

File Naming on the Web

Be careful how you name folders and files (including images!) for use on the web.

- Avoid special characters in a file or folder name.

- Do not use any spaces in a file or folder name.

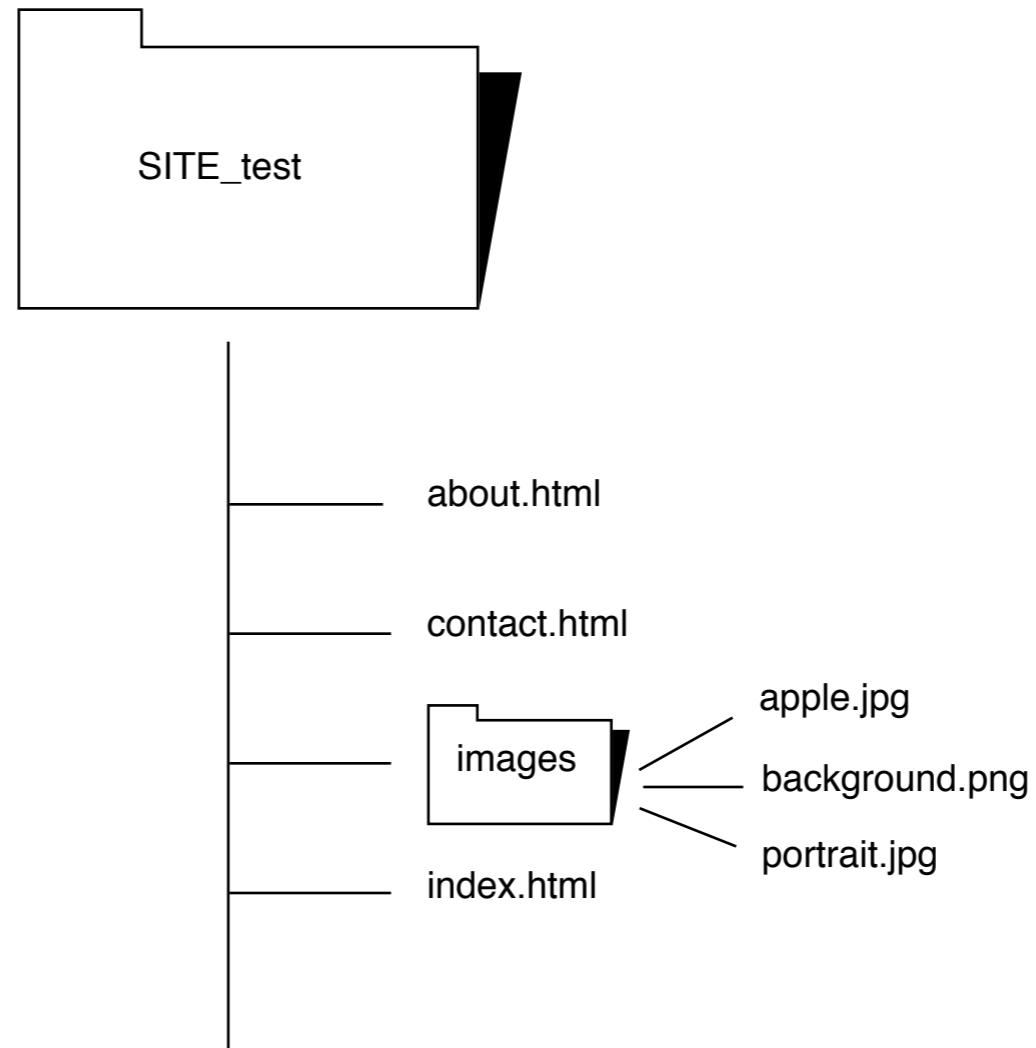
Instead, use _____, _____, or _____

- Naming is case-sensitive.

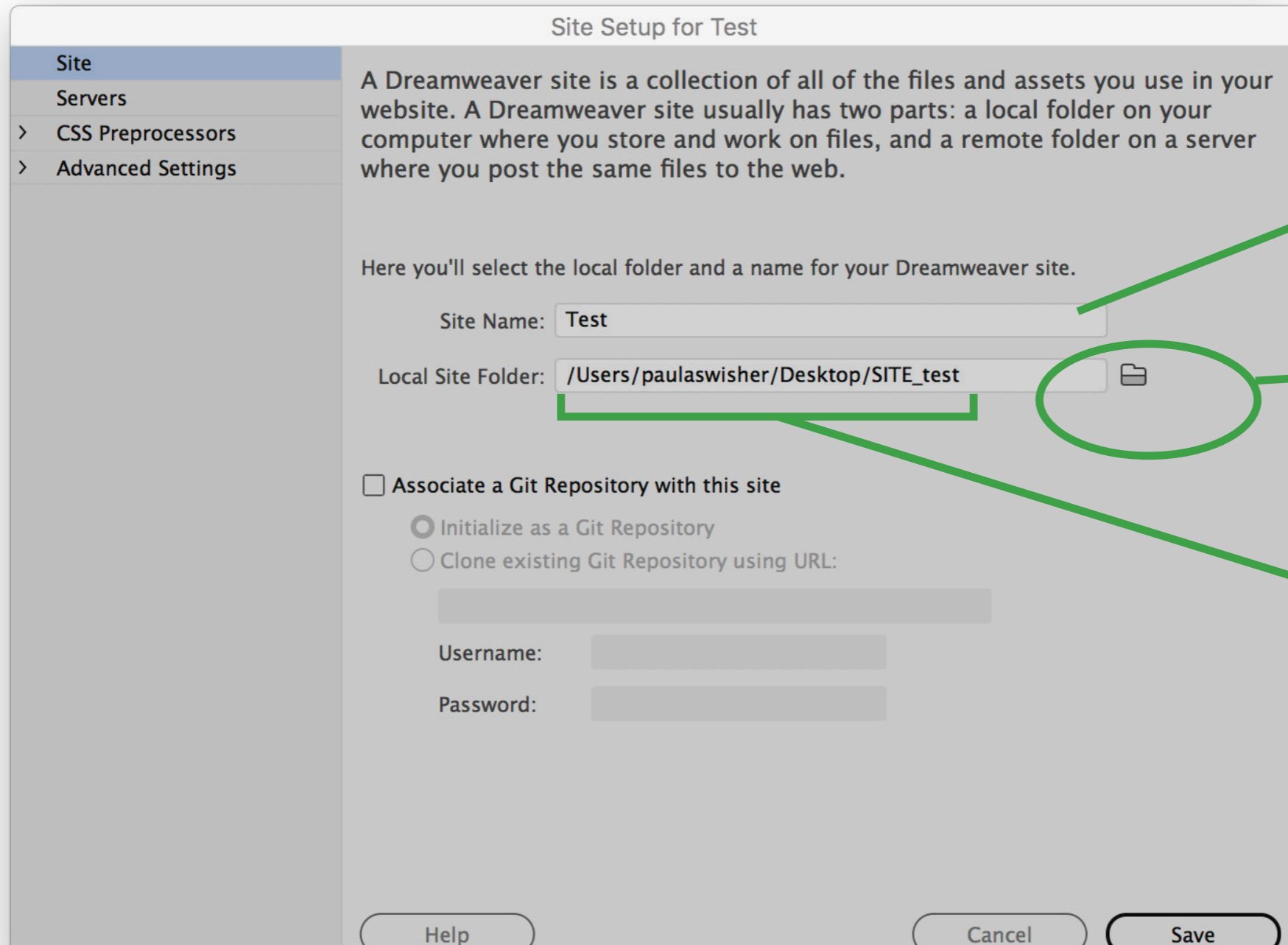
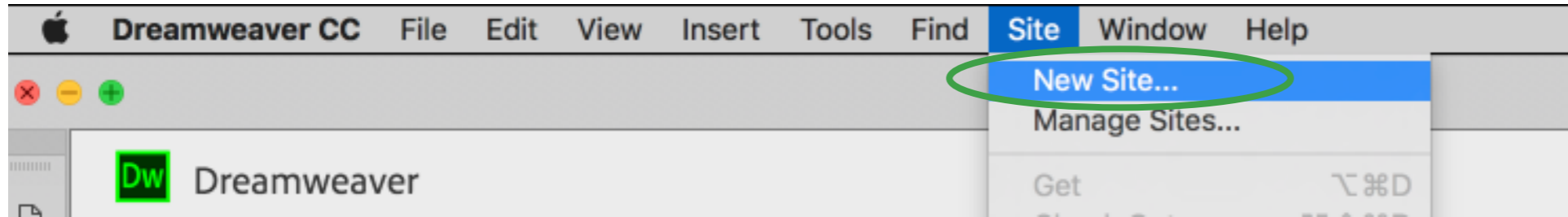
Note: You might get away with a case discrepancy on your local site, but when you upload the site to a server, links to your files may break.

Site Setup in Dreamweaver

- Site set-up and file organization are critical in web design.
- I prefer to name my site folders starting with **SITE_** so that I know that folder is not to be moved or reorganized.
- For this class, place your folder on your external drive or the cloud, so that you can access it from any computer.



Create the new site in Dreamweaver

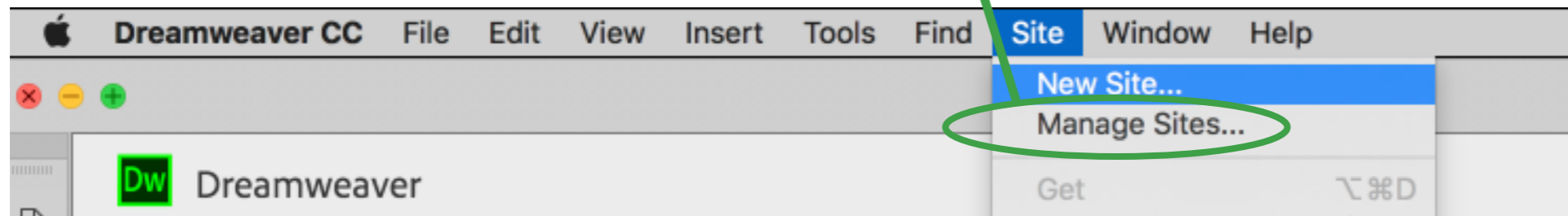


Type your site name here. This will be what Dreamweaver calls your site.

Navigate to the site folder you just made.

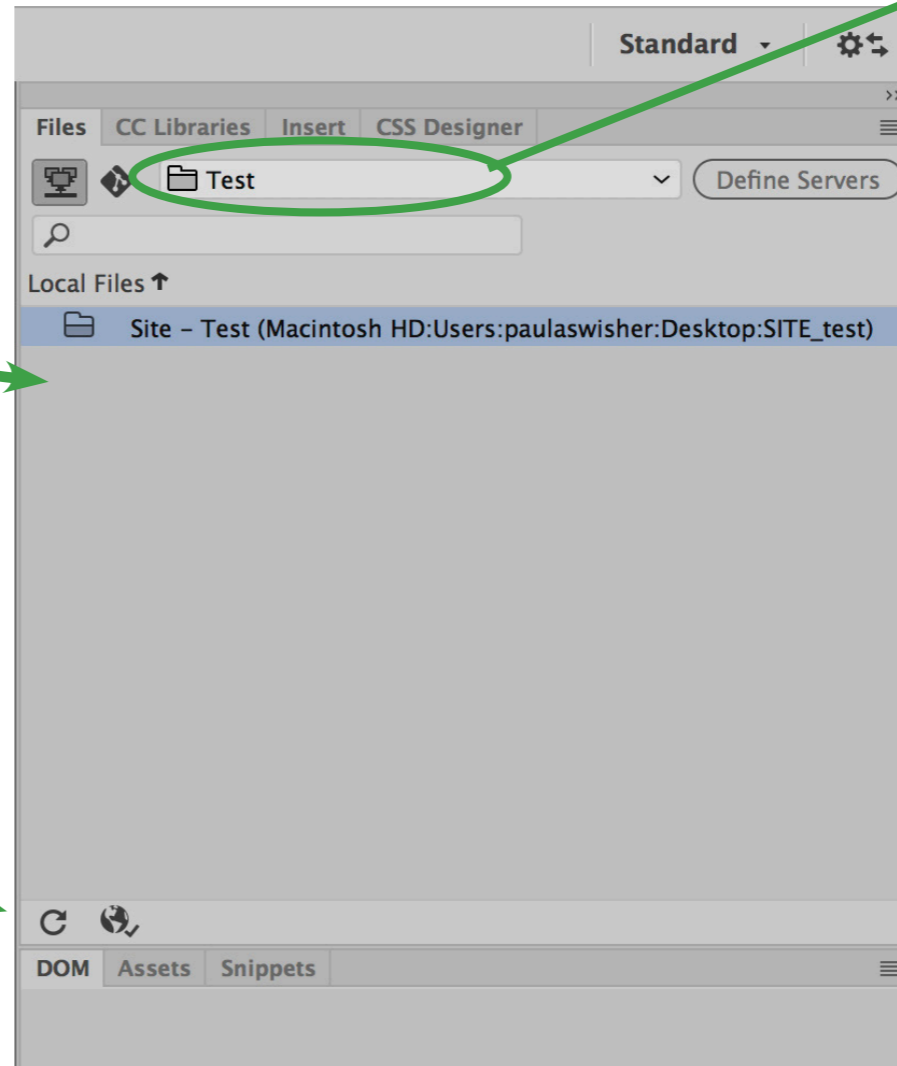
Note: This path will be different for you.

If you made a mistake or moved your folder from its original location, you can edit the site by clicking “Manage Sites”



View your site's files in Dreamweaver

- The Files panel is in the upper right-hand corner of Dreamweaver.
- When you add files, they will appear here.
- Sometimes you need to hit the refresh icon to see newly added files.



This is what you named your site in the previous screen. Always check to make sure you are viewing and editing the correct site.

Currently, this is the **local view**, meaning you're viewing the files that are on your computer as opposed to on a server.

Create your html and your css files (if you haven't already)

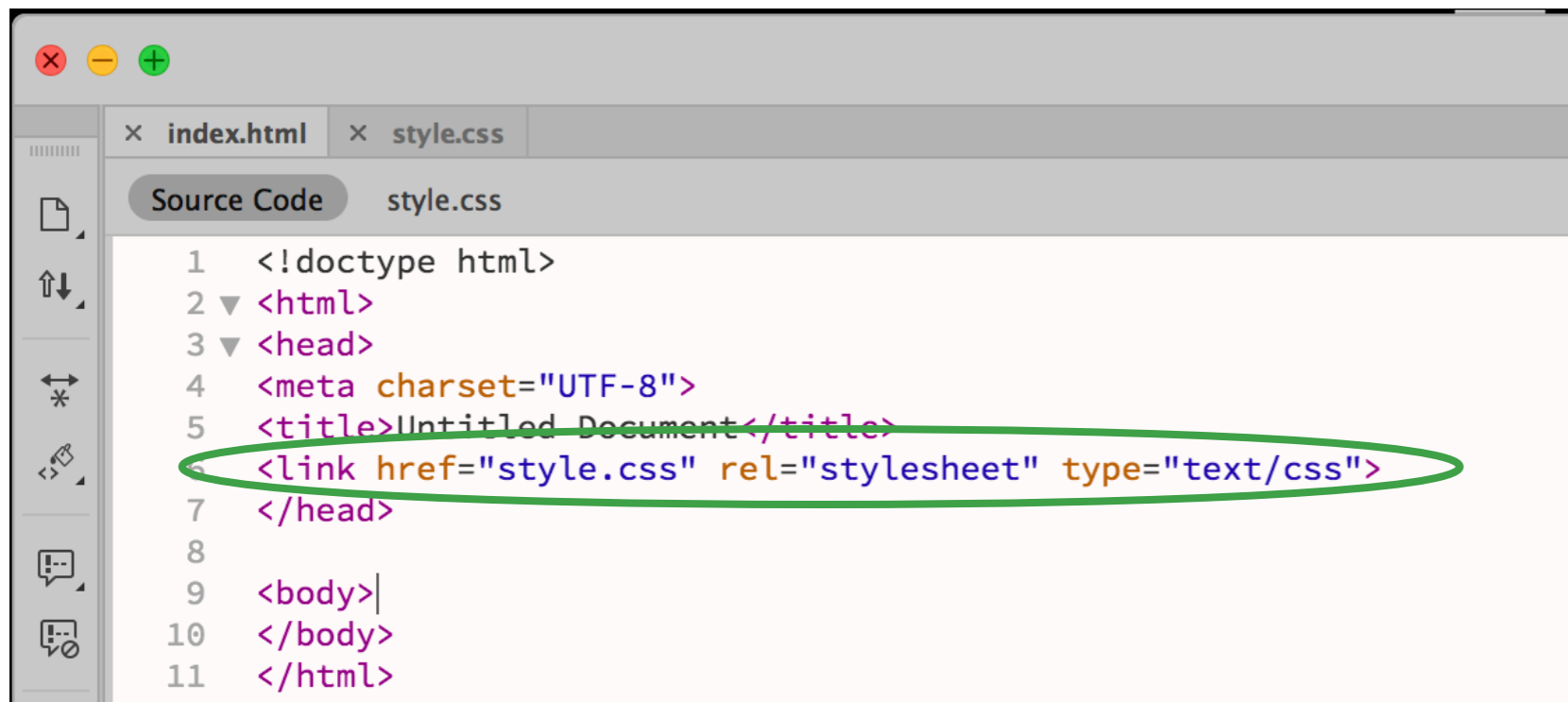
- File > New > **HTML**

Save > name it and save it to your site folder  The home page file is always named: _____

- File > New > **CSS**

Save > name it and save it to your site folder  The stylesheet files is usually named: _____

Attach the stylesheet (2 ways)



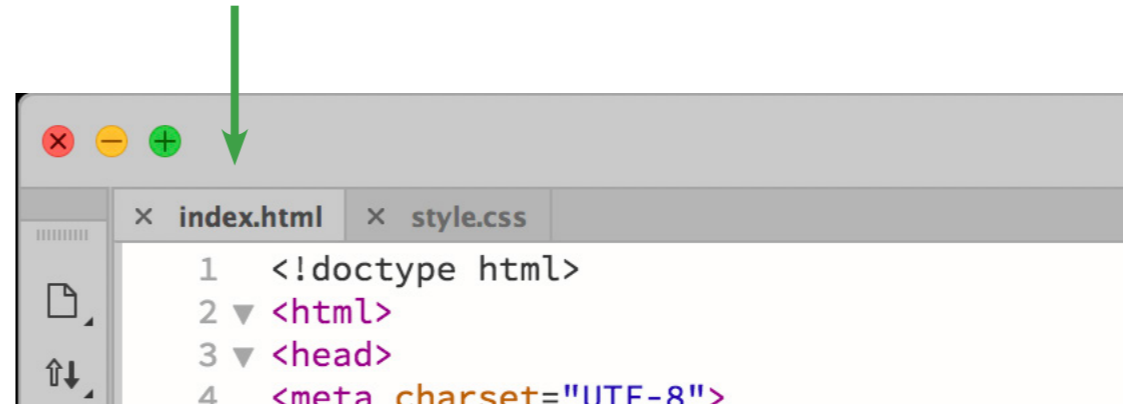
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1 <!doctype html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4 <meta charset="UTF-8">
5 <title>Untitled Document</title>
6 <link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
7 </head>
8
9 <body>|
10 </body>
11 </html>
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By hand

Type this in the head of the document
(Note where the name of the file is,)

OR with Dreamweaver's help

- **FIRST**, make sure you are on (focused on) the index.html file tab



- Then, find the CSS Designer tab, which is near the files panel, and...

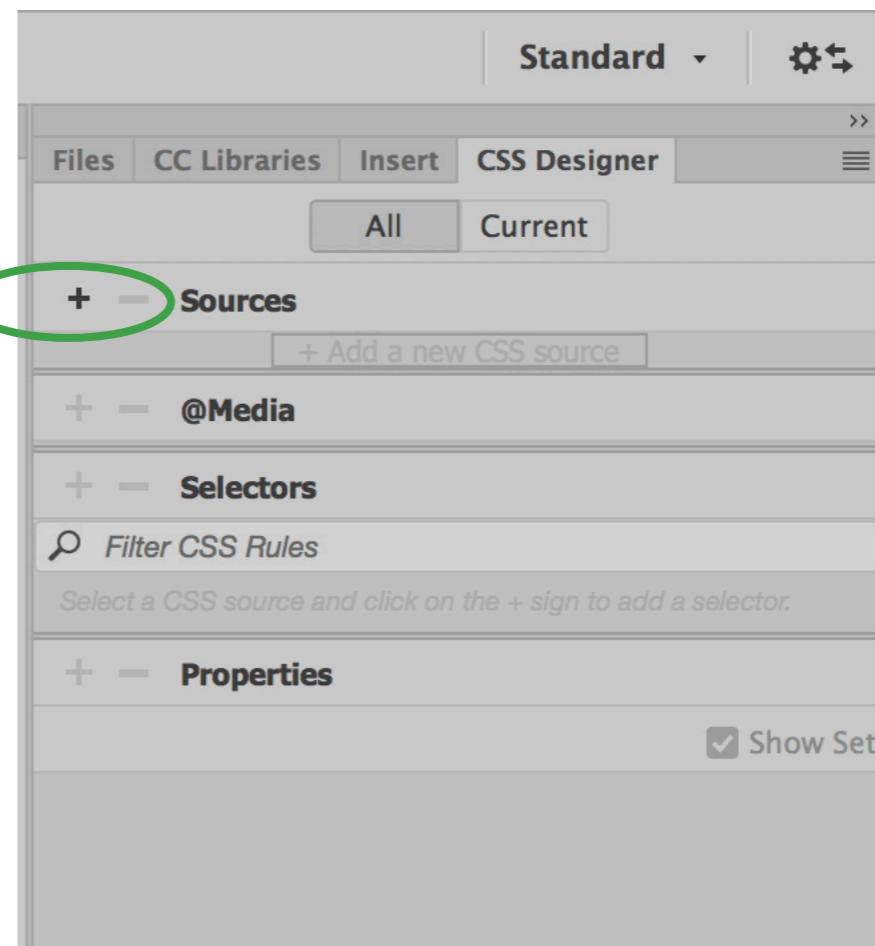
Click the plus icon next to **Sources**



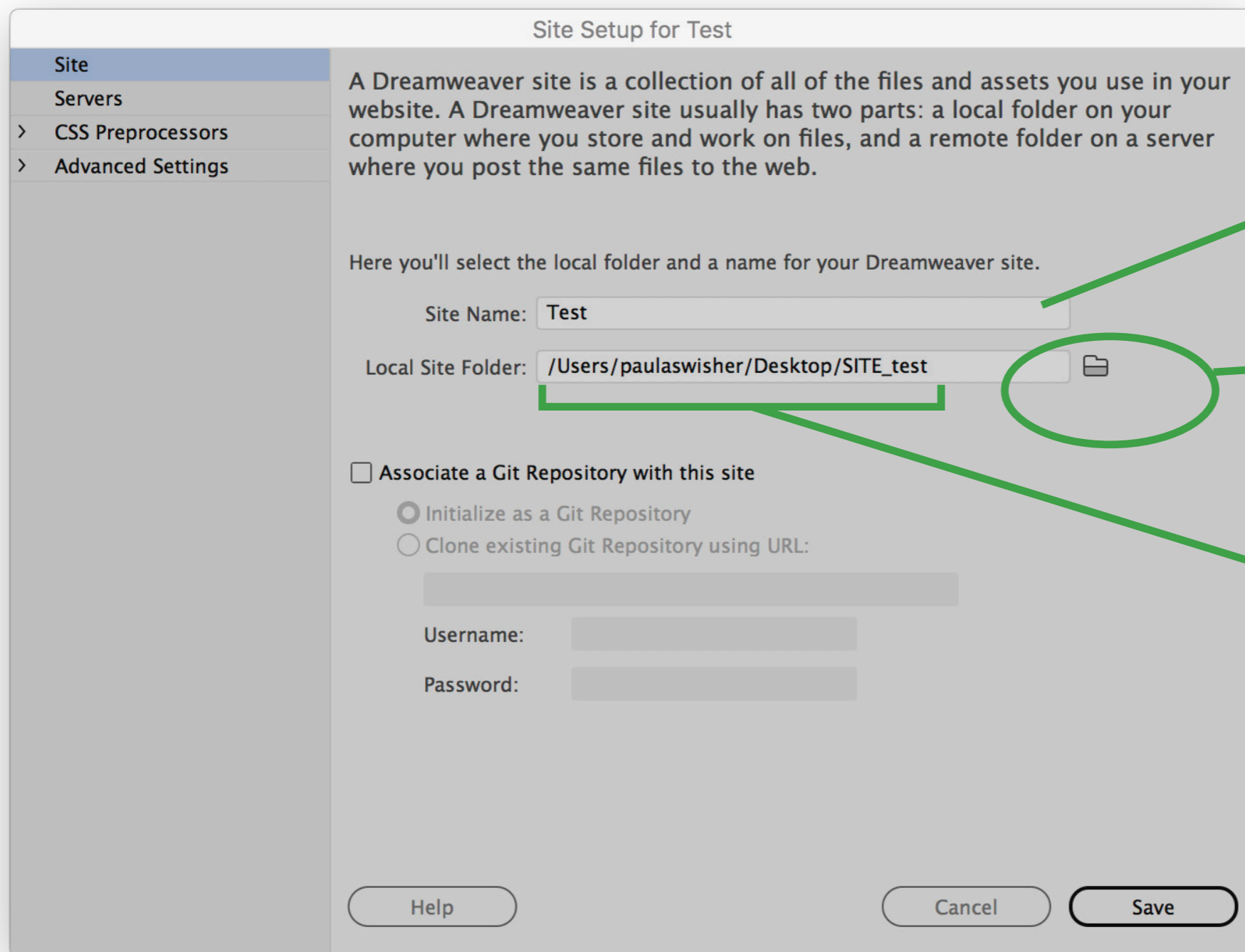
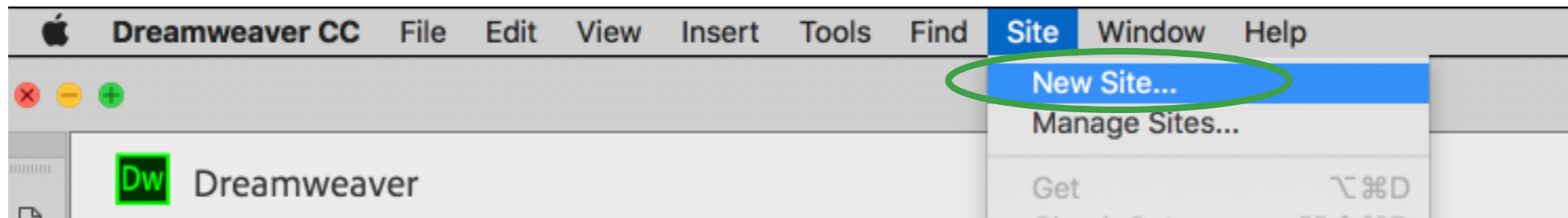
Then select **Attach Existing CSS File**

Browse to your css file

When you see the option for Link or Import, choose **Link**



Later, when you are ON A DIFFERENT COMPUTER, redo this one step:



Type your site name again here. (It won't make a difference if you name it the same thing or something slightly different this on this computer.)

Navigate to the site folder you were previously using.

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