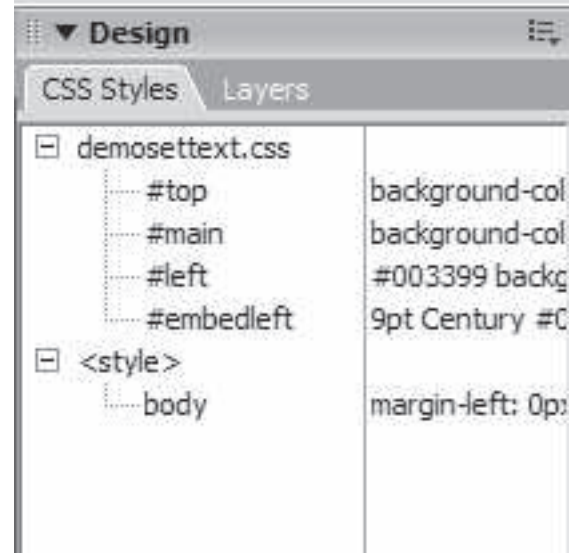
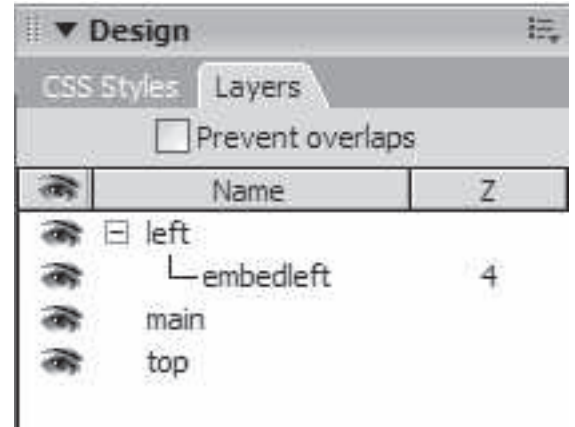
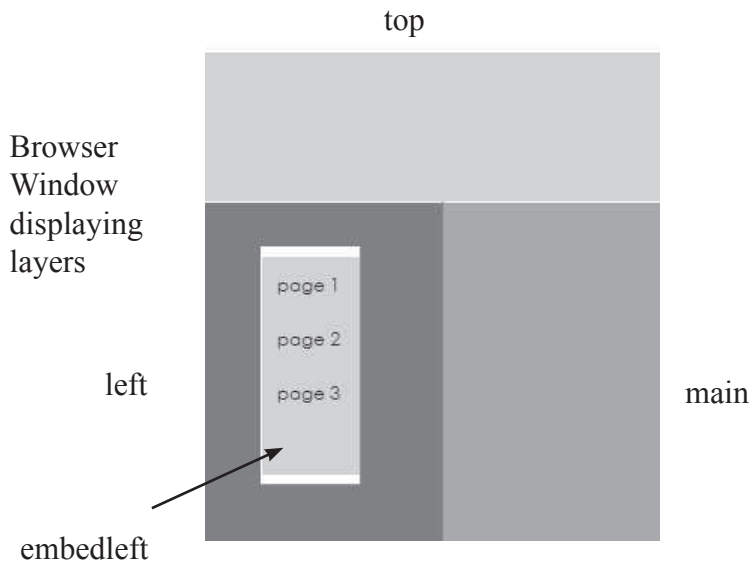


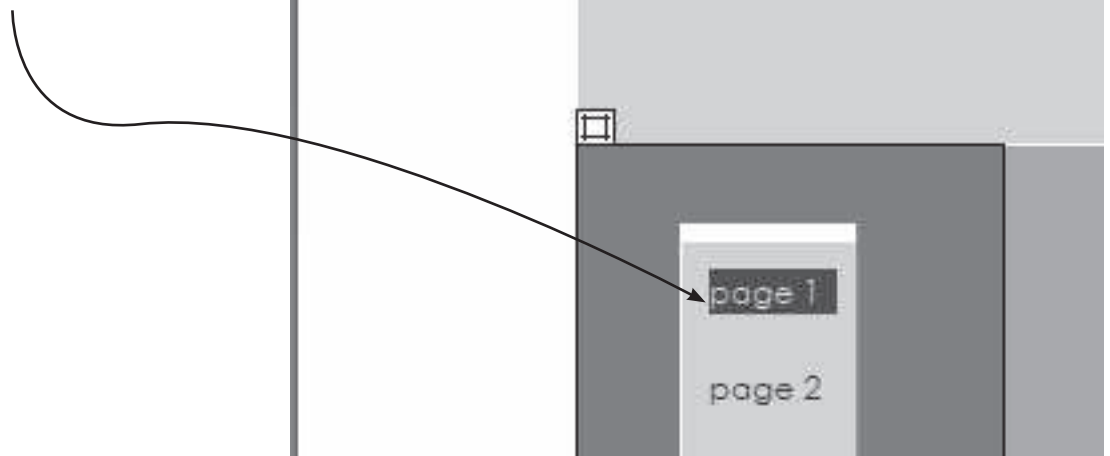
Dreamweaver show text of layers

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I have created three layers using CSS-P and one nested layer in the “left” layer. Hmm, using code to create layers inside of layers.. Note the way the layers appear in a browser. For fun, I included a white border only on the top and bottom edges of the nested layer.

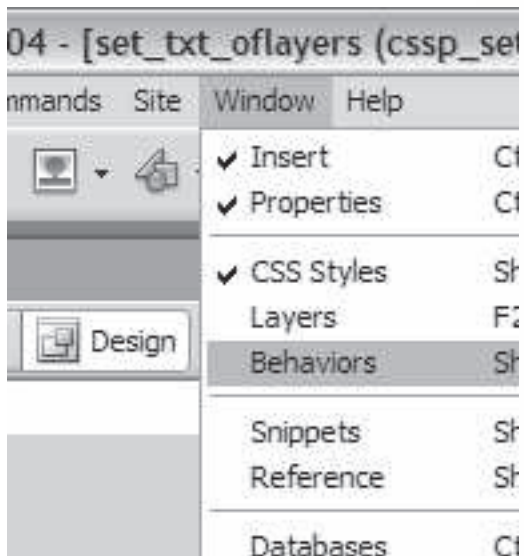


1. Select the text trigger. Highlight the text you want to use as a trigger for the javascript behavior. When the user clicks on this text in a browser, it will act like a link.

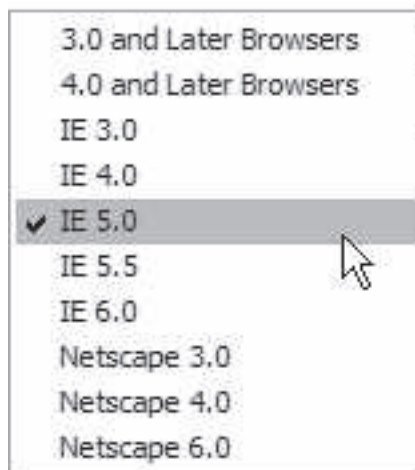
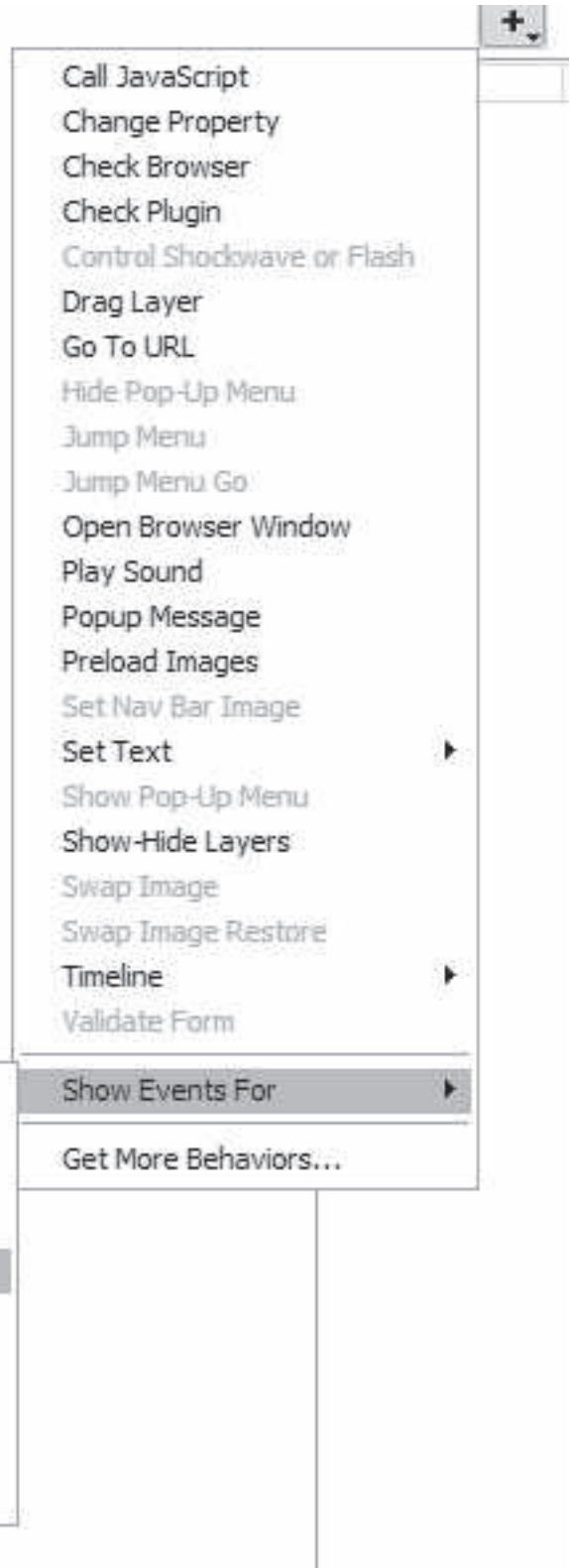


2. Begin by displaying the Behaviors palette.

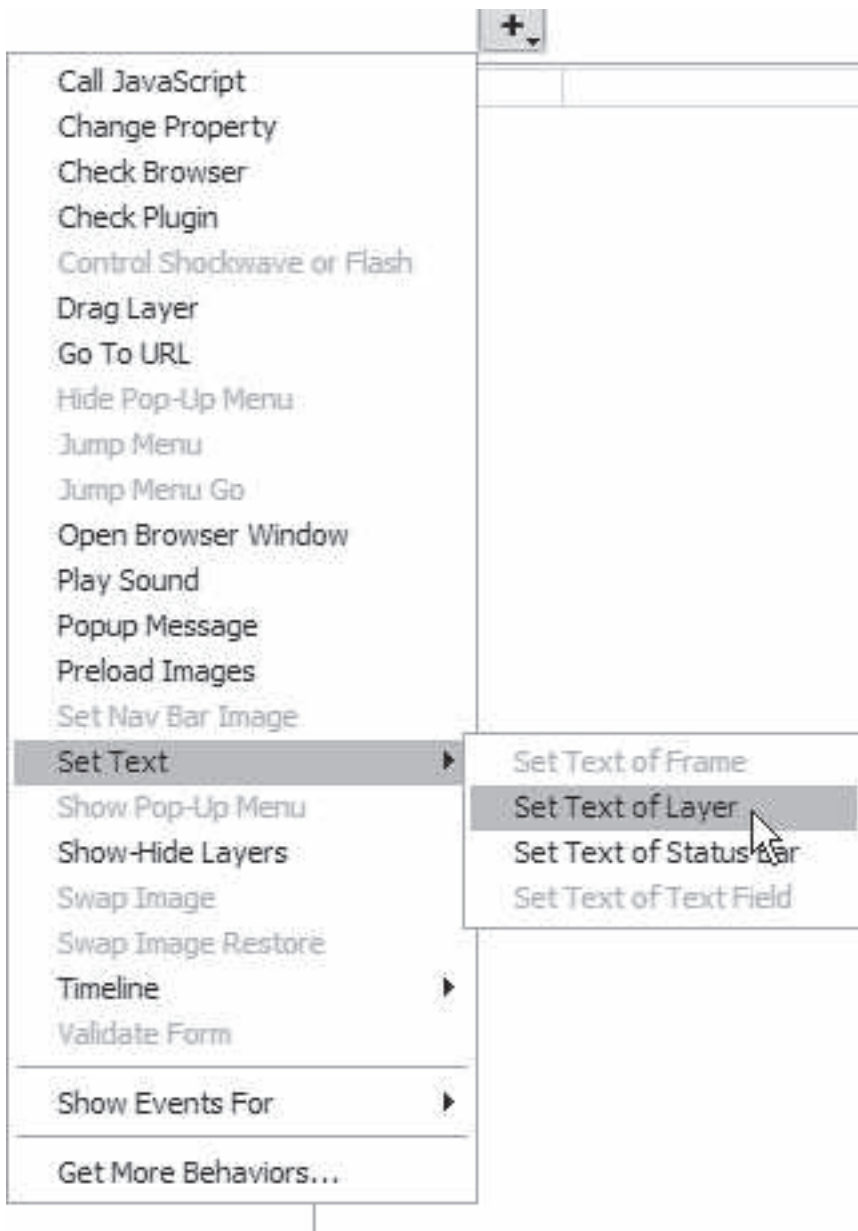
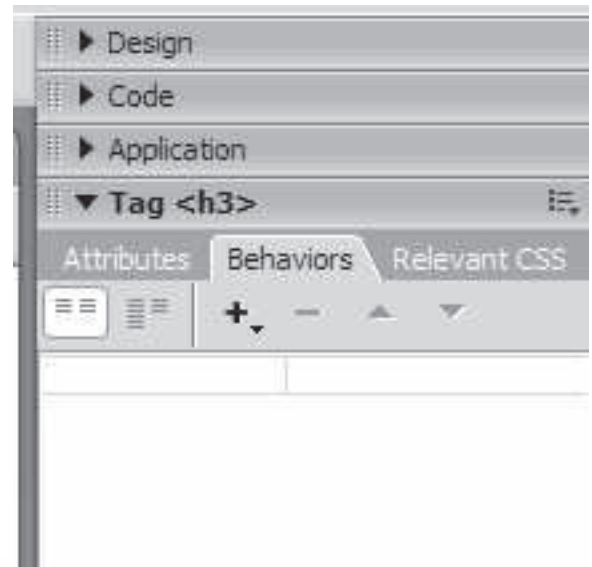
In Dreamweaver, “behaviors” are actually javascript coding. You will be adding a lot of code to your page, without noticing it unless you switch to code view.



3. Set behaviors to IE5 or later. By default, the program sets to old browsers. The older browsers don't support the code we will be creating. As a result, everything you want to accomplish is “grayed - out” in the menus. Set behaviors by clicking the “+” symbol on the behavior palette and following the drop down menus.



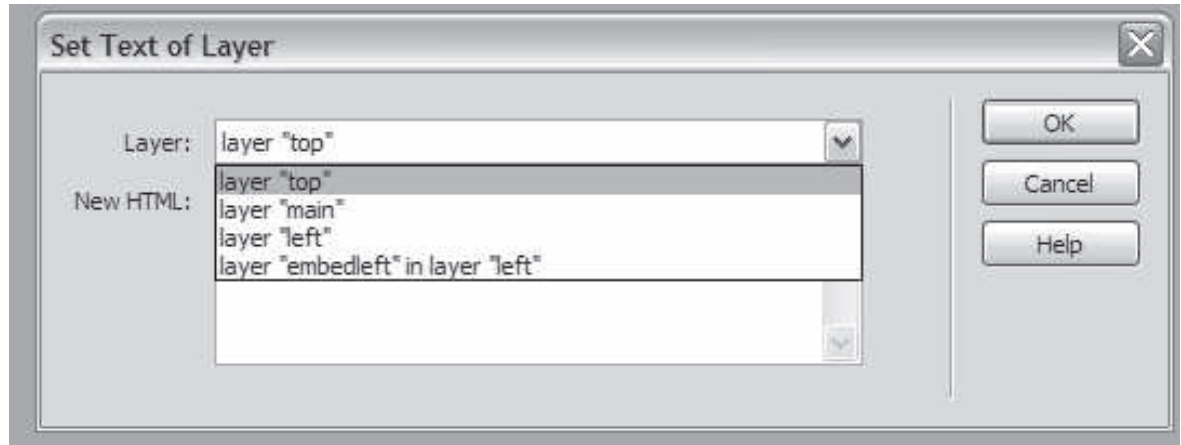
The behaviors palette will appear empty until you affect a change. Now, press the “+” symbol and add a behavior.



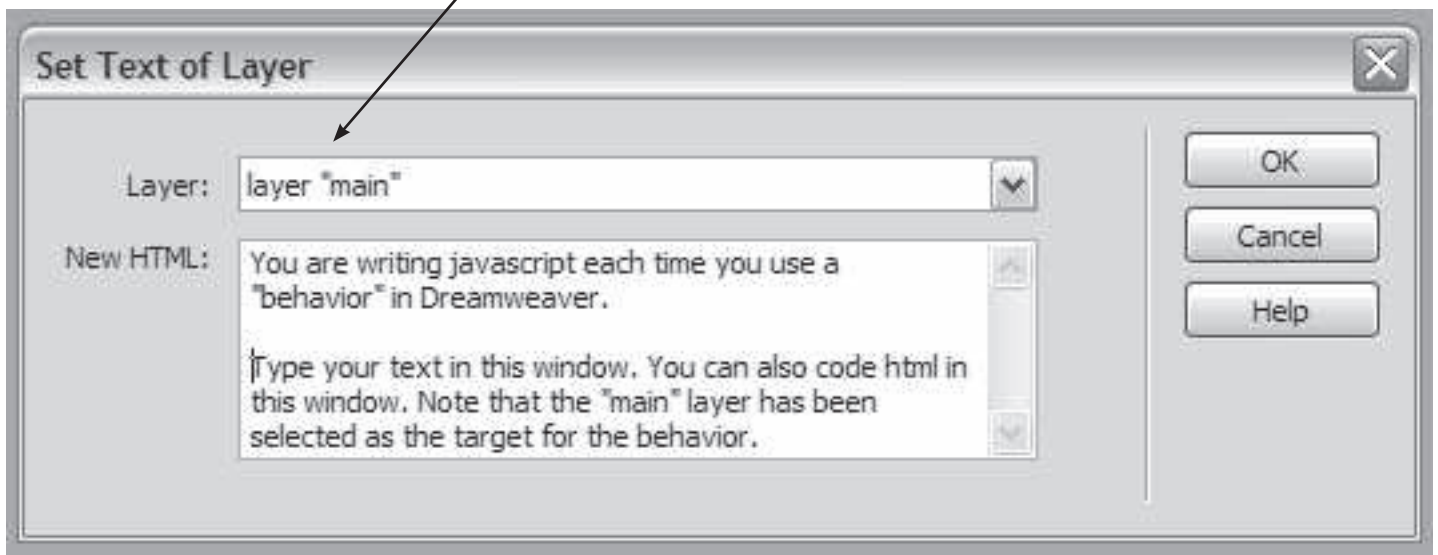
4. Select “set text of layer” from the drop down menu.

Note that you have to press the “+” symbol on the behaviors palette to perform this task.

5. Select the target layer . Type html in the bottom window. Note that html includes text, or code. You can type words, or create tables, change colors, fonts, etc. in html.

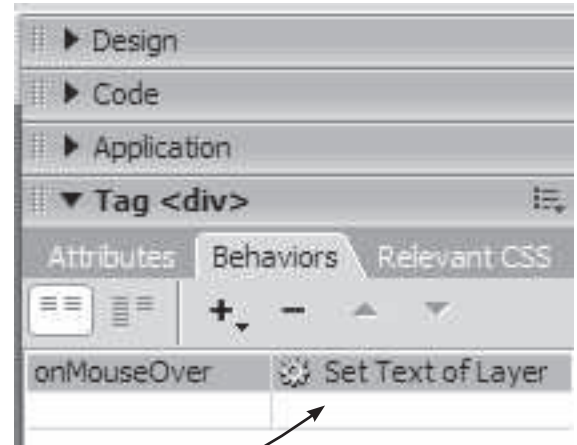


Select the target layer that you want to show text within.

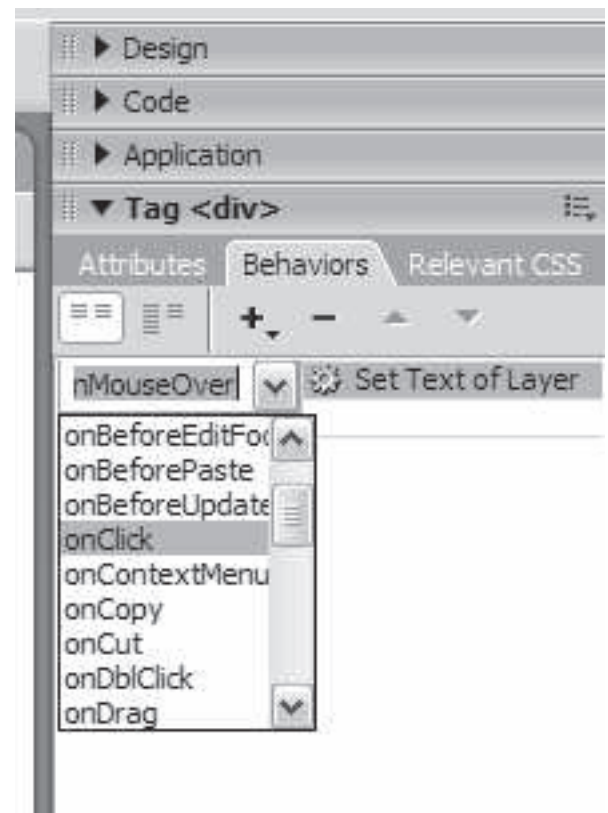


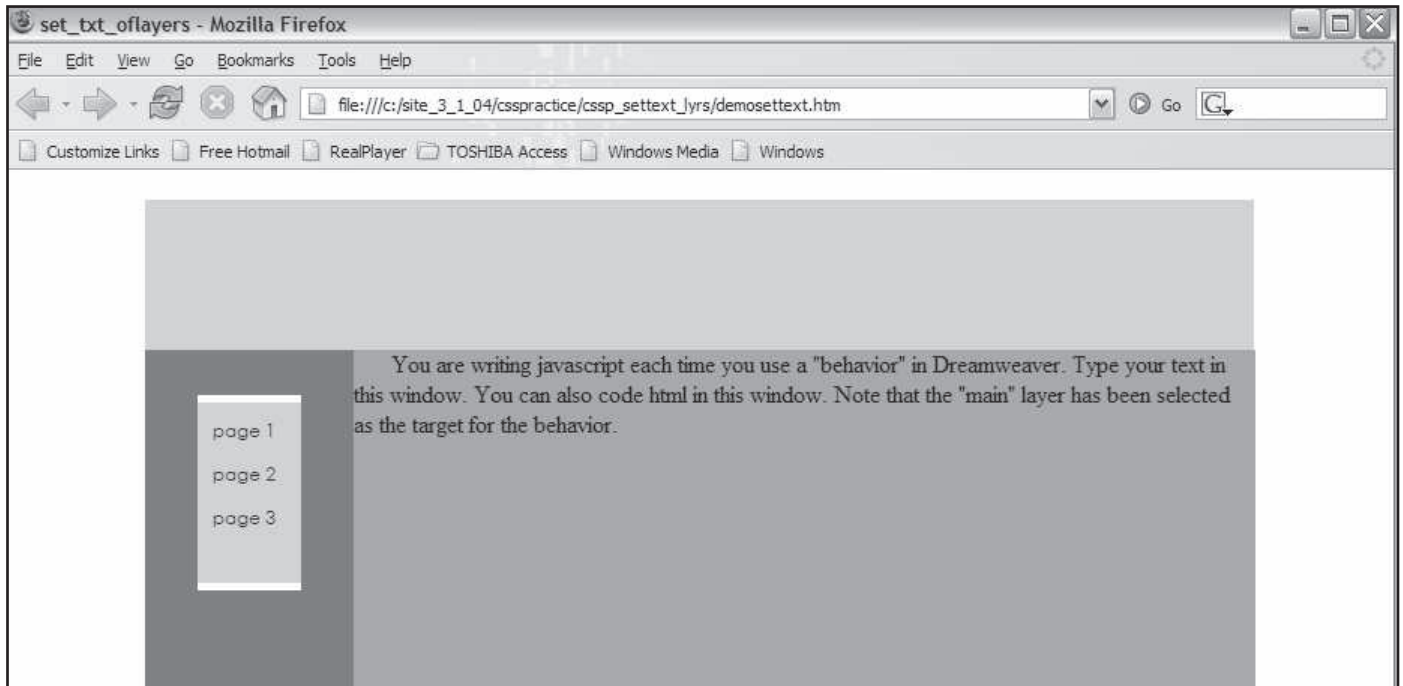
6. Type the html . Live it up ! You can edit this later, if needed, by accessing the behavior through the behavior palette. Don't forget to check spelling.

Note that the new behavior is added to the palette when you click “ok”. If you want to edit the html you wrote, just double-click on “set text of layer”. This re-opens the dialogue box.



7. Set the trigger . Click on the drop down menu for the behavior and set the trigger to “onClick” instead of the default value. This way, someone clicks your trigger and text will appear in the layer you have specified. When you click on the words “onMouseOver” the little drop down symbol will appear right next to the words. It looks like a letter “V”. Click this to drop down the menu. WOW...look at all of the choices listed! I have to suspect that you have an opportunity to write a lot of javascript in Dreamweaver.





The page displayed in a browser, with the trigger clicked. You will have to make necessary adjustments to fit the text in the main window without hitting the border of the layer.

You will also need to provide a means to “turn off” set text of layer. At this point, the user clicks the trigger text, and words appear in the main window. What makes them go away? You can add multiple behaviors to a trigger. You have to create a behavior like “onMouseOver” no text is set in the layer. By not entering any html in the dialogue box, you don’t add anything to the layer. Just click “ok” with the appropriate trigger behavior.

If I were to complete this example, there would be two behaviors for each text trigger. One to display html in the layer, and one to clear it when the mouse moves over a trigger.

Final thought (compliments of Mike Vennard)

You could clear the layer onMouseOut...but wouldn’t it be niceer to have the text remain until the user moves the cursor over the next trigger? If you used MouseOut...the text would go away as soon as the user moves the mouse.