

WEBDESIGN TECHNIQUES

DETECTING LINKS

To detect links on a page, the FireHawk toolbar searches for several characteristics

- `<a>` tag with `href=""` attribute
- Anything with an `onclick=""` attribute set
- Anything with an `oncommand=""` attribute set
- `<input>` tags

It is worth noting that FireHawk does not currently detect DOM nodes which have javascript assigned onclick or oncommand actions, because they do not fall under any of the above categories. We are hopeful, however, that future versions of FireHawk will have some method of discovery which can be implemented. As of right now, we recommend against JavaScript assigned actions.

PAGE STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

In order to properly highlight the links the FireHawk toolbar detects, here are a few guidelines on how to structure your webpage.

- Avoid floated images when possible
- Avoid putting links around blocks of text and images
- Avoid dynamically generating links or buttons with AJAX.
- Follow the w3c standards

You can find a validator provided by the World Wide Web Consortium at <http://validator.w3.org/> which will allow you to test if your page conforms to the proper standards.