

Open Popup Lite 2.0.1

This action is similar to the OpenWindow action included with GoLive, but with many more features. This is the lite version of our commercial Open Popup 2.0 action available at mindpalette.com/actions, but even this "lite" version has all the features of our previous Open Popup 1.5 Action. If you need more window controls than this action offers (such as more sizing control, positioning from any edge of the screen, direct linking to image files, automatically force popup windows to the front, etc.), you might consider purchasing the Open Popup 2.0 action instead. If you run into any problems not covered in this tutorial, feel free to post a question on our online support forum at...

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Installation

To install the action, just copy the OpenPopupLite.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 directory, just add a new folder with that name. Then, be sure to restart GoLive so the actions are activated. Now we're ready to get started!

Adding the Action to Your Page

Usually, this action will be called by having the user click a text or image link. You could also use a head action to have your popup window launch on page load or unload, but keep in mind that people generally don't like that, and if they have popup blocking enabled in their browser, it's much more likely to kill an automatic popup window than one launched on mouse click.

To have a popup window open when a link is clicked, 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 Open Popup Lite action (it should be in whichever action folder you installed it into, assuming you've restarted GoLive since installing).

The first setting is the URL of the pop-up window - point and shoot that to your HTML page that is to open into the window. In the target window name, enter any name for the window, making sure not to use spaces, apostrophes, quotes or special characters. If you have more than one pop-up window opening, set this target name to be the same if you want them to all use the same window, and give them all a unique name if they are to open up their own windows.

Set the size of the window, and use the check boxes to determine how much browser "chrome" to use on the window. You can also click the check box to have the window center on the screen, or set the exact position from the top and left of the screen.

Finally, you can also link to a page that you'd like your parent window to redirect to after the popup window is opened. Just leave this setting alone if you don't wish to redirect.

Well, at this point you should have the action installed, added to your page, and set to the options you want. When testing your page, be sure to test in a real browser (in other words, not the GoLive preview tab).

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 forum's Action FAQ topic before posting your new forum question.

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

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