HTML Editor Guide

**WHAT IS THE HTML EDITOR AND WHERE CAN I FIND IT?**

The HTML Editor is the primary method of creating content in the Learning Environment. It allows users to enter text, pictures, embed audio/video, or even embed HTML code.

**HTML EDITOR INTERFACE**

When you add pictures, links or embed videos, you are creating references to items that are stored internally or externally. If those items are changed or deleted, the reference will not display properly.

**EMBEDDING YOUTUBE™ VIDEOS AND FLICKR® PHOTOS**

Click Insert Stuff and select either YouTube or Flickr to be taken to a search page for these platforms. Once you’ve found the required media, click **Insert** (users will have the option to alter the size of Flickr photos before clicking Insert).

**HTML EDITOR VS WORD PROCESSING**

The HTML Editor has many icons that match those of common word processing software: bold, left justify, bullets, and so on. It’s important to remember the HTML Editor is not a word processor.

**USING EMBED CODE FROM OTHER SITES**

Copy the code from the site (CTRL+C). In the Learning Environment, click on **Edit HTML Source** and paste (CTRL+V) the code into the window provided. If you’ve already entered content, ensure you do...
not erase or copy over the existing HTML code. Alternatively, paste the embed code into Insert Stuff > Enter Embed Code.

NOTE: If embedded content is deleted or altered on the source site, the link created in the Learning Environment will reflect that change.

INSERTING PICTURES
When you click the Insert Picture icon 📸, you can insert pictures from one of four sources:

- **My Computer**: Browse your computer/network for a picture and upload it to the Learning Environment. This will simultaneously upload and store the file on the Learning Environment and create a reference within the HTML editor.

- **Course Offering Files**: Select from pictures that have already been uploaded to your course files in the Learning Environment.

- **Shared Files**: Search files that have been shared from other org units within the Learning Environment.

- **URL**: If the image has a URL, create a reference with this option.

INSERTING LINKS
You can create an immediate link to many tools within the Learning Environment (Quizzes, Surveys, etc.). Simply select the tool and you will be prompted to select an existing item or create a new one. You can also link to external sites by selecting URL.

NOTE: If the embedded content is deleted or altered on the source site, the link created in the Learning Environment will reflect that change. D2L is not responsible for content linked from third-party sites.

ADMINISTRATING THE HTML EDITOR
The HTML Editor configuration variables can be found in the Admin tool Config Variable Browser → All Tools → WYSIWIG. This is a common acronym meaning “What You See Is What You Get”.

The following variables can be altered:

- Users’ ability to edit the HTML source
- Object code item source is displayed is available on item source list in Insert Stuff
- URL item source is displayed is available on item source list in Insert Stuff

Configuration variables are set by administrators and are not generally alterable by instructors. If you are an instructor and do not have access to something you should, contact your administrator.

WHAT TOOLS USE THE HTML EDITOR?
You will find the HTML Editor throughout the Learning Environment. Some common areas of use are:

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