Close Child Window Action

This action will let you close a popup window by either clicking a link in the main parent window, or when unloading the parent window (when sending the parent window to a new page URL). This action will only work with our OpenPopup2 and OpenPopup2Lite actions available at mindpalette.com (since we don't have access to the window handle of popups created by another action). If you run into any problems not covered in this tutorial, feel free to post a question on our online support forum at...

www.mindpalette.com/forum

Installation

To install the action file, just copy the CloseChildWindow.action file into your GoLive actions directory here...

(GoLive Application Folder) / Modules / JScripts / Actions / MindPalette

If you don't already have a "MindPalette" folder in the Actions directly, just add a new folder of that name and copy your action files into the new folder. Then, be sure to restart GoLive so the actions are activated. Now we're ready to get started!

Adding the Action to Your Page

How you add the action to you page will depend on what you want to use to trigger your popup window. We'll cover the two most commonly used events to close a popup window - on mouse click and on page unload.

Close Window on Mouse Click

To have a popup window close when a link is clicked on the main parent page, first create your text or image link, and set the link URL to be just a # sign in the Inspector. Then, select your new link and go to the Actions Palette (GoLive 6 and under) or the Actions tab of the Rollovers and Actions Palette (GoLive CS). In the top left side of the palette, choose the Mouse Click event (or any other event, if you prefer).

Now add a new action to your event. With the event selected, click on the ⬚ page icon at the bottom of the right side of the palette. Now you should be able to use the Action menu below to select the Close Child Window Action (it should be in whichever action folder you installed it into, assuming you've restarted GoLive since installing).

Close Window on Main Page Unload

You can also have a popup window close automatically when your page unloads (when you click a link in the main parent page to go to a different page URL). Open the head section of your GoLive document, and from the Smart tab of the Objects Palette, drop in a Head Action object. Select your new Head Action object, and in the Inspector (GoLive 6 and under) or the Actions tab of the Rollovers and Actions Palette (GoLive CS), choose the On Unload event from the top left side of the palette.
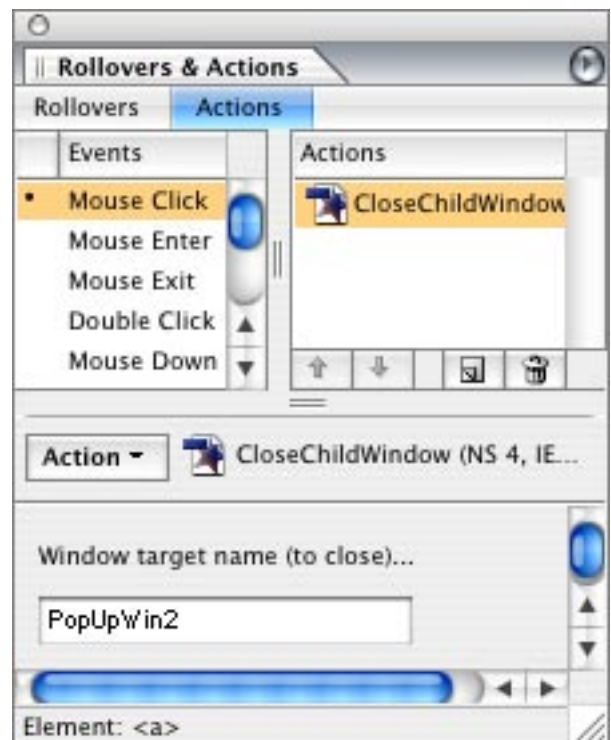
Now add a new action to your event. With the event selected, click on the [icon] page icon at the bottom of the right side of the palette. Now you should be able to use the Action menu below to select the Close Child Window Action (it should be in whichever action folder you installed it into, assuming you've restarted GoLive since installing).

Choosing Action Settings

There's really just one setting you need to make in the Actions palette - enter the target name for the window to close from the OpenPopup2 action or OpenPopup2Lite action.

Well, at this point you should have the action installed, added to your page, and ready to test. When testing your page, be sure to test in a real browser (in other words, not the GoLive preview tab). Also, if you're using a GeneratedItems/CSScriptLib. js file (an external script library), then make sure you re-upload that file to the server before testing, and clear your browser cache so the old version is updated.

If the action does not seem to be working on your page, you can post on our support forum for help. Be sure to include a link to your test page so we can take a look and provide more appropriate advice. Also, be sure to check out the Action FAQ topic before posting your new forum question.

Good luck with your site, and thanks for supporting MindPalette!

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