

# Adding Links to Moodle

When creating and teaching your online course, you may want to share outside resources, like web pages. To make it easy for students to directly access these resources, you can link to their exact web address, instead of telling them what resources to find or look up.

According to Moodle, “Anything that is freely available online, such as documents or images, can be linked to; the URL doesn’t have to be the home page of a website.” Some other links you might want to share with your students include: Google Meet invitations, YouTube videos, social media accounts, etc. There are two ways to link to other web pages from Moodle.

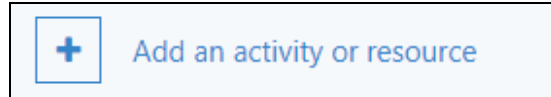
## Add URL Resource

If you want to directly link to a web page from your main Moodle course page, you can use a URL resource.

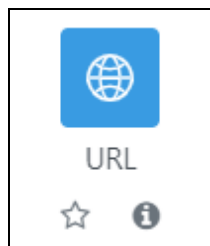
1. In the top right corner of your course, turn on **Edit mode**.



2. In the section where you want to add the link, click “**Add an activity or resource.**”



3. Select the **URL** resource.



4. Give the resource a name.
  - We recommend making this a descriptive name that reflects the content of the link, such as “YouTube Video: Participating in Forums” or “News Article: Emerging Technology in Schools.”

Expand all

▼ **General**

Name ! ? YouTube Video: Participating in Forums

External URL ! [https://youtu.be/VvrudF3o7dA?si=NF\\_J7wyyMOzj5wsX](https://youtu.be/VvrudF3o7dA?si=NF_J7wyyMOzj5wsX)  
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Watch the video from 1:20-4:55 and reference this clip in your forum post this week. |

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Display description on course page ?

5. Under “External URL,” paste the URL you want to link to.
6. Optional: You may add a description for the URL.
  - If you do this, we recommend checking the box next to “**Display description on course page**” so students can see this description.
  - An example description might be: “Watch the video from 1:20 - 4:55 and reference this clip in your forum post this week.”
7. Under Appearance, select “**New window.**”

▼ **Appearance**

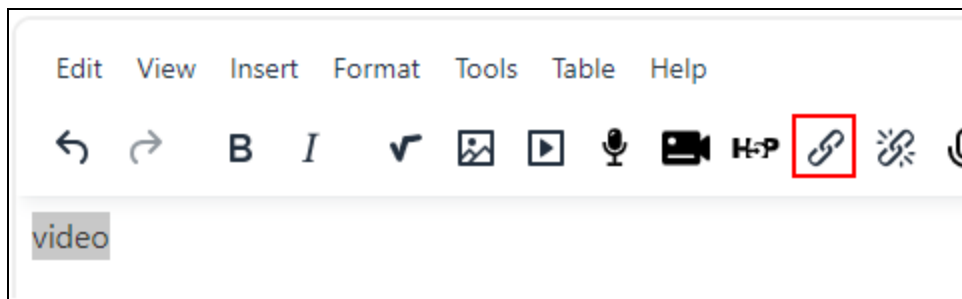
Display ? New window ▾

- This will open the link in a new window, making it easier for students to navigate back and forth between Moodle and the link.
8. Click “**Save and return to course.**” The link will now appear on your main course page, and clicking it should open the link in a new window.

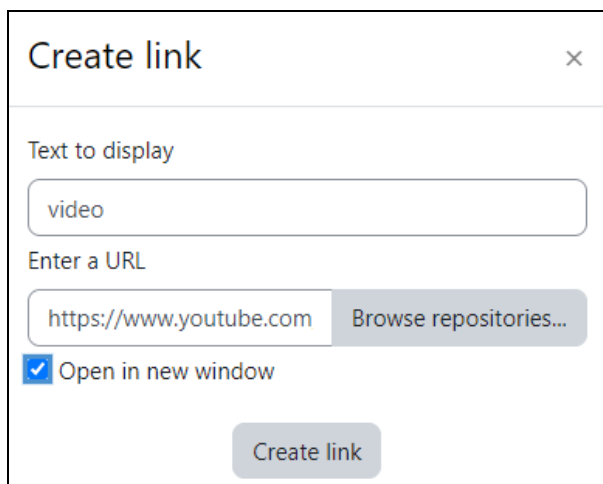
## Hyperlink Text

If you want to link to a web page within the context of other course content, such as in a Moodle Book or in a forum post, you can create a hyperlink within your text. This can be done anywhere there is an Atto Editor in Moodle. The Atto Editor can be found in many places, including a Moodle activity’s Description, a resource’s Content section, or the text box for a forum post.

1. In the Atto Editor, type out a word or phrase you would like to hyperlink. This could be simple like “Video.” You could also type out a full sentence and only intend to link one word, such as “You might enjoy this video I found about a similar topic.”
2. Highlight the text you want to link, and click the **Link** button or hit Ctrl+K.



3. Paste the link’s URL in the box under “Enter a URL.”



4. Check the box for “**Open in a New Window.**”
5. Click “**Create link.**”
6. When you’re done, click “**Save and display.**” Your hyperlinked text should now appear blue, and when you click it, the web page should open in a new window.

This can be very useful when referencing web pages within a forum post, and it’s much better than simply pasting the link in as text. You can also remove the link by highlighting the text in the Atto Editor, then clicking the **Unlink** button, which is the broken chain button next to the Link button.

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