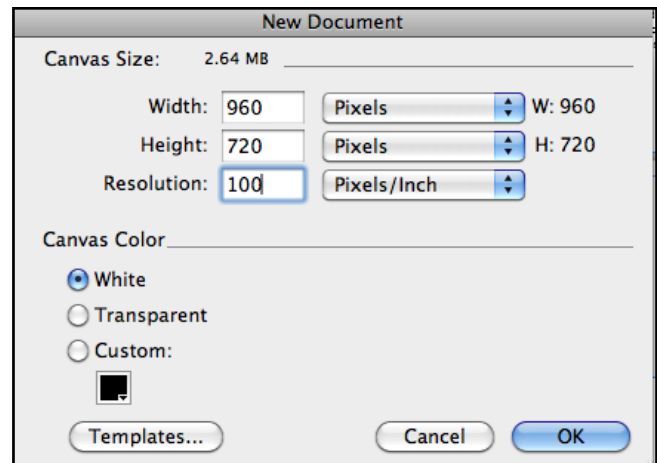
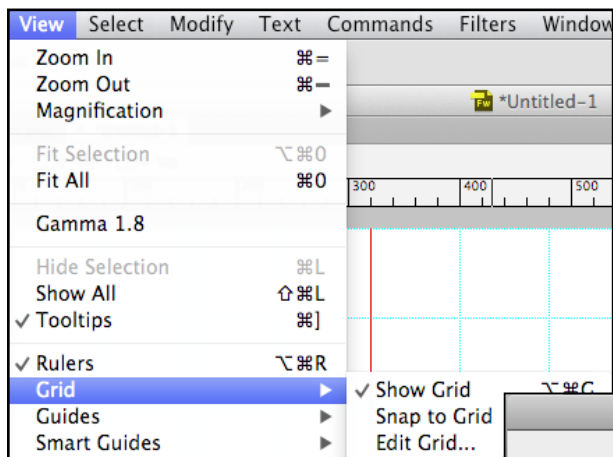


Creating A Wire Frame Layout in Fireworks

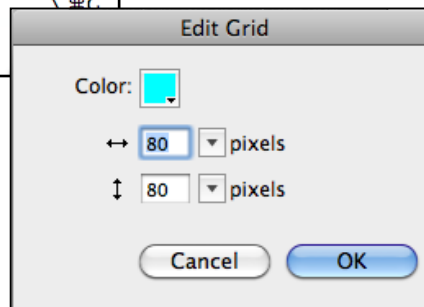
Step 1: Create a new Fireworks Document.

Click on the Fireworks icon, and choose New>Document. Make your document 960 pixels high x 720 pixels wide. A 960 pixel page width is an ideal width for grids as it fits most displays at 1,024 pixel width and is divisible by 3,4,5,6,8,10,12,15,and 16. You can work in a layout foundation of 12 columns, 16 columns, or 24 columns.

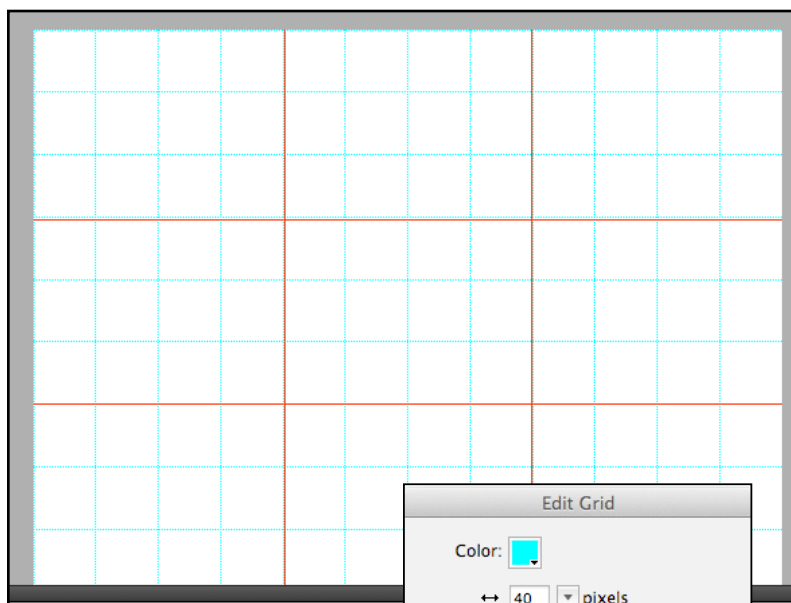


Step 2: Establish Grid Settings

Like working with graph paper, you will also want a grid in Fireworks. To establish your grid, simply divide the number of columns you want by 360. For example, $960 \div 12 = 80$. Therefore your grid settings would be 80.



To show the grid (if it is not already showing) go to Menu>Grid>Show Grid. Modify the grid settings in Edit Grid. Choose 80 as the grid pixels.

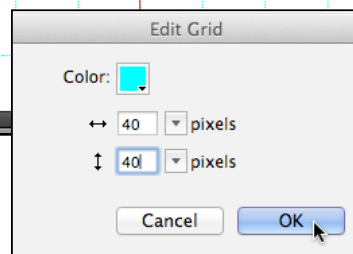


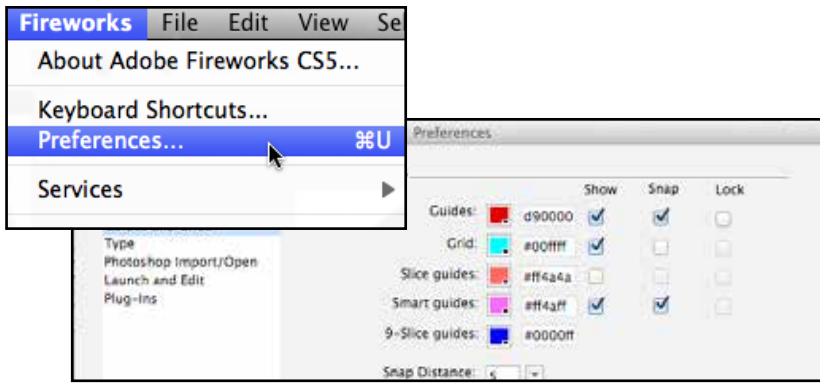
Step 4: Add Guides

To work in the Rule of Thirds, click on the ruler on the top and on the left and drag your mouse to bring Guides from the rulers. Place the guides so that your layout is divided into thirds. You can easily move the guides around to break up your layout.

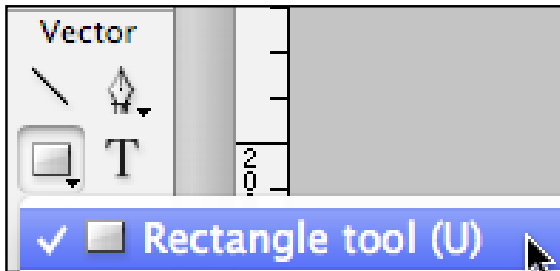
Note: If guides and grid are the same color, it can be very difficult to differentiate the two. See the next page on how to change the grid and/or guide color.

To make division of space easier in the next steps, go back to Edit Grid and change the grid to 40 pixels.



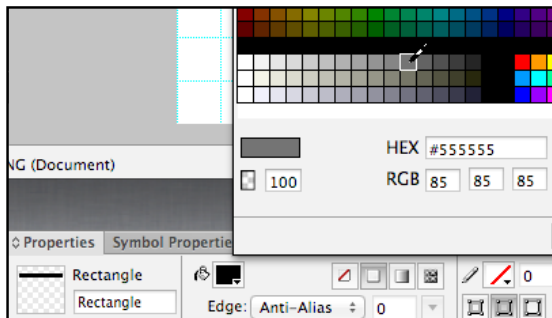
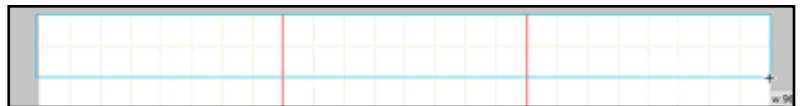


TIP: By default the guides are the same color as your grid - making it very difficult to differentiate the two. You can change the color of the grid by clicking on the Color swatch in the Edit Grid palette, OR change the color of the guides in Preferences>Guides & Grid.

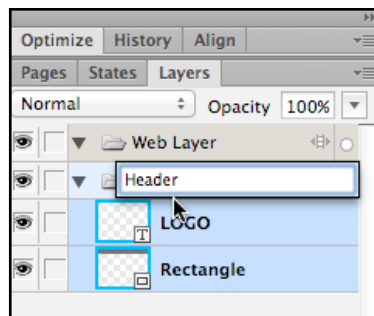
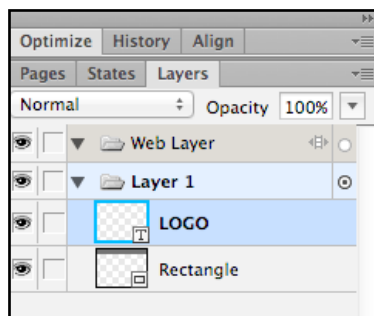
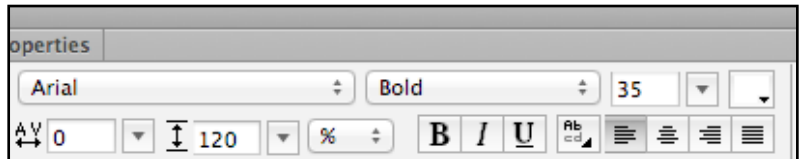
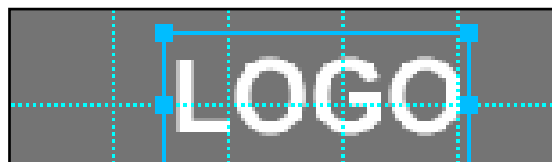


Step 5: Layout the Header Banner

First, we will select the rectangle tool and choose a shade of gray in the Fill property.

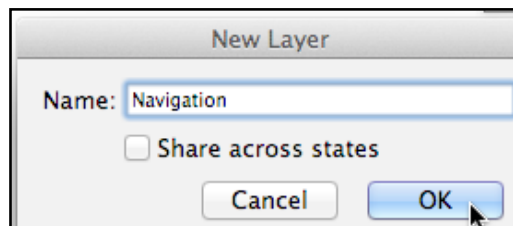
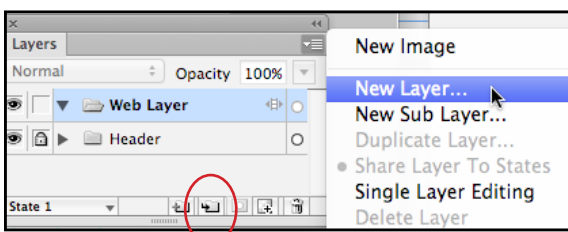


Click and drag across the top couple of grid rows to create a gray box that will designate the header-banner of your site. Use the Type tool, and type "Logo" to designate where the logo of the company will be placed on the header.



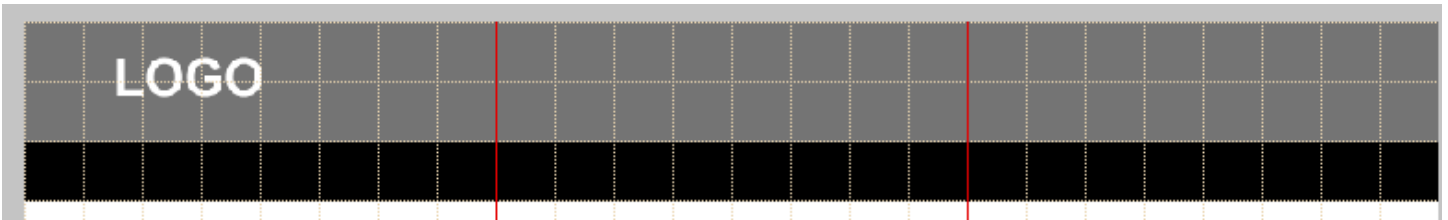
Manage Layers: To help manage all the objects, we are going to divide our home page wire frame up into different layers. We have designed the header banner first and the objects appear under Layer 1.

Double-click the Layer 1 type and enter "Header" as the layer name. Then LOCK the layer so that you do not accidentally add any more objects to that layer.



Add a new Layer and call this "Navigation".

Add a new layer either with the new/duplicate layer icon OR in palette options.

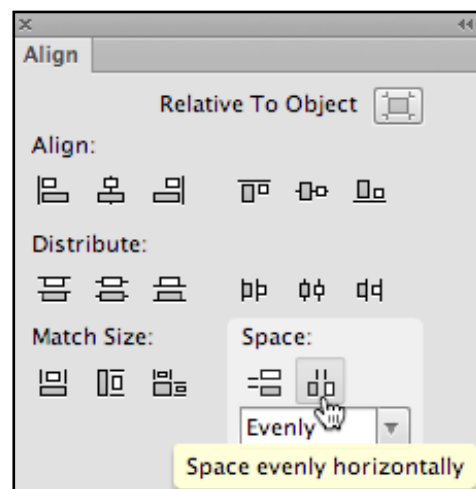
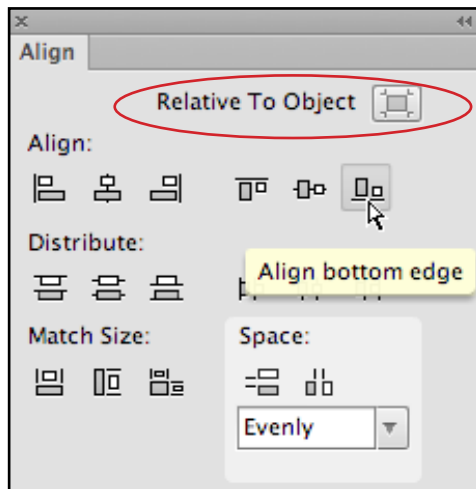
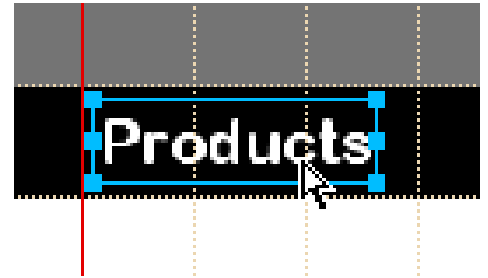


Step 6: Layout the Navigation

Draw a rectangle with a different fill shade than the header. With the type tool, type the longest word that will appear in the navigation. Use the type settings in the Properties panel to establish correct size, font and color. Note - most type navigation systems are not very large - 12 - 24 pixels!

Duplicate the word (Edit>Duplicate, Control D (Windows), Command D (Mac)).

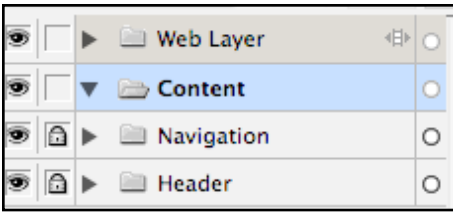
Move the duplicated word to the next position and change the word to the next item in the navigation. Note: This main navigation should be the same as listed in the flow chart for your site.



Align the text words: To align the text words, select them all, (using the black arrow tool, hold down the Shift key and click on each one.) Access the Align Palette. Be sure Relative To Object is selected. Align to bottom edge, then Space evenly horizontally.



NOTE: If your layout requires a side navigation, choose Align to Left (or right) and Space evenly vertically.

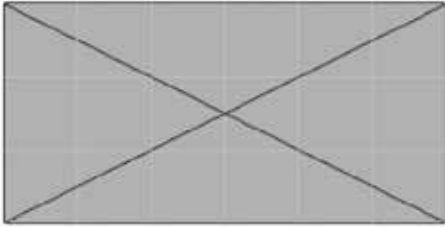


Step 7: Layout Content

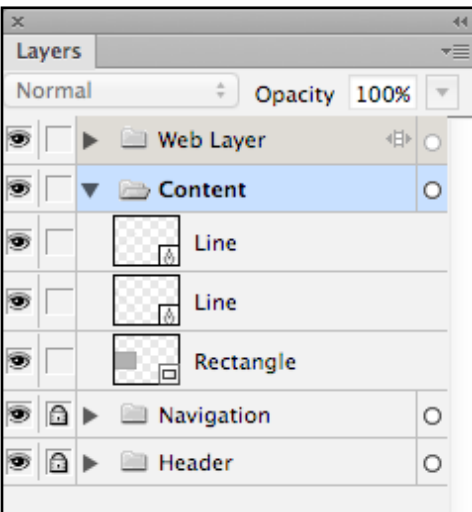
Lock the Novating layer and add a new layer - this time named "Content"

Add an image field

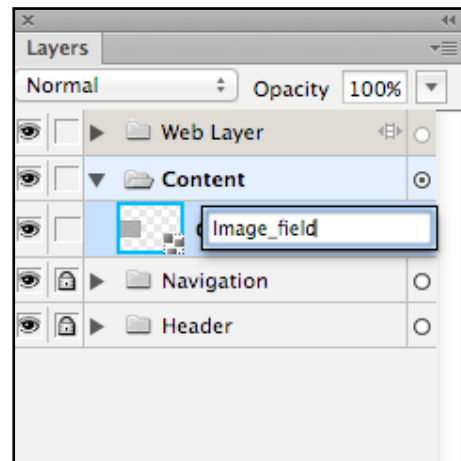
The standard graphic to indicate placement of an image is a gray rectangle containing an X. Draw a rectangle with a light shade of gray. Using the Line Tool, draw a line from one corner to the opposite, and then again from the other corner to the next opposite.



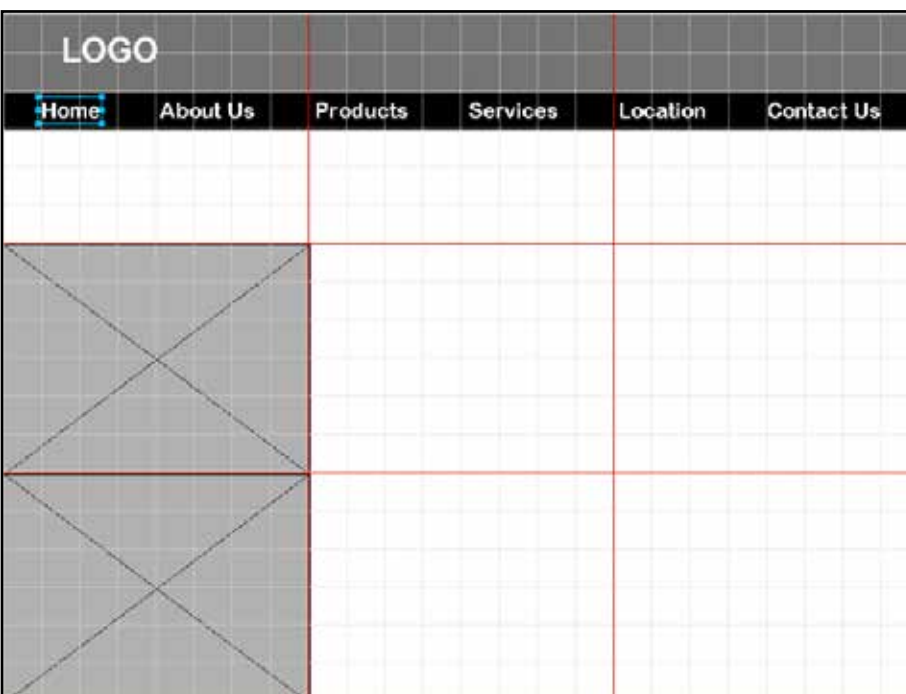
You will soon see that doing just this task add 3 layer objects in our Content Layer. We can group these objects by going to the Menu>Modify>Group or Control G (windows), Command G (Mac).



Rename the object layer as Image Field.



NOTE: You don't have to start from scratch every time you want to indicate placement of an image. Simply duplicate the grouped graphic and move to the desired location.

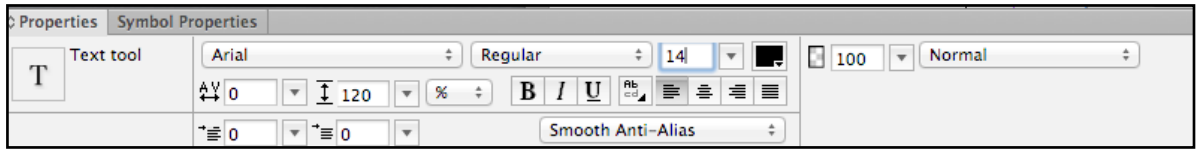


So far our layout is looking good! Let's add some text!

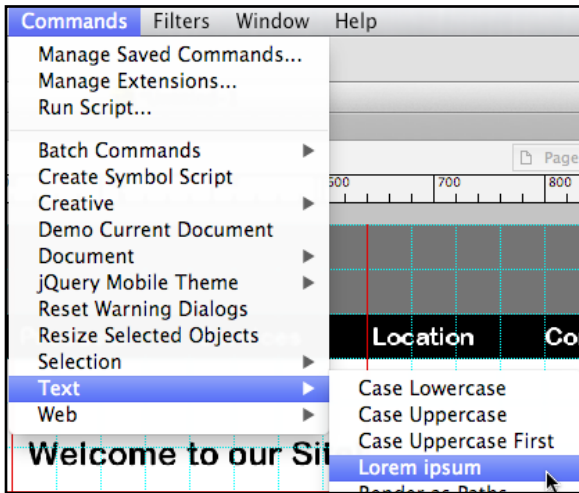


Step 7: Add Text

Fireworks can automatically add Lorem ipsum text - a greeking type of text that doesn't say anything, but allows us to demonstrate the font, size and style of body text that would be in the content of our site.



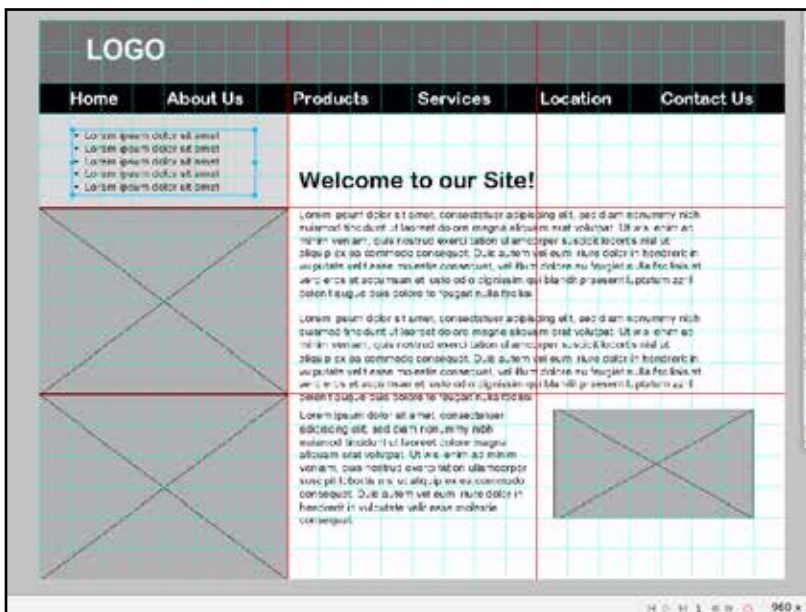
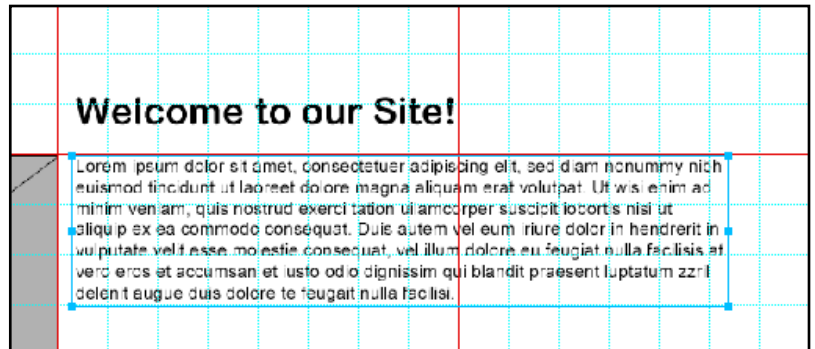
First, modify your text settings. Click on the Text tool and choose a font, size, and color for your body text. Note that most body text is rather small - similar to books or magazines, 12 to 16 point is the standard. Also - in web work, sans-serif fonts work best.



In the Menu, choose Commands>Text>Lorem Ipsum.

This will place a paragraph of text on the canvas in the text settings that you applied in the Properties palette.

Move the text box to the desired location. Duplicate the paragraph to demonstrate multiple paragraphs within a text box. Add headlines and other text as needed for the base wire frame mock-up.

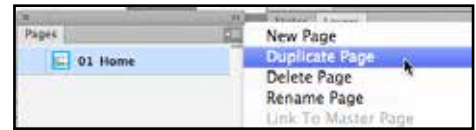
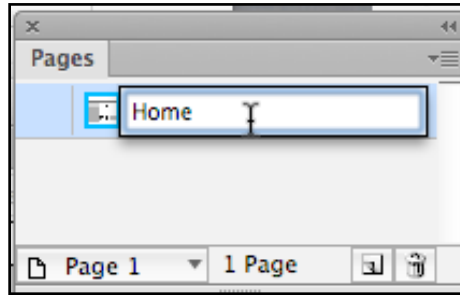
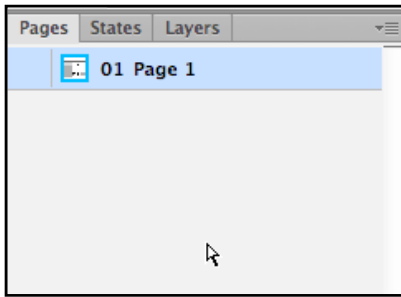


The home page wire frame is looking good!

Let's complete one more layout to demonstrate the layout of one of the inside pages.

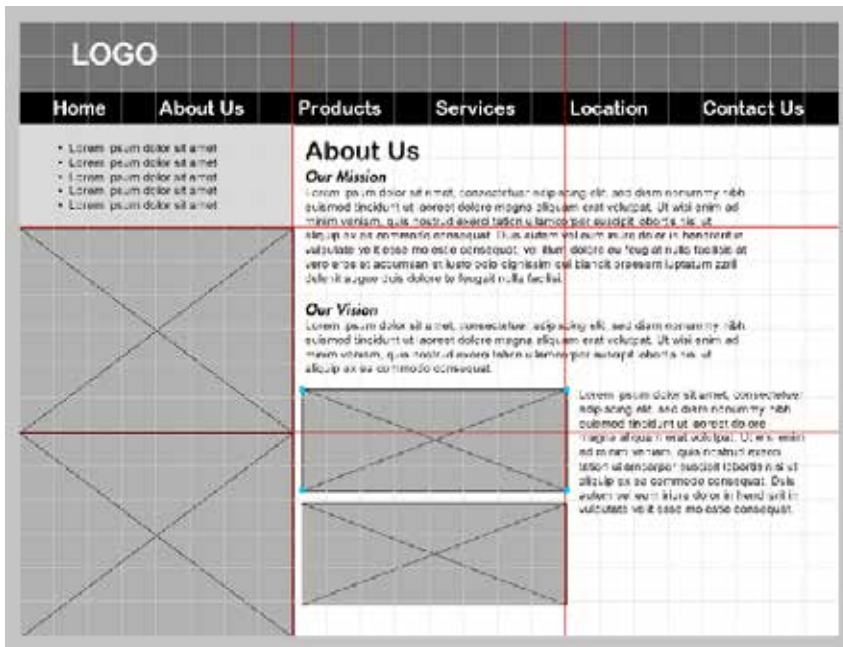
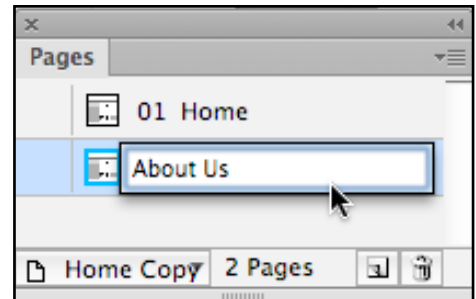
Step 8: Add a Page - Layout the Inside

Switch to the Pages palette. Currently, we only have one page - our home page layout. Change the name of the page by double-clicking on the 01 Page 1 text. Change the name to "Home".



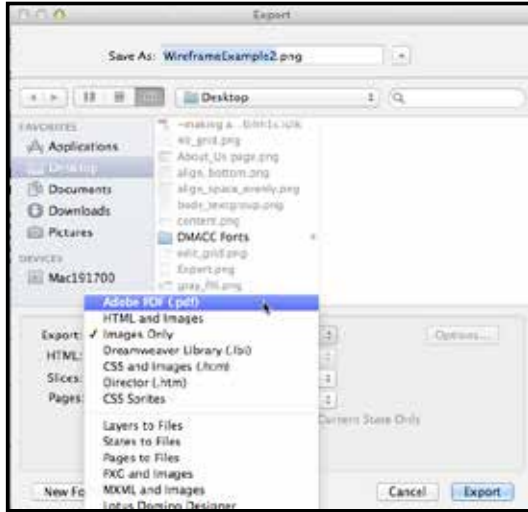
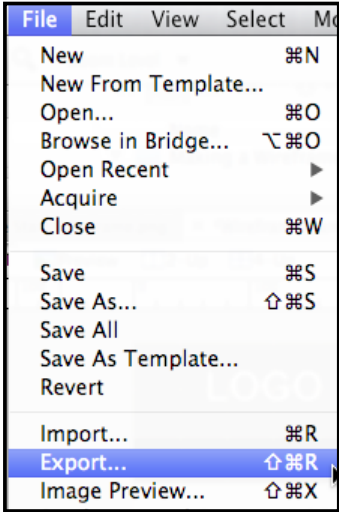
Next, duplicate the page in the Palette Options. (Do not choose new page - that just adds a new blank page).

This will result in the layer being named Home_copy. Change the name to the desired inside page.



Keeping the header and navigation the same, move the content to reflect the layout of the inside page you are emulating.

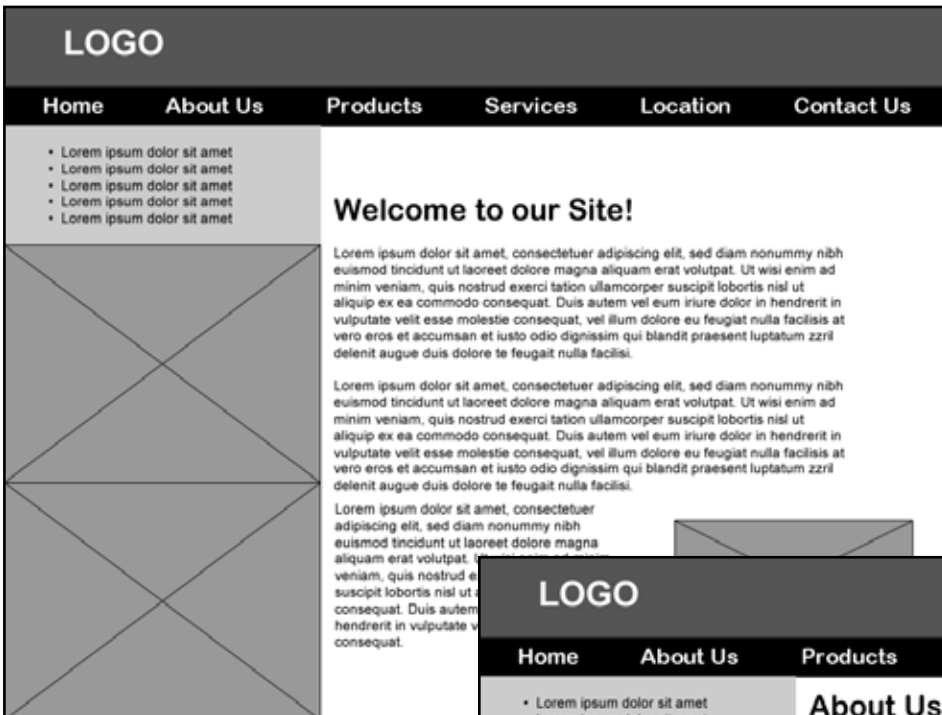
**You are just about done!
Remember to SAVE your
Fireworks document!**



Step 9: Export for client view

Most clients do not have Adobe Fireworks installed on their computer. If you would like to email or print a copy for your client, generating a PDF document is the best bet.

In the menu choose File>Export, then in the Export field (currently states as Images Only) choose Adobe PDF, then click on Export.



Note: Be sure to view the PDF in Acrobat. BOTH pages in your document should export to the single PDF!

You may now print or email your client you wire frame layout.

OR - in the case of this class, upload as a submission to Blackboard!

