

How to create rollover images

A *rollover* is an image that changes when the pointer moves across it. A rollover actually consists of two images: the *primary image* (the image displayed when the page first loads) and the *rollover image* (the image that appears when the pointer moves over the primary image).

Rollover images add highlighting or design effects by drawing viewer attention when the images are swapped. One example is a button that highlights or changes color when the pointer passes over it.

Creating a rollover image

You create a rollover image by inserting it from the Insert panel and then setting options in the Insert Rollover Image dialog box.

To create a rollover image:

1. Open Adobe Dreamweaver CS5 and open the document in which you want to create a rollover image.
2. Make sure the Common category is selected in the Insert panel. Click the down arrow on the Images button and select Rollover Image from the pop-up menu (**Figure 1**).

The Insert Rollover Image dialog box opens (**Figure 2**).

3. Use the Insert Rollover Image dialog box to set up your rollover:

- *Image Name*: Type a name for the rollover image.
- *Original Image*: Click Browse and select the image to be displayed when the page loads.
- *Rollover Image*: Click Browse and select the image to be displayed when the pointer rolls over the original image.
- *Alternate Text*: Type the text you want to appear as alternate text for the image.
- *When Clicked, Go To URL*: Click Browse and select the file (or type the path to the file) to be opened when the image is clicked.

4. Click OK to close the dialog box.
5. Save the page.
6. Select File > Preview In Browser and select a browser from the submenu to preview the rollover image and test the link.

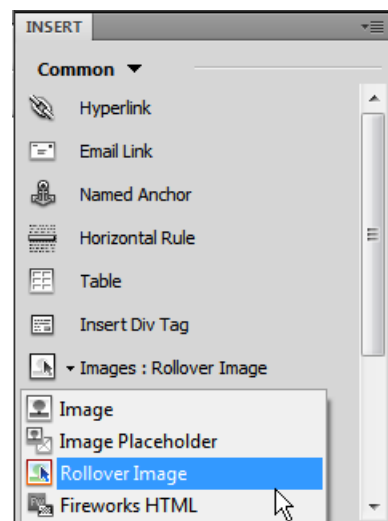


Figure 1 Images pop-up menu

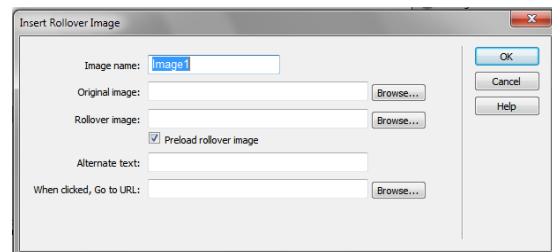


Figure 2 Insert Rollover Image dialog box