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WINDOW MANIPULATION WITH FLASH

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- **SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED**
- Know how to use actions before starting this page
- Have knowledge in editing HTML documents & small Javascripts

My little disclaimer:
I am not a Javscript expert. I have found all this information from doing research in books and compiling information from messageboards. I have tested these and they have worked for me. If you find any bugs be sure to let me know :)

BASIC TARGET WINDOW
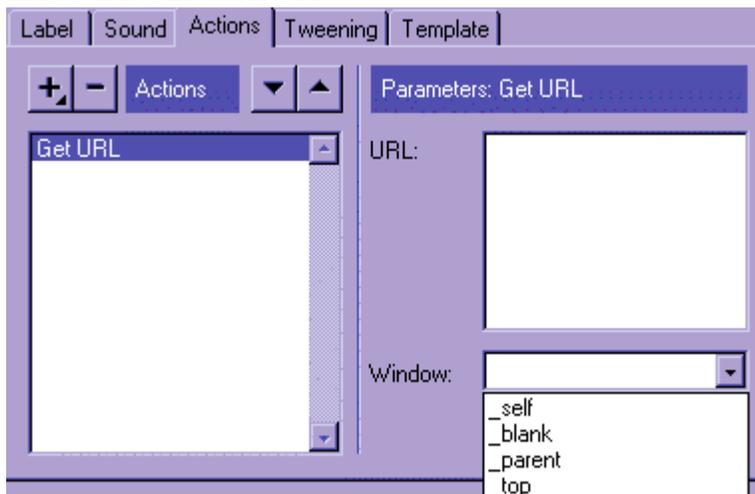
Ok. Let's start with the basics. Windows are usually used with a Get URL action. When you do this there is a 'Window' box where you can target how you want the next page your are linking to load at.

_self - Will load the page over itself.

_blank - Will load a new browser window.

_parent - Will load in the frame that contains the frameset tags.

_top - Will load the page to fill the entire browser window.

OPEN NEW WINDOW WITH PROPERTIES

From what I've heard this particular type of script **will not work with IE 3.0 or below**. But it ***does* work** with Netscape 4.0 and below and IE 4.0 + versions. It's a fairly reliable way of opening windows where you can control their properties.

Keep in mind though, that many people don't like the fact that all the browser features are taken away. I for one don't like windows with NO properties. To be honest it really bothers me and most of the time I just end up shutting it down. Full screen browser movies are in my opinion the best way to go. The user still has control and the screen is easier to read :)

To use this script, insert this exact code below into your <head> tags on your HTML page where you will insert your .swf movie. Only change the items that are red to match your preferred settings:
NOTE: Do *NOT* add spaces in this code!   On the window.open line add no spaces and no returns otherwise it won't work :-)

Goes between the <head> tags:

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<script LANGUAGE="JavaScript">
function popupwindow(){
window.open("The file   that you want to pop up
here","","height=350,width=500,menubar=0,resizable=0,scrollbars=0,status=0,titlebar=0,toolbar=0,left=0,top=0")
}
</script>
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Goes into your .swf button in the Get URL action box:
Javscript:popupwindow( )

GETTING THE .SWF TO FILL THE WHOLE WINDOW

The easiest way to do this is to link straight to the .swf file. Browsers always want to add margins around the movie. A couple of things you must watch when doing this:

1. **Flash detection**... make sure that Flash has been detected before hand. If the .swf file is *not* on an HTML page there is no way for it to detect Flash on it's own and install the plugin.

2. Make sure the **quality of the movie is set to high** from *within* Flash. You have to use the "Toggle High Quality" Action on the 1st frame of your movie. Here is a picture below:
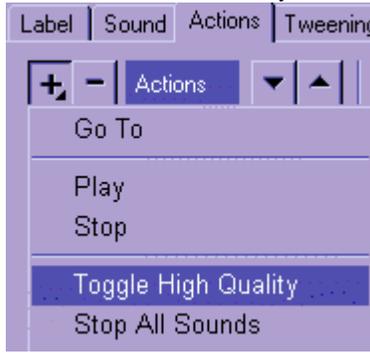
CLOSE A WINDOW

To have the 'current' window close from a .swf file all you need to do is add this text inside Get URL from your button:
Works in: Netscape 4.0 and lesser and IE 4.0 (still waiting to test for IE 3.0 and below)

javascript:window.close()

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