

Art 309: Motion & Interaction

Sarah Haig, Instructor • 32d Lanigan • phone: 312-3189 • email: sarah.haig@oswego.edu • office hours: m 2-5, w 2-4, by appointment

Process Books

How to create an interactive PDF:

1. Create your layout in InDesign or create PDFs of individual files. InDesign is much easier to create multipage PDF files in consistent navigation. Make sure to include visual indicators for navigation (forward, next, back, home, etc.)
2. Save or export your file as a PDF
3. Open newly created PDF in Acrobat Professional
4. Open the tools panel using the button on the right top menu bar. If the content section is collapsed, expand it. About half-way down in the content menu is Add or Edit Interactive Object. The top choice is Link, this will be the main tool you use to link to external files, navigate from page to page and connect to web pages.
5. Select the link tool, draw a link box around one of your navigation indicators and wait for the pop-up box. In this first box, set the appearance of your rollover and overall link. You will also choose whether you want to link to an external file, another page within your file or a web link.
6. Hit next.
7. If you selected another pageview, use the arrow keys to navigate to that page and hit set link. If you selected to open another file, navigate to the external file in your folder and set link. If you are entering a web link, type the URL in the box provided.

Test to see if links work.

