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Shortened URL Links

Shortening long and/or complicated URL links enables students to access web-based material easier and faster.

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Summary

URL stands for Uniform Resource Locator and is simply the unique address for websites. Sometimes URLs can be long and complicated, making it time-consuming to type out. If students need to access a website, it is easier and faster if the address is shorter.

Creating a scannable QR code is another alternative, but if students do not have scanning capabilities, then shortened URLs are still needed.

Procedure

Create a shortened URL link:

1. In a URL shortener app, add a destination URL you wish to display when the shortened URL is used.
2. After a shortened link is generated, copy the new link.
3. Paste to your text.

Examples of free URL shortener generators:

- Bitly
- Tinyurl
- Short.io
- GoLinks

Note: Free accounts may have limitations on the number of shortened URLs you can create.

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