

A GUIDE TO DREAMWEAVER CS4

Adding Multimedia Files

In this guide you will learn how to:

- Link to a PDF file
- Embed a .mp3 file
- Embed a .mov file

MULTIMEDIA FILE FORMATS

Along with creating HTML pages, you can add other types of files to your Web site. To insure that the majority of visitors to your Web site can view these files it is suggested that you use a universal file format for each media type. Here are some suggested files formats:

- Printed documents - .pdf
- Audio files - .mp3
- Video files - .mov

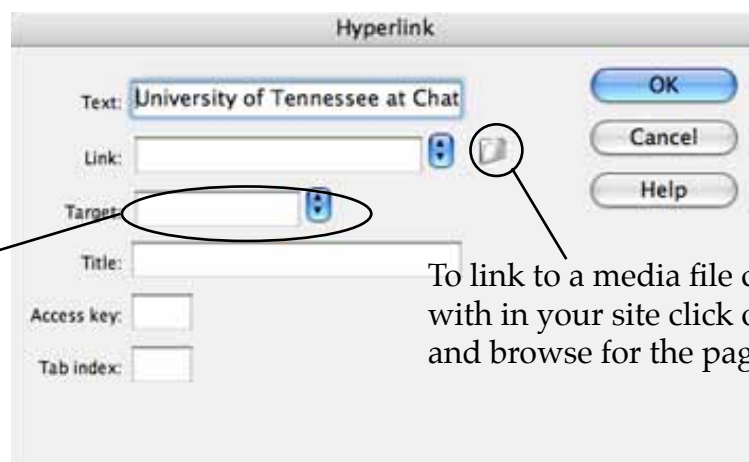
LINKING TO PDF

To add a pdf file to your Web site you simply need to create a link to the file.

Be sure you first save the file in the same folder as your Web site. Also, be sure to upload the file to the Web server when you publish your Web page.

Create a link to the file just as you would create a hyperlink, highlighting the appropriate text and then clicking on the "hyperlink" button. Then browse for the file by clicking on the folder button. When linking to a pdf file it is suggested that you create a targeted link so a new window opens. Select "_blank" from the "target" drop down menu.

This creates a link to the pdf. The visitor's computer will take care of opening the file with the appropriate computer program (ie Adobe Acrobat Reader or Apple Preview).



When linking to a pdf you may want to open the link in a new window. To do this select "_blank" from the drop down menu for the "target".

EMBEDDING AN AUDIO FILE

You can also add audio files to your Web site. For audio files it is suggested that you use the .mp3 format. Be sure to save the .mp3 file to your Web site folder before proceeding.

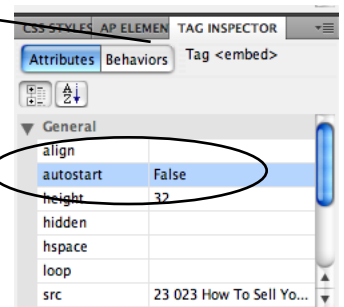
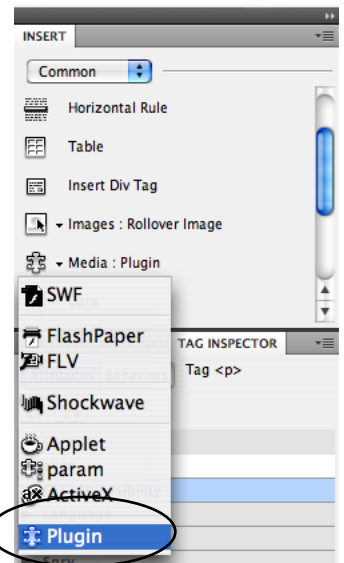
To embed the .mp3 file place your cursor where you would like the mp3 file to appear. Then select "media:plugin" button from the "insert" menu.

A window will pop-up to help you select and insert the .mp3 file.

Once the file has been inserted you'll need to adjust the setting for the file. First select the file place holder (the puzzle piece) then use the "tag inspector - attributes" menu to adjust the settings.

To stop the file from automatically starting when the page loads select "false" for auto load. You can also align the file, loop it, and set other attributes related to the file.

When you preview your Web page in a Web browser (like Safari) the media player will appear on your page allowing the visitor to stop and start the .mp3 file.



EMBEDDING A VIDEO FILE

You can also add video files to your Web site. For video files it is suggested that you use the .mov format. Be sure to save the .mov file to your Web site folder before proceeding.

To embed the .mov file place your cursor where you would like the .mov file to appear. Then select "media:plugin" button from the "insert" menu.

A window will pop-up to help you select and insert the .mov file.

Once the file has been inserted you'll need to adjust the setting for the file. First select the file place holder (the puzzle piece) then use the "tag inspector - attributes" menu to adjust the settings.

You'll need to set the height and width of the place holder to match the height and width of your movie (expressed in pixels).

To stop the file from automatically starting when the page loads select "false" for auto load.

You can also align the file, loop it, and set other attributes related to the file.

When you preview your Web page in a Web browser (like Safari) the media player will appear on your page allowing the visitor to stop and start the .mov file.

