

Re: MS Expression Web Designer

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Hi,

You are correct that these images are links, and I did not know if links, by default, will be added by borders or not.

However, I found another way of making the change is from the picture properties and to remove border from there. Strange enough, using conventional Format Border won't work.

Other silent changes are mostly related to styles such as fonts.

I have to admit that my site is not very well designed in the beginning. I have a stylesheet comes with the template package that I purchased and used for most pages including ASP and HTML.

There is another stylesheet residing in the folder of the shopping cart which comes with the shopping cart package and is used for the control of shopping carts pages.

In the past, I could ignore some styles listed in stylesheets by using Format Font in FP. For example, in the stylesheet, a link is defined by a font (e.g. Times New Roman), but I could also use FP to format a link to another font (e.g. Academy). That works fine.

The reason for this is that I am using two languages (Chinese and English) for developing pages, and some Chinese fonts look better for certain words and vice versa.

When using EWB, it will enforce strictly which might be good but does not look very well. That means it will look for the linked stylesheet and changed all links to that particular font. Any changes I made with EWB using Format Font won't work.

I also noticed that "relative links" might also be changed sometime.

That's all for now. I believe this might be a powerful tool but I guess that design concept might be totally different than FP, which could be the reason for MS to come up a new one and stop FP.

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I just thought it might take us some time to learn it and may need do some house cleaning works for all the old works done with FP.

Eventually, we might have a "cleaner" and "powerful" site, but it would take some efforts.

"Murray" <forums@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:e9RG4ZDnGHA.2256@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

For example, a boarder had been added to images without my knowledge and it's difficult to find where to remove it.

Are these images links to something? If so, then EWD is not adding the border, you are by making them links. To get rid of the borders, you would need to have a style rule like this –

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a img { border: none; }
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What other changes are you seeing? I have not found EWD to do any "silent changes".

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Murray

MVP FrontPage

"xfile" <cou-cou@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23aUd1ICnGHA.2264@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I found one of the most potential risk of using this beta is about managing styles.

Maybe it is because of the beta or maybe it is because old FP did not do the work well or maybe this is just by design.

In any case, many pages have been "silently" changed their style. For example, a boarder had been added to images without my knowledge and it's difficult to find where to remove it.

It is my guess that using EWD will eventually come up a cleaner page with many new features, but it would take some house-cleaning works for all the jobs done by FP previously.

"Cabby" <BassInk(nospam)@aol.com> wrote in message news:F9D563CC-A96F-4554-AD8D-7FF8B7788EFA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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I downloaded EWD last Friday and am loving it. Very cool interface and so much more functional than FP. I've had some glitches with things in the beta not yet working, but I've found work arounds for these things—so far.

"Rob Giordano (Crash)" wrote:

They say there will be a "reasonably" priced upgrade from FP to EWD...dunno what reasonable means though.

I like EWD too..pretty cool.

"xfile" <cou-cou@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:uq0KmymlGHA.2344@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

| Hi,

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| Has anyone tested Expression Web Designer?

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| I've used it for two days so far (working on a live site) and found it, as

| claimed, is easy to use and retains most functions of FrontPage in addition

| to the new ones.

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| It is also different than Visual Web Developer 2005 Express edition which

is

| buggy and resource draining.

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| Although there are some small bugs and problems (consider it is a community

| review version), the overall performance is pretty stable – knock 3 times.

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| One particular thing that I am very pleased about this edition, and that

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is
| it will not force you to go through and
correct all "possible coding
errors"
| (as VWD would) before allowing to view a
page in design view.
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| Why is this important? Yes, we made many
mistakes during developing
Web
| pages (especially for those like myself who
are not professional
| programmers), such as not inserting "alt
attributes" for images, and
putting
| incorrect attributes (e.g. marginwidth) in
wrong places – and many of
those
| are done by our ex–best friend –
FrontPage.
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| But why do we have to correct each of
them (image how many of them if
one
| had used FP for developing Web pages
throughout the past years)
before we
| can even see a page in the Design View?
That requirement is totally
| ridiculous.
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| For those who are concerned the
discontinued of FrontPage, I'd
encourage
you
| to download and try Expression Web
Designer.
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| Once thing that I am not so happy about the
current community version
though
| is about sending web pages through
Outlook and the lack of "mail
merge"
| capability as in Word.
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| When I try to email web page within EWD,
Outlook automatically block
the
| page as "unsafe" attachment. This will not
happen if using

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FrontPage.

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| And when I work with FP 2003 for mail
merging newsletters to
subscribers,

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| had to save it to a local copy and open with
Word 2003 and perform
mail
| merger.

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| I would expect this can be improved with
EWD so that we can use mail
merge
| directly with EWD.

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| Finally, does anyone have any inside
information about the final
release
| date of EWD and its possible pricing?

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| That's all for now and hope this helps.

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