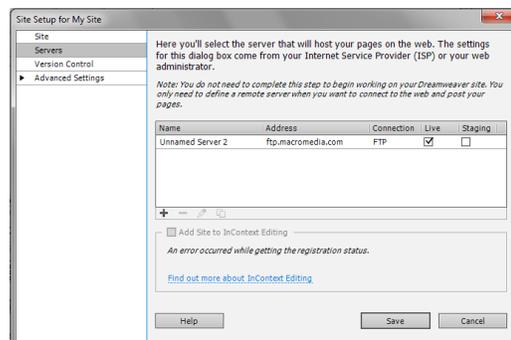


Figure 2 Servers area of the Site Setup dialog box

Uploading and downloading files

Once you establish an FTP connection, you can publish files directly from the Files panel.

To upload the entire site for the first time:

1. Make sure the Files panel is open (**Figure 3**).

The Files panel is typically located on the right side of the screen. If the Files panel is not open, select **Window > Files**.

2. Click the Expand/Collapse button in the Files panel toolbar (**Figure 3**).

The Files panel expands (**Figure 4**).

3. Make sure the Connects To Remote Host button is active (**Figure 5**). Click it if necessary.

Dreamweaver connects to the web server.

4. Select the root folder for your site in the Local (right) pane.

5. Click the Put Files button (the upward-pointing arrow).

Dreamweaver uploads the site's files and opens the Background File Activity dialog box (**Figure 6**).

Note: To upload one or more folders or files without uploading the entire site, select them and click the Put Files button.

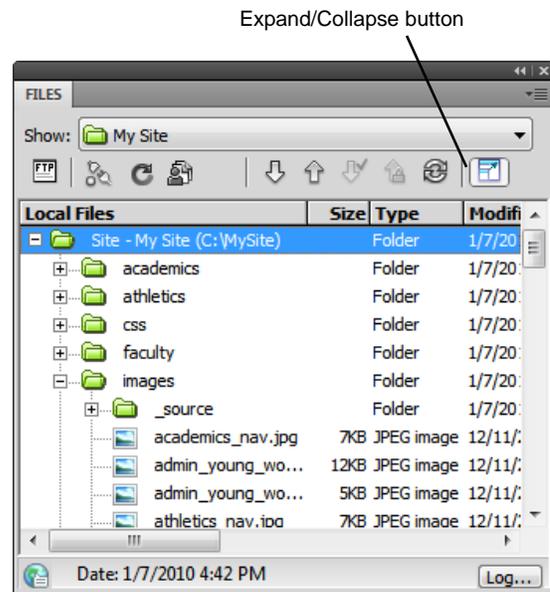


Figure 3 Files panel

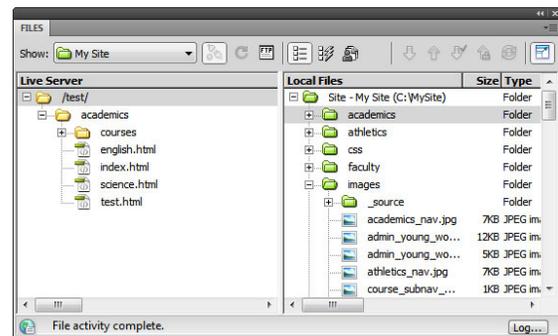


Figure 4 Expanded Files panel

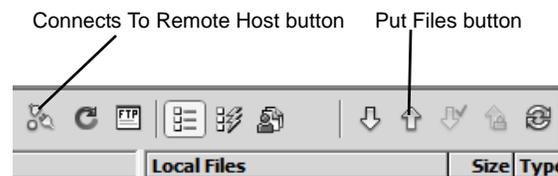


Figure 5 Files panel toolbar

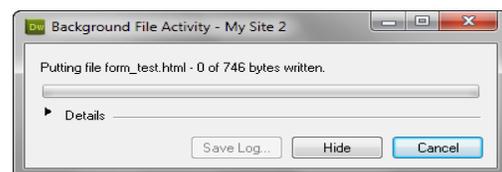


Figure 6 Background File Activity dialog box

To upload a revised version of an existing file:

1. Select the file you have revised.
2. Click the Put Files button.

Dreamweaver uploads the revised file.

Downloading files to work on them

Once your website has been published, you will often want to download a file so you can revise it. You do so through the Remote Site pane, on the left side of the expanded Files panel.

To download a file:

1. Click the Refresh button (**Figure 7**) to make sure the files in the Remote Site pane are up-to-date.
2. Select a file to download.
3. Click the Get Files button (**Figure 7**).

If the file has any dependent files, the Dependent Files dialog box opens (**Figure 8**). Dependent files are files, such as images or Flash movies, incorporated into a web page. In most cases, you need to download these in order for a web page to appear correctly.

Note: If you do not click Yes within 30 seconds, the Dependent Files dialog box automatically closes and dependent files are not downloaded.

4. Click Yes.

Dreamweaver copies the file and its dependent files to your local folder. The downloaded files appear in the right pane of the expanded Files panel.

5. Click the Disconnects From Remote Host button (**Figure 7**), and then collapse the Files panel.

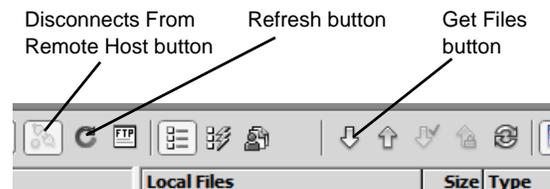


Figure 7 Files panel toolbar

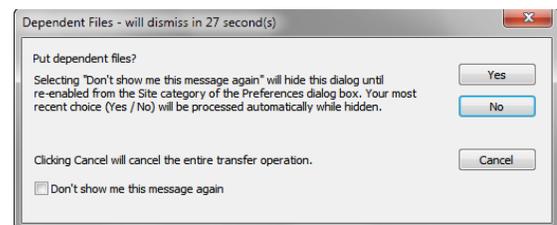


Figure 8 Dependent Files dialog box