

## Linking to a Website (URL)

An efficient way to include **external content** in your course is by adding a **web link** using **Moodle's URL module**. A URL is a web address and is an acronym for Uniform Resource Locator. You can link to all types of web-based resources and web sites from the course page using this tool. An important benefit of using the URL tool to add a web link to a course is that teachers can determine if and when students clicked on the links, by viewing student activity reports. This is not possible if web links are added to the courseware using the editing tool bar in **Label** or **Page** modules.

### Exemplar

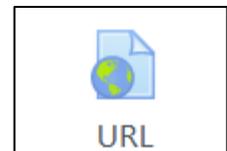
There is a sample URL in the **Stage 2/3 Exemplar** Course. It is called *New Immigrant Career Strategies*. (This is a link to a web page from the Settlement.Org site.)

## Adding a URL link to your course

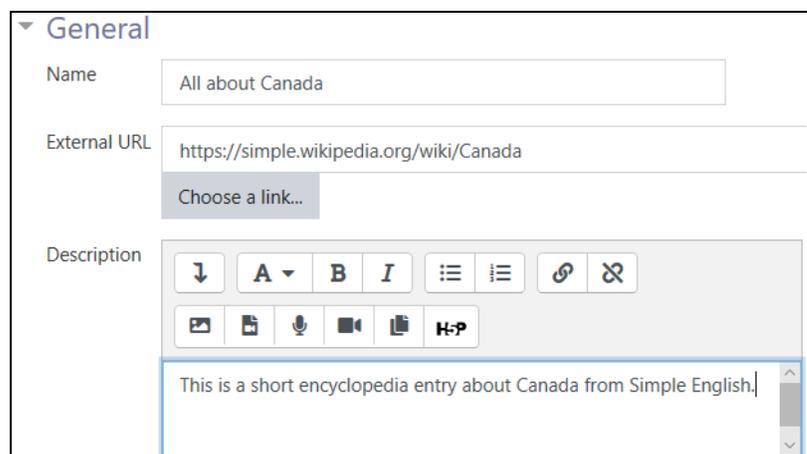
1. On your course, click the **Turn editing on** button.
2. Click the **Add an activity or resource** link in the appropriate topic.
3. The **Add an activity or resource** pop up appears.



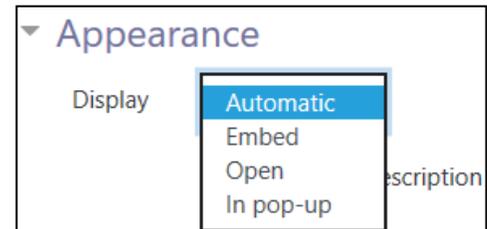
Select **URL** in the **Resources** tab.



The **Adding a new URL** screen appears in the **General** Section. Type a descriptive link **Name**, paste the web address or URL of the resource, and a description for the link. If you would like the description to appear below the link on the course page, check the **Display** description on course page checkbox.

A screenshot of the Moodle 'Adding a new URL' form. The form is titled 'General' and has three main sections: 'Name', 'External URL', and 'Description'. The 'Name' field contains 'All about Canada'. The 'External URL' field contains 'https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada'. Below the 'External URL' field is a 'Choose a link...' button. The 'Description' field contains a rich text editor with various icons (bold, italic, list, link, unlink, etc.) and a text area containing the text 'This is a short encyclopedia entry about Canada from Simple English.'.

- If desired, change the **Display** setting in the **Appearance** section, so the web page displays in an alternate way from the default, e.g. in a pop-up window, in a new window (or tab), or embedded in the courseware.



- Click **Save and return to course**. The URL link (e.g. All about Canada) appears as a link at the bottom of the target **topic** on the course page.



## URL Help links

[Moodle Documents: URL resource settings](https://docs.moodle.org/39/en/URL_resource_settings)

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