

Graphic Slicing

This information sheet will explain how to slice an image using Adobe Photoshop.

Slicing an Image

1. Open and Enhance Image

- a. Rotate, Crop and make image enhancements.
- b. Use Image Size and Canvas Size to make the image the exact overall size required in the web page design.

2. Place Guides in the Image.

- a. **View > Rulers**
- b. Pull guidelines from the rulers and place them where the image is to be sliced.

3. Add Text to Sections so they may be used as buttons.

- a. Use the Type Tool to add text to each section.
- b. Use the Move Tool to position the text.

4. Slice the Image

- a. Select the **Slice Tool** in the Toolbar, 6th down.
- b. Click **Slices From Guides** in the options bar.
- c. To more accurately control the size of the slice, with the **Slice Select Tool** (this is a different tool from the Slice Tool) do a right click (Ctrl-Click on a Mac), and select **Edit Slice Options**.
- d. To combine slices, hold down the Shift key and use the **Slice Select Tool** (this is a different tool from the Slice Tool) to select two or more slices, then do a right click (Ctrl-Click on a Mac), and select **Combine Slices**.

5. Save Slices

- a. **File > Save for Web & Devices**
- b. Select the 2-up tab.
- c. In the right image window, select each slice one at a time and select the desired format.
- d. The Preset of **PNG-8 128 Dithered** is recommended.
- e. Click **Save**, select the Images folder in your Web site. Photoshop will create an Images folder within your Images folder for the sliced images.

Placing Image Slices on a Web Page

In Dreamweaver, create a CSS box for each slice and then place each slice in the appropriate box, the slices are to be adjacent to each other so they appear to be one image.