Create a basic navigation system

Link back to the home page

1. In Notepad, open the Chesapeake Bay Retrievers page, chesapeake.html.

2. Type the word “Home” in a new paragraph beneath the first paragraph.

3. Enclose it in anchor tags that link it back to the home page:

   `<A HREF="index.html">Home</A>`

   **Tip:** Remember, index.html is the file name for the home page.

4. Save the page, and view it in the browser. The word Home should now be a link, and the page should look like this:

   [Image of a dog with a chain link labeled Home]

5. On the German Shepherds page, create a link back to the home page. Do this the same way you created the link for the Chesapeake Bay retriever page.

6. On the Yorkshire Terriers page, create the same sort of link back to the home page.
Link pages to each other

1. In Notepad, open the Chesapeake Bay Retrievers page.

2. Following the Home link, type:

   | Chesapeake Bay Retrievers | German Shepherds | Yorkshire Terriers

3. Make the words “Chesapeake Bay Retrievers” bold to show site users “You are here.”

4. Link the words “German Shepherds” to the German Shepherds page:

   `<A HREF="german.html">German Shepherds</A>`

5. Link the words “Yorkshire Terriers” to the Yorkshire Terriers page.
6. Save the page and view it in the browser. It should look like this:

Image of a web page showing "Chesapeake Bay Retrievers" and a "you are here" message.

Showing “you are here”

A site’s navigational system should show people two things: where they are, and where they can go.

To show people where they are, make the link corresponding to the current page into plain text. This lets users know that if they can’t go to that page, they must be looking at it.

Home | Chesapeake Bay Retrievers | German Shepherds | Yorkshire Terriers

You are here

Making the text bold reinforces the “you are here” message.
Use graphics as links

1. In Notepad, open the home page. Below the bulleted list of links, in a new paragraph, insert the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, German Shepherd and Yorkshire Terrier graphics:

   <IMG SRC="graphics/chessie.gif">
   <IMG SRC="graphics/shepherds.gif">
   <IMG SRC="graphics/yorkie.gif">

2. Enclose the first image tag within anchor tags that link it to the Chesapeake Bay Retriever page:

   <A HREF="chesapeake.html"><IMG SRC="graphics/chessie.gif"></A>

3. Save the page, then preview it in the browser. When you click on the Chesapeake Bay Retriever graphic, it should take you to the Chesapeake Bay Retriever page.

4. Go back to Notepad and add the BORDER="0" attribute to the first image tag:

   <A HREF="chesapeake.html"><IMG SRC="graphics/chessie.gif" BORDER="0"></A>
5. Save the page and view it in the browser again. The blue link border around the Chesapeake Bay Retriever graphic should be gone:
Practice: Create a navigation system

A. What's a good way to show site users “You are here?”

Task: To make your Dogs site look like the site at www.visibooks.com/dogs.

1. In Notepad, open the German Shepherds page, german.html.

2. Following the Home link, type:

   | Chesapeake Bay Retrievers | German Shepherds | Yorkshire Terriers

3. Make the words German Shepherds bold.

4. Link the words Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and Yorkshire Terriers to their corresponding pages.

5. Save the page.

6. Using the same system, create navigation links for the Yorkshire Terriers page. Then save the page.

7. On the home page, link the German Shepherds graphic to the German Shepherds page. Do the same for the Yorkshire Terriers graphic.

8. Take out the link borders of these graphics.

9. When finished, preview your Dogs site in the browser. It should look like the site at www.visibooks.com/dogs.

Answers

A. Make the link corresponding to the current page bold, and plain text (no longer a link).

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