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Release Notes

For details on additions, fixes, changes and known problems, please read the [HISTORY.RTF](#) document installed with the beta.

For more information about this beta, please stop by the HomeSite 2.5 beta site at <http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/beta/>.

What is "Beta" Software?

Beta software is "pre-release" software - it is not the final release. The purpose of beta testing is to uncover bugs and receive feedback that will help ensure that the final release is a solid product. As with all beta software, you will most likely encounter bugs in this beta of HomeSite 2.5. If you're not comfortable with this, I encourage you to use the release version of HomeSite 2.0 instead.

Feedback

If while using this beta you discover a bug that isn't listed on the beta Questions page, please drop me a line at nick@dexnet.com. Just include the phrase "Beta 2.5 bug" in the subject line, and also let me know the following information:

- A complete description of the problem and steps to reproduce it
- The operating system you're using (Windows 95 or NT4), plus any service packs you've installed
- Whether the problem always occurred with the beta or it appeared just recently. •If the problem appeared just recently, what software you installed between the time the program worked fine and the time you noticed the problem

There is also a [HomeSite Open Discussion Forum](#) that includes a Beta 2.5 Section - feel free to post your comments here, and make any suggestions for features you'd like to see. Please understand, however, that this forum is not a means to obtain technical support from Bradbury Software (which is only available to registered users). While I do monitor this forum, it is meant solely as an open discussion forum for HomeSite users.

Introduction



Welcome to Bradbury Software's **HomeSite 2.5**, the most powerful - and most affordable - HTML editor available for Windows 95 and NT 4.0. Here are a few help pointers to get you started:

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Release Notes and Comments

Please read the document [HISTORY.RTF](#) for information concerning changes since the last release.

Learning HTML

HomeSite is designed for those comfortable with HTML - if you're looking for a WYSIWYG environment that hides the HTML syntax, HomeSite is probably not for you. There are a number of good WYSIWIG authoring tools, such as Microsoft's **FrontPage** and Netscape's **Navigator Gold**, that you may find more suitable.

However, to really learn HTML, you should roll up your sleeves and stick to an editor like HomeSite. If you're brand new to HTML, you might want to check out some of these on-line resources before proceeding:

A Beginner's Guide to HTML <http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Internet/WWW/HTMLPrimer.html>

Introduction to HTML http://members.aol.com/htmlguru/about_html.html

HTML Quick Reference http://kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/lynx_help/HTML_quick.html

**Microsoft Internet Explorer
3.0 HTML Reference** <http://www.microsoft.com/workshop/author/newhtml/default.htm>

HTML Reference Manual http://www.sandia.gov/sci_compute/html_ref.html

Uninstalling HomeSite

Uninstalling **HomeSite** is a simple process - just go into Control Panel, double-click on 'Add/Remove Programs,' then double-click on 'HomeSite.'

Important: Because HomeSite stores custom button information in the registry, uninstalling HomeSite will remove all custom button information. If you are simply upgrading HomeSite from an earlier version and wish to retain the custom buttons, just install the new version over the current one without uninstalling.

Windows NT

HomeSite is compatible with Windows NT 4.0 - in fact, HomeSite was developed on an NT 4.0 workstation - but a few cosmetic problems have been found under NT 3.51. It is recommended that you run HomeSite only under Windows 95 or NT 4.0.

About the Author

The author is a recluse who doesn't have too much to say about himself. He is, however, also a cartoonist, and as such isn't above a little shameless self-promotion...



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So, if you're a comic strip fan, or just in need of a laugh, stop by <http://www.dexnet.com/dexter.html> for your weekly dose of **Dexter**.

Note: Some cartoons may be inappropriate for small children or small-minded senators. 'Nuff said.

Technical Support

If you have a question that isn't answered in the [Common Questions](#), or if you have a bug to report, stop by the HomeSite "Support" page at http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/hs_faq.html for up-to-date information about HomeSite and solutions to common problems.

Note: Technical support is only available to registered users! Please understand that due to the volume of mail I receive, I cannot answer messages sent by unregistered users.

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Main Toolbar

Apart from the standard toolbuttons (cut, copy, paste, open, save, undo, etc.), the main toolbar contains the following:

	Displays the Project dialog		Checks the spelling in the current document
	Publishes the current document (requires Microsoft's Web Publishing Wizard)		Displays the Settings dialog
	Verifies links in the current document		Switches to <u>full screen</u> display mode
	Displays the <u>find</u> dialog		Toggles word wrap in the current document
	Displays the <u>replace</u> dialog		Toggles the display of the Directory Pane
	Displays the <u>extended replace</u> dialog		Browses the current document using your external browser

The HTML Speedbar

The **HTML Speedbar** is a series of toolbars that provide quick access to the most common HTML tags.



These toolbars can be hidden through the **SpeedBar** in the Settings dialog.

QuickTab Toolbar

The **QuickTab** toolbar displays the most frequently used HTML tags, such as **bold** and **center**, for easy access. In addition, the QuickTab toolbar provides the following functions:



Displays the **QuickStart** dialog



Displays the **QuickBody** dialog



Displays the **QuickAnchor** dialog



Displays the **QuickImage** dialog



Displays the **QuickRule** dialog

Fonts Toolbar

The **Fonts** toolbar displays common font tags that aren't already on the **QuickTab** toolbar, such as heading styles.

Tables, Frames and Lists Toolbars

The **Tables, Frames and Lists** toolbars contains several buttons related (oddly enough) to tables, frames and lists. These toolbars also provides the following features:



Displays the **Table Wizard**



Displays the **QuickTable** sizer



Displays the **QuickList** dialog



Displays the **Frame Wizard**

Tag List



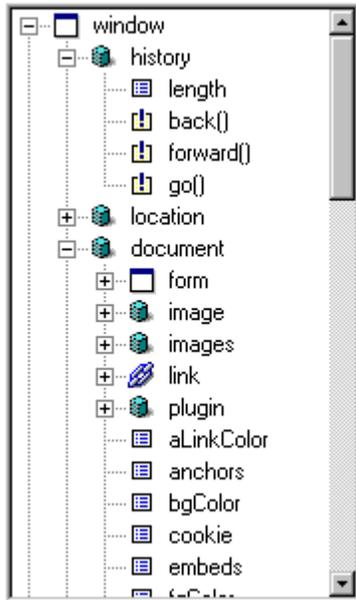
The **tag list** displays a dropdown list of HTML tags. Tags are inserted into the current document by clicking the toolbutton to the right of the list.

Other Toolbar

As its name implies, the **other** toolbar contains items such as Forms and ActiveX controls that aren't available in other toolbars. Many of these items are specific to either Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator and are noted so in the toolbutton tooltips.

In addition, any dialog used to create Netscape- or Microsoft-specific features will display the icon of the appropriate browser.

JavaScript Toolbar



The JavaScript toolbar contains items related to creating JavaScript code, including a drop-down tree of JavaScript objects (shown at left).

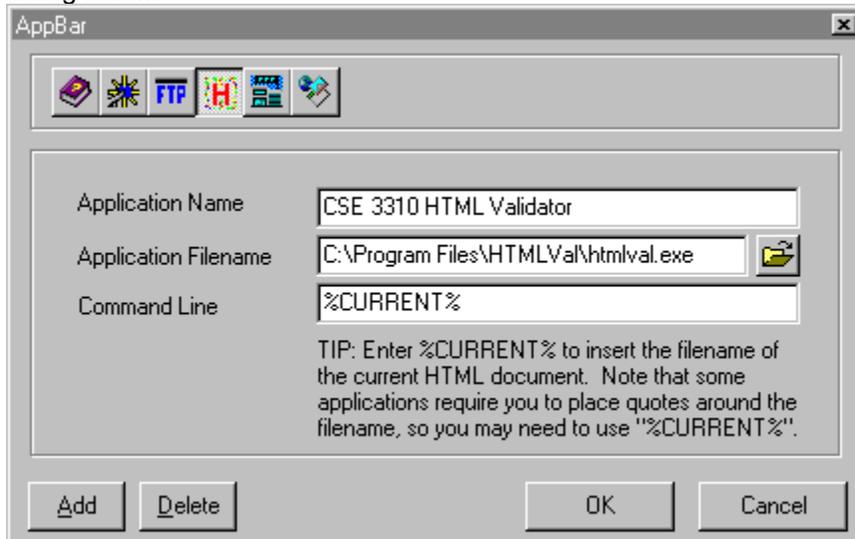
This toolbar also contains the JavaScript Wizard, which was designed to make it easy to take advantage on common JavaScript functionality such as menus and scrolling text.

ASP ("Denali") Toolbar

This toolbar contains shortcuts for creating Active Server Pages, which were introduced in Microsoft Internet Information Server 3.0.

Apps Toolbar

The **Apps** toolbar lets you quickly access other applications that you may use during web page development. To add or remove applications from this toolbar, click the configure button to display the dialog below:



Note that the **Command Line** allows you to pass the name of the current document. This can be extremely useful when using applications such as the **CSE 3310 HTML Validator**, which accepts the filename of a document to validate.

Just to get you started, here's the URLs of a few applications that I've found useful when creating web pages:

Name	URL
CSE 3310 HTML Validator	http://www.flash.net/~wiersch/htmlvalidator.html
MapThis!	http://galadriel.ecaetc.ohio-state.edu/tc/mt/
GIF Construction Set	http://www.mindworkshop.com/alchemy/gifcon.html
PaintShop Pro	http://www.jasc.com/
HTML Reference Library	http://subnet.virtual-pc.com/~le387818/
WS_FTP95	http://www.csra.net/junodj/ws_ftp32.htm

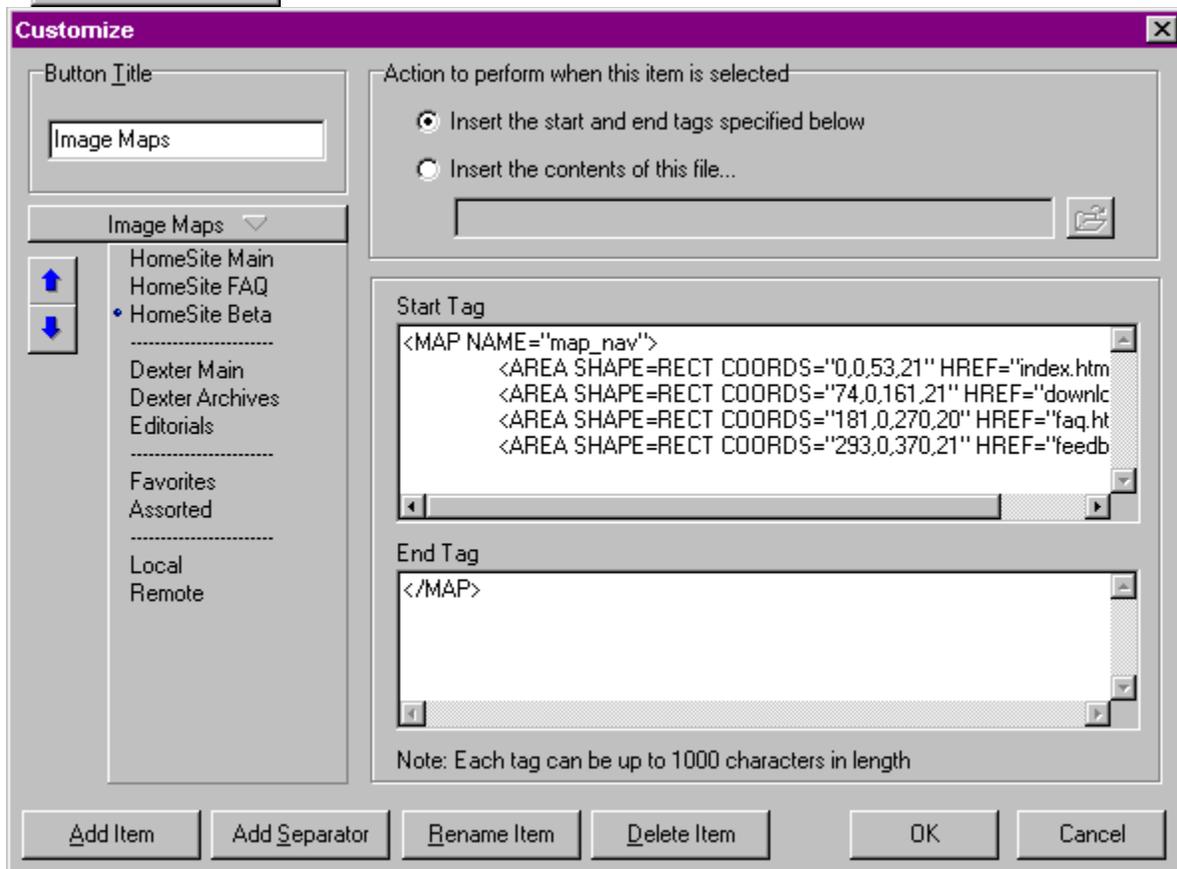
Custom Toolbar





The custom toolbar (toggled with the <F4> key) displays six buttons containing customizable menus.

To configure the menu for each button, just click the "Customize..." selection. Each menu item can be configured to insert a specific start and end tag, or to insert the contents of a file, at the current cursor position.



Note: You can type anything into the **Start Tag** and **End Tag** fields, including tabs and line returns. In other words, you're not limited to just using HTML tags - in fact, you can place entire HTML documents or scripts here if you wish.

Special Characters

HomeSite also has a tabbed toolbar containing the most common **Special Characters** (also known as **Extended Characters**). To display this toolbar, simply select "Special Characters" from the "View" menu.



Spell Checker

HomeSite includes a built-in spell checker to help you find your spelling mistakes. While this spell-checker was designed to act like the one in Microsoft Word, it does have one very powerful difference: HomeSite's spell checker can be configured to skip all text within HTML tags. To use this feature, simply go to the General page of the Settings dialog, and place a check in the option labeled "Skip tags when spell checking." If you've ever used an HTML editor with a spell-checker that keeps flagging HTML tags and file names, you'll really appreciate this feature!

Publishing

If you have Microsoft's **Web Publishing Wizard** on your system, you can easily upload your documents directly from HomeSite.

To upload the current document, just click the **Publish** button  on the main toolbar. To upload a group of documents, select the documents in the file list, right-click, and select Publish from the popup menu.

Note: The Web Publishing Wizard is a separate product from HomeSite. Please refer to Microsoft for technical support or information on downloading the Publishing Wizard.

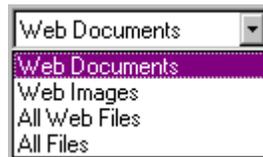
Directory Pane

The **directory pane** gives you quick access to all your HTML documents and web graphics. To open a document in the edit or browse windows, just double click on it. Or to insert an <A> or tag, just drag-and-drop a file to the desired insertion point. You can even drag-and-drop sound and animation files into the editor.

Name	Type	Description
ActiveX.html	HTML	ActiveX Test
CA\X80B6.mid	MID	Sound
Convert.html	HTML	Dexter on the Web
empty.html	HTML	Empty Document
Style.css	CSS	Style Sheet
Frames.html	HTML	Frame Test
hs_faq.html	HTML	HomeSite FAQ
poepoke.avi	AVI	Animation
index.html	HTML	Dexter on the Web
thisweek.gif	GIF	Image - 755 x 272

Right-clicking on a document displays the document options menu. This menu allows you to copy, rename or delete (via the recycle bin) an HTML document. It also allows you to display a document's properties, including a list of all external links. In addition, choosing 'Edit' when an image or multimedia file is selected will open that file in its associated application.

You can filter which files get displayed in this list by making a selection from the file filter combo. By default, Web documents are files with the extension HTM, HTML, SHTM, SHTML and CSS, but you can easily change this. Just go into Settings, and on the "Files" page add or delete from the list of Document Extensions.



Note: The file types displayed in the document list can be modified through HomeSite's settings dialog. If you regularly use extensions such as CGI or TXT, for example, this is where you would add them so that they appear in the document list.



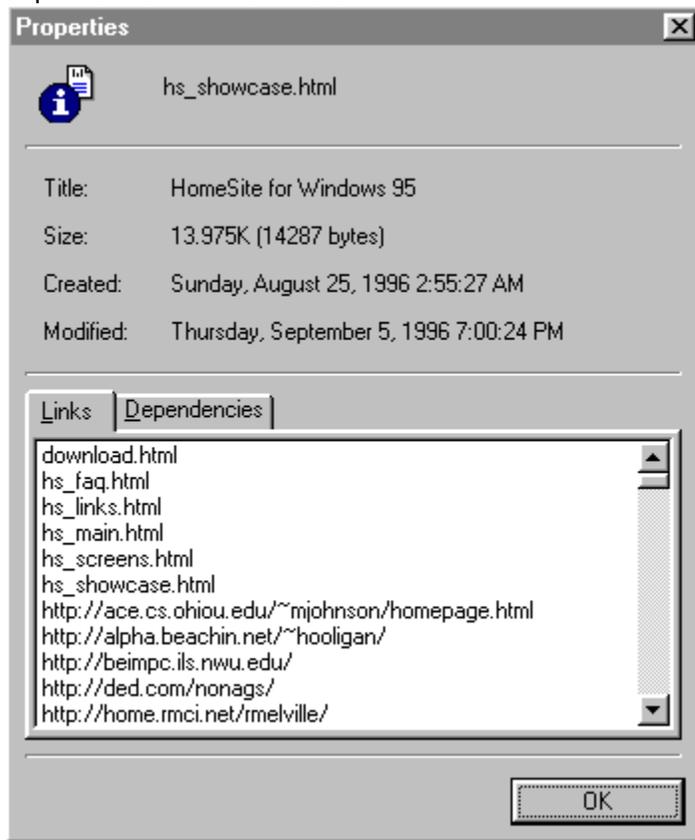
Above the file list is an "Explorer"-style view that shows your drives and directories. Although not as full-featured as Explorer, you can still drag-and-drop folders into each other and create/rename folders. You can also move files to different folders by drag-and-dropping them from the filelist

More:

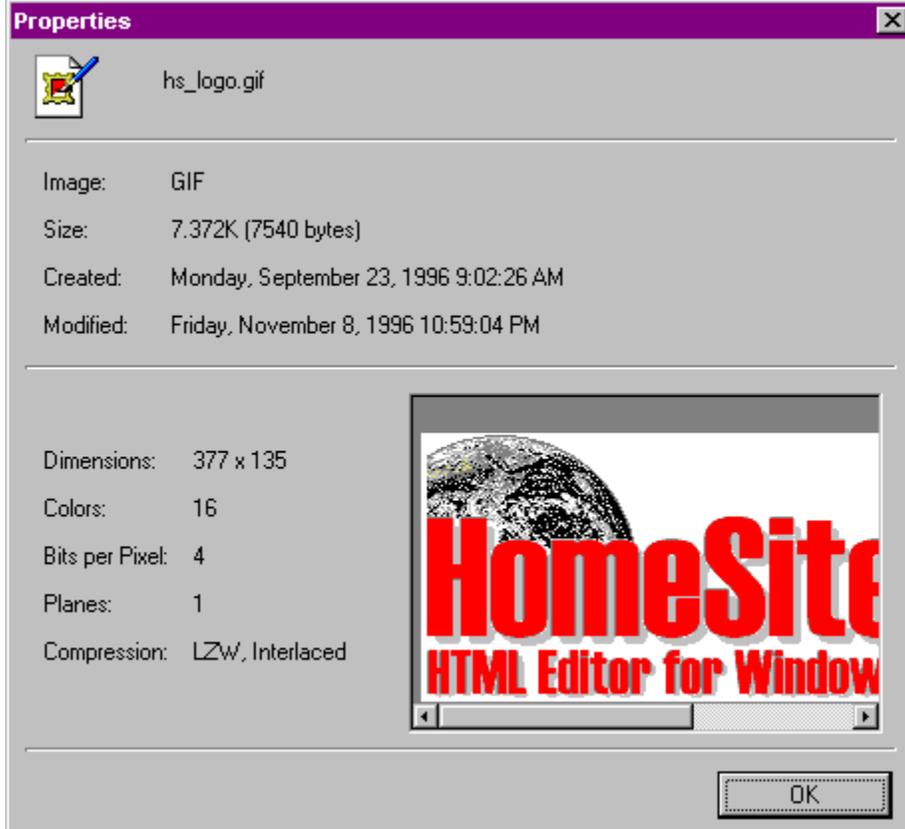
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Document Properties

The **document properties** dialog, which is accessed by right-clicking on a document in the Directory Pane and selecting "properties," gives you easy access to a document's title, creation date and last modified date. In addition, the properties dialog provides a list of all the external links that are contained in the selected document. The "Dependencies" page displays a list of all images and other dependencies in a document.

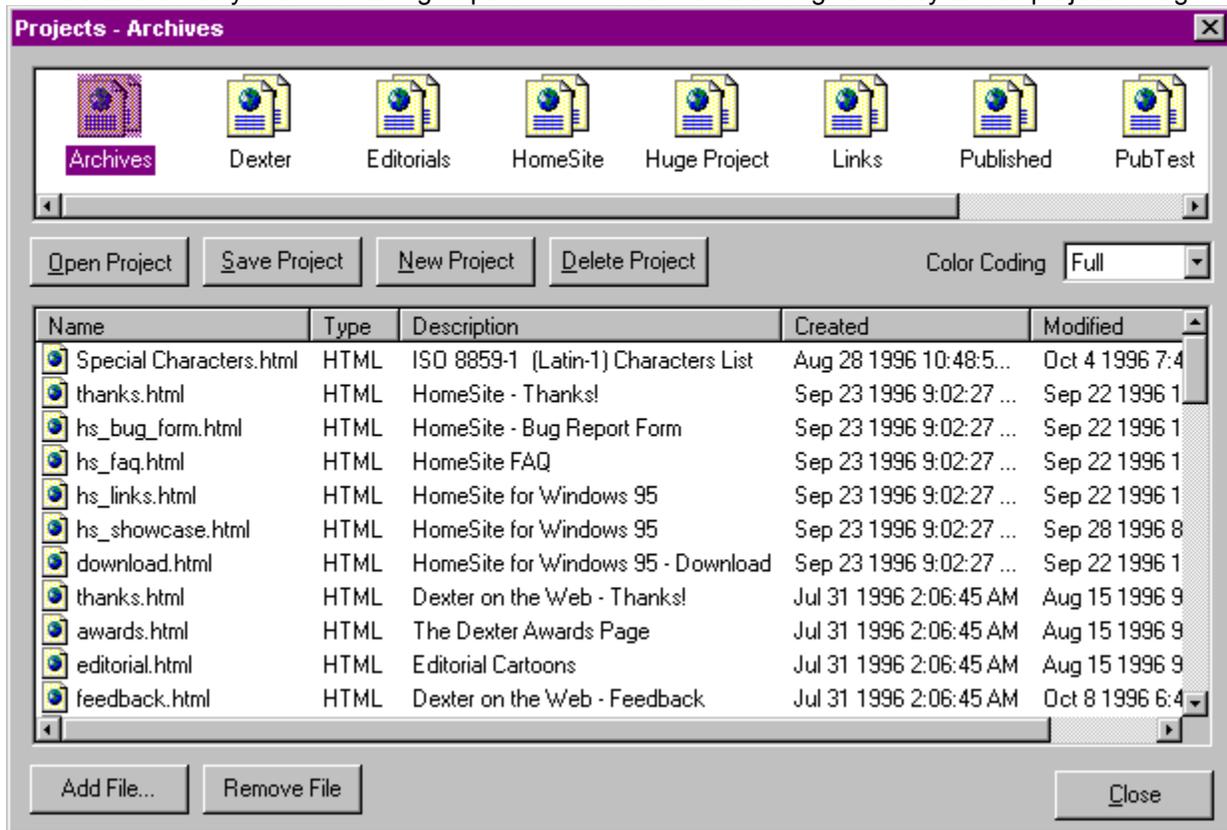


Selecting "Properties" for an image file displays a dialog containing a preview of that image, along with details about the image.



Projects

HomeSite enables you to maintain groups of HTML documents through an easy-to-use project dialog.



To create a project, simply click 'New Project,' and then add HTML documents to the project by clicking the 'Add File' button. Once you have all your HTML documents selected, click 'Save Project' and give the project a name. The project will then appear in the project list to the left.

To open a project, simply click the 'Open Project' button or double-click on the project in the list. Opening a project will open every document it contains. Once you open a project, the **QuickAnchor** dialog will contain relative paths to each document in the project. This makes it easy to add hyperlinks to other documents in the project.

Another powerful project-oriented feature is the ability to search-and-replace across an entire project. HomeSite's **Extended Search-and-Replace** enables you to select a project and replace entire blocks of text in every document the project contains.

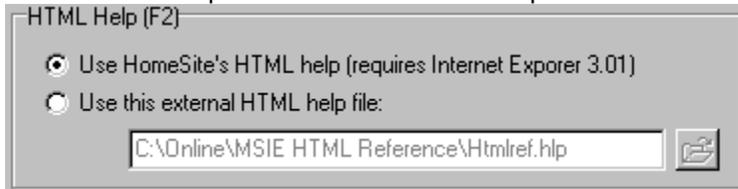
Note: Each project is stored in an individual file in the \Projects subdirectory. Whenever a project is changed, a backup is automatically created. These project files are merely pointers to your HTML documents - the documents are not moved or modified in any way.

HTML Help

HomeSite includes a built-in HTML reference to make editing HTML as painless as possible. Any time you're in doubt about the HTML tag you're editing, just hit <F2> and help for that tag will be displayed.

Important: HomeSite's internal HTML help feature requires Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.01 or later.

If you'd prefer to use a different HTML help reference, just go into **Settings**, and switch to the tab titled "Files." At the top of this tab is an HTML help section:



Just select the "Use this external HTML help file" option, and click the browse button to select the external help file. Once the external help file has been added, you can get **context-sensitive** help while editing simply by pressing **F2**.

This feature has been tested with both Stephen Le Hunte's excellent **HTML Reference Library** (<http://subnet.virtual-pc.com/~le387818>) and Microsoft's HTML help file (<http://www.microsoft.com/workshop/author/newhtml/default.htm>).

Open from the Web

HomeSite enables you to open HTML files directly from the World Wide Web. Simply choose **Open from Web** from the File menu, type the URL of the file you wish to retrieve, and HomeSite will download it into a new document. If you use Microsoft Internet Explorer, HomeSite will display a "Favorites" button, enabling you to select the URL from your Favorites folder. In addition, Netscape users can select the URL from their Bookmarks list.

Note: Before retrieving a remote file, you may have to first log on to the Internet.

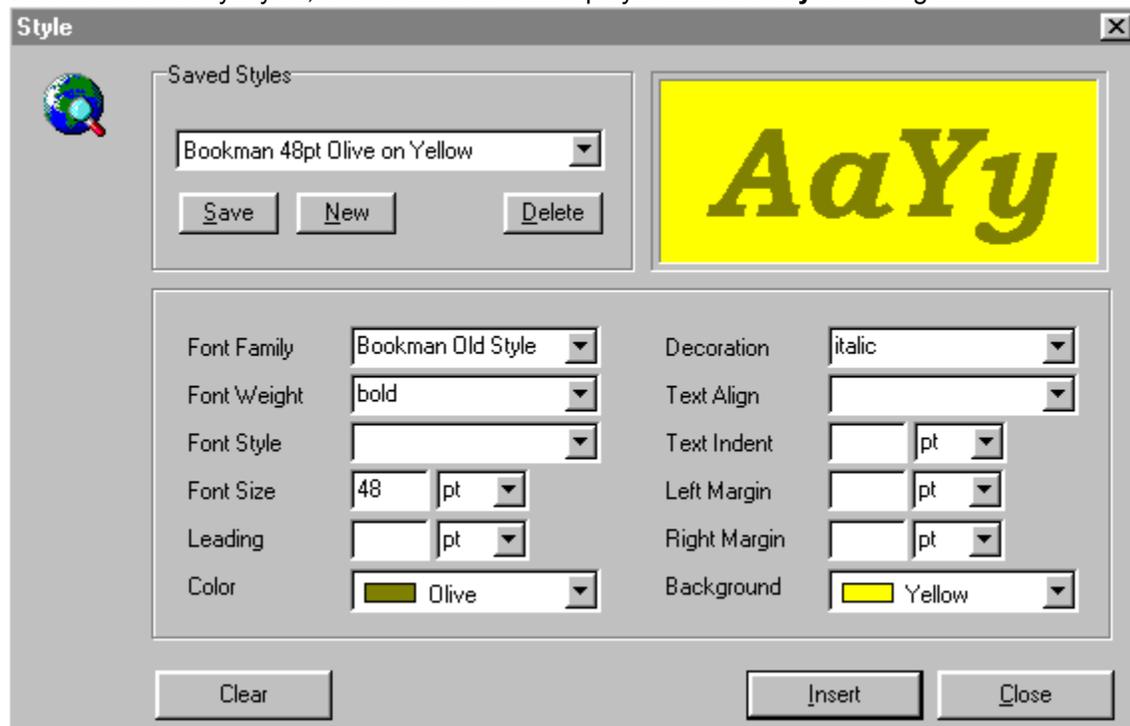
Style Sheets

HomeSite enables you to take advantage of the **Style Sheet** features introduced in Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0. You can easily create and save your own styles and apply them with minimal effort.

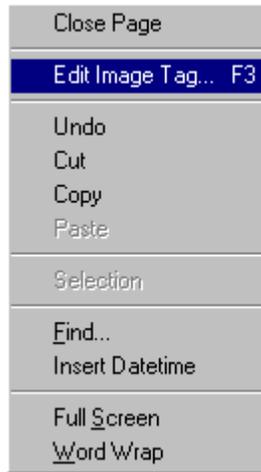
The **Styles** toolbar (shown below) maintains a list of all your saved styles. To apply a style to a block of text, simply select the text, highlight the style you want to apply, and click the down arrow button to the right of the list.



To create or modify styles, click the  button to display the **Saved Styles** dialog.



Right-click Tag Editing



One of HomeSite's most useful additions is its right-click tag editing feature. Whereas most HTML editors act as though you'll never edit your HTML after you write it, HomeSite assumes that you will make changes - probably dozens of them - before you're done working on a document. Rather than re-enter or modify your HTML tags, just place the cursor in the tag and right-click. HomeSite will display a popup menu which includes an **Edit Tag** entry for the current tag. Select this entry, and the tag will be displayed in the appropriate dialog. This is an enormous time-saver.

This feature currently supports the following tags:

<A>	<HR>
<BASEFONT>	
<BG SOUND>	<MARQUEE>
<BODY>	<META>
<!-- -->	<P>
<EMBED>	<PARAMETER>
	<SCRIPT>
<FRAME>	<TABLE>
<FRAMESET>	<TR>
<IFRAME>	<TH>
	<TD>

Thumbnail Viewer

HomeSite includes a built-in image thumbnail viewer to make adding graphics to your HTML as simple as possible. Just right-click on the filelist and select "View Thumbnails," and a dialog containing every image in the current directory will be displayed. You can then right-click on any image to insert an tag at the current cursor location.



Verifying Links

Due to the transitory nature of most Web pages, you'll undoubtedly find that many of the sites you link to will move (or be removed) during the lifetime of your site. Tracking down these "missing links" can be time-consuming, but HomeSite makes the job easier by letting you know which links might be bad.

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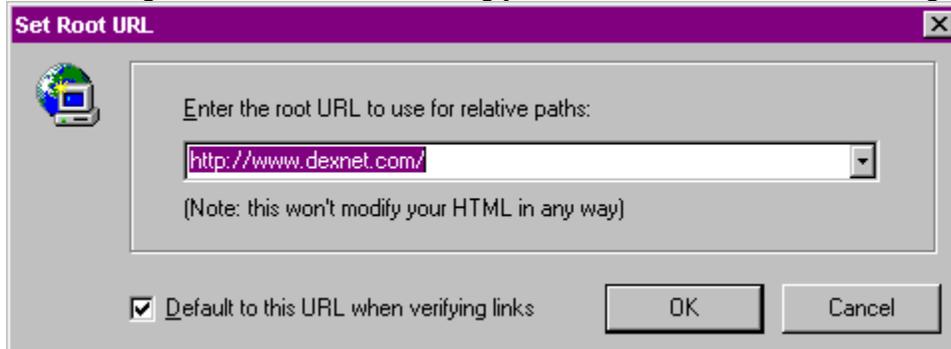
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Setting the Root URL for Relative Links



The **Verify Links** button on the main toolbar will test the validity of the links in the current document. After clicking this toolbutton, the first thing you'll see is the **Set Root URL** dialog (below).



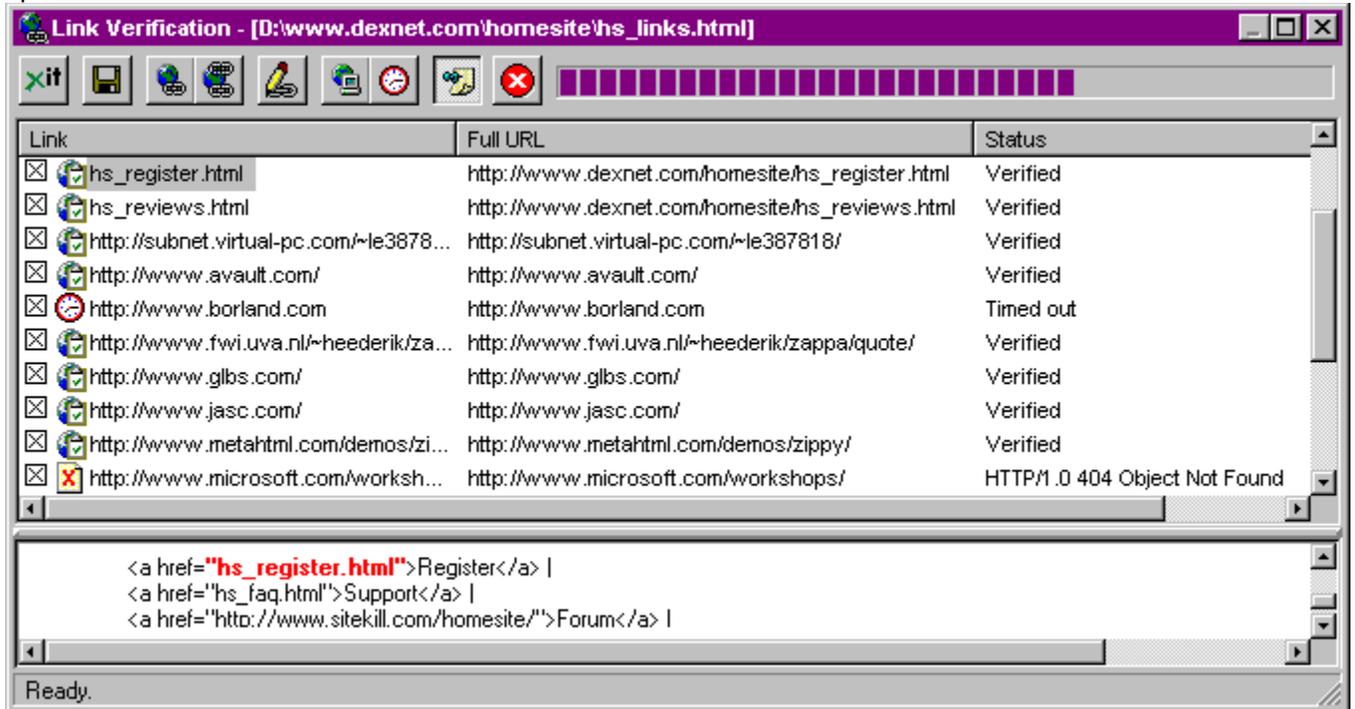
Use this dialog to specify how HomeSite should process relative links. For example, from one page on my site I may link to another page on my site using the relative link ``. When verifying links, I'll need to specify which URL to use to complete these relative links (which, in my case, would be `http://www.dexnet.com/`). After entering the root URL, you can check the "Default to this URL" setting to always start the link verification with the selected root URL.

Note: Setting the root URL will not modify your document in any way - it's simply used to tell HomeSite how to test relative links.

Once the root URL has been set, you're ready to start verifying links.

Verifying Links

After selecting the root URL, you'll see the main **link verification** window. This window contains a list of all the links in your document, and also includes dependencies such as images. By default, all the links will be checked, but you can uncheck as many links as you like to skip verifying them. This "link list" is split into three columns. The first column simply displays the link as it appears in your HTML document, while the second column displays the link as a complete URL using the root URL you specified. The third column displays the verification status of the link, which will be "untested" for all links when you first open the window.



If the **Show HTML Source** toolbutton is down, the bottom of this window will display the source for the actual document in a **read-only** textbox. From the link list, you can select any link and link will be highlighted in the source - if the link appears multiple times in the document, all instances of the link will be highlighted, and a count will appear in the status bar.

If you need to change the root URL to use for relative links, you can do so without exiting the window. This will update the **Full URL** column in the link list.

You may also want to change the **Timeout** setting, which is the number of seconds to wait for a response when testing a link before giving up. The default setting is 30 seconds.

The real purpose of this window is accessed by clicking the **Verify All Links** button. Once this is pressed, HomeSite will go down the link list and verify every link and dependency it finds, with the following exceptions:

- Links to secure pages (HTTPS)
- FTP links (this is expected to be added in a future release)
- "mailto:" links

If a link is verified, a small "verified" icon  will be displayed next to it. A separate icon  is used to denote timeouts. If for any reason a link fails, a failure icon  will appear next to it. The failure message retrieved from the HTTP server will be displayed in the **result** column in the link list - usually this message is similar to "HTTP/1.0 Not Found," which simply means that the document couldn't be located. In most cases, you can simply ignore this message and assume that the link is no longer valid.

 You can test individual links by selecting the **Verify Current Link** button. This is handy if you modified a link and want to retest it without testing other links.

Modifying Links



After the verification is complete, you can use the **Modify Current Link** button to change failed links. Any changes are saved in memory until you click the save button - in other words, no changes are made to the actual HTML document until you press the save button.

When you choose to modify a link, all instances of the modified link will be replaced - so if a link to "http://www.dexnet.com/" appears three times, all three links will be updated.

IMPORTANT: HomeSite's modify link feature will only replace links that are surrounded in quotes within your HTML source. If you use unquoted links in your documents (such as , this function **will not** work for you. Instead, you'll have to update the links in HomeSite's normal editing window after the link verification process is completed.

Settings and Preferences

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General Preferences

The **General Preferences** page contains these items:

Auto-fill HEIGHT and WIDTH for tags

Force filenames to lowercase for and <A> tags

Lowercase all inserted tags

Show splash screen on startup

Always insert colors as hexadecimal values

Skip tags when spell checking

Show only file names in the file list

Always save using UNIX format

Use Microsoft instead of Netscape format for multimedia

Confirm drag-and-drop file operations

Files

On this page you may specify the name of an HTML file to use as a template when creating new documents. Anytime a new document is created, the contents of the selected file will be inserted into the editor.

The **File Types** page also contains options allowing you to specify which file extensions denote HTML documents. Files containing any of these extensions will appear in the directory pane's file list. In addition, you may specify the default extension to use when saving HTML documents.

At the bottom of this page is the location of the [external HTML help file](#) to use with HomeSite.

Editor

The **Editor** page is where you specify how you'd like tags to appear when Color Coding is turned on. The font selected in the first frame is used for all text, but individual colors and styles (bold, italic, etc.) can be applied to different tags. When color coding is set to minimal, all tags are colored using the 'Other Tags' settings.

You may also modify the editor's tab width on this page (the default is 20).

Internal Browser

By default, HomeSite uses its own HTML 2.0 browser. This default browser doesn't support newer HTML additions such as frames and style sheets. However, if you have Microsoft Internet Explorer (MSIE) version 3.01 or higher on your system, you can change this so that HomeSite uses MSIE instead. Just check the "Use Internet Explorer" checkbox, and an embedded copy of MSIE will be used inside of HomeSite.

Important: for this to work correctly, make sure you're running Internet Explorer 3.01 or higher. If you use the original MSIE 3.0, you may experience resizing problems.

If you would prefer to use different fonts and colors in HomeSite's default internal browser, this is where you can change them.

External Browser

This page is where you specify the external browser(s) to use when the browse button on the main toolbar is pressed. If more than one browser is specified, then selecting the browse button will display a menu containing all the specified browsers.

When launching an external browser, you have the following options:

- Prompt to save** If the document about to be browsed has been modified, you will be prompted to save changes.
- Automatically save** If the document about to be browsed has been modified, it will automatically be saved.
- Use temporary file** HomeSite will save the current document, including changes, as a temporary file. This enables you to experiment with your changes without having to save them. The downside to this is that any links back to the original document will load the original document rather than the temporary one.

SpeedBar

This page allows you to specify which toolbars to display with the HTML Speedbar. If you're short on screen space, or if you find that you don't use some of the toolbars, you can hide them here.

Editing

HomeSite lets you easily edit and browse HTML documents by switching between the "Edit" and "Browse" pages in the main window.



When in **edit** mode, everything you type is color coded when you move off an edited line (provided **color coding** is turned on, of course). This lets you easily pick out mistakes and formatting problems. The editor contains a number of options which are easily accessed by right-clicking. The most powerful of these options is the **Edit Tag** option, which enabled you to easily edit pre-existing tags with minimal typing.

When multiple documents are open, HomeSite displays a set of tabs at the bottom of the editor showing each open document. You can move between these tabs either by clicking on them with the mouse or using the keyboard shortcuts **Ctrl+Tab** and **Shift+Ctrl+Tab**. If changes have been made to the document since the last time it was saved, the tab will have a red marker on it.



If a block of text is highlighted, the **Selection** submenu on this popup will be enabled, which contains powerful formatting features that allow you to convert the selection to a list or table or to strip tags from the selection.

HomeSite also supports **block indenting**, so you can click  or  to indent or un-indent entire blocks of text.

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[Creating a Document from a Template](#)

Document Color Coding

HomeSite supports color coding of HTML tags, which makes editing documents much easier than with simple text editors. Color coding may be changed by selecting 'Color Coding' from the 'Options' menu.

There are three levels of color coding:

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| None | Display all text in black, as in standard text editors such as Notepad. |
| Minimal | Apply color coding to all tags (i.e.: text between '<' and '>'), using the font defined for 'All Other Tags.' |
| Full | Apply color coding to all tags, using different font styles and colors for specific tags. |

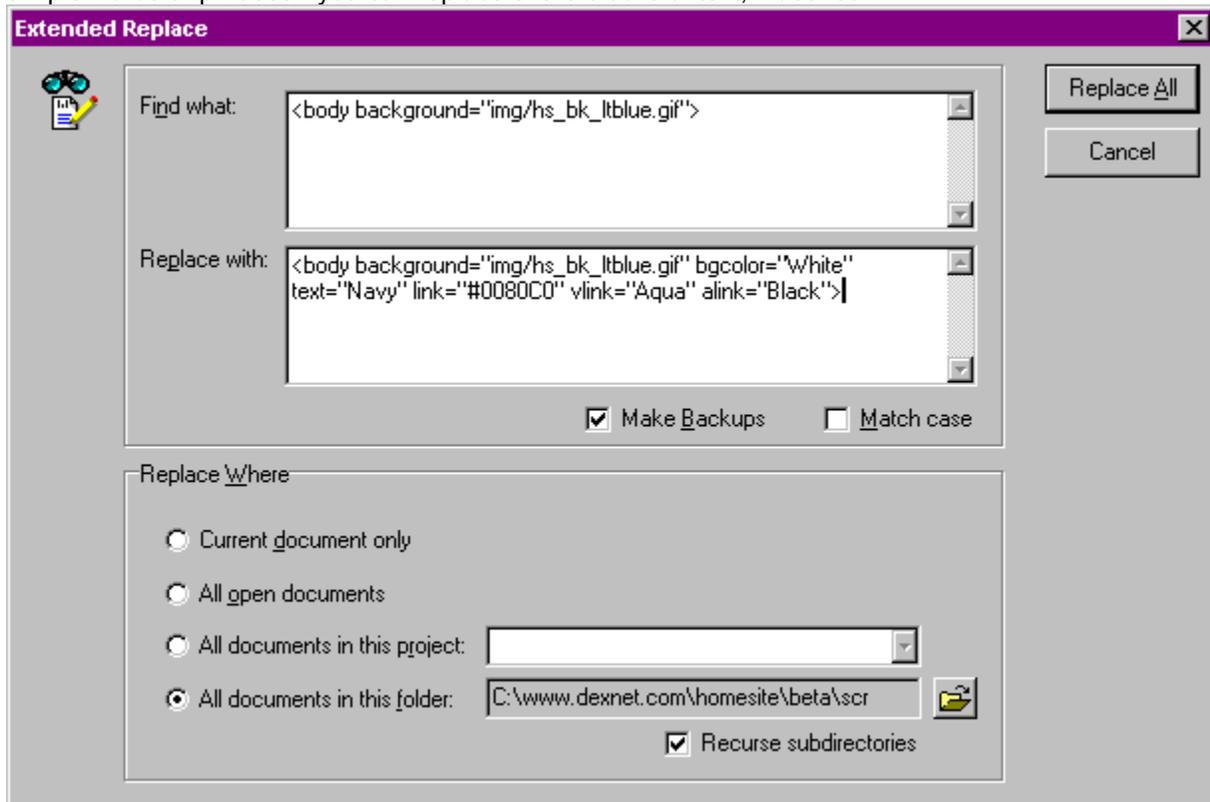
Note: On slower machines, or when editing larger documents, it is recommended that you set color coding to 'None.'

The font styles used when color coding are completely customizable. For example, if you prefer to show table-related tags in bold, or you want comments displayed in italics, you can easily change HomeSite's font settings. Just go to the options dialog and change the font settings to suit your tastes.

Searching and Replacing



HomeSite contains powerful search and replace features that ease the maintenance headaches associated with web authoring. Besides the simple **find** and **replace** functions (which are self-explanatory), HomeSite contains an **extended replace** feature that allows you to find and replace text in entire directories or projects. And unlike most replace operations, **extended replace** isn't limited to simple words or phrases - you can replace entire blocks of text, if desired.



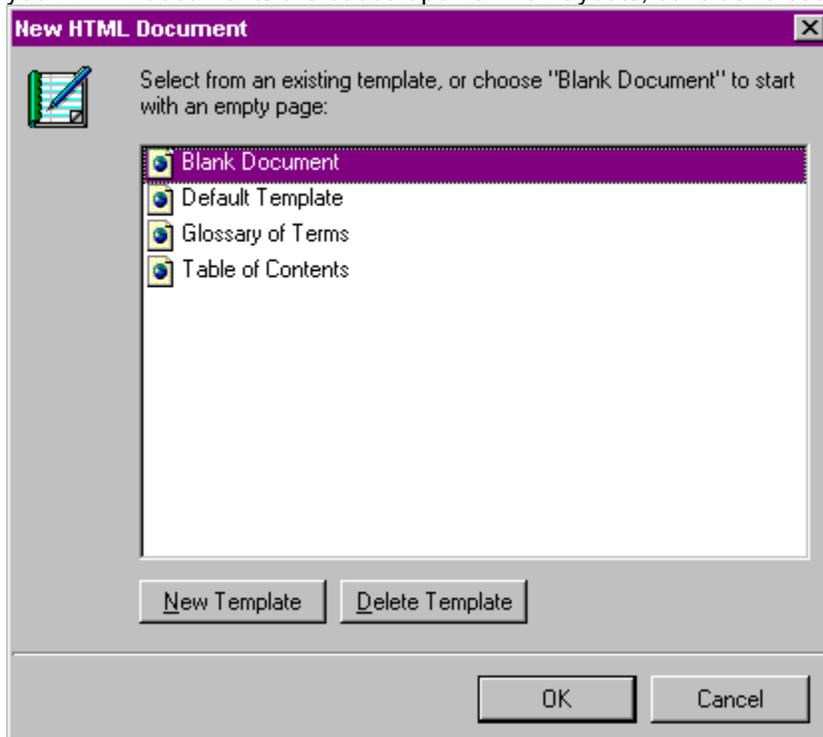
If you choose to replace in a particular folder, so can also choose to replace in all subfolders beneath the selected folder by placing a check in the box labeled "Recurse subdirectories."

When performing a replace involving multiple files - especially when recursing subdirectories - it is **strongly** recommended that you check the "Make Backups" option so that backups of all the files being searched will be made. The backups will have the same name as the original files plus the extension '.bak.'

IMPORTANT: The **extended replace** function does *not* confirm each replacement - once you click 'Replace All' and confirm your action, you will not be warned before each replace operation!

Creating a Document from a Template

By clicking the "New" toolbutton, a new document is created based on the default template defined in HomeSite's [settings](#). However, if you select "New" from the "File" menu (or press CTRL+N), HomeSite will display a list of available templates from which to create your new document. If you find that many of your HTML documents are based upon similar layouts, consider creating a template from the layout.



Browsing

One of the most useful features in HomeSite is its ability to let you view (or **browse**) your HTML document as it will appear to web visitors.

Although HomeSite's default internal browser doesn't support more recent HTML features (such as frames and style sheets), if you use Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.01 or later, you can easily overcome this limitation. Just go into HomeSite's settings, and on the [Internal Browser](#) page place a checkmark in the item shown below:



This will replace HomeSite's default internal browser with an embedded copy of Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Note: The feature requires Internet Explorer 3.01 or later - you may encounter resizing problem with the original 3.0 release.

In addition to the internal browser, HomeSite also enables you to maintain a list of external browsers. Just go into the [External Browser](#) page of HomeSite's settings to define this list.



This button on the main toolbar is used to display the current page in the external browser. If more than one external browser has been specified, a menu will appear allowing you to choose which browser to preview with. If only one browser has been specified, clicking this button will open it directly without displaying a menu.

Additional Features

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Full Screen



Full Screen mode expands the HTML editor and browser to fill the entire screen. To switch back to normal size, hit the **<Esc>** key, or right-click in the editing window and uncheck the "Full Screen" menu option.

Rulers

HomeSite contains a set of **rulers** marked with the standard screen sizes (640x480, 800x600, 1024x768). These rulers can be useful in determining whether your layout will fit a certain screen resolution. You can toggle the rulers by selecting "Rulers" from the "View" menu.

Note: The rulers serve only as a rough estimate of actual display size. Since different browsers have their own display peculiarities, and since users can often customize a browser's fonts, it is advisable to test your pages in different browsers rather than rely solely on the rulers.

Tag List

The **Tag List** (which is also accessible from the "button displays a floating dialog containing a list of HTML tags and attributes. To insert an item from the list into the current document, simply double-click on it.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcut	Action
ALT+X	Close HomeSite
CTRL+A	Select All
CTRL+B	Bold
CTRL+C	Copy
CTRL+E	Tag selection
CTRL+F	Find
CTRL+G	Go to line
CTRL+ I	Italic
CTRL+K	Re-apply color coding
CTRL+L	Toggle color bar
CTRL+N	New document
CTRL+O	Open an HTML document
CTRL+R	Replace
CTRL+S	Save changes to the current document
CTRL+T	Show/hide main toolbar
CTRL+U	Underline
CTRL+V	Paste
CTRL+W	Close the current document
CTRL+X	Cut
CTRL+Y	Delete the current line
CTRL+Z	Undo the last edit
CTRL+ >	Insert an empty end tag (</>)
CTRL+ <	Insert an empty start tag (<>)
CTRL+%	Inserts empty ASP ("Denali") tags (<% %>)
CTRL+TAB	Next document
F1	Help
F2	External HTML Help
F4	Custom toolbar
F7	Spell check
F8	Settings
F9	Toggles the document list
F10	Full Screen
F11	View in external browser
F12	Toggle between edit/browse mode
SHIFT+CTRL+Space	Non-breaking space ()
e	
SHIFT+ CTRL+ -	Font Size - 1
SHIFT+ CTRL+ =	Font Size + 1
SHIFT+ CTRL+ 1..6	Heading 1..6
SHIFT+ CTRL+ A	Quick Anchor
SHIFT+ CTRL+ B	Break
SHIFT+ CTRL+ C	Comment Editor
CTRL+SHIFT+E	Special characters

SHIFT+ CTRL+ F	Quick Font
SHIFT+ CTRL+ H	Horizontal Rule Editor
SHIFT+ CTRL+ I	Quick Image
SHIFT+ CTRL+ L	List Editor
SHIFT+ CTRL+ P	Paragraph
SHIFT+ CTRL+ Q	Quick Start
SHIFT+CTRL+S	Save As
SHIFT+CTRL+ T	Table Editor
SHIFT+CTRL+ U	Save as Unix
SHIFT+ CTRL+ W	Frame Wizard
SHIFT+CTRL+ >	Indent block
SHIFT+CTRL+ <	Un-indent block

Technical Information

[File List](#)

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File List

The following files are installed by HomeSite:

File Name	Description
HomeSite.exe	Main executable
HomeSite.hlp	Help file
HomeSite.cnt	Help contents
Sky32v3c.dll	Image viewer library
Custom.dct	Custom dictionary
HomeSite.dct	HomeSite dictionary
ASP.dat	Items for ASP dropdown
Attributes.dat	Attribute list
Tags.dat	Tag list
Tips.dat	Tips
History.rtf	HomeSite release history
license.rtf	HomeSite license
Order.txt	Order information
Templates\Default Template.hst	Default template
Templates\Glossary of Terms.hst	Glossary template
Templates\Table of Contents.hst	Table of contents template

In addition to these files, HomeSite also creates "Projects," "Templates" and "Thumbnail" subdirectories off of the main application directory.

Registry Settings

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\HomeSite

String Value	Description
AutoFillImageSize	-1 = true, 0 = false
AutoIndent	-1 = true, 0 = false
CloseParagraphTags	-1 = true, 0 = false (add </P>
ColorBar	-1 = true, 0 = false (show color bar)
CurrentTip	Number of the last HomeSite tip viewed
EEmailAddress	Last e-mail address entered in the e-mail dialog
ExternalHTMLHelp	Name and location of external HTML help file
ForceHexColor	-1 = true, 0 = false (use hex values for colors)
InitialDir	Startup directory
LowercaseFiles	-1 = true, 0 = false (lowercase <A> and file references)
LowercaseTags	-1 = true, 0 = false (lowercase all inserted tags)
MultimediaFormat	0 = Microsoft, 1 = Netscape
ProjectDir	Location of project files
Rulers	-1 = true, 0 = false (show rulers)
SaveAsUnix	-1 = true, 0 = false
ShowSplash	-1 = true, 0 = false
ShowTips	-1 = true, 0 = false
TemplateDir	Location of templates
Timeout	timeout (in seconds) for "Open from Web"
WordWrap	-1 = true, 0 = false

Additional settings are stored in the following subkeys:

Subkey	Description
AppBar1	Configuration information for the "Apps" toolbar
ColorCoding	Color coding font information
Custom1-5	Custom button information
DocumentList	Properties related to HomeSite's document list
ExternalBrowsers	External browser configuration information
HTMLExtensions	File extensions that denote HTML documents
InternalBrowser	Internal browser configuration information
MainForm	Size and location of the main form
MRUDocuments	Most recently used documents
ProjectList	Column widths for the project dialog
ShowAgainMsg	Information pertaining to the "Don't show this message again" dialogs
SpeedBar	Visible toolbars in the speedbar
TagForm	Size and location of the tag form
Toolbars	Toolbar information
URLHistory	Most recently used URLs from the Anchor dialog

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Some of the toolbuttons are cut off

This may happen when running HomeSite at a low resolution. The easiest way to free up screen space is to select "Toolbar Layout" from the "Options" menu, and choose a Horizontal toolbar layout. In addition, you can hide the main toolbar, speedbar, color bar and status bar to free up even more space. Each of the toolbars that make up the speedbar can also be hidden - just right click on any of the toolbars and select 'Show/Hide Toolbars.' And to really make the most of space, switch to full screen mode.

Some of the toolbuttons show up as blank white squares

This problem has only been reported on systems with Diamond video cards. If you're experiencing this problem, make sure you have the latest drivers for your video card. You can also correct the problem by turning down the hardware acceleration (to do this in Windows 95, right-click on "My Computer" and switch to the "Performance" page for graphics settings).

How do I report a bug?

If you find a bug in HomeSite, before reporting it please stop by the HomeSite buglist at http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/hs_buglist.html to see if it has already been reported. This page will be updated regularly.

Will HomeSite run on NT 3.51?

Due to a number of cosmetic problems running under NT 3.51, HomeSite is not officially supported on that platform. HomeSite runs great on NT 4, though.

Will there be a version for Windows 3.x, OS/2 or Mac computers?

Sorry - there are no plans for any versions of HomeSite for operating systems other than Windows 95 and NT 4.

How do I add a link to another file?

The easiest way to create an anchor tag is to simply drag-and-drop a file from the filelist. This will create an `<A>` tag with the relative path to the file filled in for you. The other way is to simply click on the anchor button on the toolbar.

Adding a link to a file changes the filename to lowercase.

Go into "Settings," and on the "General" page uncheck the box labeled "Force filenames to lowercase for and <A> tags." Once this is unchecked, HomeSite will insert filenames as they really appear.

Several copies of MSIE are loaded when I use it as my external browser

This problem can be circumvented by making MSIE your default browser and unchecking the "Use DDE" option in HomeSite's external browser settings.

To make MSIE your default browser, select 'Options' from MSIE's 'View' menu, then switch to the 'Programs' page. At the bottom of this page is an option to force MSIE to check whether it's the default browser.

My frames show up in MSIE, but not in Netscape

Make sure your frames don't come after the <BODY> tag - when used with frames, the <BODY> tag should only appear in the <NOFRAMES> section.

HomeSite was unable to create the Microsoft Internet Explorer (MSIE) object

This error message will appear if Microsoft Internet Explorer has been defined as HomeSite's internal browser, but the MSIE object could not be created. For this option to work, you **must** have Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher, and it is recommended that you use MSIE 3.01 or higher. If you're sure you're already using MSIE 3.0 or higher, before contacting tech support please stop by the HomeSite "Question and Answer" page at http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/hs_faq.html for up-to-date information about this and other issues.

This error message may also occur if MSIE isn't your default browser.

I'm using MSIE as HomeSite's internal browser, and it doesn't resize correctly

The original MSIE 3.0 may not resize properly inside of HomeSite. The only fix for this is to download and install MSIE 3.01 or higher.

When I use MSIE as the internal browser, it asks me to save the file to disk

This will occur if Internet Explorer isn't your default browser - for MSIE to work inside of HomeSite, it **must** be your default browser. To make it your default browser, select 'Options' from MSIE's 'View' menu, then switch to the 'Programs' page. At the bottom of this page is an option to force MSIE to check whether it's the default browser.

Associating HomeSite with HTML files doesn't work

For the association to work, select "Options" from Explorer's "View" menu, and switch to the "File Types" page. Double-click on the HTML file type in the "List of Registered Files," and then double-click on the "Action" associated with HomeSite. All you need to do is add "%1" (including the quotes) to the end of this entry, i.e.: C:\HTML\HomeSite.exe "%1" And also make sure that "Use DDE" is unchecked.

Opening large documents in HomeSite takes several seconds

To speed up loading of large documents, turn off HomeSite's color coding.

Scanning a large directory in HomeSite takes several seconds

HomeSite's filelist scans directories using a separate thread, so you can continue editing while it populates. However, for extremely large directories or directories on remote servers, this process may take several seconds. You can speed this up by setting the "Show only file names in the filelist" option on the "General" page in HomeSite's settings. This will prevent HomeSite from scanning each HTML document for its <TITLE> and each image for its dimensions. You can also completely disable the filelist by right-clicking on it and selecting "Disable."

How do I define different extensions for HTML documents?

You can customize which files appear in the document list as HTML documents by going into settings and switching to the 'Files' page. Just click the 'Add' button at the bottom of the page to add a new extension

Other sources for answers to common questions

If you don't find the answer to your question here, make sure to stop by the HomeSite FAQ page at http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/hs_faq.html. This page will be updated regularly with answers to the most common questions.

How to Order

HomeSite is "WebWare" - it is only available by downloading it. After you register HomeSite, you will be e-mailed a user name and registration number to "un-nag" it. Because HomeSite is distributed in this manner, the cost of packaging (which you'll just throw out anyway) isn't added to the cost of the software. This also means that you don't pay the "hidden" cost of distribution.

IMPORTANT! Make sure to include a **valid** e-mail address with your order. If you don't supply an e-mail address, or the e-mail address you supply is invalid, your registration information cannot be sent to you!

There are several registration methods available:

[Registering on CompuServe](#)

[Registering on the World Wide Web](#)

[Registering by Phone](#)

[Registering by Mail](#)

Please refer to the chart below when ordering:

License	Price	CompuServe SWREG#
Single License	\$39.95	12981
Five Licenses	\$159.95	12995
Ten Licenses	\$299.95	12996
Fifty Licenses	\$999.95	12997
Site license		CONTACT ME

Registering on CompuServe

CompuServe users may register HomeSite in the Shareware Registration forum (GO **SWREG**). Please refer to the chart on the [How to Order](#) page for SWREG numbers.

If you register on CompuServe, there's no need to supply an e-mail address - your order will automatically use your CompuServe address.

Registering on the World Wide Web

HomeSite may be registered by secure form on the WWW - just stop by the HomeSite registration page at http://www.dexnet.com/homesite/hs_register.html for details!

1-800 Registration

Credit card orders by telephone are handled at (800) 599-8856. Just tell them you'd like to order HomeSite, and be sure to give them your e-mail address!

Note: This toll-free number belongs to an independent registration agency - they only handle registrations. If you need technical support, please stop by <http://www.dexnet.com/homesite.html> instead!

Registering by Mail

For those of you who prefer to use snail mail, payment by check or money order (sorry - US currency only!) may be sent directly to me at:

Bradbury Software, LLC
1423 North Nash Street
Suite 2
Arlington, VA 22209

Please note that I cannot accept credit card orders at this time.

IMPORTANT: Make sure to include your e-mail address with your order! If your order doesn't include an e-mail address, it will be delayed until I can track you down!



configure button.

By default, when images are selected during the creation of an tag, HomeSite will automatically fill in the HEIGHT and WIDTH of the image.

By default, HomeSite adds the names of selected files exactly as they appear. Since many pages are hosted on case-sensitive UNIX systems, however, you may wish to always insert the filenames as lower case.

By default, HomeSite inserts tags in uppercase. Check this option to change this.

By default, HomeSite displays a "splash screen" on startup. Check this option to stop the splash screen from displaying.

By default, HomeSite will insert color names whenever a named color is selected. However, many older browsers don't recognize these named colors, and only use hexadecimal values. Check this item to force HomeSite to always insert colors as hex values.

By default, HomeSite will check the spelling of all HTML tags along with normal text. Set this option if you would prefer that HomeSite skips HTML tags and only checks normal text.

By default, HomeSite includes detail information (such as a document's title or an image's dimensions) in the file list. If you regularly work with large or remote directories, check this option to list only the name of the file. This will boost performance.

By default, HomeSite saves HTML documents in standard PC format. However, if you'd prefer to always save using UNIX format, then check this item. PC format uses both a carriage return and a line feed at the end of each line of text, whereas UNIX format uses only a line feed.

By default, HomeSite will insert a <BGSOUND> tag for sound files, and an tag for animation files. These tags are, however, specific to Microsoft Internet Explorer. You can change this behavior so that HomeSite uses Netscape's <EMBED> tag instead.

HomeSite's "Explorer"-style interface enables you to easily drag-and-drop files between folders, and even drag-and-drop folders into other folders. By default, you will always be asked to confirm these actions, but you can turn off confirmations with this setting.

