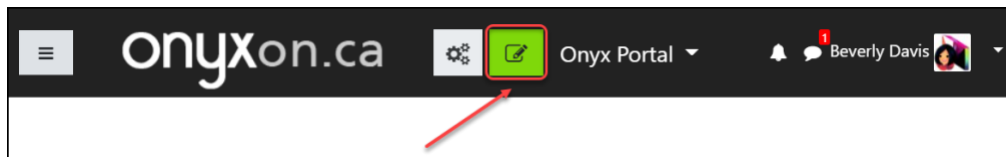


## Linking to a Website (URL)

An efficient way to include external content in your course is by adding a web link using the *URL Resource*. A *URL* is another name for a web address and is an acronym for Uniform Resource Locator. You can link to all types of web-based resources and web sites from the course page using this tool. An important benefit of using the *URL* tool to add a web link to a course is that teachers can determine if and when students clicked on the links, by viewing student activity reports. This is not possible if web links are added to the courseware using the editing tool bar in *Label* or *Page* modules.

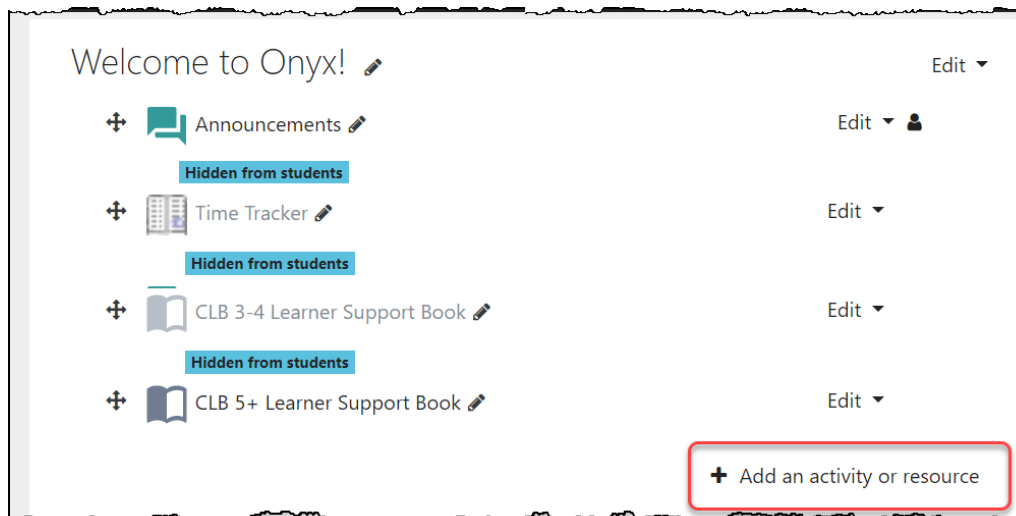
## Adding a URL (Hyperlink) to a Course

1. Navigate to the top of the page and click on the *Turn edit on* button.



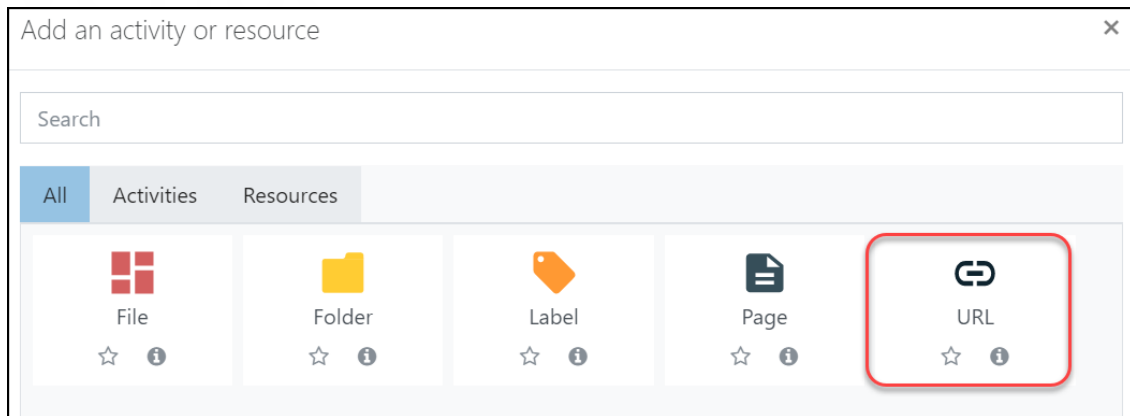
Note that the *Turn edit on* button turns red.

2. Locate the *Topic* or *Unit* where you want to add the *URL*. For this example, the *Zero Topic* is chosen.
3. Click on the *+Add an activity or resource* link at the bottom of that topic.

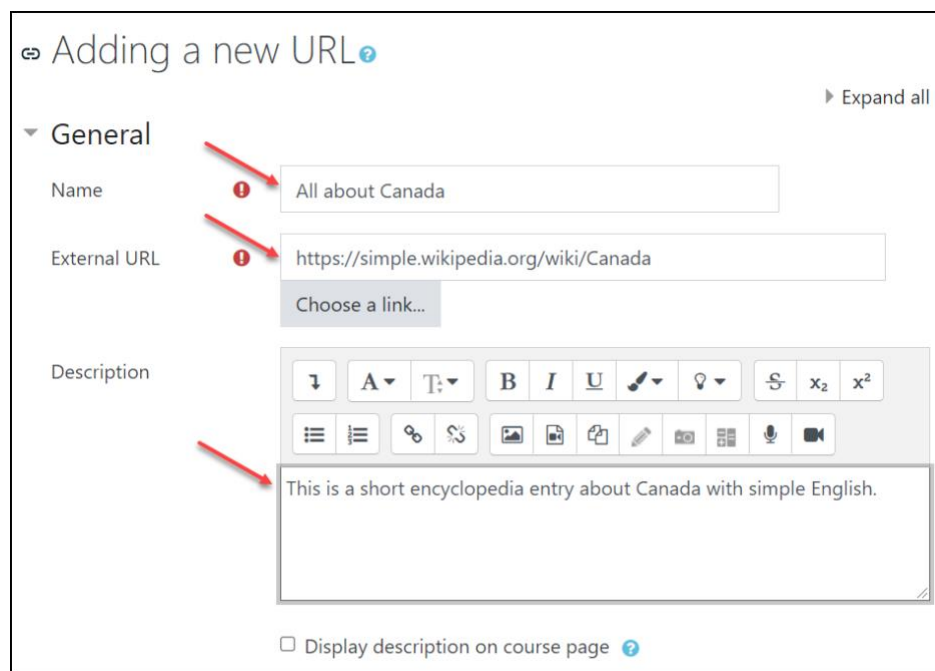


The *Add an activity or resource* panel appears.

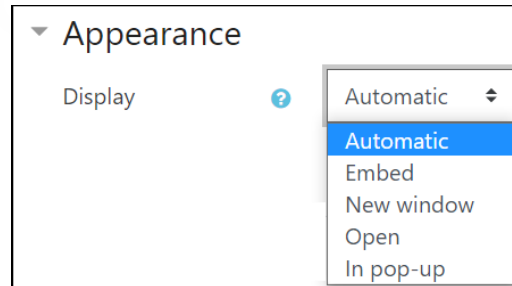
4. Select *URL*.



5. In the *General* section, input a descriptive *URL Name*.
6. Paste the *External URL*.
7. Type a *Description*.
8. Choose whether to show the description on the course main page.



9. If desired, in the *Appearance* section, change the *Display* setting, so the web page displays in an alternative way from the default. Try out the different appearance settings to see which option works best for your class.



- The default *Automatic* setting shows the link as it would if the *Open* setting was chosen. In other words, the link opens in the same window, but moves away from Onyx. Use the back arrow to return to your Onyx course.
- *Embed* opens the link within the Onyx course page.
- *New window* opens the link in a new tab.
- *Open* is the default appearance setting, which is also applied if *Automatic* is selected from the list.
- *In pop-up* opens the URL in a new window outside of Onyx. If needed, learners can view the link and their course page side-by-side.

10. Click *Save and return to course*. The *URL* link appears as a link at the bottom of the target *Topic* on the course page. Use the *Move* icon to relocate the link on your page.



8. When the *URL* is set up, click on the *Turn edit off* button.

