

Universal Design for Learning

Hyperlinks

Using hyperlinks

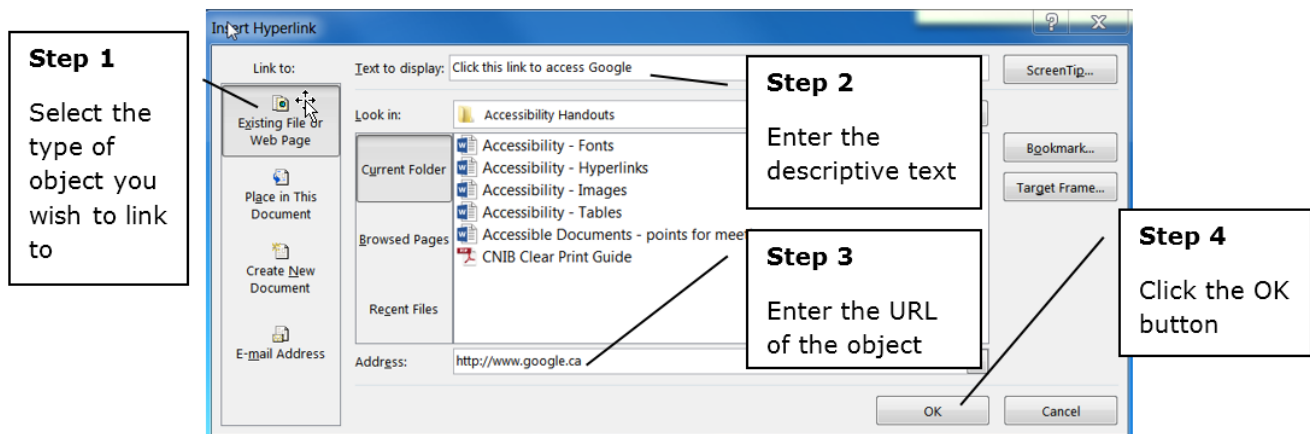
When using hyperlinks, consider the following process to improve readability and accessibility for all learners.

Hide the address

While it may be necessary to display the full Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for a website, email address or file, it is best practice to hide the URL address in more user friendly text.

Some website URLs can be quite long and composed of seemingly meaningless text. Unfortunately, screen readers will read these long URLs, sometimes letter by letter, which can be confusing and irritating for anyone using screen reading software to listen to the text.

Hiding the URL within a more descriptive section of text is easy and involves a few simple steps. The example below demonstrates the process to create a hyperlink.



Result: [Click this link to access Google](http://www.google.ca)

The key point is to use clear and descriptive text to hide the underlying URL.

Tip

- Hyperlinking can be a great tool when you need to link to additional resources such as websites and online videos site such as YouTube.