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Presenting Video with Components



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“The Macromedia Flash Video component is great for Dreamweaver users who are not familiar with Flash, This is because you can insert FLV files into your web pages without using the Flash authoring tool. The Flash Video component enables you to select from several different playback controllers that visitors use to control the FLV file on your web page. This is called skinning within the component.

Let's see how this works!”

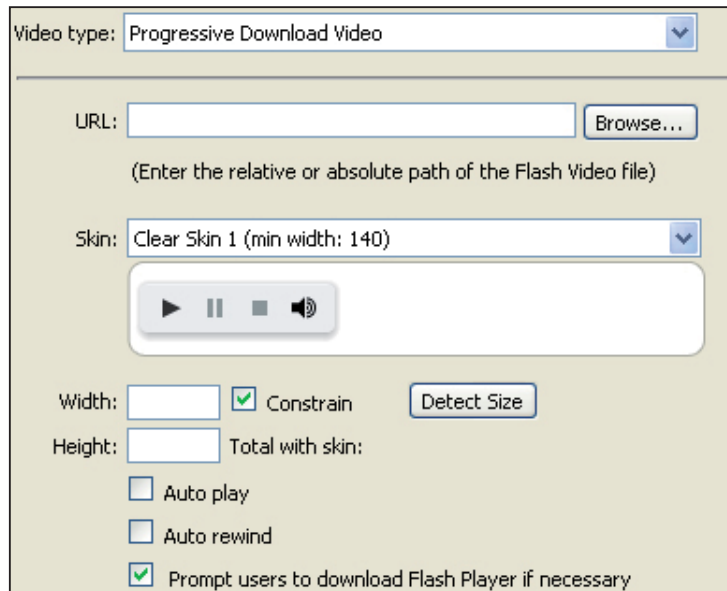


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Embedding Flash Video

The steps below show you how to use some of the new wizards built into Dreamweaver to facilitate an import process of a video.

- 1) Within Dreamweaver, choose **Insert > Media > Flash Video**.



- 2) You have two options when you insert and display an FLV file in your HTML documents using the Flash Video component:

Progressive Download Video

If you choose this video type, the video is downloaded to the user's hard drive, but starts playing the video before it finishes downloading.

Streaming Video

If you choose this option, the video starts playing after a short buffer period, when a small amount of data downloads to the computer to ensure smooth playback. You must have Macromedia Flash Media Server available if you select this option.

- 3) Most of the time, you will be selecting **Progressive Download Video** option.
- 4) The other options are as follows :

URL

Specifies the URL of the FLV file to embed in your HTML document.

Skin

Specifies the URL of the skin to load.

Width

Specifies the width of FLV display.

Height

Specifies the height of FLV display.

Constrain

Maintains the aspect ration of the video if the width or height text boxes change the corresponding value.

Detect Size

Detects the dimensions of the FLV file and automatically populates the Width and Height text boxes.

Auto play

Specifies whether you play the video when the web page opens.

Auto rewind

Specifies whether the playback control returns to the starting position after the video finishes playing.

Prompt users to download Flash Player if necessary

When selected, this option embeds the required JavaScript code to detect users' Flash Player version and prompts them to download a newer version, if necessary.

Message

A message displays if a user's current Flash Player version isn't high enough to view the Flash content

Finalizing the movie

- 5) Once you have decided on the settings as described, click **OK** button. Dreamweaver generates and inserts code that you need to embed the selected video into the web page.



Note: The actual SWF file that you need to drive the Flash Video component is a mere 10–12K, depending on whether you select the progressive download or streaming option. Using one of the default skins adds approximately another 4–11K, depending on the skin that you choose.