# NetObjects Fusion 10

Getting Started

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## Welcome to NetObjects Fusion

NetObjects Fusion® 10 is the essential tool for building effective websites. Whether you are a professional website designer or designing a site for a small business or your family, you can use NetObjects Fusion to design your site quickly and easily.

Map out your site structure by dragging and dropping page icons. NetObjects Fusion automatically creates and updates navigation and links. Lay out your pages quickly by dragging text, graphics, and multimedia into place. Select from dozens of SiteStyles®, and customize or create your own to apply a consistent visual theme throughout your site.

Enhance your site with Flash components, navigation and banners to get high-impact visual appeal. Change colors, effects, and display attributes with a few simple clicks, and preview your flash animation in real time. NetObjects Fusion 10 offers new flash time management, text, shapes and symbols components that integrate with your website seamlessly without any Flash knowledge necessary.

NetObjects Fusion includes all the tools necessary to edit images without having to use third-party software. You can crop images, set borders, adjust size and orientation, reduce red-eye, and add text. In addition, apply custom optimization settings to pictures and auto-generated images that control format and download times

NetObjects Fusion 10 comes with new features that allow you to structure, organize and keep track of project tasks enabling shorter time from website concept to live on the Internet. The new Tasks Checklist panel provides the ability to monitor progress on your projects quickly and easily without leaving NetObjects Fusion.

To make your work more efficient, NetObjects Fusion 10 provides you with a customizable workspace to suit the way you want to work. Customize your workspace using the floating, docking and stacking features available for all panels.

Get your photos on the Web in minutes using the Photo Gallery tools. Just select the images you want, set the display options, and NetObjects Fusion does the rest. Your photo gallery is published to the Web for your friends and family to view. NetObjects Fusion 10 includes a new Flash Photo Gallery builder that comes with new transition effects for any picture you would like to showcase on your website. The Flash Photo Gallery makes your images come alive and enhances your website, giving it the professional look and feel you desire.

Incorporate some of today's latest technology—such as RSS feeds, secure log-in pages, and customer testimonial components—using simple drag-and-drop functionality. Add, remove, and manage these components from the centralized component toolbox.

Simplify the process of building your online store with NetObjects Fusion and match your catalog with the look and feel of your website. With just a few clicks, you can easily create a catalog, add products and images, and arrange them so that navigation is effortless. Then, integrate credit card processing for an effective way to deliver world-class products and services to your customers online.

Utilize full Web-content-management functionality. Whether you are working collaboratively designing a site for your organization or developing websites for several clients, NetObjects Fusion's content-management features allow you to give NetObjects nPower<sup>TM</sup> clients the ability to modify their site while you retain control over which aspects of a site are editable.

Using the Version Manager, you can store archived versions of your website when it is modified by NetObjects nPower users. Now, you no longer have to worry about losing your site structure or waste time recreating its content to restore it to a previous version.

You can develop a dynamic site in minutes using NetObjects Fusion's Database component. Incorporate common database elements in objects such as forms, lists, and tables, all from within the NetObjects Fusion interface. Build pages to display data directly from Page view by simply dragging and dropping elements onto the page, setting values in the properties panel, and using wizards to add tables and queries. This is a great way for both beginners and advanced NetObjects Fusion users to implement complex solutions in less time.

#### What's In This Guide

This guide contains step-by-step instructions that provide the quickest path to learning how to build websites with NetObjects Fusion.

As you work through the lessons, imagine yourself designing a commercial website using some of NetObjects Fusion's many features to add content to the site.

• In "Creating Your First Website," you build a small site that provides the framework for all the lessons that follow.

• "Touring NetObjects Fusion" provides more in-depth information about the NetObjects Fusion design environment using the site you have just built.

#### **Conventions Used in This Guide**

NetObjects Fusion often provides multiple ways to accomplish a task. For example, to display a page in Page view, you can click the Page button on the Views bar, choose Page from the View menu, or press Ctrl+3. Procedures in this guide generally include the most convenient method, but other methods are usually available. If you are most comfortable using menu commands, you will probably find the item you are looking for on a menu even if it is not explicitly included in the steps.

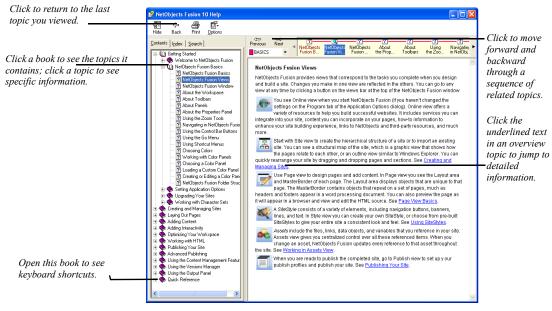
For readability, this manual presents all file names, paths, file extensions, HTML tags, and URLs like **this**. Example names that you should replace with your own information appear in *bold italic*. Keyboard key names and user interface elements look like **this**, and items you are to type appear like **this**.

This manual, the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*, and the online help assume you are proficient with Windows 2000, or Windows XP. If you need help using these systems, consult their respective user guides. This guide also assumes you are familiar with the World Wide Web and its terminology.

## **Getting Help**

NetObjects Fusion offers several options for getting online help.

For topic help, select Help Topics from the Help menu to launch the help system and display the table of contents.



To find information in the online topic help, click:

 a book on the Contents tab and then double-click a topic to see the information it contains.

Use the >> button to move forward through topics in sequential order.

Use the << button to move backward through the sequence.

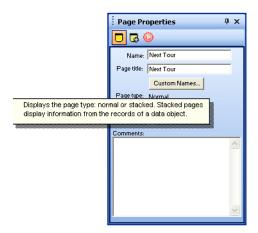
Click the Back button to return to the last topic you viewed.

Look at the topics in the Quick Reference book to find keyboard shortcuts.

- the Index tab and enter a keyword related to your topic.
- the Search tab and type the word or phrase you want to search for.

To see information about a specific item in any NetObjects Fusion window or a control in a dialog or panel:

- Right-click the object and then select What's This? from the shortcut menu and an explanation of the item pops up.
- Click the question mark icon in the title bar of a dialog, then click the item you
  want to learn about.



You can also highlight a menu command, then press F1 for an explanation; or, if you are in Style view, select an element and press F1.

For a summary of basic NetObjects Fusion concepts, choose NetObjects Fusion QuickStart tips from the Help menu.

Welcome to NetObjects Fusion

## **Creating Your First Website**

Imagine that you are the Promotions Manager for a small alpine adventure company called Mountain Jacques, and one of the company's most experienced guides. You want to share your excitement about the services Mountain Jacques provides. You know you can strengthen the business by enhancing communication with customers, so you decide to create a Web presence for Mountain Jacques and use NetObjects Fusion 10 to build the site.

#### Your goals are:

- Make it easy for customers to learn about Mountain Jacques
- Make it easy for customers to contact the company
- Build excitement for upcoming events

#### In this lesson you learn to:

- Create a new blank site
- Add pages
- · Add text
- Add a picture
- Set the SiteStyle
- Move the MasterBorder and Layout margins
- · Use highlighted and rollover buttons
- · Preview a site
- Save a site

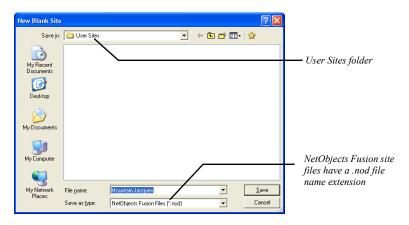
## **Creating a New Blank Site**

Start with a new blank site.

- From the Windows Start menu, select Programs>NetObjects>NetObjects
   Fusion 10, or double-click the NetObjects Fusion 10 icon on the desktop.
   Go directly to NetObjects Fusion. Do not choose the Site Wizard.
   Online view appears.
- 2. From the File menu, choose New Site>Blank Site to display the New Blank Site dialog.

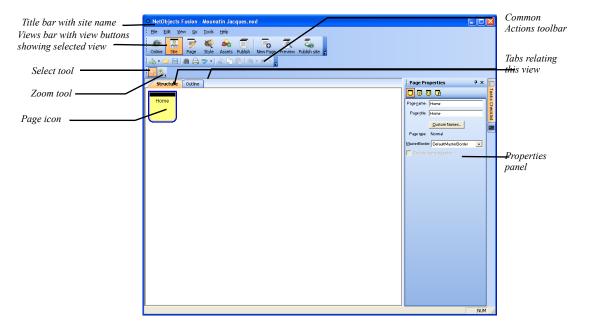
This is where you name your site file. NetObjects Fusion saves your site in a folder with the same name as the site, in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites folder

3. In the File name field, type Mountain Jacques, then click Save.



If file types are turned off in the Windows Explorer Options dialog, the .nod file extension does not appear. The site name appears in the title bar of the window. NetObjects Fusion automatically appends .nod to the site's name to indicate a NetObjects database file.

You can change the settings in the Application Options for NetObjects Fusion to "Open to most recently used file at startup". To display the Application Options dialog, choose Options> Application from the Tools menu.



Your new blank site will open in Site View by default. The Views bar highlights Site view to show it is selected. Site view is where you develop your site's structure. The "Touring NetObjects Fusion" section of this guide will explain Site View and the other NetObjects Fusion views in more detail.

A page icon represents each page in the site. Your new site has one page—the default **Home** page. The blue border shows it is selected.

The **Properties** panel shows the name of the selected object, in this case, the Home page.

For information on the options available on panels, right-click the option or its label, then click the **What's This?** button.

To display the Properties panel, select Property Inspector from the View menu

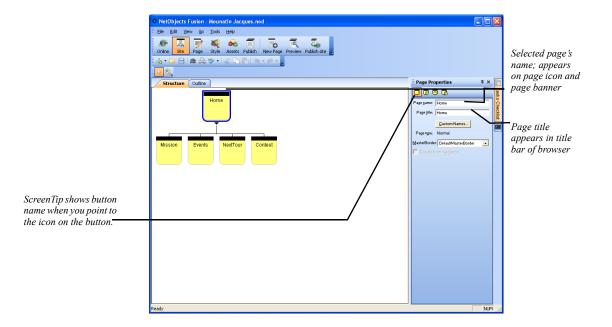
### **Adding Pages**

In Site view you add pages. NetObjects Fusion adds new pages under the selected page.

You are going to add four pages under the Home page.

1. With the Home page selected, click the **New Page** button on the Views bar four times to add four pages.

NetObjects Fusion adds four pages under the Home page and names each page Untitled1, Untitled2, and so on.





ScreenTip showing tool name

The toolbar on the left shows the **Select** tool is selected.

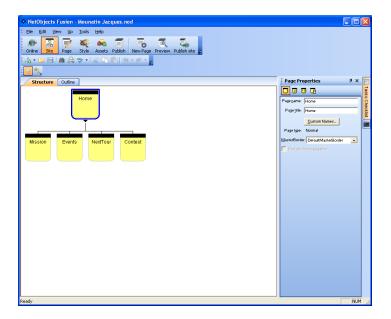
You can hold the pointer over a tool in a toolbar or button on a **Properties** panel for a few seconds to see a ScreenTip. ScreenTips tell you the name of tools, properties panel buttons, and other indicator icons.

2. With the Home page selected, type Mountain Jacques in the Page title field of the Page Properties panel.

Now, when site visitors view the Home page in a browser, the browser's title bar displays **Mountain Jacques** instead of **Home**.

- 3. On the far left page, click the name **Untitled1** to select the page name.
- **4.** Type **Mission**, then press the **Tab** key to select the next page name.
- 5. Name the remaining three pages Events, Next Tour, and Contest.

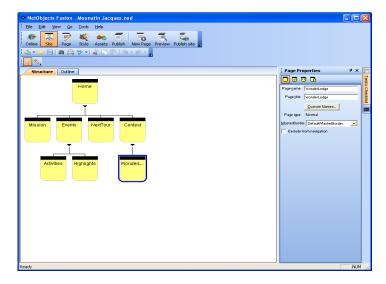
6. Press the Enter key to view the final page name on the Page button of the Page Properties panel.



Now you add pages under the Events page to describe upcoming events.

- 7. Click the **Events** page to select it.
- 8. Click the **New Page** button twice to add two pages under the Events page.
- Name the two pages Activities and Highlights.Next you add a page to advertise the contest prize.
- **10.** Click the **Contest** page to select it.
- 11. Click the **New Page** button once to add a child page under the Contest page.
- **12.** Name the page Wonder Lodge and press Enter.

If the page name is too long to fit on the page icon, NetObjects Fusion displays an abbreviated version of the name. However, the name will appear in full on the browser window.

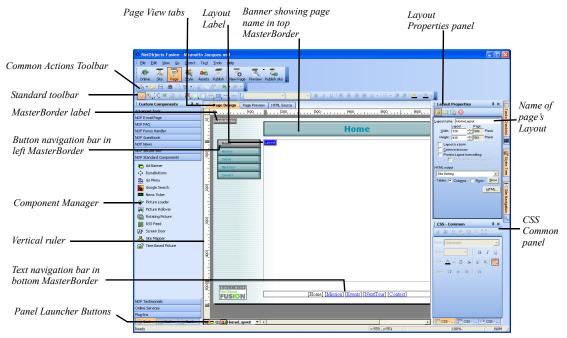


13. Double-click the **Home** page icon to open the Home page in Page view.

#### **Looking at Page View**

Page view is where you design and add content to your pages.

**Note:** Illustrations in this manual show Page view with the grid turned off. You can turn the grid on to assist in placing objects by selecting Grid from the View menu or by pressing CTRL+D.



Page View opens with the default workspace. The workspace consists of the panels, toolbars, and menus available in NetObjects Fusion. To customize your workspace for maximum efficiency, you can dock, re-position, and modify these features. Generally, panels may be docked to any side of the workspace, or detached and left to float.

The panels available within NetObjects Fusion are listed on the **View** menu. Clicking the Close button on a docked or floating panel will remove it from the interface. You can open a closed panel by selecting the name of the panel from the **View** menu.

By default, the **Page View** displays:

- Views bar allowing you to immediately access any of the six different views within NetObjects Fusion.
- Text Format toolbar containing the most common used text editing functions.
- Common Actions toolbar giving you a single-click way to access the most common actions.
- Standard toolbar docked below the Views bar.
- **Properties** panel showing properties of the selected item.
- Site Navigation panel, which you use to move between pages as you design the site.

You can customize the existing toolbars or create new custom toolbars. You can add and remove buttons, hide or display toolbars, and move toolbars. You can change the location of toolbars as desired.

You can set your workspace so that you will have only the panels and the toolbars you use. You can drag toolbars away by their title bar from the Component Manager onto the workspace and close the Component Manager to increase your desktop view. The workspace you create can be saved and reused.

You can set the positioning of panels in your workspace so they are floating or docked. You can dock the panel by dragging the panel by its title bar until the positioning arrows on the screen are displayed. Holding the left mouse button while you drag, move the panel over the arrow that indicates the position where you would like to dock the panel. You can float the panel by dragging its title bar. While still holding the mouse button down, move towards the area where you want to place it and then release the mouse button.

**Note:** You can move toolbars and panels within NetObjects Fusion to create your own customized workspace. It is possible some of the screens in this manual may have a different appearance than yours.

Use the buttons in the lower left of the Page view window to open and close the Properties panel, Site Navigation panel, Object Tree and CSS panels.

The MasterBorder works like a header and footer, but on all four sides of the Layout.

If the Properties panel is not displayed on the workspace, select the Property Inspector from the View menu.



Page view is divided into two areas: **MasterBorder** and **Layout**. The MasterBorder is the top, bottom, left, and right margins of the page. Objects placed in the MasterBorder region are visible on every page. The MasterBorder typically contains objects that repeat across many pages, such as navigation bars and banners. The Layout typically includes the page's unique content.

To select the MasterBorder or Layout area, simply click inside it. When the MasterBorder is selected, its label is red; when the Layout is selected, its label is blue. The **Properties** panel always shows properties of the selected item.

The DefaultMasterBorder includes a banner in the top margin, a button navigation bar in the left margin, and a text navigation bar and the Built with NetObjects Fusion 10 logo in the bottom margin.

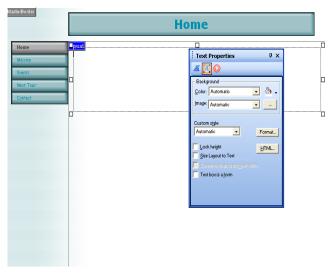
### **Adding Text to the Page**

Begin by adding a welcoming message to the Home page. In NetObjects Fusion, everything on the page is an object, so to type text you add a text object.

- 1. From the **Standard** toolbar, select the **Text** tool.
- 2. Click inside the Layout and drag a wide text box starting near the top left corner of the Layout area.

Do not worry about the size of the box. As you type, the text box grows to accommodate the text, if necessary.

You can select Undo from the Edit menu to undo any action since the last time you changed views.



The text box appears with hollow handles and contains a blinking insertion point. The pointer changes to an I-beam when you move it over the text box, indicating that you can type text.

Use standard arrow, Backspace, and Delete keys to edit text. **3.** Type:

**Mountain Jacques** 

4. Press Shift+Enter to force a line break.

**Shift+Enter** inserts a single line space instead of the double line space inserted when you press **Enter**, and causes this text to break exactly where you want it to.

**5.** On the new line, type:

Experience the best nature has to offer...

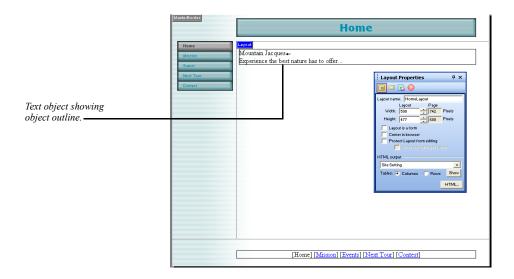


While editing text, the **Text Properties Panel** displays options such as **Font**, **Size**, and **Color** that you can use to format selected text. The text options can also be set from the **Text Toolbar**.

The **Font** field shows the font is **Arial**. The **Size** field shows the size is **0**, which is the default body text size expressed as an HTML relative size.

#### **6.** Click outside the text box.

The height of the text box automatically adjusts to accommodate the text, and the hollow handles disappear.



If necessary, to turn on object outlines, select Object Outlines from the View menu. An outline surrounds the text.

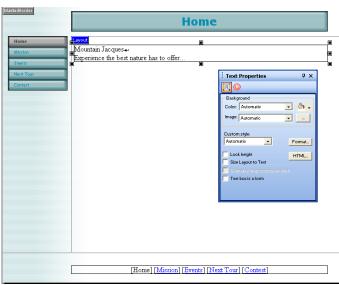
7. Click once anywhere on the text box to select it.

Solid handles surround the text object to show it is selected.

The **Text Properties** panel displays the **Text Box** section.

When the text object has solid handles, you cannot edit the text, but you can move, resize, or delete the text box.

- **8.** Double-click inside the text box so the hollow handles reappear.
- 9. Drag through all the text to select it.



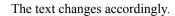
#### The **Text Properties** panel displays the **Format** section.





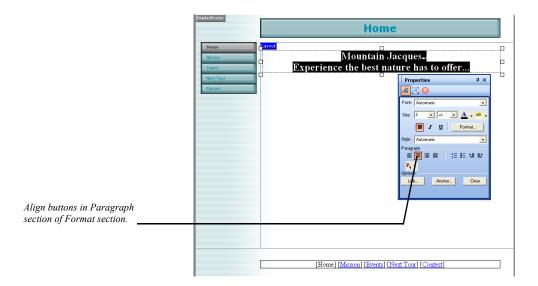
Bold button

- 11. In the Size field of the Format section, select 2.
  - If necessary, the text box enlarges to accommodate the text. You can also drag a hollow or solid handle to reshape a text box.
- **12.** If necessary, drag a text box handle so the text box is wide and the text occupies two lines.
- 13. From the Paragraph options of the Format section, click the Align Center button





Align Center button



14. Click outside the text box to deselect it.

### **Adding a Picture**

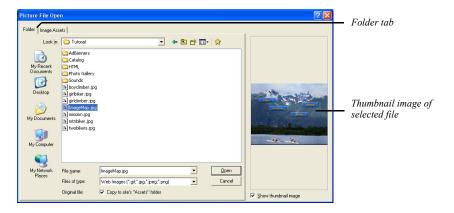
The Mountain Jacques art department created a graphic for the Home page.

- 1. From the **Standard** toolbar, select the **Picture** tool.
- 2. Place the pointer below the left side of the text object in the Layout area and draw a box.

The size of the box does not matter; NetObjects Fusion automatically adjusts the box to fit the picture after you place it.

The **Picture File Open** dialog appears so you can locate the image you want to place in the picture box.

3. With the Folder tab selected, navigate to the Mountain Jacques artwork in the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder, select ImageMap.jpg, then click Open.



The picture appears selected in the Layout area.

When the picture is selected, the properties panel shows **Picture Properties**.



NetObjects Fusion allows you to use an External Image Editor to manipulate images. To launch the external editor, right-click the image and select Open File in External Editor. List the external editor to use in the Program tab of the Application Options.

Ctrl+drag copies the picture. If you accidentally drag the picture instead of the handle, select Undo Copy Object from the Edit menu, press Ctrl+Z to undo, or right-click the copy and select Delete Object from the shortcut menu.

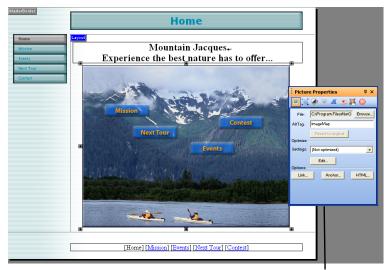


Image Properties panel

You can select buttons on the Picture Properties panel to modify your image without using an image editor. Some common image editing tasks include:

- Selecting image optimization settings on the General section to control image download times.
- Clicking Maintain Aspect Ratio on the Geometry section to maintain an image's proportions while resizing.
- Performing advanced image manipulations such as cropping, changing orientation, adding text and borders, eliminating red-eye, and editing an image's hotspots from the Picture Properties panel.
- Restoring a picture to its original size and shape by clicking Revert to Original on the Picture Properties panel General section.

## Setting the SiteStyle

A SiteStyle is a set of graphic, text, and Flash elements used throughout your site to provide a consistent look. SiteStyle elements include the banner and buttons for navigation bars, as well as a type of bullet, a line, and colors for linked text. Each SiteStyle also includes a set of text styles, such as a font and size for the body of the page, and various combinations of text attributes for different sized headings.

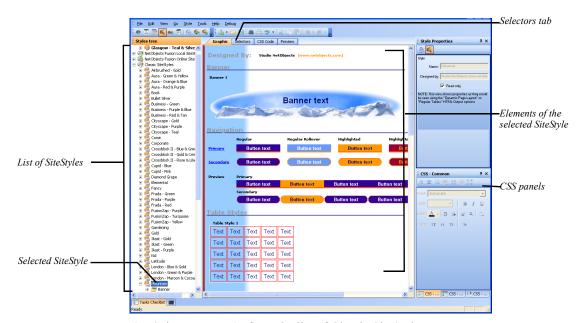
The default SiteStyle does not reflect Mountain Jacques' image. Fortunately, the **Mountain** SiteStyle is available.

The Style view displays graphical elements of the currently selected SiteStyle.

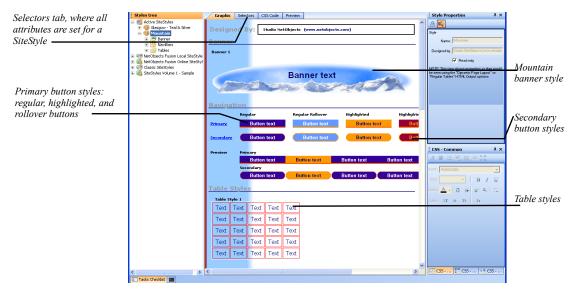
1. Click the **Style** button on the Views bar to go to **Style** view.



Style



2. Select **Mountain** from the list of Classic SiteStyles.





Set Style

- 3. Click the Set Style button on the Views bar.
- 4. Click **OK** to close the confirmation message.
- 5. Click the Page button on the Views bar.

The Home page appears in Page view, displaying the Mountain SiteStyle.

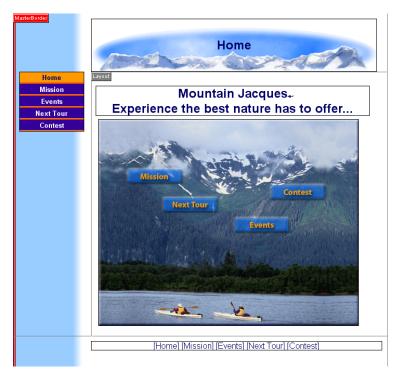
The SiteStyle has a two-tone background. The left side of the background is powder blue.

6. Choose **Snap to Object Outlines** from the **View** menu.

This way, when you drag an object toward another object, it aligns next to it without overlapping.

7. Drag the text object upward to the top of the Layout and adjust it to be the same width as the banner.

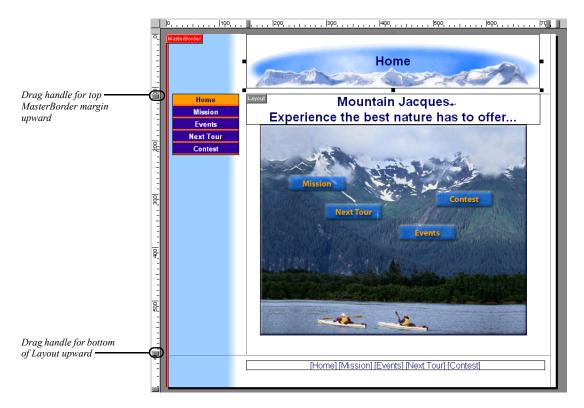
**8.** Drag the picture upward so it is touching but not overlapping the bottom of the text and is centered under the text box.



## Moving the MasterBorder and Layout Margins

You are going to remove extra space surrounding the banner and Layout objects. This improves the DefaultMasterBorder, which is currently assigned to each page in the site.

1. Select the banner and press the up arrow key several times to move the banner pixel by pixel to the top of the page.



- 2. Drag the handle for the top MasterBorder margin upward until the guide is even with the bottom of the banner.
- **3.** Click in the MasterBorder to display the MasterBorder Properties panel.
  - As you drag, the ScreenTip shows the ruler setting for the guide. This setting also appears in the **Top** field of the **General** section of the **MasterBorder Properties**.
- **4.** Drag the handle for the bottom of the Layout upward until the guide is even with the bottom of the picture.
  - All the objects in the bottom MasterBorder move up when you release the mouse button.
- **5.** On the MasterBorder Properties panel, set the Left margin to 150.



## **Setting Button Navigation Bar Properties**

You can set up buttons that are highlighted as you pass the pointer over them in a browser.

- 1. Select the button navigation bar in the left MasterBorder.
  - The **Properties** panel shows **Navigation Bar Properties**. Note that this button navigation bar uses the **Primary** button style as specified in the Mountain SiteStyle.
- 2. Click the **Style** button on the **Properties** panel.



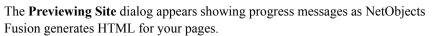
3. In the **Options** section, make sure **Highlighted** and **Rollovers** are selected.

- **Rollover** buttons change to the rollover buttons shown in Style view as site visitors pass the pointer over them in a Web browser.
- Highlighted buttons show the highlighted button style for the page being viewed in a browser.

## **Previewing Your Site**

You accomplished a lot in a short time, and you want to see how your site looks in a Web browser. NetObjects Fusion helps you check your work by previewing it in a browser as you develop your site.

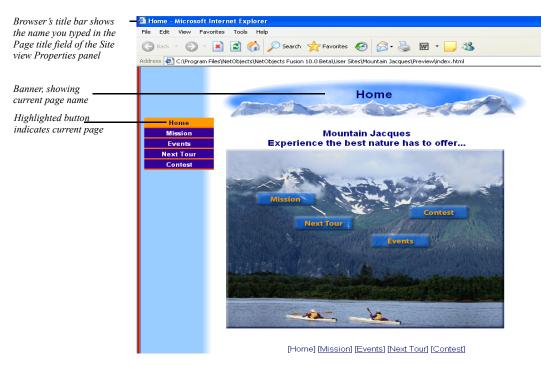
To preview your site, click the Preview Site button on the Views bar.



NetObjects Fusion launches your Web browser and displays the page from which you started the preview.



Preview Site



To select a different browser for previewing, from the Tools menu, choose Application Options and display the Preview tab. You can also select whether to preview the current page or the entire site.

The other pages have no content yet, but you can click the navigation buttons to view the pages and their style elements.

Notice that all the MasterBorder margins are the same as the Home page. This is because, as shown in the **MasterBorder Properties** panel, all pages are currently assigned the **DefaultMasterBorder**.

When you are done previewing, you can minimize or close the browser, or simply make NetObjects Fusion the active window again.

## **Saving Your Site and Exiting**

You might want to take a break and continue building your site later.

- NetObjects Fusion automatically saves your site every time you switch views or open a different page. To save your site manually at any time, select Save Site from the File menu.
- To switch from Auto save mode to manual save mode, clear the Auto save check box in the Application Options dialog.
- To exit NetObjects Fusion, select **Exit** from the **File** menu.
  - The **Program** tab of the **Application Options** dialog contains an option to **Compact database upon exit**. When this option is selected, NetObjects Fusion compresses the site to occupy less disk space, and verifies the integrity of your site file.
- To continue, simply save your site and do not exit the program.

#### Where to Go from Here

You have just created a site for Web publishing with NetObjects Fusion. "Touring NetObjects Fusion" shows you how to open the site and acquaints you with NetObjects Fusion's views, toolbars, properties panels, and other basic elements of the program. Familiarity with the basic parts of NetObjects Fusion will help you begin using its features immediately to enhance your websites.

# **Touring NetObjects Fusion**

In this chapter you tour NetObjects Fusion. To see the items in this tour you must first follow the steps in "Creating Your First Website" to create the Mountain Jacques site you open and explore.

This chapter gives you information about:

- · Opening Your Site
- · Site View
- · Site View Toolbars
- Properties Panel
- Site View Menus
- Setting Application Options
- · Viewing Current Site Options
- · Site Outline
- Page View Menus
- Text and Text Styles
- · Layout Properties
- MasterBorder Properties
- Rulers and Guides
- Site Navigation Panel
- Links
- HTML Source View
- Style View
- Assets View

Publish View

# **Opening Your Site**

- 1. If necessary, start NetObjects Fusion 10.
  - If the Mountain Jacques site is open, go directly to the next section, "Site View."
  - If NetObjects Fusion is started and the Mountain Jacques site is not open, choose **Mountain Jacques.nod** from the list of Site Projects in Online view and then go to the next section, "Site View."
  - If the site is not on the list, choose **Open Site** from the **File** menu and continue to step 2.
- 2. Navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\ Mountain Jacques folder, then select Mountain Jacques.nod.

Open Look in: Dountain Jacques ← 🗈 💣 📰 + 🦅 🗎 Assets Backups My Recent Preview Documents StylePreview \_\_\_ Styles Mountain Jacques.nod My Documents Mountain Jacques.nod • My Network File name: Open Cancel Files of type: NetObjects Fusion Files (\*.nod) -

If your system is set to hide file name extensions, the site name will not show the .nod extension.

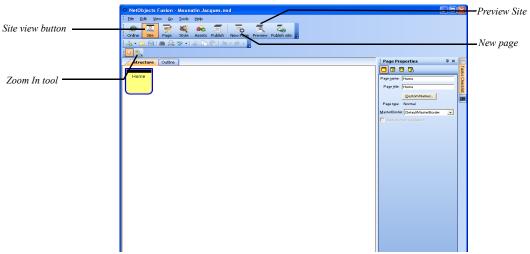
3. Click **Open** in the **Open** dialog, and if necessary, click **OK**.

The Mountain Jacques site opens.

## **Site View**

• If necessary, click the **Site** button on the Views bar to go to Site view.





Select Print from the File menu to print the SiteStructure starting with the selected page.

Site view is where you build and edit the structure of your site.

The Views bar contains a button for each of NetObjects Fusion's six views, plus buttons to create a new page, preview your site in a Web browser, and publish your site.

#### **Site View Toolbars**



Next to the Views bar, the available toolbars in Site view are: Common Actions, Standard Tools,

You can use the **Zoom In** tool to enlarge the size of the page icons. Point to the tool and hold down the left mouse button to see the flyout containing the **Zoom Out** tool. Select the **Zoom Out** tool from the flyout to reduce the size of the page icons.



The Common Actions toolbar offers a quick way to invoke actions that are used frequently. All the actions from this toolbar can also be found on the menu bar. Toolbars may be customized by adding, removing, and editing buttons on them. You can drag any NetObjects Fusion toolbar by its grip handle to undock it. Once undocked, you can drag the title bar to move the toolbar, double-click the title bar to dock it, or click the Close button to close it.

Once you have closed the toolbar select it from the **View** menu and it will become visible again.

The next time you start NetObjects Fusion, the toolbars appear where they were when you exited the program.

### **Properties Panel**

Press F3 to show and hide the Properties panel.

By default the **Properties** panel is open when you start NetObjects Fusion. You can drag the title bar to move it, double-click the title bar to dock it, and click the Close button to close it. When closed, you can view it again by choosing **Property Inspector** from the **View** menu.

Like the toolbar, the **Properties** panel appears where it was when you exited the program.

To learn about any option on the **Properties** panel:

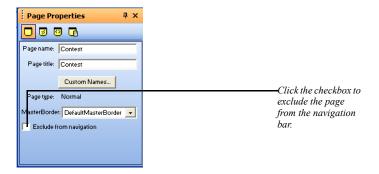
• Right-click an option label, then click the What's This? pop-up.

The **Page Properties** panel changes to give you information about the selected object.

The **Page** section is where you set properties for the selected page.

Display the ScreenTip to see the button name.

In Site view, the **Page** section of the Properties panel shows the page name, title, type, and currently assigned MasterBorder. You can also remove a page from the navigation bar so that site visitors can only access the page indirectly using links.



By default, the page name appears on the banner and navigation button for the page. To set a custom name for the banner or button, click the **Custom Names** button and type a new name in the **Navigation button** or **Banner** field. You can also open this dialog using the **Custom Names** command on the **Edit** menu.

To type a two-line button or banner name, press Enter after the first line.



To restore the original name to banners and navigation bar buttons, delete the entry in the **Custom Names** dialog.

You can use the **Management** section of the **Properties** panel to set page status to **Done** to display visual cues of the page status, or **Don't publish** to exclude pages

being generated at publish time, color code pages with certain attributes, and add comments.



Use the **META Tag** section to enter META tags that can be applied to a single page, several pages, or all pages. Choose from the list of META tags available and type information about your site in the text field. The META tags will appear automatically within the <HEAD> tag of each page.

To apply META tags globally to your site, enter the META tags on the Home page and select "Apply META tags to all pages".

#### **Site View Menus**

The menus change depending on the view. The commands available in Site view are generally available in other views, in addition to other commands.

- The File menu contains commands to open, close, and save sites, import and
  export sites, documents, and templates; reference HTML files external to the
  site, and print your site's structure.
- The Edit menu contains commands to copy and delete pages, select a site section, create a new page, edit custom names, and search for and replace text.
- The View menu contains commands to show and hide the toolbars and panels, set the Site view orientation so the Home page is either at the top (Vertical) or at the left (Horizontal), set the Site view background color, set selections for workspaces, and set page color coding to MasterBorder or User Defined.

- The **Go** menu contains commands to show any view, search for a named object, go to a particular page, go to the last view, select from a list of recent pages, and preview.
- The Tools menu contains commands to spell-check the site or selected pages, re-optimize your site for maximum efficiency, and display the Application
   Options and Current Site Options dialogs. You can also edit your NetObjects Fusion profile, check for program updates, refresh the onscreen display, and select a theme for your application.

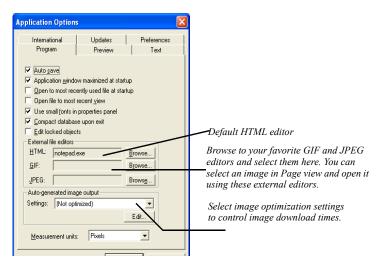
You must be online to use some commands on the Help menu.

 The Help menu contains commands to launch the NetObjects Fusion Help system and go to various pages on the NetObjects website. You can also obtain version number, serial number, and copyright information from the About box.

#### **Setting Application Options**

1. From the **Tools** menu, choose **Options>Application**.

The **Options** dialog appears showing the **Program** tab.



Use the **Program** tab to set options that are in effect every time you launch NetObjects Fusion.

 When Auto save is selected, NetObjects Fusion saves your site each time you change the page or view, open a different site, or exit.

- To continue working where you left off when you next launch NetObjects
  Fusion, select Open to most recently used file at startup and Open file to
  most recent view.
- By default NetObjects Fusion compacts your site file and verifies the site when you exit.
- NetObjects Fusion launches the specified external editors in Page view
  when you select a referenced HTML file or image and choose Open File in
  External Editor from the Object or shortcut menu.
- You can control image download times by choosing an Auto-Generated Image Output setting.
- You can select a unit of measurement for the page width, height, Layout, and MasterBorder.
- You can override locking permissions on a site by selecting the Edit Locked Objects option. This allows you to edit a site without having to unlock each locked object individually.

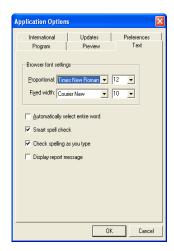
#### 2. Click the **Preview** tab



The **Preview** tab is where you select the default browser for previewing your sites, and whether to preview the current page or the entire site. You can also

specify the size of the browser preview window so you can approximate the amount of content your site visitors can view on their screens.

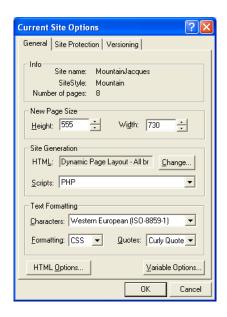
3. Click the **Text** tab.



- Use the **Text** tab to set the default font and size the browser uses when previewing NetObjects Fusion sites as well as spell-check options.
- The International tab contains format settings for the date and time, decimal notation, spelling dictionary, language sort order, and character set to use for imported HTML.
- Use the **Updates** tab to specify when to check for program updates.
- Use the **Preferences** tab to determine when a warning should be displayed. The Preferences tab allows you to enable and disable warnings. Choose what warnings to appear when publishing or when working with pop-up windows and tables.
- **4.** Click **Cancel** to close the **Options** dialog.

## **Viewing Current Site Options**

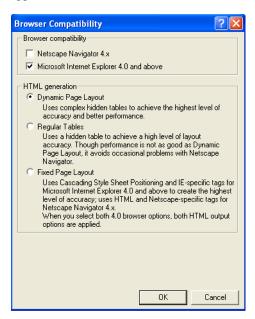
From the Tools menu, choose Options>Current Site.
 The Current Site Options dialog appears showing the General tab.



The **General** tab shows the name of the open site, the current SiteStyle, the number of pages it contains, and the default settings for this site.

#### 2. Click the Change button.

Use the **Browser compatibility** field to specify the target browsers you want to support.



The **Browser compatibility** section is where you select the browser versions your site audience is most likely to use.

**HTML generation** is where you select the HTML standard NetObjects Fusion generates.

- **Dynamic Page Layout** uses complex hidden tables to achieve the highest level of layout accuracy across all browsers. This is the default setting.
- Regular Tables supports the lowest common denominator of browsers.
   These pages achieve the least layout accuracy but the greatest browser compatibility.
- **Fixed Page Layout** uses cascading style sheet positioned layers to achieve the highest level of accuracy with Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 and above. This option is suggested when using actions and is required for overlapping objects. It is not supported by Netscape 6.x, and may not be compatible with current HTML standards.

#### 3. Click Cancel.

- The **Default** section also shows the page width and height for new pages you add to the site, the default character set, and the type of quotes.
- You can select the HTML or Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) standard for formatting text.
- Use the **HTML Options** dialog to specify how you want NetObjects Fusion to format tabs, spaces, line breaks, word wrap, letter casing, comments, and other items in the HTML it generates for you.
- Use the Scripts option to select from the drop-down list the scripting language (ASP or PHP) used for NetObjects Fusion components. Check with your Internet service provider to determine which option is appropriate for your hosting environment.
- The Variable Options are a common feature for advanced users that require
  the ability to use variable substitution in the generated code. You can add a
  prefix and suffix to NetObjects Fusion's syntax that will not conflict with
  your custom defined variables.
- Use the Site Protection tab to protect pages from being accidentally deleted or moved. Lock Layout and MasterBorder areas while you fine-tune your design.
- The Versioning tab enables another level of protection by storing template versions of your website in a remote location, as well as enables you to collaborate with other Web designers effectively.

Use the Local **Backup** options to change the default backup folder name, location and number of backups to store.

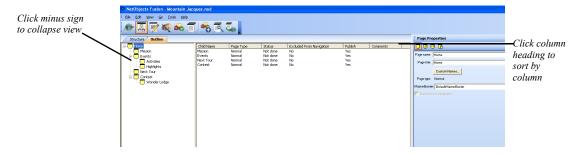
By default, NetObjects Fusion automatically creates a backup of your site file when you exit the program, under the location and name specified.

#### 4. Click Cancel.

#### **Site Outline**

1. Click the **Outline** tab under the Views bar.

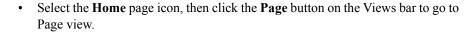
The SiteStructure appears on the Outline tab, showing the status of the selected page or its children.



- To expand or collapse the view, click the plus or minus sign next to a page.
- To sort by column, click the column heading.
- To restore the original order, click the icon for the Home page.
- 2. Click the **Structure** tab to return to Structure view.
  - To collapse this view, click the triangle under a page.
  - To expand this view, click the plus sign under a page.

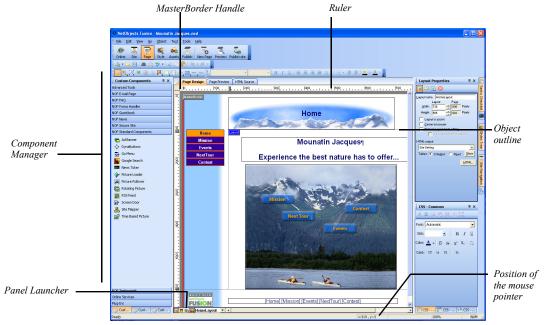
# **Page View**

Page view is where you design your layout, add content and services, and set up MasterBorders.



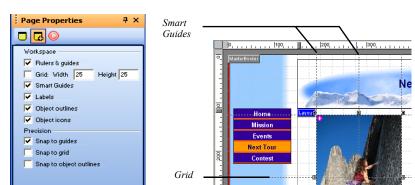


Page



 Use the Panel Launcher buttons to show or hide the Properties panel, Site Navigation panel, and Object Tree panel, and CSS panels.





Choose More panels > Page View Options from the View menu, or press F12 to display the Page Properties panel.

- The **View** button displays options to show and hide rulers and guides, grid, labels, object outlines, and object icons, as well as options to set the snap to guides, grid, and object outlines. It also displays an option to set the grid width and height and use smart guides to assist with object alignment.
- The **Page** button is similar to buttons in Site view where you set page name, custom banner and button name, page status, and add comments.

## **Page View Menus**

In Page view, the **File** menu includes commands to import or reference an HTML page and import a Word, Rich Text Format (.rtf), or text document.

You can use the **Undo** command on Page view's **Edit** menu to reverse most actions since you last switched the page or view. The **Edit** menu contains the standard commands to delete, move, copy, and paste objects. It includes commands to select the next and previous object, Layout, MasterBorder, and page, as well as commands to find and replace text.

The **View** menu contains commands to show and hide Page view's toolbars, Properties panel, Site Navigation panel, Object Tree panel, MasterBorder, page labels, object outlines, object icons, rulers, guides, and grid. Use this menu to control snapping to guides, grid, and object outlines, and to change the zoom factor.

Use the **Go** menu to go to each NetObjects Fusion view, each Page view tab, the next, previous, parent, and child page, the last view, and recent pages. You can also

search for named objects, follow a selected link to its destination, and preview the page or site.

Use the **Object** menu to manipulate selected objects. The Object menu contains commands to align, distribute, arrange, size, show, and hide objects. You can reduce the Layout and MasterBorder to accommodate the largest object in them. You can manipulate tables, open image files in an external editor such as a paint program, and restore an image to its original size. Finally, you can add links and anchors and insert HTML tags into selected text.

### Page View and Text

Use the **Text** menu to show and hide non-printing text, such as paragraph and line break characters. Use this menu to insert many types of objects, HTML code, and symbols, such as copyright and trademark symbols

You can change the text attributes of the standard HTML text styles or Cascading Style Sheet styles supported by NetObjects Fusion. The **Manage Styles** command displays the **Text Styles** dialog. This dialog contains the options to create new styles, duplicate styles, edit existing styles, and delete styles.

### **Layout Properties**

 Click the Layout area so that the Layout label is highlighted and the Layout Properties panel appears.

The **Layout Properties** panel contains four buttons: General, CSS Importing Order, Background, and Actions.



NetObjects
Fusion 10
supports
cascading style
sheets. With
cascading style
sheets, you can
specify text styles
and apply them to
a text object, a
page, a site, or a
SiteStyle.

The **General** section contains the Layout name, which by default is the same as the page name. This section also contains the Layout area width and height, which you can change, and shows the overall width and height of the page, which adjusts automatically. The page width or height is the sum of the Layout plus the MasterBorder. Changing the Layout size does not change the MasterBorder size; it changes the page size.

- Use the **HTML output** section to change the HTML standard for publishing this Layout. Do this only if you need a setting that is different from the **Browser compatibility** setting selected for the whole site. These settings are described in "Viewing Current Site Options" on page 40.
- Click the Show button to view a superimposed view of the HTML layout that will be generated if a tables option is selected in the HTML output dropdown list.
- This tab also contains options to make the Layout a form, center the layout in a browser, and protect the layout from editing. You can use the HTML button to insert your own HTML between the <HEAD> tags, inside the <BODY> tag, or at the beginning or end of the page body.

The **CSS Importing Order** section is where you control the order in which CSS files are imported.

The **Background** section is where you select the color, picture, or audio for the Layout background. The default setting, **Automatic**, uses the background color or image specified in the SiteStyle, or if none is specified, the default background for the browser.

The **Actions** section is where you can assign pre-defined or custom actions, such as a transition or motion, to the Layout when it is displayed in the browser.

#### **MasterBorder Properties**

• Click in the MasterBorder so the MasterBorder label is highlighted and the **MasterBorder Properties** appear.



The **General** button displays a section that contains the name of the MasterBorder assigned to the current page and a button to add and edit MasterBorders.

This section also shows the size of the **Left**, **Right**, **Top**, and **Bottom** margins of the page, which you can change here, along with options to protect the MasterBorder area from editing or allow just text editing within this area. Changing these dimensions can change the overall page size, but does not change the Layout size.

Use the CSS Importing Order button to control the order of the imported CSS files.

Use the **AutoFrames** button to turn on frames for each MasterBorder margin, and the **Actions** button to assign actions to the MasterBorder.

#### Rulers, Handles, and Guides

The rulers appear in the unit of measurement set on the **Program** tab of the **Application Options** dialog, accessed from the **Tools** menu. The default is pixels. The horizontal top ruler shows the page width, which is 730 pixels when set to the

default. The vertical side ruler shows the page height, which is 555 pixels when set to the default.

Each ruler contains two MasterBorder handles, one at either end, and one Layout handle between them. Drag these handles to change the MasterBorder margins and Layout size.



You can create and drag guide handles if you want. You use guides to align objects. Click the ruler where you want to create a new guide. Guides are color-coded:

- When the MasterBorder is selected, guides you create are red and appear for all pages with the current MasterBorder. When you align an object in the MasterBorder area of a page, it is aligned to the exact position on all pages.
- When the Layout is selected, guides you create are blue and appear only on the current page.

Drag a guide handle to move it. To remove a guide, drag its handle off the ruler.

Use the **Undo** command on the **Edit** menu to restore margin positions.

**Note:** You cannot drag a margin handle if the MasterBorder or Layout will become too small to accommodate an object inside it, such as a banner, button navigation bar, text, image, or other object.

## **Site Navigation Panel**



panel button

• If necessary, click the **Site Navigation** panel button at the bottom of the Page view window to open the **Site Navigation** panel.



Double-click a page in this window to open it in Page view.

#### Links

1. Select the Built with NetObjects Fusion logo in the bottom MasterBorder of the Home page.

Notice the small blue and white symbol on this image. This is the **Link** icon; it means this image has a link associated with it. This and other object icons are visible when **Object Icons** is selected on the **View** menu.

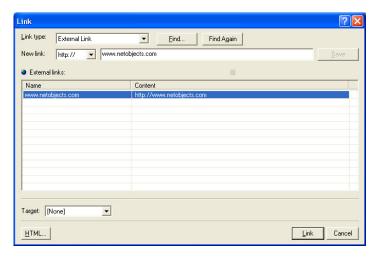
When you select the image, the **Picture Properties** panel appears.



2. On the General section, click the Link button.

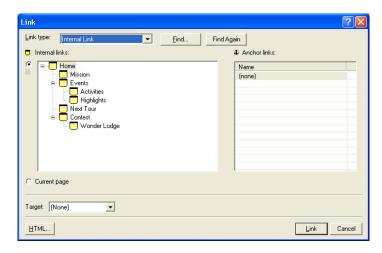
The Link dialog appears, showing the External Link settings.



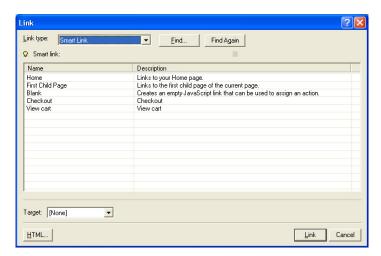


The external link information tells you that when site visitors click this NetObjects Fusion logo, their browser takes them to a URL external to your site—in this case, the NetObjects Home page at www.netobjects.com.

#### 3. Select Internal link on the Link type list.



An internal link is a link to a page in your site.



4. Select Smart Link on the Link type list.

The **Smart Link** tab contains links relative to the current page, such as up a level, next page, and previous page. These links automatically update as your SiteStructure changes.

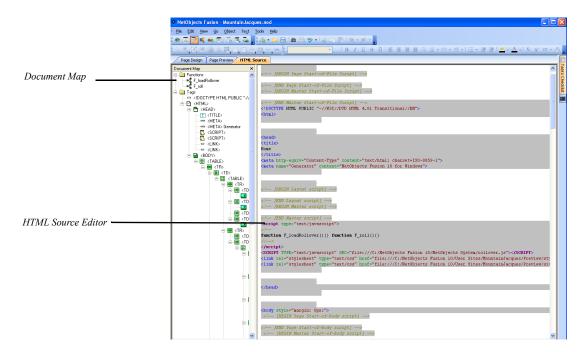
Select **File Link** as the **Link type** to enter the path and file name of a file to download into the browser window when the site visitor clicks the link.

- 5. Use the Target drop-down to target where the link opens. You can choose [None] to open in the same window, Existing to target an existing frame, or Pop-up Window to load the page in a new browser window.
- 6. Click Cancel to exit the dialog.

#### **HTML Source View**

You can use the **HTML Source** view in Page view to view the HTML that NetObjects Fusion generates, and to insert your own HTML or other code into specific places in the code.

1. Click the HTML Source tab.



The left side of this view is the Document Map. The Document Map lists each function at the top. The **Functions** folder contains the JavaScript functions for the rollover buttons in the button navigation bar.

2. Click the minus sign (-) next to the **Functions** folder to collapse it.

The Document Map lists all HTML tags on the page, with an identifying icon next to each one.

- Click a minus sign (-) to collapse the tag list, and a plus sign (+) to expand it.
- Click the **X** to close the Document Map. Right-click in the window and select **Document Map** from the shortcut menu to restore it.
- Double-click an item in the Document Map to highlight its starting line of
  code in the HTML Source Editor. For example, double-click the very last
  item in the document map, <IMG> Picture3, to view the HTML code for
  the ImageMap.jpg picture you added in Chapter 1.
- Drag the column divider to change the width of the Document Map.

The HTML Source Editor on the right side of the window shows the HTML, JavaScript, or other code that comprises the page. This code contains complex tables and is generated by NetObjects Fusion. It appears on a gray background, and you cannot edit it. To make the code easier to read, NetObjects Fusion shows each language element in a special color.

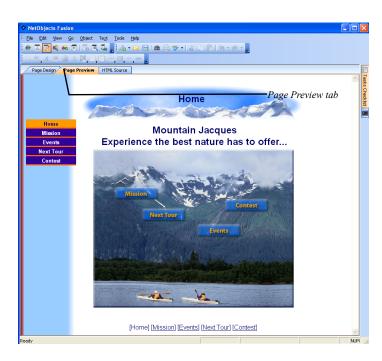
You can insert code into any white space in the HTML Source Editor. You can also use the HTML button on many dialogs to insert HTML or other code into the page.

You can click a blue plus (+) or minus (-) sign in the HTML Source Editor to expand or collapse this view.

You can use the **Find** command on the **Edit** menu to find text in HTML Source view. For example, you could type **ImageMap** in the **Find** dialog and click the **Find Next** button to locate the HTML code for the **ImageMap.jpg** picture you added to the Home page.

#### **Page Preview Tab**

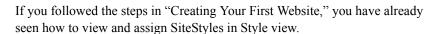
In Page view, you can preview the current page without switching to another view or launching an external browser.



• Click the **Page Preview** tab to preview the current page.

# **Style View**

1. Click the **Style** button to go to Style view.

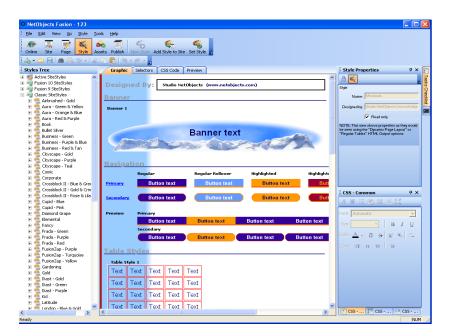


You can create your own SiteStyles and edit existing SiteStyles in this view, as well as edit objects associated with the style such as Table Styles, NavBars, Banners, etc. The style is broken down in category folders; and under each of these folders there are the names of the style elements of the respective category. The style elements can be moved from one style to another via the drag-and-drop method.

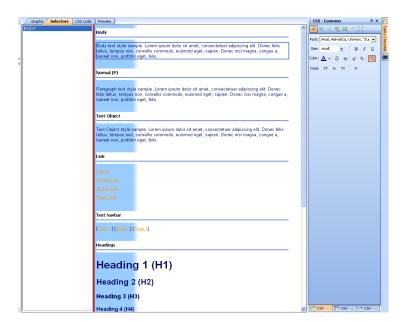


Style

The **Style** menu contains commands to create a new style, browse styles online, add and remove styles, add SiteStyle sources, and edit style elements. To edit a style, you must clear the **Read only** check box on the **Style Properties** panel.



In Style view, the Views bar contains the **Set Style** button, which you use to assign the style you are viewing to your site, and an **Add Styles** button, which adds the current style to your Active SiteStyles list. You can create, browse, or download additional styles to use in your sites.



**2.** Click the **Selectors** tab to view the settings for the SiteStyle.

Use the **Selectors** tab in Style view to set attributes for the HTML tags and objects supported by NetObjects Fusion 10. In the Selectors view, the CSS rules are displayed and may be edited.

The selected item in the Style Tree will be displayed in the Selectors view. In this view, CSS selectors are displayed in a column on the left, while a preview of the selected selector is displayed on the right. Each element from the selector list may be edited with any of the three CSS inspectors (CSS Common, CSS Property Grid and CSS Code).

When you specify text attributes for the **Body** text element, the attributes automatically ripple through all the text objects that are on your pages. You can edit each object to further specify its attributes.

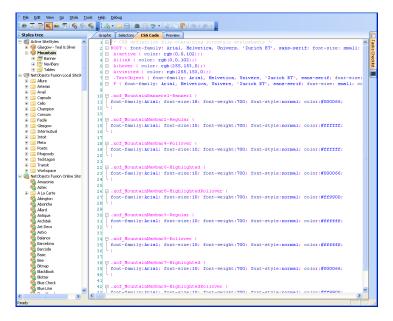
You can format selected text in Page view using the Properties panel. Such formatting overrides text settings in the SiteStyle. When you add text to the Layout, it automatically appears in the font and style specified in Style view.

Ultimately, if no text attributes are set in the HTML sent to the browser, the browser uses its own defaults. In NetObjects Fusion, there is always a SiteStyle assigned, but often the text settings for the SiteStyles are **Automatic**, which means "Use the default." The default is the browser setting unless it has been overridden by a setting in the SiteStyle, site, page, or text object.

SiteStyles are available to every site on the system, so if you change a text setting in a SiteStyle, you affect every site that uses the SiteStyle. You can change text attributes for just the open site using the **Manage Styles** command on the **Text** menu in Page view.

3. Click the CSS Code tab to change the content of the CSS rules contained in the current SiteStyle.

The CSS Code View displays the stylesheet definition file for the current SiteStyle.



The CSS Code view offers basic code editing options that you can perform on the definitions displayed in CSS Code view: cut, copy and paste, clear, and find

and replace code. To enable these commands, right click and select the option from the context menu.

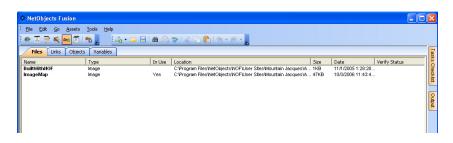
In NetObjects Fusion, every SiteStyle contains a Style.css stylesheet that contains the formatting information of the SiteStyle elements. Using the selectors or Code View options above will automatically update this Style.css stylesheet.

#### **Assets View**

Assets view is where you manage all the assets in your site. Assets are any file you place in your site, such as files containing images, sounds, movies, and so on.

1. Click the **Assets** button on the Views bar.

Assets view appears with the **Files** tab selected.



The Files view shows all file assets known to the site. The columns in this view tell you the asset's file name, its type, whether it is currently in use, its path, size, and creation date. The **Verify Status** column reports the results of the **Verify All File Assets** command on the **Assets** menu, and tells you whether the asset is actually in the location specified by the path.

You can click a column heading to sort by that heading, and drag column dividers to change the column widths.



Assets

#### 2. Click the Links tab.



The Links view lists all the links currently registered in the site, including the default link targets. Although the button and text navigation bars contain links, these are managed internally by NetObjects Fusion and are not listed here.

The external link currently assigned in this site is the link to the **NetObjects Home Page**, which you examined when you selected the Built with NetObjects Fusion logo in "Links" on page 51.

The **Data Objects** and **Variables** tabs show data objects and variables used in the site. The default entries are a data object named **Sample** and a variable named **MyAddress**. Data objects define database information from either internal or external sources. In Assets view you can create, edit, and delete user-defined variables used within the site.

The **Assets** menu varies slightly depending on the selected tab. Generally it contains commands to add a new asset, delete all unused file assets, open an asset, and verify all assets.

### **Publish View**

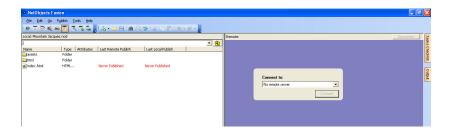
Publish view is where you set up publishing parameters and select whether to publish locally to your computer for previewing how your site will look in a browser window or remotely to your host provider's Web server for public viewing.

• Click the **Publish** button to go to Publish view.



Publish

With NetObjects Fusion you can specify the directory structure you want to publish to your Web server. By default this structure is created in a special Publish directory in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites folder.



The Publish view window shows the directory structure that will be uploaded to your server in the left pane, and the contents of your remote server directory in the right.

**Note:** You must connect to your remote server to view the remote server directory contents.

Use the **Arrange Files** command on the **Publish** menu to select how local files appear in Publish view and are sent to the Web server. This view shows publishing **by Asset Type**, where assets are in one directory and HTML files are in another. You can publish with a **flat directory structure**, where all assets and files are in one directory, or by **site structure**, where all the HTML and asset files for a given page are in a folder of the same name, and the **index.html** file, and all banners, buttons, and other NetObjects Fusion files are in the root. Finally, you can create your own custom directory structure.

The columns show the file name of the asset or **.html** file, its type, attributes, and whether it was remotely or locally published, or modified.

The Views bar in Publish view contains the **Publish Settings** and **Publish Site** buttons.

- Use **Publish Settings** to set up local and remote publish profiles.
- Use Publish Site to publish the site. In the Publish Site dialog you can select
  the current page, several pages or sections, or entire site, and publish all or
  changed assets only.

## Where to Go from Here

This completes your tour of NetObjects Fusion 10. You should now understand how site development flows from view to view, and generally what you do in each view. You should also understand how to set options for the program and for the site

If you would like to continue working through this hands-on guide, launch the *Getting Started* manual available from Online view and proceed, beginning at the section *Designing Site Navigation*.

All the concepts in this chapter are explained in detail in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*, and in the online Help system.

Where to Go from Here

# **Designing Site Navigation**

Now that you have built a SiteStructure and are familiar with basic NetObjects Fusion features, you can set up site navigation so visitors can easily move between pages.

To complete the lessons in this chapter, you must have followed the steps in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website," to create the Mountain Jacques site.

This lesson shows you how to:

- Create a new MasterBorder
- Create an Imagemap with linked hotspots
- · Add Fly-out submenus
- Create a custom navigation bar

# **Creating a New MasterBorder**

To make the Home page design unique, you can use the Mountain Jacques graphic as a navigation aid instead of the button navigation bar. You add hotspots to the button labels on the graphic and link them to the appropriate pages.

Because the hotspots provide navigation aids for the page, you can remove the button bar navigation from the Home page, but you want to keep it on all the other pages. To accomplish this you create a special MasterBorder for the Home page, then remove its button navigation bar.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques site.
- 2. Display the **Home** page in Page view.
- **3.** Click in an empty area of the MasterBorder, so the **MasterBorder Properties** panel appears.



The **Name** field shows the MasterBorder assigned to this page— **DefaultMasterBorder**. This drop-down list shows all MasterBorders in the open site.

NetObjects Fusion also provides a **ZeroMargins** MasterBorder, which sets all margins to zero, so you can create pages with no borders.

If you remove the navigation button bar before you create a new MasterBorder, you remove the navigation button bar from every page in the site that uses the DefaultMasterBorder.

4. On the **General** section of the **MasterBorder Properties** panel, click the **Add/ Edit** button.



- 5. In the Edit MasterBorder List dialog, click the Add button.
- 6. In the Name field of the New MasterBorder dialog, type
  HomeBorder

Leave it based on **DefaultMasterBorder**.

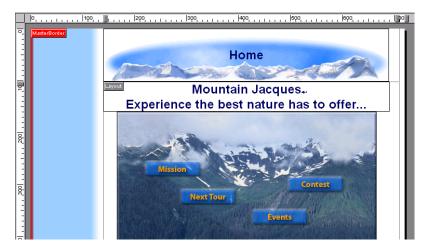


7. Click OK.

The new MasterBorder name appears on the Properties panel, and the **Name** drop-down list now shows three MasterBorders, with **HomeBorder** selected.



8. Select the navigation bar in the Left MasterBorder, then press the Delete key.



This removes the navigation bar from the MasterBorder named **HomeBorder**, which is assigned only to the Home page. The other pages still use the **DefaultMasterBorder**, thereby retaining the button navigation bar.

# Creating an ImageMap

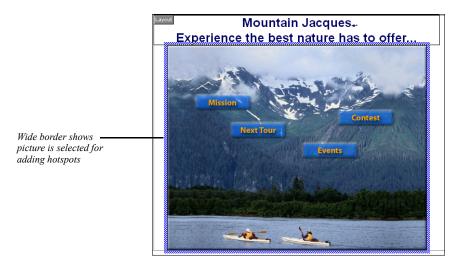
An imagemap is a graphic with linked areas called hotspots.

1. On the Standard toolbar, click the Hotspot: Rectangle tool.

If the **Rectangle** tool is not showing, point to the **Hotspot** tool, hold down the left mouse button, and select **Rectangle** from the flyout.

2. Move the pointer over the picture.

A wide border surrounds the picture, which shows it is selected for adding hotspots.



**3.** With the wide border showing, drag a box around the **Mission** button on the graphic.

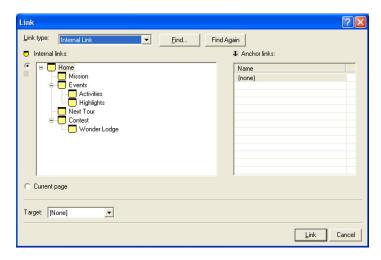


The **Link** dialog appears.



Hotspot Rectangle tool

- 4. Select Internal Link as the Link type.
- 5. In the SiteStructure select the **Mission** page.



#### 6. Click Link.

The rectangular hotspot appears selected on the picture, and the Properties panel shows **Rectangle Hotspot Properties**.



- 7. Place the pointer over a handle. When the pointer changes to a double-sided arrow, you can drag the handle of the hotspot to adjust its size.
- **8.** Double-click the **Rectangle Hotspot** tool to prevent it from reverting to the **Select** tool.

**9.** Drag a rectangle around the **Next Tour** button.

The Link dialog appears again.

- 10. In the SiteStructure, double-click **Next Tour** to create the link.
- 11. In the same way, draw hotspot rectangles around the **Events** button and link it to the **Events** page, and around the **Contest** button and link it to the **Contest** page.

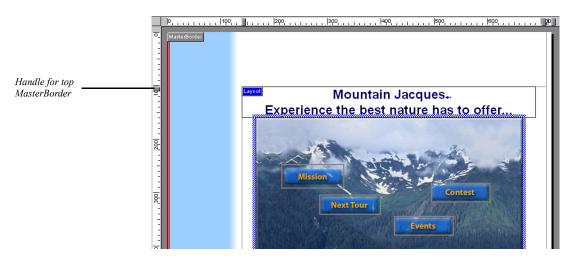
To turn off hotspot outlines, clear the Show hotspots check box on the General tab of the Picture Properties panel.



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Select tool

- **12.** Click the **Select** tool.
- **13.** Right-click the banner and select **Delete Object** from the shortcut menu.



14. Drag the handle for the top MasterBorder upward until its ScreenTip says 20.

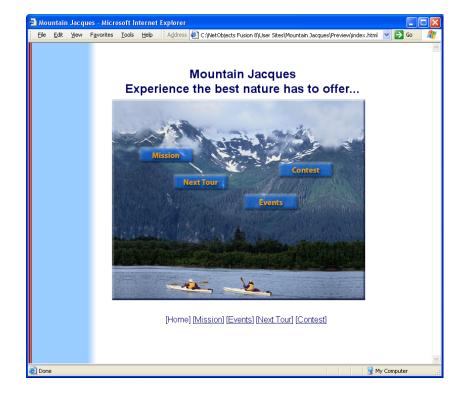


**15.** Click the **Preview Site** button on the control bar to preview the entire site, and click the hotspots on the Home page to test the internal links.

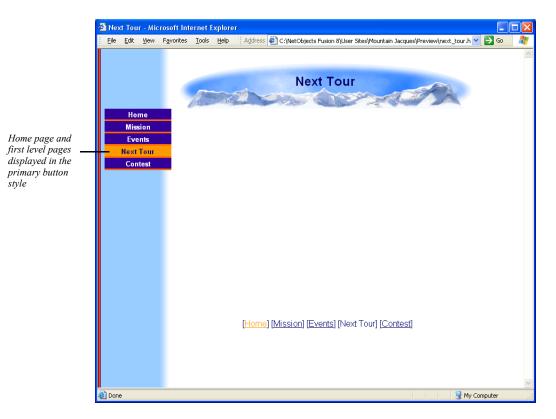


Preview Site

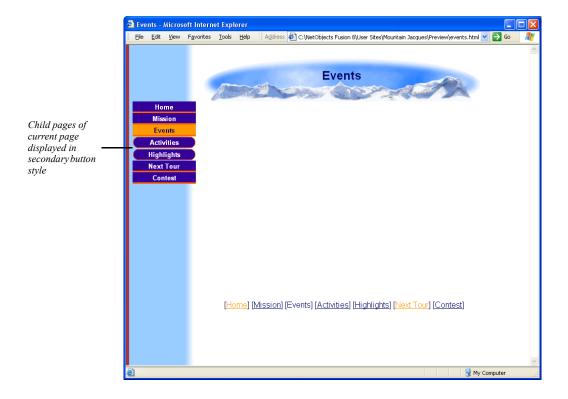
The Preview tab in Page view previews a single page only, so you cannot use it to test links.



Notice the button and text navigation bars on each page. The navigation bars on the Mission and Next Tour pages include the Home page and the four pages on the first level of the site. All the buttons are displayed in the primary button style associated with the Mountain SiteStyle.



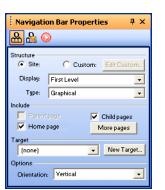
The navigation bars on the Events and Contest pages include the Home page, the pages on the first level, and the child pages of the current page—Activities and Highlights for the Events page and Wonder Lodge for the Contest page. The child page buttons are displayed in the secondary button style associated with the Mountain SiteStyle.

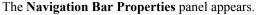


# **Adding Fly-out Submenus**

By default, a navigation bar includes the Home page, pages on the first level of the site, and the child pages of the current page. Instead of showing child page buttons on the navigation bar, you decide to use fly-out submenus. When a site visitor moves the mouse pointer over a navigation bar button, the child pages will pop out.

1. Display the Events page in Page view and click the button navigation bar.





In the **Navigation Structure** section of the **General** tab, note that **First Level** is selected. This means that all pages on the level under the Home page in the SiteStructure are included in the navigation bar.

Bg color: 🕟 None

**Properties** 

Level: Current

Button: Secondary

Site Style: Current SiteStyle

Apply to all pages

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Options

Display Border: 0

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Advanced...

Fly-out submenu

Link end caps

- 2. In the **Include** section:
  - a. Leave Home page selected.
  - **b.** Clear **Child pages** to remove the child page buttons from the navigation bar.
- 3. Click the Style tab.

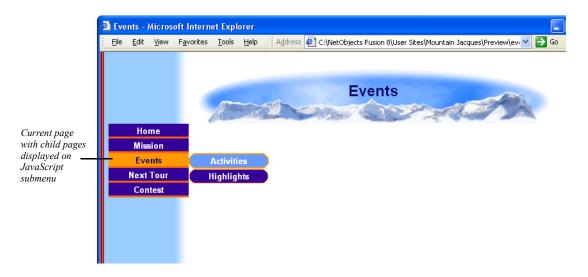
Select **Fly-out submenus** to display the child pages as pop-outs when a site visitor moves the mouse pointer over the parent page button.

You can customize the Fly-out submenu button type or SiteStyle on this tab. For now, you use the default settings.

**4.** Click the **Preview Site** button on the control bar to preview the site and test the Fly-out submenus.



Preview Site



# **Adding a Custom Navigation Bar**

The Highlights page of the site will feature photos of last year's annual mountain bike tour. To make it easy for site visitors to get additional information about mountain biking, you can add a navigation bar button that links to the Specialized Bicycle Web site.

- 1. Display the **Highlights** page in **Page view**.
- 2. Click in the MasterBorder.
- On the General section of the MasterBorder Properties panel, click the Add/ Edit button.

Because you want this link to appear only on the Highlights page, you create a new MasterBorder.

- 4. In the Edit MasterBorder List dialog, click the Add button.
- 5. In the Name field of the New MasterBorder dialog, type BikeBorder.





#### 6. Click OK.

The new MasterBorder name appears on the Properties panel, and the **Name** drop-down list now shows four MasterBorders, with **BikeBorder** selected.

- 7. Select the button navigation bar.
- 8. On the Navigation Bar Properties panel, select Custom and click Edit.

The **Custom Navigation Bar** dialog appears, showing the SiteStructure with the Internal Link type selected. The Home page is already added to the navigation bar on the right side of the dialog.



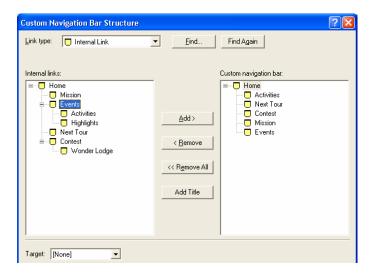
- **9.** On the left side of the dialog, select the **Mission** page.
- 10. Double-click on the page name to add the Mission page to the navigation bar.



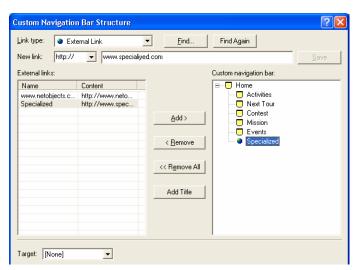
11. In the same way, click and add the **Events**, **Activities**, **Next Tour**, and **Contest** pages.

Note that you can add pages on different levels of the site.

Using the Custom option, you can add pages from different levels into the same button navigation bar.



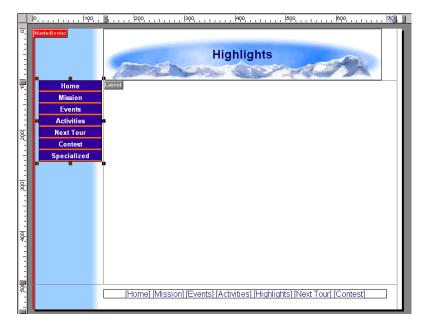
- 12. Select External Link from the Link type list.
- 13. In the New link text field, type www.specialized.com and click Save.
- **14.** With the new entry highlighted in the External links list on the left, click the **Add** button.



15. Click the new entry in the Name column, type Specialized, and press Enter.

16. Click **OK** to close the custom navigation bar dialog.

The custom navigation bar appears in the MasterBorder.



17. Preview your site and test the links in the custom navigation bar.

### Where To Go From Here

You just learned to create MasterBorders and use imagemaps and MasterBorders as navigation aids when creating Web pages. You also learned to create a custom navigation bar.

To learn more about MasterBorders, see Chapter 10, "Managing MasterBorders" and Chapter 20, "Creating Navigation Bars and Banners" in the *NetObjects Fusion* 10 User Guide or the online Help system.

The next lesson, Chapter 4, "Placing Pictures in Text," shows you how to import a Word document into the Layout, add a picture inside its text box, and wrap the text around the picture.

Where To Go From Here

# **Placing Pictures in Text**

The Mountain Jacques mission statement was created using Microsoft Word. Without changing the format, you can put the mission statement on the Mission page and add a picture.

To follow the steps in this lesson, you must have created the Mountain Jacques site described in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website." You also must have Microsoft Word installed on your system.

This chapter shows you how to:

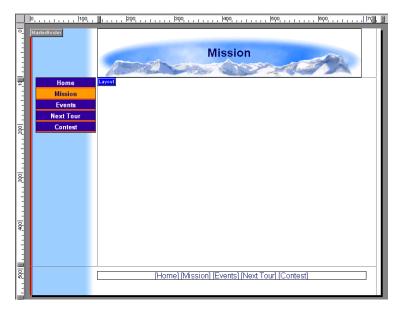
- Import a Microsoft Word document into a page
- Add a picture inside a text box
- Align text around a picture
- Move a picture inside a text box

### **Importing a Word File**

In NetObjects Fusion, a text box can be a container object. You can add and arrange other objects inside it. When you move the text box, the objects remain in position in the box. This makes it easy to arrange other objects around the text box on the page.

Importing a Word file into the Layout area automatically creates a text box for you.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Display the **Mission** page in Page view.



**3.** From the **File** menu, choose **Import>Document**.

**Note:** If you do not have Word installed on your system, this option is not available.

**4.** In the **Import Document** dialog, navigate to the **NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial** folder, and select the **Mission.doc** file.



#### 5. Click Open.

A progress message appears, and the Word document appears in the Layout.





6. Click in the Layout to select the text box, so the **Text Properties** panel shows the **Text Box** tab.

Notice the text box has a wide border and does not show any object handles. This is because the default option for imported text is **Size Layout to Text**. When this option is selected, the text assumes the size of the Layout, and you cannot resize the text box

You can clear the Size Layout to Text check box to view the familiar solid
object handles that indicate you can resize the text box. If you clear this
option, click the check box again to reselect it before you continue.

Now you can insert the picture into the text box.

# Adding a Picture Inside a Text Box

- 1. Double-click inside the text box to display the **Format** tab of the **Text Properties** panel.
- 2. Select the **Picture** tool from the **Standard** toolbar.

The pointer changes to a crosshair. When you move it over the text box, the text box outline changes to a wide blue border. The crosshair pointer carries a wide blue insertion point with it.



Picture tool

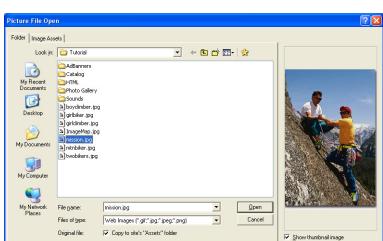


Wide blue insertion point

You don't have to draw a box to place the picture. Just click to position the upper left corner of the image.

**3.** Place the wide blue insertion point just after the last word in the first paragraph, and click to launch the **Picture File Open** dialog.

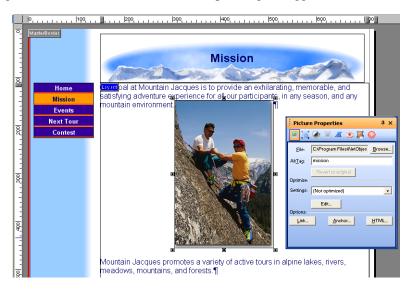




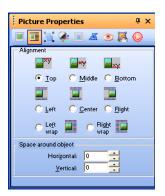
4. Navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder and select mission.jpg.

#### 5. Click Open.

The picture appears with its upper left corner at the insertion point location. The picture is selected, and the **Picture Properties** panel appears.



**6.** On the **Picture Properties** panel, click the **Align** tab. Depending on your screen resolution, you may have to scroll to the Align tab in the Picture Properties panel.

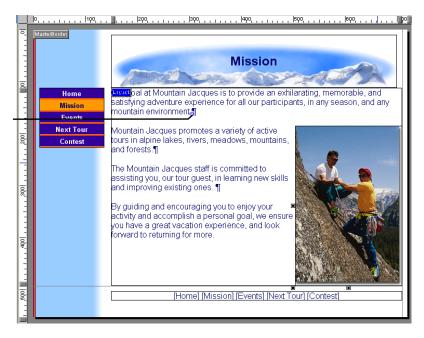


The icons on the **Align** tab show how the text aligns itself in relation to the picture.

The default alignment is **Top**, which aligns the text at the insertion point with the top of the picture.

7. On the Align tab, select Right wrap.

The text wraps around the picture, and the embedded object icon appears.



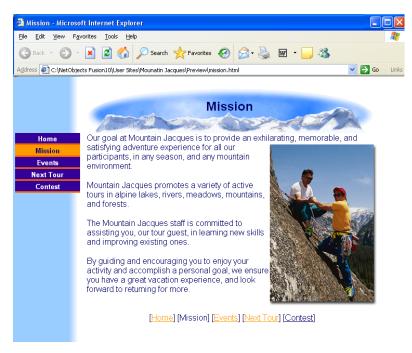
Blue and white embedded object icon denotes insertion point for picture in text box

This alignment is good, but you would like to move the picture up.

- **8.** Move the pointer over the picture and press the mouse button, so you see the wide blue border around the text box.
- 9. Start dragging slowly upward.
  - As you drag, the picture remains where it is, and the pointer displays the wide blue insertion point.
- **10.** Move the wide blue insertion point to the upper left corner of the Layout, at the beginning of the text, and release the mouse button.
  - The picture moves up next to the top paragraph of text. The **Alignment** option is still set to **Right wrap**, and now the picture is where you want it.

11. On the Align tab, in the Space around object section, set Horizontal to 2 and Vertical to 4.





#### **12.** Click the **Page Preview** tab to preview the page.

### Where To Go From Here

You just learned another way to use text boxes in page layouts, how to insert objects into a text box, and how to align text around these objects.

For more information on text boxes, see Chapter 9, "Working with Text Boxes" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* and in the NetObjects Fusion online Help system.

When you use text boxes to lay out pages, NetObjects Fusion generates lean HTML. When you use the **Size Layout to Text** option, NetObjects Fusion generates the leanest code because it eliminates HTML tables in the Layout portion of the page. For more information on HTML output options, see Chapter 7, "Controlling Published Output in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* and in the NetObjects Fusion online Help system.

The next lesson, Chapter 5, "Creating a Photo Gallery," shows you how to add a photo gallery to your site.

# **Creating a Photo Gallery**

To show highlights of each type of activity Mountain Jacques offers, you decide to display photos of previous trips. Using the NetObjects Fusion Photo Gallery tool, you can create a professional presentation with little effort. In this chapter, you set up a gallery that features photos of a Yosemite hiking trip.

To follow the steps in this lesson, you must have created the Mountain Jacques site described in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

This chapter shows you how to:

- Create a photo gallery
- Add pictures to the gallery
- Format the thumbnails page
- Format the photo pages

# **Adding Pages for the Photo Gallery**

Each photo gallery includes two types of pages: a thumbnail page, which displays a small image of each picture in the gallery, and photo pages, which display one image to a page. You add the thumbnail page and NetObjects Fusion automatically creates the photo pages for you.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Go to Site view.
- 3. Select the **Activities** page and add a new page.
- 4. Name the new page Hiking.
- 5. Display the **Hiking** page in **Page** view.

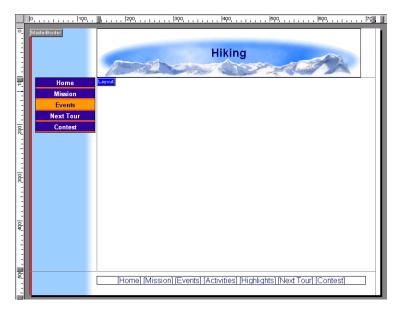




Photo Gallery tool

**6.** Select the **Photo Gallery** tool from the **Advanced Tools** toolbox and click in the upper left corner of the Layout area.

It's a good idea to start in the upper left corner of the Layout to allow as much room as possible for the images. You can adjust the position later, if necessary.

If photo galleries are already associated with the site, you may see a larger dialog. If this happens, use the Create a new Photo Gallery option.

7. In the **Add Photo Gallery** dialog, type **Yosemite** as the name of the gallery and choose **Default** as your profile.

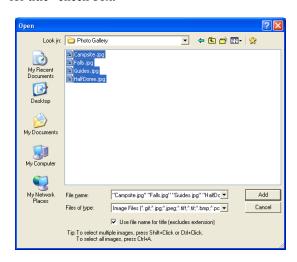


8. Click OK.

# **Adding Photos**

After you add the gallery component, the next step is to add photos. You should be looking at the Open dialog window.

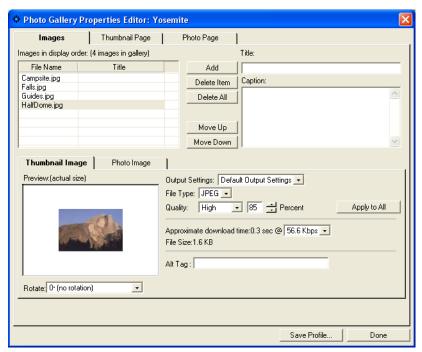
- 1. Navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10/Tutorial/Photo Gallery folder.
- 2. Press Ctrl+A to select all four files in the folder and uncheck the "Use file name for title" check box.



You can select one, all, or as many files as you like.

3. Click Add.

Before you begin to add photos, it's a good idea to organize the pictures you want to include into a single folder so you can find them easily. The files you selected are listed in the **File Name** column and the highlighted file is shown in the **Thumbnail Image Preview**.

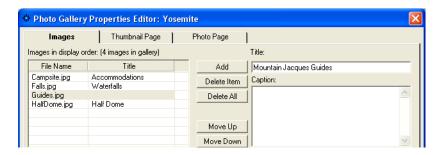


You can give each photo a title and/or caption or just let the picture speak for itself.

- 4. Select HalfDome.jpg and in the Title field, type Half Dome.
- 5. In the Caption field, type Rising over 4,000 feet above the valley floor, Half Dome is the most recognized symbol of Yosemite.



- 6. Select Campsite.jpg and enter Accommodations as the title.
- For the last two pictures, enter Waterfalls and Mountain Jacques Guides as the titles.



You enter the captions later, directly on the photo page.

**8.** Select **HalfDome.jpg** and see the **ALT Tag** field is automatically populated with the Title of your photo. Repeat to view the ALT tag text for the other three pictures.

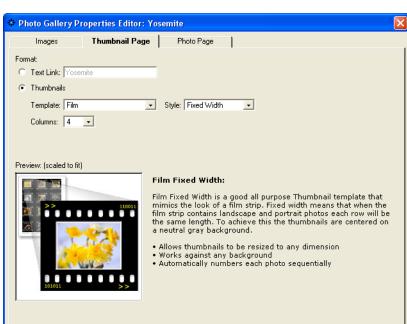
You use the **Output Settings** on the bottom Thumbnail Image and Photo Image tabs to balance display quality and download time so your site visitors are not waiting a long time for your photos to appear. For this lesson, the default settings are fine.

Next you set up formats for the thumbnail page and the photo pages.

# Formatting the Thumbnail Page

The thumbnail page shows a small preview of each image in the gallery. Site visitors click a thumbnail to go to the photo page. NetObjects Fusion includes a variety of templates you can use to display the thumbnails. For example, your pictures can appear in a film strip or a series of slides.

For more information about these output settings, see Chapter 14, "Creating Photo Galleries," in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.



#### 1. Click the **Thumbnail Page** tab.

#### 2. From the **Template** list, select **Slide**.

Note the additional options. Each thumbnail template has options consistent with its theme. As you change the settings, the result appears in the Preview window.

Save Profile.

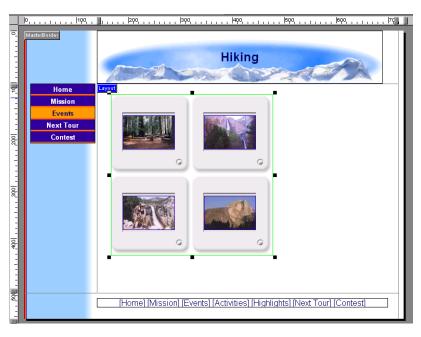
Done

3. Leave the Style set to Shadow.

#### 4. Set Columns to 2.

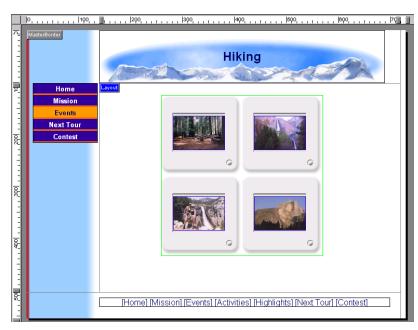
Since you have four images in this photo gallery, this will arrange them in two rows of two.

5. If necessary, clear **Include title** because you don't want to display the title of each image on the thumbnail page.



#### **6.** Click **Done** to see the Thumbnail page.

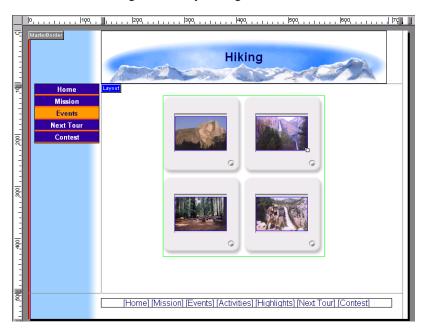
The thumbnails are bounded by a green border. You can change the order of the images within the green border, but you cannot move individual templates outside the green border.



7. Drag the photo gallery so it is centered under the page banner.

The files are displayed in the order in which they are listed in the File Name column. You want to change the order to put the scenic photos first.

- 8. Click the Half Dome photo and drag it to the upper left position in the gallery.
- **9.** In the same manner, drag the campground photo to the lower left corner.

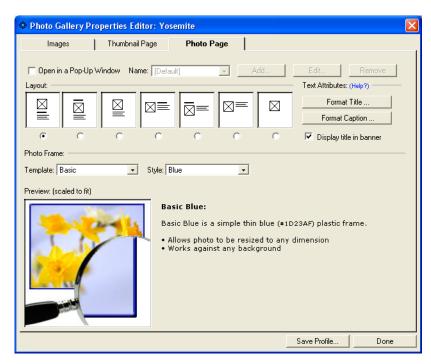


Use the red arrows for guidance as you drag.

**10.** On the Photo Gallery Properties panel, click the **Configure** button to return to the Photo Gallery Properties Editor.

## **Formatting the Photo Pages**

Each photo page can contain an image, a title, and a caption in a layout that you choose. You also select a frame template for the photo that will be displayed in a pop-up window, and format the photo title and caption text. The layout and text formats you select on the Photo Page tab are reflected on all photo pages. Changes you make directly on a photo page apply only to that page.



1. Click the **Photo Page** tab.

When selecting a layout, consider the shape of your photos and the amount of text you want to include in the caption.

Check the Open in a Pop-Up Window checkbox and click Add to create a new pop-up window target.

In the Pop-Up Window Properties Editor:

- Type Photo Gallery in the Name field.
- Set the width 500 pixels, and the height to 750 pixels.
- In the **Position From** area, select **Auto Center**.
- In the Options area, select Show Scroll Bar and Resizable.

Click **OK** to close the Pop-Up Window dialog.

#### 3. Select a Layout.

In each sample layout, the square with the X represents the photo, the bold line represents the title, and the text block represents the caption. The pictures in this guide use the default layout, but you can experiment with other layouts.

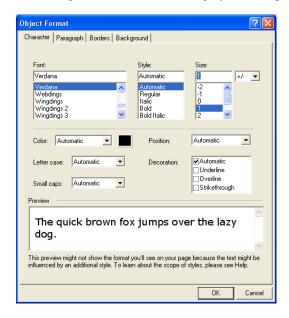
The layout you select applies to all photo pages.

The text format should match or compliment the SiteStyle.

#### 4. Click Format Title.

The Object Format dialog appears.

On the tabs of this dialog you select text formats for all the photo pages. As you make changes, the new format is displayed in the preview window.



- a. On the Character tab, set Font to Arial, Style to Bold, and Size to 1.
- b. On the Paragraph tab, select center Alignment.
- 5. Click OK.
- 6. Click Format Caption.
- 7. On the Character tab, set Font to Arial, and click OK.

The text formats you select here for the title and caption apply to all photo pages.

Next, you select a frame template for the photo.

**8.** In the **Photo Frame** section of the dialog:

Select a template that is coordinated to your SiteStyle.

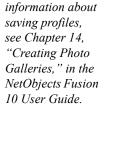
a. Select the Simple border Template.

The corresponding template options appear.

- **b.** Leave **Border width** set to **1**.
- c. Choose black as the border color
- 9. Click **Done** to close the **Photo Gallery Properties Editor**.

You use the **Save Profile** option at the bottom of the **Photo Gallery Properties Editor** to save the settings associated with a specific photo gallery so it can be used for the next photo gallery created. For this lesson, we will not create a profile.

Look at the Site Navigation panel. NetObjects Fusion added a page named Yosemite to the site. The new page icon shows multiple pages and has the same name as the photo gallery. This icon represents the photo pages. The actual number of pages adjusts to accommodate as many or as few photos as you add to the gallery.



For more

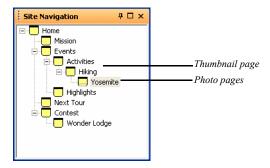




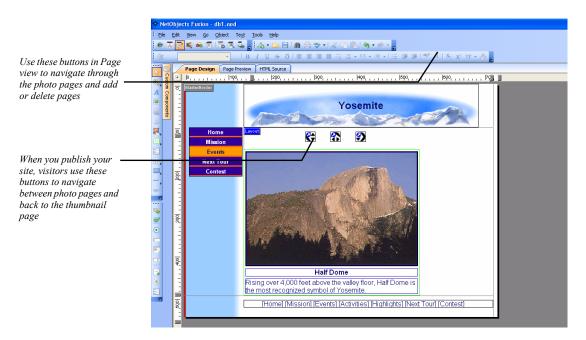
Photo page icon

10. Double-click the photo page icon on the **Site Navigation** panel.

The first photo page appears.

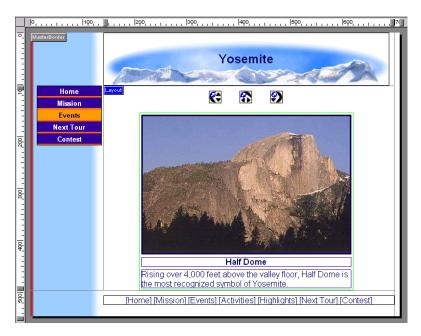
You use the navigation buttons on the control bar to move to the next and previous photo pages, and to add or delete a page. The three navigation buttons below the banner provide a way for site visitors to move to the next or previous photo, or back to the thumbnail page.

11. Click the Next and Previous buttons to display the Half Dome page.



**12.** Press **Shift** and click the border of the photo gallery and each navigation button on the page to select all of these objects.

**13.** Press the **right arrow** key to move the selected objects so they are centered under the banner.



This centers the objects on all photo pages.

- **14.** Click the **Next** button on the control bar to move to the waterfall photo page.
- 15. Click in the caption text field and type: Peak viewing time for waterfalls is in the spring.
- **16.** On the next two pages add the following captions:
  - a. Campground page: The Mountain Jacques staff takes care of your campground reservations.
  - b. Guides page: K.C. and Jennifer lead the way on your daily hikes.



Next

#### 17. Preview the site.



**18.** Click the **up arrow** to return to the thumbnail page and then click an image to go to the photo page. Use the **left** and **right arrows** to move between photo pages.

Your photo gallery is complete.

#### Where To Go From Here

You just learned how to put your digital images on the Web using the NetObjects Fusion Photo Gallery tool. For more information about photo galleries, see Chapter 14, "Creating Photo Galleries" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* and in the NetObjects Fusion online Help system.

The next lesson, Chapter 6, "Creating Dynamic Pages," shows you how to add actions to objects.

Where To Go From Here

## **Creating Dynamic Pages**

Using Dynamic HTML (DHTML) on the Next Tour page will generate excitement for the upcoming rock climbing expedition. To view objects in motion, your site visitors must use Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 and above or Netscape Navigator 4.x.

To follow the steps in this lesson, you must have built the Mountain Jacques site described in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

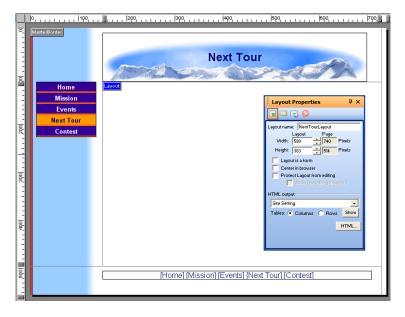
This lesson shows you how to:

- Add objects
- Add and size text
- Use the Object Tree
- Add actions to objects
- · Add sound to the background
- Set the HTML output option

## **Adding Objects**

First you add all the objects intended as targets of DHTML actions.

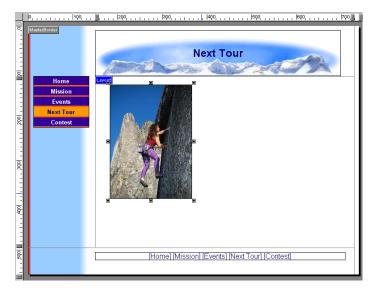
- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Display the **Next Tour** page in Page view.



- **3.** Make sure **Snap to Object Outlines** is selected on the **View** menu to make it easy to place and move objects without overlapping other objects.
- **4.** Select the **Picture** tool and click in the upper left of the Layout. The **Picture File Open** dialog appears.

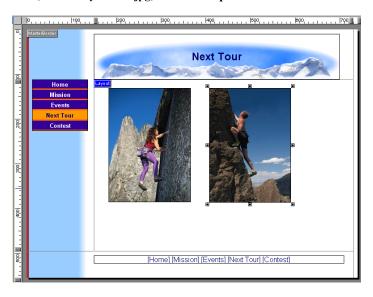


5. On the Folder tab, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder, select girlclimber.jpg, and click Open.



**6.** Select the **Picture** tool and click to the right of the girl climber picture.

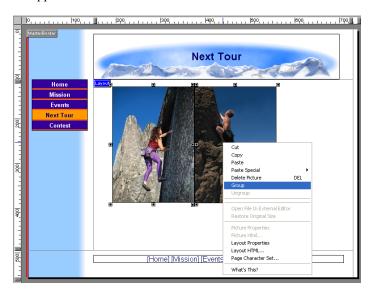
7. In the Picture File Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder, select boyclimber.jpg, and click Open.



If the red exclamation point icon appears, move the pictures so they do not overlap. With one or more objects selected, press an arrow key to nudge the selected object.

- **8.** Drag the boy climber picture so that it is adjacent to the girl climber picture.
- **9.** Make sure **Smart Guides** is selected on the **View** menu to make it easy to move and align objects without using the rulers.

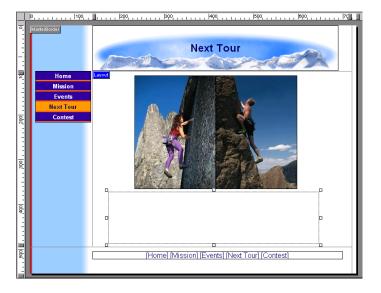
10. Click on the girl climber picture, press Shift, and then click on the boy climber picture. Both pictures will have handles and the Multi-Object Properties panel will appear.



- 11. Right click to bring up the context menu and select **Group**. This will group the the pictures so that they can be moved as one object.
- **12.** Move the pointer over the group and click the mouse, then center the group under the Next Tour banner.
- **13.** Once the pictures have been centered, ungroup the pictures by selecting Ungroup from the context menu.



14. Select the Text tool and draw a wide rectangle below the two pictures.



**15.** Type the following:

Join the Mountain Jacques Special Rock Climbing Expedition June 9-16!

- 16. Drag through all the text, or triple-click anywhere in the text to select it.
- 17. With the text selected, on the **Format** tab of the **Text Properties** panel:
  - Select 2 from the Size drop-down list.
  - Click the **Bold** button.
  - Click the Align Center button.
- **18.** Click to place the insertion point after the word **Jacques** and press **Shift+Enter** to force a line break.
- **19.** If necessary, drag the edges of the text box toward the edges of the Layout so the text occupies two lines.

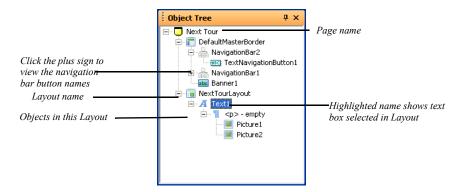


## **Using the Object Tree Panel**



#### Object Tree button

 Click the Object Tree panel button in the lower left corner of the Page view window.



The **Object Tree** shows the hierarchy of all objects on the current page, using an outline view.

The MasterBorder section, labeled **DefaultMasterBorder** in the **Object Tree**, shows all objects in the MasterBorder. The Layout section, labeled **NextTourLayout**, shows all objects in the Layout.

2. In the Layout, select the picture of the girl climber.

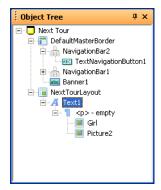
The **Object Tree** highlights the name of the selected object so you can identify it.

If this is the first picture you placed in this Layout, it appears under **NextTourLayout** as **Picture1**.

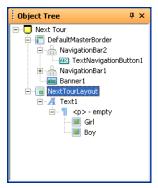
- 3. In the **Object Tree**, click **Picture1**, or the name associated with the girl climber, so it is selected.
- 4. Click in the name to select the text for editing.

You cannot use ASCII or blank characters in object names.

**5.** Type Girl to give the object a descriptive name.



**6.** Click **Picture2**, or the name associated with the boy climber picture, to select it; click again in the name so you can edit it, then rename the picture **Boy**.



## **Adding Actions to Objects**

Now you can add DHTML actions to animate the objects on the page.

- 1. Select the Girl picture in the Layout and click the **Actions** tab on the **Picture Properties** panel.
- 2. Clear the **Object initially visible in browser** check box.

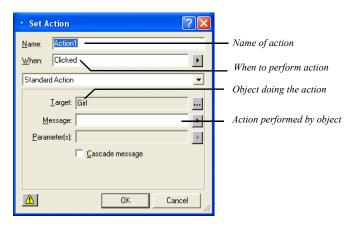


This means that when this page is loaded, the object will not be visible.

Clear to make object initially invisible in browser

**3.** Click the Plus (+) button at the bottom left.

The **Set Action** dialog appears.



The Name field shows the default action name, Action1.

4. In the When field, click the arrow to display the menu, point to Page, then select Page Loaded.



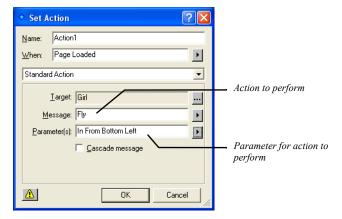
This means that **Action1** will happen when the browser loads this page.

In the **Action** section, the **Target** field shows the action will happen to the object named **Girl**, which was selected when you began formulating this action, and is therefore the default target.

5. In the Message field, select Motion>Fly from the menu.

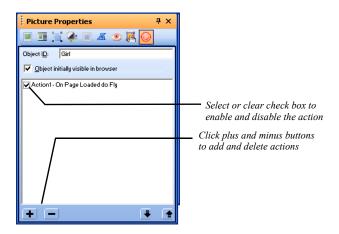
When you select an option from the message list, the appropriate parameters become available

6. In the Parameters field, select In From Bottom Left from the menu.



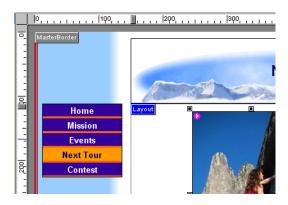
#### 7. Click OK.

The **Actions** tab for the Girl picture now shows the action you created, described in a few words.



The check mark next to the action enables it.

The Action icon, a right-pointing triangle in a small pink circle, appears on the Girl picture, indicating an action is assigned to it.

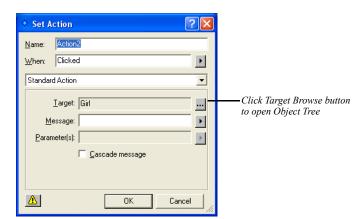


**8.** With the Girl picture still selected, on the **Actions** tab of the **Picture Properties**, click the Plus (+) button again.



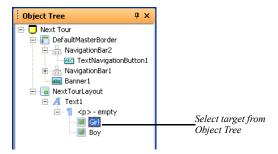
Action icon

To view object icons, select Object Icons from the View menu.



The **Set Action** dialog appears, showing **Action2** in the **Name** field.

- 9. In the When field, select Motion>Motion Ended.
- 10. Click the **Target** field **Browse** button (...) to display the **Object Tree**.



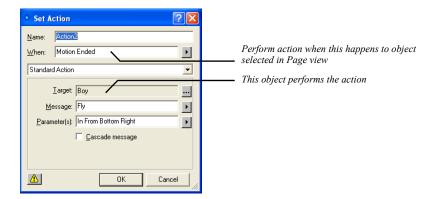
11. In the **Object Tree**, select the **Boy** picture, then click **OK**.

Boy appears in the Target field of the Set Action dialog.

The target of the action is the Boy picture. When the Girl picture stops moving, the Boy picture does something.

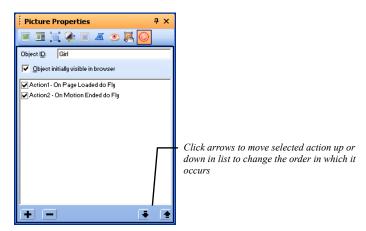
12. In the Message field, select Motion>Fly.

#### 13. In the Parameters field, select In From Bottom Right.



#### 14. Click OK.

Now two actions are listed on the **Actions** tab for the Girl **Picture Properties**.



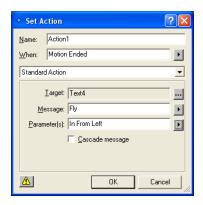
- 15. Select the **Boy** picture.
- 16. On the Picture Properties panel, click the Actions tab.
- 17. Clear the **Object initially visible in browser** check box.
- **18.** Click the Plus (+) button at the bottom left.

The **Set Action** dialog appears.

19. In the When field, select Motion>Motion Ended from the menu.

- 20. In the **Target** field, click the **Browse** (...) button, select **Text1** from the **Object Tree**, and click **OK**.
- 21. In the Message field, select Motion>Fly from the menu.
- 22. In the Parameters field, select In From Left from the menu.

When the Boy picture stops moving, the Text1 object flies in from the left.



#### 23. Click OK.

The **Actions** tab for the Boy picture shows a description of the action you created, and the Action icon appears on the Boy picture.



Make the text initially invisible in the browser, so the text does not appear before it flies in.

- **24.** To complete the sequence, select the Text box you added to the Layout.
- **25.** On the **Text Properties** panel click the **Actions** tab.
- 26. Clear the Object initially visible in browser check box.

## Adding Sound to the Background

Adding sound to the background provides the finishing touch for this page.

- 1. On the Layout Properties panel, click the Background tab.
- 2. In the **Sound** section, select the **Sound** check box.
- 3. In the **Background Sound** dialog that appears, click the **Browse** button.
- 4. On the Folder tab of the Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\Sounds folder, select NextTour.aif, and click Open.
- 5. In the **Background Sound** dialog, select the **Continuous loop** check box, and click **OK**.



## **Setting the HTML Output Option**

The default HTML output option for an entire site is **Dynamic Page Layout**. You can view this setting by choosing **Options>Current Site** from the **Tools** menu. The **Browser compatibility** field on the **General** tab shows the HTML output setting for the entire site.

You can override this setting and manually set the **HTML output** option for a page on the **General** tab of the **Layout Properties** panel.

 Most actions display correctly with the Dynamic Page Layout setting, and this setting works with all browsers.

This option is discussed in "Viewing Current Site Options" on page 40 and "Layout Properties" on page 46.

- Actions display most efficiently with the Fixed Page Layout setting, but this
  setting only works with Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 and greater and
  Netscape Navigator 4.x.
- Actions containing overlapping objects require the **Fixed Page Layout** setting.

For more
information on
HTML output
options see
Chapter 7,
"Controlling
Published Output"
in the NetObjects
Fusion 10 User
Guide.



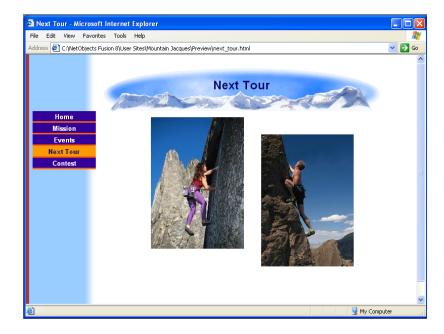
## **Previewing the Next Tour Page**

• Click the **Preview Site** button on the control bar to preview the site.



Preview Site

To stop the sound, click the Stop button on the browser, or switch to another page.



To view the whole action sequence again without previewing, reload or refresh the page, or navigate to the page from another page.

To preview in Page view, click the **Page Preview** tab. To stop the sound, click the **Page Design** tab. To review the action sequence, click the **Page Preview** tab again.

### Where To Go From Here

You just created cross-platform Dynamic HTML.

For more information about actions, see Chapter 26, "Building Dynamic Pages" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* and the NetObjects Fusion online Help system.

The next lesson, Chapter 7, "Working with HTML Files," shows you how to convert an existing HTML file into NetObjects Fusion format, and how to reference and edit an HTML file that is external to NetObjects Fusion.

# Working with HTML Files

To generate public interest and collect e-mail addresses for advertising, Mountain Jacques is sponsoring a contest and giving away a week's lodging at a special resort. To announce the contest, you import an HTML page created in another program into the Mountain Jacques site. When you import an HTML page into a NetObjects Fusion site, it is converted to NetObjects Fusion format, and you can edit the page in Page view as usual.

A second HTML page provides information about accommodations at the lodge. You reference this page from the Mountain Jacques site rather than importing it and formatting it. This file will not be converted to NetObjects Fusion format. To edit this file, you edit the original HTML.

To follow the steps in this lesson you must have built the Mountain Jacques site in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

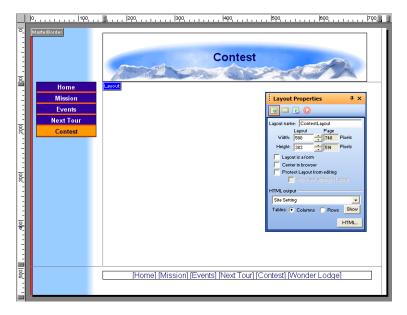
This chapter shows you how to:

- · Import an HTML file
- Spell check the text on a page
- Reference an external HTML file
- Edit the referenced HTML

## Importing an HTML File

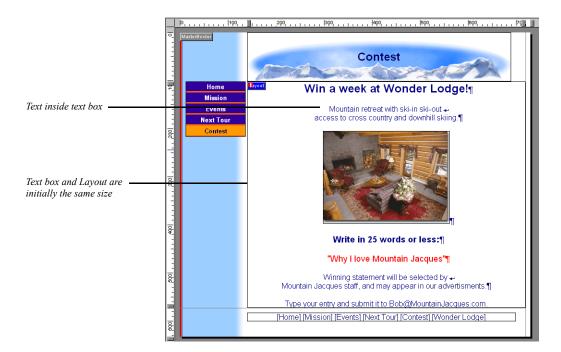
When you import an HTML file, it is converted into NetObjects Fusion format so you can edit the page in Page view.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder, and display the Contest page in Page view.
- 2. On the Contest page, click the Layout to select it.

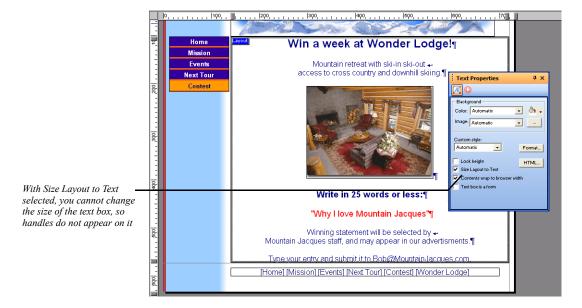


- 3. Choose Import>HTML Page from the File menu.
- 4. In the File Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\HTML folder.
- 5. Select Contest.htm and click Open.

NetObjects Fusion imports the HTML file with its referenced assets into a text box in the Layout.



- **6.** Click once in the Layout to view the selected text box and **Text Properties**.
- 7. Clear Contents wrap to browser width. The warning icon disappears.



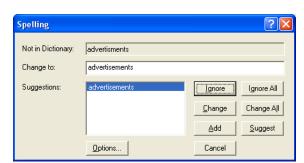
On the **Text Box** tab of the **Text Properties** panel:

- Lock height sets the minimum height for the text box in the browser.
- **Size Layout to Text** prevents resizing the text box, makes the Layout the exact size of the text box, and generates lean HTML code.
- Contents wrap to browser width allows the contents of a text box to wrap to the browser's width. This option requires that the Layout is sized to the text so no objects are outside the text box. It also requires that the page has no MasterBorders; that is, the MasterBorder margins are set to zero, or the ZeroMargins MasterBorder is selected.
- Text box is a form lets you place form objects inside a text box.

You can edit inside this text box just as you would any other NetObjects Fusion text box.

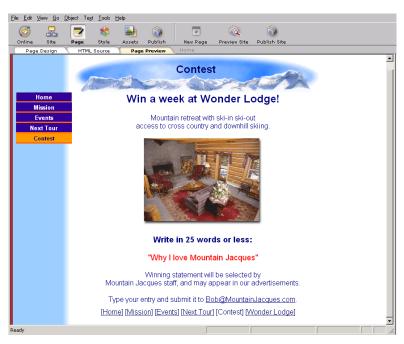
To make sure you didn't import a document with spelling errors, you check the text on the page. NetObjects Fusion offers a choice of checking the whole site or just the current page.

8. From the Tools menu, choose Spell Check>Current Page.



NetObjects Fusion identifies a misspelled word and suggests a correction.

- **9.** Click **Change** to accept the suggestion and click **OK** to acknowledge the correction.
- **10.** Click the **Page Preview** tab or the **Preview Site button** on the control bar to preview the page.





Preview Site

## **Referencing External HTML**

When you reference an HTML file, the file remains external to the NetObjects Fusion .nod file and is not converted to NetObjects Fusion format. To edit it, you edit the HTML in the HTML Source tab of Page view or in an external editor.

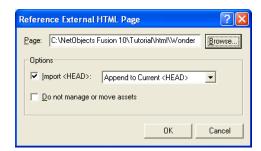
1. Display the **Wonder Lodge** page in Page view.



2. Choose Reference External HTML Page from the File menu.

The **Reference External HTML Page** dialog appears.

3. Click the Browse button, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\HTML folder, select Wonder Lodge.htm, then click Open.



The default settings in this dialog can remain unchanged:

- You import the head when your HTML file has scripts, META tags, or other contents between the <HEAD> and </HEAD> tags that you want to retain when NetObjects Fusion publishes the page.
- One HTML head is allowed per page. Every NetObjects Fusion page contains a <HEAD> tag. You can select Append to Current <HEAD> to include the contents of both heads in one, or you can select Replace Current <HEAD> from the drop-down list to use only the contents of the page you are referencing.
- NetObjects Fusion locates and manages the assets referenced by this HTML file. NetObjects Fusion reads the IMG SRC tags and other associated asset tags to find the images that go with this file and then modifies these file names to work with the new page location.

#### 4. Click OK.



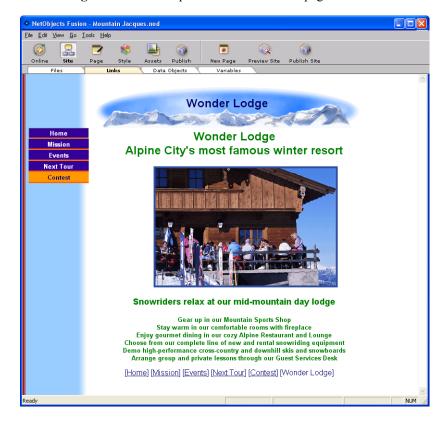
In the Layout area, NetObjects Fusion displays a message showing the name of the referenced HTML file, the date and time it was last modified, and its size.

5. Click in the Layout area to select the External HTML object and display the External HTML Properties.

Use the External HTML Properties to size the HTML object, convert it to NetObjects Fusion format, or edit the HTML source code.



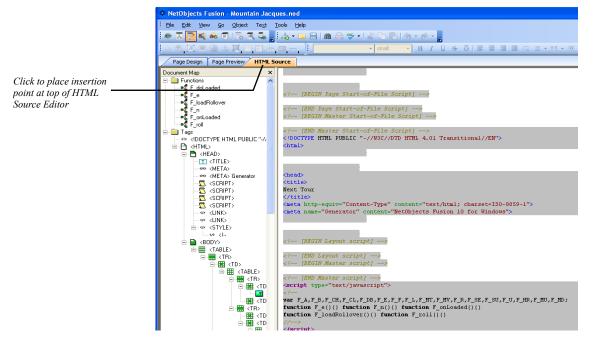
6. Click the Page Preview tab to preview the referenced page.



To avoid redundancy and save space, you can delete the "Wonder Lodge" text at the top of the referenced HTML file, leaving the banner text to announce the resort.

- 7. Click the **Page Design** tab to return to the page Layout.
- **8.** Double-click in the external HTML placeholder.

NetObjects Fusion displays the HTML file in the **HTML Source** tab of Page view.



- **9.** Click in the top of the HTML Source Editor to place the insertion point at the beginning of the HTML source.
- 10. Choose Find from the Edit menu.
- 11. In the Find what field, type

#### Wonder Lodge

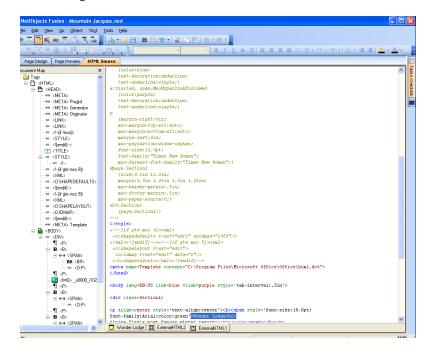


12. Click Find Next twice

The first Find locates the Wonder Lodge title inside the <HEAD> tag for the page. The second Find locates the Wonder Lodge in the page body, which is the one you want to delete.

- 13. Click Cancel to close the Find dialog.
- 14. Click once in the HTML Source Editor to deselect the text.
- **15.** Drag through the text, including the line break tag, **<BR>**, to select it, and delete this text from the page body:

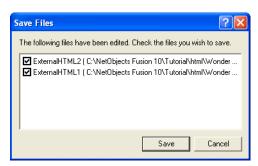
Wonder Lodge <BR>



#### 16. Click the Page Preview tab.

The Save Files dialog appears, telling you the file has been edited.

You can see the ExternalHTML1 object name in the Object Tree under WonderLodgeLay out. To view the Object Tree, click the Object Tree button.



External HTML1 is the name of the HTML object in the Layout.

#### 17. Click the Save button.

The view switches to the **Page Preview** tab, showing the preview of the edited HTML file.

Next Tour
Contest

Snowriders relax at our mid-mountain day lodge

Gear up in our Mountain Sports Shop
Stay warm in our complete line of new and rental snowriding equipment
Demo high-performance cross-country and downhill liks and snowboards
Arrange group and private lessons through our Guest Services Desk

The original file, NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\HTML\Wonder Lodge.htm, is now edited and no longer contains the top line of text.

#### Where To Go From Here

You just learned to import and convert HTML files into NetObjects Fusion format, where you can edit the file in Page view without changing the original file, and how to reference an HTML file and edit it from Page view.

[Home] [Mission] [Events] [Next Tour] [Contest] [Wonder Lodge]

For more information on HTML files, see Chapter 25, "Referencing and Editing External HTML" and Chapter 30, "Working with HTML Directly" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

The next lesson, Chapter 8, "Adding a Rotating Ad Banner," shows you how to add a NetObjects component, set its properties, and publish your site locally.

# Adding a Rotating Ad Banner

In this chapter you use the NetObjects Fusion rotating Ad Banner component to place advertisement banners on the Contest page and link the banners to other pages in your site. A component is a pre-built mini-application that adds interactivity to your site without custom programming or scripting. With the Ad Banner component, you can assign links and transition effects to images.

To follow the steps in this lesson you must have built the Mountain Jacques site in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

For illustration purposes this chapter uses the Contest page developed in Chapter 7, "Working with HTML Files," where you imported the HTML contest flyer onto the page. You can follow the steps in this chapter even if you did not import the HTML file onto the Contest page.

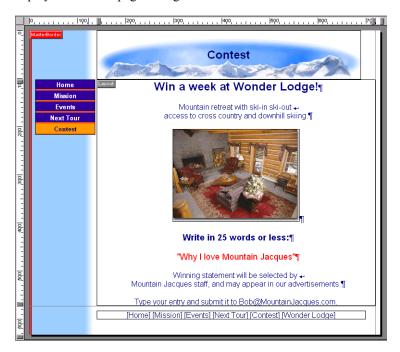
This chapter shows you how to:

- Place an Ad Banner component
- Set properties for the component
- Publish your site

# **Placing a Rotating Ad Banner Component**

You are going to use the NetObjects Fusion rotating Ad Banner component to place a series of advertisement banners on the Contest page. Each banner links to another page when the site visitor clicks it.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Display the Contest page in Page view.



You are going to replace the page banner with the rotating ad banner, so you must create a new MasterBorder for this page.

- **3.** Click in the MasterBorder.
- 4. Click **Add/Edit** on the **MasterBorder** Properties panel and click **Add** in the **Edit MasterBorder List** dialog.
- 5. Name the new MasterBorder ContestBorder and base it on the **DefaultMasterBorder**.

#### 6. Click OK.

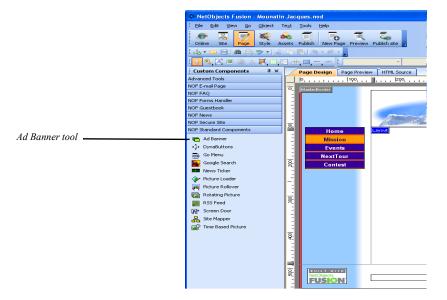
Because you created a new MasterBorder for this page, changing it does not affect other pages. 7. Right-click the Mountain Jacques banner, then select **Delete Banner** from the shortcut menu.



8. Click on NOF Standard Components in the Component Manager.

If this toolbox is not available, choose **Components>NOF Standard Components** from the **View** menu.

The **NOF Standard Components** toolbox appears.



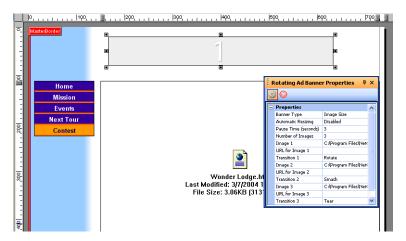


Ad Banner tool

If you misplace the Ad Banner, you can select Undo from the Edit menu and start over.

- 9. Click the Ad Banner tool.
- 10. Starting in the upper left of the top MasterBorder where the banner was, draw a thin horizontal rectangle. The size doesn't matter. NetObjects Fusion sizes the box to the image.

NetObjects Fusion places a picture placeholder where you drag, and selects it.



The properties panel shows Rotating Ad Banner Properties.

# **Setting Rotating Ad Banner Properties**

You can specify whether the ad banner is the size of the image, a standard banner size, or a custom image size. You can specify the pause time in seconds between banner transitions, and the total number of images to appear in the ad banner.

For each image you can specify the image filename, target URL of the link, and transition effect.

1. On the Component tab of the Rotating Ad Banner Properties, select the Image 1 property in the left column.

The right column shows the name of the default ad banner placeholder, adbanner.gif.

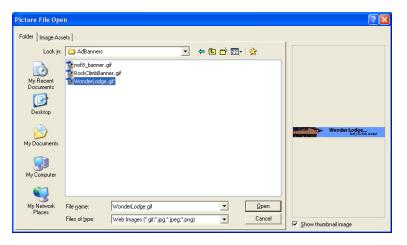
Rotating Ad Banner Properties # X Browse icon Properties Banner Type Automatic Resizing Disabled Automatic Resizing is disabled when Pause Time (seconds) 3 Number of Images all images are the same size Image 1 C:\Program Files\Net... URL for Image 1 Transition 1 Image 2 C:\Program Files\NetObj URL for Image 2 Transition 2 C:\Program Files\NetObj Image 3 URL for Image 3 Transition 3 Tear

You can drag the column divider on the **Component** section to change the column widths.



Browse icon

- 2. Click the Browse icon in the right column to display the **Picture File Open** dialog.
- 3. On the Folder tab, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\AdBanners folder and select WonderLodge.gif.



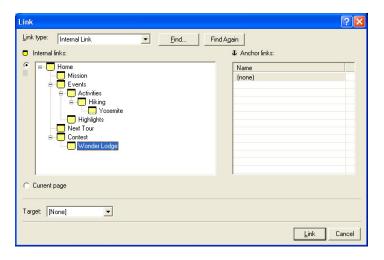
#### 4. Click Open.

The placeholder image changes to the WonderLodge banner, and the picture box resizes to accommodate it.



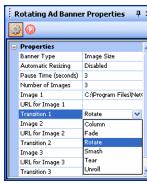
**5.** Drag the Wonder Lodge banner to center it over the page content.

- 6. On the Component tab of the Rotating Ad Banner Properties, double-click the URL for Image 1 property.
- 7. In the Link dialog that appears, set Internal Link as the Link type and double-click the Wonder Lodge page.



When a site visitor clicks the Wonder Lodge banner, the browser displays the Wonder Lodge page.

- 8. On the Component section, select Transition 1.
- 9. In the drop-down list to the right, select the **Unroll** transition.



- 10. Double-click the **Image 2** field in the left column of the **Component** tab.
- 11. On the Folder tab of the Picture File Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial\AdBanners folder, select RockClimbBanner.gif, then click Open.

The Rock Climbing banner appears in the banner location.

- 12. Double-click the URL for Image 2 field.
- 13. Set the Link type to Internal Link and double-click the Next Tour page.

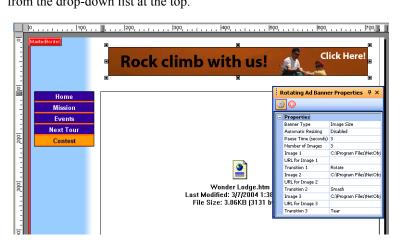
To maximize compatibility with browsers, it is best if all the banners are the same size.

You can drag the

column divider in the properties

panel to widen a column.

**14.** On the **Components** tab, select **Transition 2**, then select the **Tear** transition from the drop-down list at the top.



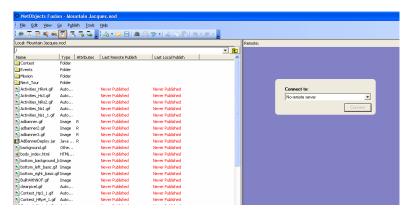
Components do not display when previewing. You must publish locally or remotely to view components.

# **Publishing Your Site**

Previewing creates a simplified version of the files and folders required for your site so you can view it quickly in the browser. Publishing locally creates the files and folders that you transfer to your Web server.

When previewing your site, placeholders appear instead of NetObjects components. You must publish the site to view components.

1. Click the **Publish** button on the control bar to change to Publish view.



2. Click on the **Publish Site** button on the control bar.

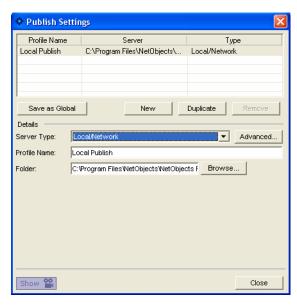
The **Publish Site** dialog appears.

3. Click on the pencil icon to display the **Publish Settings** dialog.

The **Publish Settings** dialog appears.



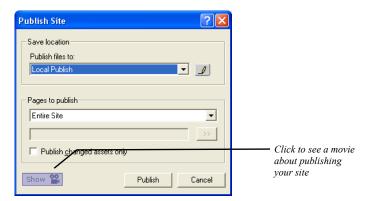




- **4.** In the **Server Type** section, select **Local/Network** from the drop-down list if it is not already selected.
- 5. Click Close.
- Click Publish Site on the control bar.The Publish Site dialog appears.
- 7. Click Publish.

NetObjects Fusion displays the **Publishing Site** dialog, showing status while copying files to the **NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques\Local Publish** folder. It launches the browser specified on the **Preview** tab of the **Application Options** dialog, and displays the Mountain Jacques Home page.

You can click the Pencil icon to view the default location to save files, which is NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques\Local Publish.



When you publish the entire site, the browser always displays the Home page, unlike previewing, where the browser displays the current page. 8. Click the Contest button to view the Contest page.



The browser starts the Java applet required to display the rotating banner, and the banner changes every 3 seconds as specified in the **Rotating Ad Banner Properties**.

Note the transition effects you assigned between each banner.

- **9.** Click the **Rock climb with us!** banner to view its link target, the Next Tour page.
- **10.** Click the Back button in the browser to return to the Contest page, or click the **Contest** button on the button navigation bar.
- 11. Click the **Wonder Lodge** banner to view the Wonder Lodge page.

#### Where To Go From Here

You just implemented a Web application using a NetObjects Fusion component in your site. For more information about NetObjects Fusion components, see Chapter 28, "Using NetObjects Fusion Components" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

The next lesson, Chapter 9, "Creating a Table," shows you how to create a table and add text and links to it.

# **Creating a Table**

A table of scheduled events will keep visitors informed about Mountain Jacques' upcoming activities. With NetObjects Fusion you can set up a table containing events and dates, and link to pages containing other information.

To follow the steps in this lesson you must have built the Mountain Jacques site in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

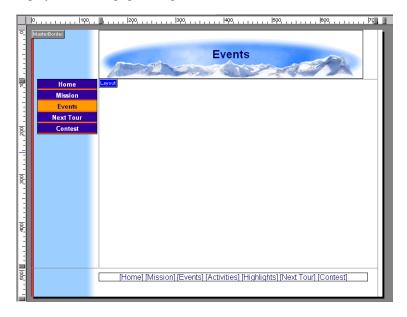
This chapter shows you how to:

- · Create a table
- Add text to the table
- Format the table
- · Add links to the text

# **Creating a Table**

You are going to create a table that is 5 rows by 3 columns, and place information about upcoming tours in the table.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Display the Events page in Page view.





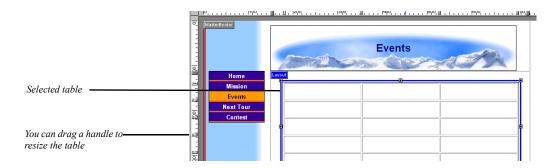
3. Select the **Table** tool from the of the Standard toolbar and draw a wide rectangle in the Layout.

The Create Table dialog appears.

- 4. In the Rows field, enter 5.
- 5. In the Columns field, enter 3, then click OK.

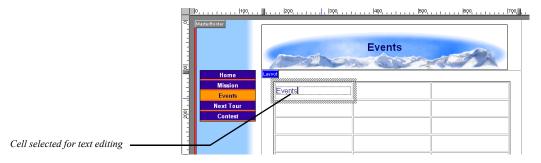
The table appears selected in the Layout. With the table selected, you can:

- drag a handle to resize the table.
- click the table border to select the table.
- drag the table border to move the table.



# **Adding Text to the Table**

1. Double-click in the first cell in the first row and type Events.



When the cell is selected, the properties panel shows **Cell Properties**.

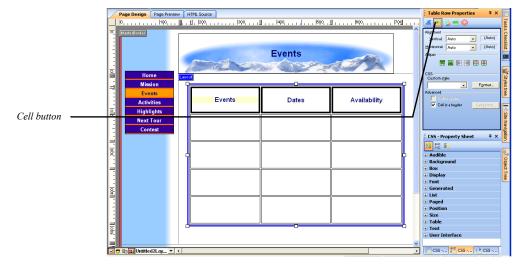
2. Press the Tab key to select the next cell in the row, then type Dates.



- 3. Press the **Tab** key again to select the last cell in the row, then type **Availability**.
- **4.** Click outside the table to deselect the cell, then click the table border, or a column or row divider, once to select the table.

- **5.** Place the pointer on the left table border next to Row 1, until it changes into a solid one-sided arrow pointing at the row.
- Click once to select the row, so each cell in the row is outlined by a solid black border.
- 7. On the **Table Row Properties** panel, click the **Cell** button.
- 8. On the Cell section, select Cell is header.

This centers the text and changes all the text to bold.



- 9. To left-justify the text, choose **Left** as the **Horizontal** alignment.
- **10.** Double-click the first cell in the second row.
- 11. Type Rock Climbing
- 12. Press the Tab key to select the cell next to it and type June 9-16.
- **13.** Press the Tab key to select the last cell in the row and type **Open**.
- **14.** In the same way, fill in the complete table as follows:

Events	Dates	Availability
Rock Climbing	June 9-16	Open
Kayak Mountain Lakes	August 20-27	Closed

Mountain Bike Tour	October 6-13	Open
Skiing and Snowboarding	December 21-31	Open

15. Click outside the table to deselect the cells.



**16.** Click the table border once to select the table.

On the **General** section of the **Table Properties** panel, set the following values:

- Set the Table border field to 8.
   This enlarges the outer edge of the table.
- Set the Cell Pad field to 4.

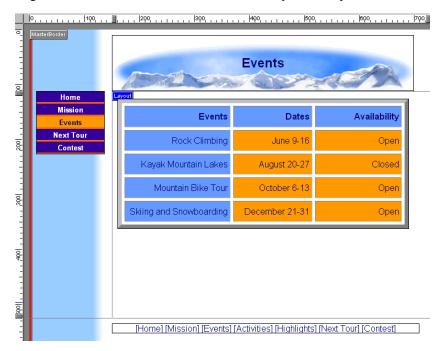
This adds space between the text and the border of each cell.



• Set the Cell Space field to 5.

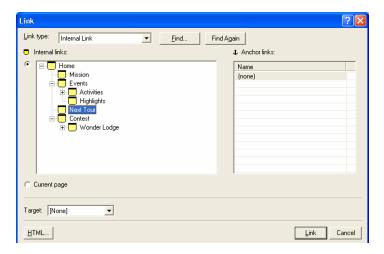
This adds space between cells.

- 17. Click the Table Styles tab.
- **18.** In the Style Editor area:
  - Drag the blue handles so that a blue box encloses the last 4 cells in the second and third columns.
  - Click on each cell inside the blue box. In the Object Format dialog, set the color to orange (HTML #FF9900) and click OK.
  - Click on each border cell outside of the blue box. In the Object Format dialog, set the color to blue (HTML #6699FF) and click OK.
    - View the table with the applied style in Page view.
- 19. Drag the table border to center the table near the top of the Layout.

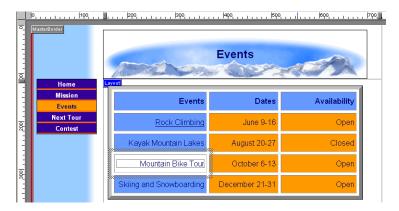


### **Adding Links to the Table Text**

- 1. Double-click the **Rock Climbing** cell to select the text for editing.
- 2. Drag through the **Rock Climbing** text to select it, then click the **Link** button on the **Cell Properties Format** tab.
- 3. Create an **Internal Link** to the **Next Tour** page.

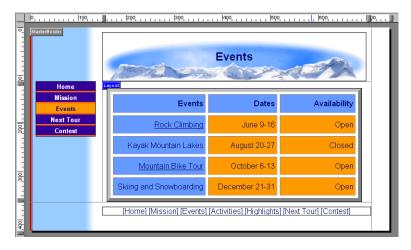


**4.** In the same manner, select the **Mountain Bike Tour** text and link it to the **Highlights** page.



5. From the Object menu, select Size Layout to Objects.

The Layout automatically adjusts to the smallest possible size while still allowing enough space for all the objects in the Layout and the MasterBorder.



#### Preview Site



**6.** Click the **Preview Site** button on the control bar to preview the entire site and test the links in your table.



### Where To Go From Here

You just used NetObjects Fusion's table features to develop tabular information with hypertext links for publishing to the Web.

For more information on tables, see Chapter 15, "Adding Tables" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

The next lesson, Chapter 10, "Creating an E-Commerce Catalog," shows you how to use the catalog tool to build an online store.

Where To Go From Here

# **Creating an E-Commerce Catalog**

In this chapter, you build an e-commerce catalog that includes products that will assist hikers on expeditions. Using the NetObjects Fusion E-Commerce Catalog tool, you can create an online store with products and descriptions that will match the style of your site.

To follow the steps in this lesson, you must have created the Mountain Jacques site described in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

This chapter shows you how to:

- Create a catalog
- · Add products
- · Add options
- · Format the list page
- Format the detail pages

# **Adding Pages for the E-Commerce Catalog**

Each catalog includes two types of pages: a list page, which displays all catalog items with a thumbnail image and summary of each product, and detail pages, which display one product to a page. You add the list page and NetObjects Fusion automatically adds the detail pages for you.

- 1. Open the Mountain Jacques.nod site in the NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites\Mountain Jacques folder.
- 2. Go to Site view.
- 3. Select the **Home** page and add a new page.
- 4. Name the new page Hiking Products.
- **5.** Change the MasterBorder to DefaultMasterBorder.
- **6.** Display the **Hiking Products** page in **Page** view.





Catalog tool

7. Select the **Catalog** tool from the Advanced toolbox and click in the upper left corner of the Layout area.

It's a good idea to start in the upper left corner of the Layout to allow as much room as possible for the products. You can adjust the position later, if necessary.

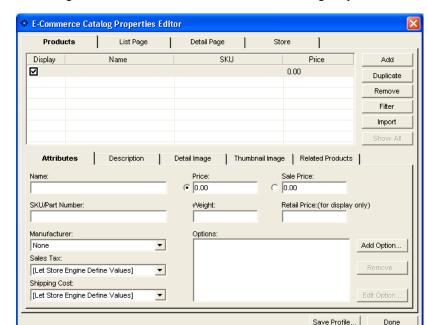
If catalogs are already associated with the site, you may see a larger dialog. If this happens, use the Create a new E-Commerce Catalog option. **8.** In the **Add E-Commerce Catalog** dialog, type **Products** as the name of the catalog and choose **Use catalog without a store engine** as your store.



9. Click OK

# **Adding Products**

After you add the catalog component, the next step is to add products. You should be looking at the Products tab of the E-commerce Catalog Properties Editor.



Before you begin to add products, it's a good idea to organize the pictures you want to include into a single folder so you can find them easily.

- 1. Click on the Attributes tab if necessary.
  - In the Name field, type in Fleece Jacket.

- In the SKU/Part Number field, type in MJ 01
- In the **Price** field, type in 59.99.



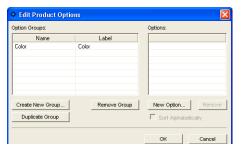
You can add product attributes such as size and color.

- 2. Click Add Option...
- 3. In the Group Name field, type Color.



4. Click OK.

The **Edit Product Options** dialog will appear. This is where you add specific attributes.





- 5. Click on New Option and type in Green.
- 6. Click Add Another and type in Blue.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the **Add Option** dialog.
- 8. Click **OK** to close the **Edit Product Options** dialog.

You can enter product descriptions to give your customers complete product information.

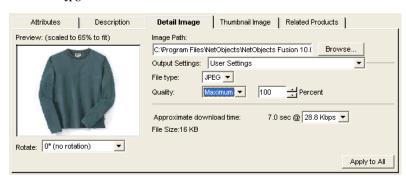
- 9. Click on the **Description** tab.
- **10.** Enter the following text:
  - a. For Brief Description, type Take the bite out of wind!
  - b. For Extended Description, type Wear Mountain Jacques Designs Fleece Jacket alone or as a mid-layer to stay warm and cozy.



You enter product images on the Detail Image tab. This image appears as the thumbnail image on the List page.

For more information about these output settings, see Chapter 20, "Creating Catalogs," in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.

- 11. Click on the **Detail Image** tab.
- 12. Click Browse to navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\tutorial\Catalog folder
- 13. Select fleece.jpg.



#### 14. Click Open.

You use the **Output Settings** on the Detail Image and Thumbnail Image tabs to balance display quality and download time so your site visitors are not waiting a long time for your photos to appear. For this lesson, the default settings are fine.

You can enter additional products by repeating steps 1 to 13.

15. At the top right of the E-Commerce Catalog Properties Editor, click Add.

The next line in the products list will be highlighted.

16. Enter the **Product 2** information listed below on the **Attributes** tab.

	Product 2	Product 3	Product 4			
ATTRIBUTE TAB						
Name	Compass	Family Tent	Backpack			
SKU/Part Number	MJ_02	MJ_03	MJ_04			
Price	9.95	199.00	59.99			
Add Option	Size	Color	Color			
Add Option Value	Small, Large	Green, Blue	Green, Blue			
DESCRIPTION TAB						
Brief Description	Great for beginners!	Our most popular tent!	The perfect backpack!			

	Product 2	Product 3	Product 4		
ATTRIBUTE TAB		1	'		
Extended Description	The large numbers make this easy to read compass great for children and adults.	This family size tent offers over 20 square feet of space and endures all types of weather.	With curved shoulder straps, this backpack is great for daytime hikes or late night expeditions.		
DETAIL IMAGE TAB					
Add image	compass.jpg	tent.jpg	backpack.jpg		

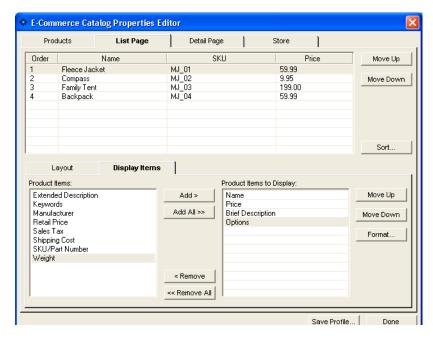
17. Click Add and repeat the process for Product 3 and Product 4.

Next you set up formats for the List page and the detail pages.

# **Formatting the List Page**

The list page shows a small preview of each product in the catalog. Site visitors click a thumbnail to go to the detail page.

- 1. Click the List Page tab.
- 2. On the Layout tab, select a layout.



3. Click the **Display Items** tab.

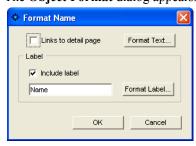
4. In the Product Items to Display column, highlight Name and click Format.

The Format Name dialog appears.

The label formats you select here apply to the List page only.

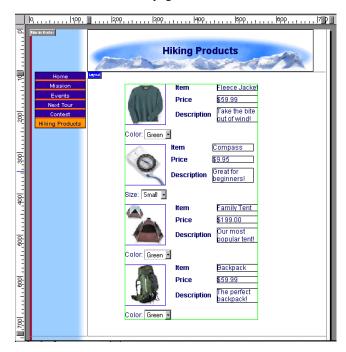
- a. Delete the text Name and enter Item as the label name.
- b. Click Format Label.

The **Object Format** dialog appears.

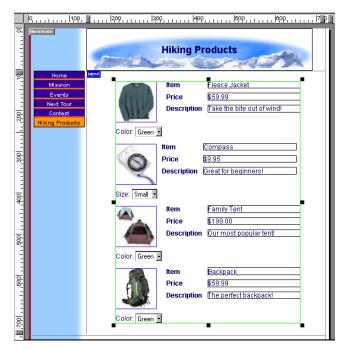


The text formats you select here for the labels apply to the List page only.

- On the Character tab, set Font to Arial, Style to Bold, and Size to 0, then click OK to return to the Format Name dialog.
- Repeat Step 4 for the remaining Product Items to Display.
   The label names should be Price, Description, and Options.
- **6.** Click **OK** when you have completed the step above.
- 7. Click **Done** to see the List page.



The thumbnails are bounded by a green border. You can change size of the images within the green border, but you cannot edit product information or change dimensions within the border.

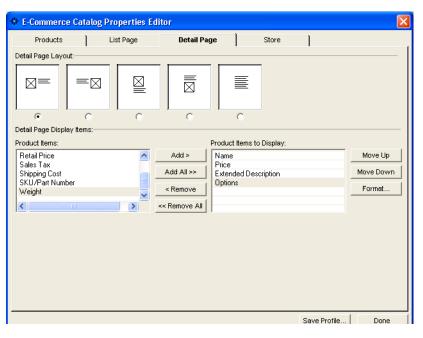


**8.** Drag the catalog so it is centered under the page banner.

- **9.** In the Properties panel, make Overall Width 450, Vertical Space between items 15, and horizontal space between items 15.
- 10. Click Apply.
- 11. On the Catalog Properties panel, click the Configure button to return to the E-Commerce Catalog Properties Editor.

# Formatting the Detail Pages

Each detail page can contain an image and specific information about a product such as price and part number. The layout and text formats you select on the DetailPage tab are reflected on all detail pages. Changes you make directly on a detail page apply only to that page.



#### 1. Click the **Detail Page** tab.

When selecting a layout, consider the shape of your photos and the amount of text you want to include in the caption.

#### 2. Select a Layout.

The pictures in this guide use the default layout, but you can experiment with other layouts.

The layout you select applies to all detail pages.

3. Under Product Items to Display, highlight Name and click Format.

The **Format Name** dialog appears.

The label formats you select here apply to all detail pages.

- a. Delete the text Name and enter Item as the label name.
- b. Click Format Label.

The **Object Format** dialog appears.

The text format should match or compliment the SiteStyle.



The text formats you select here for the labels apply to all product detail pages.

- On the Character tab, set Font to Arial, Style to Bold, and Size to 0, then click OK to return to the Format Name dialog.
- Repeat Step 4 for the remaining Product Items to Display.
   The label names should be Price, Description, and Options.
- 5. Click **OK** when you have completed the step above.

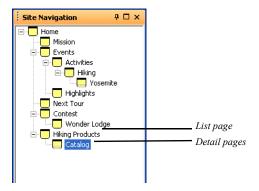
Select a template that is coordinated to your SiteStyle.

6. Click Done to close the E-Commerce Catalog Properties Editor.

You use the **Save Profile** option at the bottom of the **E-Commerce Catalog Properties Editor** to save the settings associated with a specific catalog so it can be used for the next catalog created. For this lesson, we will not create a profile.

For more information about saving profiles, see Chapter 20 "Creating Catalogs," in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.

Look at the Site Navigation panel. NetObjects Fusion added a page named Hiking Products to the site. The new page icon shows multiple pages and has the same name as the catalog. This icon represents the detail pages. The actual number of pages adjusts to accommodate as many or as few products as you add to the catalog.





Detail page icon

7. Double-click the detail page icon on the **Site Navigation** panel.

The first detail page appears.

You use the navigation buttons on the control bar to move to the next and previous detail pages, and to add or delete a page. The three navigation buttons below the banner provide a way for site visitors to move to the next or previous product, or back to the thumbnail page.

8. Click the **Next** and **Previous** buttons to display each product page.

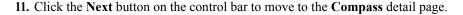


**9.** Press **Shift** and click the catalog and each navigation button to select all of these objects.

10. Press the right arrow key to move the selected objects so they are centered under the banner.



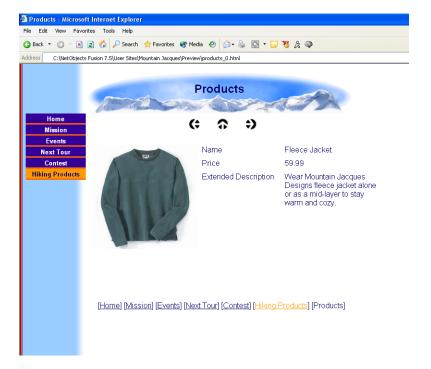
This centers the objects on all photo pages.





Next

#### 12. Preview the site.



**13.** Click the **up arrow** to return to the List page and then click an image to go to the detail page. Use the **left** and **right arrows** to move between detail pages.

Your catalog is complete.

#### Where To Go From Here

You just learned how to put your products on the Web using the NetObjects Fusion Catalog tool. For more information about catalogs, see Chapter 20, "Creating Catalogs" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* and in the NetObjects Fusion online Help system.

The next lesson, Chapter 11, "Layering Objects," shows you how to use the Fixed Page Layout publishing option to lay out and publish a page containing overlapping objects.

# **Layering Objects**

You want to show highlights of the last mountain bike tour on the Highlights page. You can take advantage of NetObjects Fusion's support of layered or overlapping objects to arrange images on the page.

To view overlapping objects properly, your site visitors must use Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 and above or Netscape Navigator 4.x. In NetObjects Fusion you can choose from three HTML output options to support various browsers. You can assign one publishing method to the whole site, and then select a different method for individual pages, or regions of pages. For pages or regions that contain overlapping objects, you must use the **Fixed Page Layout** HTML output option so browsers that support this feature can properly display your page.

To follow the steps in this lesson you must have built the Mountain Jacques site in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

This chapter shows you how to:

- Add and manage overlapping objects
- Set the HTML output option
- Edit text on the banner
- · Previewing your site

# **Adding Overlapping Objects**

1. Open the Mountain Jacques site and display the Highlights page in Page view.





Picture tool

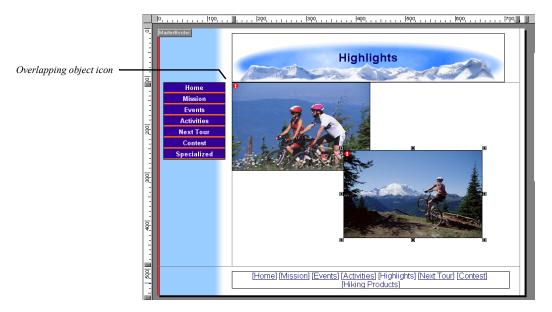
2. Select the **Picture** tool and click the Layout label in the upper left corner of the Layout.

The **Picture File Open** dialog appears, showing the **Folder** tab.

3. Navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder, select twobikers.jpg, then click Open.



- 4. Select the **Picture** tool again.
- 5. Click the lower right corner of the **twobikers** picture.
- 6. In the Picture File Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial folder, select mtnbiker.jpg, then click Open.



To view object icons, choose Object Icons from the View menu.

A red exclamation point warning icon appears on both pictures to show the objects are overlapping. Move the mouse pointer over this icon to see the ScreenTip explaining it.

- 7. Select the **Picture** tool once more and draw a rectangle starting on top of the lower left corner of the **mtnbiker** picture, dragging downward and toward the *left* side of the Layout.
- 8. In the **Picture File Open** dialog, navigate to the **NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial** folder, select girlbiker.jpg, then click **Open**.

For more about layered objects, see Chapter 6, "Page View Basics" in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.



The red exclamation point icon also appears on the **girlbiker** picture to show it is overlapping, or overlapped by, another object.

9. With the girlbiker picture selected, from the Object menu select Arrange Objects, Send to Back.



10. Select the **twobikers** picture, and from the **Object** menu select **Arrange Objects**, **Bring to Front**.

This rearranges the overlaps to expose more detail and cover more plain areas.

# **Setting the HTML Output Option**

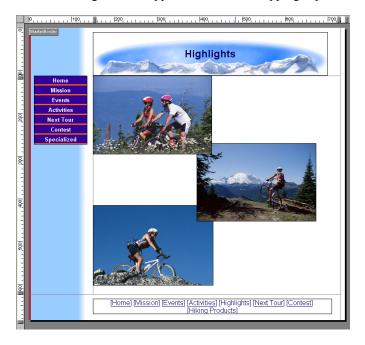
1. Click the Layout so the **Layout Properties** panel appears.

2. On the **General** tab, in the **HTML output** section, select **Fixed Page Layout** from the drop-down list to ensure the browser correctly displays overlapping objects.



For more on HTML output, see Chapter 7, "Controlling Published Output" in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.

The red warning icons disappear from the overlapping objects.



# **Editing the Banner Text**

Put a more descriptive title on the banner.

- 1. Select the banner so the **Banner Properties** panel appears.
- 2. Make sure the check box Use for Banner Title is not selected.
- 3. In the **Banner Title** field, change the text to read:

Mountain Biking <Enter>
Annual Tour Highlights

As you type, the text on the banner changes.

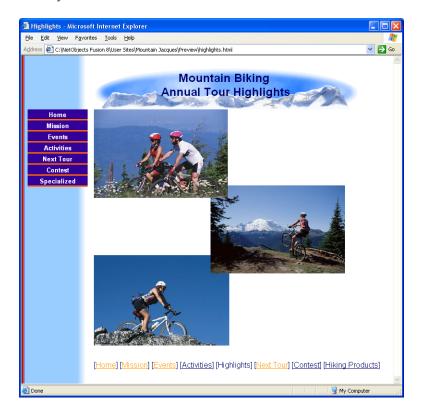


# **Previewing Your Site**

For portions of sites that use the **Fixed Page Layout** HTML output option for layered objects, you must preview the site using Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater or Netscape Navigator 4.x, because other versions of browsers do not support this feature.

• Preview your site.

You can select the browser for previewing on the Preview tab of the Application Options dialog in the Tools menu.



### Where To Go From Here

You've seen how to use NetObjects Fusion's HTML output options to successfully satisfy site visitors with different browser versions.

Chapter 12, "Supporting Target Browsers" shows you how to use cascading style sheet text formatting to enhance your site.

# **Supporting Target Browsers**

HTML code displays many types of text formatting and is compatible with all browsers. CSS is a method of coding more complex formatting such as paragraph borders, backgrounds, indents, and margins, but not all browsers can display these formats. With NetObjects Fusion you can take advantage of some of the text formatting features in the cascading style sheets (CSS) standard supported by browser versions 4.0 and above.

Because some site visitors use browsers that support CSS and others do not, it's a good idea to experiment to discover how to best use cascading style sheets without creating problems when older browsers display the pages. Even the 4.0 and above browsers support CSS differently, so you must test each CSS feature you intend to use with each target browser you want to support. Then you can decide whether the site should use HTML formatting and support the broadest range of browsers including the oldest versions, or implement the more powerful cascading style sheet formatting and support only the newer browser versions.

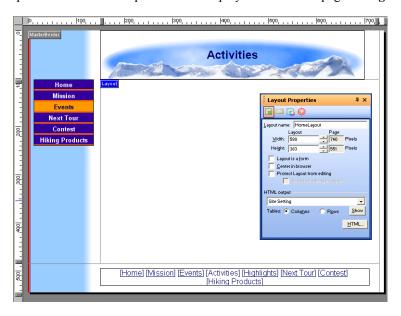
To follow the steps in this lesson you must have built the Mountain Jacques site in Chapter 1, "Creating Your First Website."

This chapter shows you how to:

- Import a formatted document
- Clear the imported formats
- Assign SiteStyle text styles to the document text
- Add CSS text formatting to the page
- Set the target browser, HTML generation, and text format options

# **Importing a Formatted Document**

1. Open the Mountain Jacques site and display the **Activities** page in **Page** view.



- **2.** From the **File** menu, choose **Import>Document**.
- 3. In the **Import Document** dialog, navigate to the **NetObjects Fusion 10\Tutorial** folder, select **Activities.doc**, and click **Open**.

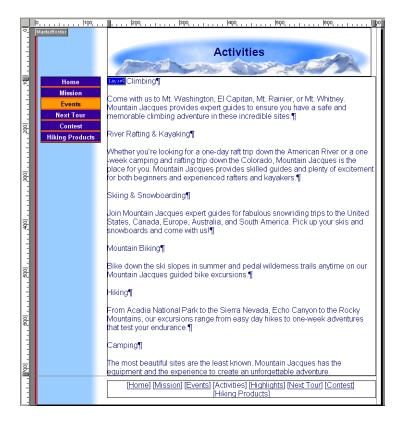
The text from the Activities.doc file appears in a text box in the Layout.

NetObjects Fusion retains the formatting of imported documents, so the imported text appears with its previously set font and size.

4. Click once inside the text box to select it.

- Activities.doc is a Microsoft Word 2000 document. You must have Word 2000 or later installed to import this document.
- To view paragraph marks, turn on Show Text Invisibles on the Text menu

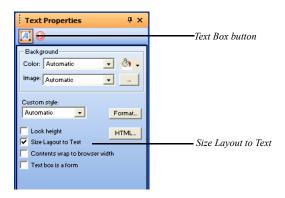
The first paragraph is partially hidden by the Layout label. Turn Page Labels off on the View menu to reveal the text.



The wide border indicates the text box is selected, and the **Text Box** tab shows on the **Text Properties** panel. **Size Layout to Text** is the default setting for imported documents and is selected on the **Text Box** tab.

5. Because it is easier to see the results of the following steps when this option is not selected, clear the **Size Layout to Text** check box.

When the text box is selected and resizable, solid handles surround it, and the Text Box tab shows on the Text Properties panel.



# **Clearing Imported Formats**

- 1. Double-click inside the text box so hollow square handles surround it and the **Format** button shows on the **Text Properties** panel.
- 2. From the Edit menu, choose Select All, or press Ctrl+A.

All text in the text box is selected.

3. On the Format section of the Text Properties panel, click the Clear button.

The **Clear** button removes all formatting in the imported document. With the imported formats removed, NetObjects Fusion can display the text as specified by the current SiteStyle.

The text changes to Arial, as specified on the **Selectors** tab for the Mountain SiteStyle in Style view.

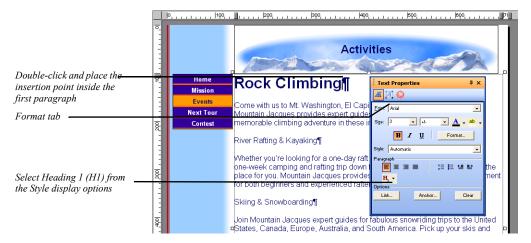
# **Assigning a Standard Text Style**

1. Double-click inside the first paragraph of text, "Rock Climbing," to place the insertion point.

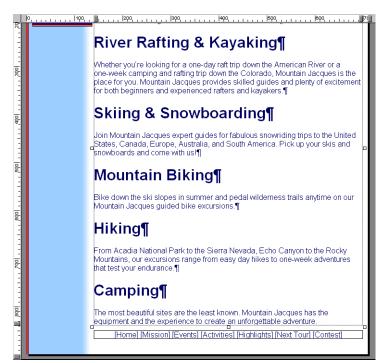
The **Format** button shows on the **Text Properties** panel.

2. Click the Style button and select **Heading 1 (H1)** from the display options.

The font changes to bold, size 3, as specified for the **Heading 1** element on the **Text** tab of the Mountain SiteStyle in Style view.



Note: You can view the font and size setting for SiteStyle text by selecting the Body element on the Text tab in Style view. Unless you change it, the other elements derive their format from the Body element.



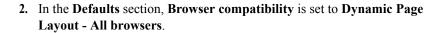
3. Set the remaining headings to the **Heading 1 (H1)** style.

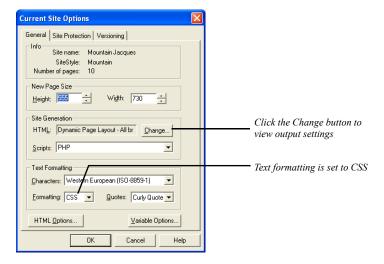
# **Checking the Browser and HTML Output Settings**

The Activities page is a standard HTML page that displays properly with the default HTML output settings. To view all the target browser and output options you must open the **Current Site Options** dialog.

1. From the Tools menu, select Options>Current Site.

The Current Site Options dialog appears.

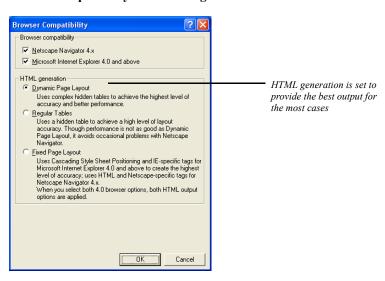




Note that **Text formatting** is set to **Cascading Style Sheets**.

3. Click the Change button.

The **Browser Compatibility** dialog appears, showing the default settings for **Browser compatibility** and **HTML generation**.



- **4.** Ensure that your settings match the picture. Click **OK** twice to exit both dialogs.
- 5. In Page view, click the Page Preview tab.



The Activities page displays showing the text and headings as specified in the Mountain SiteStyle.

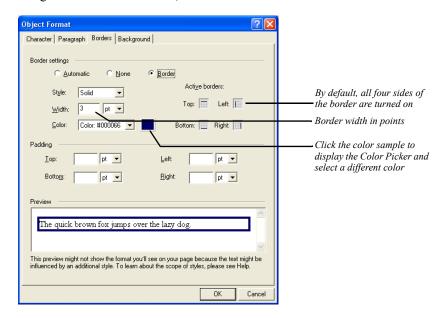
6. Click the Page Design tab.

# **Adding Cascading Style Sheet Features**

You might want to use the CSS features as you would use conditional text in a word processing program. You know that site visitors with browsers that support CSS can view the CSS formats, but site visitors with older browsers see only the HTML version. In this way you can support more browsers.

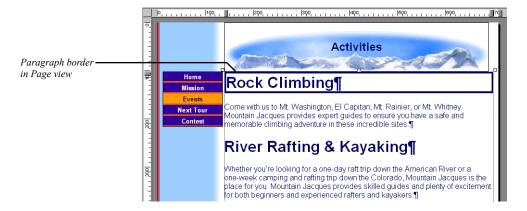
Use the Paragraph Settings dialog to access more formats, and to apply formats to a whole paragraph instead of selected text or the text box.

- 1. In Page view, double-click inside the first paragraph of text, "Rock Climbing," to place the insertion point.
- On the Format tab of the Text Properties panel, click the Format button.The Paragraph Settings dialog appears.
- 3. Click the **Borders** tab.
- 4. Select the Border option.
- 5. Change Width to 3 points.
- 6. Change the Color to dark blue, HTML #000066.



#### 7. Click OK.

The border appears around the heading.



- 8. Click the Page Preview tab.
- 9. Click OK.

Warning: The paragraph border will not show up in the browser preview if Text Formatting in Current Site Options is set to HTML. Text Formatting must be set to Cascading Style Sheets (CSS).

10. Click the Page Design tab, then click the Page Preview tab.



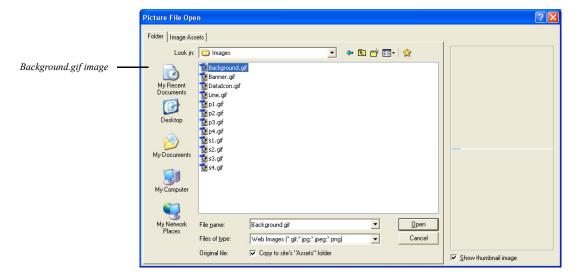
Because the **Text formatting** option is CSS and not HTML, browsers that support CSS can display CSS formatting features. If you are previewing with a supported browser version, the paragraph border shows in the browser.

11. Click the Page Design tab.

#### Adding a Paragraph Background

The cascading style sheets (CSS) standard also supports paragraph backgrounds.

- 1. Double-click the first paragraph, "Rock Climbing," again.
- 2. On the Format tab of the Text Properties panel, click the Format button.
- 3. In the Paragraph Settings dialog, click the Background tab.
- 4. In the **Image** section, click **Browse**.
- 5. In the Picture File Open dialog, navigate to the NetObjects Fusion 10\Styles\Mountain\Images folder and select Background.gif.



- 6. Click Open.
- 7. In the Paragraph Settings dialog, click OK.

The background appears in the heading.



border and background, in Page view

8. Click the Page Preview tab.

The paragraph background shows in the browser because the Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) text formatting option is still selected on the General tab of the Current Site Options dialog.



- 9. To view this page with HTML formatting instead, select Tools>Options>Current Site, HTML, and click OK.
- 10. Click the Page Design and Page Preview tabs again to view the same page without CSS support.

Notice the large bold text from the **Heading 1** SiteStyle element is preserved, but the CSS background and border features are not.

# **About Custom Text Styles**

You can select each heading and apply the border and background to it to make all the headings the same.

You can set the scope for a style in the Edit Text Styles dialog.

However, there is an easier way. You can use the **Manage Styles** command on the **Text** menu to create a custom style and use the **Style** drop-down list to apply that custom style to each heading. Alternatively, you can edit the existing Heading 1 style, but you must be careful to edit it for just this site and not the entire SiteStyle. When you edit a SiteStyle element, it affects every site using that SiteStyle.

For information on editing and creating text styles, see Chapter 12, "Designing with Text" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*. For information on editing SiteStyles, see Chapter 18, "Using SiteStyles" and Chapter 19 "Working with CSS and NetObjects Fusion SiteStyles."

#### Where To Go From Here

You navigate to all the pages in the Mountain Jacques site to confirm that you satisfied the goals you set at the beginning of this guide. You created a site where:

- Customers can learn about Mountain Jacques and its activities
- Site visitors can easily contact the company
- The site generates excitement for upcoming events

In addition, you created a contest that encourages potential clients to send e-mail, and related businesses are advertising on the site!

For information about other NetObjects Fusion features, check the online help and *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

Where To Go From Here

# **Upgrading Your Sites**

If you created sites with a previous version of NetObjects Fusion, you can upgrade them to NetObjects Fusion 10 by saving the sites as templates and basing new NetObjects Fusion 10 sites on the templates, or by simply opening the site files. For the latest information on compatibility, refer to the **Readme.htm** file in your **NetObjects Fusion 10** folder.

### **Determining Site File Compatibility**

Site (.nod) and template (.nft) files created in the versions listed below are compatible with NetObjects Fusion 10. If some component or data object information does not appear, you must place the components or the data objects again.

#### Versions supported:

• Windows 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 9.0 site files and templates

#### **Migrating Sites and Assets from Earlier Versions**

From NetObjects Fusion 10, you can access an older site by creating a new site based on a template or by opening the site file. The best method is to convert the old site to a template in the earlier version of NetObjects Fusion and create a new site based on this template in NetObjects Fusion 10. To learn how to create a new site from a template, see Chapter 4, "Working with Templates" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

• If you cannot create a template, and the older site file is on the same computer as NetObjects Fusion 10, copy its folder from your old \User Sites folder to your new \User Sites folder, and then open the file directly, as described in "Opening Site Files from Earlier Versions" on page 200. NetObjects Fusion prompts you to open a copy because once you open a file in NetObjects Fusion 10, you cannot open it in an earlier version. If your site contains blank banners or navigation bars, follow the steps in "Adding Your SiteStyles" on page 201.

If your site contains blank pictures, select Verify All File Assets from the Assets menu in Assets view. See Chapter 28, "Managing Assets" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide* for information.

- If an older site file was created on a different computer, and you want to open it in NetObjects Fusion 10 on your computer, you must save it as a template (.nft) first. Open the older site file in its original version of NetObjects Fusion on the machine where it was created, export it as a template, copy the template folder to your computer, and then base a new site on the template. Saving a site as a template is the only way to move a site from one computer to another without losing asset information. See Chapter 4, "Working with Templates" in the NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide.
- If you opened an older site file in NetObjects Fusion 10 or created a NetObjects Fusion 10 site file from an older template and the style is missing, see "Adding Your SiteStyles" on page 201 for information.
- If you already upgraded your files and want to remove the previous version of NetObjects Fusion, read "Removing Previous Versions of NetObjects Fusion" on page 202.

#### **Opening Site Files from Earlier Versions**

The easiest way to upgrade older site files is to simply open them in NetObjects Fusion 10. They are converted to the NetObjects Fusion 10 format when you open them

If you have access to the earlier version of NetObjects Fusion, before you upgrade:

- 1. Open the site in the earlier version.
- 2. Verify all file assets.
- **3.** Export the site to a template.
- **4.** In NetObjects Fusion 10 create a new site based on the template.
- **5.** Export the site as a template.

The new template is a .zip file that contains the site and its assets.

If you do not have access to the earlier version of NetObjects Fusion:

1. Use Windows Explorer or File Manager to copy the folders of the sites you want to upgrade from your older \User Sites folder to your NetObjects Fusion 10\User Sites folder.

- 2. Launch NetObjects Fusion 10.
- **3.** Choose Open Site from the File menu, and select the .nod file of the site you want to upgrade.
  - If you see a message that the backup folder for this site doesn't exist, click OK.
  - A dialog confirms that the site was created with an older version of NetObjects Fusion and asks if you want to open a copy of the site instead of altering the current file.
- **4.** Click Yes and save the copy in the same folder as the original with a new name. NetObjects Fusion creates a new .nod file. The original .nod file remains in the folder as a backup.
- **5.** Verify that the site upgraded properly and that all assets are functioning as you expect.
- **6.** Repeat the steps above until all the sites you want to use in NetObjects Fusion 10 are upgraded.

You can also open backup files created in earlier versions of NetObjects Fusion. Backup files are automatically saved in the \Backups folder in your site folder, or in your site folder with a number or the date as part of the file name. If you want to open a file from a \Backups folder, first move the file out of the \Backups folder into the site folder. This ensures that assets have the correct paths.

Note: If you open a template that uses a font which is not on your system, NetObjects Fusion substitutes the browser proportional font specified on the Text tab of the **Application Options** dialog. You can still apply the original font to any new text box in the site. When you open the site on a system that has the original font, it is restored.

#### **Adding Your SiteStyles**

When you create a new site, NetObjects Fusion always tries to read the style's images from the current \Styles folder. In NetObjects Fusion 10, if you open an older site file or create a site based on an older template, you might see blank banners, buttons or other style elements. If this happens you must add the SiteStyle to your new site.

If you want to add a style, you must add the location, or source, where the SiteStyle is stored. The style will appear in the Style view list and you can then make the style Active so that it is associated with your current .nod. In addition, any new SiteStyles add to this location will appear in your Style view. See Chapter 17, "Using SiteStyles" in the *NetObjects Fusion 10 User Guide*.

Use the following instructions to add a SiteStyle stored on your computer to the Style view. This style will be available for all new sites you create.

To add a SiteStyle from your computer:

- 1. In NetObjects Fusion 10, open the site in which you want to use the new SiteStyle.
- 2. In Style view, from the Style menu, choose Add SiteStyle Source.
- **3.** Select Local SiteStyles as the source type and click OK.
- **4.** Enter a name for the new source.
  - This is the name that will appear in the Style view.
- 5. Type in the path or navigate to the style folder containing the style you want to add, then click Test to verify the path entered is valid.
  - The path entered must include the folder where the SiteStyle is stored.
- 6. Click Finish.

The SiteStyle source appears in the style list.

### **Removing Previous Versions of NetObjects Fusion**

Use the Add/Remove Programs control panel to uninstall older versions of NetObjects Fusion. Remove older versions only after you verify that all site files, SiteStyles, templates, and other assets that you brought into NetObjects Fusion 10 are functioning as you expect. Also, do not remove older versions if you need to share files with colleagues who still use older versions of NetObjects Fusion. Earlier versions cannot read templates created by NetObjects Fusion 10.

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