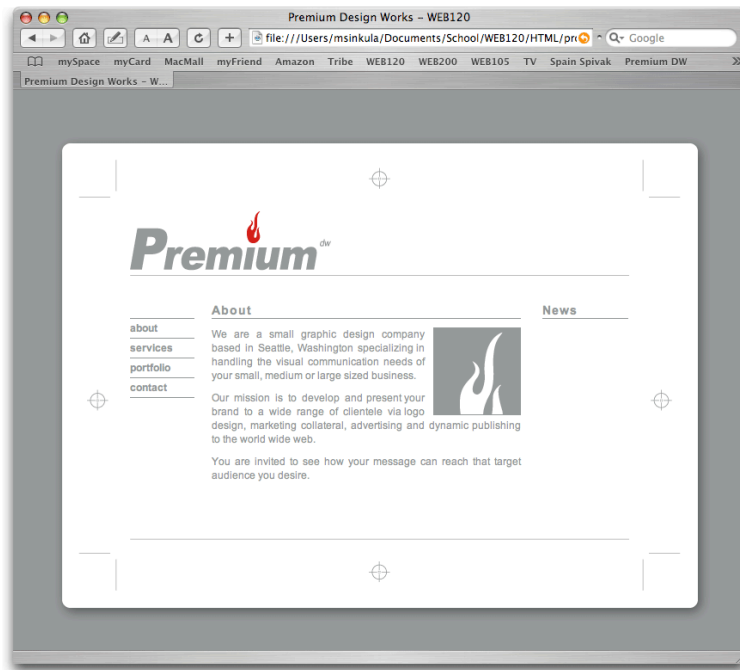


Week Eight: Advanced Production Techniques



Using Backgrounds

Background-Image: property has only one value – the URL of the image – **p. 255**

```
body {
    background-image: url(images/bodyBG.gif);
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    color: #85898A;
}
```

- this background image is a one pixel shim that will repeat both horizontally and vertically

Background-Repeat: this property will allow you to control the repeat of your background image – **p. 255**

```
#main {
    width: 780px;
    background-image: url(images/mainBG.gif);
    background-repeat: repeat-y;
    margin-top: 5%;
    margin-right: auto;
    margin-left: auto;
}
```

- this background image will only repeat vertically

Background-Position: this property will allow you to set the starting point of your background image – **p. 255**

```
#middle {
    width: 780px;
```

```
background-image: url(images/middleBG.gif);
background-position: center;
background-repeat: no-repeat;
}
```

- this background image will always start from the center and not repeat giving the illusion of moving up and down as the page resizes

Full-Length Columns

Alsett Clear-Fix: the *Alsett* clearing method uses the CSS `:after` pseudo-class insert a hidden bit of non-floated content (instead of a div) at the appropriate place in the markup – **p. 145, fig 5.17**

```
.clearfix:after {
  content: "."; /* the period is placed as the last (page) element before the div closes */
  display: block; /* inline elements don't respond to the clear property */
  height: 0; /* ensure the period is not visible */
  clear: both; /* make the container clear the period */
  visibility: hidden; /* further ensures the period is not visible */
}

.clearfix {display: inline-block;} /* a fix for IE Mac */

/* next a fix for the dreaded Guillotine bug in IE6 */
/* Hides from IE-mac */

* html .clearfix {height: 1%;}
.clearfix {display: block;}
/* End hide from IE-mac */
/* end of "no-extra-markup" clearing method */
```

Faux Columns: since the columns will only extend to the content contained within them, you will need to use a background-image to give them a color - **p. 156, fig 6.7**

```
#contentarea {
  width:774px;
  background-color:#FFF;
  background-image:url(images_pres/faux_columns.gif);
  background-repeat: repeat-y;
}
```