

Creating a Web Photo Album using Dreamweaver MX/MX2004

Before you begin make sure you have met the following requirements:

- Both Dreamweaver MX/MX2004 and Fireworks MX/MX2004 have been installed on your computer
- All the photos you want in the album are resident in one folder within your sites – this will be your source_images folder

1. Open Dreamweaver MX/MX2004.
2. Select File > New Window (CTRL+N [PC] or Command+N [Mac])
3. Select Commands > Create Web Photo Album.
4. The Web Photo Album setup window will appear.
 - a. Start by entering the title of the photoalbum in the “Photo Album Title: “ input field
 - This can be whatever title you want.
 - You may also enter Subheading info and Other info in the following two fields.
 - All of this information will be displayed at the top of your photo album.
 - All of this information can be edited after the album is created. You will definitely want to do this after the album is created due to the fact that the type will be the default font in a gray background.
 - b. Enter the location of your source folder in the “Source Images Folder: “ input field.
 - You can do this by clicking “Browse...” which is next to the input field.
 - c. Enter the location of the destination folder in the associated input field.
 - This is where the final product will go. Create a new folder, if you want, in your site.
 - d. Select any options you wish in the following fields:
 - Thumbnail Size - Select the dimensions of the preview images that will appear on the index page of the photo album.
 - Show Filenames - If checked, the filenames of the photos will be displayed below the thumbnail images on the index page of the photo album.
 - Columns - Enter the number of columns of thumbnail photos for the index file of the photo album.
 - Thumbnail Format - Select the desired format and quality of the final thumbnail photos displayed on the index page of the photo album.
 - Photo Format - Select the desired format and quality of the final photos, displayed on the individual enlarged photo pages, which will appear when the thumbnail is clicked.
 - Scale - To enlarge or reduce the final images use this field.
 - Create Navigation Page for Each Photo - If checked, every individual photo page will have a navigation bar that has links such as “Next photo,” “Previous Photo,” and “Home.”
5. Now click “OK” to create the Web Photo Album. Sit back and enjoy the show. The creation process begins by opening Fireworks and resizing all of the photos for both thumbnails and their full sizes. *Do not hit anything while this is in progress.* You will see the following image overtop of Fireworks which serves as a status window. You will also see Fireworks opening and closing your photos. Once completed Fireworks will close on its own.
6. Once the Batch process is finished the photo album has been created. Click “OK”.
 - a. Now you will see is the index page in a web album folder, ready for you to make any appearance adjustments you would like to it.
 - b. Once you have completed your adjustments save the file (if altered) and you are done!! The photo album will be in the destination folder that you selected earlier. Feel free to remove the source folder that you created earlier in the tutorial; the images have already been copied into the destination folder.