

What are image maps?

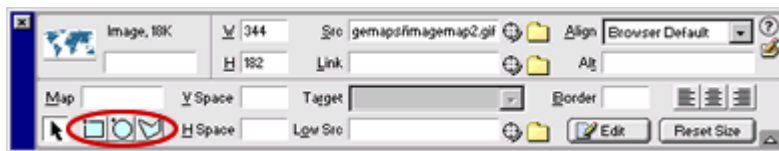
An image map is an image that has been divided into regions, or "hotspots"; when a hotspot is clicked an action occurs, for example a new file opens. All the links are in one image which are linked to different pages.



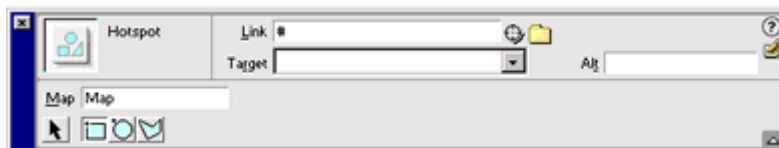
You can also make circular links and polygon links as shown below

Steps to creating an image map in Dreamweaver

1. Select the image on which you would like to make multiple links. Click on the rectangular hotspot tool found in the Properties Inspector. Select the rectangle tool and drag the pointer over the image to create a rectangular hotspot. You can also choose the oval or polygon hotspot tool to make an oval or polygon selection.



2. In the hotspot Property inspector's Link field, click the folder icon to browse to the file you want opened when the hotspot is clicked. Alternatively, type the file name.



3. Repeat the above steps to define additional hotspots in the image map.

Step by step exercise. Creating an image map


Objective.

To Practice the operations used to **create an image map**.

1 You need to open Dreamweaver in order to perform the exercise.

2 If the **Properties inspector** doesn't show up, open it through the **Window** menu, and then the **Properties** option.

6 Select the image by clicking on it.

7 If the **Properties inspector** doesn't show up completely, click on the  button to unfold its advanced properties.

8 Click on the **Interactive polygonal zone tool**  button of the **Properties inspector**.

9 Click, clockwise, around the selected image shape until surround it completely.

10 Click on the **Interactive zone leader tool**  button of the **Properties inspector**, to delimit the map.

11 Click on the **Interactive polygonal zone tool**  button of the **Properties inspector**.

12 Click, clockwise, around the selected image shape until enclose it completely.

13 Click on the **Interactive zone leader tool**  of the **Properties inspector**.

14 Click on the dog's map.

15 In the **Link** option of the **Properties inspector** - write **webpagename.htm**.

16 Click on the cat's map.

17 In the **Link** option of the **Properties inspector** - write another_ **webpagename.htm**.

18 Click outside of the text to deselect it and in this way to apply the last change.

19 Press **F12** to see the result on your browser. Verify that when you put the mouse over the selected image parts the link to **a web page** appears in the status bar, and when you place it on another image part it shows you the link to **another web page**.

20 Close the browser window

21 Click on the **Save**  button of the standard toolbar.