

A brief look at the features of the Alleycode HTML Editor

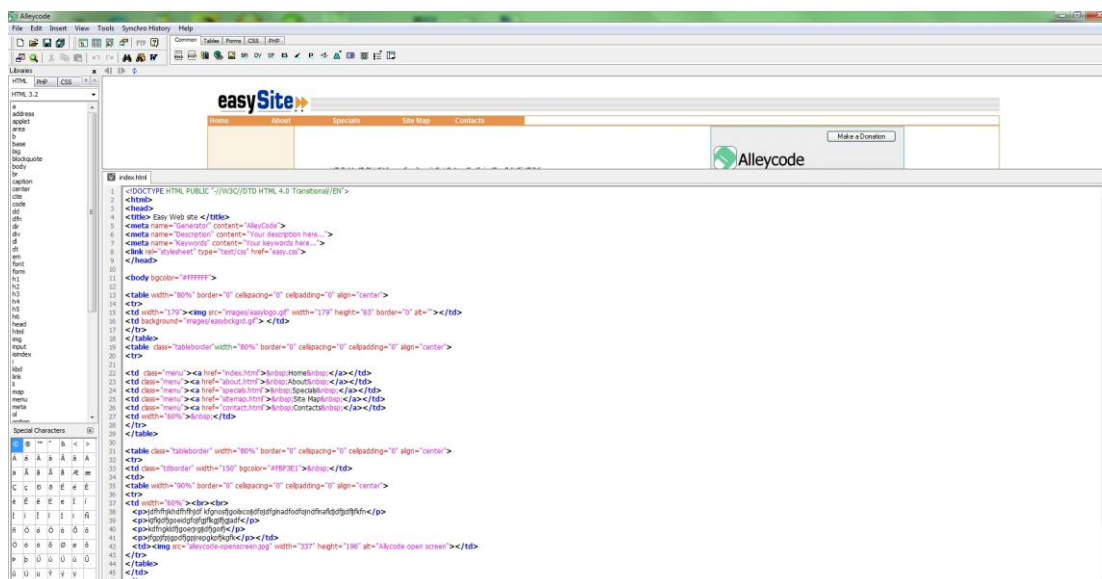
Alleycode is an HTML editor with some great advanced features, and it free.

Here is the Opening screen

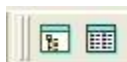


The opening screen asked if you wish to create an HTML an XHTML page or if you would like to run the quick start tutorial.

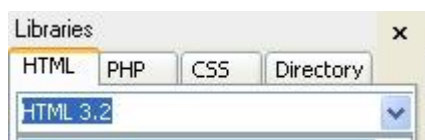
The main work screen has a side window, which includes several libraries to allow the easy inclusion of code.



It can be accessed through these icons



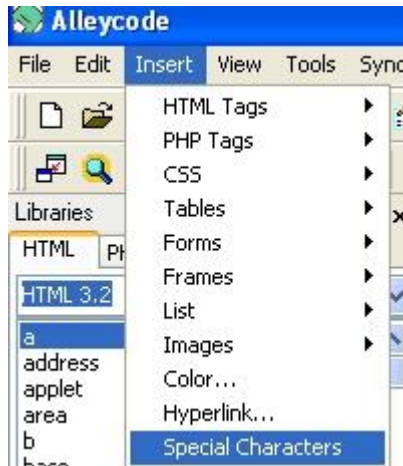
or the view menu. The libraries include an HTML, PHP, and CSS codes. This side window also includes a directory to allow easy access to the working directory.



There are the usual menus File, Edit, Insert, View, Tools, Help and a Synchro History.

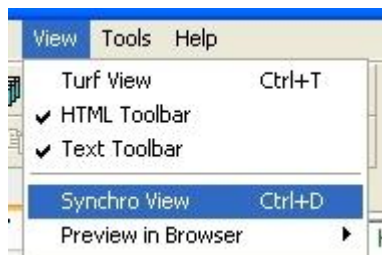


The insert menu has a drop down list which



includes all the HTML, CSS, and PHP tags as well as Tables, frames, list, and images.

The view menu allows for a turf view, which basically gives a blank screen to draft on and a synchro view which shows the html in a preview mode.



You can also access synchro view with the left icon



the right is a browser preview

In the synchro screen the green reverse arrows are the refresh button



You can highlight words on the synchro screen but the changes only appear in the HTML page. This is not a live update screen.

Also on the view menu is the HTML toolbar. This gives the user access to the major elements of HTML, PHP and CSS code.



Next, let's take a look at the code.

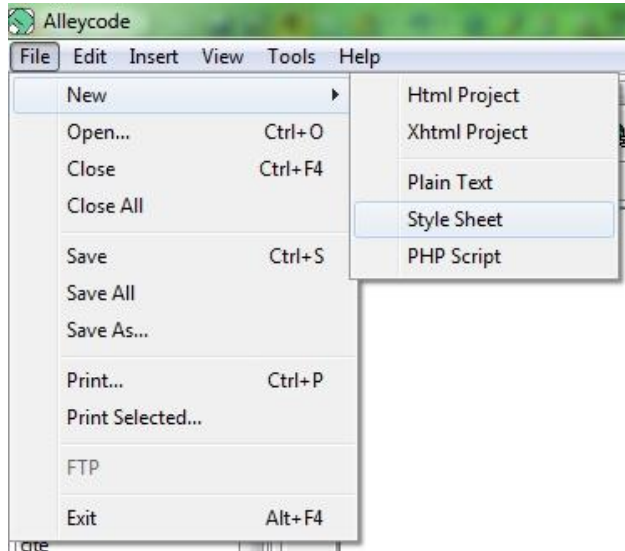
This is the base HTML generated on the start of a new page.

```
1 <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
2 <html>
3 <head>
4 <title> Your Title Here </title>
5 <meta name="Generator" content="Alleycode HTML Editor">
6 <meta name="Description" content="Your description here...">
7 <meta name="Keywords" content="Your keywords here...">
8 </head>
9
10 <body>
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12 </body>
13 </html>
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```

And this is the XHTML code

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
2 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
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4 <head>
5 <title> Your Title Here </title>
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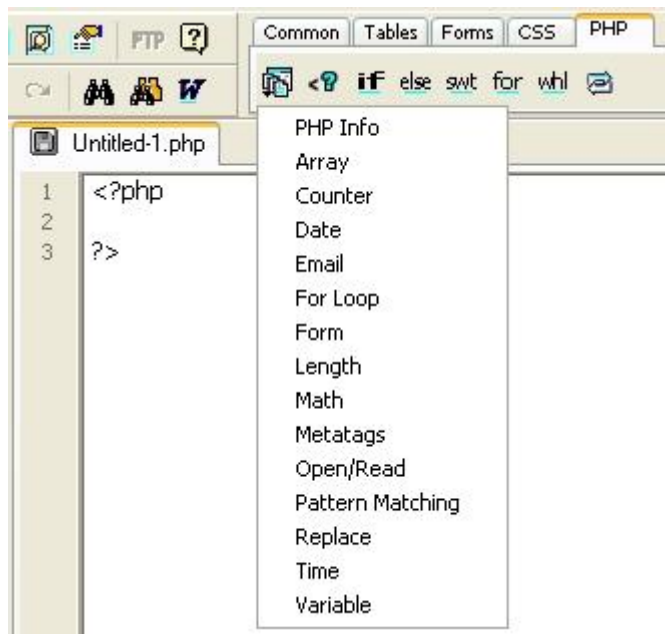
The program can also generate CSS and PHP sheets.



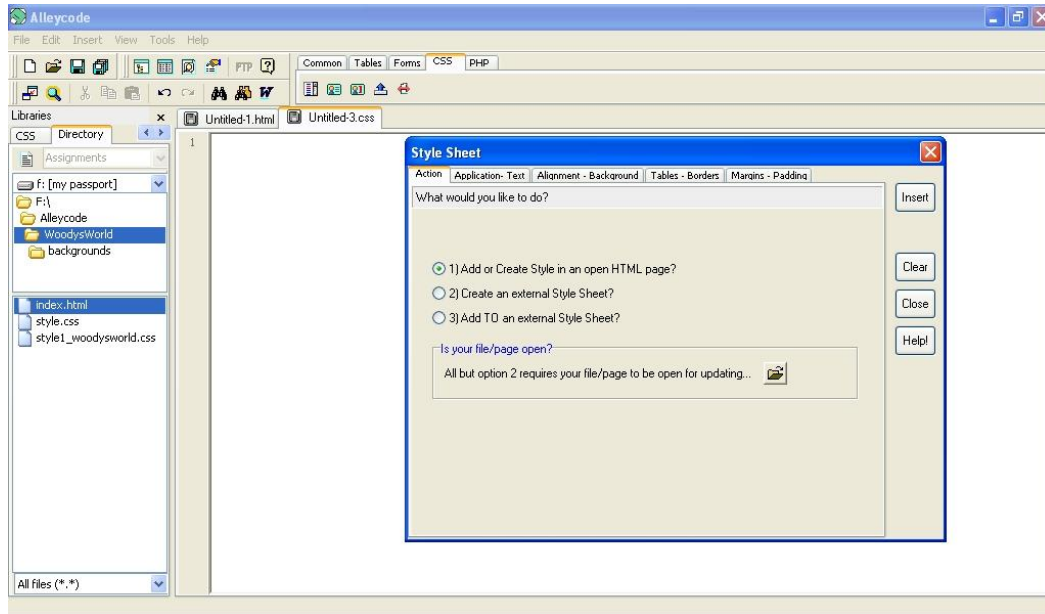
While the New File PHP generates a base code, the CSS page is blank.



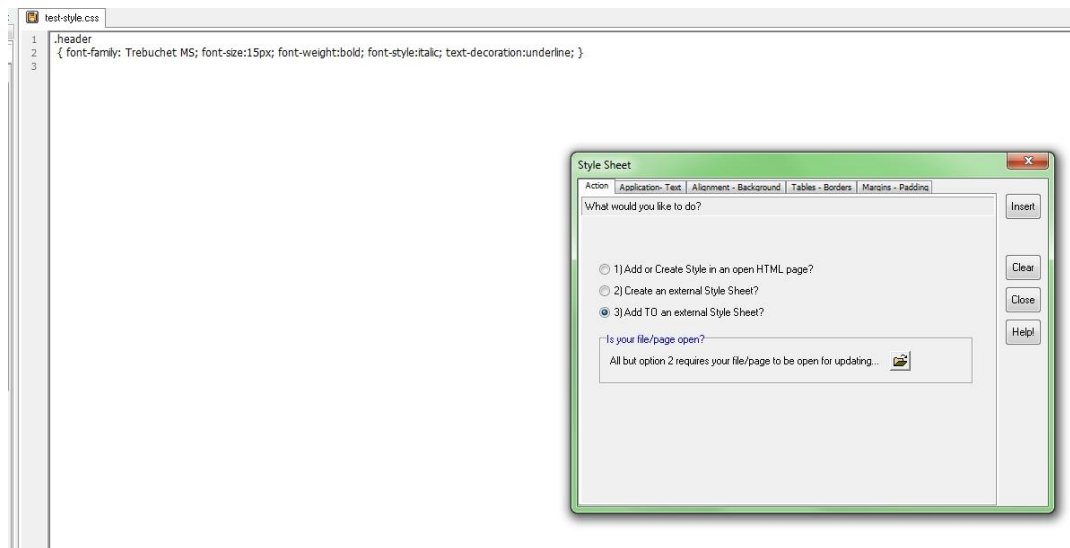
As I know nothing about PHP I can't comment on the tools but they appear comprehensive.



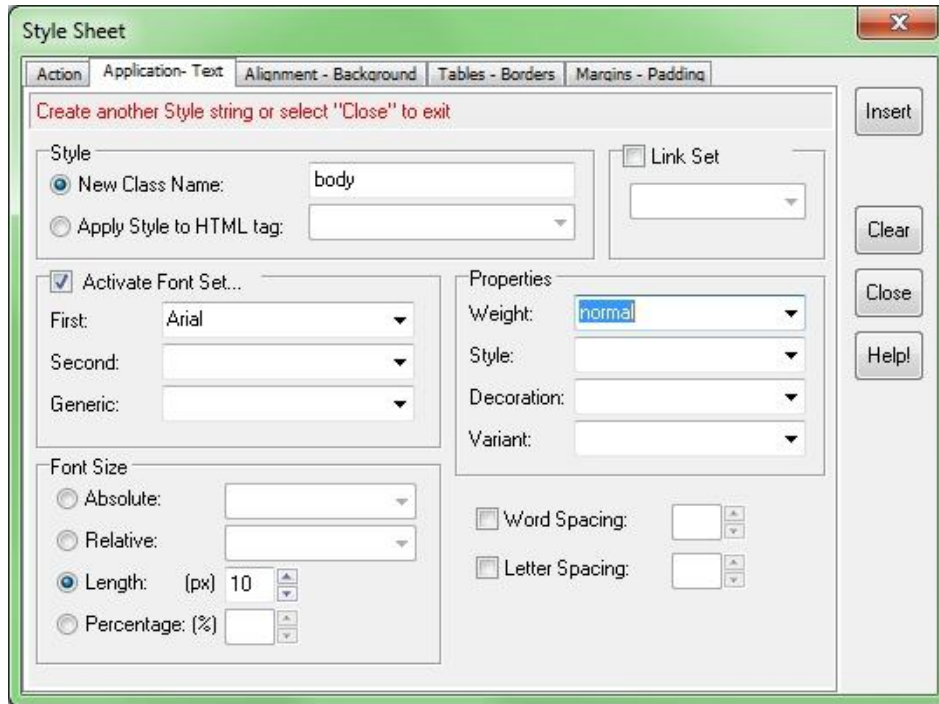
In creating a CSS page a more profitable way to start a CSS file than the new file menu is to use the wizard. You can see in the background the blank CSS file created by the New page menu.



From this screen you can add CSS to an existing HTML page, create an external CSS file or add to an existing CSS file.



Below is the work sheet used to create basic CSS styles. Text, Background, Borders and Padding tabs are there to guide you. You name the class you are creating and when you have finished you simply hit insert and the CSS is added.



Below is an example of the code as inserted by the wizard.

```
test-style.css
1 .header { font-family: Trebuchet MS; font-size:15px; font-weight:bold; font-style:italic; text-decoration:underline; }
2 .body { font-family: Arial; font-size:10px; font-weight:normal; }
```

The help file appears comprehensive and this program comes with a set of tutorials to teach you the basic use of the program.

I found a minor problem with the style Tutorial as one of the CSS classes was left out of the drafting part but used in the creation of the page.



You can download Alley code at this address.

<http://alleycode.com/download.htm>

Happy coding.
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