

Hands-On Lesson

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LESSON 12:

Extending your software

Composer

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Goal for this lesson

- Learn about the potential to modify or enhance your software to increase your capacity to accomplish specific tasks.

Setting preferences

Composer

- Use Edit | Preferences and then choose Composer.

Changing keyboard shortcuts

Composer

Composer does not allow you to change keyboard shortcuts. To learn about the default keyboard shortcuts, look at the menus. Keyboard shortcuts are listed next to some commands.

Creating new commands or macros

Composer

Composer does not include any tools for creating new commands. (The program is, however, written in an open source format, and so if you are especially technically-proficient, you can build a version with exactly the features you want.)

Recording a sequence of commands

Composer

Composer does not allow you to record new commands. However, you can use the Windows or Macintosh operating systems to create new macros. See your operating system documentation for more information.

Adding extensions

Composer

There are no extensions available for Composer. However, remember that the whole Web is constructed of bits of code that can (sometimes legally) be copied and then used in your pages.

- Use View | HTML Source to edit the source code.