Chapter 12 Previewing Your Work

This chapter describes GoLive CyberStudio's previewing functionality, covering both the built-in preview module and browser-based previewing.

General

GoLive CyberStudio *Preview* module lets you preview your work and test your links without launching an external application, giving you a very realistic visual impression of your page layout.

Additionally, GoLive CyberStudio lets you launch one or more Web browsers at a time, allowing you to check out more advanced features.

A typical Preview screen appears below.

The Preview Screen

GoLive CyberStudio lets you estimate the time your page will need to download.

Using the Built-In Preview Module

You can check your work at any time by launching the *Preview* mode, regardless of the editing mode you are using.

GoLive CyberStudio will always show you a "still photo" preview that closely resembles your page as finally published on the Web.

To preview your page without launching a Web browser, proceed as follows:

1 In the *Layout, Frames, Outline,* or *Source* mode, click the *Preview* tab in the document window and wait for GoLive CyberStudio to build the page display.

2 Scroll the *Preview* to check your page layout.

3 Click all hot spots on your page to test the links.

Notice the "hand" shape the cursor assumes when you move it over a hot-spot area.

Testing Links in Preview Mode

Click hot spots with the "hand" cursor to test your links.

Using Browsers for Previewing

When you have placed media items on your Web pages, you may want to preview them using your favorite Web browser(s).

GoLive CyberStudio's toolbar features a *Browser Launcher* that can be configured to launch one or more browsers with a single mouseclick.

Using the Browser Launcher

The following screenshot shows the Browser Launcher when configured to launch two or more browsers.
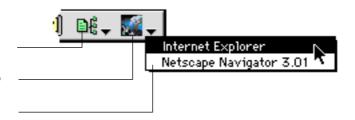
The Browser Launcher in the Toolbar

This button toggles between the Project or document window and the Site View.

Click the generic Launch Browser(s) button to launch all selected browsers …

… or select one from the Launch Browser(s) popup menu.

To preview your page with your favorite Web browser(s), proceed as follows:

1 Click the *Launch Browser(s)* button in the *Toolbar* to launch all selected browsers successively, or choose the desired browser from the *Launch Browser(s)* popup menu.

2 Wait for GoLive CyberStudio to launch the browser, which will build the page display.

3 View your page and switch to the next browser when finished.

Alternatively, you can choose the following menu commands to preview your page with your favorite Web browser(s):

Selecting the Show in Default Browser and Show in Browser Commands

1 The *Show in Default Browser* command launches all selected browsers. It is equivalent to the *Launch Browser(s)* button in the *Toolbar*.

2 The *Show in Browser* command and submenu launch a particular browser equivalent to the *Launch Browser(s)* popup menu.
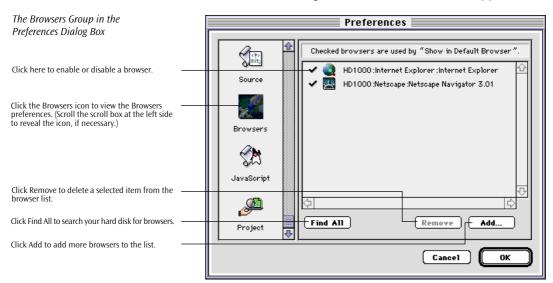
Customizing the Browser Launcher

GoLive CyberStudio lets you customize the Browser Launcher by enabling and disabling browsers or adding new browsers.

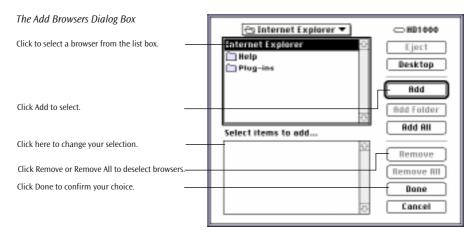To add a new Web browser, proceed as follows:

1 Check to make sure that the desired browser is installed on your hard disk and that all plugins you need for previewing are placed in its *Plugins* folder (or any other location your browser uses as a repository for multimedia extensions).

2 Go to the *Edit* menu and choose *Preferences*.

3 If necessary, scroll the preferences groups scroll box at the left side of the dialog box until the *Browsers* icon appears.

The Browsers Group in the Preferences Dialog Box

Click here to enable or disable a browser.

Click the Browsers icon to view the Browsers preferences. (Scroll the scroll box at the left side to reveal the icon, if necessary.)

Click Remove to delete a selected item from the browser list.

Click Find All to search your hard disk for browsers.

Click Add to add more browsers to the list.

Preferences

Checked browsers are used by "Show in Default Browser".

Source

✓ HD1000:Internet Explorer:Internet Explorer
✓ HD1000:Netscape:Netscape Navigator 3.01

Browsers

JavaScript

Project

Find All   Remove   Add…

Cancel   OK

4 Click the *Browsers* icon to open the browser preferences.

5 Click Find All to let GoLive CyberStudio add all browsers on your hard disk to the browser list.

6 Alternatively, click Add… to select one or more Web browsers in the subsequent dialog box.

7 In the *Add Browsers* dialog box, click to select an application from the list box in the upper left corner.

8 Click Add to add the selected application file to the *Select items to add…* list.

The Add Browsers Dialog Box

Click to select a browser from the list box.

Click Add to select.

Click here to change your selection.

Click Remove or Remove All to deselect browsers.

Click Done to confirm your choice.

9 To modify your selection before appending it to the browser list, click Remove to delete a selected browser from the *Select items to add…* list, or click Remove All to remove all browsers from the list.

10 When your are finished selecting, click Done to let GoLive Cyber-Studio add the selected applications to the browser list.

To disable or enable a Web browser, proceed as follows:

1 Go to the *Edit* menu and choose *Preferences*.

2 If necessary, scroll the preferences groups scroll box to the left of the dialog box until the *Browsers* icon appears.

3 Locate the desired application in the browser list and check its status: A browser is enabled if the checkmark is displayed to the left of its icon.

4 Click the checkmark to disable that browser, or click the empty space to enable it.

5 Click OK or press the Return key to return to the document window.

Notice the shape of the *Launch Browser(s)* button in the tool-bar: When two or more browsers are selected in the *Browsers* preferences, a generic browser icon is displayed in the toolbar. When only a single application is selected, the program icon of that browser appears in the toolbar.
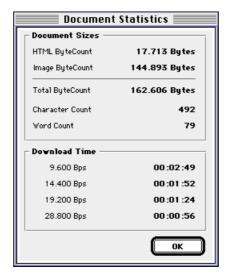
Viewing Document Statistics

GoLive CyberStudio also lets you view general document information and predict the approximate time your page will need to download.

To view the statistics of the current document, proceed as follows:

1 Go to the *Special* menu and choose *Document Statistics*.

2 The subsequent window displays general document information and the estimated download times, depending on the speed of the site visitor's Internet access.

The Document Statistics Window

Document Statistics	
Document Sizes	
HTML ByteCount	**17.713 Bytes**
Image ByteCount	**144.893 Bytes**
Total ByteCount	**162.606 Bytes**
Character Count	**492**
Word Count	**79**
Download Time	
9.600 Bps	**00:02:49**
14.400 Bps	**00:01:52**
19.200 Bps	**00:01:24**
28.800 Bps	**00:00:56**
	OK

Please note that the predictions made in this window are rough estimates that are achieved only under a well-defined set of circumstances. Conditions beyond the Web publisher's control, such as heavy traffic on the network and Web server overload, may cause real-life download times to deviate substantially.