

Using Absolute Position (AP DIV) to “Layer” – the Star

- 1 Open *position.htm* from the *Position* folder.
- 2 Click the banner image and press the right arrow key once.
- 3 Pull down *Insert to Layout Objects* to *AP Div*.
- 4 Click **#apDiv1** in the status bar at the bottom of the Dreamweaver window. In the upper left of the *Properties* window, change the name from *apDiv1* to *placeStar*. In the *Properties* window, note the attribute *z-index*. This is important when layering multiple objects (highest number is “on top”).
- 5 In the *design* window, click inside the new AP div box and insert the image *orangestar.gif*.
- 6 Adjust the size of the AP div box so that it is just slightly larger than the image.
- 7 Click on the ID symbol (#) in the upper left corner of the AP div box and drag the box beneath the letter “F” in the banner. (It should overlap the top of the “main content” section.)
- 8 Save and preview in browser. Notice that when you adjust the width of the browser, the star stays in position and the screen seems to slide under it.

Edit an existing style to finish positioning

- 9 Highlight the ID *#banner* in the *CSS Styles* window and click the **Edit Style Sheet icon** (pencil).
- 10 In the *CSS Rule Definition* window click **Positioning** category and set *Position* to **Relative**. Click **OK**. (You may have to adjust the position of the “star.”)
- 11 Save and preview in browser. Notice that this time when you adjust the browser width, the star remains beneath the letter “F”. (Setting *.banner* to *Relative* did not change banner, but it did change the reference point for the absolute positioning of the star to be relative to the *banner* div instead of the entire page.)

Creating an External Style Sheet from an Internal Style Sheet

- 12 In the *CSS* window, highlight all of the rules in the list and then click the “down arrow” to the right of the *CSS* window’s title bar and select **Move CSS Rules**.
- 13 In the *Move to External Style Sheet* window, click **A new style sheet...** and then click **OK**.
- 14 Enter the name **layout.css** in both the *Save As* and *URL* fields.
- 15 Before clicking **Save**, verify the *Save* location is inside the *Layout* folder.. You can now use these CSS rules with other web page files.