

# **USING FREE CSS TEMPLATES**

**How to modify an existing template to make a professional looking site.**

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GO TO [WWW.FREECSSTEMPLATES.ORG](http://WWW.FREECSSTEMPLATES.ORG) AND BROWSE THROUGH THEM TO FIND ONE YOU LIKE. (GOOGLE “FREE CSS TEMPLATES” FOR MORE SITES TOO)



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The free CSS templates below are provided in .ZIP format. If you don't have an unzipping application, I strongly recommend [7-Zip](#). For information on how you can use these templates, please read the [license](#) page. Many of these templates are also available as [WordPress themes](#). There are currently **446** CSS website templates.

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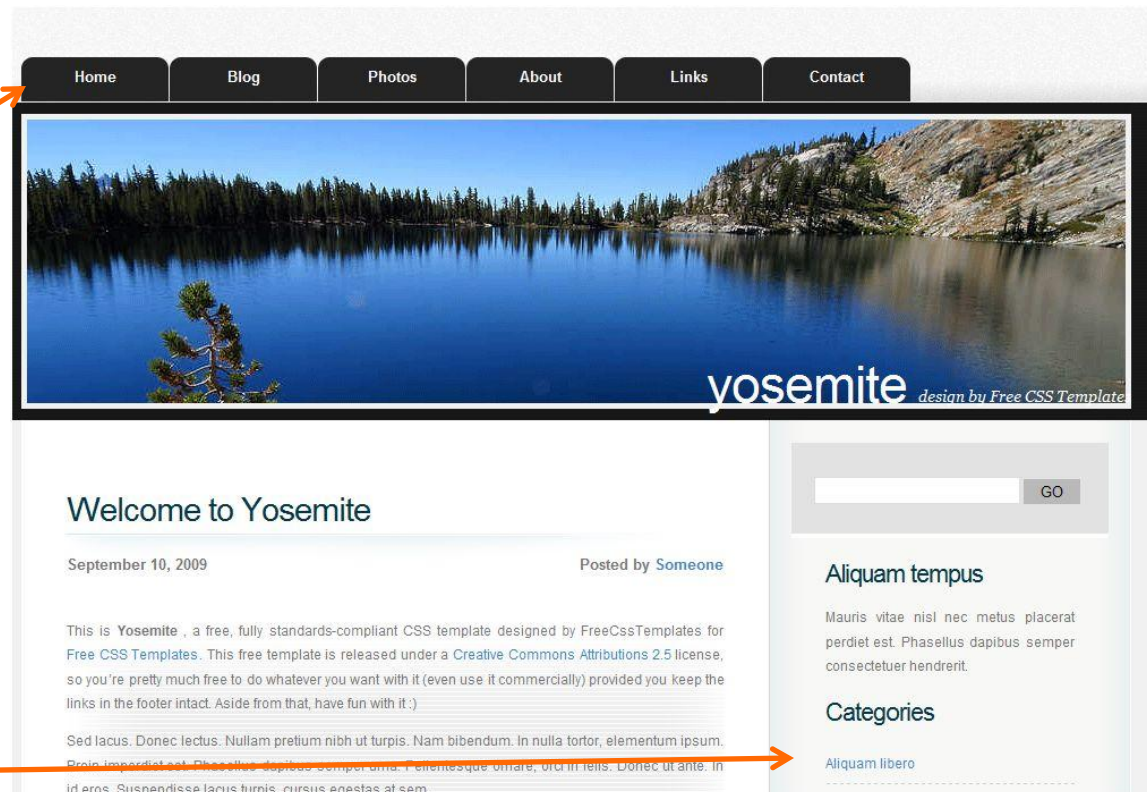
# THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A TEMPLATE:

- How many main links do you need? - Look at how many main links are on the template. You can add others, but usually not to the main menu.

## Main links

Options here to add are limited, so be comfortable with the number of them.

On the other hand, you can make other menu areas below...



# IMAGES AND YOUR ABILITY TO EDIT THEM...

This main image can be replaced, but can you make the corners round? If not, it might look out of place.



## About This Website

Posted on August 25th, 2007 by [admin](#) | [Edit](#)



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## Categories

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# COLOR SCHEMES: WHILE YOU CAN CHANGE BACKGROUND AND FONT COLORS, CHOOSE A TEMPLATE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE-OVER.

Main background —→

Container background —→

Font colors —→



# “PREVIEW” THE TEMPLATE FIRST TO SEE IT AS IT WILL DISPLAY ON YOUR SITE.



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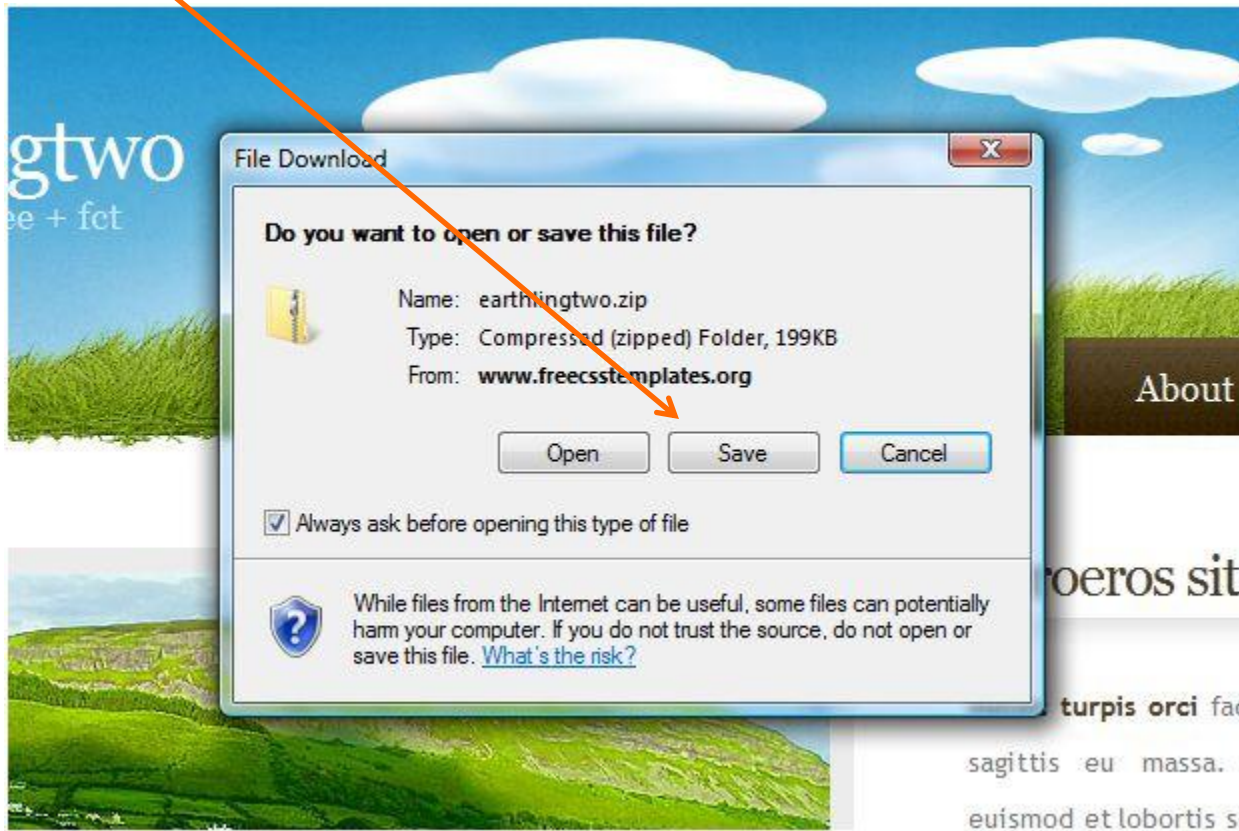
# THEN CLICK “DOWNLOAD.ZIP...” TO SAVE IT TO YOUR COMPUTER.



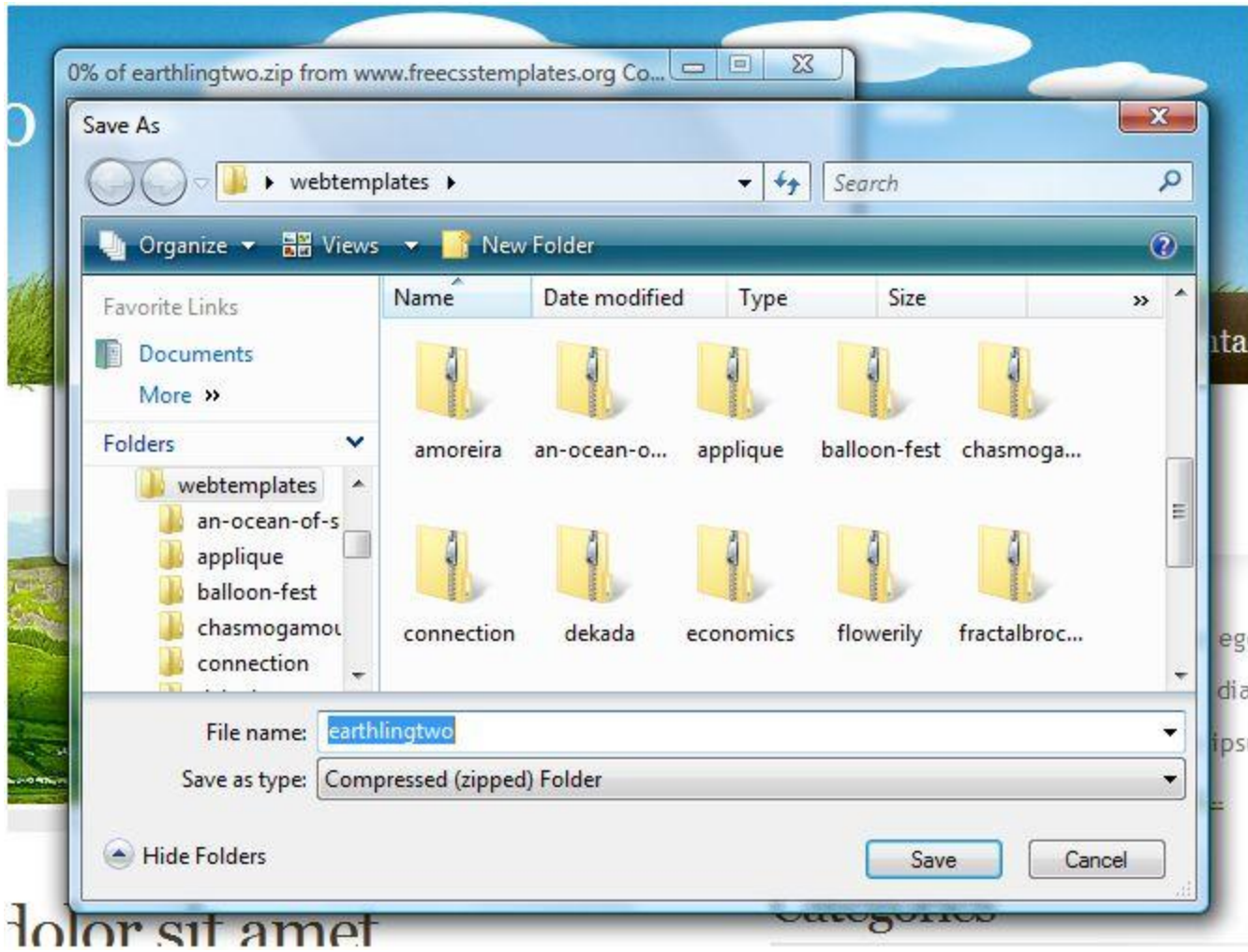
The screenshot shows a website template page. At the top left, there is a logo for "free CSS templates.org" with the tagline "really, they're free!". On the right side of the top navigation bar, there is a button labeled "download.zip (earthlingtwo)" and a "back" button. An orange arrow points from the text above to the "download.zip" button. The main content area features a header with the text "earthlingtwo by nodethirtythree + fct" and a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Services", "Portfolio", "About", and "Contact". Below the navigation menu, there is a large image of a green hillside. To the right of the image, there is a section titled "Veroeros sit dolore" with a paragraph of placeholder text and a "More..." link. Below this, there is a "Categories" section with a list of items, each with a date "09.13.09" and a link: "Vestibulum risus vitae", "Condimentum et molestie", "Facilisis sed vestibulum", and "Ipsum primis et sed luctus". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "This is EarthlingTwo, a free template by nodethirtythree and Free CSS Templates. It's kind of a sequel to an older template I did for FCT a long time ago named Earthling." and "This template is released under the Creative Commons Attribution license, so use it". The browser's address bar shows "Internet | Protected Mode: Off" and the page is zoomed to 100%.



THIS WINDOW APPEARS, THEN CLICK  
“SAVE”



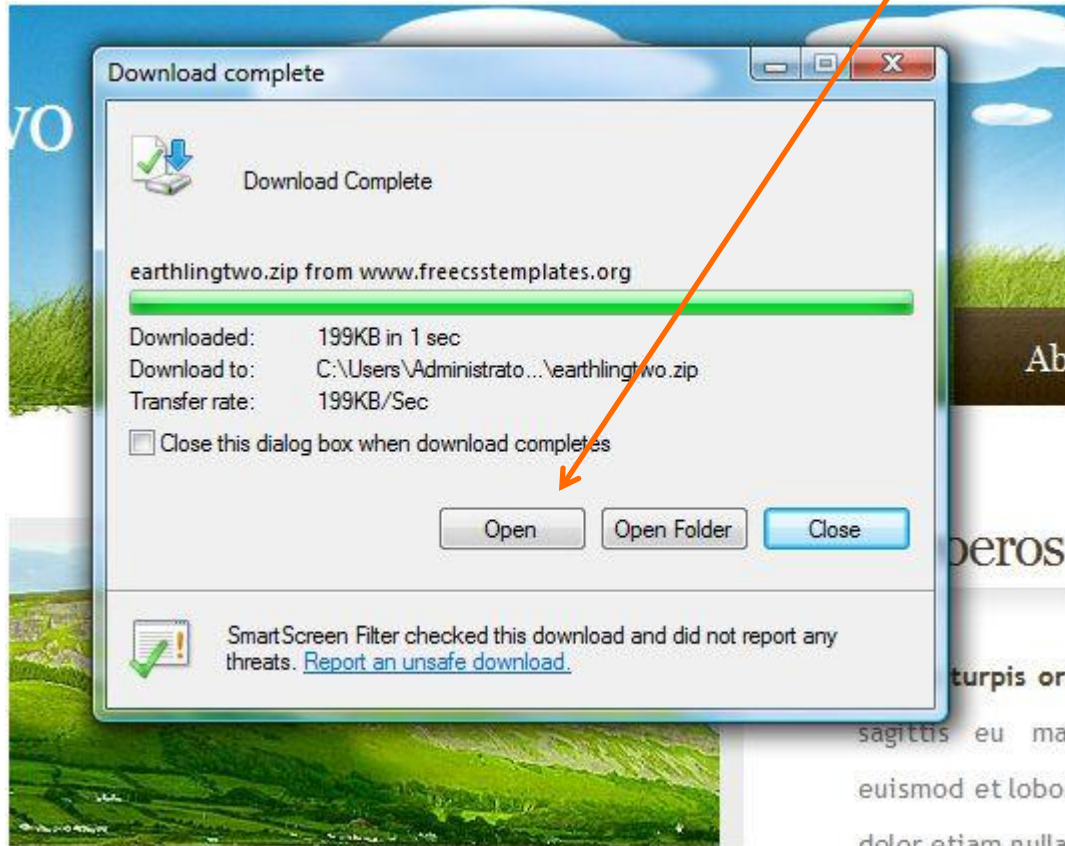
THIS WINDOW ASKS WHERE YOU WANT TO SAVE IT. I SAVE THEM TO A FOLDER ON MY DESKTOP (SMALL FILES).



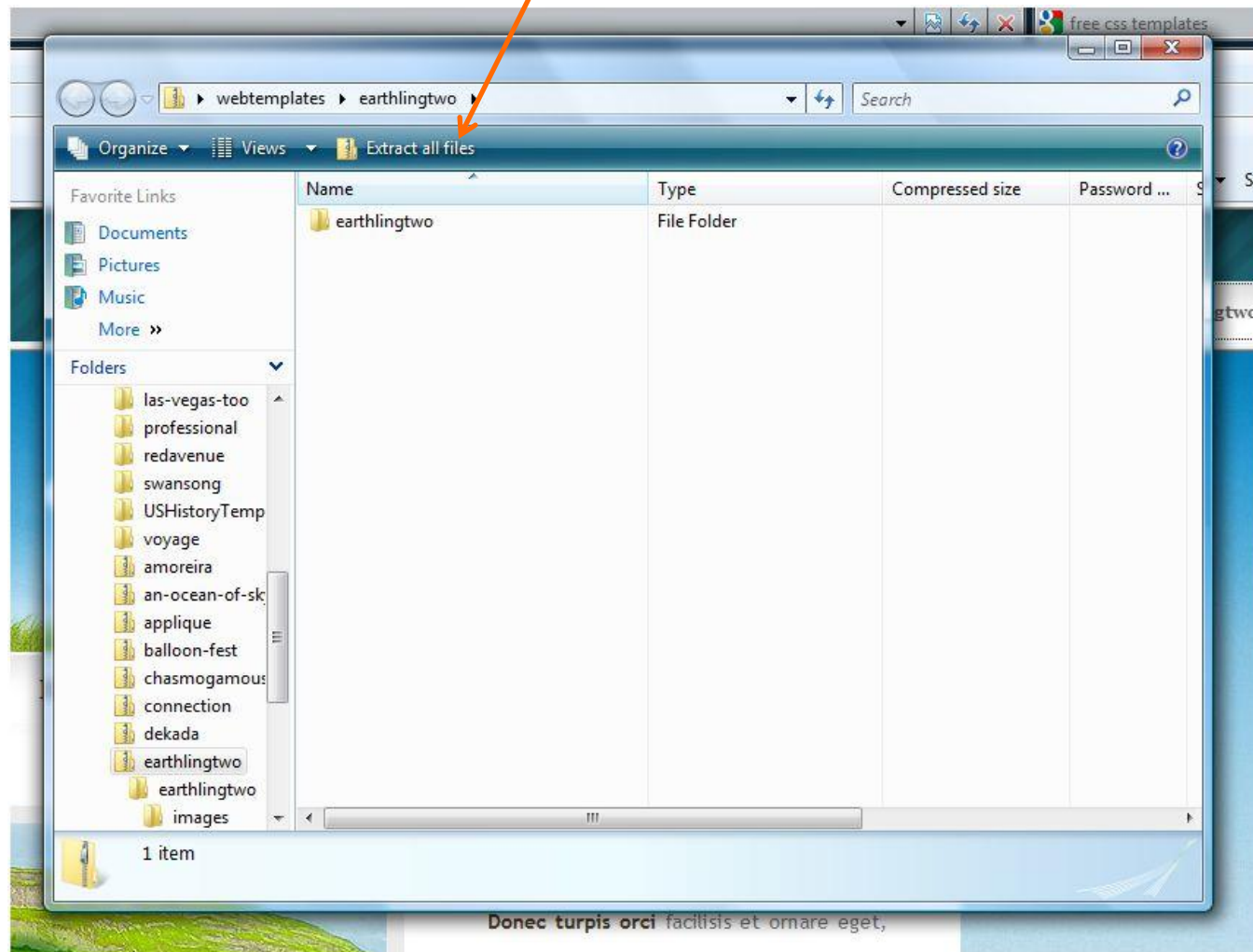
What's a "zipped" folder?  
- It's a compressed (made smaller) file. When you extract it after it downloads, it's like adding water to dehydrated food. (Smaller files are easier to download.)



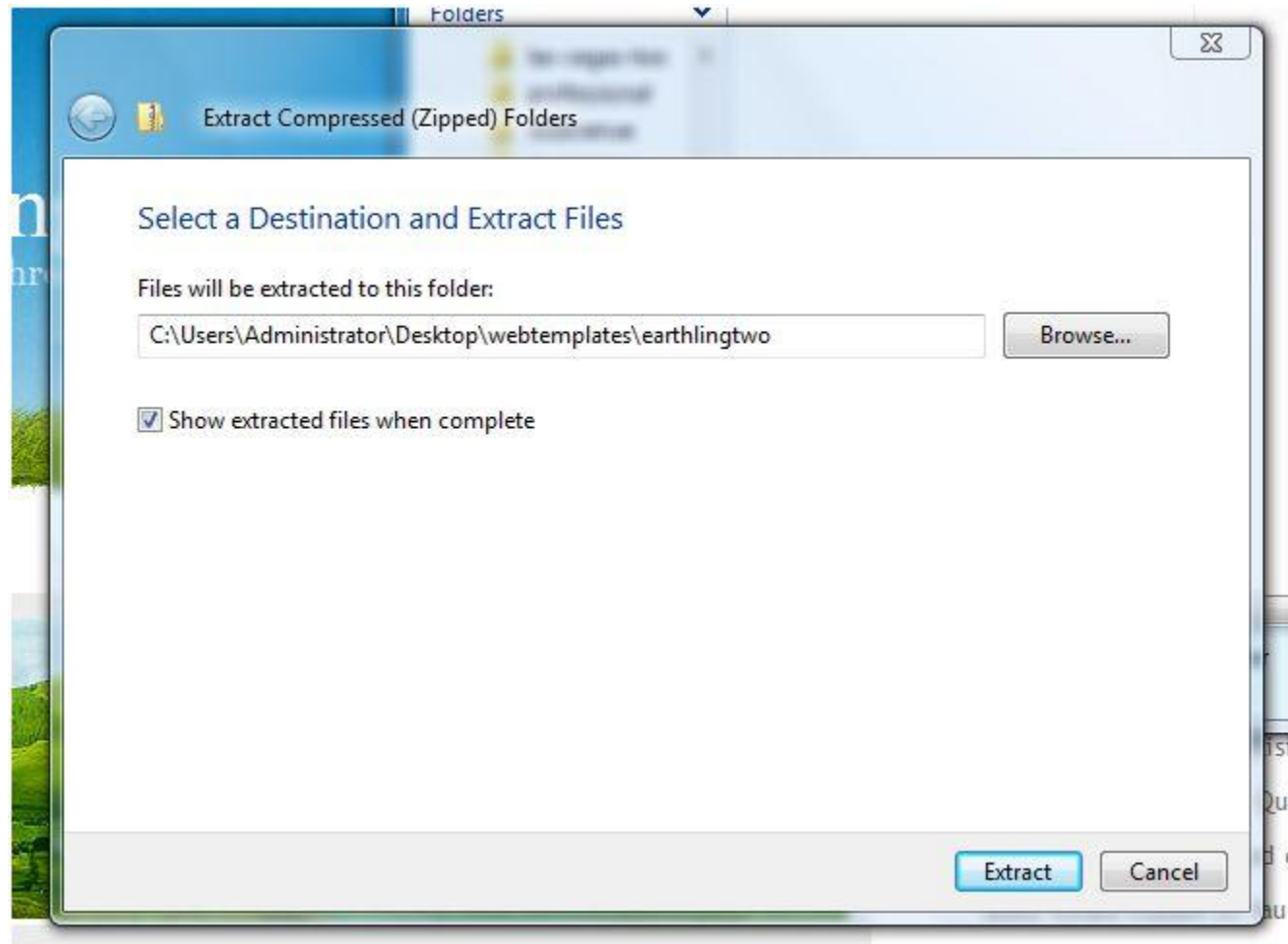
THIS WINDOW APPEARS, CLICK “OPEN”



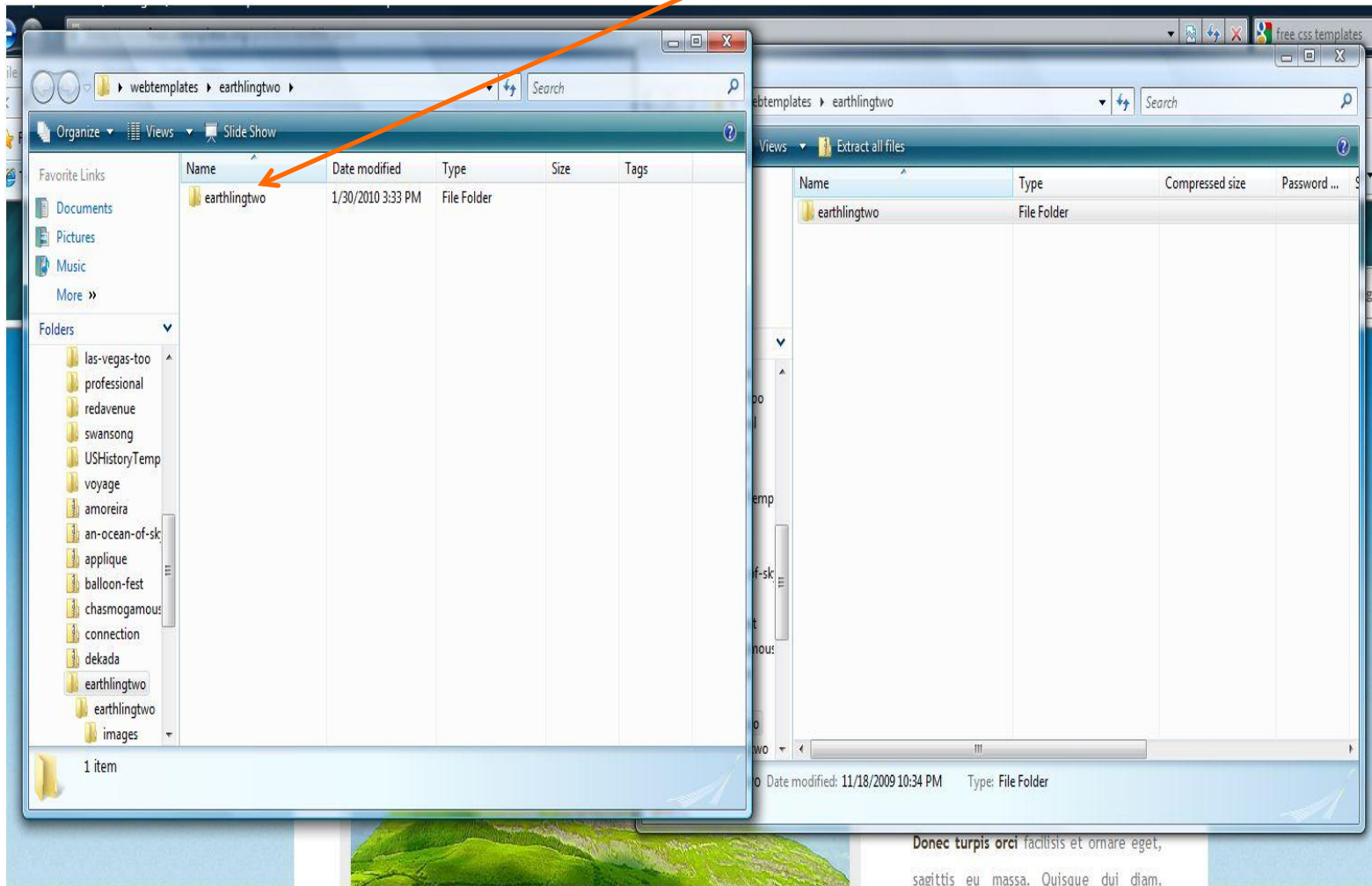
DEPENDING UPON YOUR VERSION OF WINDOWS,  
FIND AND CLICK “EXTRACT ALL FILES”



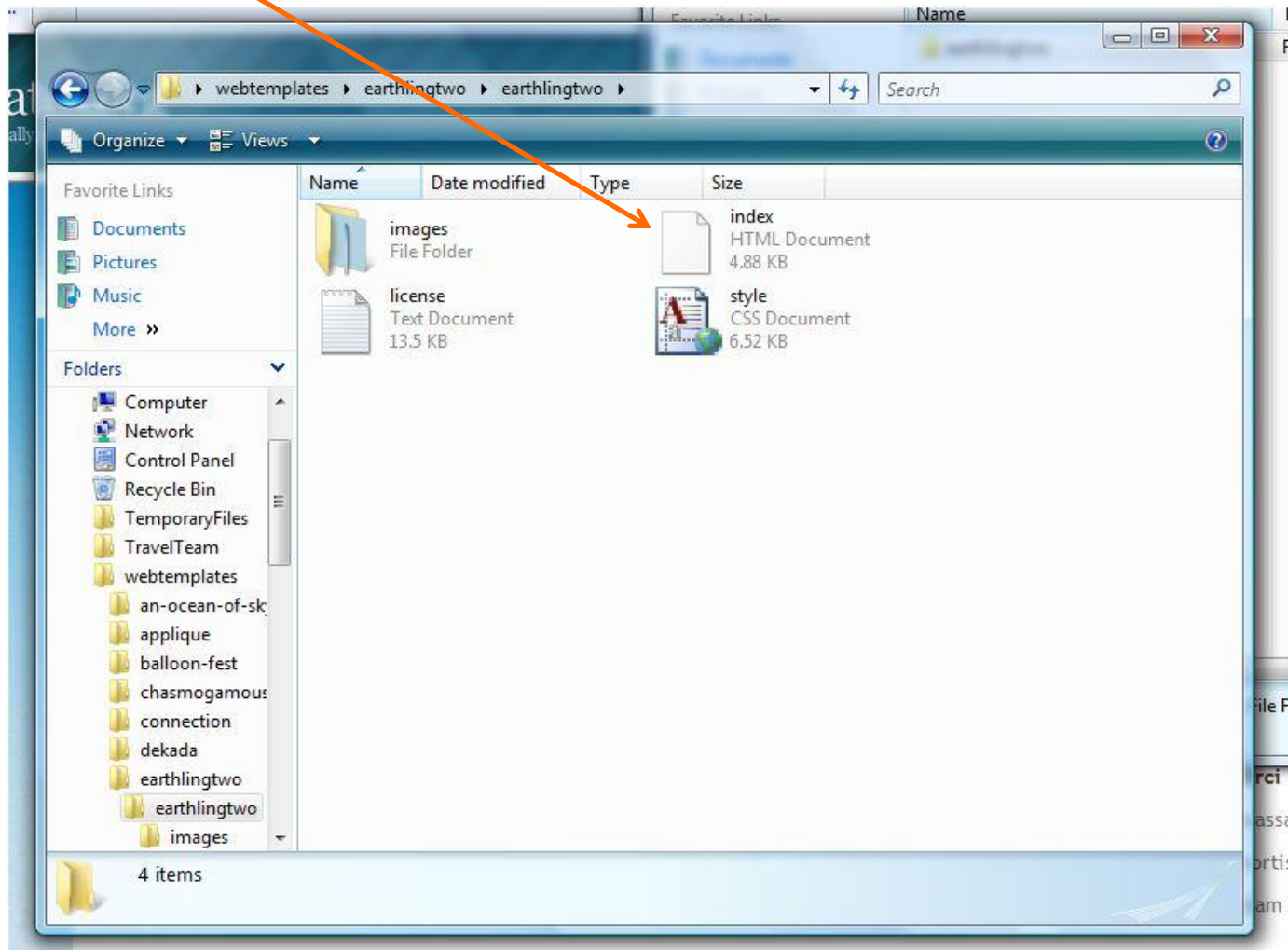
NOW YOU'RE ASKED WHERE TO SAVE THE EXTRACTED FILES TO. I JUST SAVE THEM IN THE SAME FOLDER.



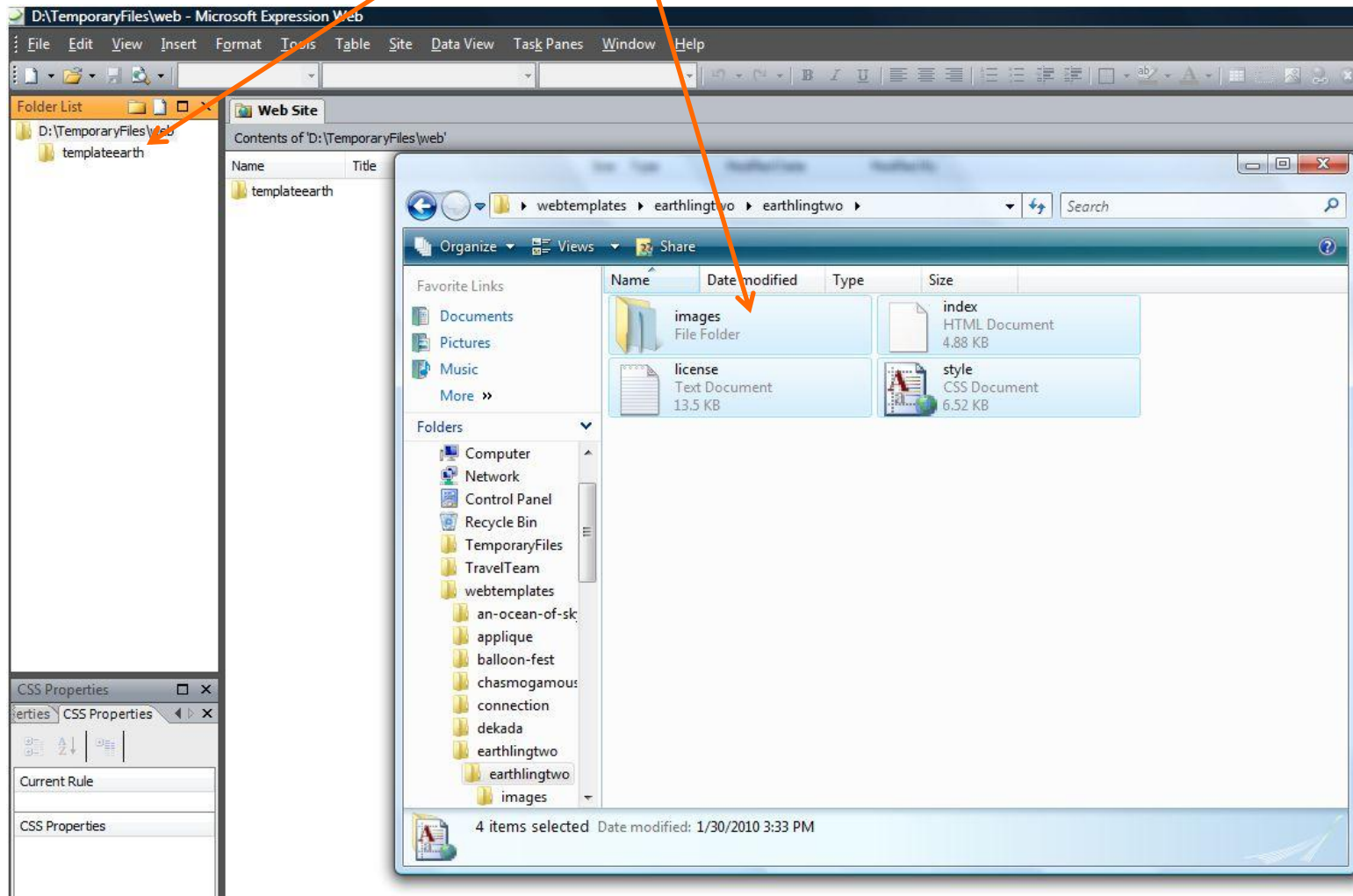
# THE WINDOW ON TOP IS THE EXTRACTED VERSION.



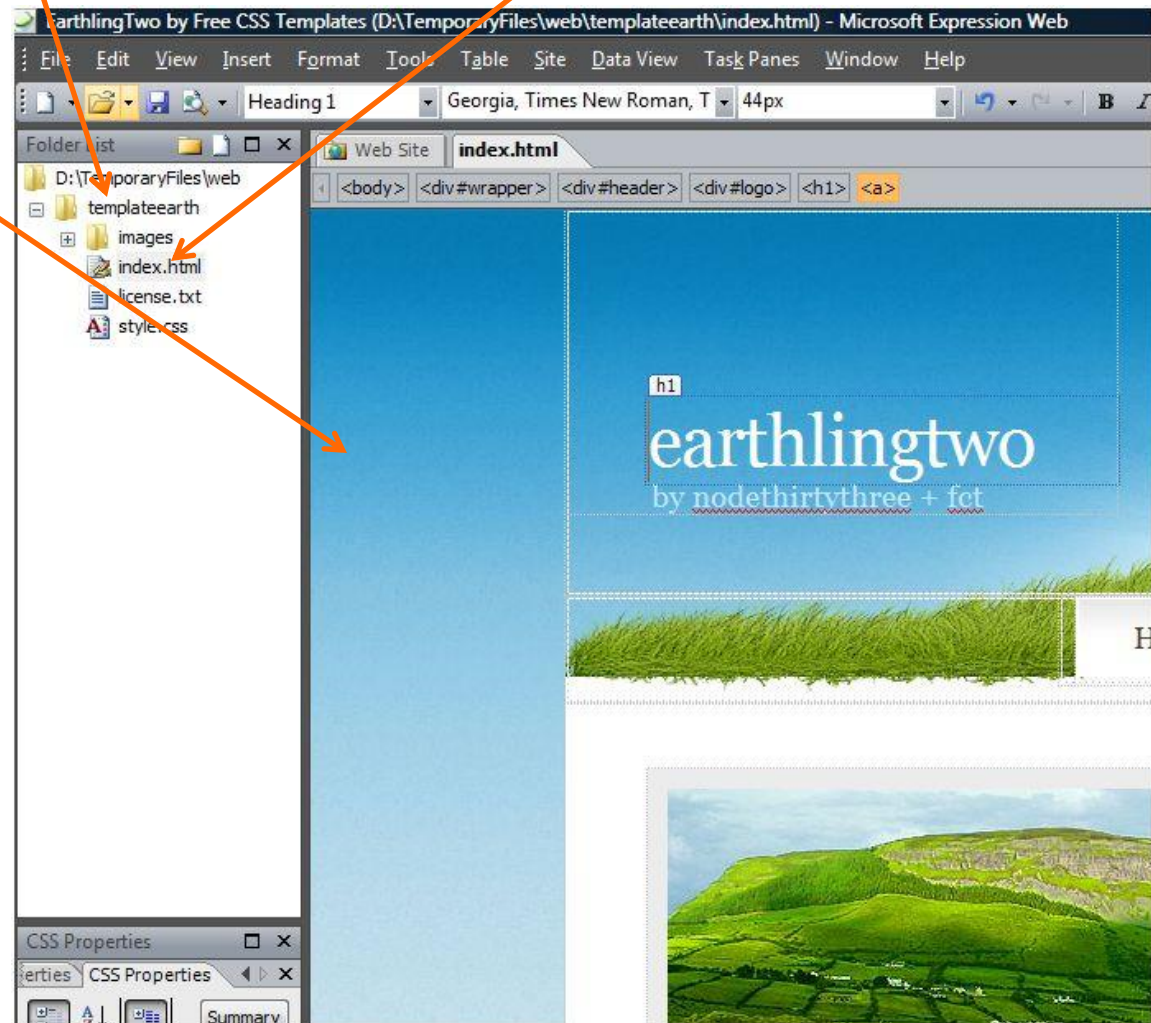
ONCE YOU OPEN THE FOLDER, YOU'LL SEE THE INDEX (MAIN PAGE) AND CONTENT FILES THAT GO WITH IT.



HIGHLIGHT THESE FILES, THEN DRAG THEM INTO A FOLDER IN YOUR WEBSITE. I CREATED A FOLDER “TEMPLATEEARTH” TO HOLD THEM.

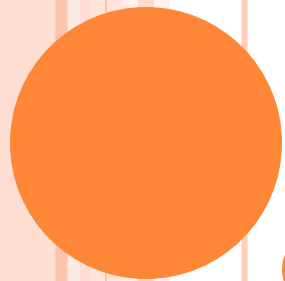


OPEN THE FOLDER YOU IMPORTED THE FILES INTO AND DOUBLE-CLICK TO OPEN THE “INDEX” FILE. THIS FILE IS OPEN IN EXPRESSION BELOW.



Essentially, much of the work is done for you. Now, you'll begin to edit the text, add pictures, etc.





**THE END**

**Go on to the next tutorial on Editing CSS  
Templates.**