

TWINE CHEATSHEET

HARLOWE 3 · CREATIVE MEDIA 2026

CREATE A PASSAGE

Write a name between double brackets inside a passage. Twine creates the new passage and draws the arrow between them.

```
[[Axolotl]]
```

To rename a passage, double click its title. Twine updates the links that point to it.

LINK PASSAGES

An arrow or a vertical bar separates what the reader sees from where it goes. The four forms below lead to the same place.

[[Heron]]	The passage name is also the visible text
[[hides from→Heron]]	The arrow points to the passage
[[Heron←hides from]]	The same, reversed
[[hides from Heron]]	The bar separates text and destination

Vertical bar |: Shift + \ on US and UK keyboards · AltGr + 6 on French AZERTY · Option + Shift + L on a French Mac.

IMAGES AND VIDEO

Normal HTML inside the passage. The file must be online, with its full address. Right click on an image, then copy image address.

```


```

```
<video src="https://example.com/clip.mp4" autoplay loop muted width="100%"></video>
```

```
<iframe width="100%" height="400" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/ID"></iframe>
```

The YouTube ID is the part after **watch?v=** in the link.

CSS: WHERE IT GOES

In the story stylesheet, not in a passage. Open the Story menu and press Stylesheet. It affects the whole story.

tw-story	The whole story: background, text color, typeface
tw-passage	Only the visible passage: margins and width
tw-link	The links. Without it they stay default blue. Takes color, font-weight, text-decoration
tw-link:hover	A link under the mouse
tw-sidebar	The undo and redo arrows
[tags=" ... "]	Passage tags, to give each tag its own look

CSS: RECIPES

Copy, paste, change the values.

```
tw-story {
  background-color: #111111;
  color: #eeeeee;
  font-family: Georgia, serif;
  font-size: 18px;
}

tw-link {
  color: #d4a017;
  font-weight: bold;
}

tw-link:hover {
  color: #ffffff;
}

[tags="amphibian"] {
  background-color: #0d2b2b;
}
```

CSS: MORE RECIPES

An image behind everything

```
tw-story {  
  background: url("https://example.com/bg.jpg") center / cover;  
}
```

A box to read on

```
tw-passages {  
  background: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.6);  
  padding: 2em;  
}
```

A Google font. The import goes on the very first line of the stylesheet

```
@import url("https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Inter&display=swap");  
  
tw-story {  
  font-family: "Inter", sans-serif;  
}
```

Hide the undo arrows

```
tw-sidebar {  
  display: none;  
}
```

EFFECTS INSIDE A PASSAGE

Harlowe changes style one part of one passage.

```
(text-colour: #ff2bd6)[The signal is back]  
(text-style: "blur")[a memory]  
(font: "Courier New")[BREAKING NEWS]  
(transition: "dissolve")[It is 2050]
```

SIGN IT

In the first passage: "Created by" and the full names of every team member.

```
Created by  
Name Surname, Name Surname, Name Surname
```

EXPORT AND SAVE

Build menu, Publish to File. You get an .html file that opens in any browser and can be uploaded to a server.

Twine saves inside your browser. Use Library › Archive to keep a backup file.