

Linked Images:

Linked images remain independent of the Illustrator file.

Pros

- Keeps Illustrator documents relatively small.
- Allows you to edit your linked images in another application such as Photoshop, and the edits will automatically be applied to the linked image within your Illustrator document.
- Can copy and paste an image as many times without increasing files sizes.

Cons

- Moving or deleting folders/files, can lead to unlinked images.
- Anytime you send an Illustrator file to someone else, you have to make sure to send the linked images as well.

Embedded Images:

Embedded images are actually contained within the Illustrator document at full resolution.

Pros

- Self sufficient document - You do not have to worry about images unlinking.

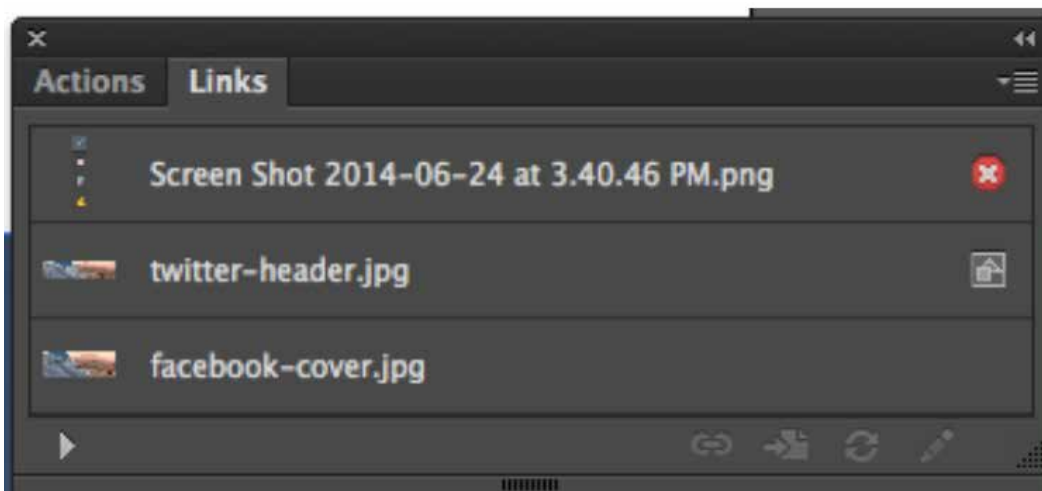
Cons

- Can result in large Illustrator document sizes
- Have to reimport images after editing them in Photoshop.

How to Embed Images:

To determine if you have any files that are not embedded, follow these steps:

- Select “**Window**” ⇒ “**Links**” to open the Links display panel.
The Links Panel helps you to manage all of your linked and embedded artwork. The links panel will display the status of your image.



- The grey icon with a square and triangle means that the artwork **is** embedded.
 - No icon means that the artwork is linked, but **not** embedded.
 - A red “**X**” means that the linked artwork is missing.
- Click on the file you intend to embed in the Links panel.
 - Click on the icon: ▾☰
 - Select **Embed Image(s)**
 - Confirm image is embedded with the square and triangle icon.
 - Save the file.