Week Seven: Menus II

Using Image Backgrounds

- Now that you have mastered using CSS to create menus, lets set up using images for your up & over states

    We will still be using the four states of the menu just like before:

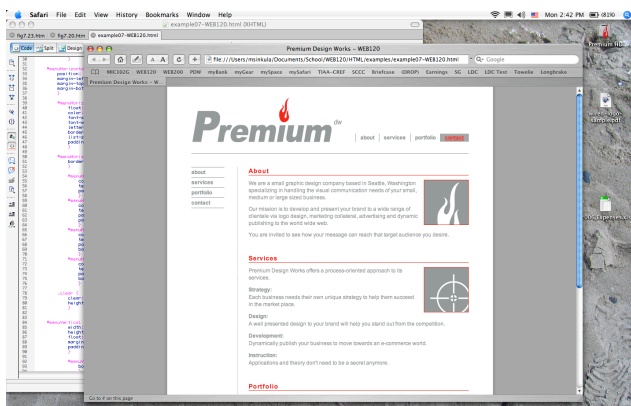   **a:link:** is the state of the default link

    a:visited: is the state when you have previously viewed that link's page

    a:hover: is the state of the rollover effect for that link

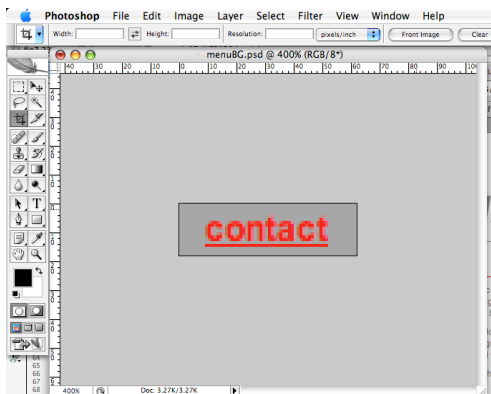   **a:active:** is the state of the link when it is being clicked

- this time we will be using **images** for the backgrounds instead of hex colors
- to do so, we will need to create the images using Photoshop
- I will now show you how I did mine – remember that this is just my methodology to get you started and practicing

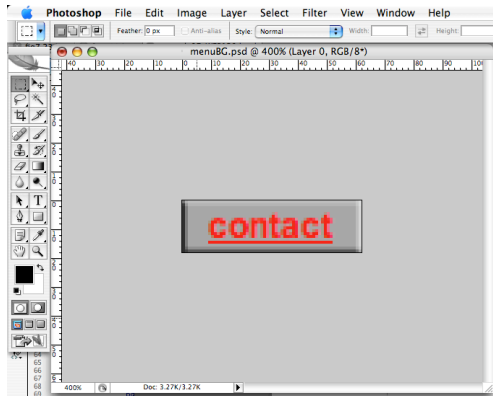**Step 1:** take a screenshot of your previous menu

- I did this because it is an easy way for me to create the background image to the correct dimensions of my menu

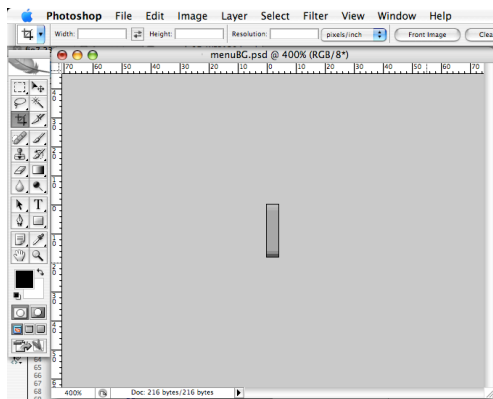**Step 2:** Crop your screenshot to the dimensions of one menu item

- this will allow me to create my background images to the exact dimensions

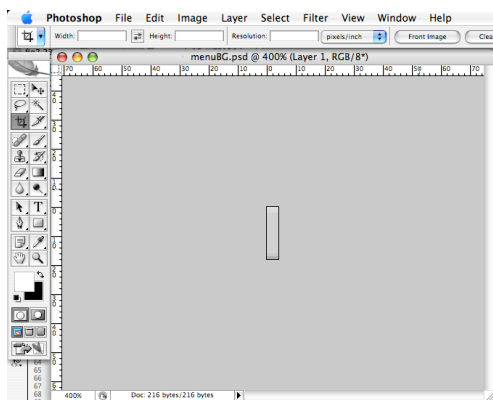**Step 3:** lets make a beveled look to our background using a cheesy filter

- I want to give my menu a bit of depth – just a bit

Step 4: Flatten and crop

- we need to flatten our image so we "rasterize" our effect from our bevel and emboss filter
- we also need to crop our image so that we create an effect that will repeat horizontally across the menu

Step 5: Create both states for the menu

- by using a new layer filled with white and set at an opacity of 50% I have created the look to the "UP" state

- I can simply turn this layer off to see the "OVER" state

Step 6: save both "UP" and "OVER" states to your menu

- Turn the layer with the white color set to 50% **ON** and "save for web" as your "UP" state
- Turn the layer with the white color set to 50% **OFF** and "save for web" as your "OVER" state

Step 7: Place the background states into your CSS

```css
#menuHorizontal li a:link {
        color:#85898A;
        text-decoration: none;
        padding: 2px 10px 2px 10px;
        background-image: url(images/menuBG-UP.gif);
        }
#menuHorizontal li a:visited {
        color:#85898A;
        text-decoration: none;
        padding-left: 10px;
        padding: 2px 10px 2px 10px;
        background-image: url(images/menuBG-UP.gif);
        }
#menuHorizontal li a:hover {
        color:#F20017;
        text-decoration: underline;
        padding: 2px 10px 2px 10px;
        background-image: url(images/menuBG-OVER.gif);
        }
#menuHorizontal li a:active {
        color:#F20017;
        text-decoration: underline;
        padding: 2px 10px 2px 10px;
        background-image: url(images/menuBG-OVER.gif);
        }
```

- notice the different images in the different states of the menu

Step 8: PREVIEW!!!!