



File Structure & Pathways

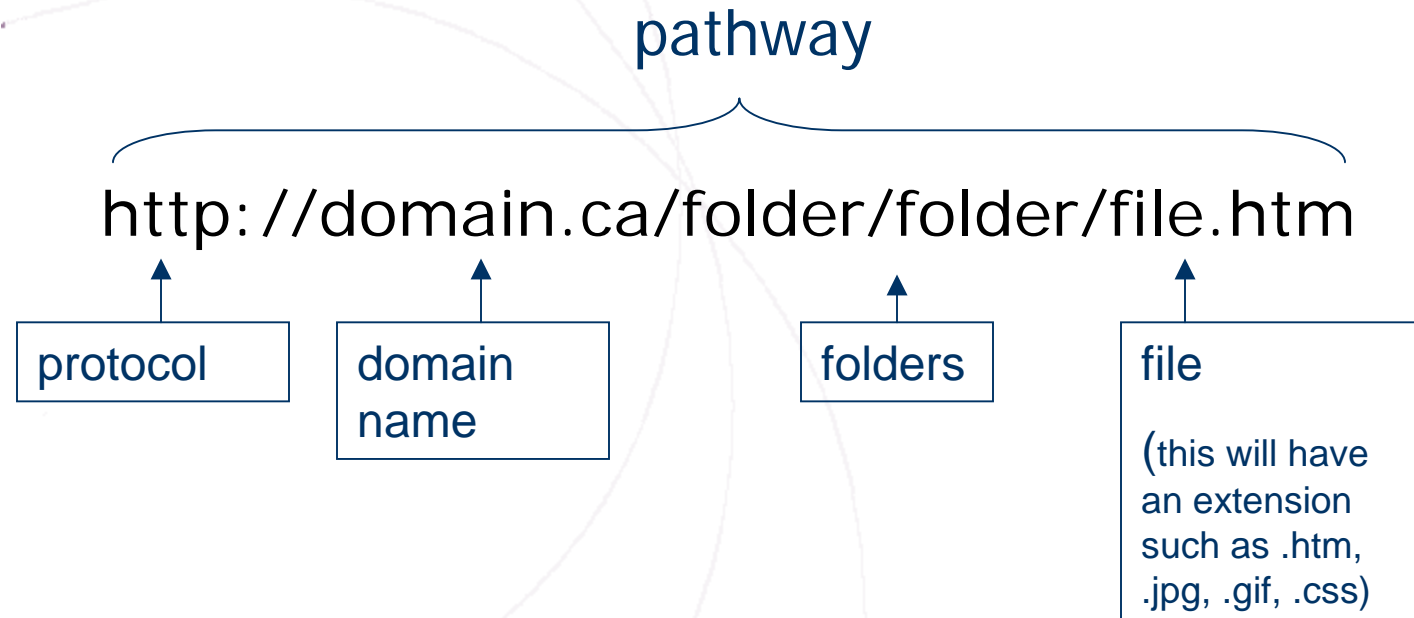


File Structure – absolute vs relative files

- when you link to another website, you have to do that using the whole link
- absolute link
- or pathway



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- Within your site, it is possible to link relative to the page you're on
- So, if you're at:
 <http://domain.ca/color/index.htm>
- A link to:
 <http://domain.ca/color/blue.htm>
- Would look like this:
 blue page

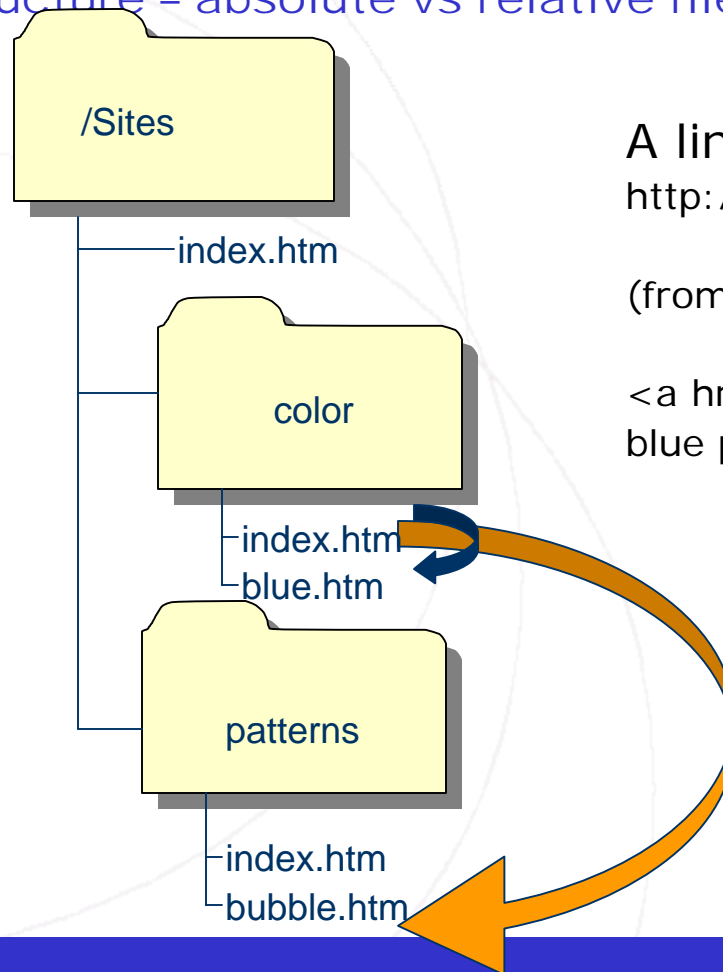


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<a href="blue.htm">blue page</a>
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- because blue.htm and index.htm are in the same folder
- You can also link relatively to files in folders above and below the folder you're in.
- ../ means look up a folder
- / means look down a folder

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A link to

<http://domain.ca/patterns/bubble.htm>

(from the main index page – home page):

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<a href="patterns/bubble.htm" >  
blue page</a>
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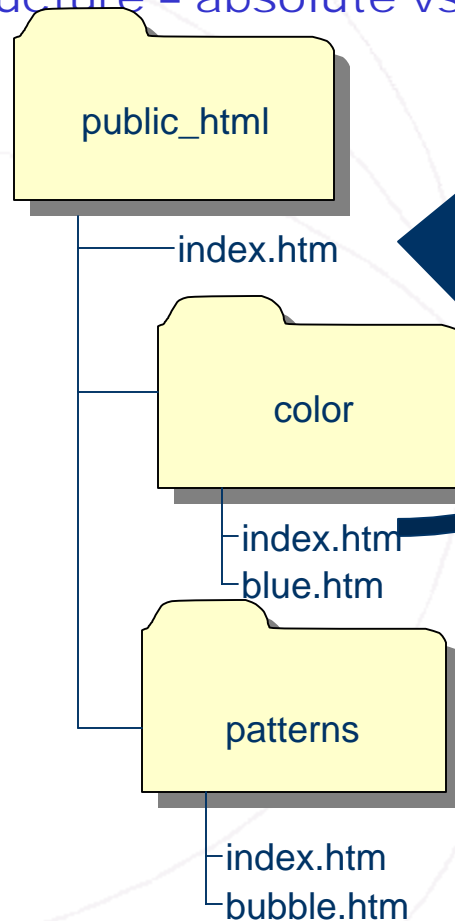
-look down for the patterns folder
-when you're there, open up the
bubble.htm page



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- You can also link up as well as down
- So a link from the color index page to the main index page (home page):

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A link to

<http://domain.ca/index.htm> (home page)

(from the color index page):

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<a href=" ../index.htm" >  
home page</a>
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- look up one folder
- when you're there, open up the index.htm page

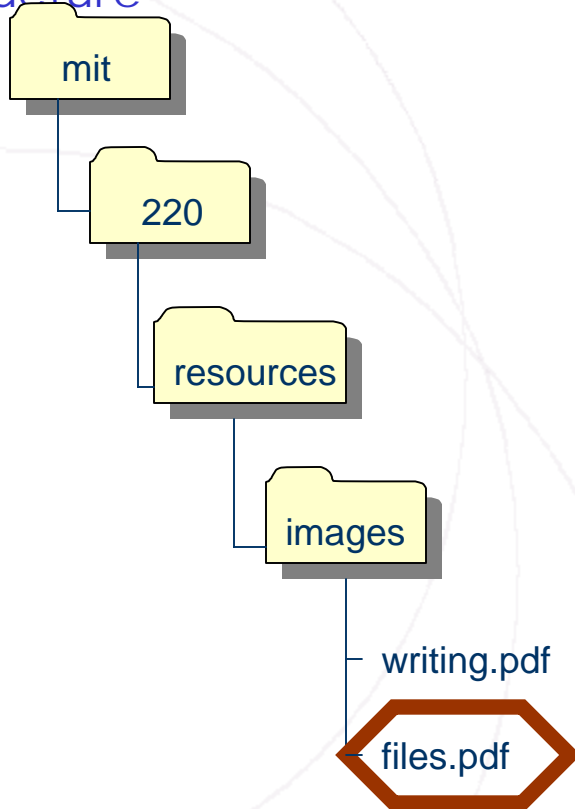


File Structure – reading pathways

- so you can tell what the file structure is by looking at the pathway
- What does this pathway mean:
- <http://instruct.uwo.ca/mit/220/resources/images/writing.pdf>



File Structure



<http://instruct.uwo.ca/mit/220/resources/images/files.pdf>

How would you describe this?



File Structure – reading pathways

- Dreamweaver can help with your pathways.
- Before you start work, ensure that you go to the site menu ..> manage sites ..>
- If you've already got your site there, you should be fine.
 - You can double-check by clicking on "edit".
- If you don't see your site there, then click on "new site"
 - Next to the site root folder box, click on the folder and browse to the folder that holds your site (220)