Although I don't advocate doing it as a matter of habit (!), the practice of putting a web page together in practically one fell swoop has its advantages. Theoretically, once the template is perfected, it is just a matter of making the pages based on the template and tweaking them to perfection....

In my case, I learned some valuable lessons - one must NOT keep a backup folder anywhere that the computer can find it when linking files. I realized, fortunately before I was too far inside the site, that my graphics were being linked from the backup folder on the desktop, rather than from the site files. It was a matter of going back in and clicking on the correct files in the correct folder, but nevertheless, very instructive! I learn best by doing (in my case, doing and doing and doing), and really love working with html.

Finally, down to the wire - I have spent this weekend focussed on the web page. I'll do the necessary tweaking during the next week. I am giving the root folder "default.html" page a better look, and will put in some links to a page I did a couple of years ago, and a page I made while teaching computer literacy a year ago.

Meanwhile, having put myself on the email list for the Webby awards, I checked out some of the winners:

I respectfully respond, "no fooling!?" - I found no liquid design, several BLACK backgrounds, typos (!), few ALT tags, and a lot of flashy stuff. Most of them took a while to download (and I have a DSL line!), have too many pop-up boxes and 'way too much on most of the home pages, in my opinion! NASA's was better, http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/ . What gives?? (I did try to find the criteria, but ran out of time - something to do in the future....)

Some displayed a miniature logo in the URL: I looked at the source but didn't see anything; see: http://www.nytimes.com/learning/ and http://www.nobodyhere.com/ (which also had some cuter features) - something else to discover in my spare time.

My last reflection should be a wrap-up of this process of creating a web page. As the Peck book stated at the beginning, paying attention to the code is important. I did my first page all in code, and while Dreamweaver's features are handy (when they work!), in the long run, I think it is a better practice to do the bulk of designing in code.