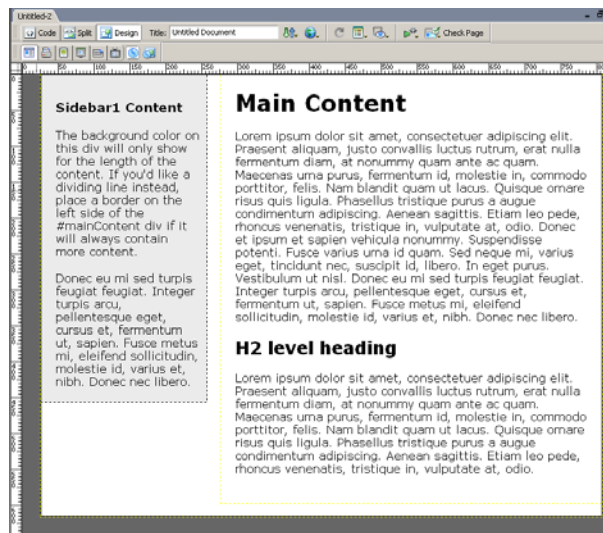
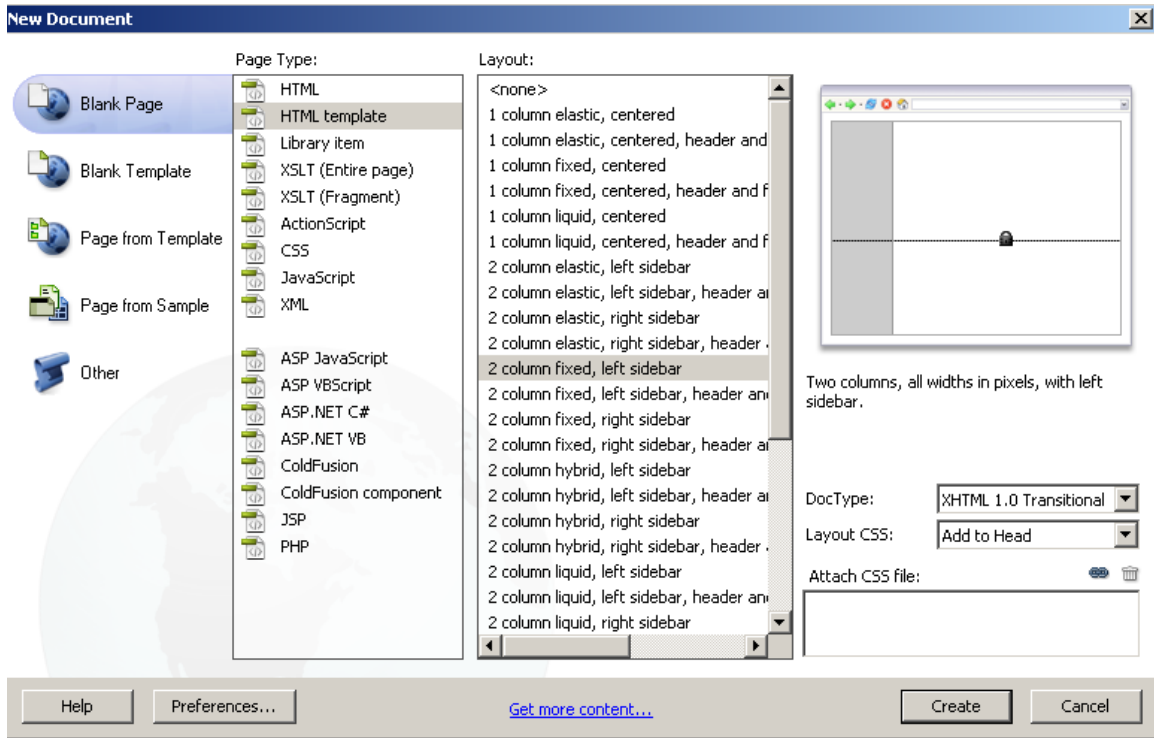


# Adding an Accordion Widget to your web page in Dreamweaver CS3 - R. Berdan

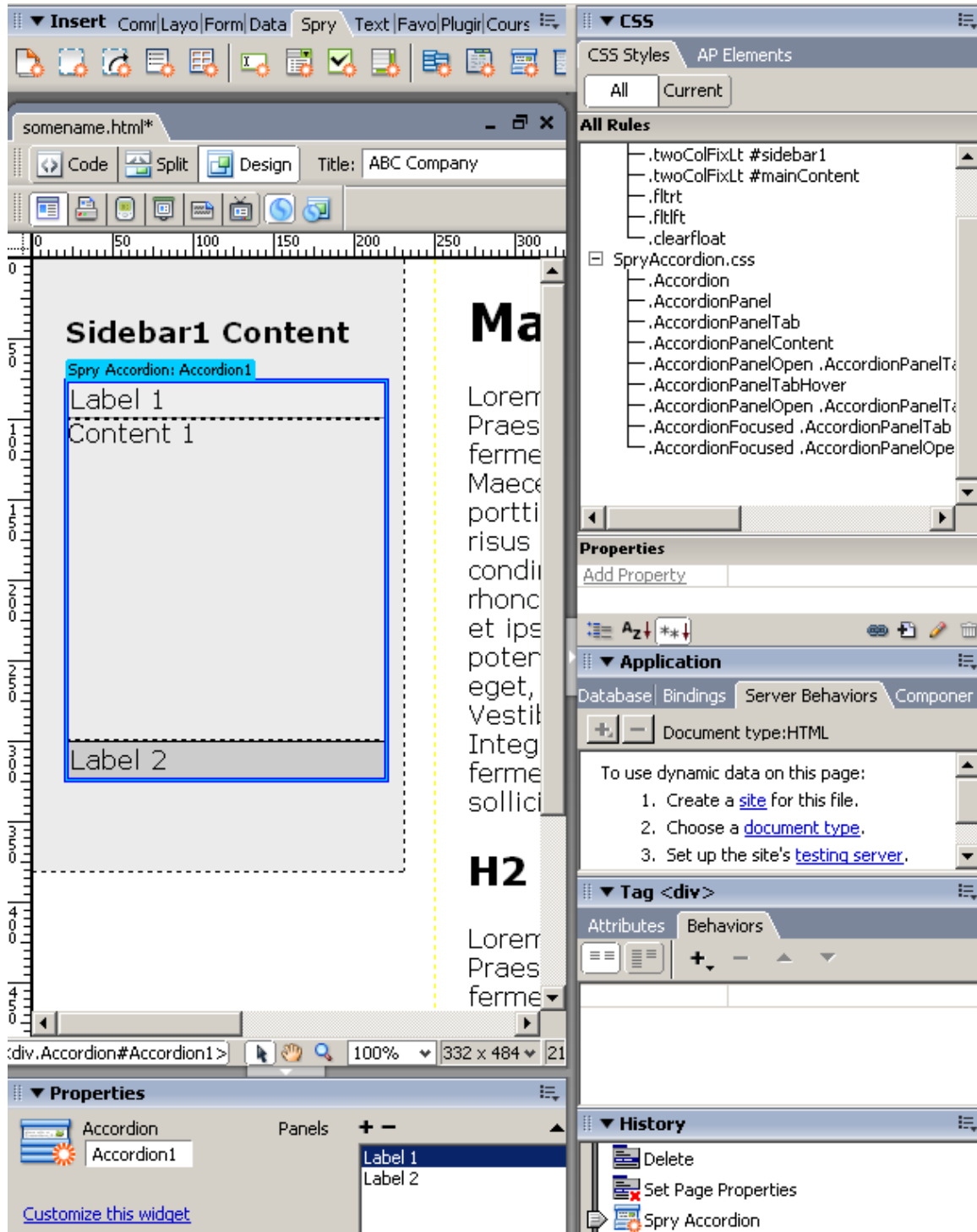
The accordion widget adds a set of panels that are layered and when you select one of the header bars it displays the content by sliding up or down. It is one way to display discrete bits of information.

1. Create a new folder call it Accordion or what ever you want
2. Start Dreamweaver CS3 and select File>New>HTML template 2 column, fixed, elastic side bar, add a title <title><title> to the page and Select Save as> somename.html.



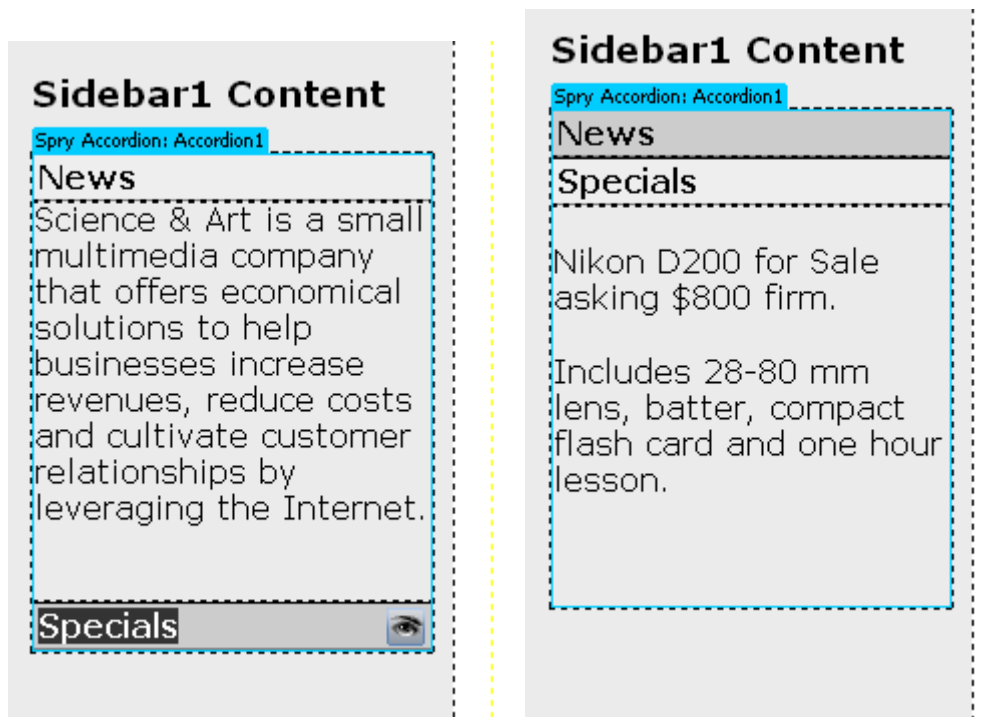
3. We are going to add the accordion widget inside the Sidebar 1 Content box on the left. First select the text below the header and Delete. Place your cursor below the Sidebar Content.

4. Select the Spry tab of the top Insert bar and select the 2<sup>nd</sup> icon from the right – Accordion widget - you should see a box inserted below the Header as shown below. Also click on – next to the SpryAccordion.css item in the CSS panel set to All.

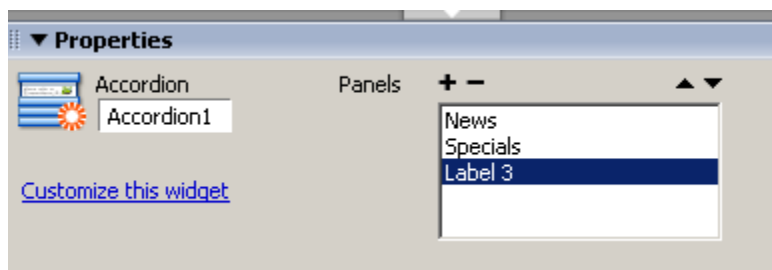


4. Note that Label 1 is selected in the bottom properties box. Put your cursor in Label 1 Field and type in your header e.g. News and make it Bold Then Delete the 'Content 1 text below and replace it with your own text – if you don't have any use Ad lorem ipsum text for now or make something up.

5. Place your cursor in Label 2 header – Delete and type in some new text e.g. Specials and bold the text. You will see an eyeball on the right – if you click on it the Specials box will open, alternatively you can select Label 2 from the properties box.



6. Add another box below the Specials – Select the blue tab at the top of the accordion box and in the properties panel select + and add another name in place of Label 3. Call it Events, bold the text and type in some text below.



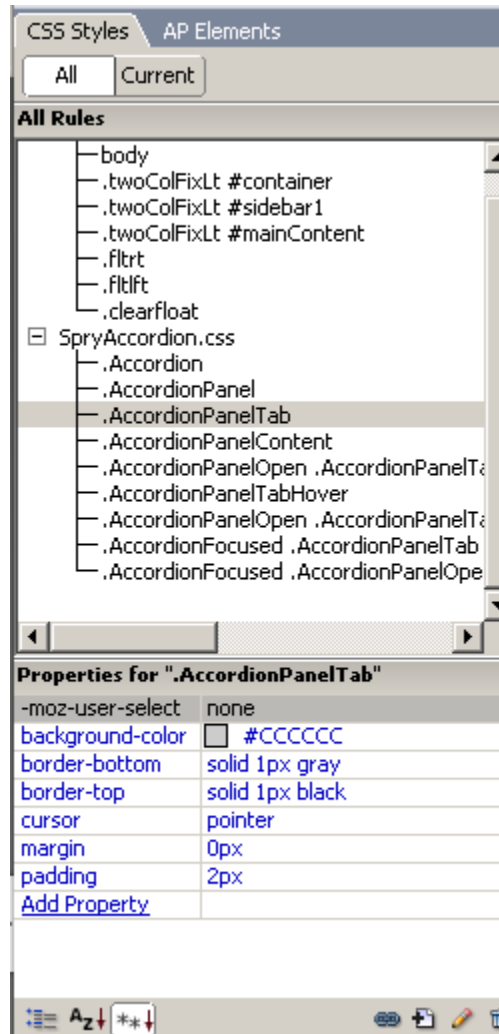
7. Test and preview your accordion Widget. Select the preview in browser button at the top of window, when the pop up box appears (see below) Click OK to save the Spry scripts into your folder. These scripts must always accompany the web page when you move the page to your server. If you are using I.E. to view your pages, right click on the top and select allow blocked content.



8. Click on the blue headers News, Specials, Events to make the boxes slide up or down and reveal the content inside them.

<p><b>Sidebar1 Content</b></p> <p><b>News</b></p> <p><b>Specials</b> Nikon D200 for Sale asking \$800 firm.  Includes 28-80 mm lens, batter, compact flash card and one hour lesson.</p> <p><b>Events</b></p>	<h2>Main Content</h2> <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent aliquam, justo convallis luctus rutrum, erat nulla fermentum diam, at nonummy quam ante ac quam. Maecenas urna purus, fermentum id, molestie in, commodo porttitor, felis. Nam blandit quam ut lacus. Quisque ornare risus quis ligula. Phasellus tristique purus a augue condimentum adipiscing. Aenean sagittis. Etiam leo pede, rhoncus venenatis, tristique in, vulputate at, odio. Donec et ipsum et sapien vehicula nonummy. Suspendisse potenti. Fusce varius urna id quam. Sed neque mi, varius eget, tincidunt nec, suscipit id, libero. In eget purus. Vestibulum ut nisl. Donec eu mi sed turpis feugiat feugiat. Integer turpis arcu, pellentesque eget, cursus et, fermentum ut, sapien. Fusce metus mi, eleifend sollicitudin, molestie id, varius et, nibh. Donec nec libero.</p> <h3>H2 level heading</h3> <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Praesent aliquam, justo convallis luctus rutrum, erat nulla fermentum diam, at nonummy quam ante ac quam</p>
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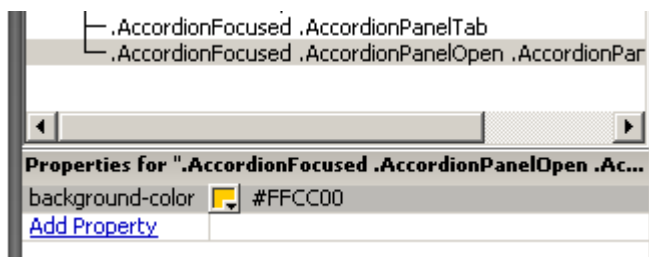
9. To customize the background colors or change the width of the accordion widget, open the CSS styles panels, expand the SpryAccordion.css feature to see each CSS element in the side panel. You can modify the appearance, text, background colors of the accordion widget by modify them using the CSS properties box below. Start by selecting the AccordionPanelTab and the properties box modify the background color. Click on the background color box and from the square popout choose a color. You should see the default background color updated immediately.



10. Select the SpryAccodion feature in the top then modify or Add a Property using the Properties box below. Start by changing the background color for the AccordionPaneltab.

### Rollover Background color of headings

To change the background color of the top headings when focused – i.e. you click your mouse on the header text box – in the CSS box select `.AccordionFocused .AccordionPanelOpen .AccordionPanelTab` - change the color in the background-color box inside the properties for.



To view all the customize commands for the widget you can select – Customize this widget in the properties box and the Dreamweaver Help will appear and show you the CSS options that need to be modified.



You can style the text of an Accordion widget by setting properties for the entire Accordion widget container, or by setting properties for the components of the widget individually.

❖ To change the text styling of an Accordion widget, use the following table to locate the appropriate CSS rule, and then add your own text styling properties and values:

appropriate CSS rule, and then add your own text styling properties and values:

Text to change	Relevant CSS rule	Example of properties and values to add
Text in the entire accordion (includes both tab and content panel)	.Accordion or .AccordionPanel	font: Arial; font-size:medium;
Text in accordion panel tabs only	.AccordionPanelTab	font: Arial; font-size:medium;
Text in accordion content panels only	.AccordionPanelContent	font: Arial; font-size:medium;


❖ To change the background colors of different parts of an Accordion widget, use the following table to locate the appropriate CSS rule, and then add or change background color properties and values:

Part of widget to change	Relevant CSS rule	Example of property and value to add or change
Background color of	.AccordionPanelTab	background-color:

Part of widget to change	Relevant CSS rule	Example of property and value to add or change
accordion panel tabs		#CCCCCC; (This is the default value.)
Background color of accordion content panels	.AccordionPanelContent	background-color: #CCCCCC;
Background color of the open accordion panel	.AccordionPanelOpen .AccordionPanelTab	background-color: #EEEEEE; (This is the default value.)
Background color of panel tabs on hover	.AccordionPanelTabHover	color: #555555; (This is the default value.)
Background color of open panel tab on hover	.AccordionPanelOpen .AccordionPanelTabHover	color: #555555; (This is the default value.)

By default, the Accordion widget expands to fill available space. You can constrain the width of an Accordion widget, however, by setting a width property for the accordion container.

1. Locate the .Accordion CSS rule by opening up the SpryAccordion.css file. This is the rule that defines properties for the main container element of the Accordion widget.

 You can also locate the rule by selecting the Accordion widget, and looking in the CSS Styles panel (Window > CSS). Make sure the panel is set to Current mode.

2. Add a width property and value to the rule, for example width: 300px.

To move the widget elsewhere on the page you can select the blue tab, Cut or Copy and paste it else where. You can insert hyperlinks and images into the widget box – if the content exceeds the height of the box you will see scroll bars appear to the right and bottom of the box. .