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Using Adobe Dreamweaver Developer Toolbox to Create a Contact Form

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Introduction

By following this tutorial you will learn how to use Developer Toolbox features to quickly build a page that allows your site visitors leave a message for a certain department of your company.

The web application will allow you to:

- Build a page that lets site visitors write messages to one of your company's departments.
- Save those messages in a database.
- Send the messages through e-mail to the respective departments.

This tutorial contains two main steps:

- 1. Creating the form that will only store the messages in a database.
- 2. Implementing the send e-mail option for the messages.

Requirements

To complete this tutorial you will need to install the following software and files:

Dreamweaver CS3

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Sample files contact_form.zip (ZIP, 15k)

Prerequisite Knowledge

I would recommend that you are familiar with Dreamweaver CS3 recordsets.

System requirements

- You have installed one of the following web servers: Microsoft Internet Information Server 5.1 (Windows XP Professional) or 6.0(Windows 2003), Apache 1.3.x or 2.0, or the built-in web server in ColdFusion 6.1 or later.
- You have defined a Dreamweaver site with a testing server or remote server running ColdFusion 6.1 or later, PHP 4.4.0 or later, ASP 5.5 or later. Check out How to define a site in Dreamweaver (TechNote 14028) for instructions on correctly defining your site.
- You have a working database connection from Dreamweaver to any supported database for your preferred server model.
- If using ColdFusion, make sure the CreateObject function is enabled. You can enable and disable this function using the