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Extending Brightspace

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Creating Engaging Content - **Links**



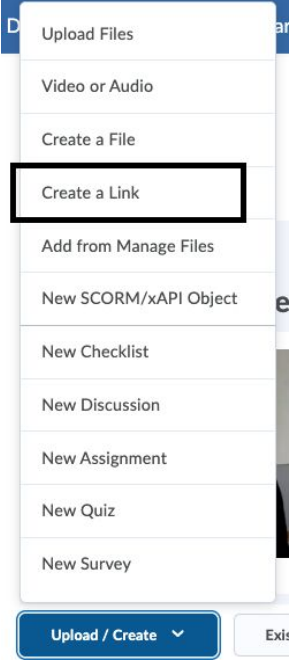
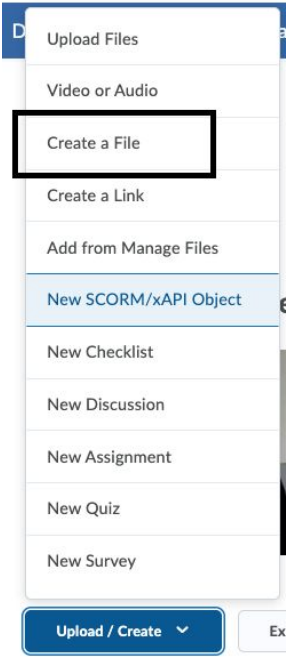
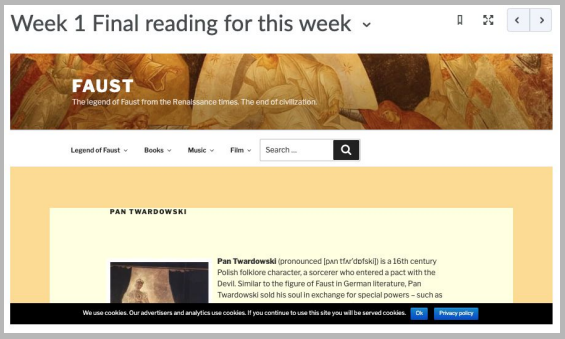
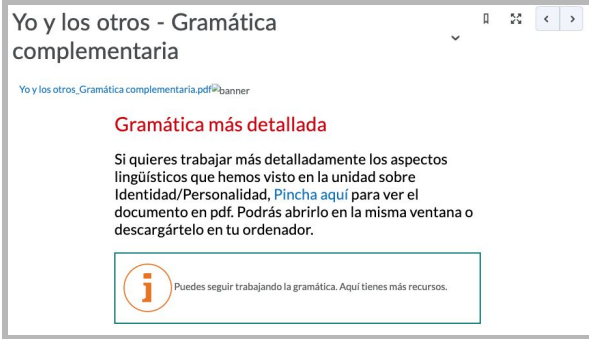
Using Links in Brightspace

Within Brightspace you can use links to make student learning experience smooth and navigable.

Usually staff would link out extra resources, readings etc. and would direct students to some sections in the module (content/assessment or activities). We have to remember about the clarity of instructions to our students, especially with links so in this resource we will look at the ways of effective linking.

In Brightspace links can be useful when adding our module specific content, adding information to the Overview, giving Assignment information or sending module announcements.

In Brightspace there are two ways to add external links e.g. websites with some further information or activities. Once you access My Learning you can either Insert a link or a file

Create a Link	Create a File/Announcement with text editor
<p>It is a quick way to insert a link with limited instructional input as it only has a title for staff to insert</p> 	<p>We can use then templates and Quicklinks with more instructions for students.</p> 
<p>We can insert the link which can be either “embedded” within Brightspace or opened as a new tab/window outside of Brightspace</p> 	<p>We have more possibilities than just the URL links here</p> 

Opening links in a new tab/window might be adding complexity to the way students process your content. It would be advisable to use the links “embedded” in Brightspace frames.

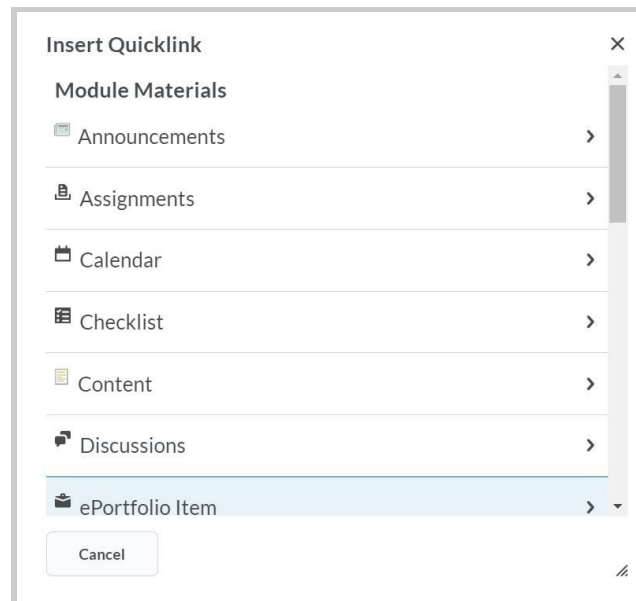
Linking **websites** when creating a file/announcement etc.

Step 1

Go to Insert a File in My Learning Content/ Assignments etc. which holds a text editor

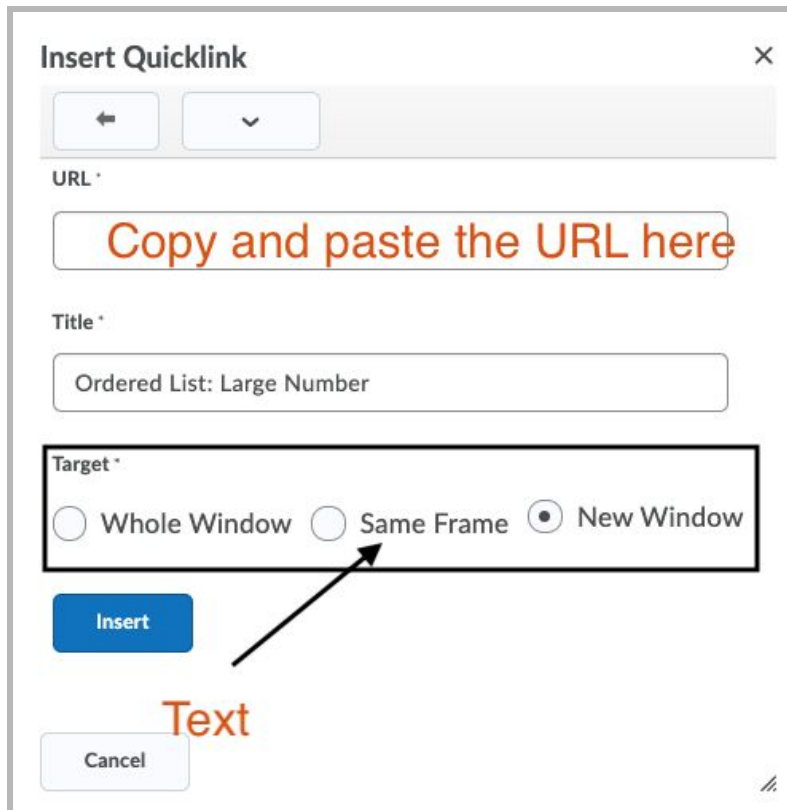
Step 2

Open the text editor and select the icon of Quicklinks - it will open a pop up window like below.



Step 3

Scroll to the very bottom of the list till URL and select it. This action will take you to space in which you are to copy and paste the link and also decide on text behind it.



Insert Quicklink

URL *

Copy and paste the URL here

Title *

Ordered List: Large Number

Target *

Whole Window Same Frame New Window


Insert

Text

Cancel

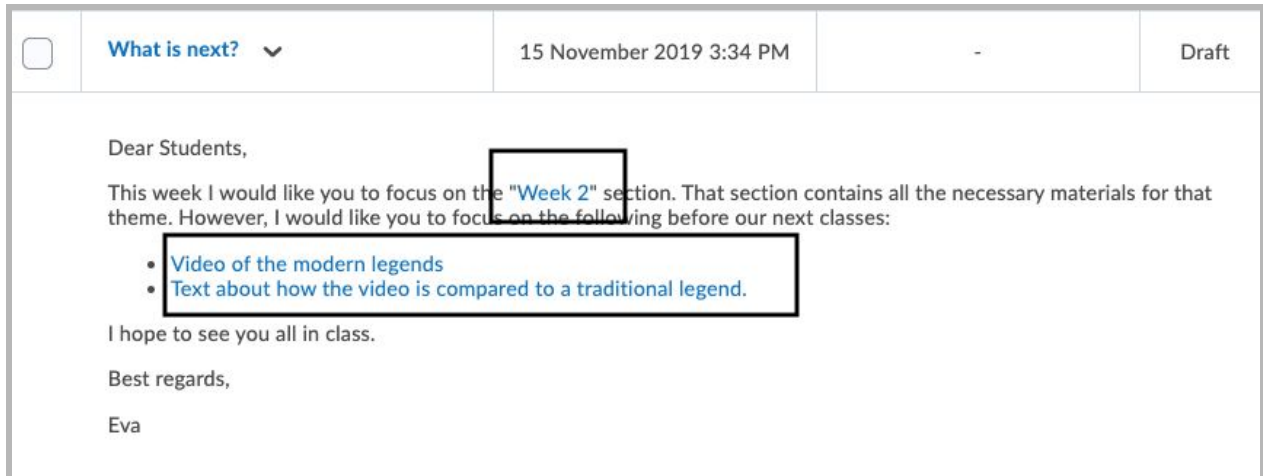
Target: **New Window -Same Frame -Full Screen.** Some older websites would not open in the Same Frame so then it is advisable to change the settings here for a New Window and inform the students.

Step 4

Insert the link and if you need to change it, highlight it and select again the Quicklink icon  and that will open the same window as above which allow for any further edits.


Links to files/module sections

BrigitSpace gives us the possibility to link in module files (from My Learning) as well as Module sections as shown in the picture below.



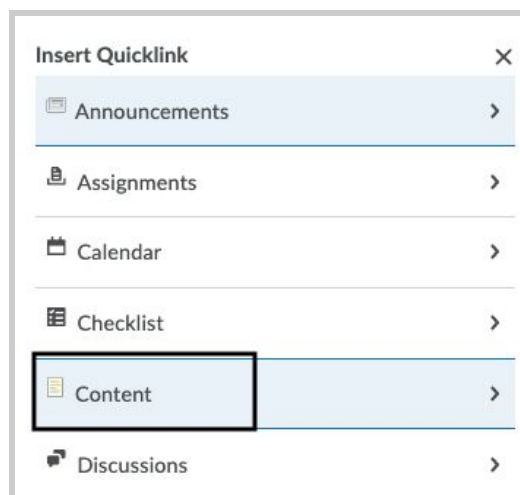
The screenshot shows a draft announcement in BrigitSpace. The header includes a dropdown menu set to "What is next?", a timestamp of "15 November 2019 3:34 PM", and a "Draft" status. The main text of the announcement reads: "Dear Students, This week I would like you to focus on the 'Week 2' section. That section contains all the necessary materials for that theme. However, I would like you to focus on the following before our next classes:". Below this text is a bulleted list with two items: "Video of the modern legends" and "Text about how the video is compared to a traditional legend." The text "focus on the following" and the two bullet points are highlighted with a black box. The announcement concludes with "I hope to see you all in class.", "Best regards,", and the name "Eva".

Step 1

Go to the text editor when inserting a file or adding an announcement and start typing your text. Then highlight the text you would like to link and select a Quicklink 

Step 2

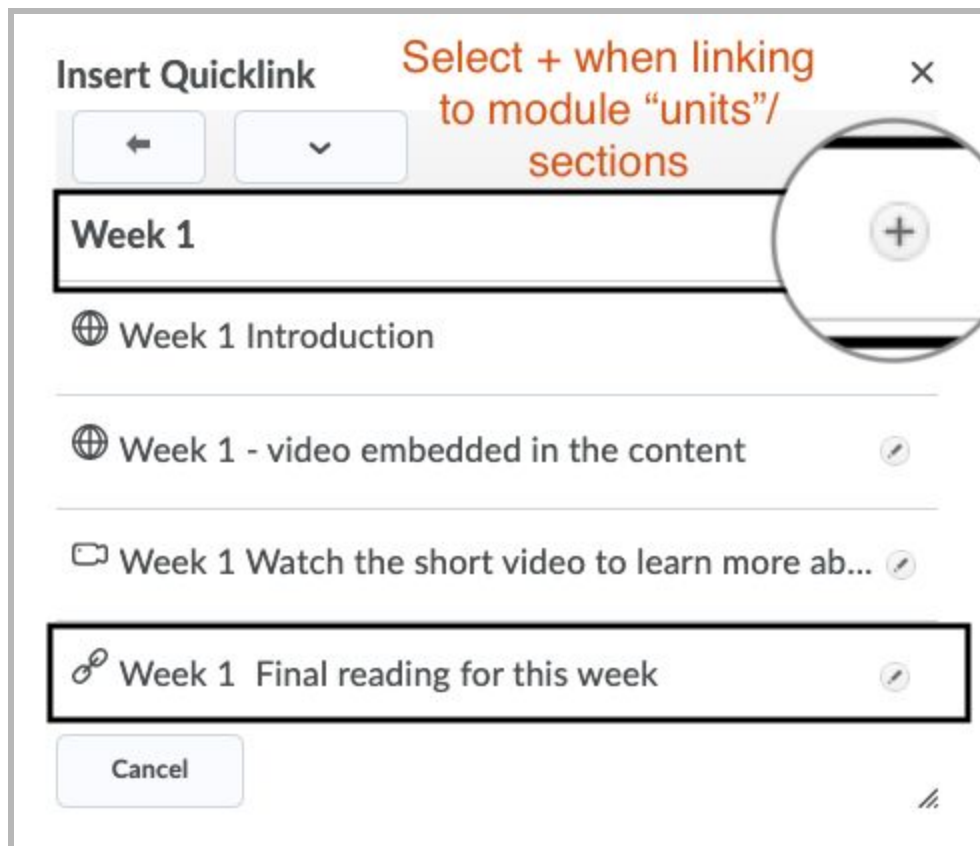
From the list of Quicklinks select CONTENT (as shown below)



The screenshot shows the "Insert Quicklink" menu in BrigitSpace. The menu is titled "Insert Quicklink" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains a list of options: "Announcements", "Assignments", "Calendar", "Checklist", "Content", and "Discussions". Each option has a right-pointing arrow. The "Content" option is highlighted with a black box, indicating it is the selected option.

Step 3

You can here link your text to a Brightspace unit from My Learning or a content item within that unit as shown below



Links to **multiple resources** not listed in My Learning space

There are scenarios in which we provide our students with complementary materials for modules and these might be pdfed documents. These would not be core to the module but would assist in student learning paths. Below an example of multiple learning materials but provided to students in a digestible way as a one stop shop.


Speed up your Spanish ▾

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Strategies to avoid common errors

A continuation tienes 9 capítulos que se centran en aspectos problemáticos del español para hablantes de lengua inglesa. Además de explicar claramente los errores sobre los temas concretos, se incluyen una serie de ejercicios que podéis hacer y para comprobar las soluciones podéis consultar el último documento.

- 01 Gender&Number
- 02 Mastering false friends: verbs
- 03 Mastering false friends: nouns
- 04 Mastering false friends: adjectives & adverbs
- 05 Verb pairs & other misused words
- 06 Common verb phrases & idiomatic expressions
- 07 Non-existent words, words with other meanings & other misused words



Source of the above: Charo Hernandez, Spanish Language module, Stage 3

Let's see how to add these materials while using HTML templates with links.


Step 1

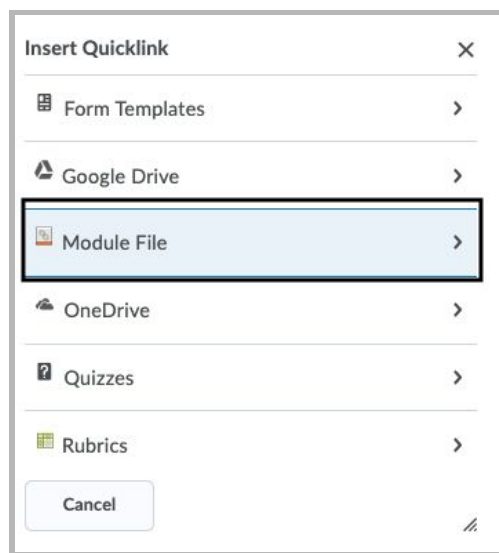
Select Upload/Create and Create a File.

Step 2

Select from HTML templates Elements. [Go here](#) for more information on HTML Elements.

Step 3

You can then edit the template and start adding the links. Select Quicklink  and scroll for Module Files (below) and select it



That will show you the back end files of your module, with all files, not necessarily associated with My Learning space.

