

Auto Image Window Action 1.3

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This action will prevent you from having to build a separate page for every image you want to load into a pop-up window. Just build 1 template page and the appropriate image and title will be added on the fly by the action.

This action can be used with text links or image thumbnails. To view a working example of the script or to download a new copy in Mac or PC format, visit http://www.mindpalette.com/actions/natebaldwin/image_window/index.php

Here's how to install the action:

Decompress the ZIP or SIT file (use Stuffit Expander on Mac) and put it into a new folder named "MindPalette" (if you don't already have a MindPalette folder in your GoLive actions). Put the MindPalette folder into your GoLive actions folder, which you can find here on your computer:

(Main GoLive Folder) / Modules / JScripts / Actions

Here's how to use the action in your page:

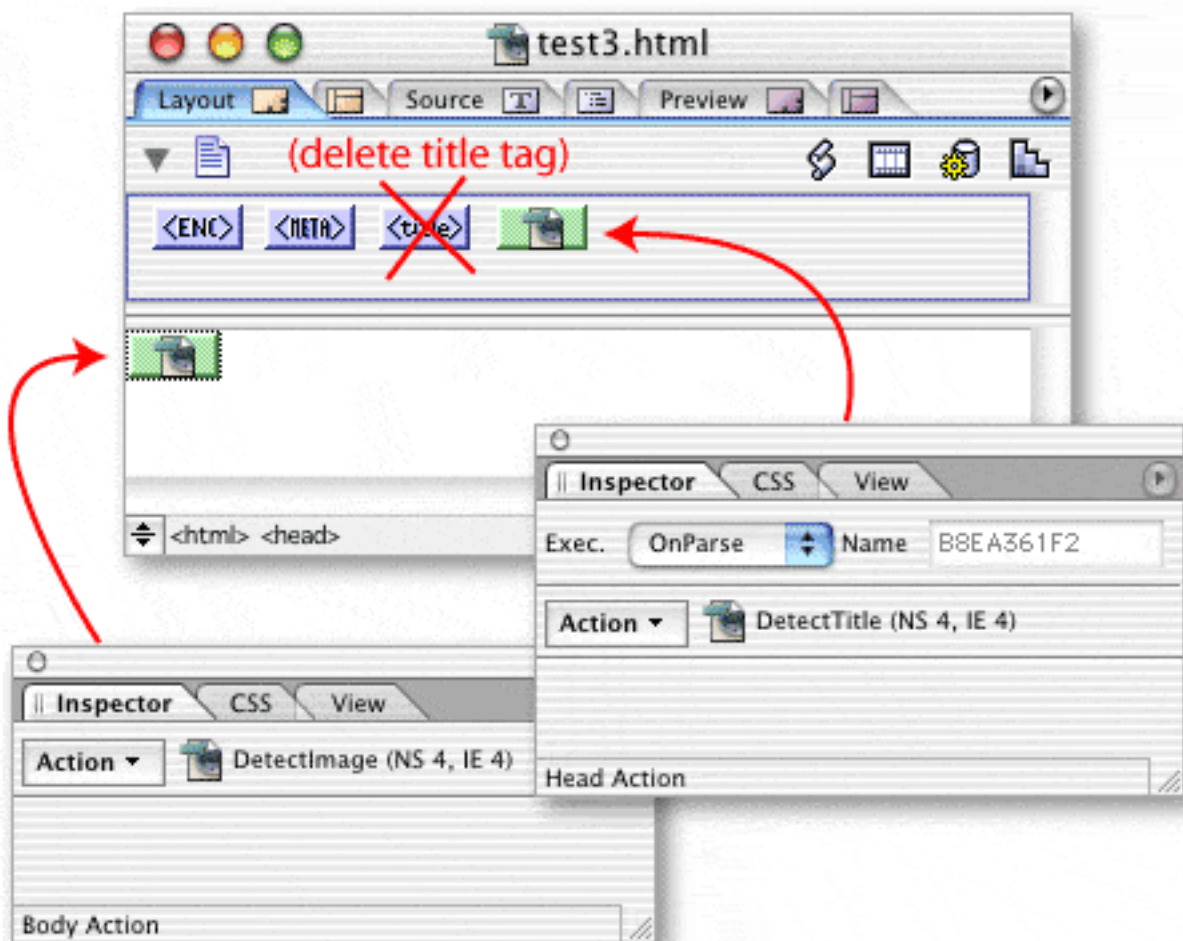
There are three separate actions involved in this process, but it's fairly easy to set up. The main action, "Image Window", will look similar to the Open Window action that comes with GoLive, except it adds a few options to determine the image and title.

First, we'll make the pop-up window template that all the different images and titles will be brought into. Create a new GoLive document, and first of all, select the page icon in the top left corner of the document, and in the Inspector, set the page top and side margins to 0. They are blank by default, and will need to be set to 0 to avoid unwanted borders.

If you want each page to have it's own title depending on which image is loaded (this is an optional feature), reveal the document head section (click the arrow by the page icon in top left corner) and drag in a head action from the "Smart" tab of the objects palette. Set the new action to "OnParse" as shown below and link to the Detect Title action. Be sure to delete the <title> tag that's in the head section by default, or else the browser will just display whichever comes first in the code. See the images on the next page for details.

IMPORTANT! Because of the way GoLive actions are set up with JavaScript, using apostrophes or single quotes in your titles will cause a script error. If you need to use an apostrophe or single quote, make sure you "escape" it which is easily done by adding a back-slash before it. For instance Hank's would become Hank\'s

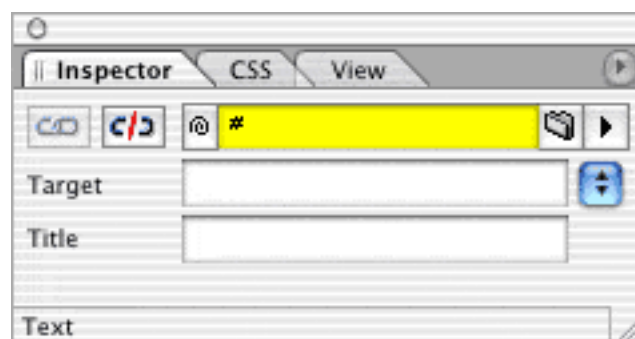
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Next you'll need to drag a body action (from the "Smart" tab of the objects palette) into you document body. Connect it to the "Detect Image" action as shown above. You can add any other tables, links or formatting to the page that you want. In the example links on this page, I've added a text link to close the window using the [Close Pop-up Action](#).

Now you should be finished with the pop-up template part. You **MUST** save that file into the same folder as the main page that opens the pop-ups, otherwise the image paths will be incorrect.

Now that we've made our pop-up page template, we just need to go to our main page with the text links or image thumbnails and set up the action that sends the information on which image and title to load. First make your text or image links that will be used to open the pop-up windows. Set the URL of the links to # as shown in the Inspector image below...



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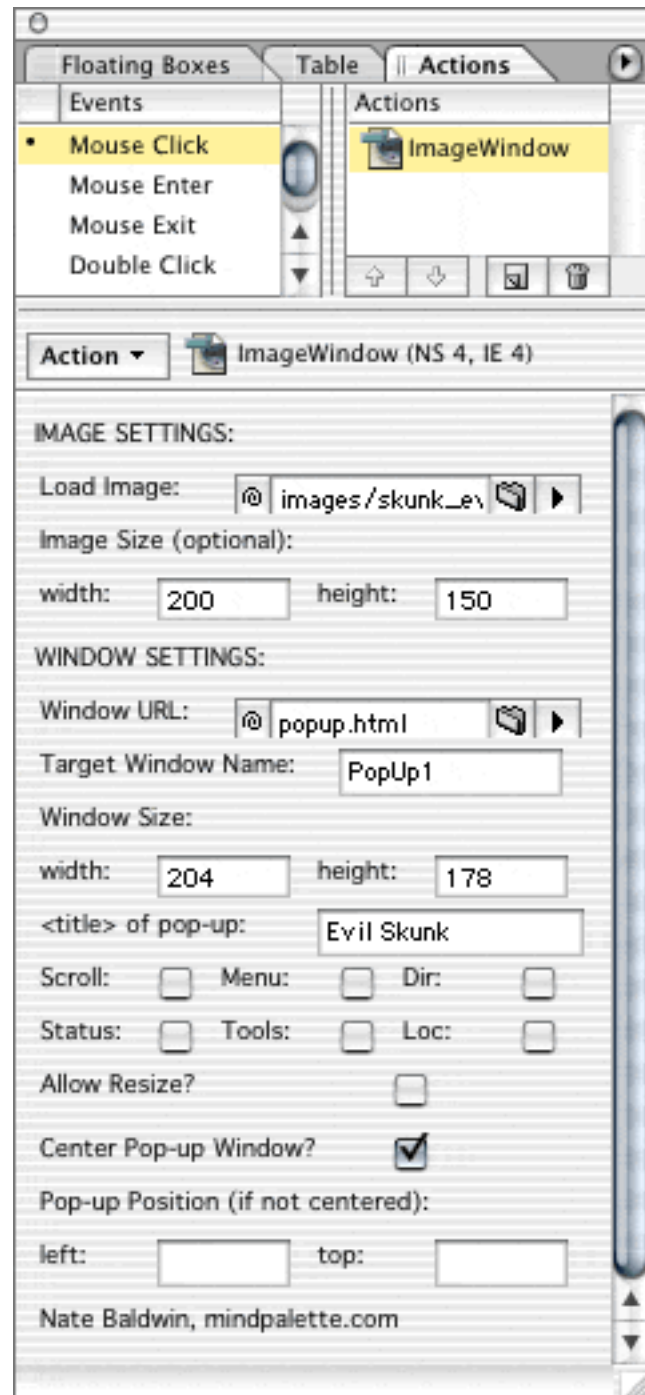
Select one of the links, and in the Actions palette, add a new action to "Mouse Click" and connect to the Image Window action.

Under Image Settings, link to the image you'd like to be shown in your pop-up window. Set the image size if you like, otherwise leave it at 0, and it will default to the pixel size of the image you link to.

Under Window Settings, just link to your "template" pop-up page, set the size of the new pop-up window, check any options you'd like it to include, and enter a pop-up <title> if you want a different title with each pop-up window.

The "Target Window Name" setting is different than the <title> and would be used if you want new pop-ups to replace the current one if old image windows are left open. If old windows are left opened and the new one has a unique name, it will open a new pop-up window instead of replace the previous one.

The pop-up can also be centered on the screen or positioned a certain number of pixels from the top and left edges.



HELPFUL TIPS: In GoLive 6, once you've set up one Image Window action (as shown above), you can copy that action and then paste it into the actions palette of any of the other links so you won't have to make all the settings again. This way, you can just change the image link and title and you're all set.