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**Rollover Menus in Photoshop**

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| **1**. In Photoshop, create an image of your menu with the background on one layer (or transparent) and all text on another layer | |
|  | **A**. Choose File > New  **B**. In the “New” document Window, make the dimensions the size and shape of your menu, and set the “Background Contents” to a color or transparency  **C**. On a new layer, type in your menu of links  **D**. Select all the text by dragging diagonally with the Type Tool cursor  **E**. Open the Character Palette (Window > Character) and adjust the line and character space (a.k.a., the leading and the kerning)  **F.** Crop the image as desired: use the Marquee tool to select and then choose Image > Crop.  **G.** On the layer containing the type for the links, select all the links  **H**. In the Properties Palette at the top, you should see the properties of the selected type in the document  **I**. Open the Color Picker (small box on the right) from the Properties Palette, and select a color for the links  **J**. After selecting the color, click OK |
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| **2**. Slice each link into a separate button, adjusting the borders to tighten the slices | |
|  | **A**. From the Tool Palette, choose the Slice Tool (Quick Command: “c” or “k” depending on your version of PS)  **B**. Drag diagonally across the first link to create a slice. Try to slice all the way from the corner to the opposite side to include the entire width of the image.  **C**. Follow the same process to slice remaining link areas |

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| **3**. Enter URLs for each sliced link | |
|  | **A**. From the Tool Palette, choose the Slice Selection Tool  **B**. Double-click with the tool on the first slice and, in the Slice Options Window, type in a name for the slice (same as the text except always just one word) and the file name, URL, or path of the destination page in your web site.  **C**. Follow the same process for the remaining slices |

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| **4**. Choose to “Save for Web and Devices” the entire menu as “HTML and Images” to the top level of the project folder (Photoshop will automatically create an “images” subfolder) | |
|  | **A**. Choose File > Save for Web and Devices  **B**. In the “Save for Web and Devices” Window, choose file format and quality (note that you’ll need to choose .gif or .png format to maintain any transparency)  **C**. Click “Save”  **D**. In the “Save Optimized As”Window that appears, find the drop-down menu Format and select “HTML and Images.”  **E**. Be sure that the next two menus are set for “Default Settings” and “All Slices”  **F**. Save the file as “menu.html” in the top level of your project’s folder |

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| **5**. In Dreamweaver, rename the images folder and open the HTML file | |
|  | **A**. In Dreamweaver, be sure you have your “www” site selected (or imported)  **B**. In the Files Panel, find the project folder and change the name of the “images” folder (created by Photoshop in the last step) to “menu\_images”  **C**. When prompted, say yes to “update links”  **D**. Open the page “menu.html” |

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| **6**. In Photoshop, change the link text to the roll-over color | |
|  | A. In Photoshop’s Tool Palette, choose the Type Tool  B. On the layer containing the type for the links, select all the links  C. In the Properties Palette at the top, you should see the properties of the selected type in the document  D. Open the Color Picker (small box on the right) from the Properties Palette, and select a new color for the roll-over state  E. After selecting the color, click OK |

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| **7**. Choose to “Save for Web and Devices” *just* the images of the roll-over-state buttons . Save them into a subfolder called “over” inside of the image folder where the link button images are saved. | |
|  | A. Choose File > Save for Web and Devices  B. In the “Save for Web and Devices” Window, choose file format and quality (note that you’ll need to choose .gif or .png format to maintain any transparency)  C. Click “Save”  D. In the “Save Optimized As” Window, find the drop-down menu Format and select “Images Only.”  E. Next to “Settings,” find the drop-down menu and select “Other”  F. In the “Output Settings” Window that appears, be sure the menu just below “Settings” is showing the options for “Saving Files”  G. Deselect the checkbox for “Put images in folder”  H. Click OK  I. In the “Save Optimized As” Window, navigate if necessary to the inside of the “menu-images” folder  K. Click the “New Folder” button at the bottom left to create a new folder called “over” inside the “menu\_images” folder  K. Click “Save” |

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| **8**. In Dreamweaver, add the “Swap Image” behavior to each button | |
|  | A. In the document “menu.html,” be sure the Behaviors Panel is available by choosing Window > Behaviors  B. Select the first link image and take note of the file name.  C. Click the Behaviors tab from the set of panels and tabs of the upper right  D. Click the + button to see the possible behaviors and choose “Swap Image”  E. In the “Swap Image” Window that appears, click the Browse button next to “Set Source” and navigate to the corresponding image file name inside the “over” folder.  F. Follow the same process for each of the link images  G. Save the page (command+s) |

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| **10**. Test the menu and then copy it into another page also saved at the top level of your project folder | |
|  | A. In a web browser, choose to open the file “menu.html” and test the roll-overs and the links.  B. In Dreamweaver, select the entire table containing the set of links (Hint: click anywhere inside the table and then, in the Tag Inspector at the bottom left, select the <table…> tag)  C. Hit command+c to copy  D. Open a page of your project from the top level of the project’s folder (same level as “menu.html.”  E. Click the cursor where on the page you want the menu to appear (ideally in a table cell or div), and paste in the table of links (command+v)  F. To exactly position the menu, create and apply CSS rules to that containing table cell or div, or to the menu table itself. |