

Windows/Mac: When I use a tab to indent the first line of text in a paragraph, it looks just fine in PageMill, but the indent doesn't show up when the page is displayed by a Web browser. What's going on?

Unfortunately, the HTML language does not recognize tabs. But you're not out of luck—you can use a series of nonbreaking spaces to indent a line. To do this in PageMill, place the cursor at the beginning of the line, hold down Ctrl (Windows) or Option (Macintosh), and press the spacebar once for each nonbreaking space (indent) you want.

Windows/Mac (2.0 and earlier): I've seen Web pages that use frames with invisible borders, but PageMill doesn't seem to include an option for creating them. Is there a way to do it?

Yes, but not within PageMill. You'll need to edit the HTML code of your frameset file. Keep in mind, however, that incorrect code may render a page unreadable by a Web browser. For this reason, always make copies of pages you plan to edit. Here are the steps.

1. In PageMill, create the frames and, using the Inspector palette, set the scrolling of each one to No or Auto. Choose Save Everything from the File menu, and close the page.

Note: The following steps (2–6) should be the last modifications you make to the frameset file before you make it available for your Web site. If you later modify the frames on a Macintosh, PageMill overwrites the attributes that are added in the next steps. (Though PageMill for Windows does not overwrite them, it's still best to edit the frameset file after finishing page design.)

2. Open the frameset file in a text-editing application that can save text-only files. You must use a text editor because PageMill lets you view and edit the HTML source only for individual

frames, not for the frameset file.

3. If the frameset file has been previously edited or created by another application, find each <FRAMESET> tag and delete any occurrence of the following attributes (and their values) from within the tag: FRAMEBORDER, BORDER, and FRAMESPACING. If the frameset file was created and modified only by PageMill, you can just skip this step—PageMill doesn't create these attributes at all.

4. Insert the following text immediately after each occurrence of FRAMESET, preserving any other attributes:

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FRAMEBORDER=0 BORDER=0 FRAMESPACING=0
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For example, the tag <FRAMESET COLS="40%,60%"> would now read as follows:

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<FRAMESET FRAMEBORDER=0 BORDER=0 FRAMESPACING=0 COLS="40%,60%">
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5. Make sure that the value of the SCROLLING attribute for each <FRAME SRC> tag is set to NO or AUTO.

6. Save the frameset file as a text-only document with an .htm or .html extension. You'll still see the frame borders when you open the frameset file in PageMill, but they'll be invisible when displayed in a Web browser capable of handling them (Netscape Navigator 3.0 and later, for example).

Windows/Mac: In PageMill, I've embedded objects in pages using third-party browser plug-ins I downloaded from the Web, but sometimes the objects won't redraw properly when I resize them. What's the problem?

It's very likely that the plug-in is not in the correct folder, or that it's not compatible with PageMill.

First, check to see where it was installed. You should have two copies of the plug-in—one in PageMill's Browser Plug-Ins folder, and one in your browser's plug-ins folder.

Second, verify that the plug-in is up to date; in order for browser plug-ins to work with PageMill, they must be compatible with Netscape 2.0 or later. It's also possible that you downloaded a defective plug-in, or one that just doesn't work well with PageMill. Contact the plug-in vendor to request the most recent version or to see if there are any known problems.

Windows/Mac: Whenever I create a table in PageMill, it seems as if I can never get all the cells to behave consistently. Some indent their content; others wrap in unexpected places. Is there a poltergeist in my file?



You're not far off—it sounds as if you're dealing with nonbreaking spaces, which tend to be a little ghostlike. Because an HTML table cell without content is displayed as a solid block by a Web browser, PageMill automatically includes a nonbreaking space at the beginning of each cell when you create a new table. In this way, when you preview the table (in Preview mode or in a Web browser), the nonbreaking spaces let you view empty cells while you're editing and designing the page in PageMill.

When a table cell is empty, it's displayed as a solid block in Preview mode (or in the Web browser).

To avoid the problems you describe, you should always delete the nonbreaking space before you enter content into a cell. To do so, click in the cell and press Backspace (Windows) or Delete (Mac). The cell is now surrounded by a dotted line, which indicates that it's empty. ♦

MicroTip:

When a Web browser that doesn't support frames is used to view a page containing them, a warning message appears. In PageMill, you can edit this message by choosing No Frames Message from the Edit menu.

PageMill includes a nonbreaking space in each cell when you create a table. Always delete the space before entering content. The example below (in Edit mode) shows a highlighted space and an empty cell.

