

Oncourse: Using the Web Content Tool

The Web Content tool allows the displaying of an external web site within Oncourse.

Adding and Editing the Web Content Tool

In Oncourse CL, you can display an external web site within the main frame of Oncourse. It is possible to add multiple Web Content tools to a site, and each will be displayed as its own tool in the tool list on the left side of the Oncourse window. The URL for any web site or web page can be used for this purpose. Oncourse displays the web site or page in its entirety within the main frame of the window.

1. Open a browser and **type the URL of the web page** you want to display in the Web content tool.
2. Copy the URL.
3. In the menubar on the left, **Click Site Setup**.
4. To add the Web Content tool to the site, in the links at the top of the page, **Click Edit Tools**.
5. To select a Web Content tool, scroll as necessary and **Click the checkbox in front of Web Content**.
6. To proceed, Click Continue.
7. The Customize Tools form provides a field for changing the name of this tool from the default Web Content to something more descriptive. To name this tool, in the **Title** field, **type the name for the web content page as desired**.
8. To insert the URL for this tool, **Right-click the URL field**, and **Click paste**.
Note: Notice that the URL field of the form already includes http:// which is also included in the URL you copied. If you just paste your clipboard content into the URL field, you would duplicate this portion and the tool would not work. Before you paste the file's URL address into the field, you need to delete the existing content.
9. Clear the URL feild, press and drag *http://* and press Delete.
Note for Macintosh Users: To capture the URL of the file, press Ctrl and Click the URL field, then Click paste.
*Note: to add more Web Content tools, use the **More Web Content Tools? drop-down list**.*
10. To move to the next step of the process, at the bottom of the form, **Click Continue**.
A confirmation screen summarizes changes that have been made to the tool set. Notice the new tool highlighted in red in the list of selected tools.
11. To finish the tool set modification, at the bottom of the screen, **Click Finish**.
12. You are returned to the Site Setup screen and in the menubar at the left, you see the new Web content tool, with the name that you have chosen for the tool.
13. To activate the Web content tool, in the list of tools at the left, **Click on the tool**.
14. To see further options for this tool, in the gray bar at the top of the page, **Click Options**.

Note: Notice that although you initially had no opportunity to give the page a different name than that of the tool, the Options form does have those separate fields. The form also provides the opportunity to modify the frame height and the URL. Last, two checkboxes offer the options to open the URL address in a new window, and to show the browser toolbar.

While using the Web Content tool to display an external web site is certainly possible, there are several potential drawbacks to doing so:

- Users may become confused between trying to navigate the site in the Web Content tool and navigating the Oncourse environment.
- Some web sites may not display properly in the small frame allotted by Oncourse; you may find that for some sites, part of the page is offscreen at all times.
- It may be very difficult for your users to print information from web sites displayed within Oncourse via the Web Content tool.