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The task of setting up a Web page keeps getting easier. If you're a Linux user, you can choose from a variety of Linux-friendly HTML editing tools. But once you craft the headlines, format the text, and build in a few nice pictures, you may want to take your Web creations in a new direction. In this issue, we'll show you tools for taking your Web designs beyond the ordinary HTML.

For readers who are ready for a big step into the world of professional design, our first cover story article shows how you can set up your own online store using the Open Source osCommerce application. Another article looks at how you can extend and simplify your Web pages using Cascading Style Sheets. Cascading Style Sheets give your sites a professional look and feel – and you don't have to be a programmer or Web guru to achieve this stylish appearance. The next article, "Painting your Site: Web page layouts with the GIMP," describes a technique for laying out graphics-rich Web pages with the GIMP image editor and converting the result to HTML. In our final cover story article "Flash in Linux," we discuss Linux tools for adding Flash animations to your Web pages.

Web-conscious readers will also enjoy "Spinning the Web: A tour of HTML editing tools," and "Easy Fix," an article on how to let non-technical users edit web pages through the online text editor FCKEditor.

If you're looking for tools that bring power and polish to your web designs, read on for this month's Web Design cover story. ■