

## Creating A Hypertext Link

Here's how to create a link to another page. It's a set tag format like any of the others you have seen so far. Once you learn the format, you can make as many links as you want to any other page you want.

What is below would create a link to the Elgin Connects home page.

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<A HREF="http://www.elginconnects.ca">Click Here for Elgin  
Connects</A>
```

### Here's What's Happening

- **A** stands for **A**nchor. It begins the link to another page.
- **HREF** stands for **H**ypertext **R**EFerence. That's a nice, short way of saying to the browser, "This is where the link is going to go."
- **http://www.elginconnects.ca** is the FULL ADDRESS of the link. **Also notice** that the address has an equal sign in front of it and is enclosed in quotes. Why? Because it's an attribute of the Anchor tag, a command inside of a command.
- Where it reads "Click Here For Elgin Connects" is where you write the text you want to appear on the page. What is in that space will appear on the page for the viewer to click. So, write something that denotes the link.
- **/A** ends the entire link command.

Here's what will appear on the page using the command above...

[Click Here For Elgin Connects](http://www.elginconnects.ca)

Now, without clicking, simply lay your pointer on the words. You'll see the address of the link you created come up along the bottom of the browser window, down where it usually reads "Document Done".

If you would like to create a link to another page on your own site, the http:// is not necessary. You can do this easily by just replacing the URL (website address) with the name of the page on your site that you would like to link to. For example:

```
<A HREF="products.html">Click Here for our Products  
Page</A>
```

Try it! When you click on "Click Here for our Products Page", you will be directed to the page on your site called "products.html".

## Creating E-Mail Links From Your Page

This is what's known as a mailto: command. It follows the same coding scheme as the hypertext link above. What this format does is place blue wording on the screen that people can click to send you a piece of e-mail.

Here's the pattern:

**<A HREF="mailto:dawne@elginconnects.ca">Click Here To Write Me</A>**

Notice it's the same format as a link except in a link you write "mailto:" in place of the http:// and your e-mail address in place of the page address. Yes, you still need the </A> tag at the end. Please notice there is NO SPACE between the colon and the e-mail address.

Here's what you get using the "mailto:" command above:

**Click Here To Write Me**

Go ahead, click on it. You'll get an e-mail dialogue box addressed to me. Then you can write if you want. The same thing will work for you. Just place your e-mail address in place of mine following the format above. (Note: testing this may not work from a public computer)

Next, we will learn about placing images into our web sites.