

Dreamweaver: Opening a New Browser Window

Opening a new browser window allows you to create a pop up window that can display a definition of a vocabulary term, answers to a question, an image or diagram of a term or even an enlargement of the image.

Step 1: Creating a Pop-up Text Message

1. First you must create what the pop-up URL will be. It can be an .htm page, .jpg image or even a .gif image.
2. For this activity we will create a new page (.htm page) that contains the definition of an astronaut.
3. Go to **File>New** and select to **create** a basic page.
4. Type in the following:

Astronaut

noun
a person who has been trained for traveling in spacecraft

|Close Window|

5. Highlight all the text and **change font size** and **style**. You may want to make the term larger.
6. Highlight the text **|Close Window|** and type **javascript:self.close ()** in the link field. This is the JavaScript to close the window.
7. Save the page as **astrodef.htm**

Step 2: Linking the Pop-up Message

1. Select the index.htm tab above the properties inspector box to open the main page. (Figure 1)
2. Highlight the title Astronauts at the top of the page.
3. In the link field of the properties inspector box insert a null link by typing in a # symbol. (Figure 1)

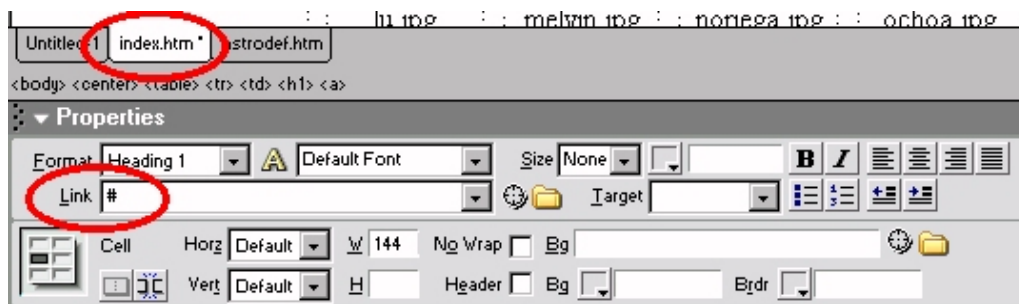


Figure 1

4. Place the insertion point in the word "Astronaut" and select the plus sign (+) button in the Behaviors panel to add a new behavior.
5. Select **Open Browser Window** from the list.

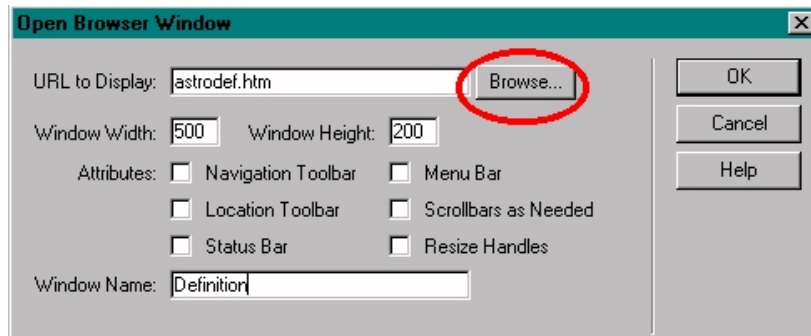


Figure 2

6. Click the **Browse** button and locate the **astrodef.htm** file. (Figure 2)
7. Type **500** for the width and **200** for window height.
8. Leave all the boxes unchecked for this exercise.
9. Type the word **Definition** in the Window Name field.
10. Click **OK**.
11. Save the index page by right clicking on the index.htm tab above the properties inspector box and select save.
12. Press **F12** to preview your work in the browser

Step 3: Creating a Pop-up to display a Larger View of an Image

1. Highlight **altman.jpg** (the first astronaut's name below the first thumbnail at the top of the page.)
2. In the link field of the properties inspector box insert a **null link** by typing in a **#** symbol.
3. Place the insertion point in the word "**altman.jpg**" and select the plus sign (+) button in the Behaviors panel to add a new behavior.
4. Select **Open Browser Window** from the list.
5. Click the **Browse** button and open the **images** folder for this site.
6. Locate the **altman_jpg.jpg** file and select it.
7. Type **400** for the width and **500** for window height.
8. Leave all the boxes unchecked for this exercise.
9. Type the word **Altman** in the Window Name field.
10. Click **OK**.
11. Save the index page by right clicking on the **index.htm** tab above the properties inspector box and select save.
12. Press **F12** to preview your work in the browser.