

Image Ready How-to: Slicing, linking and roll-overs



The *slices* tools in the tool palette – to select or create a slice, and the slices menu in the menubar.

The *slices palette* lets you assign a separate URL for each slice you create. Select the slice with the slice select tool.



Open **Image Ready**. Make a New Document (choose a web banner size from the New dialogue box) and create buttons, with each button a being a different layer.

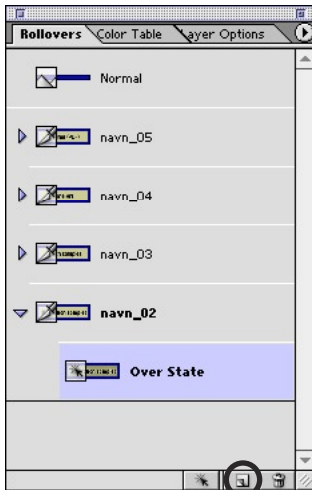
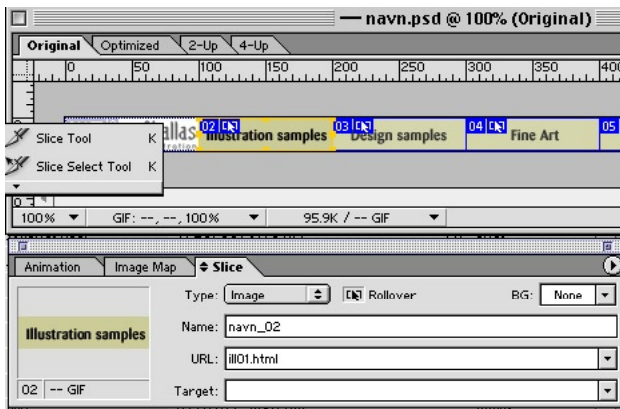
Select the **Slice** tool from the tool palette. Make a square marquee around each button to divide your images into slices. This splits your image into separate GIF files that can each point to a separate URL and have “rollover” button made from them.

Notice you can make a specific sized slice by specifying the size in the options bar for the slice tool (i.e. the exact height of your banner file... by say, 75 pixels wide.)

Select the **Slice Select** tool from the tool palette and select your slice #2.

Look at the **Slices Palette** (if not visible go to Window menu to **Show Slices**). Notice you can specify a URL for this slice. Choose a page to link to (use relative URL, in this example “illustration.htm”). Notice you can go to the Slices menu to delete or manipulate slices.

Use the **Slice Select** tool to go through and repeat this for each slice, specifying a different URL for each slice.

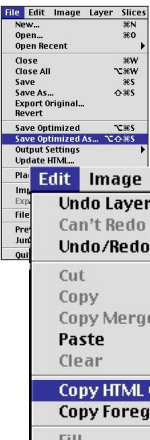
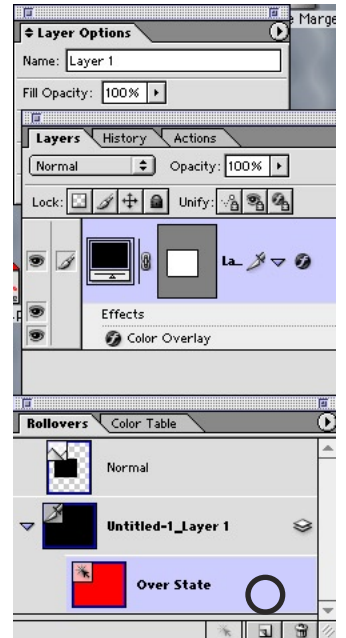


To create “rollovers”

With your slice 2 still selected, look at the **Rollovers** palette (if not visible go to Window to Show Rollovers). Click the **New State** button in the rollovers palette. This creates a new Layer-state called “over” meaning when the mouse rolls OVER it will change to this state.

Look at the **Layers palette** and add a layer effect to this **Over** layer-state. Click the little *f* symbol at the bottom of the palette and choose **Color Overlay** if it is the solid button color, or try an **Outer glow** or other effect for text roll-overs. (You just want to be sure the view can tell that the button has changed when they roll over it.)

You may change the OVER state to a mouse DOWN state and other rollover options by double-clicking on the state icon in the rollover palette.



To save the HTML code and GIF files for the web: First Save it as a .PSD file so that you can edit the layers later if you need to fix anything. Then, go to File to **Save Optimized...**

You can also go to **Edit/Copy HTML for ALL SLICES** and **Paste** it into your page code manually. Then go to **Edit/Copy HTML for PRELOADS for ALL slices** and Paste it into the **header** of your page code.



Clicking on the **Rollover State Options** with a state selected will let you change the kind of mouse action (mouse down, etc.)

Note the Rollover palette pull-down menu. From here, you can create, delete, and copy and paste rollover states.

Notice also the important check-able option at the bottom: “New layers visible in all states/frames.”