

Adobe Illustrator 10

Using the AlterCast Preview Plug-in

For publishers of frequently updated Web sites, who need to provide purposeful and personalized content to their audience, Adobe® AlterCast™ automates the process of creating and repurposing images.

When you create a template in Adobe Illustrator® that will be used by AlterCast to generate data-driven graphics, you can preview the final output in your default Web browser. Previewing data-driven graphics is important because AlterCast can't render all types of Illustrator data. For example, AlterCast can't render bitmap effects on dynamic text because these effects are rasterized when you save a template in SVG format. See the AlterCast Developer Guide for more information on limitations that may affect Illustrator templates. See Illustrator online Help for more information on creating templates.

To install the AlterCast Preview plug-in:

Drag a copy of the AlterCast Preview plug-in, located in the Illustrator 10/Utilities/AlterCast Support folder, into the Illustrator 10/Plug-ins folder.

To preview data-driven graphics:

- 1** Create a template with at least one variable and one data set. If the template contains multiple data sets, choose the data set you want to preview. For more information on creating templates and data sets, see online Help in Illustrator.
- 2** Choose File > Save for Web, specify optimization options for the final image, and click Done.
- 3** Choose File > Preview AlterCast in Browser.

