

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 TOURS 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 CS6 or close the current pages and check that the screen is set to the DESIGNER workspace.

2 Check that the FILES panel is set to your TRAVELWISE site then double click on the INDEX.HTML page in the FILES panel to open that page.

3 Click on the HORIZONTAL RULE and delete it, then set the cursor at the beginning of the second line of text.

4 Click on the TABLE icon 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 enter the name LINKS in the TABLE box and set the ALIGN box to CENTRE.

7 Add the 5 labels (Home, Packages, Travel Tips, Airlines and Tours) to the table cells as shown in the diagram.

B Formatting the Table

The screenshot shows the Dreamweaver interface with a table containing navigation links: Home, Packages, Travel Tips, and Airlines. The Properties Inspector is open, showing the 'BODYTEXT' style selected. Callout boxes provide instructions on how to select the row and format the labels.

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 PROPERTIES INSPECTOR turn on the CSS button and set the TARGETED RULE box to the BODYTEXT style to format the labels.

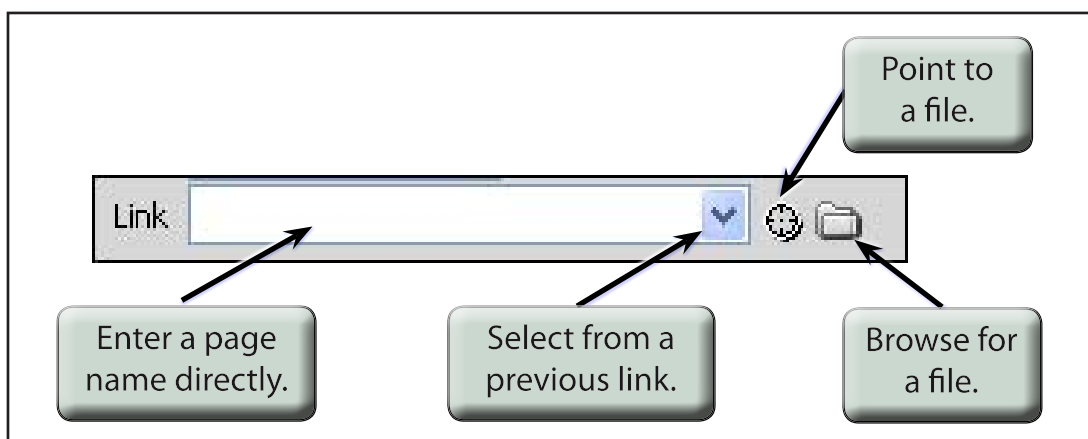
3 Turn on the HTML button in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR.

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 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.

2 Highlight the HOME text in the table.

3 Move the pointer over the POINT TO FILE icon next to the LINK box in HTML section of the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR and drag it to the INDEX.HTML file in the FILES panel.

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

4 Highlight PACKAGES in the table and drag the POINT TO FILE icon over PACKAGES.HTML in the FILES panel.