



Links Accessibility in Course Design

Design Guide

What are accessible links?

Accessible links are links that describe their purpose and destination without showing their full web address (URL). A few principles ensure that links are descriptive for all users. These principles apply to web content and linked files, documents, and other items to download.

How do you make links accessible?

Descriptive

Include in the text of the link the location of where the link will take you. Be informative and specific in your link text.

Avoid vague terms like “click here” and “view more.”

Visual Cues

Maintain the standard link formatting with underlined text and a colored font.

If you customize the color of links, ensure they remain:

- Underlined
- High contrast compared to the surrounding text

Avoid using underlines for non-link text to prevent misleading users.

► **Read More:** [Create Hyperlinks in Canvas](#)

Concise

Keep your links short and to the point making it easy for users to quickly identify where you are going.

- Short phrases are easier to scan and understand
- Avoid long sentences or paragraphs as hyperlinks

Only use full URLs when absolutely necessary (e.g., in printed materials).



- Click [Here](#).
- [Link](#) to more information.
- Go to this [website](#).



- Read [Chapter 1](#).
- Learn about [Canvas](#).
- Read More: [Accessible Links](#).