

Let's Manipulate an Image Using Fireworks

Assume you like the rabbit (or any other animal) in ->

And you want to include it in your web page.
In addition, you want it on a transparent background.



1)

To accomplish this, you need to get the image, e.g., by copying it out of the hci-lab01.ppt file.

2)

Then open Fireworks via AppMenu -> WebDevTools -> Fireworks_MX

File -> New (top menu) will open an empty canvas that fits the image above.

Edit -> Paste pastes the image into this canvas.

Make the image smaller – it is huge – using Modify -> Canvas -> Image size
400 pixel width should be just fine.

Now, let's delete the blue background:

Select the Magic Wand Tool (left menu) and click in the blue area to select it.
Then hit the 'delete' button on the keyboard.

Next, select the animal you want for your webpage and delete all the other ones by selecting them with the Marquee Tool or Lasso Tool (left menu) and hitting 'delete' again and again.

Use 'Edit -> Undo Delete' if you did cut off too much ☺

Your favorite animal should now be on a rather larger white background.

Reduce the background to what is really needed via

Modify -> Canvas -> Trim Canvas

and change the background into transparent via

Modify -> Canvas -> Canvas Color, select Transparent.

Save your work via File -> Export (top menu)

Enter a file name, select a directory, and save as 'Images only'.

3)

Import this image into your web page via 'Insert Image'.



You did it!