

An Introduction to SiteSpinner Pro web authoring tool

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There are a number of web page building tools you can use to create User HTML pages for Control Solutions i.CanDolt web servers. One of the most widely used professional web tools is Adobe Dreamweaver. If you have invested in Dreamweaver, by all means use it, and the general techniques discussed in this tutorial series will apply.

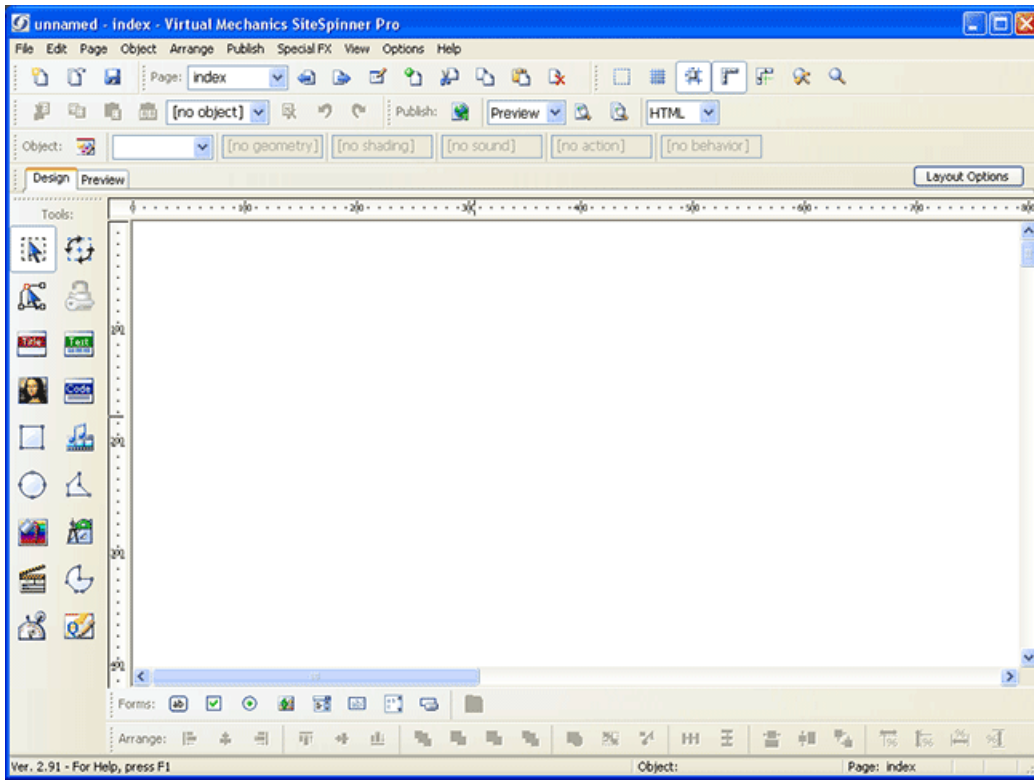
We went shopping for a less expensive tool that was reasonably easy to use, had enough features to be useful, and had the right price. We bought several different web site builder packages before we finally found one that was reasonably priced, easy enough to use, and yet provided enough control over content to be able to build more advanced pages for the server of our choosing. Or in other words, it took a while to find a tool we didn't break trying to recreate our demo web pages from the ground up while we wrote this tutorial. Most of the cheap tools are useful for putting a picture of your dog or cat on your personal web page, and not much more.

We recommend SiteSpinner from Virtual Mechanics (<http://www.virtualmechanics.com/products/>). We used SiteSpinner Pro to build our demo pages, and recommend you purchase the Pro version. The Pro version is only \$99. The standard version for \$49 is a little more limited and will not directly support the demo web pages we have created in the tutorials.



The screenshot shows the Virtual Mechanics website. At the top left is the Virtual Mechanics logo, a stylized 'M' with a gear. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Store', 'Products', 'Downloads', 'Company', and 'Support'. In the top right corner, there are links for 'site map' and 'contact us'. Below the navigation menu, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'home > products'. The main heading is 'Products'. A yellow callout box contains the text: 'Whether you are creating your first Home Page, or designing Professional Mobile Sites, you will find that our products are easy to use, yet provide the advanced features you need.' To the right of this box are links for 'Downloads', 'Reviews', 'Gallery', and 'Web Hosting'. The main product featured is 'SiteSpinner', with a box image showing a green and white design. Below the image is the text: 'SiteSpinner Advanced web page authoring, all in an easy to use, visual environment - no coding necessary.' and links for 'tell me more...', 'download trial', and 'buy now'. Below this is a 'NEW!' badge and the 'SiteSpinner Pro' product, with a box image showing a blue and white design. Below the image is the text: 'The drag-and-drop tool for creating sophisticated sites for the web and for mobile devices. With interactive animation in DHTML and SVG.' and links for 'tell me more...', 'download trial', and 'buy now'.

Once installed, registered, etc, you should see a work space that looks something like this when you start SiteSpinner Pro.



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