

# Hands-On Lesson

to accompany

## *Curriculum Webs*

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## LESSON 12:

# Extending your software

## GoLive

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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.

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### **Setting preferences**

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#### ***GoLive***

- Use Edit | Preferences.

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### **Changing keyboard shortcuts**

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#### ***GoLive***

- Use Edit | Keyboard Shortcuts. You can always go back to the default settings by choosing GoLive Standard Set from the drop-down menu.
- To see the default keyboard shortcuts, use Help | GoLive Help and then scroll the left panel almost to the bottom and choose Windows or Macintosh Shortcuts.

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### **Creating new commands or macros**

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#### ***GoLive***

GoLive lets you create text macros (especially useful for storing long lines of HTML code or scripts). Macro files are stored in the Text Macros folder within the Modules folder in the GoLive program folder. See the GoLive Help to learn how to create these macros.

You can also create new actions, which use JavaScript to provide new features for your web pages. This is a fairly difficult procedure. For more information, see the online help.

To create new commands or restructure the menus in GoLive, you need the GoLive Software Development Kit. See

<http://partners.adobe.com/asn/developer/golive/main.html> for more information.

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## Recording a sequence of commands

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### *GoLive*

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

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## Adding extensions

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### *GoLive*

Adobe provides the Adobe Xchange for downloading new actions and extensions.

- Point your browser to <http://www.actionxchange.com/>. If this is your first time at the site, you'll need to register. Once registered and logged in, you can download actions and extensions.

Extensions increase the functionality of the software. A good example (for Windows machines) is GreekText, which allows you to place nonsense text into a web page during development to see how the page will look once real text is added.

- Browse the list of extensions and look for GreekText.zip. Click on the link to download it.
- Once the file is downloaded, unzip it (using WinZip or similar software) into the \Go\_Live 5.0\Modules\Extend Scripts\ folder.
- Start up GoLive. A new object will appear in the Basic tab of the Objects palette. If you click and drag the object to a document, a paragraph of nonsense text will appear.