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We’ll start working by creating a folder to store our work in. We’ll open Fireworks and create a new image 760 x 480 pixels wide.
Inserting a button and editing the Up state

Fireworks has a button editor that allows you to create attractive navigation elements on your website. By editing the various button “states” you can make the button change appearance as the mouse moves over it.

1 Choose Insert → New Button
The button editor opens ready to create a new button.

2. Use the text tool to create the text of your button for the “up” state (you can also use the rectangle tools or other tools to make the design more interesting)
Editing the Over state

Now we will design the “over state” – how the button will look when someone moves their mouse over it.

1. Click the “Over” tab and click on “copy up graphic.”

2. Make small adjustments to the design for the over state, for example, changing the text color.
Linking the Button

The next step is to create a link from the button to a particular page of your website. For now we will just make a link to another website, e.g., http://www.google.com.

1. Choose on the "Active Area" tab and click on the Link Wizard then the Link tab.

2. Type in a website address such as http://www.google.com, as shown below.
Positioning the Button

Now close the button editor and move the link into position by dragging the button where you want it to appear on your page.

General Notes:

Preview: Choose File → Preview in Browser or hit F12

Active Area: This is the “hot spot” where the button will respond to the mouse. It is automatically set to the size of the button but can be varied.

Down and Over While Down: These are additional mouse states that you can design but they are not necessary.

Editing: To edit the button after you have closed the button editor, simply double-click on it and the button editor will reappear.

Linking: Once your design becomes part of a template and is incorporated into a website, you can go back and adjust the links to point to the right pages.
Creating multiple buttons (a navigation bar)

A navigation bar is just a group of buttons that link to the main sections of your website.

Right click on the button you created and choose Edit → Duplicate.

A copy of the button will appear. Drag it into the position you want.
Double click on the new button and click on “Current” to say that you only wish to edit this copy of the button.

Edit the text in the Up state. When asked if you want to edit the text in the other button states, say Yes.

Once you're done, close the button editor, move the button into position and repeat until you have created all your buttons.
Exporting your design

The next step is to export the HTML and the sliced up images.

Choose File → Export Preview → Export. Adjust the settings as shown below and Save:

Note: Make sure you are exporting the files to the folder you created at the beginning of the workshop. Being really organized now helps prevent confusion and errors later!
Bringing it into Dreamweaver

1. Open Dreamweaver by double-clicking on the icon on the desktop.

2. Save the Untitled document, to the same folder where you saved the fireworks HTML. Call it "dwlayout.htm"

3. Choose Insert Fireworks HTML from the Objects Window.

4. Browse to the HTML file you exported from Fireworks and click OK.

You can now optimize and adjust the design in Dreamweaver. At any time you can preview by hitting F12.