



Web Design Creating Hotspots

Hotspots are places on your web page that can be links to other pages but are not always easily seen. Usually they are a photo or graphic image where parts of the image are hotspots linking to other web pages.

LRF: "Yourname.hotspot" In the LRF have an "Images" folder with 2 images that you have from other lessons. Your Dreamweaver starting page should be called "index.html". Create 3 other html pages in Dreamweaver and name the "Page 1", "Page 2", and "Page 3". Place them into a folder called "Pages". Put some text on each of the pages to be able to tell the difference when we link to each page.

Site Management: Make sure you do the Site Management in DW and name your site "Hotspots".

Inserting the Image: Insert one of the images onto your "index.html" page.

Creating Hotspots: There are two different ways to add a hotspot. One is to go to the "insert Image" button and click on the down arrow. You will have 3 choices of types of "Hotspots" to use. There is also a "Hotspot" tool in the "Properties Inspector" for the image. Select the image that you have already inserted by clicking on it. Notice the "Hotspot" tools in the lower left corner of the "Properties Inspector". See Fig. #1 for what they look like. Click on the "Rectangle Hotspot tool" to start with. Then click and drag over the area that you want to be the hotspot. I chose the "Hot Shoe" area as seen in Fig. #2. Usually you use the type of "Hotspot" tool that matches the shape of the area that you are going to create the hotspot for.

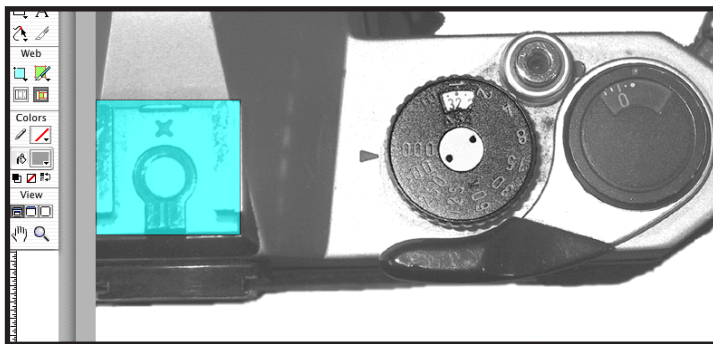


Fig. #2



Fig. #1

Linking the Hotspot: We can now make the “Hotspot” into a link. Click on the hotspot. The “Properties Inspector” will show the properties for the hotspot. In the “Properties Inspector” find the place to create the Link. Similar to the “Image” linking you did in the “Creating Links” lesson. Make it link to your “Page 1” page.

Testing it out: Test it out in Safari to see if the link works.

Circle Hotspot: Now repeat the process, but this time use the “Circle Hotspot tool” and make it link to “Page 2”. You can use the same image for this part.

Polygon Hotspot tool: The “Polygon Hotspot tool” is for irregular shapes that you might need to make for part of an image that is not simply a circle or rectangle shape. Of the three tools this one is the one that you would probably use the most in real web sites. With this tool you outline the area that you want to be the hotspot. To outline you click, release, and move to the next spot and click again. Blue anchors will show up at the spots you clicked and a line will be in between. Use a new image to work with this tool.

To be Turned in:

1. LRF named "Yourname.hotspots".
2. Index.html in root of LRF
3. Images folder with images used.
4. Pages folder with 3 pages.
5. Square or Rectangle Hotspot
6. Circular Hotspot
7. Polygon Hotspot
8. All hotspots link correctly in browser.