

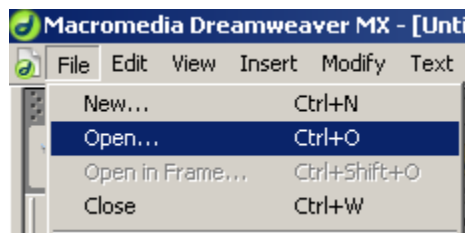
How to Create a Button Navigation Bar in Dreamweaver

The present tutorial focuses on how to create a button navigation bar by using Dreamweaver MX. To do so, it is recommended first to create the grid of the website under construction. Once you have an initial design for your page, follow the following steps:

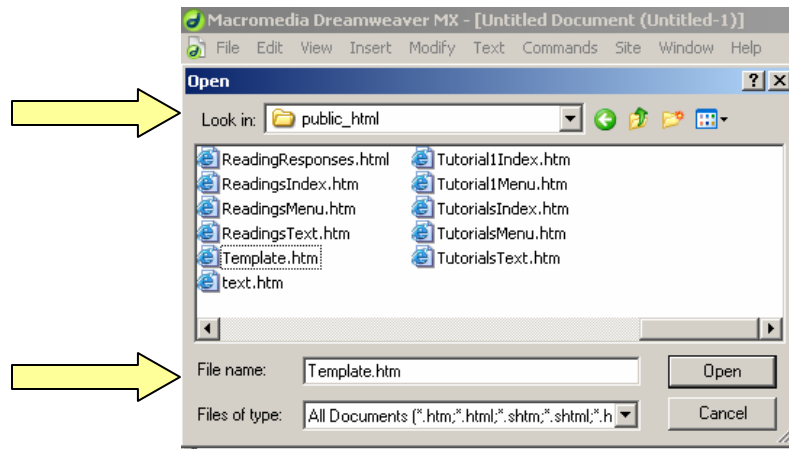
1. **Create the button images.** Use an image editor such as Adobe's Photoshop to create the images that will later serve as buttons (see Tutorial 1). At least three images are necessary for each button, and all three of them should be identical in all aspects but color wise, as they need to contrast from each other.



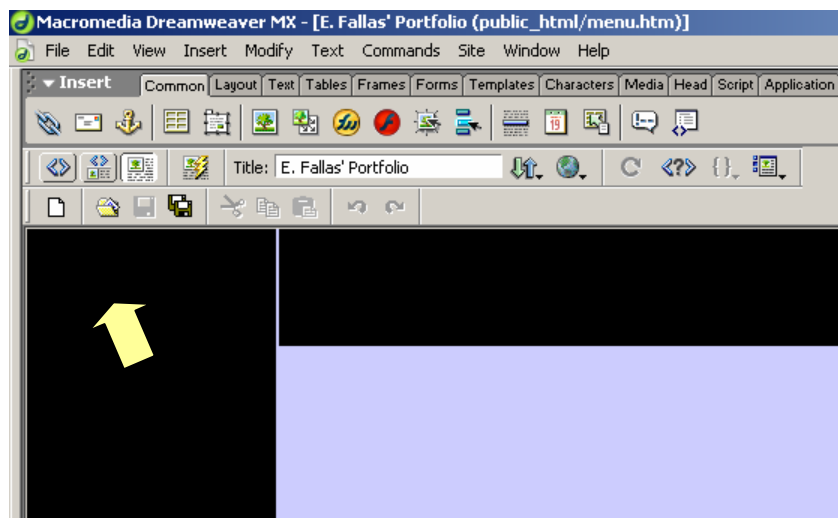
2. **Save the button images.** Careful naming will ease the process later on, especially if the navigation bar requires several buttons. When naming the images keep in mind their functionality: The first image of each button will appear as soon as the web site is open. This image was named "TutorialsUp.gif" would be appropriate. The second image will appear when the user poses the mouse over the image. This image was named "TutorialsOver.gif." The third image will appear after the button is clicked. This image was named "TutorialsDown.gif." For more detailed recommendations on saving buttons for the web see Tutorial 1.
3. **Start Dreamweaver.**
4. **Open the page** where the navigation bar will be created.
 - a. Click "File" from the menu bar in the upper left corner of the screen, and scroll down to "Open..." as shown in the image below:



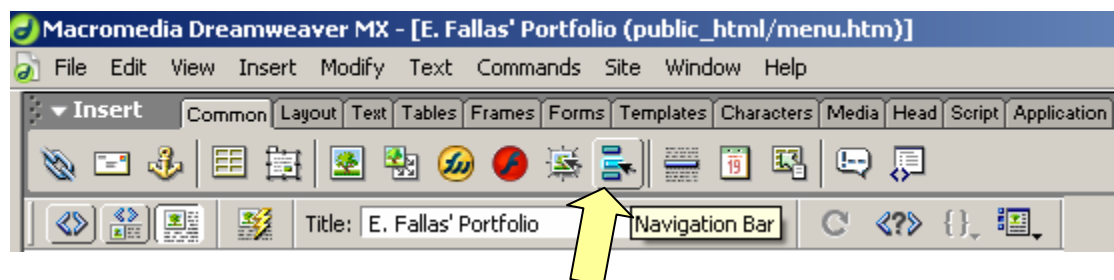
- b. A new screen will pop up. Use the “Look in” feature to browse for the file or type its name on the “File name” space as shown:



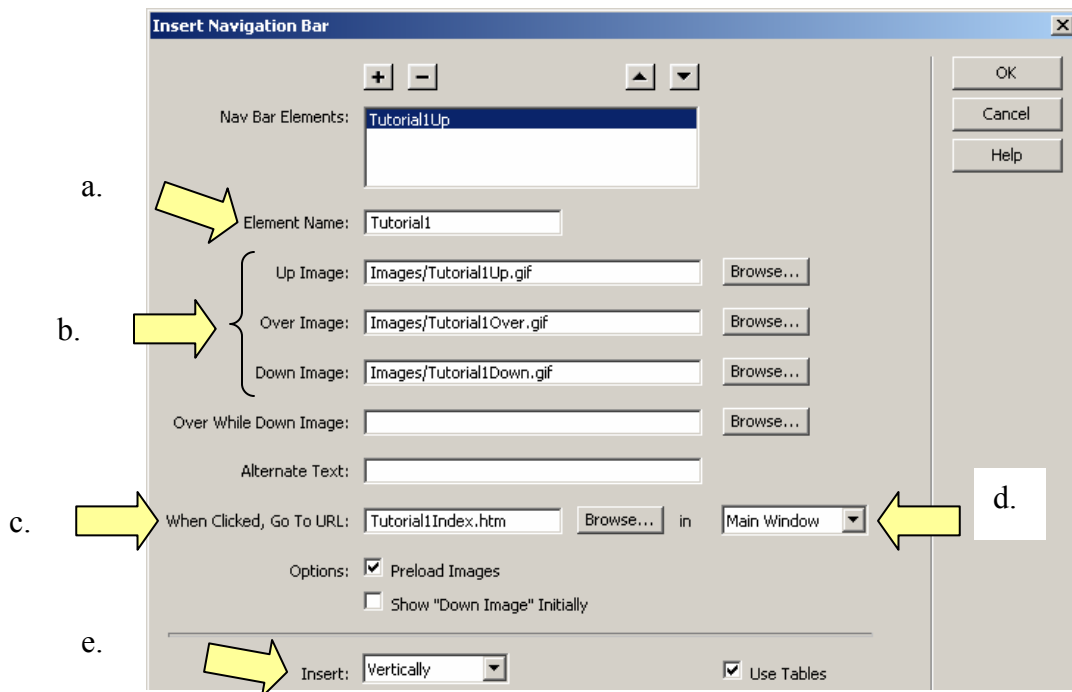
5. **Select the row, column, or frame** where the navigation bar will appear by positioning your cursor on the specific place.



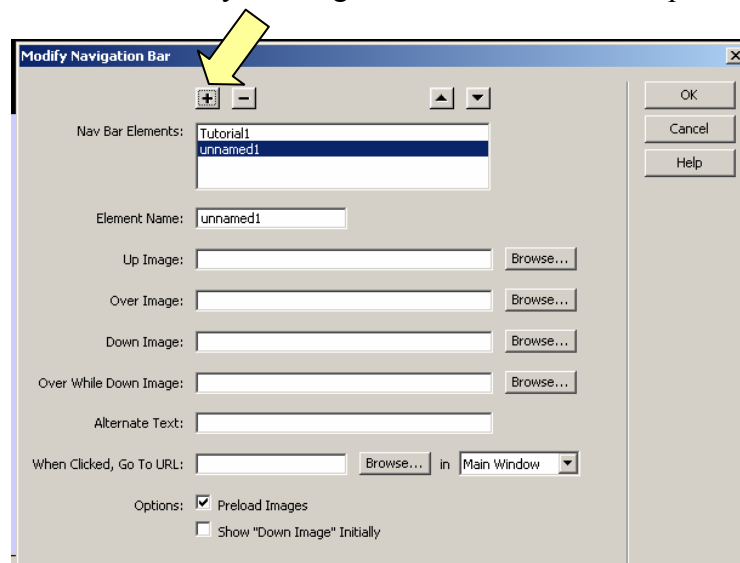
6. **Insert a navigation bar** by clicking on the “Navigation Bar” icon from the “Common” tab on the upper section of the screen:



7. **Define the functions and characteristics of the buttons in the navigation bar.**
 - a. A new screen will pop up. Fill out the blanks by first defining the name of the button.
 - b. Browse for the button's "Up," "Over," and "Down" images in that order.
 - c. Define the URL that the button will link to by browsing for the file from the "When Clicked, Go To URL" option.
 - d. Define if the URL to open should appear on the main window or on a specific frame within the current page.
 - e. Specify if the table will be positioned vertically or horizontally.



8. **Add another button** by clicking on the "+" icon. Then repeat step 7.



9. A navigation bar has been created. **Test its functionality** by clicking on the “Preview” icon as shown below:

