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Before you begin create a site:

1. Download the Frames practice files from our Web site www.cmu.edu/computing/education (save the files to your Desktop)
2. Open Dreamweaver
3. From the **Site** menu choose **New Site**
4. Select the **Advanced** tab
5. Enter the Site Name as **Frames Practice**
6. In the **Local Root Folder** field choose the browse button
7. Go to the *Desktop* and select the **DWFormsFrames** folder, choose the **Open** button
8. Select **WebFiles** and choose the **Open** button
9. Choose the **Select** button
10. Choose the OK button

You will now be able to follow the exercises.

Frames


Understanding Frames

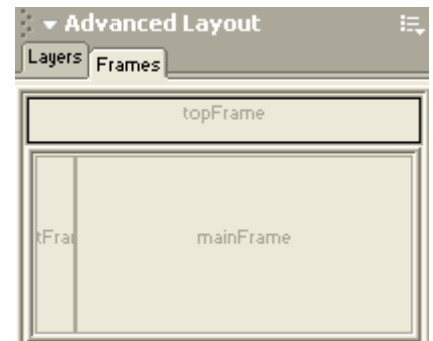
Frame – An area in a browser window that displays a single Web page.

Frameset – An HTML file that joins multiple frame pages together. *The frameset works behind the scenes.*

Creating a Frameset

To create a Frameset use the *Frames* tab on the **Insert** panel.

1. Select the **Frames** tab on the Insert bar
2. Select the **Top and Nested Left Frames**  button on the Insert bar
3. Display the Frames panel (**Window > Others > Frames**)
4. Save the Frameset as **catalog.htm** (**File > Save Frameset**)

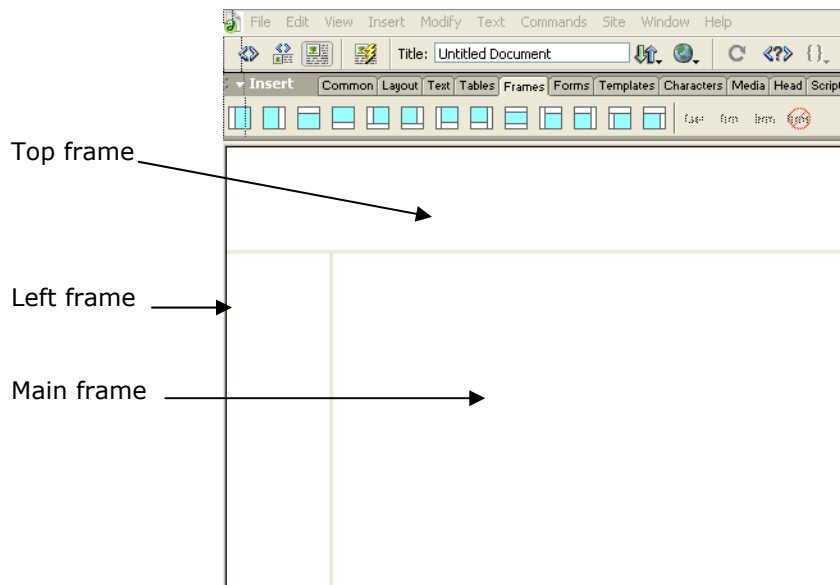


Frameset Panel

Adding Documents to the Frameset

To add an HTML document to a frame use the *Site* tab on the **Files** panel.

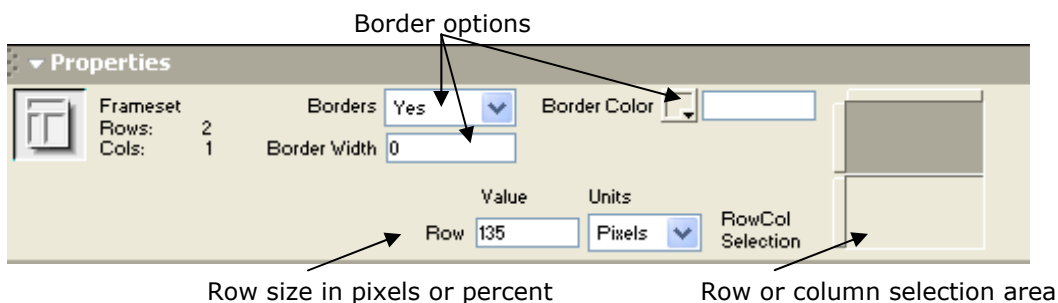
1. Drag the file **TopFrame.htm** from the *Site* tab to the top frame of the frameset
2. Drag the file **LeftFrame.htm** from the *Site* tab to the left frame of the frameset
3. Drag the file **accessories.htm** from the *Site* tab to the main frame of the frameset



Frameset and Frame Properties

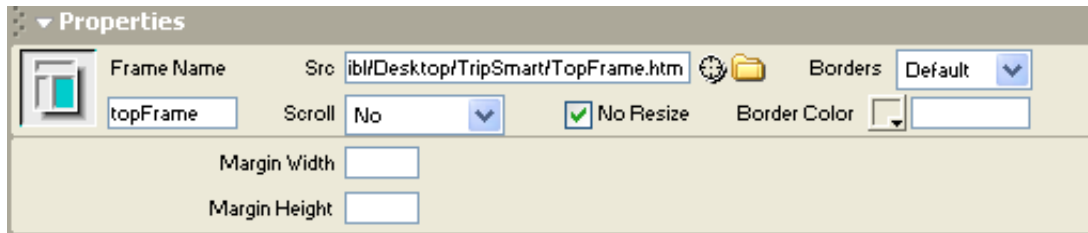
Use the **Properties** panel to set borders and frame sizes for a frameset or frame. Setting a frame property overrides the setting for that property in a frameset.

1. Select the *frameset border* in the **Frames** panel



Frameset Properties

2. Select *topFrame* in the **Frames** panel
3. In the *FrameName* text box change **topFrame** to **Navigation**



Linking Frames

To link frames together each link must have a target.

Targets

_blank	Opens the linked document in a separate window
_parent	Opens the linked document in the parent frameset
_self	Opens the linked document in the same frame
_top	Opens the linked document in the whole browser window and replaces the frameset

1. Select the *Accessories* link in the left frame
2. In the **Property** panel, select mainframe
3. Repeat for the *Clothing* link
4. From the **File** menu select **Save All**

Creating a NoFrames Option

Viewers of your site may have an older browser that does not support frames. Provide a noframes option so that pages can be viewed without frames. To create a noframes option

1. From the **Modify** menu select **Frameset > Edit NoFrames Content**

Deciding Whether to Use Frames

www.macromedia.com/support/dreamweaver/layout/frames_or_tables/