

Working with Page Types in SiteAssist Professional

Page types are used to add pre-configured placeholder data in the content areas of your pages. Each page type is designed to suit the type of content your page may display. SiteAssist Professional contains a number of built-in presets.

This Solution Recipe shows you how to create your own custom page types that can be used whenever you create a SiteAssist Professional site.

What Do You Need to Start?

- Dreamweaver CS3 or 8
- SiteAssist Professional version 1.0 or higher
- SiteAssist Professional Solution Recipe Support Files

Creating your page type

Before continuing, make sure that you have defined a site in Dreamweaver to the appropriate start folder of the Solution Recipe Support Files.

1. Double-click to open the FeaturedArtist.html file from the Files panel.

Note: This blank page was created by SiteAssist Professional and will be used to create our new page type.

2. Place your cursor in the content area of this page.
3. Switch to the **Spry** category of the Insert bar.
4. Choose the **Spry Tabbed Panels** option from the Insert bar.



Dreamweaver quickly inserts a two tabbed Spry tabbed panel. Before creating your page type, you will want to make some slight modifications.

5. Select **Split** to enter Split and Design view.
6. Select `<div id="TabbedPanels1" class="TabbedPanels">`.
7. In the Properties Inspector, click **Add** to insert an additional tab.
8. In Design view, highlight the title of the first tab.

9. Type **Artist Biography** in place of the name.
10. Highlight the title of the second tab.
11. Enter **Events** in place of the name.
12. Highlight the title of the third tab.
13. Enter **Albums** in place of the name.

Now that the tabs are named appropriately, the next step will show you how to change the background color to match your site's design.

14. In code view, place your cursor on the line
`<li class="TabbedPanelsTab" tabindex="0">`.
15. From the CSS Styles panel, click on the background-color color picker.



16. Using the color picker, select the light blue color in the side navigation column.

The color for the active tab has now been changed to match your design. The next step will show you how to do the same for the content area.

17. In code view, select
`<div class="TabbedPanelsContentGroup">`.
18. From the CSS Styles panel, click on the background-color color picker.
19. Using the color picker, select the light blue color in the side navigation column.
20. Right click (Ctrl + Click) on the **SpryTabbedPanel.css** file that is open in Dreamweaver.
21. Choose **Save** to save your CSS changes.
22. Return to the **FeaturedArtist.html** page.

Creating the page type

The next step will show you how to create a new page type for use in SiteAssist Professional.

1. Switch to the **WebAssist** category of the Insert bar.
2. Choose the **SiteAssist Professional Create Page Type** option.
3. In the Create Page Type window, enter **Featured Artist** in the name field.
4. Click **OK**.

Changing page type in SiteAssist Professional

Now that you have created your custom page type, the next step will show you how to change the current page type of any of your SiteAssist pages to this new page type.

Note: You can choose the custom page type for use in any SiteAssist Professional site, not just the sites that use a specific layout.

1. From the Modify menu, choose **Modify SiteAssist Professional site**.
2. In the SiteAssist Professional wizard, click **Next**.
3. On the Configure pages and navigation step, choose the **Featured Artist** page from the tree structure.
4. Under the custom category of the page types, select the **Featured Artist** page type.
5. Click **Finish**.

Note: When re-entering SiteAssist Professional, it is important to be careful not to change page types on pages that contain unique content. When page types are changed, SiteAssist Professional recreates that page and overwrites any of the content currently inserted.

Exporting, Importing, and Deleting page types

The SiteAssist Professional Layout Manager allows you to manage not only layouts, but site types and custom page types. The next section shows you how you can export, import, and delete any of your custom page types.

Exporting and Importing page types

1. From the WebAssist category of the Insert bar, choose **SiteAssist Professional Layout Manager**.
2. From the Product list, choose **SiteAssist Professional Page Types**.
3. Select any of your page types.

Note: Shift + Click to select multiple page types to be exported.

4. Choose **Export**.
5. Choose a location to save your exported .zip file.
6. Enter a filename for this file.
7. Click **Save**.

To import files, simply click the Import button, select the .zip file that has been exported from SiteAssist Professional, and click OK.

Deleting page types

8. Select the page type(s) you wish to delete.
9. Choose **Remove**.