

Making a Web Page with Netscape Composer PC Version

Note: Inside Netscape, "Navigator" is the name of the browser. You use Navigator to look at web pages. You use **Composer** to create web pages. It is an HTML editor.

Organizing web pages into a website:

Before you start to make a web page, you should make a special folder (directory) for it. In this example, the name of the folder will be "webfolder."

Use lower case in the name of the folder, and don't have any spaces in the name.



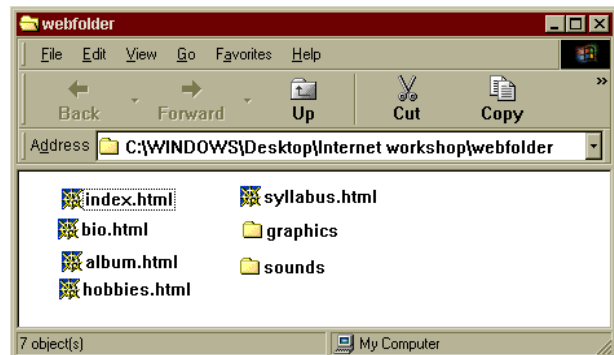
All of your related files (web pages, graphics, sounds) should go in this folder.

In a website with several pages, it is usual to designate one page as the "home page," which organizes everything and includes links to the other pages.

The home page is usually named "index.html" or "index.htm."

Note: On some servers, this page must be named "default.html."

Check with the ISP or webserver administrator to find out which name to give the home page.



Starting Composer:

Click on Window in the menu bar at the top. From this menu, select Composer.

Shortcut to start Composer: Type Ctrl + 4

A new page will automatically open.



Saving the document:

Click on Save from the top menu, or click on File and select Save...

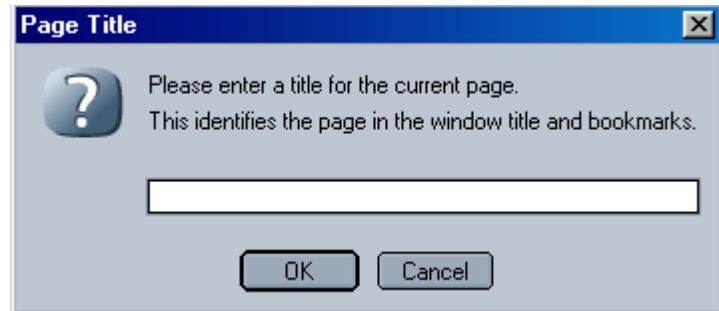
Short cut: Type Control + S



Enter a title for the page.

Note: This is NOT the same as the filename.

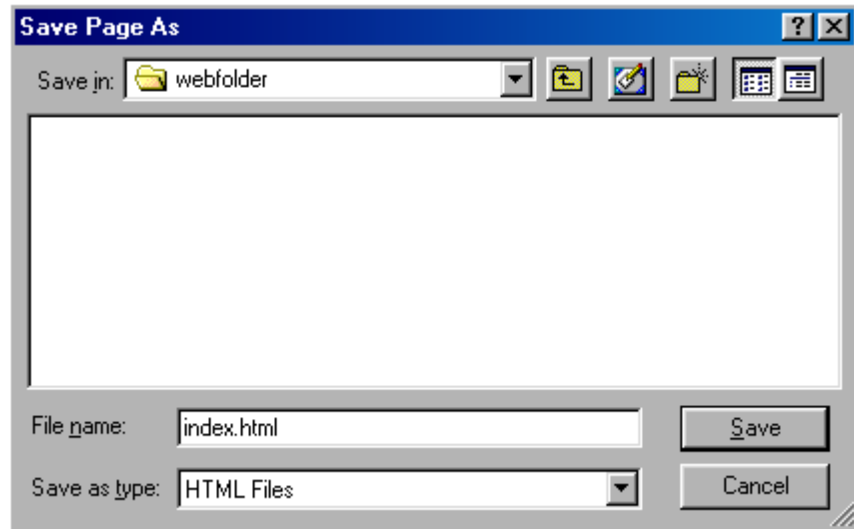
The title is the information that will appear at the top of the web page.



Type in the name of the file and click on Save.

The file name should end with ".html" (dot html) or ".htm" (dot htm).

Note: the name of the file should be all lower case. There should be no spaces in the title.



Entering text:

Type some text in the white space:



To change the text, select it and change its font and size as you would in a word processor



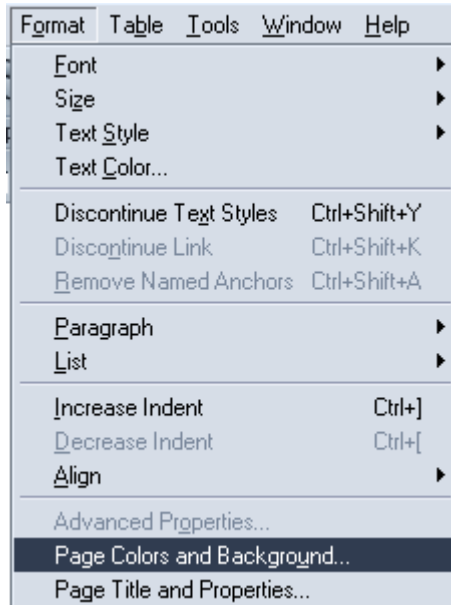
To center the text, select it and click on the Alignment icon.



Choose the icon for centering the text.

Changing the background color of the page:

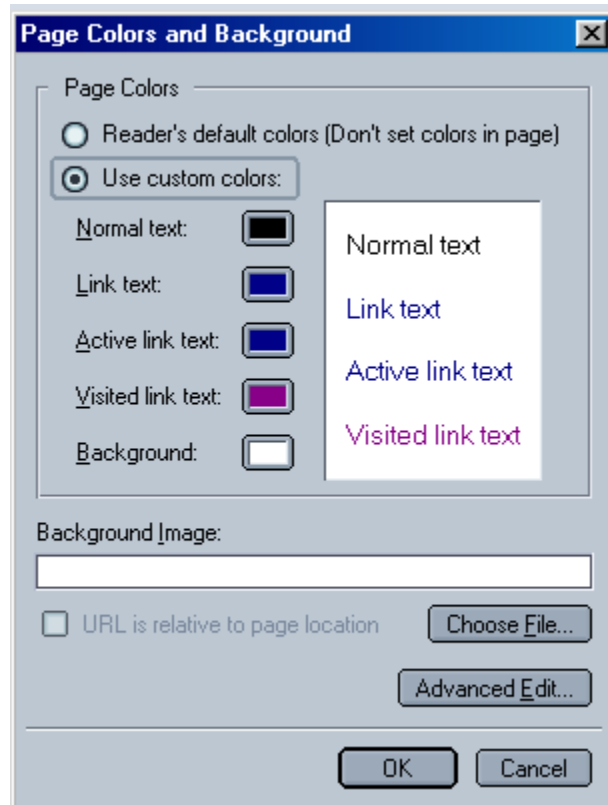
From the Format menu, select Page Colors and Properties.



Click on Use custom colors:

Click on the color corresponding to Background and choose another color.

Note: you can also click on other options here to change the text for normal links, active links, and visited links, but do this with caution! Always make sure that the text is still legible after making any changes.



Click OK when you are finished.

Adding a Hyperlink to a page external to your site:

Select the text that you want to link.

(The user will click on this text and be linked to a new location.)

Here are some links to interesting websites:

[Agora Language Marketplace](#)

[FLTeach](#)

[The Human Languages Page](#)

Click on Link in the menu bar.



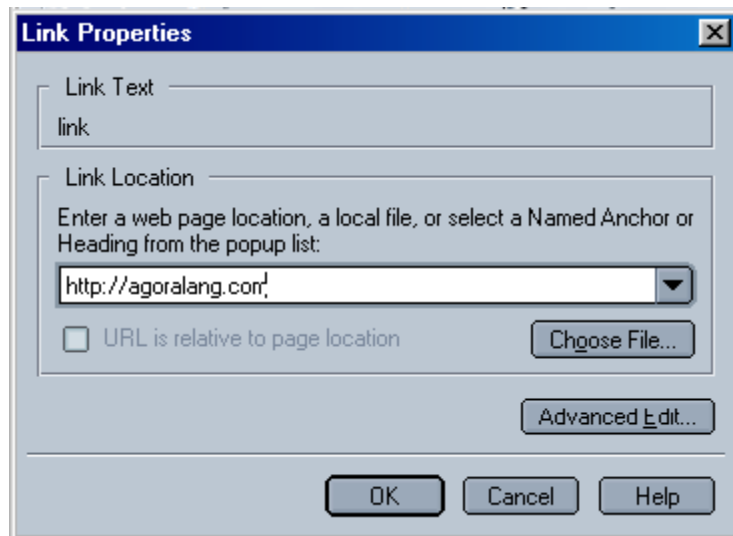
Short cut: Type Control + L

Type in the URL for the link.

Be very careful to type it correctly.

Copy and paste if you can.

Note: You MUST use the complete URL, including the http:// part.

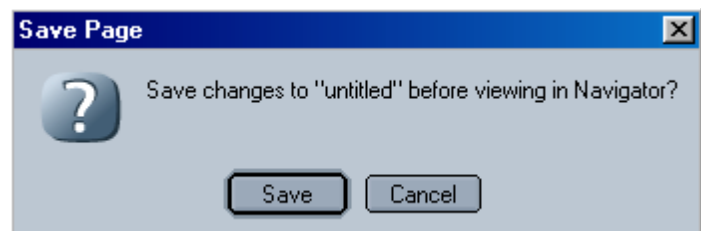


To try out the new link, click on Browse in the menu bar. Netscape



If you haven't saved your file since the last change, you will see this message.

Click on Save.

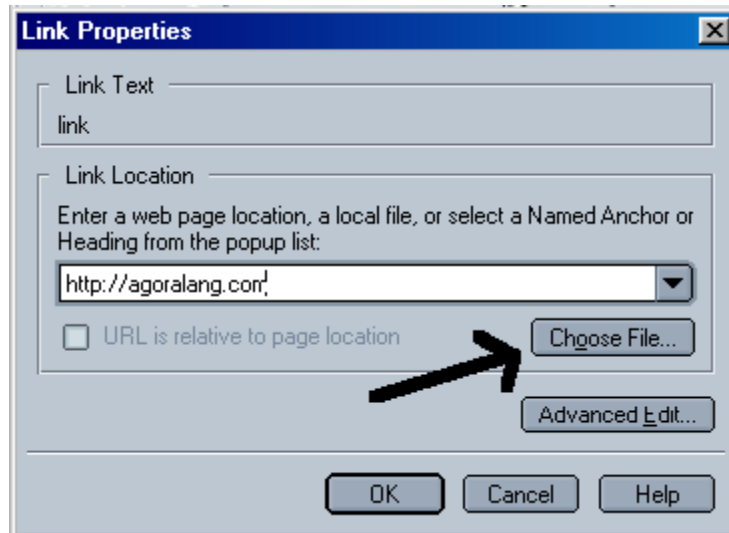


Navigator will come to the front. If your computer is connected to the Internet, you should be able to click on the new link and "go" to that webpage.

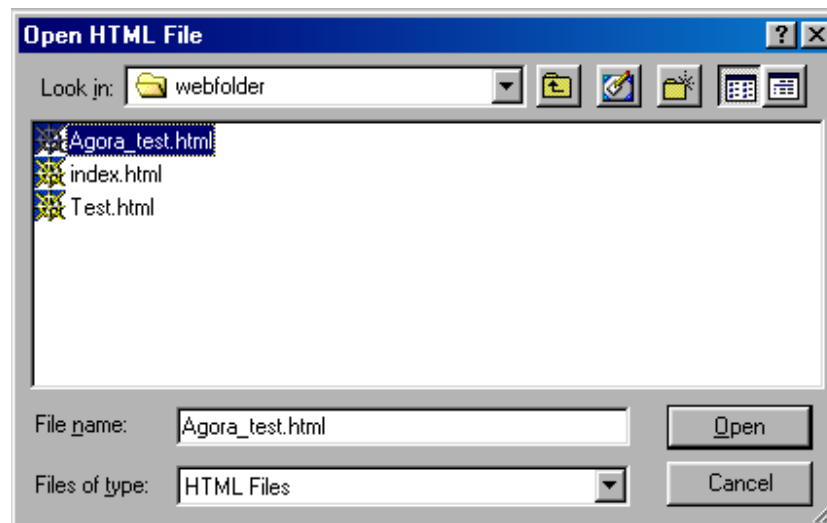
Linking to another web page in your folder (internal link):

As before, select the text to be linked and click on Link.

Click on Choose File.



Select the name of the desired file to link to and click on Open.



Removing a Link

If you want to remove a link, highlight the text as before and click on Link.

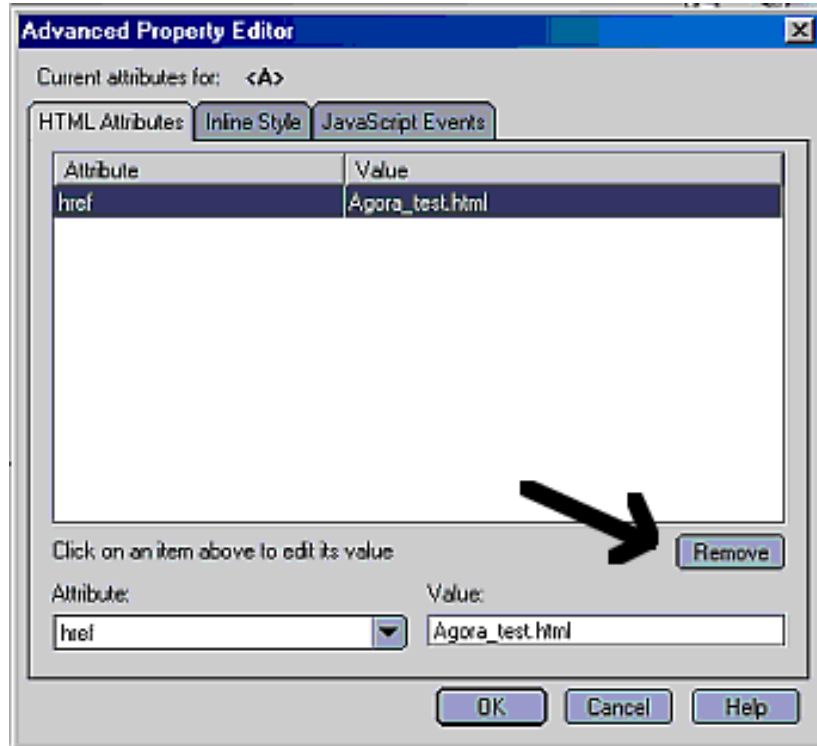


Click on the Advanced Edit button:

You will see the Advanced Property Editor.

Make sure that the URL or file to which you had previously linked is highlighted.

Then click on the Remove button and click on OK.

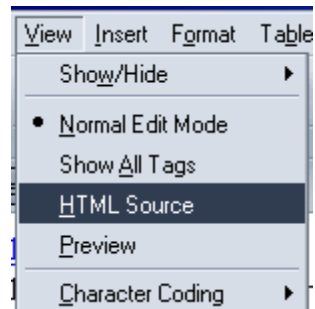


Looking at the HTML code

To see the HTML code that lies "under" your web page,

Go to the View menu and select HTML Source:

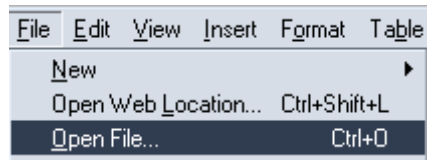
You will see the underlying HTML tags.



Opening an existing web page in Composer:

If you are in Netscape:

To open an HTML file (web page), click on the File menu and select Open File:

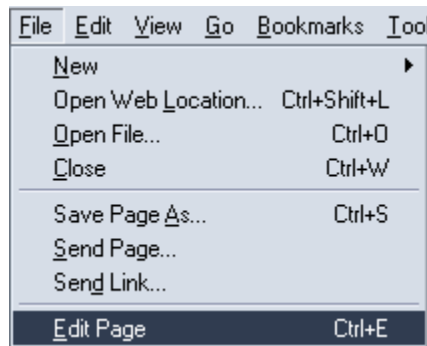


Short cut: Type Control + L

Navigate to the correct folder. Select the desired file and click Open.

You have opened the file, but you are still in Netscape.

To get to Composer, from the File menu, select Edit Page:



Short cut: Type Control + E

The page will be opened in Composer.

If you are already in Composer:

Click on the Open icon



Short cut: Type Control + O

Navigate to the correct folder. Select the desired file and click Open.

The page will be opened in Composer.