

Moodleguide



Moodle version 1.9

inserting weblinks

aims

This Moodleguide will help you to:

- think about how you can use weblinks in Moodle
- find out how to insert weblinks
- see how you can make internal links within your Moodle sites

weblinks and Moodle

A powerful feature of Moodle is that you can insert links to other websites almost anywhere – on the front page, in discussion forums, in the calendar and glossary, and many other places.

examples

Here are ten examples of how you might want to use weblinks – there are many more.

- 1 Link to learning materials on BBC websites such as skillswise
- 2 Insert an online map to show where your venue is
- 3 Put a collection of photos in Moodle by linking to a service such as Picasa or Flickr
- 4 Design an online feedback survey and link it to Moodle
- 5 Upload your training videos to YouTube and connect them to your site
- 6 Automate your booking system by designing a registration form in Google Docs and placing a link to the form on your site
- 7 Connect to a news gathering site to pick up the latest information about your sector or employer
- 8 Put your materials into an online service such as SCRIBD www.scribd.com and link them back to Moodle
- 9 Collect links to all your partners' sites
- 10 Write a simple web page in Moodle and put on it your top ten recommended websites

how to make weblinks

There are two ways of making weblinks in Moodle:

- put a link on the front page
- put a link inside another item such as a forum, calendar or web page

link to front page

Here is how you make your weblinks on the front page.

First, find the web address you want, often called the *URL*.

Often you will need to look for the URL you want using a search engine such as Google.

Tip

To open a second web browser window to do your search while continuing to use Moodle, type Ctrl-N in Internet Explorer or Ctrl-T in Firefox



Now choose the section of the front page. Turn editing on

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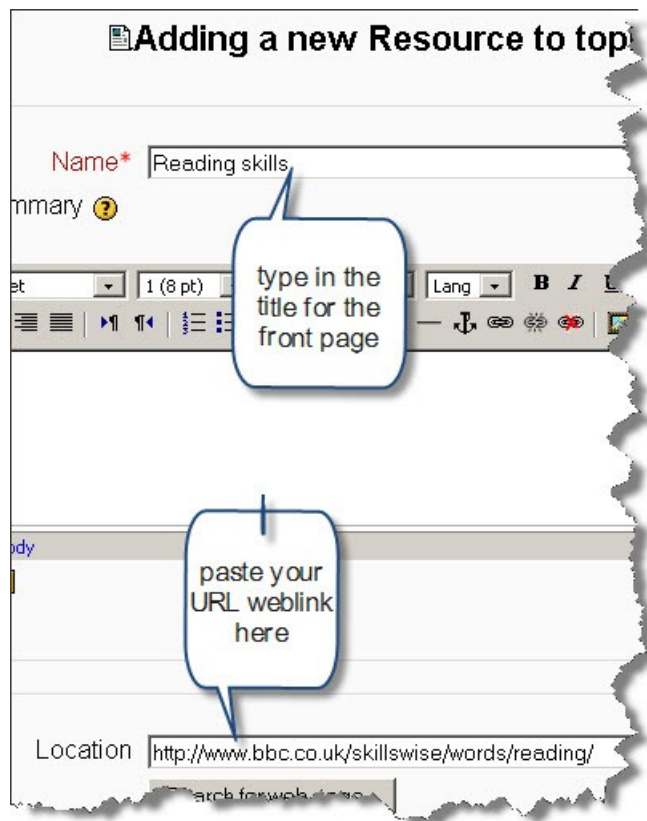
and select

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From the drop down menu, select

Link to a file or website

Fill in the title you want and paste the weblink in the box by right clicking or typing Ctrl-V.



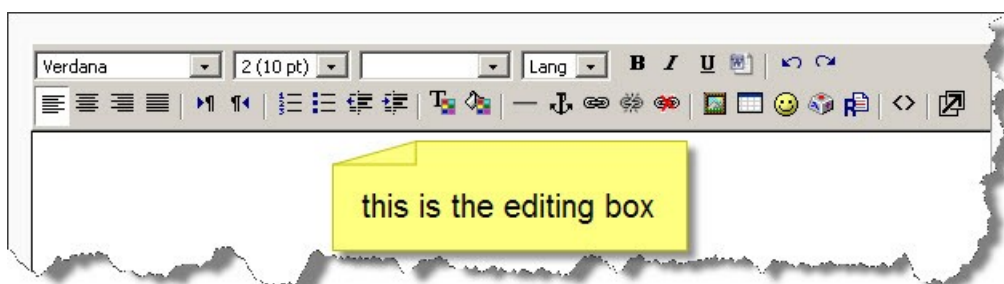
Remember to

Save and return to course

That's it – your weblink is now live and working.

links anywhere

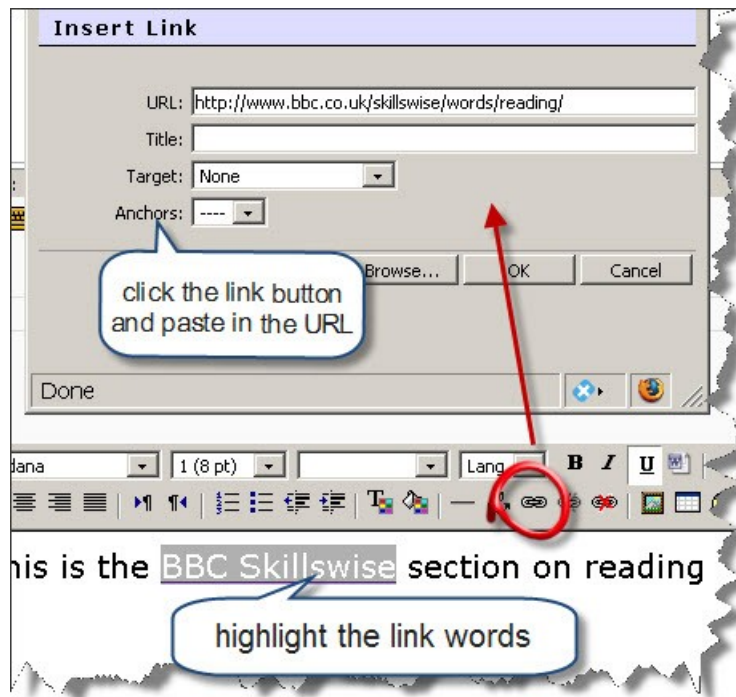
The front page should hold only your most important weblinks to avoid clutter. But anywhere you can see the Moodle editing box



you can place a weblink.

First find your URL by using the steps outlined above. Copy the URL using right click or Ctrl-C.

Now from the Moodle editing box your are using, highlight your link words, click the link button, and paste in the URL using right click or Ctrl-V.



That's it – you will see the link words become active by changing colour and underlining.

checklist

- Decide what weblinks will be most useful to you
- Practice opening new browser windows
- Practice copying URLs
- Put the most important weblinks on the front page
- Consider developing a key web sites page

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