

Website Project

CTLT: DIGITAL ARTS PROJECTS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Moderate to Difficult

Making a website is a fabulous way to share information in an accessible, creative and professional way. A website project can incorporate all kinds of other media, including Flash animations, edited videos and photo collages. The more media you choose to include, the more complicated and time-consuming your site becomes.

TIMELINE:

Making a website does require some understanding of the Internet, HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language), and web design software. Most people schedule appointment to go over how to set up and design a webpage make the process easier and faster than reading a manual or trial and error. Overall, once you know what information you want to put on your site, the project can take **one to three weeks to complete, depending on the complexity of your project and your skill level.**

The Breakdown of How Your Time is Spent:

- **1 to 2 hours, Appointment to learn Web Design software and skills:** Having someone help you start the process and teach you to use web design software is vital to getting a competent site made. 1 or 2, one-hour appointments will give you the skills to make a fabulous project. Email CTLT@goucher.edu with a list of the days, dates, and times you are free to schedule an appointment with a Digital Arts Specialist.
- **10 to 24+ hours, Creation of the project:** Once you have the skills, use Dreamweaver create a website. Some people only spend around 10 hours for a good project and others spend longer to create a quality product. Depending on your expectations and the complexity of the website, the project can take from about 10 to over 24 hours of computer time.
- **Extra Time, Troubleshooting:** Getting the webpage just how you want it takes some time. Although some people have little trouble setting up a page, even veteran designers have to work around issues that pop up. You need to leave yourself enough time to deal with problems on your page.

EQUIPMENT:

- **A Computer with Dreamweaver (web design software)**
 - All the library computers have Dreamweaver installed.
 - There are other web design products available. The CTLT recommends Dreamweaver as it is the most widely used.

WHERE TO GET HELP:

- **Pick up a manual:** The CTLT has a great manual that covers Dreamweaver basics, step by step. Pick one up in the CTLT and try it out before you start your project.
- **Have a problem with your project or need some quick tips?** Swing by the library and ask a specialist for some help (the Green Shirts) during library hours between 9am and 11pm on weekdays.
- **Schedule an appointment with a specialist:** Digital Arts Specialists are available to help with any part of the process. From learning how to set up your files to cool designs or guidelines so you have a quality project, request an appointment by emailing CTLT@goucher.edu.