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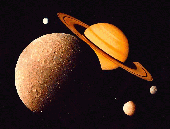
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As mentioned earlier, you may use A (anchor) tags to mark images as hyper-references, which is done in the same manner as creating a text hyper-reference. Just place an opening and closing A (anchor) tag around your IMG tag, then insert the HREF attribute into the A (anchor) tag and set the value of the HREF attribute to the appropriate URL.

Example:

<a href="http://www.yahoo.com/"><img src="http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/satthumb.gif"  
width="170" height="129" border="0" alt="saturn" title="saturn"></a>

The above example uses our earlier example image, and makes it a hyper-reference to Yahoo. Here is what the above example looks like:

[](http://www.yahoo.com/)

Text Link Example Displayed:

[Link Word](http://www.yahoo.com/)

**Image Link Example - HTML5:**

<a href="http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/capitalA.gif"><img src="http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/capitalA.gif" width="54" height="54" title="Click me" alt="click me"></a>

**Image Link Example - XHTML:**

<a href="http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/capitalA.gif"><img src="http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/capitalA.gif" width="54" height="54" title="Click me" alt="click me" /></a>

Image Link Example Displayed:

[http://fog.ccsf.org/%7Esrubin/capitalA.gif](http://fog.ccsf.org/~srubin/capitalA.gif)

Notice that the **title** attribute can be used within the img tag, so that users will see a message when they mouseover the image. Note that the **alt** attribute will not allow firefox users to see a message when they mouseover the image. The **title** attribute works the same way for almost all elements on a web page. This will allow you to describe the link more fully to the viewer. The box will disappear after a few seconds. For example:

[Steve's Homepage](http://fog.ccsf.edu/%7Esrubin)  
  
The coding is as follows for HTML5:  
  
<a href="http://fog.ccsf.edu/~srubin/" title="See my homepage for lots of HTML examples">Steve's Homepage</a>