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Setting Dreamweaver Accessibility Preferences

Dreamweaver’s preferences include a setting that will remind you to add alt text to each image as you add it to a web page. To enable the Dreamweaver accessibility preference for images:

1. Choose Dreamweaver > Preferences on the Mac or Edit > Preferences on Windows. This will open the Dreamweaver preferences window.
2. Choose Accessibility on the left side of the preferences window.

![Image of Dreamweaver accessibility preferences window]
3. Check the box next to images on the right side of the preferences window.

![Image showing the accessibility settings in Dreamweaver](image)

4. Once you enable this setting, a window will pop up each time you add an image to a Dreamweaver document. This popup window will include a text box where you can add your alt text.
For decorative images, click on the pulldown menu to the right of the text box and choose **empty**. This will add a null alt attribute, which will allow screen readers to skip the decorative image.

For more complex images, you can use the Long description text box to link to a more detailed description.

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