

# URL

URL allows you to create a link to a website or online file.

(The video above is taken from the Totara Academy course on [Course resources](#)).

## Adding a URL

1. Click **Turn editing on**.
2. Click **Link to a file or website** from the **Add a resource** menu.
3. Enter a name for your resource, this appears on the course page for the learner.
4. Enter the web page URL or click **Search for a website** to find the webpage.
5. Complete the remaining [settings](#) to your preferences.
6. Click **Save changes**.

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The Totara Academy has a whole course dedicated to using [Course resources](#) in Totara Learn. Here you can learn more on how to use various course resources, see best practice, and give it a go yourself.

## Settings

Settings	Description	Notes
<b>Name</b>	A name for the URL resource, this will be displayed on the course page.	-
<b>External URL</b>	The URL you wish to add.	-
<b>Description</b>	A description of the URL, might include instructions or guidance on why the URL is useful.	-
<b>Display description on course page</b>	If enabled, the description above will be displayed on the course page just below the link to the activity or resource.	-
<b>Display</b>	This setting, together with the URL file type and whether the browser allows embedding, determines how the URL is displayed. Options may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Automatic:</b> The best display option for the URL is selected automatically.</li><li>• <b>Embed:</b> The URL is displayed within the page below the navigation bar together with the URL description and any blocks.</li><li>• <b>Open:</b> Only the URL is displayed in the browser window.</li><li>• <b>In pop-up:</b> The URL is displayed in a new browser window without menus or an address bar.</li><li>• <b>In frame:</b> The URL is displayed within a frame below the navigation bar and URL description.</li><li>• <b>New window:</b> The URL is displayed in a new browser window with menus and an address bar.</li></ul>	-
<b>Pop-up width (in pixels)</b>	If you have chosen the <b>In pop-up</b> display option then you can set the size of the window.	-

<b>Pop-up height (in pixels)</b>	If you have chosen the <b>In pop-up</b> display option then you can set the size of the window.	-
<b>Display URL description</b>	Choose whether to display the URL description for the <b>In frame</b> or <b>Embed</b> display options.	-
<b>URL variables</b>	Some internal Totara variables may be automatically appended to the URL. Type your name for the parameter into each text box and then select the required matching variable.  There are a number of <b>&amp;parameter=variable</b> fields for you to enter the variable name into, with a dropdown menu alongside it to select the variable (such as course id, user fullname and URL cmid).	-
<b>Common module settings</b>	See the <a href="#">Common module settings</a> help page for more information.	-
<b>Restrict access</b>	See the <a href="#">Restrict access</a> help page for more information.	-
<b>Activity completion</b>	See the <a href="#">Activity completion</a> help page for more information.	-
<b>Tags</b>	See the <a href="#">Tags</a> help page for more information.	-

## Plugin settings

If you go to *Site administration > Plugins > Activity modules > URL* you can configure the site wide settings and defaults.

Remember to click **Save changes** once you are finished.

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<b>Frame height</b>	When a web page or an uploaded file is displayed within a frame, this value is the height (in pixels) of the top frame (which contains the navigation).	-
<b>Password</b>	This secret phrase is used to produce encrypted code value that can be sent to some servers as a parameter. The encrypted code is produced by an md5 value of the current user IP address concatenated with your secret phrase. ie code = md5(IP.secretphrase). Please note that this is not reliable because IP address may change and is often shared by different computers.	-
<b>Include role names in parameters</b>	Enable if you want to include localized role names in list of available parameter variables.	-
<b>Available display options</b>	Select all options that should be available, existing settings are not modified. Hold CTRL key to select multiple fields.	-
<b>Display URL description</b>	Display URL description below content? Some display types may not display description even if enabled.	-
<b>Display</b>	Choose display type, unfortunately not all types are suitable for all URLs.	-
<b>Pop-up width (in pixels)</b>	Specifies default width of popup windows.	-
<b>Pop-up height (in pixels)</b>	Specifies default height of popup windows.	-

You can also go to [Experimental settings](#) and enable dragging and dropping of text and links onto a course page. If enabled, when a link is dropped on the page Totara will offer to add it to the course as a URL.