

Template - Troubleshooting

Links not working when previewing in the browser...

A note on Document-relative and Root-relative Paths

Document-relative paths are usually best for local links in most websites. They're particularly useful when the current document and the linked document or asset are in the same folder and are likely to remain together.

The basic idea of document-relative paths is to omit the part of the absolute path that is the same for both the current document and the linked document or asset, providing only the portion of the path that differs.

Site root-relative paths describe the path from the site's root folder to a document. You may want to use these paths if you are working on a large website that uses several servers, or one server that hosts several sites. However, if you are not familiar with this type of path, you may want to stick to document-relative paths.

So for the purpose of working locally and student exams we will use **Document Relative paths**.

Use Document Relative Paths

1. Go to **Manage Sites**
2. Select your Site and click **Edit...**
3. Under **Advanced Settings, Local Info** check Links relative to: **Document**
4. Click **Save**
5. Click **Done** if the Manage sites dialogue is still open

If you are updating a current site you will need to update the links...

1. Open your template file [the one ending in .dwt in your templates folder]
2. Relink your Links with your preferred method...
[NB: if using the Point to File method, make sure it updates your code by clicking in the **Link** box in your Properties window and pressing **Enter**]
The links should now have changed from **/index.html** to **../index.html**
3. **Save** [ctrl + s / ⌘ + s]
4. A dialogue will pop called Update Template Files, click **Update**
5. If you had any of you other pages open, you will need to save each of those
6. Now Preview your site and make sure all the links work.