

Lightbox2

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Overview

Lightbox is a *simple, unobtrusive* script used to overlay images on the current page. It's a *snap to setup* and works on *all modern browsers*.

What's New in Version 2

- **Image Sets:** group related images and navigate through them with ease
- **Visual Effects:** fancy pants transitions
- **Backwards Compatibility:** yes!

Example

Single Images



Image Set



How to Use

Part 1 - Setup

1. Lightbox 2 uses the Prototype Framework and Scriptaculous Effects Library. You will need to include these three Javascript files in your header (in this order).

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/prototype.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/scriptaculous.js?load=effects"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/lightbox.js"></script>
```

2. Include the Lightbox CSS file (or append your active stylesheet with the Lightbox styles).

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/lightbox.css" type="text/css" media="screen" />
```

3. Check the CSS and make sure the referenced `prev.gif` and `next.gif` files are in the right location. Also, make sure the `loading.gif` and `close.gif` files as referenced near the top of the `lightbox.js` file are in the right location.

Part 2 - Activate

1. Add a `rel="lightbox"` attribute to any link tag to activate the lightbox. For example:

```
<a href="images/image-1.jpg" rel="lightbox" title="my caption">image #1</a>
```

Optional: Use the `title` attribute if you want to show a caption.

2. If you have a set of related images that you would like to group, follow step one but additionally include a group name between square brackets in the `rel` attribute. For example:

```
<a href="images/image-1.jpg" rel="lightbox[roadtrip]">image #1</a>
<a href="images/image-2.jpg" rel="lightbox[roadtrip]">image #2</a>
<a href="images/image-3.jpg" rel="lightbox[roadtrip]">image #3</a>
```

No limits to the number of image sets per page or how many images are allowed in each set. Go nuts!

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Changelog

- **v2.03.3** - 5/21/07 - Support for horizontally scrolling pages. Added `updateImageList` method for ajax'y pages.
- **v2.03.2** - 4/30/07 - Fixed animated gif support in IE/Opera.
- **v2.03.1** - 4/18/07 - Fixed embed hiding. Overlay opacity var added to config. Image sets w/Imagemaps fix. Clearfix removed.
- **v2.03** - 4/10/07 - Improved keyboard navigation. Animation off toggle. Hides Flash movies under overlay. Imagemap support. Valid CSS.
- **v2.02** - Fixed layout issues caused by multiline captions. Added keyboard navigation.

- **v2.01** - Centering in IE6 (any DOCTYPE) fixed. Smoothed out resize transition.

Support

It doesn't work at all. The image opens up in a new page. What's wrong?

This is commonly caused by a conflict between scripts. Check your body tag and look for an onload attribute. Example:

```
<body onload="MM_preloadImages('/images/menu_on.gif')...;">
```

A quick fix to this problem is to append the `initLightbox()` to the onload attribute as so:

```
<body onload="MM_preloadImages('/images/menu_on.gif')...;initLightbox()">
```

It doesn't work if I click an image link before the page has finished loading.

The script is activated only after the page has finished loading.

The shadow overlay doesn't stretch to cover full browser window.

Remove the default margin and padding from the body tag. Add `body{ margin: 0; padding: 0; }` to your stylesheet.

Can I insert links in the caption?

Yes, but you need to [convert](#) quotes and greater and less than symbols into their html entity equivalents. For example:

```
<a href="images/image-4.jpg" rel="lightbox" title="&lt;a href=&quot;link.html&quot;&gt;my link&lt;/a&gt;">Image</a>
```

Can I display flash, video, or other content using the script?

Sorry, photos only. For other content, google for Lightbox modifications or try an alternative script such as Cody Lindley's [ThickBox](#).

Can the script be called from an iframe?

If you're using iframes, try the [Lytebox](#) modification which has better support.

Can I use the script in a commercial project?

Yes. It is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution 2.5 License](#). A [donation](#) would be nice, hint hint.

Contact

For troubleshooting, feature requests, and general help, post a message in the [Lightbox Forum](#). Make sure to include details on your browser, operating system, Lightbox version, and a link (or relevant code). I do not have time to personally respond to support emails, please use the forum.

To send me a non-support related note, email me at lokesh@huddletogether.com. Thanks.

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