

Creating Links

Now that you have created a few eTravel pages they need to be combined so that a user can easily jump 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.

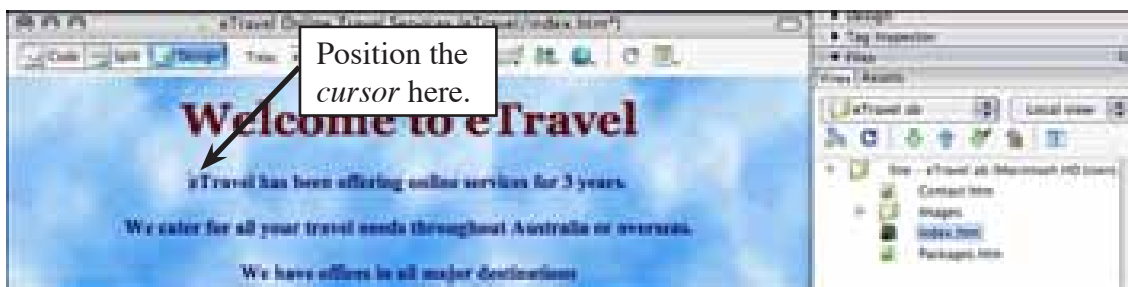
As you have probably seen from using web pages there are a large number of different ways of navigating around web pages using the links that have been created. In this chapter you will create links to different pages using text and graphics, create links on sections of an image (called a hotspot) and create links to scroll around the one page.

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.

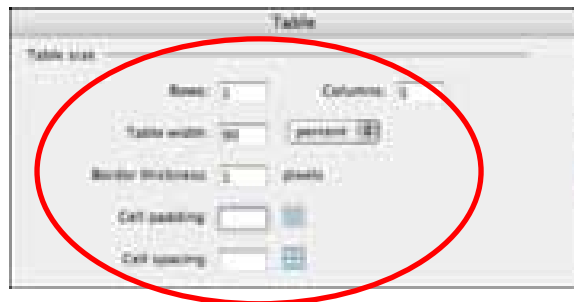
A Creating the Link Table

- 1 Load DreamWeaver MX 2004 or close the current page.
- 2 Check that the FILES panel is set to your eTRAVEL site then double click on the INDEX.HTM page to open that page.
- 3 Click on the HORIZONTAL RULE and delete it. The table will be inserted in its place.
- 4 Set the *cursor* at the beginning of the second line of text.

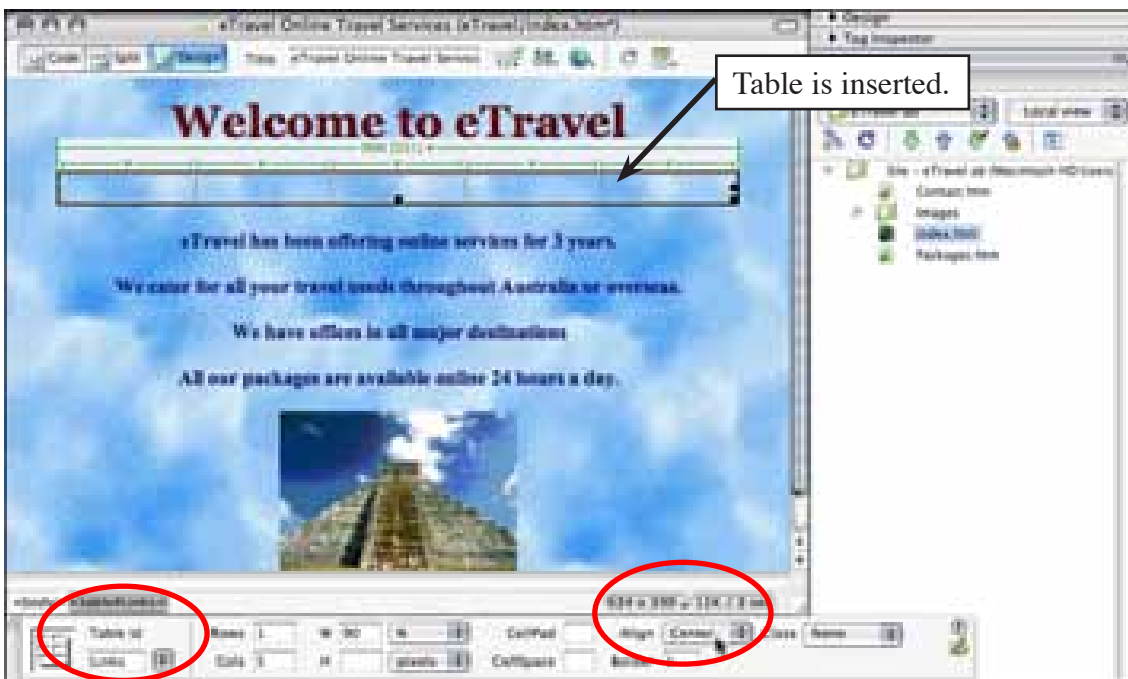


- 5 Click on the TABLE button in the COMMON tab of the INSERT BAR.

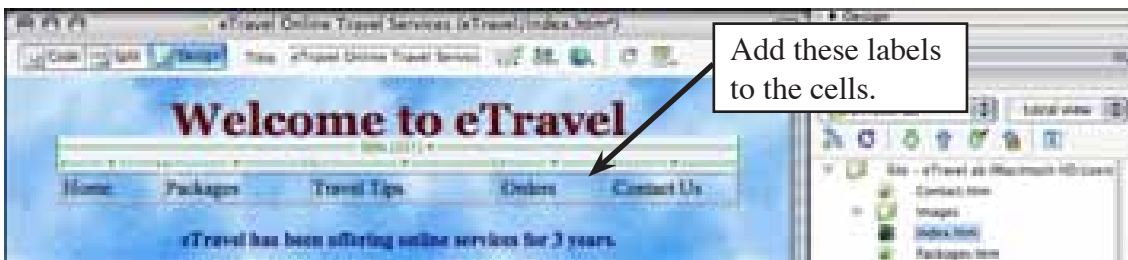
- 6 Set the table to have 1 ROW, 5 COLUMNS, a WIDTH of 90%, no CELL PADDING or CELL SPACING and a BORDER THICKNESS of 1 so that there is a thin border around the table cells.



- 7 Select OK to create the table and in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR set the TABLE ID to LINKS and the ALIGN to CENTRE.



- 8 Add the labels to the table cells shown in the following diagram.



B Formatting the Table

- 1 Move the *pointer* to the left of the table until it changes to a thick horizontal arrow ➡.
- 2 Click the mouse button and all the cells in the row should be selected.
- 3 In the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR set the FORMAT box to HEADING 4 and the ALIGNMENT to CENTRE.

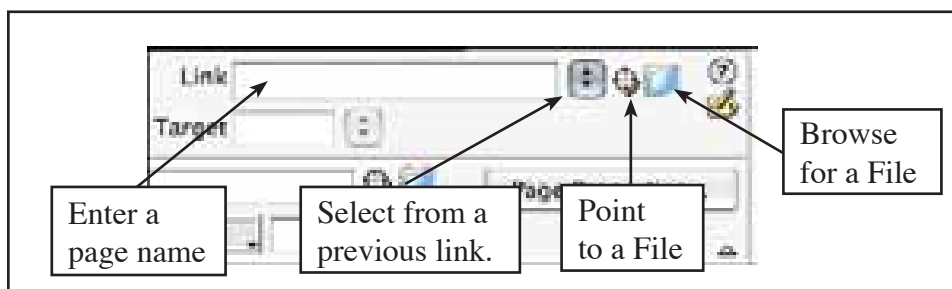


C Creating the Hyperlinks

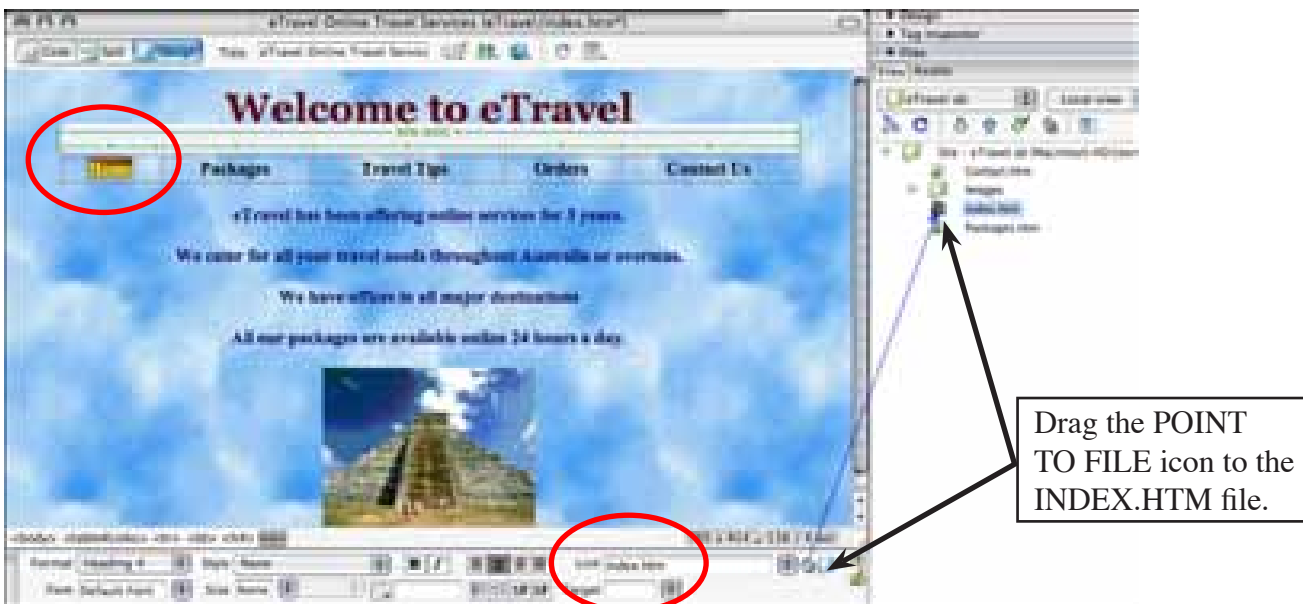
There are a number of ways to create hyperlinks to other pages. You can:

- 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 later is probably the easiest way. The following diagram describes the four link sections in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR.



- 1 The HOME text will be set to link to itself (INDEX.HTM) so that when the table is copied to other pages the link will take the user back to the index (or home) page. Highlight the HOME text in the table.
- 2 Move the *pointer* over the POINT TO FILE button in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR and drag it to the INDEX.HTM file in the FILES panel.



NB: Notice that the LINK box now displays the link INDEX.HTM

- 3 Highlight PACKAGES in the table and drag the POINT TO FILE icon over PACKAGES.HTM in the FILES panel.

