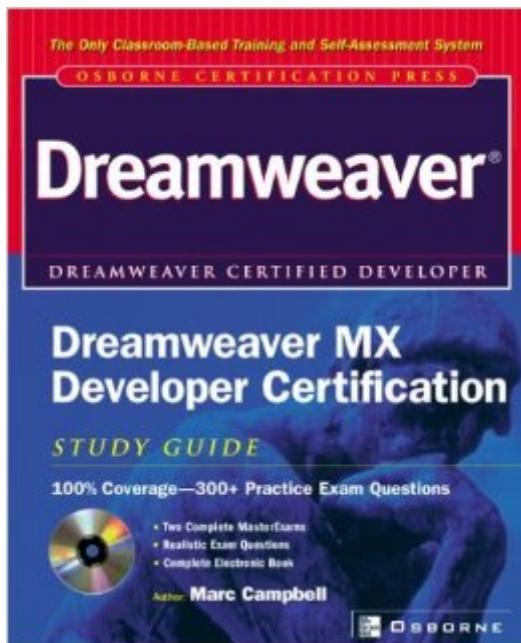


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Dreamweaver MX Developer Certification Study Guide



Synopsis

This is a complete classroom-based study guide covering Macromedia's Dreamweaver Developer certification. It includes an example site that incorporates all the features and concepts that are discussed.

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Customer Reviews

I had been warned that the Dreamweaver MX exam was tough, and this guide, weighing in at more than 600 pages, did nothing to alleviate my anxiety. However, I attacked it systematically, chapter by chapter, and as a result passed the test with a very good score. Like many Dreamweaver users I make heavy use of a few well-known features. This book revealed a huge number of tricks, tips and obscure features I never knew about and definitely plan to use. The sample questions were fair, although they were more ambiguous and interface-oriented than the actual test questions (thank goodness). If you take the exam, make sure you know the *actual* code and standards as well as the Dreamweaver way of doing things. A few criticisms: the book could have used one more copy-editing pass, as there were errors in the test answers and even a few in the "Exam Watch" tips that are supposed to give you a heads up on nasty exam tricks. The CD was disappointing, since it contained only one exam (the downloadable second exam appears to be on DW/Flash integration) with questions that are drawn directly from the book. It is mainly a promo for LearnKey online training. There are many excellent Dreamweaver books available, but this one has the advantage of

hewing closely to the exam syllabus, and the results (in my case) speak for themselves.

This book provides a very good overview of the items on the DMX test. I just took this test this morning and with the help of this book scored an 88%. The book focused more on the application and asked some very detailed questions about the interface. I found the test to be more code intensive. Questions about the interface were usually pretty general. You really have to know how to hand-code HTML and CSS, along with a general knowledge of JavaScript code. Like the others have mentioned, this book is full of errata (which the publisher has yet to list corrections for on their site). Also, the book only comes with one computer-based test. If you use this book and the webmonkey HTML and CSS cheatsheets, you should do fine.

Although the book features many sample questions and a CD that contains 2 exams (exam questions are same from the book, 1 additional exam you can download later), you need to have extensible prior experience in Dreamweaver and web development in order to pass the exam comfortably. If you are a newcomer to webdev, shop some more and read more reviews. I just took the exam this morning and passed it, I found the new DWMX exam much more challenging than DW4 exam that I took in last July. If you take the exam, make sure you become VERY comfortable with DWMX assets and library, CSS. I found several editorial errors in the book and tests on the CD, but they were not serious to miseducate you. Overall, the book covers DWMX adequately, and teaches you the basics of web development. But I do not think the book can alone guarantee you to pass the exam, there a lot of learning involved to master the MX. The book teaches how things supposed to be in DW, but the exam will ask circumstances where things went wrong and you need to be able to troubleshoot them. Best of luck on your exam!!!

About a year ago I slowly started to take an interest in Web development. I have my own business and thought I would create a Web site to advertise my products. My hobby quickly turned into a passion. I upgraded my computer as well as the software so that my finished product could look its absolute best on the Web. I think I inadvertently found a niche for myself and as a result I have decided to become a Certified Web Developer. I chose "Dreamweaver MX Developer Certification" because it was comprehensive and after a cursory review, not at all intimidating. Mr. Campbell's style is fresh and pure, by which I mean free of jargon, buzz words, and erroneous examples. I found this book to be enjoyable, if such a thing can be said about a textbook. Thanks to this book, I finally understand the full capabilities of Dreamweaver...

I just took the test today and scored 89% to my surprise. 100% on Section I, 93% on Section II, and 75% on Section III of the Macromedia study guide. The book does help, but more so by going through the 'experience' of completing the chapters. Also read everyone else's reviews for this book for more helpful tips(e.g HTML & CSS cheat sheets at Web Monkey). Don't spend too much time on memorizing how to navigate around the IDE like the books says... very few questions on that. My tips too you: Experiment, and make sure you know the fundamentals (even the little things you overlook). Also as obvious as it may sound, use your common sense, if the answer doesn't sound right it probably isn't. The questions are pretty short and to the point, the answers can be tricky though. Good Luck! ...

As others have already mentioned, this book has many strange errors that occur mostly on the end-of-chapter quizzes. I've read this book cover to cover and have taken the certification test and passed with an 85%, and it did help, but it was also very misleading. This book stresses that you should be able to visualize and know multiple ways to complete each task in dreamweaver's interface- There were no questions like this on the test. All questions regarding dreamweavers functions asked "how?" and "what?" they do, or when you would use them, NOT where they are located. This book doesn't completely prepare you for this test. I would estimate that about 50% percent of it required well rounded knowledge of web development such as particular CSS properties, SSIs, HTML tags, POST and GET methods, entity syntax- this stuff is hardly mentioned in the book. If I had relied only on this book and had no other knowledge of web development, I would have failed. A friend of mine who also read the book cover to cover failed the test because of a lack of knowledge in the fundamentals. If you use only this book to prepare for the exam, you will only have half the knowledge you need to pass. Since this is supposed to be a prep for the exam, I think this is inexcusable. Good luck!

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