

Web Lesson 3

1 BACKGROUND AND TEXT

- Background and text colors
- Page Title
- Headings

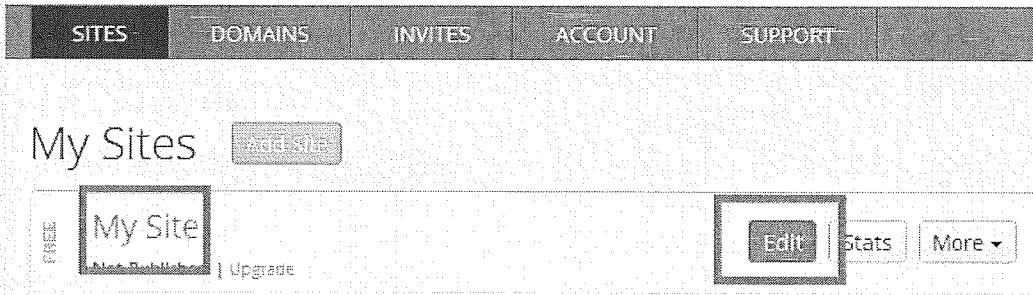
INTRODUCTION

By now, you should have a Weebly account, be familiar with basic webpage development terms, and understand the proper techniques of good webpage development. We will begin working on your webpage today by changing the title and headings of your homepage.

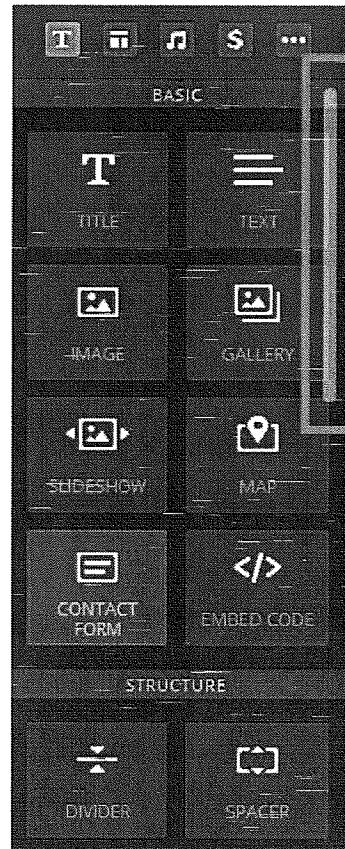
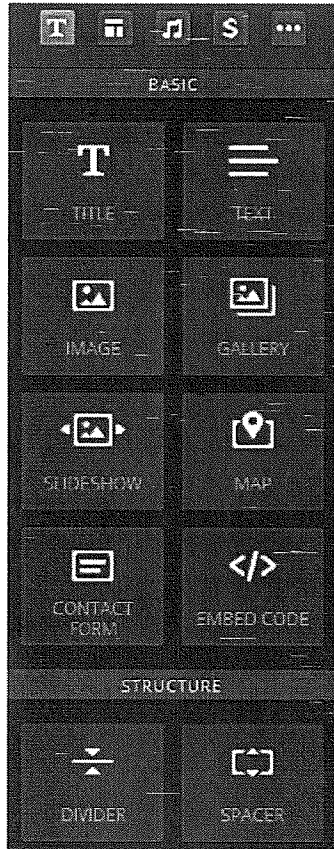
Log Back into Weebly at www.weebly.com

Now that you have a better understanding of the aesthetics of Web design (Lesson 2), we are going to alter the text of your headings on the first page of your website. To do this, click on "Edit" as shown below (highlighted in the red box). You can also access your webpage by clicking on the title. Currently, the title of your website is the default "My Site" but we will change that in this lesson. Depending upon what theme or template you chose, your colors and design will vary from what is shown below. However, all Weebly web templates have the same features so you should still be able to follow along. NOTE: Weebly has an automatic save feature that saves your work as you go along. This is wonderful because it means you don't have to stop every few minutes to save your work. Each time you log back into Weebly, your page will load with the work you completed last time.

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You will be brought to an empty page with the background scheme that you chose last time. This theme has default text and images which we will be replacing in the next few lessons. You will find a menu of web elements (title, text, image, map etc.) in black and white squares to the left of your screen. These web building elements are located within the default “Build” tab. The menu of web elements is larger than what you see on your screen initially (see left image below). However, if you hover your mouse/cursor over this menu, you will see a sliding bar appear (see sliding bar highlighted in red below on the right-hand image). If you move the sliding bar down, you will find even more web building elements that you can use. Weebly is used for easy website construction because you can drag and drop a number of these web elements onto to your empty background page. Then, you can click on that particular element to edit or change it.



Next, notice at the top of your screen that there are 6 tabs used to help you build your website. (NOTE: these tabs may be in a different color and/or location depending upon the background you chose. However, each Weebly template has the same features. You will need to find them on your empty background/theme page). In order from left to right, these tabs are:



Build: the default page from which you will build your website. In this tab, you can insert many different web elements and edit them: title, text, images, map, buttons, icons etc.

Design: in this tab you can change the font, background color, theme etc.

Pages: in this tab you can add (or delete) pages, label or re-label pages etc. NOTE: in the free version of Weebly that we are using, you are limited to five pages. However, with each Weebly account you create, you are allowed up to 10 web pages!

Store: this is the tab you used to set up sales, money transfers etc. if you are designing a business website. We will not be using the “Store” tab in this course.

Settings: this tab allows you to edit the layout of your website, insert your webpage title, set a password to your website, allow connection to Facebook, set whether your layout can be used by mobile devices etc.

Help (circle with a question mark inside): on this website there are support links, email and phone number for technical support. Under the “Site planner” there are also lists of FAQs, video tutorials etc. to provide assistance.

Take some time to navigate the website and view the features that are located under each of these tabs. Being more familiar with the options available to you will assist you in building your website. Also, hover your mouse/cursor around the webpage template to see the different options that are available to you. In many instances, Weebly has options that are only made available when you hover over them with your mouse/cursor. Take some time to explore this web building package.

ADDING A TITLE

Now we are going to add a title to your webpage. If someone bookmarks your page, the title you enter here will be the label of the bookmark on someone else’s computer. Therefore, come up with a meaningful title such as “Susan Martin’s Research Methods Webpage”. To enter your webpage title, click on the “Settings” tab and locate the space labeled “Site Title”. The default title is “My Site”. Click inside the box where you can type your title and type in your website title here and click “Save”.

Site Title

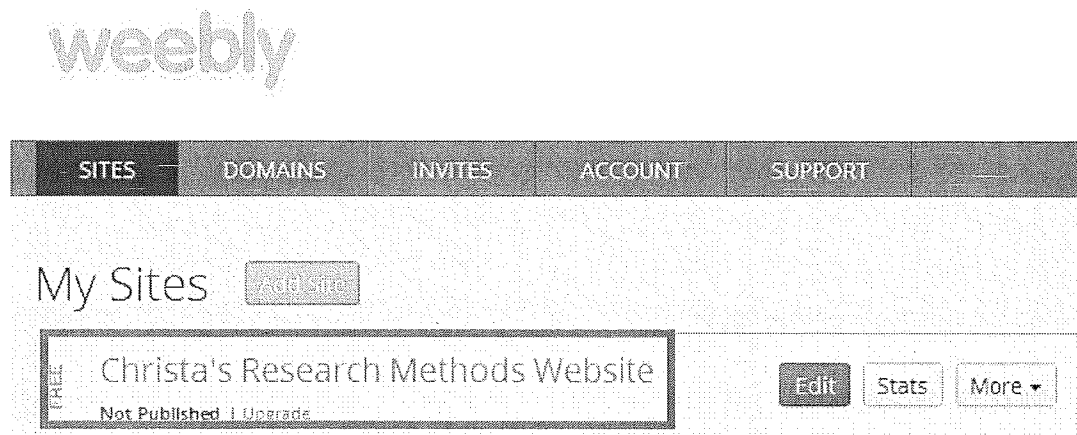
Show title on the top of your pages

After you save your title, you will see the save button edited to read “Updated”. Also under the Settings tab, you will see an area to add a password, to publish your webpage, to add to

Facebook etc. if you wish to use a password, please use the following so that I can access your webpage to grade it: ResearchMSU

You may link to Facebook if you like - whatever your preference is. Please leave your webpage as "Unpublished" right now. Once your webpage has been completed, we will publish it to the web.

Go back to the Build tab and you should see that your title has been updated on your webpage template. Also, next time you access Weebly, your title will be listed in place of "My Site". See below where I changed my title from "My Site" to "Christa's Research Methods Website".

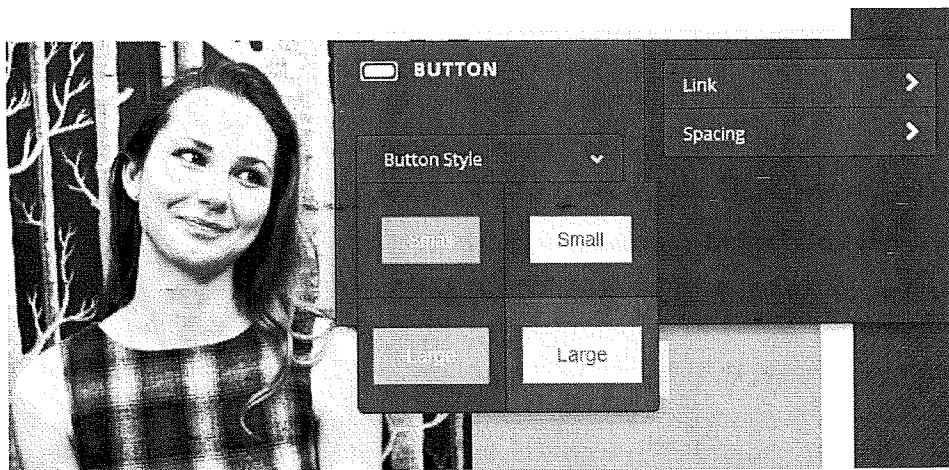


ADDING ADDITIONAL TEXT

Next, add other text to your webpage. Click on the "Click to Add Headline" and Type in "Research Methods GR 8553". Notice that when you click to add your headline, a text box pops up which allows you to change font characteristics (bold text, underline it etc.). Then, below your headline, add a description for your website such as: "1st Quarter Website".



Now we're going to change the text of the button. In future lessons, we will link this button to another page so that when you click on it, it will bring you to another page in your website. In place of "Button Text", type in "My resources". When you click on the button to edit the type, a window will bring up different options as shown below. In this menu, you can choose the button style, centering etc. Choose whichever option you prefer before you change the button type to "My Resources". Notice in the menu below, there is a button labeled "Link". We will add a page to be linked to "My Resources" in another lesson.



Now, the completed text of your website should look something like the image below. Notice that all text has been changed to reflect this Research Methods assignment and that the button now reads "My Resources":



Congratulations on altering the text on the first page of your website! You can now log out of Weebly. There is no need to save your work because the program saves your work automatically as you build your website. Next time you login, you will be able to pick up where you left off...

This is the end of Lesson 3.