

Web Authoring Software Comparison

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Price	\$79.95 Academic Superstore / \$399 (upgrade \$169)	\$189 Academic Superstore / \$399 retail (upgrade \$199)
Company Web site	http://www.adobe.com/education/products/golive.html	http://www.macromedia.com/software/dreamweaver/?promoid=BINR
Brief Review	Well integrated with other Adobe products. Can be unstable and crash randomly. "the future of GoLive remains hazy. I can't recommend that you buy it now for the first time, nor switch from Dreamweaver." Jeff Carlson, 5/5/2005 review at www.creativepro.com/story/review/22874.html	Considered the industry standard for Web design. "Dreamweaver 8's inclusion of important new tools for CSS page design and XML embedding and styling make the application worth buying." David Karlins, 9/26/2005 review at www.creativepro.com/story/review/23434.html
Ease of Use	For people familiar with PhotoShop and InDesign, GoLive is easier to use. Beginning Web designers may be overwhelmed at first.	For a novice, this program might be intimidating. However, the program has a good help feature. Version 8 has new starter page layouts that can speed up design process.
Feasibility	The cost has been cut drastically, but probably because it will be replaced by Dreamweaver now that Adobe owns both. Why teach students a software that will be obsolete before long?	Worth the investment as students can learn the basics pretty quickly, but even the most skilled student will not be limited by this professional program. This is definitely the program to buy for the school computer labs.
Features	New Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) palettes. Live Preview window includes small screen rendering button to preview how the page will look on a phone screen. Can crop images right in GoLive without transferring to PhotoShop. Batch convert HTML files to XHTML.	Background file transfer allows uploading while working. Zoom in for close work and out to review page. Layout guides similar to InDesign. Improved site synchronization. Adding Flash Video simplified. Updated Cross Browser Validation. Embed Microsoft Office documents using Flash Paper 2. Numerous tools to transform files into XML.

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