

Software Review of Adobe's Application "GoLive CS" by Roger Lakner



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(<http://www.adobe.com/products/golive>)

"How sweet it is".....I have been using this software from the very beginning when another company introduced CyberStudio. Adobe GoLive CS has brought the ability of creating Web pages almost to the point where you can just sit back and watch the pages unfold before your eyes. The idea of artful creation with the use of Adobe products has risen to levels that never have any limits with each new version produced.

I have worked with and run Mac User Groups ever since 1986 with members who are mostly over fifty years of age. Many stubbornly cling to the older versions of software and hardware because they understand and are comfortable at those levels. So my job of producing Web pages must be tailored to all levels of capability. This means that it is best to create the pages using the Kiss ("keep it simple, stu...") principle.

It is valuable to also provide access and materials to those who require the latest knowledge and have the ability to handle the PDF downloads, archives and graphics. Adobe GoLive CS makes it possible for me to satisfy all levels of membership.

There are two areas of this version of GoLive that I wish to mention within this review that have been of particularly outstanding value to me and my work:

(1) The first pertains to GoLive's integrated PDF capabilities. Part of the problem in the past while working with exporting HTML pages to archive previous newsletters was just me. This was a problem because I would not take the time to go out and get the easy workable solution. I would try the Print to PDF capability while in GoLive and would get a file that when opened showed only the first two or three words or portions of pictures on the right side of each page. My even more time-consuming solution was to copy, paste and build the page or pages into a word processor application. I would then get the just "so-so" but better result by printing to PDF from that application. Along came CS and "Wow!"; now I could just click on the PDF button at the top of the page and get an exact duplication of that page complete with its links. The first time that I took the chance and tried this I almost cried because the result was so easy and yet so beautiful.

(2) The second is having the use of the new GoLive Co-Author application. When I am in the process of writing an article or trying to create a design, I get solutions to ideas at the most bazaar times or places. Now I can carry around my portable second computer and place that idea into the page/site immediately. I love anything that will save writing and the use of paper.

Having the use of this more-powerful-than-I-need application is worth every penny to me at the street price of \$399 for the first version (or especially the current upgrade version of just \$169). The best part is that I can learn of its many facets at my own pace and grow as GoLive grows.

You will find that there is no end to the support Adobe provides on their books and tutorials as well as those of other companies. The Help information within GoLive and online is superior to other companies' work. I have taken to actually reading this information when I have a question or wish to learn more; this is because it is written in a language that I not only both understand but also profit from.