



Rollovers and Behaviors Lesson

For this lesson you will be using the buttons that you made in the "Using Photoshop to make Buttons Lesson." You probably have seen on websites where buttons change as you "mouse" over. Sometimes special things happen when you click on the buttons also. In this lesson you will learn how to create Rollovers and give the buttons special behaviors that will enable them to do more at one time.

Local Root Folder: Hopefully you are getting the idea about how to set up your File Management before you get started. For this lesson we will be naming the Local Root Folder: "Yourname.Rollovers". Within that folder you should have a copy of your "Buttons" folder from the previous lesson. Create a "Pages" folder within the LRF for this assignment.

Site Management: Within Dreamweaver go to Site>New Site... and set up the site management so that it will reference your Local Root Folder that you made. That way Dreamweaver will help you to keep your FileManagement in order.

Save: Now save your Dreamweaver document as "index.html". Dreamweaver will automatically put the .html as the extension.

Inserting a Rollover: In the "Insert" window click on the drop down menu and make sure you are set to "Common". See Fig. #1 Click on the black arrow next to the "Images" icon. In the drop down window click on "Rollover Image". Circled in Fig. #1.

In the next window type the name in the "Image Name" box. See Fig. #2 next page.

Now click on the "Browse" button for the "Original Image" and navigate to the "Buttons" folder in your Local Root Folder that you previously created. Locate the button image that you want to be seen first and then click on "Choose". Now do the same for the "Rollover Image" except you will be locating the second version of the button. This will be what the button will change to when you "mouse over". In the "When Clicked, Go To URL:" text box type or paste a URL for another website. Then click on "OK". Test to see if it works in Safari.

Make 2 new Dreamweaver pages. Name them "Page2" and "Page3". Put some text or an image on each page. Save them in the "Pages" folder of your Local Root Folder.

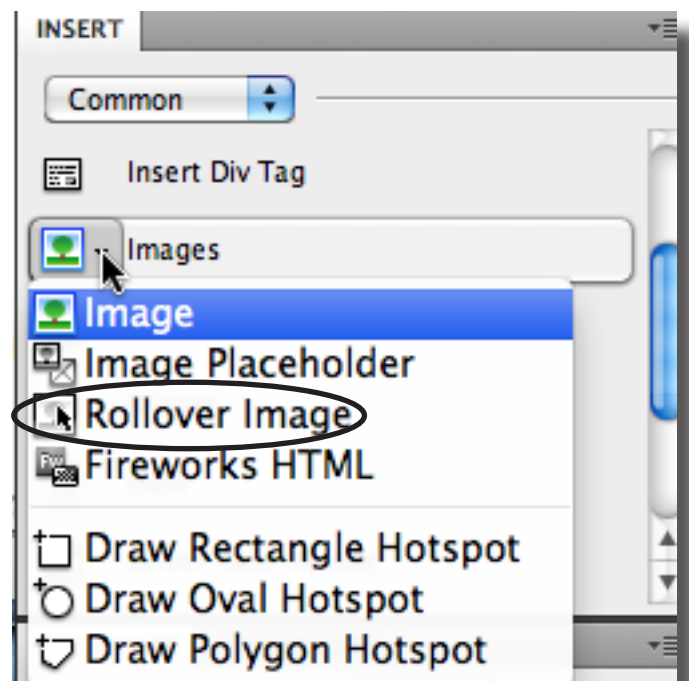


Fig. #1

Insert another Rollover using "Button2" as the image. Do the same things you did for the previous rollover. Have the link for this button be to "Page2". Test this one out as well. If both buttons work fine, we'll go on to a little more complex Rollover.

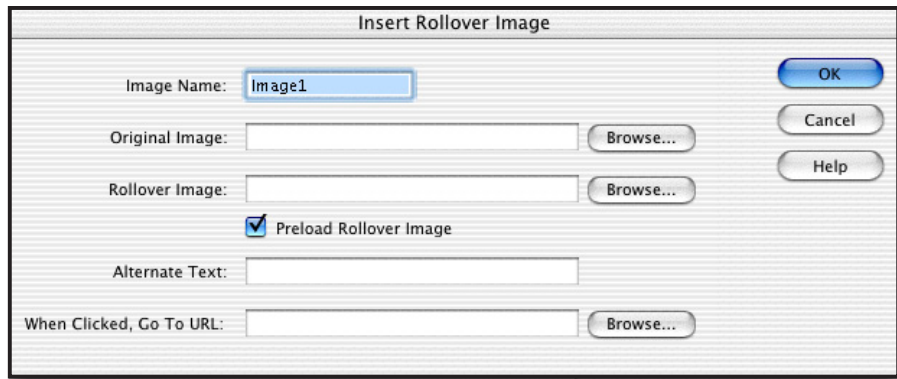


Fig. #2

Creating Behaviors: We can do some more interesting things

with our rollover buttons. We can add various "Behaviors" that when activated will cause the button to do more things. Let's make our button change when we click on it as well as change when we "mouse over". For this part you will need to add a third variation of button for the "Button3" set of buttons. Open Button3.PSD in Photoshop and alter it some more. Then save it as a 3rd version in this set. It needs to be either a .JPG or a .GIF depending whether you need to have any transparency to the button.

1. First add the "Button3" set as a Rollover button.
2. Go to Window>Tag Inspector and a window labeled "Tag Inspector" will show up. Click on the "Behaviors" button. See Fig. #3
3. Click on the + shown circled in the "Tag Inspector" window.
4. Go to "Swap Image" and click on it.
5. In the window that comes up click on "Browse" then locate the 3rd version of Button3 that you just made.
6. Make sure the area on the left of the new "Swap Image" is set to "OnMouseOver". If not then click on that area and a little "drop menu" button will appear. Click on that button and click on "OnMouseOver". You should have 2 new lines. One will be "On MouseOver" and the other should be "OnMouseOut".
7. Link to Page3
8. Save and test it out.

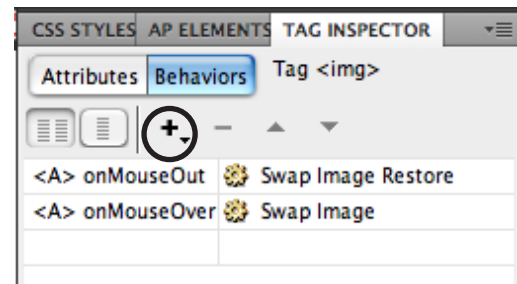


Fig. #3

Do a "Popup Message" with Button2 and a "Open Browser Window" with Button3.

Turning in your work: Now you can send your work to "Drop Box" and place the evaluation sheet in your Assignment Notebook and turn it in to the period tray. Be sure to look carefully at the evaluation sheet and see if you have done everything that you need for this lesson. Below is a list of what you should have for the lesson.

1. LRF named correctly.
2. Site Management.
3. Index.html in LRF.
4. Copy of "Buttons" folder in the LRF
5. "Pages" folder with "Page2" and "Page3" in the LRF.
6. Rollover button1 with "MouseOut" behavior and links to a URL.
7. Rollover button with "Popup Message" linking to Page2 .
8. Rollover button with "Open Browser Window" linking to Page3.
9. Everything works on MR. R's computer.