

## External Images, Sounds, and Animations

You may want to have an image open as a separate document when a user activates a link on either a word or a smaller, in-line version of the image included in your document. This is considered an external image and is useful if you do not wish to slow down the loading of the main document with large in-line images.

To include a reference to an external image, use

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<A HREF = image_URL>link anchor</A>
```

Use the same syntax is for links to external animations and sounds. The only difference is the file extension of the linked file. For example,

```
<A HREF = "QuickTimeMovie.mov">link anchor</A>
```

specifies a link to a QuickTime movie. Some common file types and their extensions are:

File Type	Extension
Plain text	.txt
HTML document	.html
GIF image	.gif
TIFF image	.tiff
XBM bitmap image	.xbm
JPEG image	.jpg or .jpeg
PostScript file	.ps
AIFF sound	.aiff
AU sound	.au
QuickTime movie	.mov
MPEG movie	.mpeg or .mpg

Make sure your intended audience has the necessary viewers. Most UNIX workstations, for instance, cannot view QuickTime movies.

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