[Mat] Welcome to Techs in the City, podcasting from the Office of Academic Technology at California State University, Long Beach.
Here's your host for today's episode, Walter Gajewski.
[Walter] Thank you Mat.
Today I'm going to discuss customizing your web page . . .
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Hey Walter, you really got to get up there to the new Griffith Observatory. I can tell you how to get there but why don't you just go to the Google map I put on my web page.
[Walter]
Oh, well, let's take a look at that. Ah, look at Mat's page here. It has a map to the Griffeth Observatory embedded right in the page. That is really slick.
The map is completely interactive. I can zoom in, get infrmation. There is a lot of programming that goes into this.
Fortunately, for Mat and for us, Google has done that programming for us. Let's take a look at how Mat did this.
First thing we need to do is get a map. So, we are going out to the Google page at www.google.com and we see "maps" listed here.
Sometimes you have to drop down the list of the "More Applicatoins" and find "Maps" in there.
I'm going to click on "maps" and I want to embed a map of the California State University campus into my web page.
So we're going to search for CSU Long Beach, hit "Retrurn" and here's a map.
All we need do now is click on the link that says "link." And, I'm going to customize this so it looks the way I want it to look.
So, I will click on "customize and preview embedded map." We get an idea of what it might look like. It's an awfully large map. I'm going to select "small."
Let me move this up here. This is what the map will look like. And, here is all that fancy computer programming that was done for us by the folks at Google.
I'm going to highlight all of this code and copy it to the clipboard of my computer (the famous invisible clipboard).
On a PC I do that with Control-C, for "copy." On a Mac it's Command-C. I don't need this Google map anymore. I'm going to quit out of this.
And, now I'm going to launch my web editing software. We're using Contribute. You can do this with Dreamweaver. You can do it with Kompozer, whatever you choose.
I'm going to edit my web site. I'm clicking on this and we have to connect and here's my home page.
I'm going to edit this home page and place the map right on this page. I'm going to put my curser down in here in this blank area and I'm going to insert that code, that we just copied.
So, I go to "insert, html snipett." Now, in your Contribute, this might be greyed out. You have to talk to the person that administers your Contibute web site to turn on this function,
that is, the function that lets you insert html snipetts. Ok, so I'm going to click on that. And, here is a dialog box that let's me paste in the code that I copied from the Google map site.
On a PC, that is Control-V. On a Macintosh it's Command-V. Now that all that code is pasted in, I click on OK. And, here is a grey square that represents the map.
It doesn't look like much of a map yet, but I have to publish this page. So, I'm going to click on "publish." As usual I get congratulated by Contribute. I click OK.
And, my new page opens up in a web browser. And, there it is! My home page now has an interactive map to the Cal Stat University campus, just like Mat's page had a map to the observatory.
That's it for today. Thanks for watching.
[Mat]
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