

Creating Links

Now that you have created a few TravelWise pages they need to be combined so that a user can easily click from one page to another. The process is called LINKING and when you use HTML (HyperText Markup Language) to create a link that link is called a HYPERLINK. You can hyperlink text or graphics.

As you have probably seen from using web pages there are a large number of different ways of navigating around web pages using the links that have been created. In this chapter you will create links to different pages using text and graphics.

Linking Text

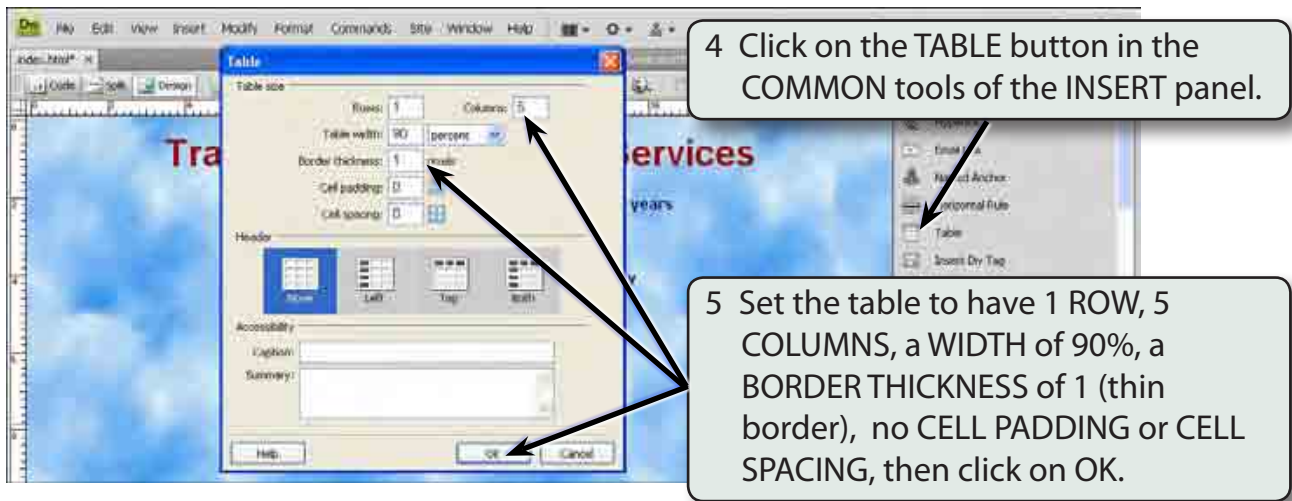
Text hyperlinks will be created so that your INDEX page can open the PACKAGES and CONTACT US pages. The links will be placed in a table so they can be neatly displayed at the top of the screen.

A Creating the Link Table

A table will be inserted where the horizontal rule currently is.

- 1 Load DreamWeaver CS4 or close the current pages.
- 2 Check that the FILES panel is set to your TRAVELWISE site and the screen is set to DESIGNER view, then double click on the INDEX.HTML page in the FILES panel to open that page.





4 Click on the TABLE button in the COMMON tools of the INSERT panel.

5 Set the table to have 1 ROW, 5 COLUMNS, a WIDTH of 90%, a BORDER THICKNESS of 1 (thin border), no CELL PADDING or CELL SPACING, then click on OK.



6 In the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR set the TABLE box to LINKS and the ALIGN box to CENTRE.



7 Add the 5 labels (Home, Packages, Travel Tips, Airlines and Contact Us) to the table cells.

B Formatting the Table

1 Move the pointer to the left of the table until it changes to a thick horizontal arrow and click the mouse button to select the row.

2 In the CSS section of the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR set the TARGETED RULE box to the BODYTEXT style to format the labels.

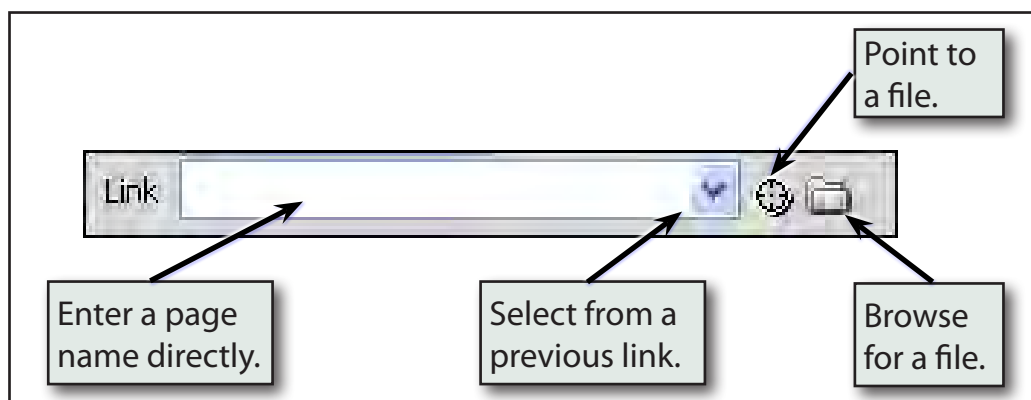
3 Turn on the HTML button in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR.

C Creating the Hyperlinks

There are a number of ways to create hyperlinks to other pages. You can:

- enter the page name in the LINK box of the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR.
- select from a previously used link.
- use the BROWSE FOR FILE folder to locate the page.
- drag the POINT TO FILE icon to the required file in the FILES panel.

The last one is probably the easiest one to use. The following diagram describes the four link sections in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR.



- 1 The HOME text will be set to link to itself (INDEX.HTML) so that when the table is copied to other pages the link will take the user back to the index (or home) page.



NOTE: Notice that the LINK box now displays the link INDEX.HTML

