



Web Page Design Using Netscape Composer

Creating a Page

1. Open the Netscape Program – then click on the **Communicator** drop menu and select **Composer**.
2. Now click on the **Format** drop menu and choose Page Colors and Properties.
3. Click in the white box before the word **Background**. A window will open and you can then choose a color for the background of your web page. Click on a color to choose it.
4. Choose the Times New Roman font (you can choose other fonts if you wish).
5. Set the size of font to 36, and color of font to your choice. Select **BOLD** if you wish.
6. Set the alignment to center, then type in the name for your Web Page.

Marcia's Web Page

(You can change the fonts, colors, etc. as you wish)

7. Select **File - Save – As**, Maneuver to the drive where you want to save this. Use **index** as your file name. Click **SAVE**.
8. You can insert Horizontal lines above and below your title if you wish. The line tool is in the Composer toolbar.
9. Now create a table (click on the Table button on the Composer toolbar) with three rows and 2 columns. Your table will be centered by clicking the center radial button.
10. Change the table width to 80%. If you want to you may also change your table background border here. Click OK when you are done. To go back into this you Right-Click on the Table and choose Table Properties.
11. To Add or Delete Rows you can Right Click on the Table and choose Insert or Delete – then you get the choice of Rows or Columns.
12. Click the Save button on your toolbar and it will save your updated file.
13. Type the names of your other pages (subject areas) in the table cells.
14. Now you repeat part of this process to create a new file for any of the additional pages you wish to create, possibly one for Homework, or each subject area. (Math, Language Arts, etc.) While in Composer, select File-New-Blank Page
15. Complete steps 4-9 and when you save the file, give the page the title of your choice (Math, Science, etc.).

If you have text that you've written in another program and you'd like to use in your web page, you can open that text file in the word processing program you used, copy it and then paste it into your web page.

Next Step is **Creating Links from your Home Page to your Other Pages.**

1. Open your index.htm file.
2. Highlight an item in your table (one of the subject areas, Math...)
3. Click on the link tool on your toolbar.
4. A dialogue box opens asking you to *Link to file or Url*. Click on the **Choose File** button.
5. Maneuver to the drive where you've saved your pages, then highlight the name of the composer file that corresponds to your first item, (*Math*). Highlight that file and click OK. This creates a link from your home page (index.htm) to this page.

You need to repeat this process for each of your pages.

Adding website links to your topic pages.

You can also add links to websites from any of your pages. For example if your students have been studying Anne Frank, then you might want to put add a link to a website with more information about this topic.

1. Open your topic page. (Social Studies)
2. Type in the name of a topic that you want to link to a website, for example *Italy* - if your traveling article is about Italy you could link to a site about traveling in Italy.
3. Highlight the word Italy, then click on the *Insert Hyperlink* button on your toolbar.
4. Where it says *Link to file or Url* type in the URL of that website. (For example the a site for Italy is **http://touritaly.org**. Then click OK. It will turn your topic word (Italy) into a hyperlink. The size of writing will change. You can highlight it later and change it to a larger font.
5. Frequently save your page as you are working.

How to open your web page

1. Open Netscape
2. Go to File – Open Page – Click on Choose File
3. Maneuver to the a:\ drive and your **index.htm** file, and click OPEN.
4. Test the links on your page. Click on each topic page to see if your link is working.
You can click the Back button on the Netscape toolbar to move back to your pages.

When you are in Composer you can also look at your web page in Navigator by clicking on the Preview button.

Suggestion: Add links on your topic pages back to your Home Page.