

Making a Web Page with Netscape Composer

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

File Management:

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.

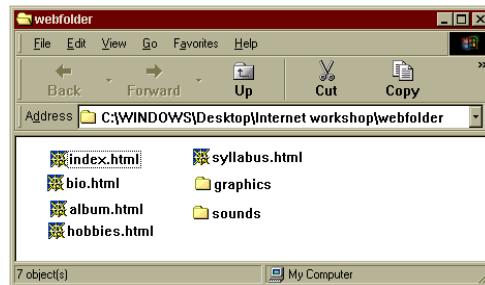
Organizing web pages into a website:

In a website with several pages, it is usual to designate one page as the "home page," which 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.



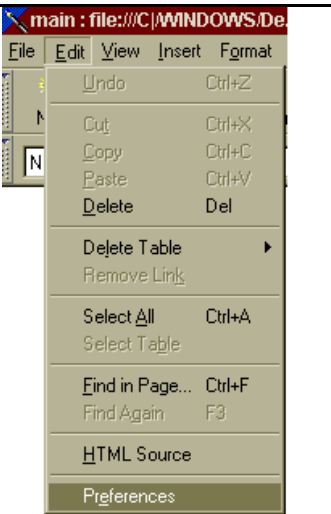
Getting started:

Start Netscape.

Before you create your page in Composer, there is a very important setting that you must check if you plan to include graphics on the page.

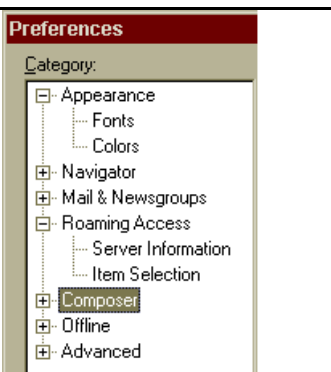
First, decide if you will organize your graphics in special folder inside your directory. If you have several graphics files, this is a good idea. If you plan to have only one graphic, a special folder is not necessary.

In the Edit menu, select Preferences:



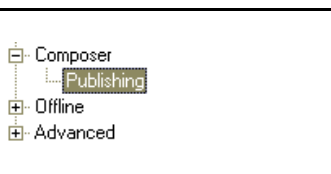
The screenshot shows a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Insert', and 'Format'. The 'Edit' menu is open, displaying the following items: 'Undo' (Ctrl+Z), 'Cut' (Ctrl+X), 'Copy' (Ctrl+C), 'Paste' (Ctrl+V), 'Delete' (Del), 'Delete Table' (with a right-pointing arrow), 'Remove Link', 'Select All' (Ctrl+A), 'Select Table', 'Find in Page...' (Ctrl+F), 'Find Again' (F3), 'HTML Source', and 'Preferences' (highlighted).

Find Composer in the list of categories.
Click on the plus sign to the left of Composer.



The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' dialog box with a 'Category:' list. The list includes: 'Appearance' (expanded to show 'Fonts' and 'Colors'), 'Navigator', 'Mail & Newsgroups', 'Roaming Access' (expanded to show 'Server Information' and 'Item Selection'), 'Composer' (selected and highlighted), 'Offline', and 'Advanced'.

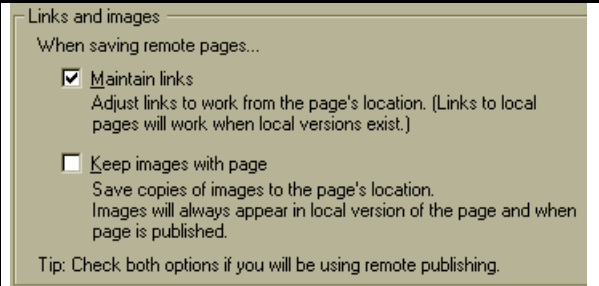
Click on Publishing.



The screenshot shows the 'Composer' category expanded in the 'Preferences' dialog box. The 'Publishing' sub-category is selected and highlighted.

If your graphics files will be in a folder separate from your web page, de-select "Keep images with page," i.e., make sure that this option is NOT selected.

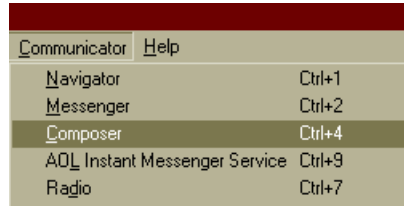
Then click on OK.



Starting Communicator:

Select Communicator in the menu bar at the top.

From this menu, select Composer.



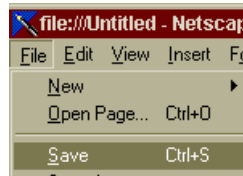
Shortcut to start Composer: Type Ctrl + 4

A new page will automatically open.

Saving the document:

Click on File and select Save...

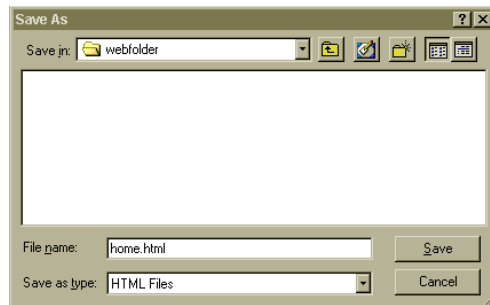
Short cut: Type Cntrl + S



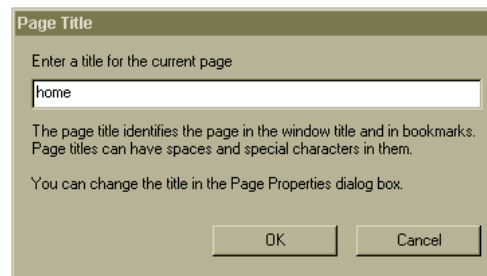
Type in the name of the file and click on Save.

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.

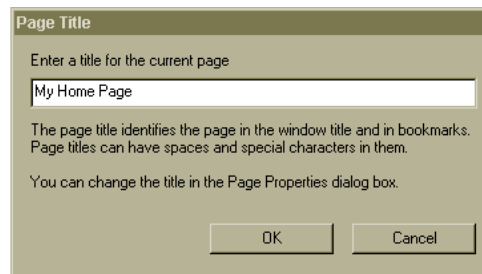


This dialog box will come up:



Enter a title for the page.

This title will appear at the top of the page when people see it in Netscape.



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



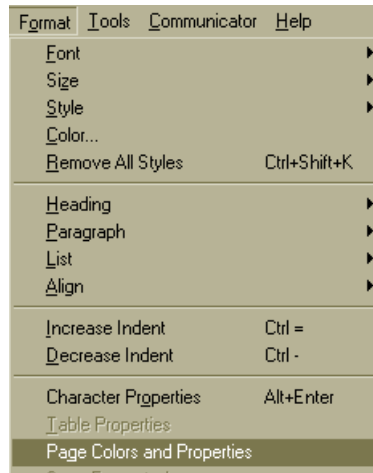
To center the text, select it and click on the Alignment icon.

Choose the icon for centering the text.

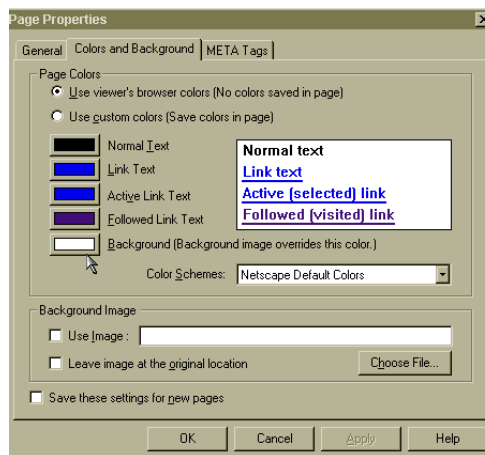


Changing the background color of the page:

From the Format menu, select Page Colors and Properties.



Click on the square to the left of Background:

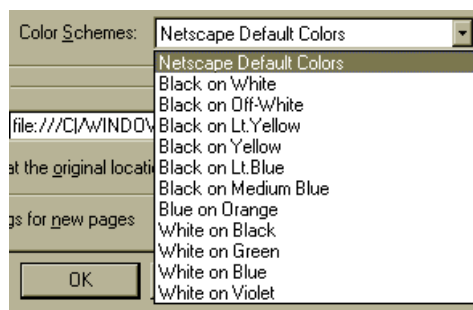


Click on one of the colors, or click on Other for a wider choice.

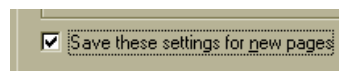


Note: you can also click on other options here to change the text for normal links, active links, and followed (already visited) links, but do this with caution! Always make sure that the text is still legible after making any changes.

Check out the options under Color Schemes.



If you plan to make several pages with the same color scheme, click on Save these settings for new pages in the lower left-hand corner of this box.



Click OK when you are finished.

Adding a Hyperlink:

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](#)

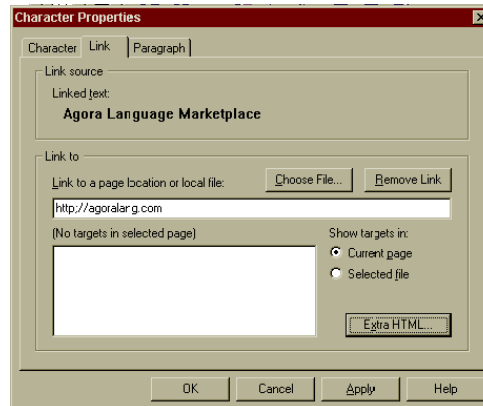
Click on Link in the menu bar.



Type in the URL for the link.

Be very careful to type it correctly.

Copy and paste if you can.

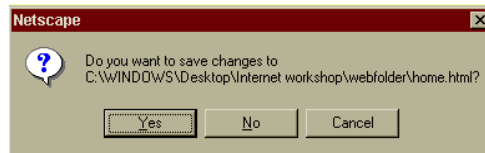


To try out the new link, click on Preview in the menu bar. Netscape



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

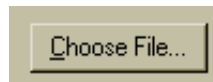
Click on Yes.



Netscape will come to the front. If your computer is connected to the Internet, you should be able to click on the new link.

Linking to another web page in your folder:

If you want to link to another web page in your folder, click on Choose File.

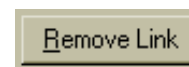


Select the name of the desired file to link to and click on Open.



Removing a Link

If you want to remove a link, click on Remove Link.



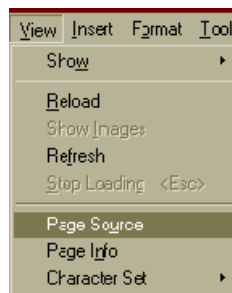
Note: You can also remove a link by selecting the text and then selecting Remove Link from the Edit menu.

Looking at the HTML code

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

Go to the View menu and select Page Source:

You will see the underlying HTML tags.



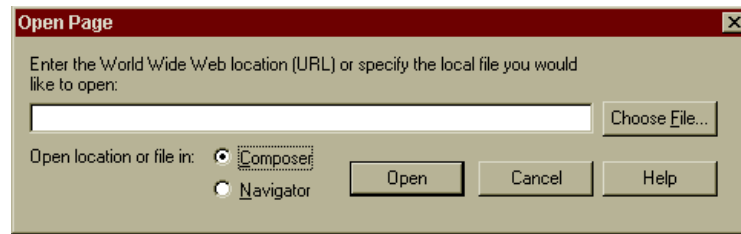
Opening an existing web page in Composer:

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



Click on
Composer.

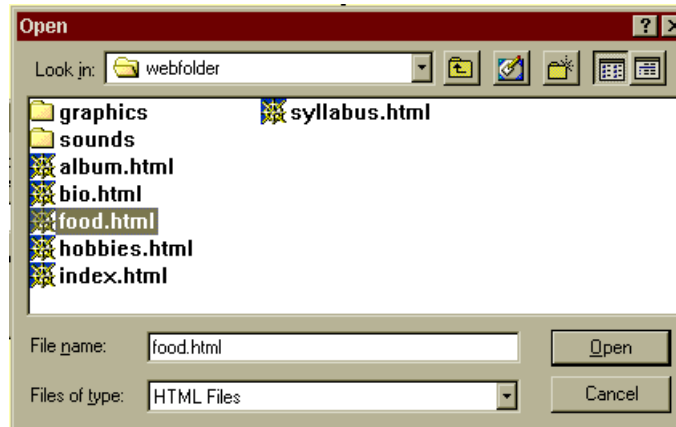
Click on
Choose File:



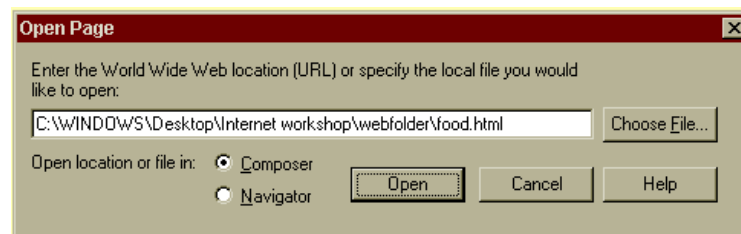
Navigate to the correct
folder.

Select the desired file and
click Open.

Short cut: Double-click on
the file.



Click on
Open:



The page will be opened in Composer.