

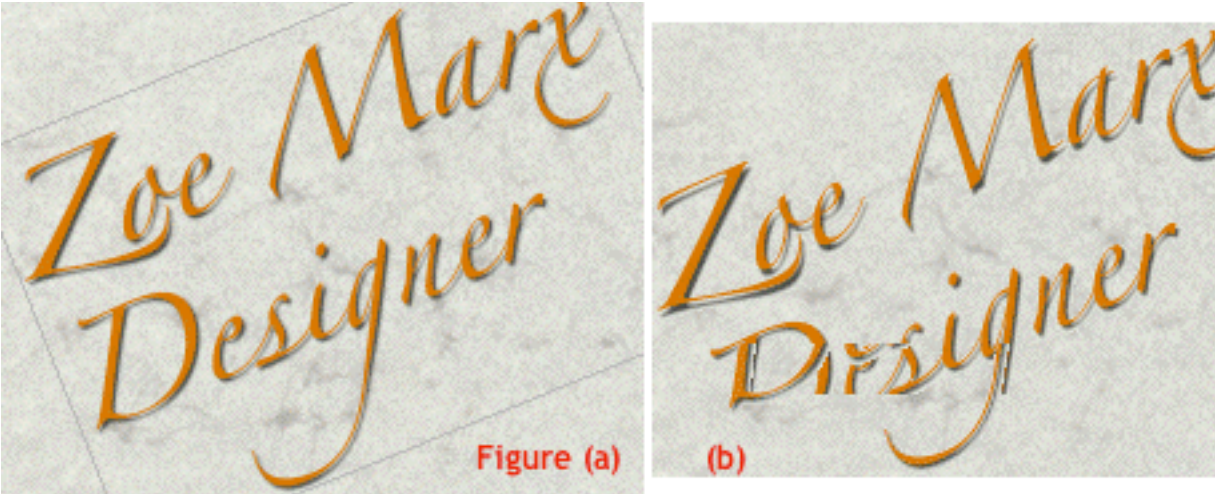
freeway4pro Version 4.3.2 build 5449: Price \$289
(www.softpress.com)

By Roger Lakner

I am the Editor/Publisher of the PMUG Web site. A copy of the freeway4pro software package by Softpress was given me to review from our group's Ambassador, Dan Simpson.

Since several tutorials were provided in the "Getting Started" manual, I decided to read and work through the first and second tutorials according to the manual as if I were learning the process as a beginner. Below are some comments about the tutorials and the results of the finished page:

- The Introduction, Planning, and Quick tour illustrated pages with information were unusually well laid out for visual understanding.
- In the first tutorial starting on page 24, third line from the bottom of the left column, Softpress might include the word "CD" between the words "following" and "location" for clarification to the "newby" in case the person had not already downloaded the documentation to their computer during their installation process. Note: The comments here and below are for possible future revisions of your manual and/or software.
- On page 27 second line of the left column, you might add the words "and highlight" between the words "Select" and "the". Again, I find this as unclear.
- Page 27 fifth line of the left column, you might add the word "text" between the words "the" and "Color".
- Page 27 third line from the bottom of the right column, add the word "tool" between the words "text" and "again"; and then add the words "and then highlight the text".
- Your "Edit Hyperlink" and "Upload" windows are not the same as shown on pages 32 and 33. You probably updated the software and not the manual.
- In **Figure (a)** below, I show my input to the completed page. **Figure (b)** shows the browser results to the same published page. Maybe a "bug" has shown up from the last revision update that needs fixing?



After working on the second tutorial for several hours to do the four pages exactly as shown in the manual, I accomplished it. I have notes all over the pages as the manual is sorely in need of details for the novice or even the experienced to follow.

All in all, I feel this program has a future potential as a great application; however, it needs a lot of fine tuning. It has many capabilities that are not available in similarly priced applications. Freeway4pro is currently unreasonably priced at \$289 although it is also boxed with three tutorials in one and Using freeway in the second manual. As it stands, I give it two thumbs down.